

WILLIAM DENNEY

(1821-1902 SON OF BENJAMIN)

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

State of Tennessee Smith County: May 13th 1857 Wheas it is allotted unto man once to die and after this the Judgement & as We Know not when therefore I William Denny being of Sount mind and dispering memory do herby make and publish this as my last Will and testament revoking and making void all Wills by me heretofore maid.

1st I commend my Soul to god Who gave it and Who doeth all things well

2nd I desire and direct that my barial expences and all my Just debts be paid out of the monies I may die sized and possessed of or out of the hands of my Executor or Executrix.

3rd I desire that my Wife Liddie Denny have and Controle all my real estate during her materal life The House and lot known as the Pigeon Roost place to disose of as she may thinks but to promote her best interest to sell or rent.

4th I desire my home place after the death of my Wife Liddie Denny to be equally divided between my four Children John Nathan James & Elizabeath reserving one forth of an acre fer burring ground and the right of way to and from it.

5th I desire that Nathan portion be allotted to him so as to give him the house and improvments Wher he now livs Charging him one hudred dollars for said improvments and to his Children after him I do this that he may not be renged out of a home during his natural life.

6 I desire in the division of lands into lots so as to give each a portion the one who may draw the dweling hous and other improvments to be Charged one hundred dollars for the same if equality can be maid with personal property or monies on hand I desire it done if not I desire that equality be reached by giving the ones that get the houses less Land.

7th I desire the portion that is allotted to my Daughter Elisabeth if she should die Without issue to be equally divided With her three Brothers but if she should have issue then to descend to them.

8th I hereby Nominate and appoint Liddie Denny my Excecuter to Carry out this th revisions of my last Will and Testament given under my hand and Seal this the 13 day of May 1887

William (his x mark) Denny

Test: H.B. Ballengers
J.T. Creaghead

Codicil to the above

1st I desir that John Barnett & Lem Barnett has the Wright to Bery ther dead in the Grav yard

2 I desir that J. T. Creaghead by Apointed Guardin for my daughter Elisabeth so that She Cold not Wrong out of her interest

This March 12th 1900

William (his x mark) Denney

Test H.B. Ballenger
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Note: William Denney was born in October of 1821 to Benjamin and Kerrenhappuch Taylor Denney while they still lived north of New Middleton, and moved with the rest of his family to the Pigeon Roost farm about 1832. The Lem and John Barnet mentioned in the will were the sons of Denney's brother-in-law Lemuel Barnet who married Mary Denney. Mary Denney and Lemuel are both buried in the cemetery mentioned in the will. William remained on the farm with his parents and began purchasing the interests of his brothers and sisters soon after the death of their father. Benjamin and Kerrenhappuch Denney, as well as Agnes Taylor, Agnes Denney Spencer and many other members of the Denney family are likely buried in this spot. To see John Waggoner's pictures of the Denney Cemetery [click here](#).

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