

Extract of Will of Esther Young – 28 Jun 1843

Washington County, Tennessee

I Esther Young of the County of Washington . . .

1st I give . . . unto my nephew Thompson Crockett my negro boy John who is to stay with his mother six years.

2nd I give . . . Joseph L Burttts my negro boy called Jim.

3rd I give . . . unto my step daughter Elizabeth Burttts my negro woman Pheobe

4th I give . . . unto Mary Esther Burttts my negro girl Ellen. 5th. I give

. . . unto John Crockett Burttts my negro boy Henderson. 6th. I give .

. . . unto Wm F? Burttts my negro boy Jesse. 7th. I give . . . unto Ann

Elizabeth Burttts my negro girl Mary also one bed and bedding and

side saddle. 8th. I give . . . unto James H Burttts my negro boy

Lewis. 9th. I give . . . unto Eselina T? Burttts my negro girl Catherine

also one bed and furniture and bureau and table and looking glass

andirons, silver tea-spoons &c. 10th. I give . . . unto Cordelia J

Burttts my negro boy Ebbert. 11th. I give and bequeath unto

Belsadora L Burttts ^and Margaret Burttts^ my negro woman Vina twin children to be divided between them by lot 12th. I give . . . unto

Frank Duncan, who is a free man of color my negro woman Vina and

her youngest child called Elizabeth provided that the said Frank or

Vina his wife never meddle with or use any influence with the negroes

belonging to Joseph L Burttts family, and in the event the said Burttts

or his heirs ever think that their influence over their negroes is such

as to render them dissatisfied or unruly, then the said Frank and Vina

are at the [?] of the said Burttts his heirs or assigns [rest of line

unreadable] out of the neighborhood a sufficient distance to prevent

any such influence, and if they should fail to do so, then and in that

case the said Vina shall return to said Burttts and his heirs as a lawful slave for life.

And lastly I hereby appoint Joseph L Burttts sole executor . . . this

28th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

and forty three

Esther Young [seal]

Signed . . . by the above named Esther Young . . . in the presence of

. . .

Teste C F Yeager

E L Miller

Samuel W Hoss

Esther Young's Will

I Esther Young of the County of Washington State of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

- 1st I give and bequeath unto my nephew Thompson Leitch my negro boy John who is to stay with his mother six years.
- 2nd I give and bequeath unto Joseph D Burtis my negro boy called Jim.
- 3rd I give and bequeath unto my step daughter Elizabeth Burtis my negro woman Phoebe.
- 4th I give and bequeath unto Mary Estlin Burtis my negro girl Ellen. 5th I give and bequeath unto John Leitch Burtis my negro boy Henderson. 6th I give and bequeath unto John D Burtis my negro boy Spe. 7th I give and bequeath unto Ann Elizabeth Burtis my negro girl Mary also one bed and bedding and side saddle &c. 8th I give and bequeath unto James H Burtis my negro boy Lewis. 9th I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth T. Burtis my negro girl Catherine also one bed and furniture and Bureau and table and looking glass, and brass, silver tea-spoons &c. 10th I give and bequeath unto Cordelia Burtis my negro boy Ebbert. 11th I give and bequeath unto Beladora ^{and Margaret Burtis} my negro woman Vina twin children to be divided between them by lots. 12th I give and bequeath unto Frank Duncan, who is a free man of color my negro woman Vina and her youngest child called Elizabeth provided that they since Frank or Vina his wife never meddle with or use any influence with the negroes belonging to Joseph D Burtis family, and in the event that said Burtis or his heirs ever think that their influence over their negroes is such as to render them dissatisfied or unruly, then the said Frank and Vina are at the request of the said Burtis to be sold as slaves to

out of the neighborhood a sufficient distance to prevent any such influence, and if they should fail to do so, at them and in that case the said Vina shall return to said Burtis and his heirs as a lawful slave for life.

And lastly I hereby appoint Joseph D Burtis sole Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and for my seal this 28th day of June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty three

Esther Young Real

As before said and published and declared by the above named Esther Young to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator. — Subscribed before me

Wm H. Keizer
E. S. Miller
Samuel W. Hop
The foregoing will was proven in open Court and Recorded.