

poor to remain unmanageable in my family) I request that he be hired
 out annually and the monies arising from the hire to go the above named
 three sons when the youngest shall be twenty one years old that is, that the
 two negroes or value thereof shall be theirs in the manner above suggested
 10. I give unto my wife Polly Davis a certain bay mare named Mary
 to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever. 11. I give unto my Daughter
 Adeline Davis a certain sorrel filly two years old last spring to be
 enjoyed by her and her heirs forever. 12. I give to my Daughter Eliza
 Ann Davis a certain bay filly two years old past to be enjoyed by her
 and her heirs for ever each of the above mares to be valued at seventy
 five dollars. 13. I give unto my son Newton C. Davis a certain old
 sorrel mare for which he shall allow sixty dollars and the young
 colt of said mare I give unto my daughter Narcissa P. Davis for
 which she shall be charged thirty dollars, my naggon and large
 Oxen I leave with my family for their support and benefit so long
 as they may remain. 14. I request my Executors hereinafter
 named to sell all my perishable property that they may think
 not necessary for the immediate benefit of my family and the
 monies arising therefrom to be equally divided among my
 children considering the value of three horses as part of said monies
 In reference to a certain negro woman named Mary given to my
 her mistress should then be any shall descend to my children
 and be equally divided among them. And lastly I do hereby
 constitute and appoint my friends Pleasant B. Bearden & the W. Hays
 executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all
 other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 17th day of September
 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four.
 Signed sealed published and declared to be the last will & testament of the above
 named William A. Davis in presence of
 us who at his request and in his presence
 have hereunto subscribed our names as
 witnesses to the same.

Obadiah Pinson
 John P. Davis

Recorded 6th day of December 1834.

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 John Marr
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In the name of God Amen I John Marr of the
 County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee being
 now on a bed of sickness but being sound in mind have thought it proper
 and necessary to arrange my worldly affairs, and dispose of the property
 wherewith God has blessed me in this world, as seems to me right & proper
 therefore I have adopted this as my last will & testament. 1. I bequeath my
 body to the grave, with suitable interment, and my soul to God who gave it.
 2. I will that all my property, both real and personal be sold, except
 such as hereafter reserved, on the following terms, viz, My tract of Land on
 Cow Creek the same whereon I now live containing two hundred and
 fifty Acre or thereabouts, must be sold to the highest bidder on Credit, two
 and three years credit, the purchaser securing the payments fully, the personal
 property in like manner to be sold on twelve months Credit to the highest bidder
 the above terms to be completed from the court at which this will shall be proved
 After my decease and allowing ten days after court as a notification of sale.
 3. All notes, bonds, and accounts, that may be due or owing to me at the time
 of my decease, and such as may fall due thereafter, are to be collected as soon
 as the law will permit. Then sum, viz, the amount of the sale of my property, as
 above and the debt due me as above to, after with the ready money I may
 be possessed of is to form a capital, which is to be laid out in the following
 manner, viz, my debts are first to be paid, after which three thousand dollars
 are to be laid out in purchasing young negroes slaves, between the ages of
 fifteen and twenty years the balance whatever it may be is to be laid out
 in purchasing a tract of Land at such place as my executrix may
 designate, said negroes and Land to be placed under her sole direction
 and controul until my youngest Child shall arrive at full age.
 It is nevertheless to be understood, that the profits arising from the
 culture of said tract of Land which may be so purchased and the
 labour of said Slaves are to be appropriated to the support of the
 family and education of my children or so much as may be neces-
 sary for that purpose and if there shall remain a surplus, it may
 be loaned out or applied in any other way that my executrix may
 think proper to use it, yet so as not to waste the same. 4. To reserve
 the following property from being sold, viz, my negro boy Linn.
 two head of horses, two cows and calves, two feather beds, with their fur-

nature and as much provision as will be sufficient for the maintenance of the family one year from decease of 5th When my youngest child shall arrive of full age then shall be an equal division of the land and negroes amongst my children that are now single and my wife is to have a child, part and over and above a child, part, I bequeath to her the said negro boy Jim. who at her death may be set free of the Dravills. 6th When my executors may think proper she is privileged to lay off to each or either of Children John W. B. Marr and Eliza Marr such a portion of the estate as she may deem expedient but in no case to exceed their proportionable part of the estate. And when either of them who are now of marriage shall have attained to the age of twenty one she may so lay off to them any part of the estate, which shall be charged to them and considered as so much paid to them at the general division. 7th I ordain and appoint my well beloved wife Sarah Marr sole executrix to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills, by me made either written or verbal and fully ratifying and establishing this as my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 27th day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

signed in the presence of us.
William B. Burge.
J. F. Todd.
H. L. Blake.

John Marr

Recorded 8th December 1834.

James Blackburn

Last Will and Testament. I James Blackburn in my proper mind make this my last will and testament. I wish that doth my present crop of Cotton sold to pay my debt. 2nd It is my will that my two cows and calves and huffer and a sufficiency of my hogs be left for the use of my family for meat and stock and the remainder be sold and that be appropriated to the discharging of my debt, if my cotton should fail if there be a surplus it is to be appropriated to the education of my

children 3rd I leave my barrel maw and side saddle to my beloved wife Ellenor also all my house hold and kitchen furniture to her during her natural life or widowhood. This all to be divided equally between her and my five children. 4th I also leave to my beloved Ellenor to raise my children with our plough our hoe our pair of gear olive & single tree, our large & small ox our live & my corn and fodder I for the use of my family. 5th If there is twenty bushels of wheat I wish it for the use of my family if any over twenty bushels, I wish it sold. 6th and all the rest of my property not mentioned I wish sold and the money put to the education of my children. It is my wish that David Blackburn and Ellenor Blackburn be executors. This 4th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty four.

W. H. R. Gracy

Jefferson Helas. recorded 9th Dec 1834.

Da S^{ing} Blackburn
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William Tallen. In the name of God Amen William Tallen do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing will and testament of James Blackburn and that I believe it to be his last will and testament. I make and certify this my last will and testament. I wish that doth my present crop of Cotton sold to pay my debt. 2nd It is my will that my two cows and calves and huffer and a sufficiency of my hogs be left for the use of my family for meat and stock and the remainder be sold and that be appropriated to the discharging of my debt, if my cotton should fail if there be a surplus it is to be appropriated to the education of my children. 3rd I leave my barrel maw and side saddle to my beloved wife Ellenor also all my house hold and kitchen furniture to her during her natural life or widowhood. This all to be divided equally between her and my five children. 4th I also leave to my beloved Ellenor to raise my children with our plough our hoe our pair of gear olive & single tree, our large & small ox our live & my corn and fodder I for the use of my family. 5th If there is twenty bushels of wheat I wish it for the use of my family if any over twenty bushels, I wish it sold. 6th and all the rest of my property not mentioned I wish sold and the money put to the education of my children. It is my wish that David Blackburn and Ellenor Blackburn be executors. This 4th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty four.