

When my youngest child becomes of age and remains
a widow she is to occupy my dwelling room and
have a sufficiency for her comfortable support
and come today to assist in her her lifetime or mid
widhood apart from the above I will once appoint
my son Michael and William my executors to the
my last will and Testament signed sealed in the
presence of us September 8th 1830

Test

John Reid

Samuel Brown

Sal. Elds. 

Admitted to record July Term 1837

In the name of God amen

I Eli Marks of the County of Seneca and State of Tennessee
being of a sound mind and disposing memory
and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life
and being desirous of disposing of such worldly sub-
stance as it hath pleased God to bless me with do give
and bequeath as follows to wit -

1st To my wife Margaret the plantation on which I now
live during her life or widow hood and at her
death to my son James Marks I also give her my
some more and one cow and calf and all my
house hold and kitchen furniture

2nd To my Son-in-law John Simmons and his wife
Sarah I give and bequeath as follows to wit
my land beginning where my east boundary line
crosses the creek thence down the creek with its
meanderings to where a hollow part of said Sim-
mons house comes in thence south with the hollow
to my south boundary line thence East with same
to a poplar my corner thence North to the creek
the beginning -

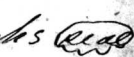
3rd To my Son-in-law James Henderson and his wife Mary
I give as follows to wit beginning on my North
East corner next said Henderson House measuring
South boundary line of John Marks tract thence
West to poles to a stone post oak said Marks
corner thence South as far as by running

meets to the Keoper East boundary line will make one
hundred and twenty acres

4th To my son James I give the balance of my land
and the half of what logs he may have at my
deceased also my farming tools and the balance
of my property after paying my last debts
to be sold or divided between them and I
hereby declare this to be my last will and Testa-
ment in witness I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 18th 1848

Test J. A. Pinkerton, Jr.

Joseph Blake. 

his
Eli X Marks 
Mark

In the name of God amen +

I Jeremiah Hedges of the County
of Lincoln and State of Tennessee being of a
sound mind and disposing memory and calling
to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death
do make and publish this and no other to be my
last will and Testament hereby making void all
other wills by me at any time made
First I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it
Second I direct that my body be buried in a decent
manner having regard to my manner of life here
Third I direct that my funeral expenses and all of my
debts be paid out of any money that I may die possessed
of or that may first come in to the hands of my
executor and in case there should not be sufficient
money or claims for that purpose then my executor
or executors may sell a sufficient quantity of my
personal property for that purpose

Fourth I give and bequeath to each of my five daughters
a negro girl as follows to wit my negro girl Sarah
to Rachel Jane I give my negro girl Amanda to Char-
lotte Manerva I give my negro girl Caroline to Luc-
as Humesa I give my negro girl Lucy to Malinda
Cumie I give my negro girl George to which I direct
they shall have said negroes at my death provided
provided that they have not already received the
Fifth after my last debts and legal liabilities are

and the distribution as directed in the former articles and made which distribution was made to my said five daughters during their natural lives and then to their bodily heirs after them and to no others.

I give and bequeath unto my wife Charlotte all my real Estate my negro slaves and all of my personal property of whatever kind it may be with all my cash notes and other claims to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood and in case she should intermarry with another man I direct that all of my property be equally divided between her and her thirteen children to wit McCayah Proctor the heir of Allen Broadway Samuel Walter David Emek Samuel William Robert Lease Justin Sarah Rebecca Parah Abelina Elmer Sam Charlotte Maria Francis Curran Malinda Lucy to each a fourteenth part of my Estate but in the case of the death of my said wife Charlotte I direct my Estate be equally divided between my thirteen children giving to each a fourteenth part of my Estate provided that my five daughters are not to account to the Estate in any way for the distribution made to them in the former articles of this will.

I hereby nominate my beloved wife Charlotte to be the sole executrix to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand by name and affixed my seal this the 16th day of April in the year of our Lord 1837

Pleasant Holbert
J. P. Mooney
A. Calley
George Oliver

James H. Hargrath. *Seal*

I Elizabeth Jennings will being in my right mind and proper senses do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made first I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or first come into the hands of my executors.

Second. I give to my Grand daughter Lucy Ann James my negro woman Evelyn during her natural life and at her death the said negro woman and her increase to go to the heirs of her natural body.

Item 3. I give to my Grand daughter Mica Elizabeth Kind my negro girl Lucinda and her increase during her natural life and at her death the said negro woman and her increase is to go to the heirs of her natural body.

Item 4. I give to my Grand daughter Mary Melick the use of my negro boy Matt and the benefit of his labor during her natural life and at her death to go to the heirs of her natural body.

Item 5. I give to my Grand son Benjamin Jennings my negro boy Harry with the benefit of his labor during his natural life and at his death to go to the heirs of his natural body if any and if none to be equally divided between his brothers and sisters.

Item 6. I give to my Grand daughter Susan James my negro boy Mills with the benefit of his labor during her natural life and at her death to go to the heirs of her natural body.

Item 7. I give to my Grand daughter Sarah James my negro girl Peter and her increase during her natural life and at her death to go to the heirs of her natural body if any and if none to her Brothers and Sisters.

Item 8. It is my wish and desire that after my death that all the balance of my negroes to wit Harry Sarah Liza and her two others