

down. Bents and Isabella. and all their means
be equally divided between the above named Grand
children and their heirs

Item 9th It is my wish and desire that my Grandson
Benjamin Pleasant Sumner have all my Black
Smith tools and all my stock of Hogs and hatching
Item 10th I give unto my Grandson Pleasant Sumner
my dear John William Weaver Samuel Madison
Weaver the following Negroes and their increase
namely Robert Isabel his wife and Peter a
Blacksmith Robert Silas Dany Liza all of which
Negro is in possession of the said means at
this time and it is my wish that the said above
named executors to pay Samuel Gain Sumner
at the time of his becoming twenty one years
of age fifty dollars each out of the above named
negro and it is further my wish that the said
three means Ben Pleasant Sumner John William
and Samuel Madison means divide the balance
of said property equally between themselves and
lastly it is my wish and I do hereby nominate
and appoint William Hume as my executor
in writing whereof I do to this my last will
at my hand and seal this 3rd day of
July 1848. Elizabeth + Sumner
mark

signed sealed and published in our presence and
we have subscribed our names hereto in the
presence of the Notary this 3rd day of June 1848.

Jacob (Jesse)
William E. Hume

Admitted to Record

Recorded 16th Sept 1848

I Felix G Gibson having heretofore made and executed
my last will and testament

I Felix G Gibson of the County of Lincoln and
State of Tennessee do this day make this my last will and
testament revoking all other wills by me made at any
time

First I deem and direct that all of my
debts shall first be paid out of any money that I
die owed off or may first come into the hands of my
Executor

Secondly I give and bequeath to my much
beloved wife my Tract of land and all of my
Negroes during her lifetime or widowhood and also
I give and bequeath to my wife all of my household
and Kitchen furniture during her lifetime or so much
of the same as she may think proper to keep

Thirdly

I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Nancy A Carter and the heirs of her Body one negro
girl named Margaret and increase if any and desire
and direct that said negro girl remain in possession
of said Nancy Ann Carter and do hereby authorize
my Executor to see that this request be strictly attended
to and that the said Nancy Ann Carter is to take possession
of said negro girl at the proving of this my will and
I value said negro girl to said Nancy Ann Carter
at five hundred dollars

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my daughter
Mary Jane Royester and to the heirs of her Body
one negro girl named Liza and increase if any
and I desire and direct that said negro girl remain
in possession of said Mary Jane Royester and
do hereby authorize my executor to see that this
request be strictly attended to and said Mary
Jane Royester is to have possession of the said girl
at the proving of this my will and I value
said negro girl to said Mary Jane Royester
at four hundred dollars

Fifthly I give and bequeath

to my two sons John and James Gibson my tract of land of about 275 acres heretofore willed to my wife to be equally divided between them at the death or marriage of my much beloved wife

Sixthly I desire and direct that all of my property not heretofore willed or so much of it as may not be necessary to the comfort of my family be sold on a credit of 12 months and proceed if any with the money I may die seized or possessed of be equally divided between my wife and all of my Daughters

Seventhly I desire and direct that my wife keep as much of my stock or all of the property as she may think necessary for the raising and education of my children and

Eighthly I desire and direct that at the marriage or death of my wife that all of my negroes will to my wife and all other property and money be equally divided between my wife and all of my daughters the two oldest of which is named in this my will according to the others for what is well ready willed to them at the value therein annexed

Ninth and lastly I do nominate and appoint my much esteemed friend S S Buchanan and my nephew Wm S Buchanan my lawful Executors in virtue whereof I subscribe my name to this my will This 17th of April 1857 signed in our presence and we Felix G Gibson ask to become subscribing witnesses on the day and date above written

Albert G Gibson
Lu Smith

I Felix G Gibson having heretofore made and published my last Will and Testament do make and declare this as a codicil thereto to wit In the second bequest in said will I give to my wife a life estate in my land or during her widowhood I also in said Will in fifth bequest gave to my two sons John & James

the remainder in fee

Now It is my will and I hereby direct that my son shall have said Land by paying my Daughter one thousand dollars to be equally divided between them share and share alike that is to say John Gibson shall pay five hundred dollars in five equal annual installments the first to become due and payable in one year after the said John Gibson come of age and in possession of the land and also that James Gibson shall pay five hundred dollars in five equal annual installments the first to become due and payable one year after he comes of age and in possession of the land It is my desire that this Codicil be attached to and constitute a part of my will to all intents and purposes This 15th day of June 1857

Felix G Gibson (Seal)

signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator This 15th June 1857

Joel M Harris
Charles McKimney

I Felix G Gibson having heretofore made and published my last will and testament bearing date the 17th day of April 1857 and a Codicil thereto dated 15th June 1857 do now make and declare this as an additional Codicil to my said will

By said will I bequeathed to my daughter Nancy A Carter and to the heirs of her body a negro girl named Margaret and her increase I desire to modify this bequest and hereby bequeath said negro Margaret and her increase to my daughter Nancy A Carter to be held by her during her natural life to her sole and separate use and as her separate property for her comfort support and convenience free from the debts contracts and disposition of her husband and at the death of my said daughter I direct that said slave Margaret and her increase be equally divided amongst the children

of my said daughter and should any of her children at the time of her death be dead leaving a child or children then living such child or children shall take such share or part of such slaves as the deceased parent of such child or children would have taken if then living

My said Will I bequeathed to my daughter Mary Jane Royester and to the heirs of her body a negro girl named Syna and her increase I hereby bequeath negro Syna and her increase to my daughter Mary Jane Royester to be held by her during her natural life to her sole and separate use and as her separate property for her comfort support & convenience free from the debt contracts and disposition of her husband and at the death of my said daughter Mary Jane I direct that said slave and her increase be equally divided amongst the children of my said daughter and should any of her children at the time of her death be dead leaving a child or children then living such child or children shall take such part or share of such slaves as the deceased parent of such child or children would have taken if then living

I desire that this Codicil be attached to & constitute a part of my last will and testament
June 19th 1857

Felix G Gibson

Witness

Albert G Gibson

Robert B Gibson

In the name of God Amen I John Guthrie of the State of Tennessee and County of Lincoln being minded of my mortality do this ninth day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following

1 I desire to be decently and privately buried in the grave yard at Stephen M Dances without any funeral pomp and with as little expense as may be

2 Also I give and bequeath unto Nancy Guthrie the wife of my son James C Guthrie the sum of one dollar in full of all claims against my estate

3 Also I give and bequeath unto Hugh R Hodges the husband of my daughter Sarah if the sum of one dollar in full of all claims against my estate

4 Also I give and bequeath unto Thomas Baxter the husband of my daughter Susan M the sum of one dollar in full of all claims against my estate

5 Also I give and bequeath my daughter Lucinda A Guthrie my bedstead bed and furniture marked thus **L** my small bedstead and furniture marked thus **L** one half dozen caps and bands one half dozen of table plate one butter plate one half dozen of cup plate one looking glass marked thus **L** one rocking chair marked thus **L**

6 It is my will that my daughter Mary J Colman pay out of her dividend of my estate to my executor eighty dollars for mare and saddle also that my daughter Sophia Walker pay out of her dividend of my estate twenty dollars to my executor for her mare and saddle which two sums make the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars

7 It is my will that said one hundred and fifty dollars refunded by Mary & Sophia be divided equally between Reuben J Guthrie Ransom J Guthrie and Lucinda A Guthrie fifty dollars each

8 My will is that my land and the rest and residue of my personal estate whatsoever of what nature kind or quality whatsoever the same may be and not herein before disposed of