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and seal
Signed sealed published
and declared by the above named James Simmons
as a codicil to his last will & testament
in the presence of
James Cooper
Abner Truman
Thomas Simmons
James A. Simmons

James Simmons
his
mark

Thomas Rowntree's last will.

In the name of God Amen.
I Thomas Rowntree of the County of Lincoln and State
of Tennessee being weak in body but perfectly sound
in mind and memory do make and publish this
my last will & testament in manner and form fol-
lowing, that is to say, First I give and bequeath
unto my beloved wife Sarah Rowntree the tract of
land wherein I now live during her natural lifetime
or widowhood with all the profits arising therefrom
during said term and no longer; I also give and

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bequeath unto her, her heirs and assigns forever one
negro woman her choice. One horse, all my far-
ming tools, One Bed and furniture, one cupboard
and one Table with one set of ware for each.
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son Jas. L. Rown-
tree my entire interest (being one half) of a tract
of land owned jointly by myself and Wm. Smith
containing about acres with all its appurtenan-
ces: and provided that I have heretofore made or
procured to be made to him the said Jas. L. a deed
of Conveyance to a tract of land wherein he now
lives he shall have his choice ^{either} to relinquish to my
estate all his right and title to the said land or
to pay within twelve months after my decease
to my said estate five hundred dollars that
being the amount which I paid for the said land.
Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son Wm
Rowntree the tract of land wherein I now live to
have possession of the same at his Mother's death or
marriage.

And lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my
estate both real and personal goods & chattels, lands
tenements negroes and all other articles belonging to me
of what kind and nature soever, I will and order
to be sold to the highest bidder on twelve months
credit; and whenever the money arising from
such sale is collected I give and bequeath unto
my wife Sarah and my Children (viz) Katharine
Shaw Es. L. Rowntree, Elizabeth Landis, Nancy
Smith, Mary Rowntree, William Rowntree and
Ann Rowntree to be equally divided amongst
them all share and share alike.

And I do hereby appoint Thos. H. Shaw
Wm. Smith and W. J. Long Executors to this my
last will & testament hereby revoking all wills by
me heretofore made. In Witness whereof.

have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this ninth day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Thos Rowntree (Test)
signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Thos Rowntree to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

James Curry

Thomas S. Stovall

W. H. Long

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court 3rd July Term 1828

I Bruce M. Garner clerk of said Court do certify that the foregoing last will & testament of Thomas Rowntree deceased was exhibited in open Court for probate the 21st day of July 1828 whereupon came James Curry and Thomas S. Stovall two of the subscribing witnesses & being sworn under the direction of the Court, state that they saw Thomas Rowntree sign, seal, publish & declare said will or heard him acknowledge the same about the time it bears date and that they believed him to be at the time of sound mind and memory. Given under my hand.

Bruce M. Garner clerk

Recorded 15th Sept. 1828) By his deputy B. M. Early

Jacob Pruett's last will.

I Jacob Pruett knowing that to shew to die sooner or later being very low in bodily health but sound in mind and memory, wishing to leave my worldly goods and chattels as follows. I leave to my lawful and loving wife Nancy the plantation on which I now ^{live} on containing four hundred acres of land. I also leave to her five negroes Kelly and her son Henry, and a young negro man by the name of Sam.

a girl by the name of Silvey, a boy by the name of Sam. I also leave to her all my house hold and kitchen furniture, and stock of all kind, that is to say horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, her natural life and then she all to be sold and the money to be equally divided among her children except she should marry, then all to be sold as is named above. I also leave to my son James the plantation on which he now lives five years, and then to be sold and the money equally divided among said children. I also leave my negro woman Luck and her five children to be sold and the money to be equally divided among my first wife's children. Reuben & Lewis to be sold and the money to be equally divided among my last wife's children. And this being my last will and testament, I also leave my wife Nancy and my son James A. Pruett as executor of said estate this 4th month day of April one thousand eight hundred twenty eight. Jacob Pruett
Thos Spencer
John Pruett
Setham Burnett

Recorded 15th Sept. 1828)