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Thomas Ball Will

In the Name of God Amen

August the 30th 1827 I Thomas Ball of the County of Washington and State of Virginia being weak in body but of sound mind & memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die I do constitute and ordain this my last will & testament. Resolving hence all to that and as touching worldly estate it has please God to bless me with I wish to dispose of the same in the following manner first I will that all my last debts be paid and I am satisfied then I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca fifty acres of land of the upper end of the place running across from line to line I give to my Son Joseph forty acres of land running Rebecca to own so as not to enclose the new house which Corrie Brown has built. On the fourth I will that Daniel Sells and Joseph Ball for Samuel Ball give each in trade one hundred worth of my currency I will that Elizabeth Brown shall have the ballance of the land I give my household furniture to my daughter Rebecca I give my cow to Emmeley Wardsdale I will that the ballance of my property be sold & after all debts is paid the ballance of the money to be loaned. But for bibles and religious books to be equally divided among my grand children I appoint my trusty friends Daniel Sells and Nathan Barnes sole executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal the day of the year above written.

Thomas Ball Test
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Rebekah Gray & The foregoing will was proven in Court by the Oaths of Robert Daniel Sells & Gray and Daniel Sells. The subscribing witnesses thereto a solemn Oath 1828 & recorded. Nathan Barnes & Daniel Sells qualified as executors of the foregoing will.

Jonathan Hammer Will

Be it Remembered that on the 9th day of August 1827 I Jonathan Hammer of the County of Washington and State of Virginia being in a low state of health and under bodily affliction but being of sound mind & memory and believing that my affliction is such that it is not likely that I shall continue long in this life I therefore make & constitute this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a plain Christian burial at the discretion of my friends. Secondly I will that all my last debts be paid out of my movable estate. Thirdly I leave to my daughter Elizabeth a good new husband & bed clothes and a new saddle worth twenty dollars and a Spanish wheel. Fourthly I give & bequeath unto Sarah my wife all the remainder of my movable estate to own and whosoever my children who are now age then if there shall be any of my movables left at her death or in case she should marry then such remaining movables estate shall be sold and the money divided equally between my four youngest children namely Deborah Samuel B. Catherine & Jonathan. I also bequeath to my wife Sarah my land whereon I now live so long as she shall remain my widow and at her death or in case she shall marry then my four

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Jonathan Hammer will

Hammer to have fifty dollars my daughter Mary Beeth fifty dollars and my daughter Elizabeth fifty dollars and the remainder to be equally divided between my wife Sarah and my eleven children namely Rachel Boyer John Hammer Anna Nancy Margaret Cook Mary Beeth Elizabeth Isaac Deborah Samuel B. Catherine & Jonathan. And unless any of them should die under age and without heirs such that shall fall to the surviving Brothers and sisters And I appoint Henry Hop executor of this my last will & testament investing him with full power to sell and convey my land when the circumstances come to the above stated make it necessary to be sold and thereby make and make all former wills and testaments by me made before dead & published in the presence of us

Jonathan Hammer Test

John Rang & Jacob Rang } The foregoing will was proven in Court by the Oaths of John Rang and Jacob Rang the subscribing witnesses thereto a solemn Oath 1828 & recorded. Henry Hop qualified as executor to the foregoing will.

J. B. Waddell

John Waddell Will

When I John Waddell of

Washington County & State of Virginia being weak in body & in the decline of life but of sound mind & memory & calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die I do constitute and ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following (mark) I will that after my decease my body be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executor & that all my last debts & my funeral charges be paid by my executor and of my estate I give & bequeath to my beloved and amiable Waddell the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid when by my executor all my expenses and also I bequeath to her all the property that is now in my possession which she bought with her after she became my wife to pay on of as she may think proper. I give and bequeath to my grandson John Waddell seven hundred and thirty acres be the same more or less also I do further bequeath to my said grandson all the remainder of my stock which I may be seized & possess of at my decease consisting of horses cattle sheep hogs pigs my household & kitchen furniture also my wagon & guns and all my farming utensils by him to be enjoyed for ever after my decease I also give & bequeath to my said grandson John Waddell and my Negro man called and known by the name of Davis to enjoy his services & to support & maintain said slave in his service of said Negro shall be continued to those with him. Then I give and bequeath to my sons & daughters following to wit John Waddell Sells Geo Waddell Sister Shields Charles Waddell Peggy Jean Samuel D Waddell Jonathan Waddell Rachel Shields and Shugart Wilson each of them the sum of one dollar to be paid to them by my executor after my decease & in addition to what I have heretofore given them making a deficiency. Then I do hereby constitute and ordain Samuel Boyer & John Rang both of Washington County appointed to be the sole executors of this

John Waddell's Will

In My last will & Testament revoking & annulling all other wills & Testaments heretofore by me made declaring this and this alone to be my last will & Testament And the said John Waddell did in our presence whose names are directed subscribers sign & seal pronounced & declare this to be his last will & Testament who in his presence & in the presence of each other did on the twenty third day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty three subscribe our names hereto as witnesses

John Waddell (Seal)
Wade

Daniel Grazier

Peter Earnest

Isaac Earnest

James Braggs

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the Oath of Daniel Grazier & Peter Earnest two of the Subscribing witnesses Thence at January Term 1828 & recorded James Braggs duly qualified as executor to the foregoing will

Robert Blackley Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Robert Blackley of the County of Washington & State of Tennessee being sick & weak in body thought thanks to God I am in perfect mind & memory & fully able mind that it is expedient to all men once to be do make & declare my last will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all I give and bequeath My soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it & My body & members to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of My Executors Nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate which with it belongs to be left me in this life I give & bequeath of the same in the following manner to wit First I give & bequeath to my son Daniel a large Bible to remain in his hands like an opportunity of grace to convert it to my son Thomas which I want done if possible, and a book that is called Gospel do not let I wish to bequeath to my daughter Martha And it is my will that my land and property should be put to sale by my executor, and to my wife beloved daughter Sophia I wish and bequeath that she shall have the one half of all that remains after all my just debts that is duly authenticated is satisfied that is to say the half part of my land and the other half is to be divided between my son Daniel and my son John and my son William & my daughter Martha Baunford and my son Thomas And I do hereby utterly disallow & revoke & annul all & every other former Testaments wills legacies bequests & executors by me and in any way before named wills & bequests ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day of May in the year of One thousand eight hundred & twenty eight Robert Blackley of James Blackley appointed executor Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Robert Blackley as his last will & Testament in the presence of us who in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names that Daniel Blackley & Nathaniel Blackley two of the Subscribing witnesses Thence at July Term 1828 & recorded James Braggs duly qualified as executor to the foregoing will

Jonathan Tucker Will

In the Name of God Amen

Jonathan Tucker of the State of Tennessee Washington County being in a low state of health & weak in body but still of perfect sound mind and memory and knowing that it is expedient for me to do make this instrument of writing my last will & Testament in the following manner First I give & bequeath to my Father's wife Mary the place where I now live during her Natural life and at her death to be equally divided amongst my children but my will is that some of them purchase the other share without dividing amongst the whole if not so agree amongst them for the land to be sold & the proceeds equally divided I also give her a horse & mare that I now have two cows such as the State chose out of my stock her share of six bags & two binding saws six sheep all the furniture which belongs to the plantation all the grain that is now on hand and what is now growing for the use of her and family all the household furniture except such as my wife now own and hundred dollars out of the proceeds of the sale of my personal property to be deposited in her hands for the use of educating and raising up my two youngest children Jonathan and Catherine Secondly I give to my daughter Mary - Mary and love that she now claims at the present they shall be taken by two or three indentured men Thirdly I give to my daughter Eliza a young horse & cow that she now claims at the present they shall be taken by two or three indentured men Fourthly I give to my son Joseph my stud horse & one hundred dollars price out of his share of my estate Fifthly I give to my son George all the property that I have heretofore owned of me at the present I have charged him as the amount now stands against him amounting to one hundred & thirty four dollars Sixthly My will is that the balance of my personal estate not needed by me be kept together by my wife and family until next fall and then be sold at a credit to the best advantage as my executor shall think proper all the debts that are owing to me to be collected by my executor and the money loaned out on interest together with proceeds of my personal estate to be equally divided between my other children not named in my will as they shall arrive at twenty one years of age also my tract of land where I formerly lived on which my brick contains forty four & a half acres James John Dugles and the heirs of John Ford did to be sold by my executor and the money besides on interest and divided as above directed to be done with the money owing me and the sale of my personal estate and my executor is hereby authorized to make a sufficient title to any person or persons that shall as may purchase the same But it is hereby to be understood that if George shall pay the sum of One hundred dollars as to my executor to be divided amongst my children as above named they are hereby authorized to make him a sufficient title to above described forty four and a half acres of land (Seven Eighths) My will is that if my wife shall die before my youngest child shall come of age the land adjoining mine to her to be rented until estate all shall be of age and then divided or sold as before directed Eighthly The intention of my will is that all my children have an equal share of my estate and each one have the amount of one hundred and thirty five dollars the amount my son George has received