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State of Tennessee. Lenoir County. April 2^d 1827

In the name of God. Amen, and be it remembered that I William Howard being weak in body but of sound & perfect mind and memory thanks be to the Almighty God for the same, and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make and publish this my last will & testament, in manner and form following, to wit, that is to say I will bequeath to Benjamin Howard my youngest son aged nineteen years old yet a minor, the tract of land I now live on with all its appurtenances containing four hundred & fifty acres be the same more or less. I also will and order that he shall remain in possession of one negro man named Richard also one negro girl named Vain, also one negro boy named Samuel, also two horses named Charly & Roan, also two plows and two pair of leers also one mule which is his own right & property also to remain in possession of all my tools and to have the profits arising from the use of said negroes & tools untill he becomes twenty one years of age which will be the 22^d day of February 1838. Also I will & bequeath unto the said Benjamin my Wheat Fan. Also I will & order that he shall remain in possession of my oxen & Cart, also to remain in possession of all my Cooking utensils, also choice of my beds and furniture, and choice of my milk Cows untill he should become of age as before stated. And then the executor of this my last will & testament shall call a sale by giving thirty days notice, and sell the three above named negroes & one horse & oxen & Cart and all the farming utensils. I will and devise a title to the rest of the above named property to the said Benjamin also I will & order that the said executor to this will shall after my death call a sale & sell all my personal property & also make a speedy Collection of all money due me. And I will &

order that the executor shall pay over to Fanny Parker my youngest daughter a negro girl aged between twelve & fifteen years of age which shall be purchased & with the first money he may collect, also I will & order that all payments shall be made so as to make equal legacies between Christopher Howard my oldest son, also Sarah Boone my oldest daughter also Fanny Parker my youngest daughter, Whereas I have paid to Christopher Howard six hundred & sixty dollars also I have paid to Sarah Boone five hundred and ten dollars and I will & order that the said Christopher & the said Sarah & the said Fanny shall have equal shares in my estate including the several sums paid heretofore mentioned. And I will & order that which several legacies or sums of money shall be paid to the respective legacies agreeable to this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & date before written

William Howard ^{his} ~~mark~~ 
Signed published & declared by the above named William Howard to be his last will & testament in the presence of us and at his request have hereunto set our names as witnesses to the same.

Obadiah Barnett

William A. Tucker

N.B. Also I appoint Christopher Howard and Benjamin Howard whole sole executor to my estate.

For the Probate of the foregoing will be minutes at April Term 1835.