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COPY OF WILLIAM GOIN WILL, SEPTEMBER 1828

Submitted to the Claiborne County Progress by Nell Quesenberg

The land described in this will has been owned by the Ott Walker family of lower Straight Creek for one hundred and twenty-five years. Many of the Goin slaves mentioned in this old will are buried on the Ott Walker farm, a short distance from the house. The Walker men of six generations have always maintained this plot of ground. *Donated by Ott and Mae Walker, August 11, 1979. Copied by their daughter, Imogene Walker Love.*

I, William Goin, in the county of Claiborne, being in the State of Tennessee, being in good health and in my perfect mind, and memory, but advanced in life, do make and publish this my last will and testament. Hereby revoking all other and formal wills.

First: It is my will and desire that all the just debts I may owe, shall be first paid out of my estate by my executor.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my loving wife, Elizabeth, the mare she usually rides called Lili, two sows and pigs to be of good quality, two cows and calves to be set apart to her by my executor, and it is my wish and desire that my wife have possession and enjoy the plantation or cleared land where I now live and have sufficient timber for firewood, and timber to keep up the farm and granary and said plantation as long as she may live, and remain my widow but no longer. And it is my will that she also have the Negro woman, and all the property left her by her former husband, Christopher Dameron.

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my two sons, Levi and Pleasant Goin, the tract of land whence where I now live containing two hundred and sixty acres conveyed to me by three separate deeds. I also give to my two sons a part of the tract of land I purchased from Adam Peck to be bordered by Big Spring Branch to the head of the same to include 1/2 of the branch and spring, then to run eastwardly to the line of the tract of two hundred and sixty acres, above given. Then run with the lines of the Peck tract, until it strikes the said tract. I also give to my son, Pleasant Goin, a Negro woman named Nell and her three children, named David, Casamay and Louisa Jane and their increase forever, one set of blacksmith tools, and a sorrel horse colt, one year old last June, also one ax and hoe, one handsaw and mattock.

Fourthly: I give and bequeath my son, William Goin, one Negro man named George, one Negro woman named Eliza, one Negro boy named Jim and one part of the residence of the land I purchased from Adam Peck, also one plow, hoe and a pair of iron chains and one cow. I also give to my three sons, Levi, William and Pleasant each one their part of the money I have in my hand at the time of my death.

Fifthly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sophia Dameron, one Negro woman named Delia and her two children Sue and Nell and her increases and also one third part of the tract of land purchased from Peck and not given to my two sons, Pleasant and Levi, the chestnut sorrel mare she now has in her possession.

Sixthly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Murphy one Negro boy named Philip, a Negro girl named Linda, a Negro boy named Anderson, one feather bed, furniture, the other third part of the trace of land purchased from Peck.

Seventhly: I give and bequeath to my son, Levi Goin, one Negro man named Abraham, a Negro girl names Nance, a Negro girl named Tilda, one wagon and gears, a feather bed, and furniture, a horse bridle and saddle, one bay horse colt, one year old last June, two cows and calves, all the stock of hogs not given to my wife, two ewes and lambs, all the household and kitchen furniture not before given to any of my children and the balance of my farming tools not previously given.

Eighthly: It is my will and desire that my executors use the lawful means to emancipate and forever set free my Negro woman Nance after the date and before my death that such child or children be equally divided among all my children, but in making such division, the child or children not be sold out of my family.

Ninthly: I appoint my two sons, Levi and William, executors to this my last will and testament, in testimony whereof thereunto set my hand and sealed this the 17th day of September, 1828.

Signed, sealed and published and declared in the presence of I.A. Howard, John Cocke, Will Reece, John M. Brabston.

William Goin

His Mark