

as she may need for the support and comfort of herself and family - two choice horses, three choice cows & calves, three choice sows & pigs, ten choice pork hogs, ten choice sheep, all my pating, my largest yoke of oxen and a waggon, two shovel plow stocks with the iron shovel and beltirings that accompany each one, one horse rake or bary plow, two pair of plow gear embracing blind bridges two choice pole axes, two iron wedges, drawn knife and hand saw, three axedding knots, one snattock, one fiv, four augus, one iron tooth harrow and so much provisions of ^{every} kind as may be necessary to her support until she can raise a new crop - Taking into consideration her former mode of living and the number of children that will live with her, and one hundred dollars in cash to be paid her at my death if that much is on hand, if not to be paid out the first money that may come into the hand of my executors, all of the aforesaid property my wife is to have during her Natural life; and at her death the same is to be sold by my executors and the proceeds equally divided between my heirs - and if ^{either} the Negroes before mentioned should prove ungovernable then my executors may with the consent of my wife sell the same and use the proceeds of the sale in other Negro property if my wife wishes it if she does not then the money may be put at interest for her benefit, the interest arising from the same to be paid her yearly, and if the woman Miller should die, then the Negro girl called Sally go to supply her place, and I will that all my stock in Nashville and Chattanooga Rail Road, and in The Shelbyville, Farmington and Lewisburg Turnpike remain in the hands of my executors as a con-

tingent fund to be applied to wants or necessities of my wife - In consideration of which I will that my wife keep and raise my four youngest children until they arrive at the age of sixteen years and longer if their sinners will pay her for their board and clothing, and that she educate them in the ordinary schools of the country and give them common wearings apparel without making any charge, and that she have their sinners during that time - I will that the Negro girl Sally aforesaid remain with my wife until she is fifteen years of age and then if Willey is living and healthy she is to be taken by some one of my children at her then value and the value equally distributed amongst my heirs.

Item - I will to my son Calvin B. Ewing a tract of land lying on the West side of Rock Creek near George Hoopers known as the Harshup land to be valued to him at ten dollars per acre to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item - I will to my son Allen L. Ewing a tract of land bounded as follows - Beginning at a white oak below the bridge on the Columbus road then running ~~thence~~ running with that road west until it strikes Applesby's line and then North until it strikes William Stegall's line thence East & around with the dead made to me by B W Nowlen to the beginning, to be valued at Eighteen dollars per acre, to have and to hold the same to his heirs and assigns forever, I also will to my son Allen one half of the cedar land lying between the road leading to Wm Bill's and the road leading to Lewisburg to be valued to him by my executors. The other half of the cedar land I will to be attached to the homestead heretofore owned to my wife, and to be disposed of in the same way as heretofore directed.

Item - I will to my son Thomas L. Ewing a tract of land

lying on the East and South side of Rock Creek known as the Cary Woods place, and if there is any land lying East and West of the division line to be included, containing by estimation near one hundred acres, to be valued at twenty five dollars per acre, to have and to hold the same to him and his heirs and assigns forever. I also will to my son Thomas one half of a twenty five acre tract of Cedar land deeded to me by Th^o. J. Hall, lying on both sides of the old Shelbyville road near the old John Reed place to be valued to him by my executors.

Item — I will to my daughter Florence Jane Ewing a tract of land lying on both sides of Rock Creek and bounded as follows — Beginning at a point in the fork of the creek where the road leading to W. L. McClary's crosses, and running thence with the meanders of the creek to L. B. Sycamore's line, and thence with Sycamore's line to his corner on the creek. And then run so as to embrace all the land that I have on both sides of the creek at that point until it strikes James Ewing's corner and then with his line, North to the road leading from Shelbyville to Columbia and then with the Columbia end of that road to a point on the bluff, so as to include a wet weather spring a few rods below James Ewing's watering place thence with the meanderings of the creek to a point where the tract I left my wife strikes it, so as to include the spring on the North bank of the creek, and then with the line on the homestead place to the beginning, to be valued at twenty dollars per acre, to have and to hold the same to her heirs and assigns forever. I also will to my ^{daughter} Florence the other half of the twenty five acre tract of Cedar land deeded to me by Thomas J. Hall lying on the old

Shelbyville road near the old John Reed place, to be valued to her by my executors, I also will to my daughter Florence two negro girls named Adeline and Jane to be valued by my executors, to have and to hold the same to her heirs and assigns forever.

Item — I will to my daughter Mary E and ^{my} son in law Robert L. McClure a tract of land lying on the East side of Rock Creek. And described as follows.

Beginning at a point in the Columbia and Shelbyville road where James Ewing's north and south line crosses and running with said line North to the creek, then up said creek in the middle of the channel until it strikes a line of Florence's tract near the wet weather spring in the bluff of the creek, and then with the line of that tract to the beginning, to be valued to him at twenty two ^{& fifty cents} dollars per acre to them, to have and to hold to their heirs and assigns forever. I also will to them Twelve and three quarter acres of Cedar land lying North of the road leading from Betheter Church to George Cuthbert's to be valued to him by my executors.

Item — I will that my negro boy Henry be valued to my son Allen L. Ewing by my executors to have and to hold him forever.

Item — I will that my executors sell all the rest of my Negroes, selecting for them good horses so as to procure a fair price for them. And that my executors exercise sound discretion in disposing of the same.

Item — I will that my executors sell all the balance of my Estate both real and personal, my real Estate on a credit of one, two and three years, and ^{my} personal property on a credit of twelve months.

Item — I will that my executors so distribute my Estate as to make my Children all equal taking into

account the advancements that have been made to my daughter Mary E. McBlure and my son Calvin B. Ewing, as charged against them on my family register, and should the amount of property directed to be sold by my executors and other means on hands fail to raise a sum sufficient to make my three youngest children equal in amount with those heretofore provided for, and equalize the shares assigned to my five eldest children, then I will that the share of each one be charged with a sum in proportion to its value sufficient to raise a fund large enough to equalize the whole so as that my children shall all have the same amount.

Item — I will that my executors pay to my son Allen L. Ewing Fifty Dollars with interest on the same from the death of his Grandfather Allen Leper the same being a legacy, that was left him in my hands by his Grandfather Allen Leper.

Item — I will that my executors at the death of my wife distribute my Rail Road and Turnpike Stock with all the dividends arising on the same not expended equally amongst my heirs and that they are authorized to sell, dispose of and assign the same.

Item — I will that if any of my children should die without having any children to survive them in that event the portion of my estate going to the deceased shall be equally divided amongst my heirs.

Item — I hereby appoint James V. Ewing and Robert C. McBlure guardians for my minor children and they are hereby empowered to manage and best the fund that may come into their hands belonging to my minor children in stock or any other safe funds that will yield the best profit to my minors and I wish them to exercise the same discretion in

managing and using the funds that they would if the same was their own, and they are hereby exempted from making settlements with the clerk of the County Court, or accounting in any way to the County Court for the fund here intrusted to their care.

Item — I hereby nominate and appoint for my executors my son Calvin B. Ewing, James V. Ewing and Robert C. McBlure, and they are authorized to do every thing that I have directed to be done in this my will, and I wish my son Calvin to be the active executor and do the most of the business.

Given under my hand and seal Feb 9th 1833

Test

Samuel Ewing

G. B. Black

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th April 1833.

State of Tennessee

Marshall County

County Court April term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court Samuel Ewing and G. B. Black, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will after being sworn here in open Court, proved the due execution of said will as the Law directs

Witness my hand at office this 4th day of April 1833.

John C. Little Clerk

I Sile A. Ewing having heretofore made my last will and testament do make and declare this as a Codicil thereto, to wit, I wish the funds therein given to my three youngest children to be managed in the usual guardian plan as required by law instead of as therein directed, Item — I wish to take from the amount willed to my daughter Froula a certain Negro girl Jane and give her, the said Jane, to my daughter Ann Rebecca at Valuation, and it is my will that the said Girl remain with my wife

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on the same conditions as the original will provide
for a girl named Sally. Item — It is my will
and desire that my son Allen who is now going
to school be furnished with money to continue as
long as he may desire, and that my executors provide
him with ~~money~~ ^{means} during the time the Estate is being
settled and Charge them to his share of the Estate.
Item — I wish James B. Ewing and Robert L.
McClure to act as guardians for the minor children
in the way the law requires and not as executor's
guardians, as directed in my last will and Testament
Item — It is my wish and desire that the Negro
boy Henry given to my son Allen in my last will
remain with my wife free of Charge during the time
that my son Allen is going to school, lastly it is
my desire that this Codicil be attached to and con-
stituted a part of my will to all intents and purposes
This 23^d day of March 1833

Life, A. Ewing *(initials)*

Test *(Thomas A. McNeil)* *(A. B. Ewing)* Just 4th April 1833.

State of Tennessee
Marshall County 3 County Court April Term 1833.
Personally appeared in open Court Thomas A. McNeil
one of the subscribing witnesses to the above Codicil after
being sworn here in open Court proved the due execution
of said Codicil as the Law directs, and the Court thereon
ordered that the aforesaid Codicil be made a matter of
record in connection with the foregoing will on the records
of this Court as the Law directs.

Given under my hand at office this 4th day April
1833. John Elliott *(initials)*

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This my last Will and Testament made this Twenty
fourth of May Eighteen Hundred and fifty three,
After my Debts are all paid The Remainder of my
property If any I want it divided Equally
Between my four youngest children, to wit,
Martha Caroline, Lucinda Murphy, Lincy Ellis
and George Washington, Whereunto I affix
my hand and Seal the day and date above
Written Signed Sealed in the presence of
(initials) *(initials)* *(initials)*
Richd. Dugharty (Jury) 6th June 1833
Joseph ^{his} *(initials)* *(initials)*

State of Tennessee
Marshall County 3 County Court June Term 1833
Personally appeared before me Robert Dugharty
and Joseph *(initials)* Subscribing Witnesses to the above
Will both being first sworn here in open Court
proved the due Execution of said Will as the
Law directs Given under my hand at office
this 6th day of June 1833
John Elliott *(initials)*

State of Tennessee
Marshall County 3 I Green River do make and publish this as my
last Will and Testament hereby ~~making~~ ^{revoking} and making
void all former Wills by me at any time made
1st At my Death I wish to be buried in a decent
manner & my funeral Expenses & other debts if any to be
paid out of any Monies or means that may first
come into the hands of my Executor I then bequeath
to my youngest Son Robert L. Rivers & my
youngest daughter Susan Elizabeth Rivers

me Bed & furniture apiece also to Susan Elizabeth their Mothers Saddle. The remaining part of what property I may die seized with I wish and desire to be equally divided between all of my best children viz, Lottetory A. Rivers James M. Rivers, Benjamin W. S. Rivers Robert L. Rivers & Susan Elizabeth Rivers except a small portion which I wish for my oldest children to have viz, Tho^s H. Rivers John H. Rivers H. H. Rivers Mary G. Blakemore Willis G. Rivers & Frances M. Bailey which last named children I wish to have equally as little as the law will let them have not to invalidate my Will if any thing should not be collected from my Son Thomas H. Rivers (who is owing me a large amount) before my death I bequeath equally to my first named children what sum may afterwards be collected of that debt & hereby authorize my Executor to compromise with the said Thomas H. Rivers & Receipt him in full in case he will pay to my said Executor the sum of fifteen hundred Dollars and the said sum if collected or as much more as may be collected to be disposed of as above directed & I hereby nominate & appoint my Son Willis G. Rivers my Executor to this my last Will & Testament and Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand since Last May 24th 1849

Test

Wm. A. Gice

Green Rivers (Sd)

I, John H. Rivers
N.B. I further wish & it is my desire at my death for my old servant Sally to have the privilege of choosing her own home & to go & live with any of my children that she shall this day & date wish

Test
Wm. A. Gice
John H. Rivers

Green Rivers (Sd)

I in addition further bequeath to my Son Robert L. Rivers One Bay Gilly and to my Daughter Susan Elizabeth Rivers One Saddle Gilly and also wish my Son H. H. Rivers to take his part of my Estate & Marriage to settle the Marriages on because of age he taking the same without giving any bond for the same I also wish my Son Willis G. Rivers to Manage Robert L. Rivers the same way

This 28th day of July 1853

Test

John Rivers (Sd)
Green Rivers (Sd)

Thos H. Hollander

J.B. Fishback (Sd) 1st August 1853

State of Tennessee

Marshall County 3 County Court August Term 1853

personally appeared here in open Court Thomas H. Hollander & J.B. Fishback Testifying & swearing

As the foregoing & annexed Will who being first sworn before in open Court proved the due Execution of said Will according to law it is therefore Ordered by the Court to be entered of Record

Given under my hand at
office this 1st day of August
1853 John Elbert (Sd)

State of Tennessee
Marshall County 3 Last Will & Testament
I James Giles of said mind & disposing memory have taken in consideration to make some disposition of my effects it is my Will that after my death that all my just debts to be paid and after all my Debts are paid it is my Will that my dearest property I own as horses & stock of any kind that I may have at the time of my death to be sold according to law and it is my Will that all the proceeds to be equally divided between my two

Sons that is W. A. Giles & Matthew H. Giles It is my Will that the first Note that I hold on John Yunkesley that falls Due on the first day of March Eighteen Hundred and fifty four Calling for One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars It is my Will that my Son W. A. Giles do to have Said Note no the 1st of March. It is my Will that my Son W. A. Giles to have One Other Note that I hold on the Said John Yunkesley due the first day of March Eighteen Hundred & fifty five Calling for One Hundred and Twenty five Dollars Also It is my Will that all the household furniture that I may have at the time of my Death to be Sold & divided as above described in this my Last Will It is my Will that W. A. Giles be appointed my Executor to execute and carry out my Will It is also my Will that my Executor to Collect all the Monies that are due or may fall due in Alabama and divide the same between the Said W. A. Giles & M. H. Giles Given under my hand and seal this March the 2nd 1853

Witnessed in the presence of us Witnesses *James Giles (Seal)*
 Jonathan Biles }
 John A. Biles } *Seal* 1st August 1853
 State of Tennessee } County Court August Term 1853
 Marshall County }
 Annually appeared here in open Court Jonathan Biles & John A. Biles before being Witnesses to the foregoing Will Who being first sworn ~~affirmed~~ *sworn* to the said Will as the law directs It is therefore ordered by the Court to be entered of Record Given under my hand at office this 1st day of August 1853 *John Elliott (Seal)*

I John Carpenter of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee being of Sound Mind and disposing memory and in the enjoyment of Reasonable health last at the same time knowing the uncertainty of life do in view of the pains I take and deliberate this as my last Will and Testament hereby Revoke & Making void all former Wills by me at any time made First My Will and desire is that my body be decently interred and my funeral Expenses and all my Just Debts paid out of any Monies of which I may be possessed or which may ~~be~~ *come* to the hands of my Executor Second I Will that my Daughter Mary Cummings have my plantation or tract of Land whereon I now ^{live} to her and the heirs of her Body forever Subject however to the following conditions that is to say I am Guardian for the Minor heirs of Joseph McDowd because have Reversed some portions of their Money and probably may get ~~more~~ *more* and to pay and secure the same over to them My Will and desire is and I do hereby devise that Said Money be raised for them out of Said tract of Land So hereby devised to my Daughter Mary as aforesaid and after that is paid then the Ballance of Said tract of Land shall belong to the Said Mary Cummings as aforesaid Third My Will and desire is and I do so hereby devise that all of my Negro Property be divided into two equal portions One of which for lives or moiety of Negroes I hereby devise to my Grand Daughters Esther Gantt and Mary Gantt daughter of my deceased Daughter Elizabeth Gantt to be theirs and their heirs forever And the other portion or moiety of Negroes so devised as aforesaid I reserve and do so hereby devise

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I shall be disposed of as follows that is to say I
devise unto my Grand children John McColman
Carrin McColman Henry McColman and Elizabeth
McColman One Negro a piece of Medicum Value
and the balance of said portion or moiety thus
divided as aforesaid I hereby leave to my Daughter
Mary Cummings for and during her Natural life
and at her death then to be given to the heirs of
her Body as well those of her first husband as those
of her second or any subsequent husband
4th I will that my Grand Daughter Mary Gant have
One half of the Beds bedclothes and furniture of
Which I may die before and just here I will
insert that should either of my grand daughters
Esther Gant or Mary Gant die during their Min-
ority leaving no heirs of their bodies my Will then
is that the Survivor inherit the whole of the
portion thus devised to both and should both of
my Grand daughters Esther and Mary Gant die
during their Minority leaving no heirs of their bodies
then and in that event my Will and desire is &
I do so hereby Devise that the portion thus devised
to them be inherited by and devised to my Daughter
Mary Cummings in the form of a loan as specified in
the foregoing then settling apart to her her portion
of said Slaves Or to the heirs of her Body should
she not Survive them -

Fifth I Will and do so hereby devise that my
Daughter Mary Cummings inherit all of my
effects Real and personal not heretofore devised
to her and her heirs forever
Sixth I hereby devise and do devise that the
devision of my Negro Slaves properly designated
in the third item of this Instrument as aforesaid

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be made by some three or more Judicious persons
to be chosen for that purpose by my Executors or
those who may be legally authorized to carry out
my Intentions as expressed in this Will and that
their Report be regularly recorded in Order that
the Expenses necessarily attending a decree of
Court may be disposed of with the knowing also that
the division Will be made as equitable as
though it had been by Order of Court -
Lastly I hereby nominate my friend and
Relative David McShay Executor to this
my last Will and Testament -
In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed my Seal this 7th day
of June A.D. 1845.

John Carpenter (Sd)
Barnes & Acknowledged in
our presence by the Testator and
Witness hereunto subscribed our
names in his presence at his home
New Haven & signed this 7th June 1845
Robert A. Orr (Sd) & 14 Sept 1853
James McShay

State of Tennessee
Marshall County 3 County Court Sept Term 1853
Personally appeared in open Court Robert A. Orr and James
McShay Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will who being first
sworn here in open Court showed the due Execution
of said Will as the Law directs
Witness my hand at office this 3rd day
of September 1853

John Elliott (cl)

I, Betheena Boyett do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made;

First I direct that my funeral Expenses and all my Debts be paid as soon after my Death as possible out of any Moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors -

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved Sister Abigail Jackson One Hundred Dollars one fourth Part and one half of my last clothing to be paid by my Executors out of the Money my late Grand Son Jesse Boyett and Jacob Boyett owe for land I have sold to the said Jesse Boyett and Josiah Boyett -

Thirdly I Give and bequeath to my beloved Brother Jesse Boyett Three Dollars -

Fourthly I Give and bequeath the balance of my Estate to be equally divided between my beloved Brother James Boyett Eliza Boyett the said Jas. Boyett Wife - Gilphie Boyett Daughter of the said James Boyett Jesse Boyett Son of the said Jas. Boyett, Josiah Boyett Son of the said Jas. Boyett Edith Boyett daughter of the said Jas. Boyett Cholly Boyett daughter of the said Jas. Boyett Jas Ethelred Boyett Son of the said Jas. Boyett Benjamin Washline Boyett Son of the said James Boyett and William Thomas Boyett Son of the said Jas. Boyett, I do hereby nominate and appoint Allen K. Jackson my Executors, In Witness Whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 4th day of July 1853

8. The open both sides was witnessed by James -
Signed Sealed and Published Betheena Boyett (Seal)

in our presence and we have subscribed our Names here to in the presence of the Testator this July 4th 1853
Hugh Houston (Seal) 3rd September 1853
William Betheena

State of Texas 3
Harris County 3 County Court September Term 1853

Personally appeared in open Court Hugh Houston & William Betheena subscribing Writings to the within Will after being duly sworn here in open Court proved the due Execution of said Will as the laws direct

Witness my hand at office this 5th day of September 1853
John Elliott (Seal)

I Agnes Jane Reed am now in my own proper Mind believing that I am about to Depart this life, Make this my last Will and Testament do give to my Sister Eliza Reed all that I have to belong to her after my Debts and funeral Expenses are paid as Witness I have set my hand and seal this 27th July 1853

Test Agnes Jane Reed (Seal)
John Wood his + Mark
Elijah Downing (Seal) 3rd Sept 1853

State of Texas
Harris County 3 County Court September Term 1853

Personally appeared in open Court Elijah Downing in of the subscribing Writings to the said Will after being duly sworn here in open Court proved said Will as the laws direct & thereupon the Court rules the said Will to make a matter of Record

Witness my hand at office this 5th day of September 1853
John Elliott (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Marshall County

I Elisha Hunt being of Sound mind & Memory and being desirous of Making a disposition of the Worldly Goods with which God has blessed me Do Make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and Making Void all others by me at any time made

First; I direct that my funeral expences and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my Money that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executors

Secondly; I direct that all my Estate both Real and Personal of every Name and Kind of which I may die Seized and possessed shall be divided the One half of Said Estate in the following manner to-wit;

Thirdly; I Give and bequeath to John Squires William Squires & Sarah Crandiff (Brothers & Sister of my first Wife) to them and their heirs each the One Seventh part of Said half of my Property

Fourthly; I Give and bequeath to my Niece Margaret G. Gutter (her Maternal Name is unknown to me) also the One Seventh part of Said half of my Estate It is my Will and desire that the Said Margaret hold Said Property to her own separate use free from the controul of her husband and should she die before getting possession of the Same without leaving heirs of her Body then this bequest to be Void and her part to be equally divided among the Other relations of my first Wife provided for in this Will

Fifthly; I Give and bequeath to the Children of George Squires and to their heirs the One Seventh part of Said half of my Estate to be equally divided

With this restriction I direct that the portion which might fall to Pamela Ann S. Squire be held by my Executors under their controul for the benefit of the Said Pamela Ann and at her death to be the Property of her children & their representatives

Sixthly; I Give bequeath to the Children of Peggy Turner formerly Peggy Squires & their heirs the One Seventh part of Said half of my Estate

Seventhly; The Remaining Seventh part of Said half of my Estate I Give and bequeath to the Children of Polly Dooly and to their heirs at the death of the Said Polly Said One Seventh to be to the use of the Said Polly during her natural life;

Eighthly; It is my Will that the remaining half of my Said Estate be divided in the following manner to-wit; The One fifth part of the Same I Give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sarah & her heirs which is in addition to what I have given her by our Marriage Contract & which is in lieu of her Dower in my Estate

Ninthly; The Remaining four fifths of Said last mentioned half of my Estate I Give and bequeath to my Sister Sarah Preston my Brother William Hunt & Joel Hunt & their heirs the Children of my Brother John Hunt Dead living at my Death or their heirs & Representatives to them and their heirs forever to be equally distributed among them It is understood in this bequest that the Children of the Said John Hunt stand in the place of their Father & consequently are only to be entitled to the One fifth part of of Said last mentioned half of my Estate

Tenly; I do hereby nominate and appoint my nephews William S. Squires and my friend Robert S. Payne the Executors of this my last Will and Testament

In ~~Witness~~ Whereof I do to this my Will Set my
hand & Seal this the 23rd day of July 1845
Elisha Hunt 

Signed Sealed & Published in our presence
and we have subscribed our Names thereto
in the presence of the Testator this the 23rd day of
July 1845

Wm B. Black)
William B. Hill) Justices of the Peace 1845

Ad^l W. Graham
State of Tennessee
Marshall County) Personally appeared in open Court G. B.
Black & William B. Hill subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing
Will Who being first sworn herein open Court
Declared the due Execution of Said Will as the Law directs
Ordered by the Court that Said Will be made a matter of
Record Given under my hand at office this 3rd
day of December 1853 John Elliott C. C.

State of Tennessee
Marshall County) I Elisha Hunt having heretofore
Made & Published my last Will & Testament do now
and Declare this as a Codicil thereto I appoint
Benjamin F. Finney the Sole Executor of my Said
last Will & Testament hereby revoking and
annulling the appointment of Robert C. Payne
& William C. Speers as Executors of the Same
I further appoint Robert C. Payne my Attorney &
Council in the carrying out the Bequests of Said
Will & in the Management of Said Estate—

Item 2^d I have by Said last Will & Testament
Given to my beloved wife Sarah L. Hunt a
Certain portion of my Estate in addition to
What she was entitled by the Terms of our

Marriage Contract as a further provision for her
and because of his devotion & affection, I Give and
bequeath to my Said Wife and her heirs Security Here
Said 94 poles of Land Situated in Marshall County
being part of the Tract on which I now reside to include
my Dwelling & out Houses Spring &c and bounded
as follows Viz. Beginning at a cedar stump 8 feet
high S. W. E. of the South East corner Running East
38 poles to a Stake thence North 5th East 192 poles
to a Stake on S. W. E. of the line thence North 58th West
38 poles to an Ironwood the North West corner of the Tract
I purchased of McChesney thence South 5th West 214
poles with the S. E. of the line to the Beginning —

I hereby confirm all the provisions of my Said
last Will & Testament Except as the Same is
altered & changed by this Codicil which I will &
devise Shall be made apart thereof

Item 3rd For the reasons already stated I further give and
bequeath to my Said Wife all my Household and
Kitchen furniture of every Name & kind Also two
ploughs two pair of Oxen a good Yoke of Oxen &
a Sleigh Horse worth Security Dollars With my hand
& Seal this 14th October 1852

Signed Sealed & acknowledged Elisha Hunt 
in our presence this 14th October 1852

Wm. A. Houston)
J. A. Small) Justices of the Peace 1853

State of Tennessee Marshall County
Personally appeared in open Court Wm. A. Houston & J. A. Small subscribing
Witnesses to the foregoing Codicil after being sworn here in open Court
Declared the due Execution of Said Codicil as the Law directs
& thereupon the Court ordered Said Codicil to be made a matter of
Record Given under my hand at office this 3rd day
of December 1853 John Elliott C. C.

Codicil to my last Will and Testament
 I Elisha Hunt of the County of Hampshire and
 State of New York Do Make and Publish this my
 volitional and Supplemental Codicil to my
 last Will and Testament and the Codicil thereto
 attached hereby Revoking and Making void so
 much only of said last Will and Testament and
 Codicil thereto as is in conflict with this
 Codicil —

1st I Will and bequeath unto my Wife Sarah
 I Hunt My Negro Man Kamee & Catharine
 aged about fifty years —

2nd I Also Will and bequeath to my Wife Sarah I Hunt
 My Negro Woman Nanne Kelly the wife of Nathan
 aged about thirty eight years

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my seal this the 28th day of April 1853
 Signed Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of us

Elisha Hunt (Seal)

A. J. Jones —

State of New York Hampshire County

Courty Court December Term 1853

Personally appeared in open Court A. H. Ketchum one of
 the Subscribing Witnesses to the above Codicil after being
 sworn here in open Court Sworn the due Execution
 of said Codicil as the law Directs & thereupon the Court
 read said Codicil to be made a matter of Record —

Given under my hand at office this 5th day of
 December 1853

John Elliott (Seal)

I John Vincent do make and publish this as my last Will & Testament
 hereby Revoking & Making void all other Wills by me at any time made
 First, I direct that my funeral Expenses & all my debts be paid as soon after
 my death as possible out of any Monies that I may die possessed of
 or may first come in to the hands of my Executors
 Secondly, I Give and Bequeath to my beloved Wife Jane Negro and
 to wit, Hercules & Wesley —

Firstly I Give and bequeath to all and each one of my Children
 When they become of age or Marry the following property or the
 Value thereof in Money to wit One Negro about from five to eight
 years of age One Horse worth from twenty five to eighty Dollars one
 Saddle & Bridle worth fifteen Dollars One Paul & Butcher's Knife
 Dollars worth of such other articles as they may need I Wish it
 Expressly understood that my Daughter Manerva is not included
 in this the above bequest and she has already received a
 Negro Girl about six years old & such other property & articles
 as named above —

Secondly I Give and bequeath to all and each one of my Children
 that are not of age a sufficient sum to land & to
 & educate them in such manner as those of my
 Children that are of age

Thirdly It is my Will that all the balance of my property both
 Real & personal remain in possession & under the control
 of my beloved Wife during her Natural life or Widowhood and
 that at her death or marriage the same be equally divided among all
 my Children & their representatives as the law requires

Fourthly I Will and direct that if any of my Children die leaving no
 heir of their own body that all the property and its increase that
 that such demand be paid in full from my estate and bequeath
 to those of my living Children & their lawful Representatives
 Lastly, I do hereby Nominate & appoint Thomas A. Orr my Executor in
 Witness Whereof do to this my Will set my hand and seal
 this 9th day of June 1853

John Vincent (Seal)

Test) John W. Anderson } sworn 5th December 1853 —
 H. W. Burton }

State of Tennessee Marshall County
 Personally appeared in open Court John M. Andrews & G. W.
 Benton Subscribing Witnesses to the Within Will & after
 being duly sworn here in open Court proved said
 Will as the laws directs. It is therefore ordered by the
 Court that the same be placed on Record;
 Given under my hand at office this
 3^d day of December 1853
 John Elliott Ck

- We Henry Edwards, Franklin H. Bills and Benjamin
 J. Houston do & state that the above written Will of
 Green Wilson was made by him on the 18th day of
 November 1853 in our presence to which we were
 specially requested to leave witness by the Testator
 himself in the presence of each other that it was
 made in his last sickness in his own habitation
 and the same is as follows to wit:
 It was his Will and desire that his effects
 should be disposed of in the following manner
 after his decease —
- 1st That his Blacksmith Tools Tools be sold
 and his debts paid —
 - 2nd It was his Will that the balance of his property should
 belong to his beloved wife Lillis J. Wilson for the
 purpose of Raising keeping together and educating
 his children
 - 3rd It was his Desire that his children should be
 sufficiently educated to transact common business
 - 4th It was his Will that the Executor have the power
 to sell a small portion of land if the same
 fit for the purpose above mentioned
 - 5th It was his Will and desire that his Wife
 Lillis J. Wilson should be his Executrix and

that Benjamin J. Houston should be his Executor ³²⁴
 Made out by us and signed this the 18th day of November
 1853
 Henry Edwards
 Franklin H. Bills
 Benjamin J. Houston

State of Tennessee
 Marshall County 3 County Court December Term 1853
 Personally appeared in open Court Henry Edwards and
 Franklin H. Bills two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the
 Within Will & after being sworn here in open Court do
 say that they were called in by the said Testator Green
 Wilson at his own habitation in his last sickness & was
 specially called in by him to witness and state the facts
 spoke to us by him and the facts stated in the Within
 Will is the facts stated to us by him & that he was
 then in his right mind —
 Given under my hand at office this 3^d
 day of December 1853
 John Elliott Ck

Isaac Clark's Will

I Isaac Clark do make and publish this as my last
 Will hereby Rescinding and Making Void all other
 Wills by me at any time made —
 I just direct that my funeral Expenses and all
 my Debts be paid as soon after my Death as
 possible out of any Monies that I may be
 possessed of or may first come into the hands of
 my Executor and secondly I bequeath and give
 to my beloved Wife Martha all that portion of my
 land lying West of a crop fence that runs in
 a Southernly Direction through my farm

Including all the Buildings lots and piece of timber on
 the eastern side with the privilege of firewood and
 wood timber off the other portion of my land during
 his Natural life or widowhood & after that to my
 only child Margaret Jane wife of Daniel Hilliard
 I also give my former wife Martha the Youngs Black
 Broom and Saddle and the Clock cupboard and all
 the Ware in it and the Bixman Case Bedstead
 Bed & Bedclothes with all the clothes she has made
 since she came here with three hundred pounds of
 Dusk & fifteen Barrels of Corn Ten Bushels of Wheat
 One cow and half one Sow & five pigs & five
 Shorthorn heads of Sheep & fifteen heads of Cattle
 and all the Balance of my Property to be sold come
 and after paying all my Just debts the Balance
 to go to my Daughter Margaret Jane Wife
 of Daniel Hilliard Last I do hereby nominate
 and appoint and appoint Samuel Becket my
 Executor In Witness Whereof I do to this my
 Will set my hand and seal this 15th day of
 December 1853.

James & Clerk (seal)

Bigman, Decker & Seaborn here in our
 presence & we have subscribed our names
 hereto in the presence of the Notary
 this 15th day of December 1853

James Shaffer

Hugh H. H. H. Bigham (seal) 6th March 1854

State of Tennessee
 Marshall County } County Court March 6th 1854
 Personally appeared in open court James Shaffer & Hugh H. H. Bigham
 Bigham subscribing witnesses to the written Will after being duly
 sworn here in open court pursuant to the due execution of said
 Will as the laws directs, Given under my hand at office
 this 6th March 1854 John P. H. H. H.

Kindal Daisys Will

In the name of God Amen, I Kindal Daisy being of
 sound mind do make, ordain and publish this my last
 will and testament and make the following disposition of
 my property viz.

1st. I wish all my burial and funeral expenses and
 all my just debts to be paid, and after settlement
 of these debts, viz. I give and bequeath all my property
 both real and personal to my beloved wife Frances M.
 Daisy during her widowhood, to do by as she in her
 discretion may think best and in the event that she
 should marry then my will and desire is that she
 shall have a child's part only, But if she at any time
 should in her widowhood decide it expedient to sell the
 land and invest or appropriate the proceeds in the same
 kind of property then it is my will that she may so do.
 It is also my wish and desire and I do hereby appoint
 my beloved wife Frances M. Daisy Executrix of this my
 last will and testament in connection with her William
 G. Allen my executor February 25th 1854

Kindal Daisy

Witness

R. Jones

John T. Harris

State of Tennessee County Court March term 1854
 Marshall County } Personally appeared in open court, Frances
 and John T. Harris subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will,
 who being first sworn here in open court, proved said
 will as the law directs given under my hand at
 office April 3rd 1854

S. Tally (seal)

The Nuncupative will of Mathew McCallum
 Deceased On the 23 day of April 1854. Mathew
 McCallum called his brother Columbus sister Jane
 and brother Anderson to his bed side and called
 the attention of Levan Pillow Henry Thompson
 and Enos H. Gray and said wished them to take
 notice that he wished these three to have all he
 had Except thirty dollars to go to his sister Polly
 Patton three of offhand children, committed
 to writing this 1st day of May 1854

Henry Thompson
 Enos H. Gray

State of Tennessee
 Marshall County County Court June Term 1854
 Personally appeared in open court Henry
 Thompson & Enos H. Gray subscribing witnesses
 to the foregoing will after being duly sworn
 here in open court proved said will as the law
 directs, Given under my hand at office June
 5th 1854

N. Tully (clerk)

State of Tennessee
 Marshall County
 We M. B. Brook Jonas Collins do state that
 nuncupative will of William ^{Turner} was made by
 him on the 30th day of April 1854 in our
 presence, that it was made in his last sickness
 in his own habitation and the same is as follows
 to wit, It was his will and desire that his effects
 should be disposed of in the following manner
 after his decease, 1st he wanted his wife Nancy
 to have every thing belonging to him after his just debts
 was paid during her widow hood,
 2nd he said he wanted his son James D. Turner

to be rewarded for the affection he showed to him

M B Brook
 Jonas Collins

Mr. H. B. Glenn & C. Bradley do state that we heard the
 same statement made by William Turner as stated by
 M B Brook & Jonas Collins in his last sickness in his
 own habitation with this addition, that is that his son
 James, D. Turner should have his mule. This statement
 was made 6 day of May 1854

High R. Glenn
 Edmund Bradley

State of Tennessee
 Marshall County County Court June Term 1854
 Personally appeared in open court Hugh R. Glenn
 and Edmund Bradley subscribing witnesses to the
 foregoing will, after being duly sworn here in open
 court proved said will as the law directs.
 Given under my hand at office June 5th 1854
 N. Tully (clerk)

I Gary J. Kelley of the County of Marshall and
 State of Tennessee, do make this my last will and
 Revoking all other wills by me made at any time
 First, I desire and so direct that all of my debts
 shall first be paid out of any moneys that
 I may die seized off or first come in to the hands
 of my Executors.
 Secondly, I Give & Bequeath to my much Beloved
 Wife Nancy Kelley during her lifetime all
 of my house hold and Totten Furniture and
 also I give to my wife during her lifetime or until
 Jackson Lee Kelley arrives at the age of twenty
 one years or should have come done if lived
 all of my stock of all kinds and farming utensils
 or so much of thereof as she and my Executors may

329 think proper to keep and furthermore I give to my wife Nancy Kelley subject to the same regulations as above Request of Stock one negro girl named Emeline and her increase if any, and also, I desire my Executors to buy for my wife Nancy Kelley one other negro girl out of any moneys I may be seized off = She and her increase if any and also the girl Emeline and increase if any to be sold at the death of my wife or when I, L. Kelley arrives at the age of twenty one years or should have done if lived. the proceeds of such sale to be subject to the payment of Request herein after named and moreover I give to my wife Nancy Kelley during her life time or until I, L. Kelley my youngest son arrive at the age of twenty one years or should have done if lived, my tract of Land on which I now live consisting two hundred three & one half acres subject to the acquisitions and Request herein after specified. First, I desire so will that my tract of land be equally divided between my three sons named as follows To wit, Marshall D. John M. and Jason Lee, Kelley according to quality & quantity valuing of it to them at two thousand dollars each; The use only of their portion I convey to them. Severally until my youngest son J. L. Kelley arrives at the age of 21 years. on the death of Mother Nancy Kelley the land the land being subject jointly for the maintenance of their mother during her life time. Then I trust in said land given them as follows, Marshall D. Kelley, on the north west corner, John M. Kelley portion on the south east corner and Jason Lee, Kelley portion on the south west corner. They dividing of said land

330 themselves, so as not to charge Jason Lee Kelley for the improvements on his portion, also I give to John M. Kelley one horse worth one hundred dollars to be paid him when he arrives at the age of 21 years and furthermore I give to Jason Lee Kelley one horse also worth one hundred Dollars to be paid him when he is 21 years old, also, 1 saddle & bridle in addition given him when he need it. the balance of my children not named having recd their horses & saddles,

Thirdly I will & so desire that my executors should expose for sale for cash privately my negro by Sheppard and with the proceeds of said negro man they are authorized and required to buy for the use of my wife Nancy Kelley one other negro man subject and under the same rules and regulations govern the negro heretofore willed in article second.

Fourthly I desire and so direct that when my son Jason Lee Kelley arrives at the age of 21 years that all of my property and negroes with the exception of 1 negro girl bed & furniture if his mother Nancy Kelley be living for which she is to retain for her own use during her lifetime, be exposed to sale, on a credit of 12 months and after paying all the expenses of said estate, I desire & so will that the amount of two thousand be paid to my Daughter Martha Ann, Overall and the balance to be kept at Trust By Executors until Albert G. Kelleys heirs arrive at age of 21 years at which time they are to be paid one thousand dollars each. and furthermore if any moneys remain on hand after paying the Request specified to be equally divided between all of my heirs.

Fifthly and lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my much esteemed son in law N. M. Overall and my son Marshall D. Kelley my lawful Executors in last will whereof I subscribe my name and affix my seal

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This 5th day 1852

Subscribed in our presence
and my self to be come
subscribing witness on the
Day it bears date

Humphrey N. Cowden
James H. Park

Barry J. Kilay *Seal*

State of Tennessee
Marshall County } County Court June term 1852
Personally appeared in open court Humphrey N.
Cowden & James H. Park subscribing witness to
the foregoing will, after being duly sworn
here in open court proved said will as the
law directs, Given under my hand at office June 5th 1852

S. Tully *CLK*

State of Tennessee
Bedford County } Be it remembered that I Nathan
Forrest being in a low state of health, but of sound
mind and memory do make and ordain this my last
will and testament viz. 1st. after I depart this
life. I wish to be decently buried, by my executor
hereafter named. 2nd. I wish my just debts
to be paid, and for that purpose I wish my
executor to dispose of that ~~property~~ they may
think most expedient for that purpose. 3rd
I wish my wife to have and hold possession of
all my premises and also to have the use and
benefit of all my ~~estate~~ during her natural life,
subject to the following regulations viz. 1st She shall
be bound to take care of support and educate our
minor children until they come of age or
leave her, and as my minor sons come of age
she shall be bound to give them as much cash

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as I have given either of my ^{dear} sons, and my minor
daughter, the same proportion that I have given to my
dear daughter. I do nominate and appoint my wife
Nancy Forrest my executrix. In Witness hereof I
set my hand and seal this 19th day October 1826.
Nathan Forrest *Seal*
Attest, Wilson Calhoun }
Robt. Church } Just

State of Tennessee
Bedford County } I John H. Oneal clerk of the
County of said County, hereby certify that the
within Transcript is a true copy of the last Will
and Testament of Nathan Forrest deceased, as the
same is so remaining upon Record and upon
file in my office. Given under my hand at
office in Shelbyville this 29th day of May 1854
John H. Oneal clerk
By his Deputy, A. Vannoy

State of Tennessee
Marshall County } I Stephen Tully clerk of the County
Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true ~~transcript~~ Record ~~of~~ together with the
clerk's certificate of the transcript of the last
will and testament of Nathan Forrest deceased,
as it came to me, Given under my hand at
office June 5th 1854
S. Tully *CLK*

The last will and testament of G. F. Hatchett
 Minnoupative

Item 1st My desire is that my business be wound up as speedily as possible and my debts paid and what I have left I desire my mother and sister to have

Acknowledged in
 presence of

J. H. Calahan

Joel H. Youvell

State of Tennessee

Marshall County County Court August term 1854

Personally appeared in open court J. H. Calahan & Joel H. Youvell subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will after being sworn there in open court proved said will as the law directs

Given under my hand at office August 7th 1854
 J. Tally (clerk)

I Hiram Wilson do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly, I desire that my two sons William P. and Henry L. Wilson get the two horses that they now claim each one a price at the present time and at the age of twenty one years that they each receive, the amount of three hundred dollars in cash out of any monies that may be on hand, belonging to my estate or that can be collected out of the proceeds of my farm or stock, which sum of three hundred dollars

and said horses is to make them equal with my son Edward Wilson and my daughter Mary I. Shires and to this end that they the said William P. & Henry L. receive the further sum of forty five dollars in thing pertaining to house keeping, and that any thing that may fall to my heirs from the estate of my father Jonathan Wilson let that be when it may that they act in that case as their own guardians and receive their own individual parts themselves and not be subject to the control of any other person.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Wife Ediza Wilson all my estate of Every kind with the exception of that which is named above, during her natural life, and in case of her death I desire that a sale be made of the whole of the ~~property~~ balance and an equal distribution be made of the proceeds between all my heirs that are living and if any of my bodily heirs should be dead at the time of the same, that their heirs receive their part of it. Lastly I nominate and appoint Edward E. Wilson and John Shires my Executors.

In testimony whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal, this 3rd March A.D. 1852

Hiram Wilson (clerk)

signed sealed and published.

our presence this March 3rd A.D. 1852

M. D. Wilson

M. L. Neil Jurat 4th September 1854

State of Tennessee Marshall County County Court Sept. term 1854
 Personally appeared in open court M. D. Wilson & M. L. Neil subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will after being sworn there in open court proved said will as the law directs.

Given under my hand at office September 4th 1854

J. Tally (clerk)

I Aaron Steele do make and publish this as my last will and testament. First, I direct that I may be decently, decently buried, and that all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of my monies that I may die possessed of or that my first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy I Steele the property now in her possession consisting of a feather bed and bedstead furniture saddle and trunks also one hundred dollars when she becomes of age. I also give and bequeath to Martha L Steele, the feather bed and saddle now in her possession and one bedstead and furniture, also one hundred and twenty dollars when she becomes of age. I also give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Francis L Steele two hundred and fifty dollars when she may become of full age, and should a general distribution of my estate be made before she becomes of age, then at that time of making said distribution, I direct that the said two hundred and fifty dollars and her share of my ~~estate~~ distribution estate be put out at interest until she becomes twenty one years old. I also give and bequeath to my wife Nancy M Steele the use of my lands farming utensils household furniture, stock of all kinds during her natural life or widowhood, the property herein named and given to Nancy I Steele Martha L Steele and Francis L Steele together with that heretofore given to my other children Hannah E Benton Mary C Benton Ester L Ford Abner A Steele Robert M Steele and Elizabeth Kennedy. I consider

as making them all equal. I further direct that at the expiration of the widowhood of my wife all my lands and every other property attached thereto be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided among all my children. I further direct and give to my wife twenty dollars for the benefit of the family and also request her to sell off such perishable property as she may not need or wish to keep, provided she thinks it best to do so.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Abner I Steele my Executor, in witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal. This the 6th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.
 Aaron Steele (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator on the day and date above written.

Joseph W Gibson

Samuel Pelckea

John A Delleyhay

State of Tennessee }
 Marshall County } County Court September term 1854
 Personally appeared in open court Joseph W Gibson and Samuel Pelckea subscribers being ratifiers to the foregoing will after being sworn there in open court proved said Will as the law directs,
 Given under my hand at office September 4th 1854
 J. Sall (Seal)

I Christen Davis do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made, **FIRST** I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor, **Secondly**, I give and bequeath to my grandson John A. Craften sixty dollars, **Thirdly**, I give and bequeath to my grandson William L. Craften sixty dollars, **Fourthly**, I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha A. Craften sixty dollars, I give the above named sums to the above named grand children over and above their equal shares, **Fifthly**, it is my will that the balance of my property be equally divided between my children, **Lastly** I do hereby nominate and appoint M. Davis my executor, in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 5th day of August 1854 Christen ^{her} Davis ^{marks}

Signed sealed published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator. This 5th day of August 1854

Benjamin F. Houston

State of Tennessee

M. S. Bills

Marshall County } County Court September term 1854
Personally appeared in open court Benjamin F. Houston and M. S. Bills subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, after being sworn there in open court sworn said witnesses the law directs, Given under my hand at office September 4th 1854 J. Tally (clerk)

I Absalom Whiteett of the County of Marshall in the State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory but in the enjoyment of bad health and at the same time knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do in view of these things make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby making void all former wills by me at any time made, In the **FIRST** place, I will and devise and hereby direct that my body be decently interred, and my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any moneys I may die possessed of or which may first come into the hands of my executor,

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly all my household and kitchen furniture also two Cows two horse beast as many hogs as shall be sufficient to make provisions for her and family during the next ensuing year, and stock hogs a number that may enable her to have for the purpose of containing a stock of hogs for stock purposes also my stock of Cato. with as much Wheat and Corn as shall be considered sufficient to supply her wants, such as fattening Pork, feeding stock and breadstuffs until she can have the same raised in the next ensuing year. I also give her my farming utensils.

Thirdly I direct and desire that my lands of which I may die possessed be not divided but that it remain in the situation I leave for a home for my family Wife and children until my children shall change their condition so as to make it advisable to distribute the same at which time I direct that my lands shall be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided between my Wife Polly and my children, or to those of them that may then be living.

Fourthly, I direct that my children be educated out of the proceeds arising from the rents of my lands aforesaid if there is a surplus. If not then their education must be paid for, out of the funds arising from the sale of my property not herein devised, and such moneys and choses that I may die possessed of and which may constitute a portion of my estate - I now here - I specially enjoin my wife Polly to see that our childrens education be attended to during her or their lives until they are otherwise settled in life.

Fifthly, the moneys and other means that I may die possessed of, I desire and so devise shall be equally divided between my wife Polly and our children -

Sixthly, I direct that the provision intended for my wife described in the second item of this will be set apart to her by some third or more judicious and experienced man unconnected with us in any way to be chosen by my executor for that purpose, whose report shall be rendered for my executor benefit or protection. In the last place I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved and estimable son James T. as executor to this my last will and testament - made and published and I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 20th day of August A.D. 1854

Abraham Whitehead

Made and published by the said Abraham Whitehead in our presence as his last will & testament and we have subscribed our names in his presence at his special request the 20th of August 1854

David McGahy
James M. B.

State of Tennessee }
Marshall County } County Court September term 1854
Personally appeared in open court David McGahy
& Joseph M. Bigger subscribing witnesses thereto who
after being sworn there in open court swore said
will as the law directs, Given under my hand at
office September 1st 1854 J. Tully Clerk

I, David Lawrence of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee do this day make and publish this my last Will and testament revoking all other Wills by me made at any time.

First, I desire and so direct that my debts shall be paid by my executor out of any moneys that I may die seized of, or may first come into to then hand after my death.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my much beloved wife Angeline Lawrence for her own use and benefit all of my household and Kitchen furniture to do as she may see proper, at her death or marriage and furthermore I give to my wife during her life time or widowhood my tract of land on which I now live consisting of 174 acres with the exceptions herein after named also the following negroes to wit, Larchum Tildan & Bice & Mack. Let Mary also as much of the stock on hand as she may think proper to keep for the purpose of raising and educating my younger children.

Third, I give and bequeath to my son Marshall Lawrence a portion of my tract of land heretofore willed to his mother running from east west on the north side of said tract including only

341 the cleared portion running with the crop fence
49 poles wide commencing on the East side of
said tract of land also an equal division of my
timbered land between him and his two younger
brothers also I give to Marshall one grey mare
and three hundred dollars to pay him as soon as
he is twenty one years of age. by Executors also
I will that he have the use of his land when
he comes of age.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to two sons
John C. Lawrence & James R. Lawrence the
balance of my tract of land to be equally divided
between them at the death or marriage of my
wife. the division line between them on
the improved portion to run from East to
west and the timber portion to be divided so as
to give each one an equal portion also I give
to John C. one negro boy so. at the death
or marriage of his mother also I give to James
R. one negro boy named Bie.

Fifth I give to my daughter Virginia
Lawrence and the heirs of her body one negro
girl age about 10 y. named Dathena to
go in the possession of my daughter at the
death or marriage of my wife. also one
saddle and mare Teneriff to be given her
by executors at the proving of this my will.

Sixth I give to my daughter Elizabeth M.
Lawrence and to the heirs of her body
one negro girl named Delia. at the death
or marriage of my wife. also one saddle
and my mare Della. the saddle and mare
given her at my death.

Seventh = I give and bequeath to my daughter
Cordelia L. Lawrence and to the heirs of her body
one negro boy named Effects at the death or
marriage of my wife also one horse saddle & worth
fifty dollars to be paid her at the age of 20 years
or marriage.

Eighth I give and bequeath to my daughter
Georgian and the ~~death~~ heirs of her body at
the death of her mother or marriage. one negro
boy named Lee and also at the age of 21 years
or her marriage to give her one horse, saddle and
bridle worth sixty five dollars by my Executors.

Ninth = I give and bequeath to my daughter
Amanda L. Lawrence and to the heirs of her body
one negro girl named Mary at the death or
marriage of her mother and also I give to
said Daughter to be paid her by my Executors
at the age of 21 years or her marriage. one horse
saddle and bridle worth ^{sixty five} dollars.

Tenth - I give and ^{bequeath} to my son Joseph
B. Lawrence one negro boy valued at five
Hundred dollars and to be bought for said
son Joseph by my Executors. when he is
ten years of age or some time previous if
convenient. also I desire that the above gift
be carried into effect at the marriage or death
of my wife. also I give to said son one
horse saddle and bridle worth sixty five
dollars.

Eleventh - I desire and direct that my
Executors expose for sale without any order from
court my tract of land known as the mill
tract and also one negro boy named Martin

and also all other property not heretofore willer by giving notice of the sale at least 20 days before the day of sale on a credit of 12 months the proceeds of said property to be dealt with as follows. Three hundred dollars to be paid to my son Marshall as before specified and further five hundred dollars to be ~~paid~~ for the purchase of my son Joseph B. Laws - one, negro boy at the time specified and the balance if any left in the hands of my Executors for the purpose of schooling and paying off the children as named in this my will and further more I desire and direct that my Executors give Bill of sale of said boy Martin and deed of land to purchasers and that the courts have recognition of same as done by myself.

Lastly - I nominate and appoint my wife Angelina and my son Marshall Lawrence my lawful Executors in Witness whereof I subscribe my name This May 17th 1853.

Signia in our presence David Lawrence (seal) and we asked to become subscribing on this day it bears date. Humphrey is Clerk
Attest Geo W Benedict

State of Tennessee }
Marshall Co. in the } County Court September Term 1854
Personally appeared in open court Humphrey A. Cowden & G. W. Benedict subscribing witness to the foregoing Will who after being sworn there in open court, proved said Will as the law directs. Given under my hand at office September 4th 1854.

J. Tally Clerk

I James C. Powell do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I give to my beloved wife Sally L. Powell the farm on which I now live during her natural life, after her death to be sold & the proceeds divided amongst my children. I also give her the use of my three negroes to wit, Manney Garrett & Jane during her life, then to be sold and the proceeds divided amongst my children. In order that she may be able to complete the building that I now have on hand I give her three hundred Dollars in money. I also give her all my house-hold & kitchen furniture during her natural life, then to be sold & divided as the proceeds of the lands & negroes above mentioned. I also give her my spinning jenny as I do the house hold & kitchen furniture. I also give her all the bacon & lard that I have on hand & twelve of my best hogs for her next years provisions and ten sheep, & three sows & pigs her choice. I also give her ten head of Sheep, four head of Cows, one yoke of Steers, and my wagon, also two head of horses to wit, the Gray mare & her choice of the other. & all the grain I also give her all the old corn I have on hand & seventy five barrels of new corn if there should be that much all the oats & fodder on hand, my wheat four & forty bushels of wheat. I also give her my corn & tobacco & reel & one spinning wheel. I also give her ten tree stands & ten gallons of strained honey.

I also give her three ploughs & two pair of gears & one pair of
 truckers. Thirdly, I give to my son James C Powell
 one fifty two year old pair & his saddle bridge & span
 when he needs the necessaries to go to housekeeping
 upon, it my wish that his mother furnish him so as
 to make him equal with the children that have been
 sold off. Fourthly I give to my Daughter Mary
 C Powell one some fifty with a blaze face two
 years old pair & her saddle bridge & span that her
 mother furnish her when necessary as I have directed
 in the case of James. Fifthly I give to my daughter
 Martha Powell one some colt with a blaze face
 sold last spring. I also give her two hundred dollars
 for the purpose of schooling her & necessary expenses.
 Sixthly It is my will that the balance of my property
 be sold at public auction except what I may
 otherwise bequeath & the proceeds divided amongst
 my children. Seventhly I give & bequeath to my
 Daughter Rachel M. Wilson my negro woman
 Emili & her child named Minerva to belong
 to her & to the heirs of her body forever. I value
 them to her at Eleven hundred Dollars.
 Eighthly I give to my Daughter Anna Lucinda
 Wilson my negro girl named Francis and
 my negro boy named Monso to belong to her &
 to the heirs of her body forever. I value them to
 her at seven hundred Dollars. Ninth, I give
 & bequeath to my son Calvin M. Powell my negro
 boy named Daniel to be his forever. I value
 him at five hundred ^{& fifty} dollars. Tenthly It is
 my will that the money notes & accounts that I have
 on hand be equally divided amongst my children
 to whom I have not given a negro or negroes
 in order to make them equal if they should not

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 enough, then the proceeds of the sales of the purchased
 property if that should not be enough, then the proceeds
 of the sale of the lands, to be divided until they are
 all made equal, then share & share alike. Eleventh It is
 my will that all my lands except what I have
 given to my wife during her life be sold on one
 two & three years credit, the purchaser giving bond
 & security bearing interest from date, with a lien
 on the land until the purchase money be paid.
 Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Sally C
 Powell (my wife) my Executors & my son Calvin
 M. Powell & George W. Wilson my Executors to this
 my last will & testament, In witness whereof I
 do set my hand & Seal This the 14th day September 1854
 James C. Powell

Signed sealed & published in our presence & we
 have subscribed our names herunto in the
 presence of the testator This 14th day of September 1854.

Horatio M. Phillips
 William A. Phillips
 Benjamin F. Houston

State of Seneca County Court Sept. term 1854
 Marshall County 3 Personally appeared in
 open Court Horatio M. Phillips William A. Phillips
 & Benjamin F. Houston subscribing witnesses
 to the foregoing will, who after being sworn
 then in open court pronounced said will as
 the law directs. Witness my hand at office
 October 2nd 1854
 J. Tully Clerk

I William M Houston do hereby make this my last will and testament hereby Revoking and making void all other wills made by me at any time.

It. 1st my will and desire is that all my Just debts be paid out of the first moneys that may come into the hands of my Executor. It. 2nd I will and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Annie the one fourth of my tract of land in value incl-
-ing the home place, Dwelling house and out buildings (the new boards excepted) during her natural life, And at her death to go to my Daughter Elizabeth Lane. Also one years provisions to be allowed her, one bed and furniture and my old sorrel mare, the colt she is with now excepted, It. 3 I will and bequeath all of the balance of my land to my three youngest sons Thomas Jefferson, Alexander and John Marshall, to be equally divided between them by three disinterested persons.

It. 4th my will and desire is that all of my personal property be sold except the portion that has heretofore been bequeathed as soon after my death as may be convenient necessary and in the event there should not be enough of the proceeds of my personal property to pay all of my Just debts, then and in that case, my will and desire is that enough of one corner of my land be sold by my Executor to the highest bidder without any decree of court and before any division be made between my legates, but should my property more than pay all my Just debts, then and in that case, my will and desire is that the remainder be equally divided between my beloved wife Annie and my

four youngest Children, Thomas Jefferson, Abner Alexander, John Marshall & Elizabeth Lane but in the event my beloved wife Annie should dissent from the will and claim the third of the land, then and in that case, my will and desire is after her death the hole of the land be divided between my three youngest sons Thomas Jefferson, Abner Alexander & John Marshall, It. 5th I hereby nominate & appoint my worthy friend Hampton Lizzet my sole executor to this my last will and testament, August 20th 1854 William M Houston (Seal)
Signed sealed and acknowledged
in our presence

Isaac Payne
William M Houston
State of Tennessee

Marshall County, 3 County Court October term 1854
Personally appeared in open court William M Houston one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and after being sworn there in open court provided said will as the law directs
Witness my hand at office October 5th 1854
S. Vally Clerk

I Emma Taylor do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made.
It. 1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I did possess or may first come into the hands of my Executors
2nd I give devise and bequeath to my wife Nancy Taylor that portion of my land herein after described and all that appertains thereto for and during the whole of her natural life

or if she should marry again only for and during her widowhood viz Beginning at the Lewisburg Road at the lower water gap thence with a fence South East to the Spring branch thence up the said Branch to the apple orchard then to the grave yard on the Bluff, then to an Elm tree in the old field, then north to a large Elm tree in the Hollow about 40 yards above the field and a little below where J. C. Edwards now lives then a north course to the lane between me and J. H. Mills, then with said lane a west course to the Lewisburg Road, then a South course with said Road to the beginning containing by estimation about sixty acres be the same now or here to have and to hold for and during her natural life or widowhood as above specified and no longer, after her death or marriage I desire and authorize and direct my Executors to sell the above described parcel or tract of land and divide the proceeds of the same equally amongst my five sons namely William D. Taylor Robert E. Taylor James W. Taylor Richard Taylor and George Taylor. Thirdly I give and devise to my Daughter Eliza Jordan and Rebecca Jones each one hundred dollars a piece at my death out of the proceeds of my property hereafter directed to be sold, but said money to remain in the hands of my Executors until the Death of their husbands then to be paid over to my said Daughters or in case they die before their husbands then to go the use and benefit of their children I authorize and direct that the lawful interest on said one hundred dollars be

paid to S. Eliza Jordan & Rebecca Jones each annually at the end of every year until disposed of as ~~set forth~~ heretofore directed. Fourthly I devise and direct that the balance of my land be sold after my death and equally divided except the two hundred dollars devised above amongst eight of my children viz. William D. Taylor Robert E. Taylor James W. Taylor Richard Taylor George Taylor Angelina Lawrence Mary Green & Lucy Jane Taylor and I authorize my Executors to sell the said balance of my land and all my personal property and divide the proceeds of the same as directed above, except such portions of my personal property as shall be set apart hereafter and for my wife Fanny Taylor and my son George Taylor and my daughter Lucy Jane Taylor. Fifthly I give and devise in addition to the land already devised and given to my wife Fanny Taylor out of my personal property one bed and furniture one fine Cherry headboard one new Cherry folding Table one Cupboard and furniture in the Cupboard one Clock one large Chest one oven and pot and one Skillet and one Dred more that I bought of Reuben Rainey one Saddle and Bridle one Cow & Calf five head of Sheep one Sow & Shoats or pigs all the geese and Ducks two Bee Stands and one Loom and gear to be disposed of as the land heretofore devised to her after the termination of her natural life or widowhood. Sixthly I devise and give to my son George Taylor in addition to what has already been devised