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The State of Tennessee Lincoln County

In the name of God amen

Knowing that is appointed unto all men to die and being
dune what weak in body but of sound mind and memory
I Lewis Bledsoe of said State and County do make public
Constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament
hereby revoking all others, when it pleases God to take
me out of this life I desire to be buried in a decent
and Christian like manner and recommend my
soul to that good who gave it and as to my worldly
effects I dispose of as follows

First. I desire the payment of all my just debts.

Second. I give unto my Grand son James Prichard
Bledsoe when he arrives to the age of Twenty one
years the sum of fifty dollars.

Third. I give unto my great Grand daughter and Child
of my Grand daughter Mary Ann Buford
whose name I do not know the sum of Ten
dollars when she arrives at the age of Twenty one

Fourth. I give unto my beloved wife Fanny Bledsoe
during her natural life the entire tract of Land
whereon I now reside with the condition that my
two daughters Elvickah J. Bledsoe and Sarah
Ann Bledsoe and my son James H. Bledsoe live
in the dwelling house with her and have their sup-
port out of said tract of Land as long as they
remain unmarried free of any charge

Fifth. I give unto my beloved son Harvey M. Bledsoe
a young negro man by the name of George
now in his possession

Sixth. I give unto my beloved son Stephen M. J. Bled-
soe a young negro man now in his possession
by the name of Bob.

Seventh. I give unto my beloved son James H. Bled-
soe a young negro man by the name of
Lime

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Eighth. I give unto my beloved daughter Mary M. Bled-
soe a negro Girl now in her possession by the name
of Louisa

Ninth. I give unto my beloved daughter Elvickah J.
Bledsoe a negro Girl by the name of Hannah
a good cow and calf a Horse to be worth Sixty
Dollars and a bed and furniture to be worth Thirty
Dollars.

Tenth. I give unto my beloved daughter Sarah Ann
Bledsoe a negro Girl by the name of Lucy
a good cow and calf a Horse to be worth
Sixty Dollars and a bed and furniture to be
worth Thirty Dollars.

Eleventh. The remaining part of my negro property with such
a selection of my stock of Horses cattle hogs
and sheep farming implements house hold &
Kitchen furniture not herein before devised I
give unto my beloved wife Fanny Bledsoe dur-
ing her natural life and at her death or
before if she may think proper the same by her
to be divided out amongst my said sons
children namely Harvey M. Bledsoe Stephen
M. J. Bledsoe James H. Bledsoe Mary M. Bled-
soe Elvickah J. Bledsoe and Sarah Ann
Bledsoe

Twelfth. After the death of my said wife Fanny
Bledsoe and after the marriage or death of
my two single daughters namely Elvickah
J. Bledsoe and Sarah Ann Bledsoe I give
unto my beloved son James H. Bledsoe the in-
tire tract of Land whereupon I now reside to have
and to hold the same for his own proper use and
 behoof forever and a bed and furniture worth
Thirty Dollars.

Thirteenth. All of said property herein before devised
to my said three daughters I give unto them

property I dispose of in the following manner

and their lawfull heirs of their Bodies and not
be subject to sale by their husbands when married
nor subject to the payment of any of their husbands
debts but to be possessed by my said three daughters
and for their own proper use and behoof and for
the benefit of them and their families if any
they have or may have.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my
three sons Henry M. Blesser Stephen H. Blesser
and James H. Blesser my executors to this my last will and Testament. I Testame
my Hand I have written. At my hand and seal
this Ninth day of May in the year of our
Lord one thousand Eight hundred and
Eighty Eight. Subscribed on the second page
of this will above the tenth fifth line in the
word proper before the signing and sealing
of the same. Lewis H. Blesser
mark

Signs sealed published and subscribed to in our
presence and that we subscribed our names
as witnesses in the presence of the testator
and in the presence of each other sixth day of
May 1848. Subscribed the same May in two
places before signed
Test

Thos. J. Anderson
W. E. Simms

provd apud Ann 1849
& admitted to Record

In the name of the Almighty God Amen, I, Henry Snow
senior of the County of Lincoln and state of Tennessee being
in a weak state of health but of a sound and perfect
mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed once
for all men to die; do make and ordain this my last
will and Testament. I first and principally of all
do give and recommend my soul unto the hand of the
Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to
the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at
the discretion of my Executor or Executors and my friends.
Secondly, I give and dispose of my temporal and
worldly estate in the following manner, viz. I first give
and bequeath unto my beloved wife Anna Snow all
the land or parcel of land belonging to me (wherein I am
now living or being all the real estate that I am in
possession of during her natural life and after her
death to belong to my son Henry Snow to be his
right and title free from any incumbrance of any my other
children or any other person or persons whatsoever. As my
son Henry Snow has paid his two brothers viz. namely William
Snow and Daniel Snow a full valuation for their part of the
said land now belonging to me during my lifetime and his mother
also and after our death the land or parcel of land to be the
right and title of all the above named land to belong to my
son Henry Snow. And also I have made a deed for the said
land to him that he might have a deed to show after I am
dead and gone to eternity as well as my last and Testament.

Thirdly, I do also give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Anna Snow all my household and kitchen furniture of
every sort whatsoever, And after her death to be equally divided
between my two daughters Catharine Braden and Alchy Braden
And I also give and bequeath to my beloved Anna Snow
three head of Cattle and the increase and after her
death to be divided between my two daughters namely
Catharine Braden and Alchy Braden and to the heirs
of their bodies also it is my desire after my death