

James W. Young's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I James Young of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following, to wit — In the first place I give and bequeath to my son William H. Young the tract of land I bought of Alexander McBoide, containing one hundred acres, of which he is now in possession and to remain in possession of him the time of my death. I also give to my said son William H. Young so much of the tract on which I now live as will make him an equal quantity of acres, so that he will have as much or so many acres as my son Thomas C. Young but William is not to have possession of the part of the tract I now live on until my youngest daughter Elizabeth arrives at twenty one years of age. The tract that I live on to be divided by a line beginning at a red oak corner of the tract formerly owned by Joseph Young, now between Lewis corner and running across a tract of land I bought of John Parker, and an entry I made adjoining Elijah ~~Marina~~ ^{Marina}, to be and to ensure to William H. Young and his heirs forever. I will and bequeath to my son Joseph L. Young ~~seventy eight acres of land which I bought of William Ward and wife and~~ in addition thereto I will and bequeath to my son Thomas C. Young all the rest remaining half part of the tract on which I reside with all the improvements thereon, so that he will be entitled to an equal quantity of acres with my son William, to hold the said tract to my son Thomas C. Young, his heirs and assigns forever. I will and bequeath to my son Joseph L. Young sixty eight acres of land which I bought of William Ward and wife and in addition thereto that acres lying over the ridge from said piece on the draft of Cherokee Creek, which I entered, making in all ninety eight acres, to hold to the said Joseph L. Young his heirs forever. I will and bequeath to my son William H. Young my negro boy named Levi, to have and to hold said negro boy to him and his heirs forever. I will and bequeath to my son Joseph L. Young, my negro named Spencer, to him and his heirs forever. I will and bequeath to my son Thomas C. Young, my negro boy named Isaac, to him and his heirs forever. It is my will and desire that my negro woman named Aggy shall live with and remain in possession of my son Thomas C. Young until he arrives at twenty one years of age, at which time she may choose which of my children she will live with, and if she chooses to live with either of my daughters, in that case, when ever chooses to take her shall pay an equal proportion of her value to their other sisters, but if Aggy should choose to live with either of my sons, then and in that case, my son shall have Aggy valued and pay their sisters her valuation, and if they cannot agree about her value, to be left to three disinterested neighbors to determine on the value of Aggy, and should Aggy before my son Thomas C. Young arrives at full age that is twenty one years of age, the children born of her to be divided amongst my five daughters. I will and bequeath to James H. Gillespie and Sarah his wife a negro girl named Hannah, who I have

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dollars when they received her, together with any increase she may have, to be and ensure to the said James H. Gillespie and wife and their heirs forever. I will and bequeath to my daughter Lane Eliza Young a negro girl named Becky, to her and heirs forever, and whatever amount Becky falls short of being valued worth three hundred dollars, it is my will and desire should be paid to my said daughter, Lane Eliza, by my executors hereafter named, out of any personal property my executors may think best for my said daughter, and also I have given my said daughter Eliza a saddle and tabor, I also give them over and above the property in the foregoing bequest, I also will and bequeath to my said daughter Lane Eliza one hundred and forty five dollars worth of property out of my personal estate, such as a horse and household furniture. I will and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Emily Young, my negro girl named Emily, to hold to her and her heirs forever, I also will bequeath to my said daughter Catharine Emily Eighty dollars, to be paid by my executors hereafter named out of any of my personal property, such as they may, shall be of opinion is most suitable for her for house keeping. I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Caroline Young my negro man named Bob, to be and ensure to her and her heirs forever. My said daughter Margaret Caroline is not to have possession of said negro fellow Bob until she arrives at age or gets married. I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Young, my negro man named Reuben, to be only for her proper use at the time she arrives at twenty one years of age or gets married, and also I will and desire to my said daughter, Elizabeth Young, one hundred and fifty dollars worth of property in a horse or mare, saddle and bridle, and the balance thereof to be in such property as she may stand in need of when she arrives at twenty one years of age or gets married, to be paid by my executors out of my personal estate. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph L. Young a good bed and furniture and two cows, which will make him equal to what I have heretofore given my son William, taking into consideration what he has heretofore received of me. I will and bequeath to my son Thomas C. Young a horse saddle and bridle, two cows, bed and bedstead and furniture, and after paying all the before mentioned legacies, to his brothers and sisters the rest and residue of all my personal estate, of every kind, I will and bequeath to my said son Thomas C. Young and his heirs forever. I hold the legal title to a tract of land in Hawkins County, containing one hundred and fourteen acres which was conveyed to me by Robert Long for the benefit of my uncle Joseph Young's heirs, and whenever the heirs of Joseph Young will receive the title or dispose of said land, I hereby authorize my executors hereafter named, to convey said tract of land, as it is not my wish my estate should be embarrassed in any way or manner with it as the land or the value of it really belongs to the heirs of Joseph Young. I some years ago made an entry of fifteen acres of land at the foot of the hill where I now live, and it is

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The lands of James Price and Thomas Price, my wife and dence is, my executors should procure the grant for it, and when obtained I hereby authorise my said executors to sell and dispose of it for the best price they can get for the heirs of Thomas Price dead and hereby rest my executors with full power to convey it to any purchaser. It is my wish and desire that my children should continue to live on the plantation I now live on until they arrive at twenty one years of age respectively, or get married, and that my executors hereafter named should keep them together, and have my farm managed so as to keep them comfortably together, and as I do wish to avoid lawsuits amongst them if possible, should any difference ever arise, it is my wish if any difference should happen, that the same be referred to three disinterested neighbors to settle, whose determination thereon shall be final amongst them. It is my will and desire that all my just debts should be paid, and those owing to me should be collected, but should my executors not be able to collect as fast as they may be compelled to pay, I hereby authorize and empower my said executors hereafter mentioned to sell so much of my personal estate as can be spared most conveniently to pay my debts. Lastly I hereby nominate and constitute my son, William H. Young and James H. Gillespie executors of this my last will and testament, and as it may be inconvenient for them to give security, I do not wish them to be bound to give it by court having great confidence in their integrity, hereby renouncing as valid my will heretofore made and ratifying this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of March 1834, signed sealed and delivered by James W. Young as his last will and testament and in the presence of the testator and in the presence each other as witnesses our hands this

James W. Young

John Kennedy
Benjamin Drane
Elisha Brown

Jacob Ellis Will

In the name of God Amen.

I Jacob Ellis being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First. My will and desire is that all my just debts be fully paid and satisfied and to be paid out of my debts that is due me as much as possible. My desire is that a tract of land that I hold on Little Scrantom a house Black Ellis live on, be sold, provided the said Black Ellis does not pay my debt that is due me from him but if in case the said Ellis does pay the debt that is due to me, then I desire to make the said Black Ellis a good and sufficient title. My desire is that my part of the plantation

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much of the loose property that can be best spared as will pay all my debts. My desire is that my wife Letitia Ellis shall have the plantation on which I now live on with all the appurtenances belonging thereto during her natural life time, together with the house hold and kitchen furniture. My desire is that my wife shall pay my daughter that is single as they come of age two hundred dollars in trade. My desire is that my black man Ned shall live with my wife and family, and my desire is that he shall not be sold, and that he is not to belong to any one particular of the family, but to remain on the plantation to help take care and raise the family. My desire is that my sons, William, Robert, John and Jacob shall have my plantation on which I now live on and my desire is that my above named sons each of them shall pay two hundred and fifty dollars, making all together one thousand which shall be divided among my girls as they come of age. My desire is if any thing remains at the death of my wife to be equally divided among my girls. My desire is that my property be sold on twelve months credit. My desire is that my son William Ellis and my wife Letitia Ellis be my Executors and Execution of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills and testaments by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 19th day of July 1834.

Jacob Ellis

signed sealed in presence of us

George Brown

William Brown

John H. Clark

The foregoing will was proven in open court by the oaths of George Brown and William Brown two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and recorded.

William Keener's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I William Keener of the State of Tennessee and county of Washington being in perfect health of body and of sound disposing mind and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following. First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named, and after my debts and funeral expenses are paid I desire and bequeath as follows. Item 1st I give and bequeath my plantation whereon I now dwell to my children in