

Sumpter Lincoln County November 3<sup>d</sup> 1860.

Know all men that I Robert C. Edmundson being in my right mind do this day give and bequeath unto my dear wife Sophia M. Edmundson all the effects that I may die possessed of consisting of my land & negroes stock farming utensils, with my house hold & kitchen furniture, after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid, and at her death, I wish an equal division made with all my children, as witness I hereunto annex my name in the presence of the witnesses.

Seth John Wood  
William H. Hunter Esq

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Robert C. Edmundson

State of Tennessee  
Lincoln County Court March term 1861.

I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County court of said County, do hereby certify that the within last Will & Testament of Robert C. Edmundson deceased was proven in open court by the oaths of John Wood & Mr. H. Hunter the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will & Testament. Whereupon It is ordered by the court to be recorded as the last Will & Testament of R. C. Edmundson deceased, Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of our Said court at office the first Monday in March 1861

Daniel J. Whittington Clerk

I James S. Keith of the State of Sumpter County, will in my last will & Testament that all my just debts shall be paid out of the proceeds of my property.

I also will that my wife Mary Ann shall have all my house hold & kitchen furniture. I also will that she shall have my gray mare Lucy my red cow.

I will that my father-in-law Hampton Sims shall rent & cultivate my farm for the present year and at the separation of the present joint tenancy will rent the said farm to the highest bidder, for each until he die, my father H. W. Keith shall think best to sell my land. I will that my land shall be put to sale on terms of one two & three years when they think proper. I also will that my wife and children shall be supported out of my funds during her natural life time or widowhood. I further will that my two children Resiah Elzina Elizabeth & Mary Margaret shall be educated out of my funds that may remain. I further will that my Father-in-law shall manage my family as he thinks best and that he shall attend to all my friends as the law requires. this 3<sup>d</sup> day of April 1861. We H. W. Keith and Hampton Sims do state that the above recitation will of James S. Keith was made by him on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1861 in our presence and we were specially required to be witnesses by the testator himself in the presence of each other that it was made in his last sickness, in his own habitation or dwelling house and when he remained more than ten days before his death, and the same is as above written and was made out by us on the day above written H. W. Keith

State of Tennessee  
Hampton Sims  
Lincoln County Court March term 1861.

I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing "Instrument" last Will & Testament of James S. Keith deceased was this day proven in open court by the oaths of Hampton Sims and H. W. Keith. Whereupon It is ordered by the court to be recorded as the last Will & Testament of said Keith deceased. Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of our Said Court at office the Gazetteville the first Monday in March 1861. Daniel J. Whittington Clerk