

I haveunto set my hand and seal this 29th January 1859
the Executor not required to give security.

Signed, sealed and delivered

by the Testator in the presence
of us at his request in his presence
and in the presence of each other
witnesses Subscribed our Names
as Witnesses thereto

Rosa McKimney
A. M. Beattie



Joseph M. Miller

executed

State of Tennessee County Court March Term 1859
Lincoln County } J. Daniel G. Whittington Clerk of
the County Court of said County hereby Certify that the
 foregoing last Will and Testament of Joseph M. Miller dec'd
 is on this day duly proven in open Court by the Oath of
 David McKimney A. M. Beattie the subscribing witnesses
 thereto. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court to be Certified
 and recorded as the law directs. Witness Daniel G.
 Whittington Clerk of the said Court in Fayetteville the
 first Monday in said month

Daniel G. Whittington Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Henry Snider dec'd
 I Henry Snider being of sound mind memory and understanding
 do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby
 revoking all Will, heretofore made by me

1st I Will and direct that my funeral expences and all just debts
 be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of the first
 money which may come into the hands of my Executor here-
 inafter appointed, and I direct that my body be buried in a
 plain decent manner. I thus becomd. I Will and bequeath to
 Harriet M. Hammett wife of William Hammett to her
 sole and separate use during her natural life, and after her
 death then to her children my Negro Man Poly.

2nd I Will and bequeath to Sarah S. Smith to her sole and separate
 use during her natural life, and after death to her children
 my Negro Woman Caroline; I also Will and bequeath to said
 Sarah S. Smith during her natural life and at her death
 then to her children a good Bed, Bed Clothes & furniture

3rd I Will and bequeath to Agnes S. Smith to her sole and separate
 use during her natural life and at her death to her children
 my Negro Woman Debas; I also Will and bequeath to said
 Agnes S. Smith to her sole and separate use during her natu-
 ral life and at her death to her children a good Bed and
 Bed Clothes and furniture

4th It is my Will and desire that the Slaves above devised shall
 be valued to the respective legates, and hereby authorize
 and empower my Executor hereinafter appointed to value
 said Slaves, and said legates are to receive from said
 Executor at the valuation he may place upon the same
 And it is further my Will and desire, that should any of the
 Slaves above bequeathed die before the time my said executor
 makes said valuation, then the legate to whom such slave
 or Slaves is bequeathed shall be made up equal with the
 other legates out of my other estate hereinafter mentioned

5th It is my Will and desire in relation to the Slaves and other
 property above bequeathed, and in relation to the other property
 hereinafter bequeathed, that should any of the legates die
 without leaving children, then the portion bequeathed to said
 legate or legates shall be equally divided between said
 other legates.

6th It is my Will and desire that said legates above mentioned
 take charge of and keep my two old Slaves Dick and Sarah

and that said legatee bear an equal portion of the expenses
keeping said two negroes slaves.

Item 8th - It is my Will and desire that as soon after my death as
practicable my executor hereinafter appointed sell and dispose
of all the balance of my estate of every description both Real
and personal; the personal property upon a credit of twelve
months and the Real estate upon a credit of one and two
years - said personal and Real estate to be sold to the high-
est bidder - in selling said personal property said Executor
will sell all sums under five dollars for Cash. -

Item 9th - It is my Will and desire that after my Executor herein-
after appointed has paid my funeral expenses, all just debts
and necessary charges, he shall pay the balance over to the
above named legatee to their sole and separate use during
their natural life, and at their death to go their Children
in the same manner hereinbefore directed as to the special
bequests; And I hereby Will and desire that said legatee
be made equal in the distribution of my estate, and
wherein there may be any difference in the valuation of
the slaves specially bequeathed the said legatee are to
be made equal. -

Item 10th - It is my Will and desire that should I die before the
present Crop is made and gathered that my said slaves
be kept together on my farm until said Crop is made
and gathered; - And should my Executor find that I have
any surplus farming tools, mechanical tools or other perish-
able property not necessary about making the Crop, then he
shall dispose of the same as soon as practical. -
And whomever I have employed William Key to work on
my farm for twelve months. - I want him to continue to
work on my farm until he shall complete said twelve
months. Item 11th - I hereby nominate and appoint Jacob
Raney my Executor to this my Last Will and Testament
In testimony whereof I have written with my hand and affixed
this the first day of April 1859

Witness

James R. Bright
Wm Jamming

State of Minnesota

Lincoln County } County Court held by Term 1859
J. Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of

Henry Snider

said County hereby certify that the foregoing Last Will and
Testament of Henry Snider deceased was this day duly pro-
ven in open Court by the Oaths of James R. Bright and Wm
Jamming subscribing witnesses thereto - Whereupon it was
by the Court to be so certified and recorded as the law directs
Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of said County
Hazelville the first Monday in said month
Daniel J. Whittington Clk

Last Will and Testament of John N. Douthett

I John N. Douthett of the County of Lincoln and State
of Minnesota do hereby make and publish my last Will and
Testament. First - I wish my debts and funeral expenses
paid and my decedents secured from all liabilities - I
about one thousand dollars set apart for a part of the
over my hand. - I wish to set apart or give my Boy Ke-
to Finitia J. Douthett and Finitia Mary Minerva to
my Boy Isaac. - I wish the Boys to stay at Isaac's home
in case of his death and to stay with Nancy his wife and
work for said family until she after named Finitia leaves
family; then I wish them to have possession of the above
named Boys. - I give the remainder of my Estate to
both Finitia and Gay the daughter of Geo. E. Douthett; and
estate I wish to entail upon her and the heirs of her
and subject to seizure by contract that her or any other
person might make. - I agree that the said estate or
part of it may be invested in land but be subject to
some restrictions above mentioned. - I now express it on
above mentioned parties that I have Will or bequeath
my property so that they are not allowed under a forfeiture
of the whole to let Calvin E. Douthett have any control
over my estate or any part of its not even so much
turn over five cents of it. - If either or any one of the parties
permitted him or her by their consent to control or manage
of my estate their part shall be settled on the other not
offending, or violating the above obligation enjoined. - In
case Elizabeth Jane Mc Gay should die without heirs, -
the portion of my estate settled on her to be given to Geo. E.
and his heirs subject to the same conditions attending the
bequeath. - And in case of the death of either Finitia or
Gay the property bequeathed shall descend to the other

and that said legates bear an equal portion of the expenses
keeping said test ~~legates~~ Harry

Item 8th It is my Will and desire that as soon as I am dead or
practicably any executor hereinafter appointed sell and dispose
of all the balance of my estate of every description both Real
and personal; the personal property upon a Credit of twelve
months and the Real estate upon a Credit of two and ten
years—said personal and Real estate to be sold to the high-
est bidder in selling said personal property said Executor
will sell all sums under five dollars for Cash.

Item 9th It is my Will and desire that after my Executor hereinafter
appointed has paid my funeral expenses, all just debts
and necessary charges, he shall pay the balance over to the
above named legates to their sole and separate use during
their natural life, and at their death to go their Children
in the same manner hereinbefore directed as to the special
bequests; And I hereby Will and desire that said legates
be made equal in the distribution of my estate, and
wherein there may be any difference in the valuation of
the Slaves specially bequeathed the said legates are able to
be made equal.

Item 10th It is my Will and desire that should I die before the
present Crop is made and gathered that my said Slaves
be kept together on my farm until said Crop is made
and gathered;—And should my Executor find that there
any surplus farming Tools, Mechanical tools or other perish-
able property not necessary about making the Crop, then he
shall dispose of the same as soon as practical—
And whomever I have employed William Ray to work on
my farm for twelve Months— I want him to continue to
work on my farm until he shall complete said twelve
Months. Item 11th I hereby nominate and appoint Jacob
Raney my Executor to this my Last Will and Testament
In testimony whereof I have written with my hand and affixed
this the first day of April 1859

Tested

James R. Bright

His Executor

State of Tennessee

Lincoln County

County Court held up Term 1859
J. Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of

Henry Snider

Seal

said County hereby certify that the foregoing last Will and
Testament of Henry Snider deceased was this day duly proven
in open Court by the Oaths of James R. Bright and Thomas
Swearing subscribing witnesses—Whereupon it is ordered
by the Court to be so certified and recorded as the law directs
Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of said Court is
Handwritten the first Monday in said Month
Daniel J. Whittington Clerk

Last Will and Testament of John M. Dontheth

I John M. Dontheth of the County of Lincoln and State of
Tennessee do hereby make and publish my last Will and
Testament. First I wish my debts and funeral expenses
paid and my decedents secured from all liabilities— I wish
about one thousand dollars set apart for each Son to
over my hand— I wish to set apart or give my Bay Rider
to Pinetta J. Dontheth And I wish Harry Abner to have
my Bay Horse— I wish the Hogs to stay at Isaac Holes and
in case of his death to stay with Harry his Wife and
work for said family until the afore named Sink heard the
family; then I wish them to have possession of the afore
named Hogs— I give the remainder of my Estate to Eliza-
beth Jane Mc Gay the daughter of Wm E. Dontheth, which
estate I wish to entail upon her and the heirs of her body
and subject to seizure by contract that he or any other
person might make— I agree that the said estate or any
part of it may be invested in land to be held subject to the
same restrictions above mentioned— I now enjoin upon the
above mentioned parties that I have Will or bequeathed
my property so that they are not allowed under a forfeiture
of the whole to lib. Calvin C. Dontheth has any control what-
ever over my estate or any part of its not even so much as to
turn over his Cows of his— If either or any one of the parties
permitted him to have any control or manage any
of my estate, their part shall be settled on the other not so
offending, or violating the above obligation enjoined— Now in
case Elizabeth Jane Mc Gay should die without heirs, I wish
the portion of my estate settled on her to be given to Wm E. Dontheth
and his Wife subject to the same conditions attending the first
bequest— Now in case of the death of either Pinetta or
Harry the property bequeathed shall descend to the other— And