

Now known by these presents that I the said John Salton of the  
 West Virginia and Commonwealth of Virginia have endeavored  
 and appointed my truly friend Isaac W. Borden of the  
 Supreme of the State of North Carolina my lawful Attorney  
 and in my Name to make and execute a deed in fee  
 John P. Dorem, Clerk of the County of Putnam of the  
 State of North Carolina to give a parcel of land lying  
 in the County aforesaid on the Western of Clinch Mountain  
 and on Station Camp Creek, the said land containing  
 more or less hundred and forty Acres, and I the said  
 Salton do by these presents certify any thing my said  
 Attorney lawfully do in my Name Concerning the premises  
 as well as I myself could do were I personally present  
 without my hand and seal, the  
 day of January A.D. 1788  
 In witness whereof he has signed  
 B. Day  
 John Salton

Attest my hand  
 Recorded and returned as before

Now all men to these presents that Mr Thomas Martin, Sheriff  
 of the County of Putnam, State of Virginia, has  
 found with Frank Johnston, Governor of said  
 County, in Office in the past and full term of two thousand  
 one hundred and eighty one and twenty to be made and  
 paid, and he do hereby certify and solemnly affirm by the  
 seal with our seals and dated this 15 day of July 1788

The Conclusion of this Allegation is such that  
 Thomas Martin is nominated and appointed Sheriff  
 of the County of Putnam of the said State of Virginia, and he  
 shall be bound to pay and make payment and settle  
 the public Tax as which to him are hereby directed to be by  
 the Collector paid on or within the term limited by law  
 than this obligation to be void, due to remain in full  
 view

Witness present  
 David Shelby  
 Thomas Martin  
 Peter ...  
 Peter ...

In the name of God Amen: Being near to death I make my will  
 and desire my lands at Newcastle to be sold, likewise my land  
 at Holston at the discretion of my Executors - My Children  
 to be educated in the best manner my estate will permit -  
 my estate to be equally divided amongst my Children - my  
 daughter a small tract of land - my wife to keep  
 possession of the four oldest negroes for the maintenance of  
 the family - my lands and doors to be equally divided  
 amongst my Children. I appoint my Brother Isaac Black  
 and Col Daniel Smith Executors, with my wife Mary Black  
 executrix - at the decease of my wife the four above negroes  
 to be equally divided amongst my Children - my sons and  
 are deceased in presence of us, this 20<sup>th</sup> of July 1788

James Blackmore  
 Thomas Black  
 Hugh Brown

Anthony Blackmore

Recorded and Examined October 18<sup>th</sup> 1788

Now all men by these presents that I James Bapty of the County  
 of North Carolina, for and in Consideration of the sum  
 of money paid to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do  
 hereby acknowledge, have bargained and sold, sell, give, grant  
 convey and make assurance a certain Male Child Bay  
 Black about seven or eight years old - which boy I do warrant  
 to be healthy, sound and free of any known fault, or  
 impediment whatever - Whom I warrant and defend, save  
 from my heirs, Executors, Administrators, Assigns and  
 Assigns of any other person or persons whatever to the  
 said Bay his heirs, Executors, Administrators, Assigns and  
 Assigns I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed  
 my Seal, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1789

George Blackmore  
 Joseph, Davalson, Just

James B Bapty

Recorded and Examined April 7<sup>th</sup> 1789

Now all men by these presents that we James Douglas, John  
 Douglas, Ebenezer Douglas, Charles Carter, Edward Douglas,  
 and Robert Montgomery of the County of Surry in the  
 State of North Carolina do hereby certify that  
 the above Certificate is true and correct

In Office, on the just and full Oath of two Justices  
 of the Peace for the County of Surry, for the true performance of  
 the above conditions, this 15<sup>th</sup> of July 1789

The Condition of the obligation is such  
 as appears the said James Douglas is named and  
 Sheriff and Collector for said County - Item of the said  
 James Douglas faithfully and duly collect from the Collector  
 any sum of money due to the public Taxes which  
 he may be by the County Collector paid in, or  
 the same levied by law, then this obligation to be void  
 to remain in full force

Witnessed at the Court  
 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July

James Douglas  
 John Douglas  
 Ebenezer Douglas  
 Charles Carter  
 Edward Douglas  
 Robert Montgomery

Recorded and Examined July 17<sup>th</sup> 1789

Now all men by these presents that I James Bapty of the  
 State of North Carolina do hereby certify that  
 the above Certificate is true and correct  
 and sold to Garbanah Brown of the State of  
 aforesaid for the satisfaction of certain pounds  
 money to me in hand paid the receipt whereof  
 and one Red quilt and Red Dick, one Powder  
 four plates, seven tin cups, one half dozen of knives  
 one Churn - four Pails, two Mules, one Cloth Bag  
 Baggs, one mantle, one gown and one shirt,  
 hands of Joshua Campbell twenty dollars to be paid  
 Dear Mat, one pair of fine Boots, one pair of  
 one Shoe for two hundred acres of land - which  
 all and every of them I warrant and defend to  
 arise from him his heirs and assigns. In witness  
 whereof I have set my hand and Seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
 James McKain Jr.  
 Charles Carter

Thomas McKain Jr.  
 Charles Carter

all whom it may concern know ye that I Arthur Gilbreath of  
County of Hatteras and State of North Carolina for the good  
will and affection I bear unto Thomas Sharp of the County  
of Davidson and State of North Carolina, as well as the Certain Jewish  
and Confederate I have repose on him, with other good  
persons, the Honorable Messrs. have constituted him, the said  
Thomas Sharp to be my lawful Attorney, for me and in  
my Name, and for my behalf to bring Suits, recover debts  
in Bonds, give receipts, or employ Attorneys at the Cities  
foreign, and more particularly in a case of two Notes due  
me from James McLean of the County of Stokes and  
State of North Carolina - the one bearing date the 26<sup>th</sup> December  
1782, the other the 28<sup>th</sup> of September 1782. In which case  
I do empower my said Attorney to do every thing necessary  
to be done as fully and as amply as if I were personally present  
at, or as if the Matter required more special authority  
than he is granted - Ratifying and Confirming all  
thatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do in and  
about the premises. In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal, this 13<sup>th</sup> November A.D. 1789  
Arthur Gilbreath

In the name of God Amen I Henry Bayle of Stokes County,  
the State of North Carolina being weak and sick in body, but  
of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be the All-wise  
God for the same, and Calling to mind the uncertainty of  
life and knowing that it is expedient for all men once to  
make being desirous of settling my worldly Affairs, and  
to prevent disputes after my decease - Do make Constitute  
and ordain this my last will and Testament in the  
following. First I leave and bequeath unto my beloved  
wife Catharine Bayle the plantation and lands belong-  
ing to it hereafter mentioned, with the utensils belonging to  
the same the household furniture of my kind during her  
life, or widowhood in order to raise my young children  
I give my said wife one mare, one Cow  
and one bed and furniture of her own choice

and bequeath to my eldest son Henry Bayle the sum  
five Shillings, he being provided for before. I leave and  
bequeath unto my son Andrew Bayle the sum of five  
shillings, he being provided for before. I leave and bequeath  
unto my son John Bayle, Solomon Bayle, Moses Bayle  
James Bayle, and Peter Bayle the plantation and lands  
whereon I now live, with its appurtenances to be equally  
divided between them after the decease or the decease of my  
wife - dividing it in such manner as my son Peter  
Bayle, being the youngest may have the second share  
I give to my said son John his share for ever  
I leave and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Crossens  
the sum of five shillings, she being provided for before.  
I leave and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Bayle  
the sum of five shillings, she being provided for before.  
I leave and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Bayle  
the sum of five shillings, she being provided for before. I leave  
and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Bayle the sum of  
five shillings, she being provided for before. I leave and bequeath  
unto my daughter Belle Bayle the sum of five shillings,  
she being provided for before. My will and desire is that  
my household furniture of my kind except my wife's bed and  
furniture, to be after my wife's decease or my marriage,  
equally divided among my daughters, also my tools  
my kind to be divided among my four sons now living  
I give to my will and desire that the 20 or 25 head  
Stock of Cattle and Sheep and indeed shall go to the  
youngest and I charge my sons, Solomon, Moses,  
and Peter they being the youngest, except in case  
of my son John Bayle should make a crop or two on  
the plantations in order to support the family he  
shall have part of said Stock as a recompense for his  
labor and care. I lastly constitute, nominate and appoint  
my wife Catharine Bayle and my son John Bayle  
to be Executors and Executor to this my last will and  
Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February Anno  
1790  
Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said  
Henry Bayle, to be and contain his  
last will and Testament in presence of  
the following witnesses

all men by their parents, that I Abraham Sanders  
 Sumner County and State of North Carolina late  
 regained and sold and by their parents and by  
 a deed unto Robert Seabe of said County and State  
 Negro boy slave about fifteen years old named  
 M, and a Negro girl slave about fourteen years  
 old named M; I have and to hold the same slaves  
 then the said Robert Seabe his heirs and assigns from  
 and the said Abraham Sanders doth for himself his heirs  
 executors and administrators ~~to~~ consent to and with  
 the said Robert Seabe his heirs executors administrators  
 and assigns to warrant and defend the above said  
 slaves forever against the claim of all persons who  
 within whom the said Abraham Sanders doth not  
 have and apperied his seal this twentieth day  
 of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven  
 hundred and eighty nine

Abraham Sanders

presence of  
 David Wilson  
 George M. Whitner.

All whom these presents shall come: Know ye that I Abraham  
 Sanders of the County of Sumner and State of North Carolina  
 hereby nominate and appoint and by these presents  
 nominate and appoint my truly friend Joseph  
 McClowath of the County of Sumner and State of North  
 Carolina my true and lawful attorney to act and do for me  
 and in my own name and to litigate settle and adjust  
 all and singular my accounts, more especially to  
 receive a legacy which fell to me by bequest of my father  
 with which I do fully authorize him to receive and to  
 my behalf and give receipt as simply and fully  
 as I personally present myself. In witness whereof  
 I have written at my hand and seal, this 5<sup>th</sup> of July  
 1790.

Abraham Sanders

Acknowledged in Court.  
 Just David Shelby S.C.

Received 13<sup>th</sup> July 1790 of Edwin Douglas Esq. Sumner County  
 Virginia Currier in full for two Negro boys named Arthur  
 and Benjamin. In their former year old - Ben twelve  
 boys by John Williams and Benj. Williams de warrant to be  
 healthy and sensible, and do further warrant  
 and forever defend the above described Negro boys from  
 the lawful claim of any other person or persons who  
 lawfully claiming the same in witness whereof I have  
 the day and year above written  
 Edwin Douglas  
 William Hargis  
 Eliza Perry

John Williams  
 Benj. Williams

In the name of God Amen I Sampson Hines of Sumner County  
 in the State of North Carolina being sick and weak in body  
 of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be the Almighty  
 God for the same considering the uncertainty of this  
 mortal life and knowing that it is appointed for all men  
 once to die, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs so  
 to prevent any dispute that might arise after my decease  
 in manner and form following

I have sold to my brother-in-law James Hines  
 person my right to one thousand acres of land lying in  
 the District of Kentucky which my father left me in his  
 last will and testament which said land was to be of my  
 own choosing, my will and desire is that agreeable to the  
 content with said James Hines that he shall have of his  
 own choosing the said one thousand acres of land

I leave and bequeath unto my four youngest Brothers  
 and Sisters Elizabeth Davis, Thomas Hines and John Hines  
 Mary Hines and China Hines the one half of the remainder  
 of my real estate in land lying in the State of North  
 Carolina in the State of Virginia to them and their heirs  
 and assigns for ever - in case any of my Brothers or Sisters  
 so mentioned should be unable age them and in such  
 case that moiety or share shall be equally divided  
 between the surviving them so named

I leave and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth Thompson  
 five children, Richard Lawrence Thompson, Sarah  
 Thompson, Nathaniel Hines, Thompson China Hines

Azariah Thompson and his son, the executors of my  
last will in bond lying in the State of North Carolina  
and State of Virginia which said land I am entitled  
to by virtue of the last will & Testament of my father Nathaniel  
Hart - to have their heirs and assigns forever. Also I leave  
and bequeath unto the above mentioned Richard Lawrence  
Nathaniel Hart Thompson, Isaac Hanny Thompson  
Thompson, John Weston Thompson, and Azariah  
Thompson my wife's share of the Negroes that  
I am entitled to by virtue of the last will and Testament  
of my father Nathaniel Hart; to have their heirs and assigns  
forever and my wife and daughter that such share or  
share shall be delivered into the care and charge of my  
brother in-law Lawrence Thompson (until the above  
mentioned children shall arrive at full age) as soon  
as a division is made. I leave and bequeath my riding  
horse, bridle and saddle to my nephew Richard Lawrence  
Thompson to him and his heirs and assigns. Also I leave and  
bequeath unto my niece Sarah Fanny Thompson  
one feather bed & furniture to her, her heirs & assigns. I  
leave and bequeath and my eldest son Nathaniel Hart  
the sum of five shillings, currency I leave and bequeath  
each unto my brother John Hart the sum of five shillings  
currency. I leave and bequeath unto my sister Susanna  
with child by the name of five shillings currency.  
Lastly I constitute and appoint Thomas and  
appoint Sigs. Adams, William Bush & Nicholas  
George of the District of Kentucky Executors to this  
my last will and Testament & to do every act former  
with heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & seal the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1799  
Signed, sealed, published Simpson Hart (Seal)  
and attested by the above named  
Simpson Hart to be and contain  
his last will and Testament in  
Presence of  
Phillips  
James Whitwell  
Henry Danner  
John Whitwell

Know all men by these presents that I Hugh McGeary of the  
County of Herkles and State of Kentucky have this day bargained  
and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto Joseph  
Harringer, one Negro boy named Manuel, about twenty years  
old, and in and for the consideration of one hundred  
pounds, Virginia Currency to me in hand paid the  
sumpt whereof I do hereby acknowledge to have myself my heirs  
to warrant and forever defend the right title and property of  
said Negro unto Joseph Harringer his heirs from all persons  
or persons of persons whatsoever buying any lawful deed  
or claim to said Negro. And I do further warrant and  
said Negro boy I warrant to be free and clear of all  
bodily impediment whatsoever and without fault  
or blemish of any kind whatsoever. In witness whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this  
8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1789.

In the presence of  
Andrew Jackson  
Charles Haneman

Hugh McGeary (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Sumner County  
Know all men by these presents that Nathaniel  
Parker of the County of Hampshire and State of Virginia do  
nominate and appoint Edward Douglass of North Ca-  
olina Sumner County my true and lawful attorney to act for  
me and in my name to bargain, sell, receive, sue for and  
recover, ~~to~~ take, act and transact in all matters  
things &c. &c. I was myself personally present, heard,  
warranting and confirming whatever my said attorney  
shall do or cause to be done respecting said business  
given under my hand and seal, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1790. Witness  
Edward Douglass. Nathaniel Parker (Seal)

Know all men by these presents that I William Edwards  
of the County of Sumner and State of North Carolina  
for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred  
pounds specie, good and lawful money in hand paid  
by Edward Douglass, of the County and State aforesaid whom  
the said William Edwards doth hereby acknowledge, have

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bargained, sold and delivered unto him the said Edmon Doug-  
lass, one Negro Girl six years old, named Wren, to have and to  
hold the said bargained Negro to him the said Edmon Douglass,  
him, his heirs and administrators and assigns forever - and the  
said William Edwards for himself, my heirs, Executors and  
administrators and assigns forever, by their parents do  
warrant and forever defend unto him the said Edmon Doug-  
lass against all persons whatsoever and by their parents,  
the said bargained Negro unto the said Edmon Douglass,  
him, his heirs, Executors, administrators and assigns forever. In  
witness whereof I the said William Edwards hath hereunto  
set my hand and seal, this twenty seventh of November  
1789.

Test.

Edmon Douglass  
William Edwards

William Edwards

Remitted of Isaac Blewett one hundred pounds Virginia  
Currency in full payment for one Negro boy named Tom  
about sixteen years of age, which boy I promise to warrant  
and forever defend against the lawful Claim or Claims of  
any person or persons whatsoever. Given under my hand  
and seal this twenty ninth day of September one thousand  
seven hundred and ninety.

Signed, sealed and delivered in

presence of John Kelly

Hugh Rogan.

Manful T. Hall

Adm. of Mrs. Hall.

Remitted 17<sup>th</sup> of December 1790 of Edmon Douglass of the  
County of Sumner and Territory of the United States South  
of the River Ohio a valuable Consideration for three Negroes  
which I have bargained and sold and delivered to the said  
Edmon Douglass to wit one yellow named Refugee about  
eighteen or twenty years of age, one white named Polly  
about fifteen years of age - one other black named  
Dore about twelve years of age, which three Negroes  
I do for myself my heirs, my Executors, administrators  
do warrant to be true, sound and sensible  
and I do for ever warrant and forever defend

the said Negroes to the said Edmon Douglass, his heirs  
from the lawful Claim or Claims of any other person  
or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming the same as  
Witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this day and  
year above written.

Edmon Douglass John Dawson  
Jas. Reynolds  
Thomas Christman

I am all over by these parents that I Alexander  
Brownwell of Sumner County in the Territory South  
West of the Ohio for and in full satisfaction of the sum  
of thirty-two pounds lawful Money of North Caro-  
lina to me in hand paid by Joseph Desha the ac-  
cept whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have bargained  
sold and delivered and by these parents according to  
the tenor of Law, do bargain sell and deliver  
unto the said Joseph Desha one Negro Girl aged  
between seven and eight years named Rose - I  
have hereunto set my hand and seal, this day and  
year above written. In witness whereof I the said  
Alexander Brownwell for myself my Executors and  
administrators the said bargained Negro Girl unto the said  
Joseph Desha his Executors, administrators and  
assigns forever. In witness whereof I the said Alexander Brownwell  
for myself my Executors and administrators the said  
bargained Negro Girl unto the said Joseph Desha  
his Executors, administrators and assigns against  
all persons shall and will warrant and forever  
defend by these parents. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January  
1791.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of John Kelly.

Alexander Brownwell

Recorded and examined, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1791.

Remitted 15<sup>th</sup> August 1790. of Isaac Blewett a full and ample  
satisfaction for a Negro Girl, named Nell about fourteen years  
of age - which girl I have bargained sold and delivered to  
the said Isaac Blewett and hereby for myself, my heirs, Executors  
and administrators, do warrant and forever defend  
the said Nell unto the said Isaac Blewett his heirs  
and assigns from the lawful Claim or Claims of any other

person or persons whatsoever - as witness my hand and seal  
the day and date above written  
North Carolina Sumner County.  
Peter Loney.  
Robert Loney.

John D. Hannah

Sumner County, January 1st 1791. Received of Col Isaac  
Weldon Two hundred pounds Virginia Money in full  
payment for two Negroes, viz. a Man named Jack  
about Nineteen years of age, and a Negro girl named Bob  
about eleven years of age, which man and girl I pro-  
mise to warrant, and for ever defend against the  
lawful claim or claims of any persons or persons  
whatsoever. Given under my hand and seal the day and  
year above written.

Signed sealed and delivered

James Hall

in presence of  
G. W. Hester  
J. W. Hester

In the name of God Amen: I Edward Thomas of the County  
of Sumner and Ceded Territory being of sound mind and  
Memory Calling to mind my Mortality. I do make this my last  
will and Testament as follows: I assign my soul to a gra-  
cious God, who gave it in hope of a glorious resurrection through  
Christ my Redeemer. I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth  
all my household furniture and ~~the~~ spinning tools and  
all other tools, all my horses and Saddles, and a Negro  
Wench called Priscilla. I give and bequeath unto my  
Daughter Patsy a Negro boy named Daniel, and another  
named York, another named Peter, and her to pay unto my  
other children five shillings a piece. I do constitute and  
appoint my trusty and good friend my wife and Ben-  
jamin Williams of said County and Ceded Territory  
Executors of this my last will and Testament as witness  
my hand and seal, this fifth of November 1790  
Signed sealed in presence of  
William H. Chow  
John A. Norton.

Edward Thomas  
Recorded & returned  
13<sup>th</sup> January 1791.

From all men by their presents that I Lawrence Thompson  
of Sumner County and State of North Carolina have this  
day bought and sold unto Agariah Thompson and  
John Whitsett of the County of Sumner and State aforesaid  
One Stead Horse known by the name of Bardolph and  
two Sordl Mares, and two bright bay Mares and one  
dark bay Mare and Colt, and one bright bay Horse  
known by the name of the Cat - also three Negroes  
Simon young and Dick, also three feather beds and three  
furniture - ~~and~~ also twenty-two head of Cattle, and  
all the above Cattle is branded with a large J. on  
the left Cushman, and the above Horse branded with  
the same letter under the mane except the Cat - also  
one dozen of Pewter Plates, six Pewter Basins and one  
large Pewter Dish and two China Bowls, and for and  
the Consideration of eighty six pounds to me in hand  
paid by the said Agariah and John Whitsett the Receipt  
whereof I do hereby acknowledge - do bind myself  
my heirs, Executors and Administrators to warrant and  
defend each and every particular of the above men-  
tioned property. My witness whomof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed my seal, Provided nevertheless  
that if Lawrence Thompson his heirs or assigns do  
pay or cause to be paid unto Agariah Thompson  
and John Whitsett their heirs or assigns on or before the first day  
of July One thousand seven hundred and ninety  
one then the said Agariah Thompson and John  
Whitsett to deliver up said property they have received  
but if the said Lawrence his heirs or assigns fail to  
make payment as before mentioned, then the property  
to rest entirely in the said Agariah and John and the  
said Lawrence Thompson his heirs or assigns to be forever  
after barred of the equity of redemption and for the  
true intent and meaning of their presents. I have here-  
unto set my hand and affixed my seal, this thir-  
teenth day of December, one thousand seven hun-  
dred and ninety and in the fourteenth year of our  
said Independence  
Signed sealed and delivered in  
the presence of James Bone  
John Bone  
Robert Bone

Lawrence Thompson  
Recd & returned 24<sup>th</sup> January 1791.

State of North Carolina, Sumner County: Remind 6<sup>th</sup>  
 August 1789. One hundred and fifty pounds in full for  
 a Negro woman named Sada, twenty seven years of age  
 which I do warrant to be healthy, sound and  
 smooth, and do further warrant and forever defend  
 from the lawful claims of any other person or persons  
 whatsoever as soon as my hand and seal, this day and year  
 above written

Witness  
 G. Hamilton  
 James Wilson

Joseph Wallace (Seal)

Know all men by these presents that I Silas McRae of the County of Sumner  
 have bargained sold and delivered to Thomas Wood of the same place  
 One Negro man named Nat Country born, which Negro I do warrant  
 to be healthy and sound - I do warrant and forever  
 defend the said Negro from all lawful claims whatsoever,  
 as witness my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1790.

Edoah Hoogen  
 Charles T. Ford

Silas McRae (Seal)

Recorded and examined July 9<sup>th</sup> 1791.

In the name of God Amen I Alexander Robinson of the County  
 of Sumner and Territory of the United States South of the River Ohio  
 through the abundant Mercy and goodness of God, though weak in  
 body, yet of a sound and perfect Understanding and Memory do  
 constitute this my last will and Testament, and desire that it  
 to be received as such by all Infirmities I give my body to the  
 earth from whence it was taken in full assurance of its resurrec-  
 tion from thence at the last day, as for my trial I desire it  
 may be done without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear  
 wife, and my Executors here after named; as to my worldly estate  
 I will and positively order that all my lawful debts be paid in  
 time. I order that my wife Mary shall have the land that  
 I now live on with the stables belonging thereto together with  
 the Negro for the support of herself and the Children so long  
 as she continues a widow and in case my said wife Mary  
 marry another husband then to have to her Real Estate  
 with her choice of the house besides a Child's part of all my

movable, keeping Item I desire that my two thousand seven of  
 land, lying on the North Fork of Duck River, about four miles from  
 the mouth be equally divided between my four eldest Children  
 viz. Jane, David, James, Elizabeth and Mary, to be to third their  
 parts forever - and that the Court shall choose four judic-  
 cious honest men of the County to divide said land - they then  
 to have it at their choice whether to divide it in four hun-  
 dred and seven acres, or two hundred and seven, which they think  
 most just when they are brought in the said land then I desire  
 that my youngest daughter Betannah shall have the home  
 plantation after she is of age to be her her  
 inheritance, provided that the widow always bear her main ten-  
 ure of said place so long as she continues to live unmarried.  
 I also desire that each and every of my Children do get lib-  
 eral education, provided their schooling money stand as  
 such a part of their share of the movable property,  
 and as soon as all the Children be come of age I  
 desire that there should be an equal division made  
 of all the stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs &c. together with the  
 farming utensils and house hold furniture besides the Negroes,  
 them to be equally divided also, I also constitute and  
 appoint my wife Mary and James M. Hamilton and  
 Agaiiah Thompson sole Executors of this my last will  
 and Testament - hoping the same will be as judiciously  
 and faithfully paid in execution by them as were I per-  
 sonally present could or would do. In witness whereof  
 I here unto set my hand and affix my seal, this 20<sup>th</sup> day  
 of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hun-  
 dred and Ninety one.

Signed sealed and delivered  
 by the above named Alex Robinson  
 as his last will and Testament  
 in presence of us James Whitsett  
 Thomas Finim

Alexander Robinson (Seal)  
 Recorded and examined Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1791.

John McArthur

Know all men by these presents that I Nathan DeLoach in  
 consideration of two hundred and fifty dollars in hand  
 paid by Michael Sizer, hath bargained and sold unto the  
 said Sizer, a Negro Man slave twenty-four years old, sound

and sensible, and the above said Rufin Deloach, doth for himself, his heirs, Executors and Administrators, Covenant and agree to and with the said Michael Sharr his heirs and assigns to warrant and defend the above described Negro Slave named Jacob for ever against the Claim of all persons whatsoever In witness whereof the said Rufin Deloach hath set his hand and affixed his seal the eleventh day of August One thousand Seven hundred and ninety one

Done in presence of  
David Wilson  
Pearce Wall

Rufin Deloach *(Seal)*

Recorded & Examined Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1791.

Know all men by these presents that I Richard Thothin in Consideration of two hundred and twenty dollars to him in hand paid by Michael Sharr hath bargained and sold unto the said Sharr a Negro girl Slave named Leah fourteen years old sound and sensible and the above said Richard Thothin doth for himself his heirs, Executors and Administrators Covenant and agree to and with the said Michael Sharr his heirs and assigns to warrant and defend the above said Negro girl Slave for ever against the Claim of all persons whatsoever in witness whereof the said Richard Thothin hath set his hand and affixed his seal, this the eleventh day of August One thousand Seven hundred and ninety one

Done in presence of  
David Wilson  
Pearce Wall

Richard Thothin *(Seal)*

Recorded and Examined Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1791

Know all men by these presents that I Rufin Deloach of the County of Tazewell in Consideration of the sum of two hundred dollars to him in hand paid by Michael Sharr hath bargained and sold unto the said Sharr a certain Negro Girl named Prudence about twelve years old and the above said Rufin Deloach doth for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators will warrant and forever defend the above

mentioned Negro to Michael his heirs for ever - In witness my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1791.  
Jest Isaac Pleasore  
Joseph Decha  
Rufin Deloach *(Seal)*

Know all men by these presents that I John Sadler of said County for and in Consideration of one hundred and twenty dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do here by acknowledgment before my said wife and children and by these presents do bargain, sell and deliver unto Joseph M<sup>d</sup> & Susan of said County a Negro boy named Prince age seven years or thereabouts, and well warranted him the said Negro to be lawfully owned and sensible and the property of the said against all Claims whatsoever with warrant and forever defend. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this thirtieth day of September One thousand Seven hundred and ninety one Signed, sealed and delivered  
John Sadler *(Seal)*

in presence of  
George Hamilton  
James Stang.

Know all men by these presents that I Page Ballou of the County and Territory of the United States of America in South of the River Ohio have bargained and sold unto Peter Ballou & John Ballou One Certain Bay Steed Horse known by the name of Allen which said horse I warrant from all persons having any lawful Claims - Wherefore I have set hereunto and seal this twenty sixth day of September in the year of our Lord 1791.

John Ballou  
Francis <sup>to the</sup> Ballou

Page Ballou *(Seal)*

Recorded and Examined Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1791.

Know in the presence of God Amen that I do hereby certify that through in a low condition of health I do hereby certify

Soul to God I give it being my last will and Testament — My first desire is all my just and lawful debts should be paid & secondly it is my wish and desire that Elizabeth Hacker should have a certain tract of land lying on ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~bank~~ <sup>bank</sup> of the ~~river~~ <sup>river</sup> containing one hundred acres joining line with Cabon and Can — Thirdly my wish is that Francis Cabon should give up all the papers accounts or bonds of John Sharr to Elizabeth Hacker to her use, him and assigns forever. Fourth my wish and desire is that Peter Sharr should have all that is of my estate in his hands to him his heirs forever — This being my last will and Testament I have written I have set my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1791.

Witness present  
 John Scott  
 Joseph Rogers  
 Thomas Lawson  
 John Sharr  
 John Sharr

Recorded and Examined 10<sup>th</sup> April 1792.

Know all men by these presents that I John Scott of the County of Gray and State of New York have named constituted and by these presents name and ordain and appoint and make Landon Clarke of the County of Davidson and Territory of the United States of America South of the River Ohio my true and faithful Attorney for me and in my name and to my use to demand sue for and receive or due in fee simple for a certain tract of land six hundred and forty acres lying and being in the County of Sumner on a fork of Shenandoe's River from Sampson Williams — giving and fully granting unto my said Attorney full power and authority to execute all such acts things and doings in the law as he may see necessary for recovery of the said due in fee simple and to make and give acquittance or other discharges in my name and generally to do and execute in my premises as fully as myself might or could do were I present & signing confirming and allowing all whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done therein by virtue of these presents.

In witness whereof I have

written set my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 1792  
 Witness present  
 C. Williams  
 Peasey Park  
 John Scott

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of September 1792 the within letter of Attorney was proven by the oath of Oliver Williams. Let it be registered.  
 John McNary  
 Recorded and Examined.

In the name of God Amen I Michael Sharr of the County of Sumner and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and Conscious health and Calling to mind my Mortality I do make this my last will and Testament (viz) as follows.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I assign my soul to a gracious God who gets it in hopes of a glorious resurrection through Christ my Redeemer.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> I order all my lawful debts to be paid, and my body to be decently interred at the discretion of my Executors.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife Catharine all the goods and chattels already left off to her in full of her right of dower in my estate.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my brother John Sharr's oldest son John all the residue of my estate both real and personal.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> I constitute and appoint my truly and good friends Oliver Wilson and John Wilson of said County and State Executors of this my last will and Testament as truly as they have and seal, this eleventh day of February 1789.
- Witness made in presence of  
 Michael Sharr  
 James Rice  
 William Wilson

Recorded and Examined Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1792

In the name of God Amen I Isaac Pleckol being in perfect health of body and of sound mind and disposing mind memory and understanding knowing the certainty death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle all my worldly affairs before it shall please God to call me hence

Warrant and from following viz.

*First* And from especially I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God, who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors, being named, and after my just debts and funeral charges, as paid I give and bequeath as follows.

*Item* I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy Redburn all that tract or parcel of land lying on Cumberland River at Mouth of Redburns Creek, containing four hundred and seven acres - also one of those two Negroes which Col John Montgomery was our man and the first that they tried to send of him, but if neither should be obtained then she is to have Negro Ned, or his value in other property at her then discretion - also the Mahoe Ware and Colt and the Milk Cow, to be her, her heirs and assigns forever.

*Item* I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Redburn Three hundred and twenty acres of land, it being the one half of John Matthews pre-emption on Station Camp Creek, also the Negro which Major William Hall now owns, if the Negro is not obtained, then she is to have the value in other property, at the discretion of her Mother - also my Negro Man and Colt and the Milk Cow to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

*Item* I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Redburn all that tract of land lying on Redburns Creek at the Mouth of Little Roanoke, containing three hundred and twenty acres also one Negro Girl named Sarah - also my Chamber Man and Colt, and the Milk Cow, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

*Item* I give and bequeath unto my son Anthony Redburn that tract of land called my pre-emption adjoining the said Dick and containing six hundred and forty acres also one Negro boy named George - also one Man and Colt called Anthony's Horse - also the Milk Cow - and after the decease of my wife Katy Redburn one Negro boy named Mal to him his heirs and assigns forever.

*Item* I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Redburn all that tract of land whereon I now dwell, the hundred acres whereof he is to have possession so soon as he arrives at the age of twenty one years to be laid off in the North East Corner of the

part of the section, my wife is to have full and free possession during her life and at her decease then he is to possess the entire tract - also one Negro boy called Moses - also one Man and Colt called the Black Billy - also the Milk Cow - also after the decease of my wife one Negro boy named Thomas, to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto the Child whome my wife is now pregnant, if a boy six hundred and forty, if a girl three hundred and twenty acres of land he or she choose of all the lands that I may be entitled to for locating and surveying my Woman, or claim for different gentlemen and a proportion of Stock and Negroes equal to either of the other to it, to him and assigns forever.

All the real and visible of my estate both real and personal of whatever nature or kind so ever I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Katy Redburn during her natural life and at her decease to be equally divided between my son and daughter amongst all my children.

It is my express will and intention that the Legacies to my children be paid so soon as they respectively arrive at age - except Negro will to my son Anthony, and my daughter plantation and Negro Thomas to my son Isaac, which I am in truly record unto my wife during her natural life. I do hereby constitute and appoint my dear wife Katy Redburn, and Anthony Redburn, Daniel Stewart and George Wintchester Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby authorizing and authorizing all former made by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and this only as and for my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this nineteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and eighty seven.

in the presence of our the Subscribing Isaac Redburn Clerk of the Peace, John Redburn the before mentioned Executor, signed, sealed, published and delivered the foregoing as and for his last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof in his presence at his request, and in the presence of each other we have hereunto set our hands and seals, I John Redburn, John Redburn, Thomas Redburn, Daniel Stewart, George Wintchester, and Isaac Stewart.

As it comes by the power of these parents, that I Isaac Redden  
Shame being in the Territory of the United States South of the  
Ohio this has made and declared my last will and test  
amnt in writing bearing date the nineteenth day of August  
the year one thousand, seven hundred and eighty seven  
the said Isaac Redden by these parents, to wit, do certify  
and confirm my said last will and testament and that  
as since the signing of said will I have sold the tract  
and therein give to my daughter Sally. I do therefore  
and bequeath unto my said daughter Sally, the one  
half part of a tract of land containing six hundred  
forty acres, lying on Cumberland River, and on the  
North side thereof at the Mouth of Buffalo Run, the  
other half of said tract I give and bequeath unto my da  
ughter Katy, that is the whole tract to be equally divid  
between my said daughter Katy and Sally according to  
quantity and quality.

I further give and bequeath unto my son William the Redden  
a tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres  
on Cumberland River on the North side thereof where  
old War Trade Crops - also one Negro boy named Bob  
and one other Negro named Bob, when my son William  
arrives at age he is to have possession of said land and all  
debt of my wife Katy he is to have possession of Bob.  
It is further my express will and desire, that my executor do  
so much of the lands that I may be entitled to for  
long and surveying warrants, or claims for gentlemen  
with four other than likely Negro girls between the  
of ten and fifteen years and give one of them to each  
of my daughters Peggy, Sally & Katy.

And when I have signed the aforesaid will  
Thom Redden one of the witnesses therein named is  
I do therefore constitute and appoint Isaac Winchester  
as executor of my said will in his place and stead  
and my will and meaning is that this Codicil be  
judged to be a part and parcel of my last will and  
testament and that all things therein mentioned  
contained be faithfully and truly performed and  
fully and simply in every respect as if the same  
be declared and set down in my last will and test  
ment my hand and seal this

23  
The one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven  
Signed, sealed, published and  
attested in presence of  
I Winchester  
C. Winchester

Know all men by these presents that I Isaac Redden  
County of Mercer and State of Kentucky, do by these  
do make, ordain, constitute and appoint John  
of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky my  
lawfull Attorney for me and in my name to buy  
sell my land and other on Cumberland River  
the said John Redden to grant deed and do  
my name as if I were personally present  
ing and confirming all my said Attorney may  
under my hand and seal, this  
one thousand seven hundred and  
and delivered in the presence of us

John Redden, Secy.  
This day the within I  
as Justice of the Peace for said County  
within Power of Attorney. Given under  
day of December 1792.

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel  
Samuel McDaniel Jr. Esquire before whom  
Power of Attorney was acknowledged was at the  
the state of this County and still an acting  
of the Peace for this County. Given under  
the Seal of said County this 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
The within

Samuel McDaniel Esquire Jan 1793.  
The within Power of  
I Isaac Redden to John Redden was, what  
and admitted to Record  
David

From all and by these presents that I Catherine Shelly widow  
of the County of Sullivan and Territory of the United States  
of America south of the River Ohio for divers good  
and Consideration the contents hereinafter  
expressed, do hereby and by these presents  
do make, ordain, authorize and appoint  
Shelly of Sullivan County and Territory of said  
and lawful Attorney for me and in my name to do  
all and every kind of my business respecting the estate of  
my deceased husband said Shelly that appertains to me or  
Children in said estate, or one or more Attorneys under  
me for the purpose aforesaid to make and at his pleasure  
to work - ratifying and confirming, and by these presents  
do allow all and whatsoever my said Attorney shall  
in my name lawfully do, or cause to be done in and about  
the premises by virtue of these presents. In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1793. And in 18<sup>th</sup> year of the Independence of  
the said State.

Witness my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1793.  
Catherine Shelly  
John McNamee

Sullivan County 5<sup>th</sup> day of March before 1793.  
The within letter of Attorney was acknowledged in  
open Court by Catherine Shelly party therein  
I copy Test. Mathew Owen C. J. C.  
18<sup>th</sup> March 1793. I Certify that Mathew Owen was the  
Sullivan County Court at signing the above Copy  
and also is at this present time.

John Owen County Clerk June 1793.  
The within Power of Attorney from  
Catherine Shelly to David Shelly was exhibited in Court  
and admitted to record.  
David Shelly C. J. C.  
Recorded and Examined 15<sup>th</sup> Octo 1793.

John Owen County Clerk June 1793.  
The within Power of Attorney from  
Catherine Shelly to David Shelly was exhibited in Court  
and admitted to record.  
David Shelly C. J. C.  
Recorded and Examined 15<sup>th</sup> Octo 1793.

a certain conveyance of a certain tract or parcel  
land containing six hundred and forty acres  
more or less being the gift and bequest of  
said Lord's gift and bequest of said land  
being to William Cox in a simple and plain  
manner or could do, some I personally present at  
of the same, ratifying and confirming whatsoever  
Attorney shall do in and about the premises  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
this first day of October 1793

Witness my hand and seal  
William Cox  
Samuel Weston  
Hugh Clifford

I Anthony Costello of Mercer County and Territory  
of the River Ohio do hereby authorize and appoint  
Shelly of Sullivan County and Territory of said  
as a deist in my name against James McNamee  
and on account of him the said McNamee  
do hereby and survey a warrant issued to Thomas  
for six hundred and forty acres of land  
belonging to the said James McNamee  
1790 - and also do authorize the said Shelly  
to the full amount of a judgment which may  
be rendered in consequence of the aforesaid deist, and  
to his own use in witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1793.

Anthony Costello  
Recorded and Examined April 17<sup>th</sup> 1793.

From all and by these presents that I Catherine Shelly  
widow of the County of Sullivan and Territory of the  
United States south of the River Ohio and Sullivan County  
do hereby and by these presents do make, ordain, authorize  
and appoint James Owen of the County of Sullivan  
and Territory of said State my lawful Attorney to do  
all and every kind of my business respecting the estate of  
my deceased husband said Shelly that appertains to me or  
Children in said estate, or one or more Attorneys under  
me for the purpose aforesaid to make and at his pleasure  
to work - ratifying and confirming, and by these presents  
do allow all and whatsoever my said Attorney shall  
in my name lawfully do, or cause to be done in and about  
the premises by virtue of these presents. In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
March 1793.

than as man by their parents that I John Adams of the County  
 of Worcester, do hereby authorize, constitute and  
 appoint my brother James Adams of Worcester County  
 in the United States of America, my true and lawful  
 attorney to sue for and receive the within mentioned  
 four barrels of flour and one barrel of beef, with the law-  
 ful interest thereon and in every respect relative thereto to  
 suit and do for me the same as if I was then personally  
 present. Given under my hand in presence of the under-  
 mentioned Witness at Woburn the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1794  
 and, seven hundred and ninety four.

Parent <sup>his</sup> *John Adams* (Seal)  
<sup>made</sup>

<sup>his</sup> *Thomas Nichols*  
 made

Honourable County of Worcester 1794.  
 The above power of attorney was exhibited  
 in Court and proved by Thomas Nichols the subscribing test. of  
 David Shelby C. J. C.  
 Recorded and examined October 9<sup>th</sup> 1794.

Territory South of the Ohio Same County  
 A Municipal Will of Thomas Blewett  
 did viz on the third day of October one thousand, seven  
 hundred and ninety four, the said Thomas Blewett being  
 lawfully wounded by the Indians at or near Blewett's Creek  
 and whilst lying in a state of despair he called upon  
 Hatty Blewett, and said it was his wish and also his  
 Will that all his personal estate he then was possessed of  
 should be equally divided among all his brothers  
 and sisters viz Sally Shelby, Elizabeth Blundenny,  
 Rachel Kelly, Susanna Penny, Isaac Blewett, Peter  
 Blewett, Abraham Blewett, Henry Blewett and Paddy  
 Blewett, on which third day of October aforesaid the  
 said Thomas Blewett departed this life— sworn  
 to in open Court the sixth day of October one  
 thousand seven hundred and ninety four— the said  
 Hatty Blewett further deposed that she saw the  
 Blewett's wish and desire that all his debts should  
 first paid.

*Hatty Blewett*  
 sworn to in open Court

Territory South of the Ohio, Same County  
 A Municipal Will of Thomas Blewett did viz on the  
 third day of October one thousand seven hundred and  
 ninety four the said Thomas Blewett being lawfully  
 wounded by the Indians at or near Blewett's Creek and  
 whilst lying in a state of despair he called upon  
 And said it was his wish and also his will that  
 his personal estate he then was possessed of should be equally  
 divided amongst all his brothers and sisters viz Sally  
 Shelby, Elizabeth Blundenny, Rachel Kelly, Susanna  
 Penny, Isaac Blewett, Abraham Blewett, Henry  
 and Paddy Blewett, on which third day of October aforesaid  
 the said Thomas Blewett departed this life—  
 sworn to in open Court, the sixth day of October one  
 thousand, seven hundred and ninety four. A. B. C.  
 The said William Reed further deposed that the  
 said Thomas Blewett's wish and desire that all  
 his debts should be first paid  
 sworn to in open Court *William Reed*  
 Test David Wilson

Territory South of the Ohio  
 Same County  
 A Municipal Will of Thomas Blewett did viz on the  
 third day of October one thousand seven hundred and  
 ninety four the said Thomas Blewett being lawfully  
 wounded by the Indians, at or near Blewett's Creek  
 and whilst lying in a state of despair he called upon  
 Joseph Evans and said it was his wish and also his  
 Will that all his personal estate he then was possessed of  
 should be equally divided amongst all his brothers and  
 sisters Sally Shelby, Elizabeth Blundenny, Rachel  
 Kelly, Susanna Penny, Isaac Blewett, Abraham  
 Blewett, Henry Blewett, and Paddy Blewett on which  
 third day of October one thousand, seven hundred and  
 ninety four aforesaid, the said Thomas Blewett  
 as the deponent verily believe departed this life  
 sworn to in open Court, the sixth day of October one  
 thousand seven hundred and ninety four, of my  
 the said Joseph Evans further deposed that he saw  
 that the said Thomas Blewett wish & desire that all  
 first paid sworn to in open Court  
*Joseph Evans*

In all whom these presents shall  
 know that I James Landendale  
 of Rowland County for three Counties and Consecration  
 but more especially in consideration of the fidelity of  
 Peter Berry of Sumner County in Territory of the  
 United States West District I do hereby constitute  
 and appoint the said Peter Berry my true and  
 lawful attorney to collect and receive any debts due  
 or demands now due me from any person in said  
 County, West District and in case it may be nec-  
 essary to bring suit for the same and when nec-  
 essary to give a proper receipt, or discharge for the  
 same, and I do hereby declare that whatsoever the said  
 Peter Berry my attorney shall do in the premises  
 above mentioned shall be good and valid in law  
 as if done personally by myself In witness whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 27<sup>th</sup> day  
 of May 1794

Signed, sealed and delivered James Landendale  
 in presence of  
 Mr. Parberry  
 (James Landendale)  
 John Winchick

Returned & Examined June 16<sup>th</sup> 1794

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Barnes of Sumner  
 County and Territory South the Ohio being weak in body  
 but of sound perfect Mind and Memory do make and  
 publish this to be my last will and Testament. Making the  
 said to remain my last will and Testament  
 and as for my worldly estate which it hath pleased God  
 to bless me with I give and dispose of the same in  
 the following Manner.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Molly being my  
 third boy named John then in her possession to she  
 did he live forever  
 I leave unto my loving wife Selah Barnes all the  
 residue of my estate Stock of all kind and household  
 and furniture. - This I leave unto her during  
 my will and desire is that the Negroes, Stock  
 and household goods and furniture

Together to raise maintain and support my wife and  
 Children, and also I leave unto my loving wife the place  
 where I now live until my son William Barnes  
 arrives in the age of twenty one years

Item

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly and son John Barnes  
 and daughter Susan and my daughter Selah and son Nicholas  
 and my son William and daughter Kelly all my estate that  
 is not irregular mentioned in legacies, Negroes Stock of  
 all kind house hold goods and furniture to be equally di-  
 vided ~~between~~ and then in case of my wife's disease or  
 when my daughter Kelly comes of age - then I give and be-  
 queath to be equally divided among my seven children  
 at my wife's disease, or when my daughter Kelly comes of age  
 I give and bequeath unto my son William Barnes one hundred  
 acres of land, together with the plantation where I now live  
 and him to be possessed of the land when he arrives to the age  
 twenty one

Item

Item

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Selah  
 Barnes and son John Barnes Executors to this my last will  
 and Testament utterly revoking all other wills by me made  
 and

Joseph Barnes

Signed, sealed and acknowledged to be the said will and Testa-  
 ment this seventeenth day of October 1794  
 Intended before signed in the nineteenth line

or when my daughter Kelly comes of age  
 John Selbach  
 Mr. Charles Wright  
 John Roberts

Recorded & Examined April 5<sup>th</sup> 1795

From all men by these presents that I Isaac Black one of  
 Rowson County in the State of North Carolina am held  
 and firmly bound unto James Winchester and George Win-  
 Chester in the just and full sum of one thousand pounds  
 current Money of Virginia to be paid to the said James  
 Winchester and George Winchester, their Certain Attorney, his  
 Executors Administrators, or Assigns. In which pay, amount  
 will and truly to be made and done I bind my self my  
 heirs Executors and Administrators, jointly by these pre-  
 sents sealed with my seal and date this fifteenth  
 day of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above  
 bond Isaac Nelson his heirs, executors, administrators or any  
 of them do not and truly make one and convey, or cause  
 to be made one and conveyed by a good and sufficient  
 and of lawful authority all that part of a tract or  
 parcel of land called Nelsons Mill place, lying and being  
 on Nelsons bank in the County and State of Maryland and  
 contained within the following limits, and bounds, to wit, Beg-  
 inning for one part at a Black Oak and being the  
 Standing at the North West Corner of a tract of land called  
 Nelsons Mill place - running thence North one hundred  
 and fifty seven perches, with two hundred perches, with  
 one hundred and eighty three perches, to an Elm and Elm,  
 that two hundred perches to the North East corner of that  
 part of the original tract laid off for Abraham Small  
 and bounded on it the two following courses, to wit, one  
 hundred and eighty three perches, that one hundred and  
 eighty three perches to a white Oak, stretching and like the  
 line in the East boundary, South one hundred and twenty  
 four perches to an Elm and white Oak, East two hundred and  
 twenty perches to a white Oak, South and Elm to the  
 four perches to a dogwood, Mustang Standing at the  
 North West Corner of a tract of land called Nelsons  
 plantation, then East one hundred and four perches  
 to the original place of beginning, containing and  
 then laid out for four hundred and forty acres of  
 land more or less - to the persons James Dinwiddie  
 and George Micaelides their certain Attorney, heirs, exe-  
 cutors, administrators or assigns or any of them on their  
 paying and satisfying, or causing to be paid and satis-  
 fied unto the persons Isaac Nelson two hundred  
 pounds current Money of Virginia equal to the  
 value of their bond, paper to them, and bearing equal  
 date with these presents, - then the above obligation to be  
 void else to be and remain in full force and virtue  
 Signed, sealed and delivered in Isaac Nelsons presence  
 presence of James Dinwiddie

Isaac Nelson

Proved at April Term 1795 and  
 subscribed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June month

I do hereby oblig myself my heirs, executors, administrators  
 bound to make a deed in fee for one hundred and forty acres  
 of land being part of his hundred and forty acres of land  
 secured by a warrant and original grant Edward  
 Douglas to Isaac Nelson, said deed to be made to Edward  
 Douglas his heirs as soon as the original grant can  
 be obtained to be of equal value with the other half of  
 said tract January 15<sup>th</sup> 1793.

Isaac Nelson  
 Thomas Corwell

Isaac Nelson

Proved at April Term 1795 and subscribed  
 the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June month

Secretary of the United States South of the River

Whereas all men by these presents that I Lewis M. Nelson  
 of Common Council, in the said Territory do hold and  
 jointly bound unto Isaac Campbell of said County  
 and Territory his heirs and assigns in the several terms of  
 one hundred pounds. For which payment well and  
 truly to be made, I bind myself my heirs, executors, administrators  
 sealed with my seal, this thirteenth  
 day of January one thousand seven hundred and  
 ninety one.

The condition of the above obligation that Isaac  
 Nelson is to make unto said Isaac Campbell his heirs  
 and assigns a deed in fee for one hundred acres of land  
 the South East of his own land including a Spring  
 near the Court House with, upon the first day of  
 January 1792 for and in consideration of fifty pounds  
 in hand paid, then the above obligation is void otherwise to  
 remain in full force.

Signed, sealed in presence of  
 John Wilson  
 John Hamilton

Lewis M. Nelson

Proved at April Term 1795 and subscribed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June month

Secretary of the United States South of the River  
 Whereas all men by these presents that I  
 Lewis M. Nelson is to make unto said Isaac Campbell his heirs  
 and assigns a deed in fee for one hundred acres of land  
 the South East of his own land including a Spring  
 near the Court House with, upon the first day of  
 January 1792 for and in consideration of fifty pounds  
 in hand paid, then the above obligation is void otherwise to  
 remain in full force.

of the County and Territory aforesaid, are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency William Blount Esq; Governor of said Territory in the just and full sum of fifteen hundred and twenty dollars, and sixty four cents to be paid to the said Governor his executors or assigns In the whole payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed and dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April Anno Domini 1795.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden William Caze is appointed Collector of the public Taxes in said County, Now if he the said William Caze shall faithfully and duly collect and make payment and settlement with the Treasury of New District of all the said Taxes on or within the time limited by Law then the above obligation to be void, else to remain in full force.

Witness my hand and seal at New Orleans this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1795.  
 Wm Caze  
 Edward Douglas  
 David Shelby

This I do hereby make the thirtieth day of March in the year of our said one thousand seven hundred and ninety five in the second year of our Independence viz Joseph S. Hays Merchant with my own free will and consent placed and some small Appretive unto John Emory Blacksmith his lawful master the said John S. Hays Blacksmith do for as the Master himself understands it will him to sell and serve as an Appretive from the day of the date hereof unto the full year and term of seven years during which time the said Appretive his Master shall and faithfully shall serve all his Lawfull Commands Gladly they will do he shall not depart or absent himself without his Master's leave but to have himself in all things as a faithfull Appretive in all things during said Term And the said Master shall maintain said Appretive in the best manner he can - and shall also feed and allow unto his said Appretive meat, drink wash, lye and boarding and apparel and all other things necessary for an Appretive during the term aforesaid

and at the end said term shall give to his Appretive one new suit of Apparel In witness whereof the parties in the present Indenture have hereunto set their hands & seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of John H. Hays Esq; Abraham Sanders John Sanders

Witness my hand and seal at New Orleans this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1795

Now all men by these presents that I, Anthony Bledsoe of the County of Sullivan are here and firmly bound unto the County of Tazewell in the sum of two hundred pounds viz two hundred Dollars viz two hundred Dollars to be made to the said Joseph Hays his heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns I bind myself my heirs, Executors and Administrators and every of them jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed with my seal and dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April Anno Domini 1793

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Anthony Bledsoe his heirs Executors or Administrators do make or cause to be made to the said Joseph Hays his heirs, Executors, Administrators or assigns a good and sufficient title to his hundred and forty acres of good Land, to wit the Grand Old State Corner Land and Horse Creek to be well watered with at least one good Spring to be seen in a Land Office is opened to the lands on Certificates in the State and to the claimant with a warrant here for to be conveyed the same then the obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Signed in presence in presence of J. Bledsoe Esq; A. Hays David H. Hays

In the name of God Amen. I Edward Douglas being in perfect mind and memory do make this my last will & Testament First I bequeath my soul to God, my body to the dead Second My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral expenses

should be paid 3<sup>rd</sup> My wife and I desire is that the whole of my estate both real and personal should be left to my beloved wife Sarah during her life, and at her death to be divided & disposed of as she may think proper

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When all men by their parents that I Thomas Adams of the County of Sumner and State of North Carolina am here and firmly bound unto James Douglass of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee in the sum of One thousand pounds for the true payment of which I bind myself, my heirs Executors & Administrators to the said James Douglass his heirs and assigns firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and dated this 20<sup>th</sup> November 18<sup>th</sup> 1788

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the said James Douglass do make a deed of conveyance to the said Thomas Adams a good and sufficient title to, good and lawful right having land situate generally lying on the East side of Station Camp within James Hays' Purchase and in case the said described land should be taken by the State to make there a good and sufficient title to land of equal quality and quantity then the obligation to be void else remain in full force and virtue

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of His Executors and Edward Douglass

When all men by their parents that I David Young of Sullivan County, Western Territory, South of the River Ohio, have constituted, made and appointed and by these presents do make, constitute and appoint my

Wife and being called Col Edward Douglass of Sumner County in the Territory of Western Virginia and lawful Attorney for me and in my name and stead to make and execute a good and sufficient deed of conveyance in fee simple unto Samuel Gregg, of Clark County, in the State of Kentucky of all and singular that had or shall or lawfully shall come and long in Sumner County in the Territory of said State between the said Samuel Gregg formerly residing and continuing then resident and being here by legal my name and expressing my seal to such deed of conveyance giving and granting unto my said Attorney by these presents my full and whole power strength & authority in and about the premises to do all and every thing needful and necessary to be done for making a good and perfect title for said lands with the appearance unto the said Samuel Gregg and that as fully largely and amply to all intents and purposes as I myself might or could do were I personally present hereby ratifying and allowing and holding the goods firm and effectual and singular whatsoever my said Attorney shall lawfully do in and about the premises by virtue hereof. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the tenth day of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety five and in the thirteenth year of the Independence of the United States of America

Sealed and delivered in presence of David Young Seal James Hueston John Almonester Margaret Oliver Junr

Witness my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1795. In the name of God Amen I Charles Washington of said State in the County of Sumner and Territory South of the Ohio River do hereby testify and of sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die I do hereby make my last will and testament in the presence of my friends and family and from following my said friends and family I give and bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I do commend to the

Each then has actually arrived at the duration of my Secret  
 through the Name having at the general resurrection to  
 receive the same again by the mighty power of Christ. And  
 as touching such worldly estate as God has been pleased to  
 give me with give to me I give bequeath and make over  
 the same in the following manner viz After all my  
 just debts are paid I give and bequeath to my well beloved  
 Son William Dorr intore a certain tract of land lying on  
 the South side of Cumberland River, passing Michael Jones  
 and the widow Crutchfield and one certain Negro fellow  
 called one Negro with name on Hannah and one Negro boy  
 named George, likewise all the horse he has in possession  
 at this time and three mares - Likewise one half of my  
 Chattle Dogs and Sheep to him and his heirs forever. Let it be my  
 will and pleasure that my dear beloved wife Elizabeth Harni-  
 nger have the use and benefit of the above bequeathed Negro  
 named Hannah Hannah during the widowhood of my said  
 wife.

I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved Son Thomas  
 Harrington a certain tract of land I now live on and a Negro  
 boy named Isaac and likewise a Negro boy named Daniel and  
 a certain brown mare that I got of John Sutton, likewise  
 the half of my Chattle, Dogs and Sheep Likewise half my  
 mark horses to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Elizabeth Harrington  
 one black mare and a servant two sixe old Mares, and  
 an Gray year old horse, likewise all the household fur-  
 niture as she sees right and properly to do with as she  
 shall see cause. She paying such Legacies as hereafter  
 mentioned.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Sarah all  
 the just sum of five Shillings Current Money to be  
 paid by my Executors hereafter to be made as a same equi-  
 valent with what I have already given her) to the rest of my Children  
 I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Elizabeth the  
 just sum of five Shillings Current Money to be paid by  
 Executors hereafter to be named, with that I have already  
 given her as a proportionable part with the rest of  
 my Children.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Susannah  
 the just sum of five Shillings Current Money

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to be paid by my Executors to be named hereafter as her proportion-  
 able part with what she has already received.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Rachael  
 Nelson the just sum of five Shillings Current Money to  
 be paid by my Executors to be named hereafter as her equal  
 part with the rest of my Children.

Lastly I nominate, Appoint and ordain my dear beloved wife  
 Elizabeth Harrington and William Harrington ~~my~~ joint  
 Executors of this my last will and Testament her King, Annuity  
 and Working with all other satisfying and executing this as  
 my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand and Seal, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1794

Signed, sealed, delivered, being <sup>in</sup> the presence of us above the names of each  
 first duly read, in the presence of us above the names of each  
 other Subscribed his Name  
 John Dawson  
 Ezekiel Wood

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Cotton of Sumner County and County  
 South of the Ohio being in perfect Mind and Memory. Think to be  
 God. I do make this my last will and Testament touching  
 such worldly estate whomever it hath pleased God to bless me in  
 this life I give devise and bequeath of the same in the following  
 manner and force. First I give and bequeath to Pin-  
 sellon my dear beloved wife the use of my estate in the  
 following manner. viz The plantation where I now live and  
 my Negro's and all my stock of all kinds Likewise my house  
 hold furniture with all my Iron tools and every other thing at  
 or the house or belonging to the plantation to her and the use for  
 the support of her and my children until in death except  
 she should die before my youngest son comes to twenty one years  
 of age and if she should die before that time she should die before  
 Linda Cotton my youngest son shall come to the age of twenty one  
 years then the above mentioned Estate to fall into the hands of Moore  
 Cotton my eldest son for him to make use of in the same manner  
 as she mentioned until the said Linda Cotton comes to  
 twenty years of age, then or at my wife's death, I give and  
 bequeath to my two daughters Linda Cotton and Sarah  
 Cotton each of them one hundred and thirty three dollars  
 and a third in some kind of property that is most con-

would to pay at that time I give and bequeath to my  
 Son Moore Cotton the half of my land when I was born in  
 being the upper part of the tract to him the said Moore Cotton  
 and his heirs forever I likewise give and bequeath to  
 my Son Sander Cotton the lower part of the same  
 tract of land I was born on to him the said Sander  
 Cotton and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my two  
 sons Allen Cotton and Noah Cotton his hundred and forty acres  
 of land lying on the sides of Little Backsee by the name  
 of Wicks Survey to be equally divided when Allen Cotton  
 comes of age to him the said Allen Cotton and Noah Cotton  
 to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my  
 the sons John Cotton and Arthur Cotton two tracts of land  
 joining John Foreman's plantation, running East down  
 a Branch into Stone River to them and their heirs forever.  
 I give and bequeath to my three children Mary Cuyler,  
 Hannah Cotton, Setha Cotton, John Cotton, Allen Cotton, Sarah  
 Cotton, Arthur Cotton, Noah Cotton, and Sander Cotton all  
 my Negroes and all my stock of all kind and all my non-  
 dehold furniture and perishable property of every kind to  
 be equally divided among my three children before mentioned  
 at the death of my wife Precilla, without the said Precilla  
 should de cease before Sander Cotton shall  
 come to the age of twenty years, then and in that case for the  
 proportion to be equally divided when the afore-  
 said Sander Cotton shall come to the age of twen-  
 ty years to him the said Mary Cotton, Moore Cotton,  
 Setha Cotton, John Cotton, Allen Cotton, Sarah Cotton  
 Arthur Cotton, Noah Cotton and Sander Cotton to them  
 and their heirs forever.

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And Lastly I do hereby constitute and app-  
 oint Moore Cotton, George Perry and Isaac Watson my  
 sole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testam-  
 ent and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disan-  
 nul all other former wills before they were made and this  
 only take to be my last will and Testament. In witness wh-  
 ereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 10<sup>th</sup>  
 day of February 1794

Signed, sealed, pronounced and *Mo. Cotton* to witness  
 declared in presence of us  
*Abraham Rogers*  
*Abraham Rogers*  
*Abraham Rogers*

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Woodall of the  
 State of Tennessee and County of Sevier being very sick  
 and weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory  
 thanks be given unto God Calling unto mind the mortal-  
 ity of my body and Reasoning that it is appointed for  
 all men once to die. He Make and Ordain this my last  
 will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first  
 of all I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands  
 of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recom-  
 mend to the Earth to be buried in a decent Chri-  
 stian burial at the discretion of my Executors, without  
 doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive  
 the same again by the Almighty power of God, and  
 as touching such worldly Estate which it has pleased  
 God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dis-  
 pose of the same in the following manner and form  
 I give and bequeath to Francis my wife, whom I like-  
 wise constitute Make and Ordain the sole and sole  
 Executor of this my last will and Testament, all and singular my  
 goods and Chattels, by her to be possessed and enjoy-  
 ed and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disan-  
 nul all and every other former Testament wills, Legacies  
 and Executors by me in any way before named, made  
 and bequeathed, ratifying and Confirming this and no  
 other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof  
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this nineteenth  
 day of April in the year of Our Lord One thousand  
 seven hundred and ninety Six Edward Woodall  
 Signed, sealed, published  
 Edward Woodall

pronounced and attested by the said Edward Woodall as his  
 last will and Testament in the presence of us, who  
 in his presence and in the presence of each other  
 have hereunto subscribed our names  
 Matthew Sney  
 John Sney

In the Name of God Amen I James Sanderdale of the County  
 of Davidson in the State of Tennessee being now by the blessing  
 in usual health of body and of perfect sound, mind and  
 Memory Make this my last will and Testament.

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my soul to its Creator in all humble hope of its future happiness  
 as in the disposal of a being infinitely good. As to my  
 body my will is that it be buried in a decent manner  
 at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named the  
 Executors or Survivors of them that may be with or with-  
 out me at the time of my decease; As it is my intention to remove  
 God willing from this State to the State of Pennsylvania I hereby  
 make and appoint my eldest son William Sandendale, my  
 youngest son James Sandendale and my son in law  
 James Denny the Executors or Survivors of them Executors to  
 this my last will and Testament

First I order after my funeral expenses are paid, that all my just  
 debts be discharged as far as possible.

Secondly I order and it is my will that the goods and chattels that  
 I may be possessed of and lands of any together with the  
 some Slaves that I now have or hereafter may have be sold  
 at public Sale to the highest bidder and the Moneys aris-  
 ing from such Sale be disposed of in Manner following  
 that is to say

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Margaret Cline  
 widow and wife of James Cline deceased one hundred dollars  
 as her full part and share of whatsoever I may be posses-  
 sion of at the time of my decease

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my Grand son James Martin  
 the sum of twenty pounds out of the neat proceeds of my estate  
 to be put to interest by my Executors the Executors or Survivors  
 of them on the best security they or either of them can get  
 which Money is to be managed in the best Manner for  
 the use of my said Grand son until he arrives to the  
 age of twenty one years, but in case of his death during  
 his minority I order the said twenty pounds with  
 its interest to be equally divided amongst my Legates here-  
 inafter named.

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my son William Sandendale my son  
 John Sandendale, my son James Sandendale, my daughter  
 Jane Crawford, my daughter Elizabeth Martin, my daughter  
 Mary Frankline my daughter Ann Denny and my  
 Grand son John William Son of my daughter Elizabeth afore-  
 said share equally in and of all and singular the neat  
 proceeds of my estate as aforesaid, after all legal deductions  
 are taken out. It is my will that the above last named

persons have equal portion and share and share alike in  
 the distribution of my estate. This is my last will and Testament  
 and I do hereby declare and solemnly swear all for me with  
 and Testaments by me hereof made and used and ratifying  
 and Confirming this and so then for my last will and  
 Testament, Signed with my hand and sealed with my  
 Seal in the County and State first herein mentioned  
 this twenty second day of September in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

Signed, sealed, and declared by the  
 Testator as his last will and Testament of his  
 in the presence of us  
 John West  
 James Sandendale,  
 John Mills

who made & executed  
 As it is intended that I James Sandendale, the foregoing instru-  
 ment of writing do make the following Codicil to the said last  
 will and Testament which is to say I give and bequeath unto  
 my Grand son John Sandendale Son of my youngest son  
 James Sandendale before named in the body of my said last  
 will and Testament an equal share and part of such estate as I  
 shall be possessed of at my decease according to the true and  
 intent and meaning of the said will as fully and amply as  
 if he had been named in the said will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
 affixed my Seal in the County first mentioned in the said will  
 this twenty fourth day of September for the year of our Lord one  
 thousand seven hundred and ninety six. A.D. the word that  
 was intended in this Codicil before signing  
 Signed and Sealed in the presence James Sandendale was sealed  
 of us who subscribed our names  
 Anne John West  
 James Sandendale  
 John Mills

In the Name of God Amen: I Daniel Bushall of Sumner  
 County and State of Pennsylvania, being of Sound and perfect  
 mind and Memory blessed be God, do this day make  
 publish this my last will and Testament, in the following

Warrner January 17<sup>th</sup> day 1794

I have with my beloved wife all my land and all my Negro  
 one parcel horse by the name Jack, One Black Mare, One  
 Gray Mare, four Beds and furniture and all my  
 plantation implements and at the death of my wife Susannah  
 Ben shall my wife and then is that all my estate shall be  
 equally divided amongst all my children Lewis Elizabeth  
 Benthall, Charlotte Marshall Francis Benthall, Mary  
 Winchall and Susannah Ben shall, to them and their heirs  
 forever — Also my desire is that my little silver and  
 white Horse shall be sold for the use of my children  
 I appoint my friend James Coyer my lawyer and fully  
 authorized. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and fixed my seal, this day and date above written  
 William Lalan Benthall  
 Mary Benthall

Adm<sup>r</sup> Benthall

In the Name of God Amen: I Robert Hobbday of the County of Sumner  
 and State of Tennessee, being of sound and perfect mind  
 and memory do hereby declare to the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January One  
 thousand seven hundred and ninety seven. Make publick  
 this my last will and Testament. In the presence follow-  
 ing that is to say,

First I have with my wife all my land and plantation during  
 my life and at my death I do give and bequeath  
 the same land unto my youngest son Richard  
 Hobbday if he lives to the age of twenty one years, but  
 if he shall die at any age to remain to my son John Hobbday  
 to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my  
 beloved mentioned son ~~Richard~~ Hobbday one Negro  
 boy named Chis. I likewise do give and bequeath unto my  
 son John Hobbday one Negro boy named Brit. I like-  
 wise give and bequeath unto my son William Hobbday one  
 Negro boy named Leon. I likewise give and bequeath unto  
 my son one Negro boy named ~~John~~ to them and their  
 heirs forever. Likewise I have with my wife Alice the 20<sup>th</sup>  
 day one Negro woman by the name of Rose, also all of  
 her children also one Negro man by the name of Huddy  
 and one boy by the name of ~~John~~ during her natural  
 life, also all my household <sup>in Hobbday</sup> furniture one cow and

One Horse by the name of Buck and all my plantation implements —  
 Also one Horse by the name of Grand Stead during her natural  
 life, after her death. I give to my son Thomas Brit day  
 the African Negro <sup>named</sup> Dick day to him and his heirs forever. If my  
 Negro Rose both live and have children, I desire that the first  
 born she has from this time to belong to my three little daughters  
 viz to Pottum Felicia and Frittha to them and their heirs fore-  
 ever. I likewise give unto my daughter Elizabeth Hobbday of  
 her the death of my wife one Negro woman by the name  
 of Rose to her and her heirs forever. Likewise I give and  
 bequeath unto my son Robert Hobbday twenty Shillings to him  
 and his heirs forever. Likewise I give unto my son Edmund  
 Hobbday twenty Shillings to him and his heirs forever. I give to my  
 daughter Mary Ann Hobbday twenty Shillings to her and her heirs forever.  
 I give unto my daughter Deborah twenty Shillings to her and  
 her heirs forever. I like and all the rest of my estate to my  
 wife during her life after her death to be equally divided  
 amongst all my children. I do appoint my wife and  
 my friend James Coyer and Moore Colton my sole Ex-  
 ecutors <sup>and</sup> in the presence of  
 William Coyer  
 Peggy Coyer  
 Moore Colton

Robert Hobbday

In the Name of God Amen: I Arab Scouthead being in a feeble state of  
 health, but sound in mind and memory do hereby declare this my last  
 will and Testament.

First I bequeath my soul to God my body to the next person whom  
 it shall serve.  
 Second I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses should be paid.  
 Thirdly My will and desire is that my son and daughter Poley Blackmore  
 daughter of Thomas and Sarah Blackmore should have  
 one further Bed and furniture also one Cow and calf which  
 my father now has in possession.  
 Fourth My will and desire is that my son and son James Blackmore  
 son of the African I should have my young bay Horse.  
 Fifthly My will and desire is that the whole residue of my  
 estate let me by my beloved Edward Scouthead my

and as for will made by him before his decease  
be given to my beloved son Nelly Douglass Son  
of Nelly Douglass.

W. H. I do hereby appoint Nelly Douglass Executor  
of this my last will and Testament. Given  
under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1794  
Witness my hand  
Edward Douglass  
Nelson Cage  
James Cage

In the Name of God Amen: I Mary Wilson of Sumner County and  
State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind  
and memory blessed be God for the same do make and publish this  
my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Natural Son  
Cousinly Child James Hillen my Negro Child named Phillis  
and the more of my estate real or personal. I give and bequeath  
to my son John Wilson my Negro Child named Beck  
and the more of my estate real or personal. I give and bequeath  
each to my daughter Sarah Waldrop my Negro Child or  
Jacob, Dick and Jack and the more of my estate real or  
personal. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint James  
Wilson my Executor, and do hereby signify that my said  
Executor would see the several legacies hereby bequeathed  
delivered to the several legatees accordingly to this my last will  
and Testament hereby making all former wills by me heretofore  
made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal the second day of January in the year of our  
Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight  
Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the before  
named Mary Hillen to be her last will and Testament  
in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our  
names in the presence of the Testator.

Paul Simpson  
Bartholomew Simpson  
Mary Hillen <sup>her mark</sup> **End**

In the Name of God Amen: I Pious Hall of Sumner County

County of Sumner being weak in body but of perfect and sound  
mind be blessed be God for the same and calling to mind  
the frailty of all flesh think proper to make this my last  
will and Testament and do hereby signify that I give bequeath  
as follows God to bless me in this life I give bequeath  
in manner and form following.

To the first place I desire that all my lawful debts should be paid.  
I will and bequeath all the rest of my estate both land and other property  
to my two sons Simon Hall and Jacob Hall to be equally divided.  
It is also my will and desire that this land they shall not sell  
swap or dispose of till they arrive to the age of twenty five  
years. I also constitute and appoint James Coyle and  
John Wilkins the sole Executors of this my last will and Testa-  
ment and I do also declare and revoke and do annul  
all and every Testament will or legacy made by me heretofore  
and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of September in the year of our Lord one thousand  
and seven hundred and ninety eight.

Signed Sealed in the presence of us  
Pious Hall <sup>written to this original</sup>  
Joseph Elliott  
Richard Bradley  
John Spaulding  
Thomas Willis

In the Name of God Amen: I Samuel Simpson of Sumner County  
and State of Tennessee, being in perfect health both in body and  
mind, but being about to travel and calling to mind the  
uncertainty of human life do declare this to be my  
last will and Testament. I give and bequeath unto  
John Montgomery, Son to my old acquaintance William  
Montgomery all my land in Kentucky State, and to my  
another acquaintance Margaret M. G. Church on my being  
Decease the rest of my property I give to Margaret Mont-  
gomery daughter to the above said William Montgomery  
whom I hereby appoint Executor of this my last will  
the above bequests all except the Horse liable for my  
just debts. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1798.

Witness my hand and seal  
Joseph Elliott  
Samuel Simpson **End**

In the Name of God Amen This fourth day of December in  
 year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety  
 Thomas Cummings of Sumner County in the State of Tenn  
 being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory  
 thanks be to God therefore Calling to mind the mortality of  
 my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die  
 to make and ordain this my last will and Testament to be  
 to wit Principally and first of all I give and bequeath  
 my soul to the hands of God who gave it, and my body  
 I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian like  
 and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors  
 not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall obtain  
 the same by the mighty power of God and as touching  
 such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bestow on me  
 I give bequeath and dispose of it in the following  
 manner and form.

First in the first place I allow my wife the sum of one hundred and  
 fifty dollars to be paid and my said money Cash to be laid out  
 in land adjoining my said tract which is already paid  
 and to be conveyed by William H. Gentry of my  
 Executors in due and convenient time to make such a purchase  
 as she and her heirs and assigns shall see proper  
 Secondly I give and bequeath unto my nephew Thomas Cum  
 mings and to my niece Anne Cummings, Son and  
 daughter of James Cummings in North Carolina  
 I say to my said nephew and niece I bequeath the  
 whole of my land both that which I have already pur  
 chased and that which may be purchased out of my  
 purchase money not to make I allow my said nephew to  
 give seven and my remaining Cash as above together  
 with all my debts to be given to my said nephew & niece  
 jointly and equally.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my said friend William H. Gentry  
 the sum of one hundred dollars to remain in his hands & Charles and  
 wife I also bequeath to him jointly and equally with my  
 respected friends Robert & John Canty all my remaining  
 Cattle, together with my saddle and bridle to be de  
 livered to them as they may think most proper  
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
 and the hand of William H. Gentry my true and trusty friend, Executor  
 of this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby certify  
 that the above is a true and correct copy of all and every thing

of the said will and Testament as he has written  
 by me in presence before the same made, with a bequeath  
 the a subscribing and confirming this and in other as my last  
 will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and seal the day and year above written  
 Signed sealed published pronounced and Thomas Cummings  
 and attested by the said James Cummings  
 as his last will and Testament in the presence of  
 John Anderson.

John Anderson

In the Name of God Amen I Nathan Strathings being of a sound  
 mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament  
 In my death I do recommend my soul to God and desire that  
 my body be decently buried and as to my worldly estate  
 I do give and bequeath the same to my beloved  
 John Strathings John Strathings and wife. In testimony  
 thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the third day of  
 October 1798

Nathan Strathings

John Strathings

In the Name of God Amen I John Bringham of Sumner  
 County of the State of Tennessee being of a sound  
 body but in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain  
 this my last will and Testament in words following to  
 wit I give and bequeath my soul unto the hands  
 of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recom  
 mend to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of  
 my Executors and touching such worldly estate as it  
 hath pleased God to bestow on me I will and  
 in the following manner and form.

I bequeath to Katherine Bragance my dear  
 all my movable property such as Silver & Copper  
 and all household furniture of a necessary nature

Don Charles Bignau all and singular My lands  
Appurtenances and Coments by him freely to be possessed  
and enjoyed - And I likewise Constitute and Appoint  
My deare beloved and truly Son James Bignau to  
be My Careful executor to make all rights good ac-  
cording to Law when my kin Cometh of age. And I do  
knowly utterly revoke, revoke, revoke all and every  
other former Testaments and Wills by me in any way before  
made, written and bequeathed, Ratifying and Confir-  
ming this and no other to be My last will and Testament  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand and Seal  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May One thousand Seven hundred and  
ninety eight.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced John Bignau   
by the said John Bignau as his last  
will and Testament in the presence of us,  
who in his presence and the presence of  
each other, have hereunto subscribed our Names  
Richard Hather.

John Dyer  
Richard Dyer  
Patrick Mack

In the name of God Amen: I William Beakley of Sumner County  
and State of Tennessee having laboured under an indisposi-  
tion of health for a considerable length of time but of  
sound Mind Memory and perfect sense do hereby certify that  
I have hereunto subscribed my Name as follows

I do give and bequeath unto my true Sons John Beakley and  
William Beakley the plantation whereon I last dwelt and  
also all the other lands and things which I have hereunto  
subscribed my Name as follows to them their heirs and assigns  
forever. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Sally  
Beakley the Sum of twenty dollars Cash to be paid out  
of the Money arising from the Sale of my personal  
and real Estate when she arriveth to the age of  
Majority to her, her heirs and assigns forever. I also  
give and bequeath unto my daughter Bignau

I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Beakley  
the Sum of twenty dollars Cash to be paid to her all  
her arriveth to the age of Majority and of the Money  
arising from the Sale of my personal Estate as  
above mentioned to her her heirs and assigns forever.  
All the rest residue and Remainder of personal Estate  
of what Nature or kind soever after my just debts and  
funeral expenses are paid and discharged I desire they  
be equally divided between my three daughters before-  
mentioned namely Sally, Nancy & Polly to them their  
heirs and assigns forever, except the rents and profits of  
the land before bequeathed to my true Sons John Beakley  
and William Beakley which rents and profits as well  
such as shall arise upon my decease as after my death  
until the said John & William shall attain the age of Major-  
ity except such parts of said rents and profits as may  
be made use of by myself for my support or otherwise  
before my decease I desire shall go and belong to my  
dear true Sons John & William to them and their heirs  
forever. Lastly I appoint David Beakley executor  
of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and  
repealing all former wills by me heretofore made. In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set My hand and Seal  
my Seal this twenty seventh day of February in the year  
of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and ninety  
eight

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced William <sup>his</sup> Beakley   
by the above named William Beakley as  
his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who have  
hereunto subscribed our Names in the presence of the  
Testator Edward Hogue

Thomas Edwards.  
Richard Hogue

In the name of God, Amen: I Francis W. Hill of the County  
of Sumner and State of Tennessee, being sick in body of  
but of perfect and sound Memory and Calling to mind  
the frailty of all flesh, do think proper to make this my  
last will and Testament in manner and form following  
to wit: In the first place I desire all my just debts to be

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and funeral charges and as to what it hath pleased God to  
help me with I will and dispose of as follows.

In the first place I will and bequeath to my beloved  
wife Mary Willis all my stock which in writing her will  
I have given her, and as her marriage day I will and bequeath  
to my son Jacob Willis the plantation I now live on which  
I purchased of Gabriel Blake and my Malabar Girl  
Abigail and the measure I desire to be equally divided  
between my two daughters Elizabeth Willis and Mary Willis, and  
if either of them should die without lawful issue of their  
body then and in that case the division to be proportioned with  
the whole of the part and as to the balance of my estate  
my will and desire is that it shall be equally divided  
among my three children Jacob Willis, Mary Willis and  
Elizabeth Willis, or such of them as shall be then liv-  
ing even as to my son Jacob Willis, if he should die  
without lawful issue the plantation shall remain in  
like manner and be divided as before-mentioned and  
then I do hereby hereby constitute my beloved wife  
Mary Willis and William Phillips executors of this my  
last will and Testament, & working all well or better made  
by me hereof declaring the only to be my last will &  
Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and fix my seal this the 2d even the day of December  
one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine  
signed and delivered in presence of  
Thomas Willis

William Snoddy  
Charles Elliott

In the Name of God Amen: I Rufus Barron of the State  
of Georgia and County of Spalding, being at this time in perfect  
health and memory though feeling to mind that it  
is appointed for all men once to die, do make and  
ordain this to be my last will and Testament in  
Manner and form as follows. My Prize and  
share in that my Mother shall have all my estate ex-  
cept my just debts are paid — I hereby constitute and  
appoint my Mother Elizabeth wholly and solely  
of this my last will and Testament for and during

all former wills heretofore made by me. In Testimony  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal approved  
my seal, this 15 day of July 1799.

Witness, sealed, published and acknowledged before me  
my last will and Testament of the said  
in presence of William Barron  
Pharaly Barron  
David Lane

In the Name of God Amen: I James Chapman of the State  
of Georgia and County of Spalding being at this time in  
perfect health and memory and knowing  
that it is appointed by God for all men once to die  
do make and constitute this my last will  
and Testament, and do hereby revoke all former  
wills and wills by me heretofore made. And  
first of all I give and bequeath my soul to God that  
first gave it to me in hope to receive the same again  
at the general resurrection through the merits of Jesus  
Christ, and as for my body I do allow it to be bur-  
ied in a Christian manner and as for such articles  
goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give  
and bequeath as follows, to wit:

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha one  
hundred acres of land, it being the plantation on which  
I now live, and also I do give and bequeath to my  
beloved wife Martha all my household and kitchen  
furniture and all my stock of horses and cows and  
hogs and also my wagon and harnessing and  
all my farming tools, except such as shall be hereafter  
mentioned and otherwise appropriated, and also  
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha  
the Negro woman named Kate all which property  
she shall hold during the term of her natural life  
and at her decease I do allow the said property  
to be sold and equally divided between my son  
Samuel James Benjamin and William and I do give  
and bequeath to my son Andrew one hundred acres  
of land it being a part of the tract on which I live to be  
taken off the west end of said tract agreeable to some

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