

Witnesses, W. Jones, Abner Merrill & Garrett Merrill.

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court, January Term 1830, I W. B. Garner Clerk of said Court do certify that the foregoing last will & testament of Benjamin Merrill died was produced in open court on the day of January 1830 for probate & that William Jones Abner Merrill & Garrett Merrill the subscribing witnesses, being duly sworn state that they saw said testator sign & seal said will, & heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament & that they believed him to be at the time of signing sealing publishing & declaring the same to be of sound mind and memory.

Recorded 5th March 1830,

W. B. Garner Clerk

Gordon Reese's Will.

In the name of God Amen, that I Gordon Reese being weak in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory, or you may say this considering the uncertainty of this mortal life & being of sound mind & perfect memory, blessed be almighty God for the same. do make and publish this my last will & testament in manner and form following that is to say. First. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Reese I will & bequeath the tract of land on which I now live to my wife Polly Reese during her life containing two hundred and sixty one acres, also the following negro slaves, Peter, Samuel, Tomah, Patsy, my sorrel horse Guy mare Phely & mare Gig my waggon and all my stock consisting of cattle hogs & sheep and all my farming tools. also all my house hold & kitchen furniture, the side board at her death I give to my son Lock Reese, and one bed bedstead & furniture when may need it also one bed bedstead and furniture to my son ^{grandson} Gordon R. Moore when he becomes of lawful age. I do give & bequeath to my daughter Fanny H. Moore's three children William H. Moore, Polly L. Moore and Gordon R. Moore the north part of a certain tract or parcel of land on the waters of Cane Creek to be divided as follows. Commencing in the west boundary of said survey on the top of a ridge at a corner made by William

Boone running with the various meanders of a ridge south east direction with the line made by said Boone originally to a corner on said ridge lately made by Patton & Anderson continuing east with the line run by said Anderson to the east boundary of said survey, the south part of said survey will hereafter be disposed of. Also two negro slaves Tabby and her child Cherity and their increase to said children which said land and negroes & their increase being considered the legacy of my daughter Fanny H. Moore die? I further bequeath to Gordon R. Moore a horse & saddle & bridle to be worth one hundred dollars to be given him when he becomes of lawful age and a silver watch which is now in the possession of Littiberry Reese. Also I bequeath to my daughter Fannetta W. Boone in addition to what I have already given her by deed of conveyance a certain entry of land containing sixty eight acres of land adjoining the south east part of the land originally given also a negro woman named Caroline & her child Isaac and a boy named Squire.

Also I will and bequeath to my son Littiberry L. Reese the south division of the land on Cane Creek on which he now lives running as above stated in my deed of gift to my grand children, also my negro woman Cely with her increase, and my negro boy Winchester, one bay mare which he has now in possession also my silver watch.

Also I will & bequeath to my son Lock L. Reese the tract of land on which I now live at the death of my wife Polly Reese, and if he should marry before he becomes of lawful age to have all on the ^{east} side of the Creek for his own use and at his becoming of lawful age to have all on the ^{west} side of the Creek for his own benefit, also my negro man Joe and a negro boy George, the hire of said negroes to be for her benefit during minority, also a negro girl Patsey and her increase to go to him at the death of my wife Polly Reese also my pebble faced dovel cost to be his at my death. My negro girl Patsey to be sold at public sale and equally divided between my legal heirs, my daughter Fanny H. Moore's children to draw one share and the same to be equally divided between them namely, William H. Moore, Polly L. Moore & Gordon R. Moore. It is furthermore my will that all the negro horses & oxen remain on the farm until the present crop is made & gathered, and at the expiration of the year my bay horse to be sold with the remaining part of my crop after

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Setting a part what will be considered a sufficiency for the maintenance of my wife Polly Reese & her family the ensuing year and the proceeds to be equally divided between my legal heirs. After all my debts paid & open accounts are collected or so many of them as can be collected in like manner to be equally divided between my legal heirs after the payment of all my just debts. Also a small thirty acre tract of land sold by the Sheriff as the property of Thomas Hale and purchased by myself wishes to be sold and in like manner equally divided between my legal heirs.

It is furthermore my will that at the death of my wife Polly Reese that all the property then remaining on the premises to be sold and equally divided between my legal heirs.

It is furthermore my will & request that she educate my son Joel P. Reese out of the proceeds of the plantation equal to the education of my other children.

And lastly I hereby appoint my wife Polly Reese my executrix & Littleberry P. Reese & James Fulton executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the sixteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred & thirty. Signed sealed published & declared by the above. ^{his} Jordan Reese ^{mark} and named Jordan Reese to be his last will and testament who at his request and at his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Charles McKimney
James D. Cole
John P. Cole.

I Jordan Reese of Lincoln County Tennessee not hereby intending to revoke my last will & testament by me executed on the 16th day of February 1830 but hereby ratifying and confirming the same do make and publish this paper in addition and by way of Codicil thereto which is to be deemed held & taken as part and parcel of my said last will & testament. And I give & bequeath to my son Joel P. Reese in addition to what I have already given him one yoke of young steers one cow & calf one sow & pig & six head of stock sheep which he is to have

whenever he may need them, and whereas, I am the owner of the moiety of a small Carryall wagon which was heretofore purchased in the town of Day - it with the other half of which is owned by Ruben H. Boone, I do give and bequeath all my interest in said Carryall wagon, to my daughter Fimmetta W. Boone. And whereas by my said will to which this is a codicil I have devised that if my son Joel should marry or come of age before the death of my wife that he should have all the tract of land on which I now live lying on the east side of the Creek for his own benefit. It is my will that said devise shall be altered so far only as is herein after mentioned, that is to say, should my son marry or arrive at full age before the death of my wife it is my will that my wife shall have and enjoy during her life the one half of the meadow lying on the east side of the Creek. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of February 1830. ^{his} Jordan Reese ^{mark} and

signed sealed published and declared by the above named Jordan Reese to be a codicil to his last will & testament in the presence of.

Charles McKimney
Kenneth McKimney.

Recorded 17th May 1830.

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