

*The following is the will of William Looney of Randolph Co., Arkansas as transcribed by Anthony Looney of Lubbock, Texas December 30, 1996. Words not easily discerned, possibly incorrect, are italicized.*

In the name of God amen, a William Looney of the county of Randolph, and State of Arkansas being weak in body, but of a sound and disposing mind do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

Firstly, I will my body to he earth from whence it came and my soul to God who gave it wishing my friends and family to bury my body decently and after the usual mode of Christian interment.

I will and bequeath to my wife, Rhoda the following slaves during his natural life, viz, Ann, Pernisia, Emily, Matthew, John and Hiram, and also fifty head of stock hogs, and a sufficiency of pork hogs for his bacon another year five head of horses such as she may hereafter select from my stock after my decease, and also twenty head of cattle such as she may select from my stock. I also will and bequeath to my wife Rhoda my farm in which I now reside during his natural life, and after his decease the above property to be equally divided amongst my children hereinafter named. To my granddaughters Polly and Elizabeth Wells, daughters of John Wells, I will and bequeath two hundred dollars each, to be paid out of my estate. To my grandchildren Martha, William, Coleman, and Ransom B. Stubblefield, children of Abraham Stubblefield, I will and bequeath one hundred and twenty five dollars each to be paid out of my estate.

To my daughter Thena, wife of Pleasant Stubblefield, I will and bequeath five hundred dollars to be paid out of my estate. I will and bequeath specially to my daughters Tempy and Mariah five hundred dollars each to be paid out of my estate and residue of my property to be equally divided amongst the following heirs, Absalom, Epps, William, Michael, Tempy, and Mariah. I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ferrill(?) one thousand dollars to be paid out of my estate.

The property I have given to my wife Rhoda during her natural live, I wish to be equally divided at his death between my sons and daughters viz Absalom, Epps, William, Michael, Tempy, and Mariah. I constitute and