

well attestation of the above, named William
Blissar in presence of us who at his request and
in his presence have hereunto subscribed our
names as witnesses to the same.

4 Leaves

Thos Bottom.

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court & July term 1829. I Price
M. Garner Clerk of said Court do certify that the
 foregoing last will & testament of William Blodson
 deceased was produced in open Court the 20. July
 1829 for probate and Abraham Seader and
 Thomas Bottom the subscribing witnesses & rights
 being duly sworn state that they saw said
 testator sign & seal said will and heard him
 publish & declare the same to be his last will
 & testament, and that they believed him to be at
 the time of signing, sealing, publishing and
 declaring the same to be of sound mind and
 memory.
 Price M. Garner

Price M. Garner

By his deputy B. M. O'Carry

Recorded 17th October 1829.

William Smiths last will

I the name of God, I, John Smith, of Lincoln County and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and perfect memory do make and ordain, this my last will and testament in manner following, viz, my desire is that all my just debts should be paid; after that the residue of my property remaining to be sold, excepting the land and the money arising from the sale of the property, sold, to be divided among all such of my children as I shall hereafter name, with a deduction from them that I have already given more than the rest (viz) I have given unto my son J. C. Smith one woman slave named Clary valued with other property worth one thousand dollars which is all I give him (then) I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Murphy one girl slave named Rebecca a small tract of land, worth fourteen hundred dollars (then) I have given

unto my daughter Franky Espridge, one woman slave named
Cecily and a boy slave named Washington, valued with other property
worth one thousand dollars, (then) I have given unto my son John Smith
one boy slave named John Vagie slave named Delpha, valued with
other property, worth one thousand dollars (then) I have given unto my
daughter Jane Day, property worth two hundred & twenty dollars, which
is all I shall give her, But I bid her one give slave named Lucy a boy
slave name Archer during her life & at her death to be divided among
her children, also my desire is that my son Mr J Smith, should be a trustee of the
property for her as it may be ~~later~~ needed & let her have a support from the
her life (then) I have given unto my daughter Elizabeth Parks one give slave
named Rose & one boy slave named Samuel valued with other property worth
eleven hundred dollars (then) I have given to my son Mr Mark Smith, 1 black
boy named Harry & one give slave named Nancy, valued with other property worth
one thousand dollars, (then) I have given unto my daughter Emma Norton one
woman slave named Eliza and one give slave named Milly, valued with other
property worth one thousand dollars (then) I have given unto my daughter
Susanah B Parks, one black slave named Mos and one black slave named
Viola valued with other property worth twelve hundred dollars, (then) I have
given & bequeath, unto my son Mr J Smith my land that I posed, with all my
improvements also my family Bill & no more, the property that I possessed
with, my desire is for it to be sold, and the money to be equally divided amongst
such of my children as shall name (viz) Franky Espridge an equal part, my
Jane Day children an equal part, to let. in the care of Mr J Smith to
"at them have, when they shall come of age or marrying John J Smith
I give an equal part, Emma Norton children an equal part, to let in the
hand of Mr J Smith, Eliza L Parks an equal part, Susanah B Parks an
equal part, I appoint my son John J Smith & Mr J Smith, as my executors
to this my last will & Testament, in witness whereof I have set my hand
and affixed my seal this 9th day of July 1838. (Mr Smith)

John Brown

J Cooper

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court, May Term 1830 I Bria M Garner Clerk
of said Court do certify that the foregoing Certificate & Testament of William
Smith deceased was produced in open Court the 9 of May

1830 for probate, and John Brown & Cooper, the subscribing witnesses, being duly sworn, state that they saw the said testator sign & seal said will & heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will & testament and that they believed him to be at the time of signing sealing publishing & declaring the same to be of sound mind & memory
 recorded March 5th 1830,
 Price M Garner Clerk

John Gurdyers Last Will

In the name of God Amen I John Gurdyer of the State of Tennessee and County of Lincoln, being sick of body but of perfect memory, thanks be to God; calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and declare this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God; that gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my friends nothing doubting but at the ^{general} resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the almighty power of God, and as touching my worldly estate, wherein I have it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, in the first place which my debts to be paid out of my property & the second is I give unto Elizabeth Tharpe one negro girl named Mary after the death of my wife in the third place I give unto my mother Nancy Weather if she is alive at this date ten dollars in the fourth place I leave all the balance of my property unto my wife Nancy to dispose of as she thinks proper, except my negro man named Frank, which at her death shall remain his children provided he is discreet & servant, if not she may dispose of him as she thinks proper, signed & acknowledged in the presence of the subscribers this 13th day of December 1829.

Attest
 Francis Patton

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County Court I Price M Garner Clerk of said Court certify that the foregoing last will & testament of John Gurdyer, deceased was pronounced before me the day of Jan'y 1830 for probate & that Henry & Francis Patton the subscribing witnesses then being duly sworn, state that they saw the said testator sign & seal said will & heard him publish & declare the same to be his last will & testament & that they believed him to be at the time of signing sealing publishing & declaring the same to be of sound mind & memory
 Price M Garner Clerk
 recorded March 5th 1830

State of Tennessee Lincoln County June 1st in the year of our Lord 1829 On the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Merrill of the State and County of said, being now of perfect mind and memory, thanks be unto God, calling to mind knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain, this my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God; that gave it, and my body I commend to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial, at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting, at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and trusting such worldly estate wherein it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give and bequeath the same in the following manner, from first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susan Merrill the house and plantation on which I now live, to maintain her and her children during her widowhood and she keeps the children together, and if she marries and scatters the children, then the land and plantation to be sold and equally divided with Polly Calvert Margaretta Merrill, Nancy Merrill Benjamin, & Helen, and if Susan do not marry till the youngest child comes of age, then the land to be sold, & the same to be divided a share with the above named, likewise I will to have one bed & furniture and one cow and calf, and have them sufficient to maintain them for twelve months, likewise I will my daughter Margaretta Merrill, her bed & furniture & her horse & cow & calf as they are now called likewise I will Nancy Merrill and her children Andrew Merrill the sum of ten dollars for the benefit of them, also I will to my daughter Nancy one bed & furniture and I will to my son Benja my youngest child a saddle and bridle and I will to my daughter Helen, the little Brindle heifer & I do appoint my son John Merrill to administer on the balance of my estate, and sell all the balance of my property, and also sell my negro man Matt and when the money is collected make an equal divide with all of my children & wife that is a living at that time after debts & charges are satisfied & I further appoint my son John Merrill, sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made in writing when I have unto the end of my head and declare this my last will & testament
 Benjamin Merrill

Witnessed and sealed and signed by the above named Benja Merrill to his last will & testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator