

sixty seven acres to the same more or less. Some time back I made the said Rebecca a deed to the above mentioned and it was never recorded.

Eighthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Murrell and to her heirs &c. for ever the following described tract of land situated in the aforesaid County of Sullivan on the south side of the Hudson river. Beginning at a forked white oak on a rocky hill thence N 33° 39' poles to the middle of Horse creek thence down said creek as it meanders 60 poles to two Sycamore saplings on the west bank of said creek at the mouth of a small branch thence up said branch N 83° 41' 18" poles to a white oak and Buckeye sapling thence with a line of the tract where said Backman lies N 34° 43' 32" poles to a white oak Poplar and dogwood Catherine Bonds corner thence with her line S 41° 48' 37" poles to a black oak & white oak sapling on the top of a ridge on the Poplar line thence with his line S 41° 8' 13" poles to his corner dogwood and oak thence with his line S 72° 8' 26" poles to his corner white oak thence with his line S 72° 4' 36" poles crossing Horse creek to the middle of a spring known as the name of Anthony's spring thence with said Poplar line up a branch S 67° 52" poles to a double sugar tree his corner thence with his line north forty four poles to a dogwood thence West 6 poles to the Beginning containing one hundred and thirty nine acres be the same more or less. Some time back I made said Sarah Murrell formerly Sarah Backman a deed to the before mentioned tract of land and said deed was never recorded. Some years back I gave my son Thos Backman three hundred and eighty acres of land in said County of Sullivan on the south side of Hudson river. Some years back I gave my son Salomon Backman two hundred of land in said County of Sullivan on the south side of Hudson river. Some years back I gave my daughter Rachel Pepler formerly Rachel Backman seven hundred dollars in cash.

Ninthly I give and bequeath to my first wife children all my lands that is not before mentioned and bequeathed in this will all my negroes that is not mentioned and bequeathed in this will all my personal property of all kinds that is not mentioned and bequeathed in this my will to be sold & equally divided between my first wife children my Executors &c. and the above mentioned property real & personal as soon as they can after the will is proven in court giving at least thirty days notice at three or more public places in town within the time &c. My children by my first wife and last wife is all to be equal in all the cash in hand debts owing due me by note or account at the time of my death.

Tenthly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Nathan W Backman my son in law William McClellan my Executors, In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 21st day of May 1848.

Jonathan Backman (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published in our presence & we have subscribed our names here in the presence of the Notary this 21st day of May 1848.

John W. Cox
J. W. Connelly
Henry Bondson

Proven 5 August 1861

I Jonathan Backman having heretofore made and published my last will & Testament do make and declare this as a codicil thereto. I have this day sold to Wm McClellan the above mentioned two hundred and eighty acres of land that I had intended for the heirs of my son David Backman they being desirous to have I intend to pay them the money in place of the land before they start. Since this will was written my beloved wife departed this life and I have paid her heirs or that is to say my step children all I intend them to have out of my estate. The five hundred dollars that my son Nathan W Backman is to have out of my son David Backman's heirs interest is to come out of their interest in my land & negroes that is not heretofore disposed of in this my will and it is to be sold as heretofore mentioned, it is my desire that this codicil be attached to & constitute a part of my will to all intents and purposes this 12 day of Sept 1857.

Jonathan Backman (Seal)

Signed seal and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names before the Notary

Henry Anderson

George H Backman

Andrew J Pepler

Proven 5 Aug 1861

State of Tennessee

Sullivan County

I John C. Hultidge clerk of the County aforesaid for said County do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the last will and Testament of Jonathan Backman Sealed and the Codicil thereto as appears from record in my office. Given under my hand and official seal at office in Mountville this 6th day of Aug 1861

John C. Hultidge clerk

Will of Walter Harris

I Walter Harris do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby recording and making void all other wills of me at any other time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to Leana Goodman one hundred one hundred and being one two year old colt that I purchased her, my white cow being four dollar out of my estate to get her a little and saddle. I give and bequeath to my grand son John David the balance of my plantation supposed to be one hundred acres be the same more or less beginning at my corner bar going all around it, my red cow my gray mare my bed I sleep in, including the bedstead and bedding, Mary Ann Dickson will have the place where she lives that is to say the house and garden for five years by paying ten dollars for room & schooling the children. I give and bequeath to my grand son Walter James (my own Charles son) and his sister Mrs Sutton one hundred and fifty dollars out of my estate when the same place is sold. I give & bequeath to my grand son Wm Harris and his sister Mrs Wells one hundred &

fifty dollars, out of my estate when my river place is sold. ^{here brother} I gave him bequest to my son in law A. B. Cummings all I intend him to have. I paid a part of the price of the place my son Amos James bought of King. I do give and bequeath to my son Amos James a note I hold on his son W. M. James for about four hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter to enable her to support her blind son four hundred dollars, that is to say Amos Clark. I have bequeathed given the balance of my children what I intend them to have. My river place is to be sold by my Executors as soon after my death as they can for not less than two thousand dollars down. I give and bequeath to James & Cummings daughter one hundred dollars when the river place is sold. I give and bequeath to Henry Anderson's daughter one hundred dollars when the river place is sold. I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Malvina & her children all the money notes & accounts all the property of all kinds that I have not disposed of here before in this will. Truly I do hereby nominate James & Cummings & Henry Anderson my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal the 1st day of October 1861.

Walter James Smith

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here in the presence of the testator this 1st day of October 1861.

Thomas Sand

William J. Lane

State of Tennessee

Shelby County

I John C. Rulltge clerk of the county court for said county hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and Testament of Walter James Smith as appears from record in my office. Given under my hand and official seal at office in Clintonville this 11th day of June 1862.

John C. Rulltge clerk

Will of John Sandermill

I John Sandermill being of sound mind and good memory do publish this to be my last will and Testament after revoking all other wills by me at any other time first. It is my will and desire for me and my wife to be decently buried at my burying ground and that all my just debts to be paid out of my property which as may be required with such of I should die first my wife Sarah Sandermill to have full possession of all my land and property during her natural life and if I die first my wife to pay all just debts in the last way that she can & then she is to have every thing as above stated ^{after the death of my property to be} & I John Sandermill have wrote out with my own hand and after our death it is my will that my land be divided between my three heirs Polly wife of John Sandermill & Eliza Rulltge Polly's share is to have for one acre laid off to her on the lower end of my place to give the lands of John Harmon & John Beard & then another my daughter Ruth Sandermill to have fifty acres where I now live joining the lands of Jesse Gaskett Peter Barker, John Beard & others including all the buildings where I now live, and

Eliza Rulltge is to have forty two acres where she now lives joining the land of Jesse Gaskett & Harmon & others including the buildings where she now lives except my burying ground one fourth of an acre it is my will that it remain for a burying ground for my descendants forever and by them to be kept enclosed and my wife Sarah Sandermill is to have all the stock that I have and all the property in the house and kitchen to do as she pleases with during her life time and at her death if any of it is in hand to be equally divided between my three heirs I do hereby nominate & appoint my son in law Isaac Lane and John Riddle my Executors to my last will and Testament, and that to save with them if she see proper and it is my will that they execute this will without being ruled to severally, whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal this 8th day of January 1862.

John Riddle

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Given 11 Aug 1862

State of Tennessee & John C. Rulltge clerk of the county court for said Shelby County & county hereby certify the within is a true copy of the last will & Testament of John Sandermill and as appears from record in my office. Given under my hand and official seal in Clintonville this 11th day of August 1862.

John C. Rulltge clerk

Will of Solomon Smith

I Solomon Smith being of sound mind and perfect memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following. First I will and bequeath to my wife Eliza Smith, all the lands that I now own, together with all the stock, farming utensils and household and kitchen furniture, also the two hundred and twenty five dollars, stock in the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad, to be and remain hers during her widowhood and at her death I will that the land be equally divided between my four sons taking into consideration the improvements timber lands &c the division to be made by four disinterested freeholders, citizens of addition to be chosen by the heirs or Guardians.

Second, so addition to the life estate that my Father united to my sister Mary Smith, which is to fall to me at the end of her widowhood I will that she shall have the benefit of all the lands that she has enclosed at this time but it is not my wish that she shall make any further improvement, when is made but that she have only enough to timber enough for fire wood and to keep up the improvements, that is already made and at the end of her widowhood I will that the land also be equally divided between my four sons the division to be made as at one lot of my other lands.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath to each one of my daughters the sum of