

125 The Last Will and Testament of William Old dead
of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee
I William Old being of sound mind do ordain this my last
will and testament

First after my decease to be deced by carried..

Secondly It is my will that all the lands of which I
die seized shall be and remain in the possession of
my beloved wife Nancy Old during her natural
life and the rents and profits to be at her ~~own~~ disposal
also for her to retain as much stock as she may
deem necessary. Also I give to my wife as much
household property as she may need. Also, I
give to her the following named negroes to wit, Charles
and his wife Milly and Absaham & his wife Jane
to have and keep the said negroes her lifetime and
at her death she can either let them free or make
any other disposition of them she may think proper
at the death of my wife the land all excepting
one half acre of ground including the grave yard

to be sold and the proceeds equally divided
among all the Legates. It is my will that at
at my death and after my wife has made her selection
of stock as above stated. The balance of my
property of every description except my negroes to
be publicly sold to the highest bidder
on the premises and the proceeds together with all
the monies on hand debts due me after paying all
my just debts to be divided so as to make all my
Legates equal taking the advancements heretofore
made to them as heretofore stated. First
having paid out to my wife the sum of three hund
red dollars which I further sum I give to her and
that the Advancements may be equal. I will here
state what each has received. Henry Old
has received in money and property twenty four
hundred and twenty five Dollars. John Old
has received up to the fourth day of August
eighteen hundred and forty eight three hundred
and ten Dollars and it is my will
that my ^{my} Children receive one thousand
Dollars

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and bearing interest from said 4th day of August 1848 which
will make his interest equal with the rest of the Legates.
John Old having departed this life William Old
has received in money and property twenty four hundred
dollars. Elizabeth Mitchell now deceased has received
in money and property twenty four hundred Dollars.
Martha Old has received in money and property
twenty four hundred Dollars. Sarah Smith has received
in money & property twenty four hundred Dollars.
Elyse Harris has received in money and property twenty
four hundred Dollars. Mary & Lucretia has received in
money & property thirteen hundred & fifty Dollars who
is now dead leaving one child Joseph Ruth Curtes

It is my will that my said grand daughter Mary
Ruth Curtes receive one thousand Dollars to bear
interest from the 4th day of August 1848 which will make
her equal with the rest of the Legates. I give to my
grand daughter Nancy Ruth Curtes and her child
a negro girl named Mary a daughter of Judah
deceased. The balance of the money after paying
all lawfull Expenses and after making the ~~advancements~~
advancements equal ~~equally~~ to be equally divided
amongst the Legates that is the amount which may be
going to my daughter Martha Old hereby directed
to be paid to her Children for their use and benefit
and it is my will and desire that all of my negroes not
otherwise willed shall be equally divided amongst
the Legates heirs without sale of them if the same
can be done, for husband & wife to go together.
It is my will that the Negro or negroes which
fall to my daughter Martha Old in the division
shall go to her ^{her} Children. It is my will that
Nancy Ruth Curtes shall receive her portion as
soon as she arrives at the age of twenty one years
or sooner provided she should marry. And in
case the said Nancy Ruth Curtes should die without
issue or marry the portion assigned to her to be
equally divided among the other Legates in this
will. at the death of my wife it is my desire that
that all the property she may then have shall be
sold and the proceeds equally divided.

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Amongst the heirs & legates except the Negroes given
to her which are to be at her own disposal
I hereby revoke and annul all former wills
I hereby nominate and appoint Jacob Gillespie
Thos H. Bledsoe my Executors of this my last will
& testament I write of all which I shew
set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January
Eighteen hundred and thirty two

Witness in Presence of  William Oldfield
James M. Bell
James M. Bell, Proven in open Court by James
M. Bell & James M. Cole the 2 day of
December 1855 Eli C. Hodge Clerk

The last will and Testament of Miles Rufus Sherrell Deceased
State of Tennessee April the 14th 1855
Lincoln County I Miles Rufus Sherrell do make this
my last will and Testament being of sound mind and
disposing memory I wish all my funeral expenses paid first
then my last debts paid I desire my land and all other
property sold except my Negroes viz James Allen Caleb Mary
Margaret Hannah Amanda Louisa Cynthia Jane Harriet Thomas
Anderson Mariah Caroline Ellen. I furthermore wish my Slaves
to be hired out privately until my Eldest Daughter Alice
Anne Read Sherrell becomes of age or Marries at which time
I direct my Executors to have three commissioners appointed
to value and set apart one third of my Estate to her and
her children I also wish for Uty William Sherrell to have his
part laid off at twenty one years of age as he above I also
wish for Mary Frances Sherrell to have the Remainder at twenty
one years of age or when she marries to her and her children
I furthermore wish if either of my above named children
should die before receiving their Estate it shall fall back
to the Estate as above mentioned be equally divided
between the survivors as before directed I furthermore

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Appoint Joseph Lawson Sherrell and Wmby R. Bruce my
Executors I here put my hand and seal
Witness Miles Rufus Sherrell Seal
John Maddox
David S. Patterson
Proven in open Court February Term 1856 Eli C. Hodge Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of William McElroy Deceased
I William McElroy being of sound & disposing mind & memory
do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking all other and former Wills
Item 1st it is my will that all my last debts and funeral expenses
be paid out of the first money that come into the hands of my Executors
herein after named
Item 2nd I give to my son Sanford McElroy Negro by Sam whom
he now has in his possession
Item 3rd I give to my son Sherrod McElroy my Negro man Patrick
I have hitherto given to him by Deed the one Hundred acres of land
on which he now resides which with the negro herein given will make
him an equal distribution of all my property
Item 4th I give to my son Nicajah S. McElroy my negro boy Isaac
whom he now has in his possession and I desire to him about nine
acres of land being the same on which he now resides and the same which
I purchased from Seander and Siney Buchanan said tract originally
containing one hundred acres ten acres of which I have received and
now have enclosed and in my possession it is my design to give him
four hundred dollars more before my death to aid him to purchase
more land in the event I do not give him said sum of \$400 before
decease it is my will that he have \$400 out of my estate
Item 5th I give to my son Rufus C. McElroy my Negro boy Duncan a
ninety four acres and one hundred and twenty four poles of land
bounded as follows Beginning at a sugar tree it being the North East
corner of Sherrod McElroys land running with his line South 35°
to a stake his corner thence South 77° East with his line 54 poles
to an ash his corner thence South 57° East to an ash his corner
thence North 2° West 66 poles to a hickory thence North 50° East 18 poles
to a stake in the centre of the branch thence North 2° West with a ditch
and fence 70 poles to a stake thence North 36° West 25 poles to a
stake at the fence thence North 8° West 29 poles to a white oak in