

that as soon after my death as practicable my Executors pay all my debts and funeral expenses out of the first money that shall come to their hands.

Second. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucinda B. Becker during her life, and at her death to her children then living, and the children of such of her children as shall have died leaving children, the child or children of such deceased child representing their deceased parent my four negro slaves, Mariah, Jack, George and Andrew together with their increase.

Third. I give & bequeath to my son William A. Griffis my negro boy slave Haight B. and one note for five hundred dollars executed to me by Reuben A. M. Donald and due the twenty fifth day of December 1848 also one other note this day executed to me by said Reuben A. M. Donald for seven hundred and fifty dollars due & payable on the twenty fifth day of December 1850 to each of said notes William M. Elroy is joint maker with said Reuben A. M. Donald as security.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my grand son John M. Mindell one note executed to me by Reuben A. M. Donald & William M. Elroy for five hundred dollars due & payable on the twenty fifth day of December 1849.

Fifth. I give and bequeath to my grand son Alfred James Hinderson Mindell, one note executed to me by Reuben A. M. Donald & William M. Elroy for five hundred dollars due & payable on the twenty fifth day of December 1849.

Sixth. I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Martha Griffis for and during her life my negro girl slave Emily now in the possession of said Martha Griffis; and at the death of said

Martha Griffis I give and bequeath the said girl Emily to my son William A. Griffis together with her increase.

Seventh. It is my will and desire that my negro woman slave Caroline at my death be emancipated and set free by my Executors.

Eighth & last. I hereby nominate and appoint Thomas R. Griffis Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 15th day of November A.D. 1846

Wm. Griffis

The above named William Griffis with whom we are personally acquainted did this day in our presence subscribe his name and affix his seal to the foregoing; and also in our presence publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and we have at his request and in presence of each other subscribed our names to the same as witness thereto the day and date above written.

Wm. Jones

R. A. M. Donald

J. B. Clements

Proven & admitted to Record at November term 1848 of Lincoln County Court.

Samuel Tate's last will

The last will and testament of Samuel Tate of Lincoln County & State of Tennessee.

I Samuel Tate considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. (that is to say) First. As soon as

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possible after my decease that all my just debts
and funeral expenses be paid.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Mary J. Tate all my real and personal property
for to be at her disposal for the benefit of her and
the children, during her lifetime or widowhood.

I give and bequeath unto my second son James
L. Tate one bay mare.

I give and bequeath unto my third son Andrew
B. Tate one brown filly and

I will and bequeath that my youngest son
Robert J. Tate have a horse or fifty dollars.

And unto my five daughters Lavina G. Tate.

Virza A. Tate, Agnes J. Tate, Sarah M. Tate

Mary H. E. Tate I will and bequeath each one
a horse or fifty dollars. My eldest son William

V. Tate I will and bequeath that he have the mo-
ney that his mare was sold for. And lastly

I appoint my beloved wife ^{Mary J. Tate} and my oldest son
William V. Tate as sole Executors of this my
last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the twelfth day of October in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
dred and forty eight.

Witnessed on the day signed & Samuel J. Tate 
acknowledges his mark on the

W. M. Henry
John J. Tate

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This my last will and testament I bequeath to
my wife Sarah all of my loose property until her
death which consist of Horses hogs cattle household
and kitchen furniture and implements and
groceries unless they should come by marriage then
she may help them to their proportionable part
when ever such one of the above children now
living with us shall (viz) Polly Leatham Ed-
with Martha Samuel C. Motilla A. Car-
ale J. and at her death then shall be an equal
division of all my Goods and Chattels

I also bequeath my land to my wife her lifetime then
for it to be sold and the money to be equally
divided between Samuel C. and the above named
six girls which my Executors will
attend to in accordance to the above will and
testament and which I set my hand and
seal the day and date above named.
Test Amos B. Mead. John H. Strong. 
John H. Sullivan

Nov 27 1848 admitted to Record