

WILL OF WILLIAM DENNEY (1793-1852) SMITH COUNTY, TENNESSEE

(Will Book 7, pp. 161-162, Smith County Microfilm Roll, 105)

I William Denny of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee being in body though sound in mind have this 28th day of October 1852 have made this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made. Item 1st my will and order is that burial and funeral expenses be paid out of the first moneys that may first come into the hands of my executor. I 2 my will and desire is that my wife Charlotte Denny have the following negroes during her life time to wit Charles Aggy Ben and Amandy also that my wife Charlotte to have the dower here including my residence. It. 3d my will and desire is that my son William Denny have the negro boy John heretofore given him that the balance of the tract of my land be equally divided between my two sons William C. & Carroll W. Denny. William C. taking the lower end of the said tract and Carroll W. the upper portion both having free access to the well at this place and to the pond below this place and where Carroll W. now lives also that my son Carroll W. have the negro boy George heretofore given. It my will and desire that the girl heretofore given to my daughter Harriet Underwood by the name of Evaline and now sold that that Sale be valid and that she have the town lot that she has heretofore lived and also my negro man wiley to be hers forever.

Item my will is that my daughter Maryan Stone have the negro woman Sarah and her children heretofore given and that she also have my negro man Wiley Item my will is that my daughter Francis Underwood have the girl Marry heretofore given and that she have money enough to by her a negro boy.

Item my will is that the balance of my property and town lots and all my money and cash notes and stock of any kind household and kitchen furniture working utensils be sold and the money or negroes herein not mentioned be equally divided between my three daughters my wife herein before having her lot and portion of the negroes allotted to her. Item my will is that my wife's dower at her death be divided between my William C. & my son Carroll W. Denny after the death of my wife. Item my will is that my son William C. Denny to my Executor to this my last will given under my hand and seal this 25th of October 1852. Signed and Sealed in the presence of witnesses.

William (his x mark) Denny

Test. Harry Ward H. T. Rucks Jas. L. Alexander

Tennessee Smith County County Court December Term 1852.

This the last will and Testament of William Denny _____ in open court for probate and the execution thereof duly proven in open court by the oaths of Henry Ward, Howel T. Rucks and James L. Alexander subscribing witnesses thereto. When on motion said last will and testament was ordered to be filed and recorded. W.V.R. Hallum Clerk

Recorded 20th January 1853. See file dated 1853.

ESTATE RECORD ON NEXT PAGES

**INVENTORY OF ESTATE AND ACCOUNT OF SALES
HELD DECEMBER 15, 1882, JANUARY 1, 1853, AND
FEBRUARY 18, 1853**

(Smith County Administrator Estates Inventories 1853-1856.)

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Widow	1 bed and furniture	\$1.00
Widow	1 trundle bed	\$0.50
Widow	6 chairs	\$1.00
Widow	1 Workstand	\$1.00
Widow	2 pictures	\$0.10
Widow	1 candlestand	\$0.10
Widow	1 candlestand	\$0.10
Widow	1 clock	\$1.00
Widow	1 lot chairs	\$0.25
Widow	1 large table	\$0.50
Widow	1 sugar stand	\$0.50
Widow	1 bedstead and furnature	\$7.75
Widow	1 axe	\$0.55
Widow	1 cupboard and furniture	\$4.25
Widow	1 small table	\$1.10
Widow	1 Beaureau	\$2.25
Widow	1 chest	\$0.50
Widow	1 box and trunk	\$0.25
Widow	3 Jars	\$2.10
Widow	1 smoothing Iron	\$0.10
Widow	1 lott sundries	\$0.65
Widow	1 lott sundries	\$0.25
Widow	1 bed and furnature	\$15.25
Widow	1 trundle \$ furnature	\$4.50
Burton Underwood	1 Bead and furnature	\$12.75
Widow	1 box	\$0.10
Mrs. Snow	1 chest	\$0.25
Mrs. Stone	1 bed and furnature	\$12.25
Widow	1 Box and contence	\$0.10
Stephen Stone	1 Bed Stead	\$0.55
Burton Underwood	1 Looking Glass	\$0.50
Widow	1 box	\$0.10
Widow	1 reel and Givear [?]	\$0.10
Widow	1 lot sundries	\$30.10

Stephen Stone	Mans Saddle	\$7.55
Johnson Underwood	1 pair saddle bags	\$3.50
Widow	Carpet on the floor	\$1.10
Widow	1 looking glass	\$0.55
Widow	1 Wardrobe	\$0.15
Widow	1 lott books	\$1.10
Widow	1 lott in the closeth	\$0.50
Widow	1 lott Hoes	\$0.25
John Haynes	1 lott plows	\$0.25
Widow	1 lot articles	\$0.10
B. Foley	3 pair Hames and traces	\$1.10
Widow	1 wheat Jin	\$1.10
Widow	1 lot sundries	\$0.05
Widow	1 cross cut saw	\$1.30
Widow	1 lot sundries	\$0.25
Widow	1 lot sundries	\$1.40
B. Foley	1 lot sundries	\$0.10
Widow	2 cradles	\$0.65
J. Underwood	1 Bay Horse	\$30.00
Widow	1 Mar	\$65.00
Burton Underwood	1 horse	\$30.00
F. Farrior	1 sorrel horse	\$33.50
Stephen Stone	1 claybank mare	\$41.00
H. Barksdale	1 Bay mare	\$107.50
James Sircy	1 Black Mule Sucking	\$25.00
Sharp Kindred	1 blind bay mare	\$6.00
M. Ballinger	1 cow & white calf	\$5.00
P. Fisher	1 cow and Black calf	\$10.50
Widow	1 Pided cow and calf	\$10.50
Widow	1 cow and young calf	\$12.00
J.B. Jeffreys	1 Pided cow and calf	\$12.00
J. Parmer	1 yoke oxen	\$36.75
J. Sanders	1 yoke oxen	\$40.50
Widow	2 Black steers	\$20.25
Burton Underwood	1 Black Bull	\$5.00
Burton Underwood	1 Black cow	\$6.10
Burton Underwood	1 Brown Pided Heifer	\$4.00
S. Burdine	1 white face Heifer	\$6.25
S. Burdine	1 milk and cider Heifer	\$5.50
S. Burdine	1 white Heifer	\$5.25

S. Burdine	2 steers	\$16.00
S. Budine	2 steers	\$10.50
William Gunn	1 white face cow	\$6.00
H. Ward	1 Red Steer	\$10.25
A.C. Lee	2 steers black and brindle	\$12.50
Samuel Burdine	1 Red heifer	\$3.00
Stephen Stone	1 white heifer	\$6.50
William Gann	1 white heifer	\$4.25
John Parmer	1 Brown mule	\$60.00
R. Gann	1 Mare	\$60.00
R. Gann	1 Mare	\$50.50
B.F. Ballinger	1 Horse	\$25.00
John Parmer	1 Claybank	\$79.00
John Parmer	1 brown mare	\$58.00
John Parmer	1 brown mare	\$60.00
H. Ward	1 brown mare	\$36.00
D. Hankins	1 bay mare	\$60.00
Widow	1 waggon	\$5.50
John Law	10 first choice hoggs	\$25.00
Widow	10 second choice hoggs	\$15.00
John Burford	10 3rd choice hoggs	\$19.00
John Burford	10 4th choice hoggs	\$17.25
John Burford	7 the balance hoggs @ 1.20	\$8.40
Widow	8 1st choice hogs @ 1.30	\$10.40
Thomas Chambers	12 the balance @ .90	\$10.80
Widow	1 sow and 9 piggs	\$5.60
J. Underwood	1 white sow and 4 pigs	\$3.60
J. Underwood	1 spotted sow and pigs	\$3.25
J. Underwood	1 spotted sow and pigs	\$44.00
The widow	10 first chois hogs	\$61.25
G. Donahoo	10 second chois hogs	\$50.00
G. Donahoo	10 third chois hogs	\$54.00
G. Donahoo	10 fourth chois hogs	\$43.00
John Sanders	4 last chois hogs @ 3.59	\$14.38
Widow	50 barrels corn @ 1.00	\$50.00
B. Turner	50 barrels corn @ 1.05	\$52.50
John Burford	25 barrels corn @ 1.05	\$26.25
Tom Burdine	35 ¾ barrels corn	\$36.95
W.H. Hale	25 ¾ barrels corn @ 1.05	\$26.25
O. Green	25 ¾ barrels corn @ 1.05	\$26.25

O. Johnson	18 $\frac{3}{4}$ barrels corn @ 1.00	\$18.00
H.T. Rucks	19 $\frac{3}{4}$ barrels corn @ .90	\$17.10
G.E. Belcher	1 Jack Ass	\$169.50
Solomon Reed	1 stack fodder 1 st choice	\$5.95
M. Haynes	1 stack fodder 2 nd choice	\$4.30
Burton Underwood	1 stack fodder 3 rd choice	\$2.00
Widow	1 stack fodder 4 th choice	\$1.00
Widow	1 stack fodder 5 th choice	\$1.00
Widow	2 stacks fodder 6 th & 7 th choice	\$2.00
Widow	1 stack oats	\$0.50
Carroll Denney	1 Barn Tobacco	\$30.00
Carroll Denney	1 Barn Tobacco	\$25.00
Carroll Denney	1 Barn Tobacco	\$20.00
Carroll Denney	1 Barn Tobacco	\$50.00
Widow	10 sheep @ 0.51	\$5.10
H. Ward	1 Raw Hide	\$1.00
Widow	1 Geer	\$0.05
James Alexander	19 Turkey at .25	\$4.75
Widow	1 lot chickens	\$0.05
J.B. Jeffrey	5 bee stands at 0.75	\$3.75
Widow	5 bee stands	\$2.25
R. Burton	5 bee stands	\$2.30
James Turner	5 bee stands	\$2.10
A.J. Lee	3 bee stands	\$1.20
Widow	1 shot gun	\$0.50
Widow	1 grind stone	\$0.55
Stephen Stone	5 Bushels Wheat @0.55	\$2.75
Stephen Stone	5 Bushels Wheat @0.51	\$2.55
Stephen Stone	5 Bushels Wheat @0.51	\$2.55
Stephen Stone	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushels Wheat @ 0.56	\$8.12
J. Underwood	172 lbs Lard @ 0.7 $\frac{1}{4}$	\$12.47
Mrs. Denney	1 lot of salt	\$1.50
Mrs. Denney	1 lot of soap	\$1.05
Mrs. Denney	5 hogsheads	\$1.05
Mrs. Denney	5 Bonnets	\$0.10
J. Underwood	15 lbs tallow @ 0.07	\$1.05
Stephen Stone	1 half bushel	\$0.15
John M. Haynes	1 Barrel Vinegar	\$3.30
W.G.F. Underwood	1 whipsaw	\$1.40
Stephen Stone	1 whipsaw	\$1.40

J. Underwood	100 lbs Bakon Sides @ 0.06	\$6.00
J. Underwood	100 lbs Bakon sides @0.05 ½	\$5.50
J. Underwood	100 lbs Bakon sides @0.05 ½	\$5.50
T. P. Law	891 lbs Priveley of all? @.04 ¼	\$51.81
J. Underwood	100 lbs Baken Hams @0.05	\$5.00
W.G.F. Underwood	100 lbs Baken Hams @0.05	\$5.00
J. Underwood	149 lbs balance @0.05	\$2.45
J. Underwood	79 ½ lb shoulders @ 0.03 ½	\$2.78
W.W. Averett	1 Barrel Vinegar	\$2.60
Burton Underwood	1 Barrel Vinegar	\$0.25
J. Underwood	1 Spinning Machine	\$1.00
Mrs. Denney	1 Tray	\$0.15
Mrs. Denney	1 Tray	\$0.30
Mrs. Denney	1 Tub	\$0.12
Mrs. Denney	1 oven	\$0.35
Mrs. Denney	1 pot	\$0.55
Mrs. Denney	1 large Kettle	\$1.30
Mrs. Denney	1 oven & lid	\$0.55
Mrs. Denney	1 lot of kooking utensils	\$1.10
Mrs. Denney	1 pot rack	\$0.20
Mrs. Denney	1 Tine Shovel	\$0.15
Mrs. Denney	1 Frying pan	\$0.15
Mrs. Denney	1 Pale and Riggen	\$0.40
Mrs. Denney	1 Tray Bowl, Sifter, & _____	\$0.45
Burton Underwood	1 Tray	\$0.10
Mrs. Denney	1 Briting Iron [?]	\$0.45
Mrs. Denney	1 axe & hammer	\$0.035
Mrs. Denney	1 spinning wheel	\$1.05
Johnson Underwood	1 spinning wheel	\$0.50
John W. Hughes	1 spinning wheel	\$0.05
Johnson Underwood	1 spinning wheel	\$0.05
Mrs. Denney	1 loom	\$1.10
Mrs. Denney	1 pair wauful Irons	\$0.45
Mrs Denney	1 pair pot hooks	\$0.10
Stephen Stone	1 mans saddle	\$1.10
W.W. Averett	5 bushels potatoes @0.26	\$1.30
Mrs. Denney	3 ½ bushels potatoes @0.31	\$0.93
W.W. Averett	5 bushels yams @0.37 ½	\$1.67
Burton Underwood	5 bushels yams @0.35	\$3.
Mrs. Denney	1 lott Butter	\$8.55

J. Underwood	1 Troff Lard	\$2.00
J. Underwood	1 Fatt Stand	\$0.40
Stephen Stone	1 Fatt Stand	\$0.35
Burton Underwood	1 water can	\$0.25
Mrs. Denney	1 small skillet	\$0.20
Mrs. Denney	1 pair Waful Irons	\$0.30
Mrs. Denney	1 shovel	\$0.10
Mrs. Denney	1 pair And Irons	\$0.45
Mrs. Denney	1 pair Tongs	\$0.20
Mrs. Denney	1 window curtain	\$0.05
John M. Haynes	1 Bag dried Apples	\$1.25
Mrs. Denney	1 Bag dried Apples	\$0.85
Mrs. Denney	1 Bag dried Apples	\$0.35
Mrs. Denney	1 Bag dried Apples	\$0.85
Mrs. Denney	1 pair saddle bags	\$0.15
Mrs. Denney	1 kettle common size	\$1.50
Burton Underwood	1 kettle small size	\$1.00
John Fiveash	1 Braud Ax	\$0.36
Mrs. Denney	1 Pair pot hooks	\$0.20
Mrs. Denney	1 hand axe	\$0.55
Mrs. Denney	1 Drawing knife	\$0.55
Mrs. Denney	2 Iron wedges	\$0.10
Johnson Underwood	1 Digger	\$0.50
Mrs. Denney	1 Brace and Bit	\$0.05
Mrs. Denney	1 lott shucks	\$0.10
Stephen Stone	1 stack oats	\$4.25
Yancey Massey	1 stack Fodder	\$1.70
Yancey Massey	1 stack Fodder	\$0.50
Stephen Stone	1 stack Hay	\$2.02
W.W. Averette	1 stack Fodder	\$3.75
J. Underwood	1 side upper leather	\$1.30
C.W. Denney	1 Plow hoe	\$0.25
C.W. Denney	1 Buttong Plow	\$0.25
J. Underwood	1 Pair Steelyards	\$1.00
C.W. Denney	1 lott tobacco	\$0.16
John W. Morris	1 pair cart wheels	\$4.90
J.C. Ward	4 chois hogs	\$12.00
J.C. Ward	5 2 nd choice hogs	\$7.50
J.C. Ward	1 hog	\$4.00
C.W. Denney	1 lot Hay	\$0.25

John Fiveash	1 lott ____ corn	\$2.85
		Total \$2424.49

March 7 and Supplemental inventory to be made
Recorded 12 Mar 1853
Dated 1853 Wm. C. Denney

This inventory represents a huge farming operation with a lot of capital behind it. There is probably a lot more in the supplemental inventory that will include the slaves owned by Denney. Note that son William C. Denney did not purchase anything at this sale. He did make numerous purchases at the estate sale of William Bradley, his father-in-law, on February 23, 1853.

William Denney's estate **p. 85**

Supplemental Inventory of William Denney's Estate.

One note on J. Underwood du Dec 28, 1856 (?)	\$400.00
One note on John Fivash due Dec 25, 1852	\$220.00
One note on A. Carmicle due June 17, 1845	\$34.35
One accepted order on J.L. Thompson Due March 1, 1851	\$13.96
One note on Robert Burton due July 19, 1842	\$60.00
Credits by cash	
Aug 21st 1843	<u>\$10.00</u>
	\$50.00
Feb 5, 1851	\$2.00 42.00 \$18.00 (?)
One note on J. Fivash Due Dec 25, 1851	\$220.00
Same paid \$15.00	Interest \$15.00
Doubtful 1 note on Robert McCall due 21st Oct 1848	
Doubtful 1 note on Sol Dice	
Doubtful 1 note on Creed Penn T. Page Secry 7 June 1845	\$106.20
Credits by cash	
June 20, 1846	\$60.00
Nov 30, 1850	<u>\$43.44</u>
	\$103.44
Leaving	\$2.79
Desperate 2 act on T.L. Stratton March 6, 1845	\$3.75

3 note on William Dillard due 13 June 1849	\$4.86	
4 ace on Samuel Evitts Mar 18, 1845	\$250.00	
5 note on M & P. Duffy May 20, 1846	\$55.80	
6 note on Tom S. & Jas. H. Sanders Dec 25, 1844	\$5.00	
7 Creed Penn due 1 st Jany 1851	\$4.42	
8 T.L. Armstrong June 1, 1842	\$72.75	
9 T.L. Armstrong Dec 23, 1848	\$16.12	
10. John Campbell Dec 29, 1841	\$2.00	
11 J. H. Bedford Nov 7, 1847	\$98.00	
12 Robert S. Mills July 16, 1845	\$100.00	
Credits by cash Dec 20, 1845	\$50.00	
Aug 27, 1846	<u>\$25.00</u>	
	\$75.00	\$25.00

It looks as if each of these accounts are listed as doubtful, but this seems hard to believe as several of these individuals are merchants from the area, as evidenced by the fact that the Duffy's purchased the tobacco crop in the next section, but it seems that the payment for that year's crop was not paid for by the time of the inventory, so maybe all of them are merchants or neighbors who had fallen on hard times. John H. Bedford had sued William B. Allen over a debt some time before. Allen was the son-in-law of Benjamin and Kerrenhappuch Taylor Denney.

Acct sales for Tobacco 1846 by M. & P. Duffy	\$293.45
Cash on hand	\$1660.00
14 on farmers merchant bank Memphis	<u>\$102.00</u>
	\$3298.07

Subscribed and sworn to 4th April 1853 Wm C. Denney Execr.
 Recorded 3 June 1853 See file dated 1853

William Denny's Estate p. 210
 A supplemental Inventory & ace sales of the estate of Wm Denny decd.

1 negro belonging to said estate bequeathed to the widow for life:
 Charles, Aggy, Ben, & Mandy who are in possession of said widow.
 2 negro Wiley bequeathed to Mrs. Mary Ann Stone & who has been
 delivered to said Legatee.

3 Negroes divided between the legatee by commissioners appointed for that purpose to wit:

To Mrs. Mary Ann Stone negroes:

Alexander valued at	\$700.00
Dred valued at	\$650.00
Jane valued at	<u>\$475.00</u>
	\$1825.00

To Mrs. Harriet Underwood negroes:

Lucy valued at	\$850.00
Archible valued at	\$550.00
Milly valued at	\$150.00
Dugg valued at	<u>\$1.00</u>
(why was Dugg valued so low?)	\$1550

To Francis Underwood negroes:

Parham valued at	\$750.00
Adam valued at	\$650.00
Lydia valued at	<u>\$200.00</u>
	\$1600.00

Which negroes have been delivered to said legatees pursuant to a division made by commissioners one open account on Jas. L. Alexander for \$5.00 one note on Mathew Wilson dated Sept 27, 1852 which note is deemed desperate \$12.75.

Accs to wit

Thomas A. Flippin	18 ¼ sole leather @23	\$12.75
Jas Gill	½ side leather	\$0.60
Jas Marfill	2 sides leather	\$2.20

**William F. McCalliser purchased the town lot directed to be sold by the will at the price of \$410.80 on a credit of 12 months sold on 14 Jan 1854. totals \$436.60 April 3, 1854 Sworn to 3 April 1854 Wm. C. Denny Exec
Rec. June 13, 1854, see file dated 1853.**

Wm Denny's estate

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Pursuant to an order of the county court made at its January term we the undersigned commissioners met and divided the negroes belonging to Wm. Denny decd in the following manner viz:

Lot #1 To Stephen Stone

Alexander valued at	\$700.
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Dru valued at	\$650
Jane woman valued at	<u>\$475</u>
	\$1825

Lot # 2 To J. Underwood

Lucy negro girl	\$850
Archible boy	\$550
Milly woman	\$150
Dug man	\$1.00
Cash	<u>\$107.66</u>
	\$1658.66

Lot # 3 To B. Underwood

Parham negro boy	\$750
Adam negro boy	\$650
Lydia woman	\$200
Cash	<u>\$58.66</u>
	\$1658.66

The cash allowance is taken from the lot #1 so as to make the amt equal Jan 26, 1854.

Rec 13 June 1854
See file dated 1853

E. Harrison
Orville Green
John H. Bates
Wm. M. Price
W.W. Seay

William C. Denny Executor p. 309
Dec 18, 1854 to the Estate of William Denny dcd.

p. 53 This amount from Inventory & ace sales	\$2429.07
p. 85 This amount from Sup Inventory	\$3298.07
p. 210 This amount from Supl Inventory & ace sales	\$436.10
This amt int reported by Exec	<u>\$160.43</u>
	\$6319.09

Crs.

By Clerks fee qualifying & Will	\$2.00
Subscribers to prove will	\$0.25

Inv. & ace sales		\$1.50
Suppl. Inv.		\$0.75
Suppl Inv. & ace sales		\$1.50
Orders to divide slaves		\$0.75
Commissioners to subdivide slaves		\$0.25
p. 85 interest reported twice this includes insolv.		\$15.00
1. Robert McCall note insolvent		\$28.32
2. T.J. Stratton ace amount of receipt		\$3.75
3. Wm. Dillard not known		\$4.89
4. Samuel Evitts ace		\$2.50
5. M. & P. Duffy		\$55.80
6. John S. & John H. Sanders		\$5.00
7. Creed Penn		\$4.42
8. T.T. Armstrong out of state		\$72.75
9. Unpassable bank bills		\$102.00
15. Will Hart	rcpt	\$31.15
16. Wm. C. Denny	ace	\$31.15
17. A. Smith	rcpt	\$18.81
18. J. B. Burdin	rcpt	\$20.30
19. Soloman Dice	ace	\$9.01 (or 9.07)
20. Head and Turner	rcpt	\$10.00
21. Leonard Ballow	ace	\$20.00
22. Wm. Springs	ace	<u>\$2.50</u>
		<u>\$851.74</u>
		\$5461.35
23. Wm. F. McCalister	ace	\$3.00
24. Burton Underwood	ace	\$10.60
25. Basil Foley	ace	\$1.00
26. Wm. W. Sercy	Recpt	\$6.00
27. J.M. Hughes	Recpt	\$2.00
28. W.W. Bell		\$0.80
29. Stepehn Stone	ace	\$65.00
30. A.L. Bains	ace	\$5.00
31. Jas L. Alexander	ace	\$47.00
32. Jas L. Thompson	ace	\$11.00
33. Jas L. Thompson	ace	\$7.00
34. Burton Underwood		\$800.00
This amount allowed exec.		\$300.00
Clerks fee		<u>\$2.50</u>
		\$1250.90

	Crs by Essa (?) in no 19	\$4.10
	Essa (?) in no 31	\$2.00
35	Wm C. Denny's ace (Decd by compromise to \$50.00)	\$75.00
36	Thos W. Page note	\$2.65
37	Shff J.W. Hughes serving notice	\$0.50
	This amt allowed clerk by court	<u>\$10.00</u>
		<u>\$69.25</u>
	This amount to be distributed Feb 1855	\$4131.20

Exec sais he hired negroes to the aires nominally for \$1.00 which has not been paid to him nor accounted for by him.

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We acknowledge ourselves indebted to the State of Tennessee in the sum of seven thousand dollars to be void if Johnson Underwood who has this day received from Wm. C. Denny Exec of Wm Denny dcd the sum of Thirteen hundred and seventy seven dollars and 06 cts to the following slaves Lucy Archibal, Milly & Dug 1 house lot in Rome his share of the personal & real estate bequeathed to him in right of his wife Harriet by the law of Wm. Denny should pay & refund his suitable part of any debt or debts against said estate which may be hereafter sued for recorded or otherwise duly made to appear this 9 day of Febry 1855

Johnson Underwood (Seal)
Will C. Bole (Seal)

Test. W.V.R. Hallum
Recorded 23 Aug 1855
See file dated 1855

We acknowledge ourselves indebted to the State of Tennessee in the sum of seven thousand dollars to be void if Burton Underwood who has this day received from Wm. C. Denny Exec of Wm Denny dcd the sum of Thirteen hundred and seventy seven dollars and 06 cts to the following slaves Parham Adam & Lidia & eight hundred dollars in place of another slave his share of the personal & real estate bequeathed to him in right of his wife Harriet by the law of Wm. Denny should pay & refund his suitable part of any debt or debts against said estate which may be hereafter sued for recorded or otherwise duly made to appear this 9 day of Febry 1855

Burton Underwood (Seal)
L. Allison (Seal)

Test. W.V.R. Hallum
Recorded 23 Aug 1855
See file dated 1855

We acknowledge ourselves indebted to the State of Tennessee in the sum of seven thousand dollars to the payment whereof we bind our heirs executors & administrators jointly & severally sealed and _____
This 1st day of March 1855 The condition off the above obligation is such that Wm. C. Denney Executor off Wm. Denney Dec. has heretofor delivered to me the following slaves Jane, Dred, Ellicks, & Wally in right of my wife Mary Ann, under the will of said Wm Denny & has payed to me the sum of thirteen hundred & seventy seven dollars & 06 cents now should I pay back and refund to said executor my suitable part of any debt or debts aginst said estate which may hereafter be duly made to appear then the above obligation to be void. Otherwise to remain in full force & virtue.

Stephen Stone (Seal)
H.T. Rucks (Seal)

Rec. W.V.R. Hallum
23 Aug 1855
See file dated 1855

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