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done, No. 6. & A. & D. that my executors be vested with authority to equitably divide the same for them and give to each portion.
5^o I wish my sons Morgan A. Davis & Stephen W. Davis to continue with their mother until they receive their education rendering their abilities and services to her in cultivating and improving land from and after they arrive to an age capable of doing for themselves that then my executors lay off each of them a suitable equivalent to some suitable part of said premises to be occupied by them as my other sons have already been provided for. 6^o I wish my youngest son John S. Davis to remain with his mother during her widowhood or till after her death after which time should it take place soon his portion of Land to be disposed of by my executors for his benefit if late he is not at liberty to encroach on his mothers rights in as much of the world. And finally after my wife has enjoyed the premises as is expressive that the said youngest son have his share of Land to include my dwelling house & spring etc. 7^o after my sons have all become of age or the death or marriage of their mother the other lands to be equally as near as can be divided among my other five sons viz. S. H. Davis, T. L. Davis, A. J. Davis, W. A. Davis & J. W. Davis agreeably to quantity and quality giving no more to one than another in value. 8^o I wish my Daughter Fanny J. Davis to be provided for with her mother as long as she remains single in a respectable manner in provisions clothing &c from the proceeds of my farm and the labor of those hands before recited for the use of my wife when she may wish to have a negro girl or horse saddle and bridle to be worth at least twenty five dollars a cow and calf to be worth ten dollars a bed bedstead & furniture of a reasonable good quality &c. I wish my two youngest Daughters viz. Sarah Ann Davis and Mary Elizabeth Davis to remain with their mother as their sister J. J. Davis be provided for clothed and fed as she was from the same source educated as my youngest son and after marriage to receive in value or in property an equivalent with their sister J. J. Davis, and finally after the time arrives when this property is to be divided either by death or marriage as is expressed in the foregoing that then those of my Sons who receives land and property if the same cannot be done equally so as to give to each of my daughters a fair equivalent after taking under

consideration what they have received in property if any and its value if a deficit in the portion or portions of any daughter that deficit be supplied by my son or sons who may have received the advantage if any his cause by reason of a difference of opinion about the value of those effects. Article in that case my executors to solicit from two Justices of the peace for a county to select a committee of five or more citizens disinterested to divide for them and give each his or her right. 10^o I wish my beloved Brother and sister composing the Richland Baptist Church to hold in quiet & peaceful possession the house and yard heretofore occupied by the Church so long as they hold the religious tenets they now adhere to. 11^o And lastly I do hereby make ordain and appoint my much esteemed nephews Morgan Clayton and my well beloved son James H. Davis executors to this my last will and Testament written on our sheet of paper the witness whereof I have signed set my hand and seal this 13th day of June 1834. Signed sealed and declared to be the last will and Testament of the above named Amos Davis in presence of us and at his request we his friends have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same. Test. A. Young Joshua Davis
Isaac Moore James Pool Amos Davis
recorded 5th December 1834.

Solomon Reese

Last Whereas I Solomon Reese of the County of Lincoln
and State of Tennessee being at this time laboring
under infirmities of body though of sound mind and memory in order
to prepare my temporal affairs in the best manner to make & publish
and declare the following to be my last will and testament. First
I give and bequeath unto the seven children of my first wife or the wife
and/or survivors of them all my lands in Lincoln County and my negro
men also I give unto them the proceeds of the sales of the following
horses which I direct my executor to sell on a day of twelve months
one large sorrel foal and mother of the stud one stud horse one leopard
filly or mare one bay horse Pinto one young horse a colt of the old
sorrel mare and other horse named for the proceeds to be equally divided
amongst them. And I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Nehahla and her three children if she should be mother of sev-

many within nine months after my decease all my lands in Carroll County and our old Spotted Leopard mare and her two youngest fillies our Sorrel horse and our mare and her colt, (but of sugar) during her natural life and at her death to descend unto her three children the fruits of our marriage. All my other Estates of whatever name and description in which the same does exist except here, I direct to be sold by my Executor and the proceeds thereof to constitute a fund for the payment of all my just debts and legal liabilities. And if the same shall not be all exhausted in that way the same to be Equally divided between my wife and ten children. The beds and bedding is already known by distinctions such as are known as my present wife I give to her and her children and such as are now known in the family as belonging to my first & born children I give to them and need not be sold under any consideration. I nominate and appoint Nathan E. Dugg to be Executor to this my last will and Testament. In testifying my hand I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11 day of October 1834.

William Wofford, Will Wingo,
C. J. Reece, St. L. Pinson,

Solomon Reece

recorded 6th Decr 1834.

William A. Davis

Last Will and Testament of William A. Davis of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee do hereby make my last will & Testament in manner and form following that is:

1. I desire that all my perishable property not otherwise disposed of to be immediately sold after my decease and out of the monies arising therefrom all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. Should the perishable part of my estate prove insufficient for the above purpose, then I desire that my executors hereafter named may sell some part of my real estate and out of the proceeds of the monies arising therefrom pay and satisfy such of my just debts as remain unpaid out of the sales of the perishable part of my estate. 2. After the payments of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Polly Davis all my possession of lands, for the purpose of supporting the family and educating my children until my youngest child becomes twenty one years old provided my wife remains a widow, but if she marries then no

longer shall be entitled to any part of my landed estate. And further it is my desire that my wife Polly shall have possession of all that part of my premises except that part bought of William Jones during her widowhood or until my son Newton C. Davis arrives at the age of twenty one years then my said son Newton C. to have two thirds of the above named premises and my wife Polly the other one third part during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage her $\frac{1}{3}$ part to descend to my said son Newton C. Davis. The balance of my lands namely the tract bought of William Jones I give and bequeath unto my two sons namely Coville C. Davis and Rufus Columbus Davis to take possession of the same at the age of twenty one years without however to be sold. 3. I give to my wife Polly Davis a certain negro woman named Mary during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage the said negro or the value thereof to be equally divided amongst my four children to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

4. I give to my daughter Adeline Davis a negro girl named Susan to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever. 5. I give to my daughter Narcissa P. Davis a negro boy named Joe to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever. 6. I give unto my daughter Theodore H. Davis a negro boy named Lewis to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever. 7. I give unto my daughter Margaret Elizabeth Francis Davis a negro boy named Henry to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever. 8. I give unto my Daughter Aretha Caroline Davis a negro girl child named Anne to be enjoyed by her & her heirs forever. 9. I require that my two negro men namely Prince, and Sam remain in the family to labor for the support of my children that continue in the family or are minors until my youngest son Rufus C. Davis is twenty one years of age, then I wish the said negro men to belong to my above named three sons, that is I wish my son Newton C. Davis to have Sam, and pay over an amount in money so that my said sons shall have them or the value thereof equally amongst them; And further as my said negro man Prince is of turbulent and unruly disposition should he