

Last Will and Testament of J. M. Harper dec'd
J. M. Harper a resident of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee, and being of sound and disposing mind, but feeble in body and knowing that it is appointed for me to die, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made or made.

Firstly:—I give and bequeath to my beloved Companion Nancy D. Harper all the Money and Wills that I may have on hand at my death after all my just debts are paid, and also all my land and the following Slaves (to wit) Daniel, Nelson, Emily, Lucinda and her three Children, Jane and her Child during her natural life or Widewidhood.

Secondly:—I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha E. Jacobs to have immediately after my death a Slave Man named Calhoun to the use of her body and one hundred and ten Dollars that her husband Henry Jacobs is owing me, also the amount that the said H. Jacobs is indebted to me for a small piece of land lying East of a Lot which I sold him.

Thirdly:—I give and bequeath to my two youngest Sons Thomas M. and James S. Harper four hundred Dollars a piece for completing their education.

Fourthly:—After the death of my Companion I Will that my three Sons (to wit) A. W. The M. and James S. Harper have all my lands as tenants in common and that my Daughter Abigail Shaw shall have the one fourth part of the value of the above named Slaves not specifically devised and the balance equally among A. W. The M. and James S. Harper Now should any of my Sons die without marrying or leaving Children and my Wife still living and I Will that his or their effects or estate shall descend equally to my Companion and those that are surviving my Sons All the surplus Stock and perishable property that I may have on hand at my death that is not necessary to have to carry on the farm shall be sold by my Executors upon credit of twelve months to the highest bidder and the proceeds equally divided among all my Children— I wish my Son A. W. Harper to remain with his Mother and superintend in

carrying on the farm as he has heretofore done. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint James A. Wright my Executor In testimony whereof I do to this my last Will set my hand and seal. All witnesses and intermeddling made before signing and witnessing this Will this 28th January 1859 Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Notaries state above written.

Attest
Isaac Kern
J. W. Nelson

State of Tennessee }
Lincoln County } County Court March Term 1859
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of said County hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of J. M. Harper deceased as the same was duly proven in open Court by the witnesses before me subscribing Witnesses thereto— Whereupon it is ordered by the Court to be so certified and recorded as the law directs— Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of said County in Fayetteville the 2nd Monday of said Month
Daniel J. Whittington, Clerk