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At a quarterly Court held for the County of James City at the Courthouse
thence in the City of Williamsburg On Monday the 11th day of June in the year 1866
This day the foregoing appraisement and account of sales of the
personal estate of Garnett Knight dec^d. Was presented in Court
examined and approved & ordered to be recorded.

Teste

Wm. H. Gerby C.

I John Ratcliff of the County of James City now in sound
sane and disposing memory do make publish and declare this writing
as and for my true last will and testament. I subject my whole estate both
real and personal to the payment of my just debts and hereby authorize my
Executrix herein after named to dispose of the same for that purpose.
I give my Mother Harriet P. Ratcliff all of my Estate for her to use to the
best advantage. I appoint my Mother Harriet P. Ratcliff my Executrix
of this my last will and testament she to act without security.
In testimony whereof and that the same is my own hand writing I have
hereunto affixed my seal and set my hand this the 22^d day of April 1861
John Ratcliff

At a Court held for the County of James City at the Courthouse thence
in the City of Williamsburg On Monday the 9th day of July 1866.

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Ratcliff
dec^d bearing date on the 22^d day of April 1861. Was presented in Court and proven
by the Oaths of Octavius Coke and William A. Mendenhall (who say they are well
acquainted with the hand writing of John Ratcliff dec^d and that the said writing
and the signature thereto is wholly in the proper hand writing of said John
Ratcliff) and then upon the said writing is ordered to be recorded as the true
last will and testament of said John Ratcliff dec^d. And on the Motion of
Benjamin H. Ratcliff (by his atty) he is permitted to qualify as administrator
with the will annexed of John Ratcliff dec^d. (The Executrix therein named
refusing to do so by her atty) Whereupon the said Benjamin H. Ratcliff appeared

in Court and took the Oath of office and together with H. L. Hoerly as his security (who justified on oath as to his sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs. It is Ordered that letters of administration be made out in due form of law for Benjamin H. Kataliffe as administrator with the will annexed of John Kataliffe dec'd

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The State of Tennessee

At the County Court of Tipton County held at the Court house in Covington on the first Monday of June 1862

Present J. W. Owen, S. W. Malone, W. E. Edmore Justices

This day H. H. Munford and Thomas S. Lauderdale presented a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Hugh Bragg, lately a citizen of this County deceased, and thereupon appeared in open Court Stephen E. Kent and John D. N. Lauderdale two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being first sworn deposed and say that the said Hugh Bragg signed and acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last Will and Testament - and that they subscribed the same as witnesses in his presence and at his request and that the said testator at the time of signing and acknowledged the same was of sound and disposing mind and memory. Thereupon it is ordered and adjudged by the Court that said Will is proved; and is approved and ordered to be recorded and Certificate of probat. granted. Which said Will is in the words and figures following To Wit.

I Hugh Bragg of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee, being of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding; wishing to make provision for the disposition of my Estate, do for that purpose, make Ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following hereby revoking, annulling, and Making Void all other Wills by me heretofore made -

In the first place, I wish my executors hereinafter named and appointed as soon as practicable after my death to pay off and discharge all my just debts; and funeral expenses out of the first money that may come to their hands or possession belonging to my estate