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Hinchin Holcomb's last will.
In the name of God amen.

I Hinchin Holcomb of the County of Lincoln & State of Tennessee being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God. And calling to mind the uncertainty of human life being desirous to dispose of all such worldly property as it hath pleased God to bless me with.

1st I desire that all my perishable property be immediately sold after my decease, and out of the moneys arising therefrom all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

2^d After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I give to my wife Nancy Holcomb one black cow and also all the other property she brought with her here.

3^d I desire that my land be equally divided into three equal parts, and that my son Alfred Holcomb have first choice running so as to include the houses and spring; and that my other two sons Hardy H. Holcomb & Robert H. Holcomb have the other two lots.

4th I give and bequeath unto my son John Holcomb one negro woman named Fanny.

5th I give and bequeath to son Hardy H. Holcomb one negro girl named Kitty.

6th I give and bequeath unto my son Alfred Holcomb one negro boy named Ephraim, also one feather bed and furniture & also the thrashing machine.

7th I give and bequeath unto my son Robert H. Holcomb one negro boy named Dick.

8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah H. Holcomb one negro girl named Sally also one feather bed and furniture.

9th I give and bequeath unto my grand son

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Richard H. Hightower one hundred dollars to be paid out of the money arising out of the proceeds of the sale of the perishable property. — And lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Alfred Holcomb & Robert H. Holcomb Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the fifteenth of November 1828

Hinchin ^{his} Holcomb ^{mark}
Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Jos. McCracken

Daniel Lee

We Joseph McCracken and Daniel Lee do certify that above is a true copy of the original will and testament of Hinchin Holcomb deceased.

Daniel Lee

State of Tennessee
Lincoln County Court 3 April 20th 1829

I Bruce M. Garner clerk of said Court do certify that it appearing to the satisfaction of said Court that Hinchin Holcomb late of this County had departed this life first having made his last will & testament in writing. And it also appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the testimony of Joseph McCracken one of the subscribing witnesses thereto that said will was deposited by said Holcomb with said McCracken for safe keeping, and also that said will is lost, stolen or destroyed, so that the same cannot now be produced to this Court for probate. And it further appearing to the satisfaction of the Court from the testimony of said McCracken and Daniel Lee that they were subscribing witnesses to said will, who state that they read arched said will read, that they remember its contents & state that this paper writing now by them here produced in Court is

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a true copy and tenor of said original will,
and that the said Hinchin Holcomb signed, sealed
published & declared the same to be his last will
and testament and that they subscribed their
names thereto as witnesses at his request and in
his presence, and that they believe him to be
at the time of signing, sealing, publishing and
declaring the same to be of sound mind and
memory -- It was therefore ordered by the
Court that this copy return together together with
this probate be recorded. Price M. Garner

By his deputy B. M. G. Party

Recorded 14 July 1829

John Harrison's last will

In the name of God amen.

I John Harrison do appoint this to
be my last will & testament.

First, I give to my beloved wife all my
estate of every kind. At her death, I wish an
equal division among my children, taking into
consideration what I paid them (viz) I have paid
Thomas fifty dollars, and Middleton one hundred
and thirty, A note on William Massey of fifty
dollars I wish given up to him. I wish Lucy Coatham
to be my Executor to this my last will and tes-
tament. In Witness I hereunto set my hand
official this month of April 1829

John Harrison 

Signed, sealed, and delivered in presence of us

Test Peter Brown

Robert R. Allsop

Morgan ^{his} Maltburt

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court & April 20th 1829 J Price

Benjamin Merrill Will in 1829
M. Garner clerk of said Court do certify, that this
last will and testament of John Harrison de-
ceased was produced in open Court for probate
whereupon came Robert R. Allsop and Morgan
~~Maltburt~~ the subscribing witnesses thereto and
being duly sworn state that they saw and heard
the said John Harrison sign seal publish and
declare the same to be his last will and testa-
ment, and that they believe him to be at the
time of sound mind and memory, whereupon
it was ordered by the Court that this will together
with this probate be recorded. Price M. Garner

By his deputy B. M. G. Party

Recorded 14 July 1829

James Brown's last will

April the tenth day 1829. In the name
of God almighty & almerciful I do make this
my last will & testament for the disposition of
my own affairs; and the appropriation of my
own estate. I want my wife Mary Brown to
have and to live on my tract of land where
on I now live to raise my nine youngest
children and to educate them as well as she
can; and at her death or during her widow-
hood, them to be equally divided between my
three youngest sons my tract of land which
contains of one hundred and fifty acres be-
tween Alexander Brown, ~~James~~ Brown
William Brown. I want my negroes to belong
to my beloved wife Mary during her widow-
hood or death, and then to be sold and the a-
mount of such sale to be equally divided among
my six youngest daughters Martha Brown