Robert Blairs Will

I Robert Blair of a sound mind and memory. do make this my last will & testament. first of all I recommend my soul to a kind God trusting free Mercy alone & the atonement of my Lord Jesus Christ in hopes to be found in a happy resurrection. Second I recommend my body to the earth to be buried in a good decent Christian manner. 3d I do will all my just and lawful debts to be paid. 4th during my well beloved wife Sarahs widowhood I recommend that they keep out house keeping but that she keep the children altogether if she marries then to be in the discretion of their Guardians and such estate as may be found to be equally and honestly divided amongst mother & children (viz) Mary Jno. Martha Anna Isabel and David and for James Brown my young boy I have a desire he should stay with them, when he comes of age I will that he gets a good horse and saddle a Mattock. axe bow with good clothes also to get all schooling possible also my own children to be well schooled & brought up in a sober and christian manner and for the true performance of this my last will I do point my trusty friends Robert Allison and my two loving Brothers John and William executors to be my wills just in effect with every ample power which can demand from a testator. signed with my hand and sealed with my seal dated this 6th of April 1801

Robert Blair (Seal)

Test Brice Blair
Alex. McIlen
John Cunningham

The foregoing will was proven in court by the oaths of Brice Blair one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at February Sessions 1802 & ordered to be recorded — John Blair Robert Allison and William Blair qualified as executors to the foregoing Will

Adam Mitchell Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Adam Mitchell of the State of Tennessee & County of Washington being weak of body but of a sound mind do make & ordain this my last will and testament (viz) To my wife Elizabeth I bequeath her maintenance her lifetime on the plantation where I now live Secondly To my son Robert I bequeath all that property which I have already given him. Thirdly To my son William I bequeath One hundred and seven acres of land lying in Guilford County North Carolina together with all the property which he has already received — fourthly I bequeath to my daughter Margaret all that property which she has already received fifthly I bequeath to my son John One hundred acres of land more or less running a straight line from the land with the Meadow fence to the original line between the plantation where I now live and the land belonging to the heirs of John Fain and bounding at the same place running along the road to Jno. Mentioned in the Allegation affidavit of John B. McMahan including a tract of land purchased of said McMahan except twenty five acres — sixthly to my son Adam I bequeath all my right and title of two hundred acres of land purchased of James Witherspoon together with all the property which he has already received — seventhly to my sons Samuel David James & Elizabeth. I bequeath the remainder of my land to be

Adam Mitchell Will

equally divided I give and bequeath to my daughter Abby Rebecca and Nancy a portion proportionate to the portion of property given to my daughter Margaret Lastly it is my will that all debts be paid from the surplus production of the plantation but if this will not be sufficient property must be sold for that purpose In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3d day of April in the year of our Lord 1802 since ec

Adam Mitchell (Seal)

Test
Nicholas Fain
John Hammer

The foregoing will was proven in court by the oaths of Nicholas Fain & John Hammer the subscribing witnesses thereto at May sitting Sessions 1802 & ordered to be recorded

Benjamin Shipley Will

Know all men that may see these present Greeting that I Benjamin Shipley of the County of Washington in the State of Tennessee being advanced in age and weakly in body but of sound and disposed mind & memory do make and put in writing this plan of people to be my last will and testamento in manner & form following. that is to say, first My will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid as a testator —

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth peaceable possession of the house and privilege of a good orchard there to that I now live in of the Hall Chase to live there after my death and to have the privilege of pasturage for One cow & calf in some of the fields that may be put to pasturage and to have fire wood cut & stacked in proper lengths and sides and hauled to the house and to have rough food & green sufficient to feed the creatures in winter and to be furnished with as much grain of any kind that she may want and meet with other reasonable emoluments that she may want as long as she may live out of the property of my estate also my will & desire is that my loving wife have the use of all the household furniture that I shall be possessed of as long as she may live she to have her choice of the cows that I may be possessed of Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Nathan Shipley the plantation where on I now live and as it is in several tracts my desire is that he shall have the whole and as there is a piece of that I have not yet got a deed for I do hereby give him privilege to get the deed in his own name also all the horses cattle sheep hogs & farming utensils that I may be possessed of (except the one cow and calf mentioned above to be my dear wifes) and one little heifer commonly called little Rebecks that my dear son Nathan for the use during the lifetime of my dear wife to furnish her in the manner above mentioned) to be his for ever fourthly I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sarah Shipley daughter to my son Nathan that one heifer commonly called Rebecks heifer and if it shall live till I die or if it shall be there at the time of my death fifthly whereas I have heretofore given to all my children except my son Nathan several times what I then thought I could spare and as I then meant that what I then should be their portion of my estate I now bequeath to each of them the several things I then gave & no more except to my son James I give & bequeath