

nature and as much provision as will be sufficient for the maintenance of the family one year from deceased's death. When my youngest child shall arrive of full age then shall be an equal division of the land and negroes amongst my children that are now single and my wife is to have a child, part and over and above a child, part I bequeath to her the said negro boy Jim. who at her death may be sold free of the will. 6th When my executors may think proper she is empowered to lay off to each or either of Children John W. B. Marr and Eliza Marr such a portion of the estate as she may deem expedient but in no case to exceed their proportionable part of the estate. And when either of them who are now of age shall have attained to the age of twenty one, she may so lay off to them any part of the estate, which shall be charged to them and considered as so much paid to them at the general division. 7th To declare and appoint my well beloved wife Sarah Marr sole executrix to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me made either written or verbal and fully ratifying and establishing this as my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 27th day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

signed in the presence of us.
William B. Bunge.
J. J. Todd.
W. B. Bunge.

John Marr

Recorded 8th December 1834.

James Blackburn

Last Will and Testament.

I James Blackburn in my proper mind make this my last will and testament. 1st I wish that doth my present crop of Cotton sold to pay my debts. 2nd It is my will that my two cows and calves and huffer and a sufficient quantity of my hogs be left for the use of my family for meat and stock and the remainder be sold and that be appropriated to the discharging of my debts if my cotton should fail if there be a surplus it is to be appropriated to the education of my

children 3rd I leave my barrel maw and side saddle to my beloved wife Ellenor also all my house hold and kitchen furniture to her during her natural life or widowhood. the all to be divided equally between her and my five children. 4th I also leave to my beloved Ellenor to raise my children with our plough our hoe our pan of gear & singletree. our large & small ox our bee hive & my corn and fodder I for the use of my family. 5th If there is truly bushels of wheat I wish it for the use of my family if any over twenty bushels, I wish it sold. 7th and all the rest of my property not mentioned I wish sold and the money put to the education of my children. It is my wish that David Blackburn and Ellenor Blackburn be executors. This 4th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty four.

W. N. R. Gracy

Dafferson Kelas. recorded 9th Dec. 1834.

David Blackburn

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William Patterson In the name of God Amen. William Patterson of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee Being weak in body but of sound memory and calling to mind the fatality of human nature - Relieving that we are all here to die - Do make and enact this my last will & testament. First of All I recommend it to Almighty God who gave it. Secondly I wish to be buried in a decent like manner at the discretion of my friends. I expect there will money & notes found among my papers to defray all my just debt. If not I want them paid out of the property which God has been pleased to bestow on me in this life at the discretion of my executors hereafter mentioned. It is my will and bequeath that the balance of the property both real and personal shall remain in one joint stock until my eldest son John B. Patterson, or Maria H. Patterson. Maria becomes of age at which time or times I bequeath all my property to be valued and divided equally between my beloved wife Rachel and each of the then surviving heirs after which it is my request that all the balance of the lot set apart should again fall into one common stock and

remain so until some one of the heirs should arrive of age or get married as before stated observing that when any of the female heirs gets married they are intended to be allowed an Equal part of the estate at that time except four hundred dollars, which is intended to be applied in a negro girl one horse, bride and saddle which negro girl that I intend and have given to her her life time and then to the heirs of her body forever I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Eliza one negro girl named Jidean one horse, bride and saddle on the same condition that I allowed Maria Henderson Patterson as above stated the being the only two surviving daughters at this time. My sons John C. Patterson, William B. Patterson, David Patterson, James A. Patterson and Logan H. Patterson are to have equal shares of the estate with their Mother and to be at their disposal after they arrive of age or after the intermarriage of the widows should any of my children die before being married or arriving of age then the property is to be equally divided among the living. I appoint my wife beloved wife Rachel and my son John C. Patterson as executors and Executor of this my last will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal this 17th April 1833

Signed sealed and delivered in



presence of us

In the Probate of the above see minute docket at
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Walter B. Sharp of Lincoln County and State of Tennessee being in a low state of health the of perfect mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of death do make, explain and publish the following as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former and other wills by me made

First: It is my wish and desire that after my death that I shall be buried in a decent and orderly manner and that the expense of my funeral be in proportion to my pecuniary circumstances
Second: It is my will that all my just debt (of which there are but few) be paid out of my note, stock, lots & crop of corn wheat now on hand and that as soon after my death as practicable, and if

there should be any remainder will pay & debts it is to go to my brother to be disposed of as she may see proper for her own use
Third: It is my wish that my negro boy Alfred remain in the possession of my Mother and for her use during her life and if she should die before Alfred arrives at thirty one year of age then for that case he is to be hired out by my executor until he arrives to thirty one year of age and the proceeds to be divided equally between my Mother and sister but if my Mother should until Alfred arrives to thirty one year of age, she is still to have the use & possession of him during her life and at her death to be freed or if she should die before he is thirty one then he is to be free at that age. Alfred is not to be hired to the highest bidder but privately by my executor—

Fourth: It is my will that my parcel of land adjoining that on which my mother now lives containing fifty five acres & a half, go to the use of my Mother for ever and to be disposed of as she pleases

Fifth: I give and bequeath to my brother Benjamin F. Sharp my negro woman Malinda and the child she is now with and her son I give to my sister Elizabeth H. Sharp the same negro that was given to me by my aunt Nancy Guyder and if the said negro woman Malinda should have any other increase than the one she is now with then and in that case the whole of the increase after the one she is now with is to be equally divided between my brother Benjamin and my sister Elizabeth— I also give my bed and furniture to my sister Nancy & my clock to my brother Benjamin my bundle stand to my sister Elizabeth the same bed, clock & candlestand that was given to me by my aunt Nancy Guyder my yearling colt I give to my brother Benjamin and my mare I give to my Mother—

Lastly: I do hereby constitute and appoint Saml. Todd Executor of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four
Witnessed before signed

Test Saml. Todd, Hugh Thomson, (Walter B. Sharp) (Seal)
Elijah Davis— For the Probate of the above will see minute docket at January Term 1835 Page 21a
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