

& Then Children for ever 1 girl Slave
 Caroline And her Boy Abraham Ruff
 a Girl Slave Oney of Girl Slave And
 the increase from this date I also
 give & bequeath to my Son William
 Upcherch & Seth Upcherch 1 Negro Boy
 Constant Negro girl Cherry 1 Negro Boy
 And the increase of the Negroes
 divided between them Share & Share
 alike at the decease of my wife Elizabeth
 if William or Seth should die without
 children the other living I want to
 have the whole of the property killed
 1. Both I also will and bequeath to ~~the~~
 of the debt of my wife Elizabeth the Land
 bequeath & will to her during her natural life
 time to be equally divided between my Son
 William and Seth Upcherch should William
 or Seth die without children I will and
 bequeath the Land that I give to both
 shall belong to the surviving one in case
 William & Seth should die without children I will
 and bequeath that all the property I give to William and
 Seth be equally divided between the remainder of my children
 I also will give bequeath that in case either of my daughters
 Caroline William Roma Perry Martha & my Cousin Upcherch
 should die without having children the property I give
 and bequeath to them to be equally divided between the remain-
 der of my heirs I also will and bequeath that my Son William
 if and Seth Upchurch at the death of my wife Elizabeth shall
 have all of the remainder of my property equally divided
 between William & Seth Upchurch in case either William
 or Seth should die without children the property given
 to both I will and bequeath to the surviving one in case
 both William and Seth Upchurch should die without children
 the property will to them I want to be divided equally
 between the remain- der of my heirs likewise I make constitute
 and appoint John A. Doherty to be executor of this my last
 Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me
 made in Retain, Whereof I have hereto subscribed my name
 and affixed my seal the fifteenth of June in the Year of
 our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said
 Jamison Upchurch in our presence and acknowledged by
 him to each of us and he at the same time published and
 declared the above instrument to be his last

Will and Testament and in at the Testator request and in
 his presence have signed our names and our respective places
 of Residences

J. W. Russell Benton Co Tenn
 J. Asher Benton Co Tenn
 R. B. Kelly Benton Co Tenn

Thomas J. Jamison Upchurch of the County of Benton and
 State of Tennessee have made my last Will and Testament
 in writing bearing date of the 15th June one thousand
 eight hundred and fifty two in and by which I have
 given and bequeathed to my wife Elizabeth a life time right
 to the land which she has departed this life and
 I now will and bequeath that my present wife Matilda
 Upchurch shall live with my son Seth Upchurch on the
 premises and have half the use of the property until my
 son Seth Upchurch becomes twenty one years of age or during
 his minority and if my wife Matilda remain unmarried
 when she becomes of age I want the use of half of the land and
 house to be extended until such marriage to replace
 or during the time of her natural life time also
 I will and bequeath that my daughter Cornelia
 Upcherch brouseling she is unmarried at the
 time of my decease have the same privilege
 on the premises as one of the sons and shall
 live with my wife Matilda & son Seth & be supported
 off the proceeds of my property during her single
 life also I will and bequeath that at the very
 moment my wife Matilda & Mary after my
 death her interest is to cease on any of my
 property whatever I also will and bequeath
 that Josiah Williams and his present wife
 Malpha have and hold during their natural
 life time the house he now lives in on my
 premises & twenty acres of land around the
 house he has built on my premises between
 my house & James & William and at the death
 of the said Malpha Williams the land is to go
 in to the hands of the Indiv- iduals as my last
 Will and Testament directs in witness
 Whereof I have through subscribed my name
 and affixed my seal the 15th day of June
 in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and fifty two
 Jamison Upchurch Dead

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said James V. Church in our presence and Acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be his last will and testament and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses to it and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

Attest Benja. County
J. B. Rolles Benja. County
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In the name of God Amen

I James A. Gillespie of the County of Benton & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make certain and declare this to be my last will and testament that

1st. I give First
It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Sarah Gillespie have all my property both real and personal during her life or widowhood.

2d. At her death or marriage the property both real and personal to be sold and the proceeds divided amongst my heirs as follows (To wit) First, I will that my daughters Amanda Gillespie Margaret Gillespie William Gillespie & my son Thomas A. Gillespie to have each a good horse bridle & saddle and one bed and furniture if I should be seized of such property. If not I want them to have each one hundred and fifty dollars to make them equal with those of my children that has left me.

Secondly I will that my son Nelson A. Gillespie have one bed and furniture (Third, I will that my Grand son Virgil Evans have fifty dollars (Fourth, I will that the remainder of my estate be equally divided between my children, William A. Gillespie Nelson A. Gillespie Amanda Gillespie Margaret Gillespie Ephraim Gillespie & Thomas A. Gillespie. (Fifth, I appoint my friend Wm. H. Mealey my executor to this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me at any time made This August 27th 1866

Acknowledged in presence of

James A. Gillespie

W. H. Mealey

J. B. Mealey

J. H. Sugrue

W. E. Davis

A. S. Johnson

I William Hill living of Danna mine and desiring my name to be published and declare the following to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and making valid all other wills that may have been made by me.

First I command my Son to God and foray his blessing for my little one I leave behind me

Item 2 I direct that as soon after my death as convenient that all property real and personal be sold on the best terms possible except household and kitchen furniture and my home place where I now reside which is to be reserved for a home and for the use of my minor children until they all become of age.

Item 3rd After selling my two (2) Storehouses and Lots in Nashville Tenn. and Store house and Lot and also house and Lot known as Steele property in Camden Tenn. and one Tract of Land in Dickson County Tenn. known as Pea Ridge tract of Land. All my just debts are to be paid.

Item 4th I direct that out of the Money arising from the Sale of the above mentioned property together with what money I may die possessed of that my Executor shall invest or put out at interest with undoubted security the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9000) the profit or interest arising or accruing from the same to be used by my Executor for the benefit of Education and Support of my minor children until they all become of age or marry and that the remainder after paying the above mentioned Nine (9) Thousand Dollars be equally divided among all my children.

Item 5th When all my children become of age or marry then I direct that my home place where I now reside together with all my household and kitchen furniture be sold on the best terms possible and the proceeds of said Sale together with the before mentioned Nine (9) Thousand Dollars be equally divided among all my children.

Item 6th I direct that if my Son Wm. Hill desires to complete his Education that my Executor pay for his Board clothes and tuition.

Item 7th I hereby nominate and appoint my Son Samuel Thompson Hill my Executor of this my last will and testament and that he is hereby made

Such Executor without being required to give Bond for the Execution of the Same. And is hereby Such Executor to Sell all the before mentioned property houses Lots and Tract of Land and Mark Sills to the Same. I Desire that my Executor be Compensated for his Services.
In testimony Whereof I have hereunto Signed my name to this my Last Will and Testament
This 19th day of August A.D. 1871 W. H. Hill

J. A. Henry
R. P. Haley

D. A. Bruce Clerk

The Non-competitive Will of H. D. Wimberly
Non-Deceased

We Certify that a few hours before the death of the said H. D. Wimberly at his own house in the County of Benton Tennessee that he called on us to bear witness to how he granted his property disposed of.

He stated that he wanted W. D. Horriest to take the Adm. Court to pay for the land where he lived, or take so much as would satisfy him of the above named land; if not he wanted his wife Pauline to sell it and pay him money. He said he wanted his wife to keep all the rest of his property of all kinds to help her raise his children. He wanted to sell her to assist her in making settlements. They state that they have set these statements down in witness in less than two days after the death of the said H. D. Wimberly 8th January 1873

Attest

E. L. Hu lbs
J. J. Corbitt
to Benjett's Signature

Examined approved and ordered to be recorded

John Phifer Chairman

Henry Sawyer's Will

I Henry Sawyer being feeble in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my Last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills heretofore by me made

1st I Will that my body be buried in a decent Christianlike burial; And that my funeral expenses and any debt that I may owe be paid by my Executors (to be hereafter appointed) as soon thereafter as may be convenient

2nd I Will to my Wife Mariah Sawyer and to my daughter Emma Sawyer all of my property both Real and Personal of every description to belong to them jointly, to be enjoyed by them undivided so long as they may live and remain unmarried, but should either or both of them marry I Will that the property and effects that I may have be equally divided between them

But should they remain single and die without issue, I Will that my niece Mary Straton and her heirs have what is of my effects may be left after the death of my wife and daughter. I nominate and appoint my Wife Mariah Sawyer my Executor to carry out this my Last Will and Testament

Witness my hand the 9th day of January 1873
Henry Sawyer

Signed in view presence
and we were called on to
Witness the same on the
day it being date

A. C. O'neeson
A. J. Brubaker

J. G. Teronam
Thomas J. Burkett
March 16

Mary Townsend Will

I Mary Townsend of the County of Benton and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of life do hereby make the order Public I declare this to be my last will and Testament.

That is to say first after all my Lawfull debts are paid by any I give and bequeath to George W. Townsend my share of land on which I now live second I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Townsend the household and kitchen furniture I desire Equally divided between John W. Adams Estate and my two daughters Galina and Mary Opalinda. I further desire all money I have at my death Equally distributed between my two sons George Northaniel Joseph Townsend I declare this to be my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills formerly made by me.

Test

Mary Townsend

W. H. Cole
J. H. Cole
C. Cole

State of Tennessee

Benton County Personally came before me, D. H. Cole Clerk of said County Court and in open Court D. H. Cole one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and after being duly sworn as the Law directs do declare and say that they are acquainted with Mary Townsend the above divisor and that she signed and acknowledged the foregoing to be her Will and I do this for the purpose herein set forth.

Given Under my hand and office the 3rd day of March, 1867
J. H. Cole
By J. H. Cole, D.

John Buchanan Will

I John Buchanan being sound in mind and memory and for advanced in life and well knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do constitute this my last will and Testament revoking all former Wills or codicils made by me heretofore. Item 1st after my death my will is that my funeral expenses be fully paid. Item 2nd and my will is that all my just debts be fully satisfied out of my property in effect. Said debts to come well authenticated as the law provides. Item 3rd my will is after Item 1st and 2nd one fully complied with that I will and bequeath to my affectionate wife Jennette L. Buchanan all my Real and personal property of every kind to have and to hold to her own use and benefit during her natural life with full power to bargain sell will or bequeath to whomsoever she may choose in testimony I have set my hand and seal this 12th of December the 12th A.D. 1867
Test J. R. Childress John Buchanan
Test B. A. Lince

approved of by the
Court Feb 2nd 1868
J. T. Florence Clerk

State of Tennessee & I Joseph Hagg of the County
Benton County & I do state afore said do
humbly make and publish this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and making void
all other wills by me at any time made
1st It is my will that all my just debts be
paid as soon as the same can be done after
my death

2nd I will and bequeath to my children viz
my Daughter Sarah Ann Hagg my Son
Elisha Green Hagg and my Daughter Dicy
Ann Hagg all my property both personal
and Real that my Wife Elizabeth Hagg is to
live with the Children and have her support
from the products rents &c of that my own
from the farms and property that I may die
possessor of but at her death all the effects
of my estate after paying my just debts
together with my funeral expenses to be
divided equally between the three children
above named

3rd I hereby nominate and appoint Green
Shalley my sole executor to this my last
will and testament in testimony whereof
I hereunto set my name in the presence
of the Subscribed witnesses this 20th
day of July in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and seventy
four 1874 Examined before
Test in open court sept Joseph Hagg
J. J. Hurdle Sept 1874
B. E. Utley f. P. Florence Chm

I Mary Townsend do make and publish this as my last
will testament hereby revoking and making void all other
wills by me at any time made. I direct that my debts be
paid as soon after my death as possible out of any
money that I may die possessor of or may first come
into the hands of my executor. I give and bequeath
to
Nathaniel Townsend my son and Abby Townsend
my own moulder to be equal divided and my
lands where she lives I want my ^{part} ~~part~~ ^{part} ~~part~~ my
Cows and Calf I want my household and
kitchen furniture two thirds of it to be equal divided
between Patsy Forest and Julia Moore and remains to
be divided between my Grand daughter that is now
alive and if any money on hand at my
death I want it to be divided between Nathaniel
and Joseph Townsend and Geo Townsend under
my hand and
I in witness whereof I do to this my will set
my hand and
May 22 1875
Mary Townsend
Mark

Signed Seal and published in our presents
and we have subscribed our names hereto
in the presence of the testator this the 22nd day
of May 1875
Witness Proven in open
Court and ordered to be
Recorded J. J. Hurdle Chm Sept. Court
J. J. Hurdle Chm July Court 1875

The Last Will & Testament of Jesse Bruce

I Jesse Bruce considering the uncertainty of the mortal life and being of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following to wit; first I give & give to my daughter Delany Lippincott \$2000 and to Mary McElmains \$2000 to Rhonda Lee and her heirs \$1800 and to Mary Stuart \$1100 and to J. J. Bruce \$500 and J. J. Bruce \$3000 I will & request to my three sons and their heirs a certain parcel of land interest in the name of Patrick Webb excepting one acre where the grave yard now is the land or proceeds to be equally divided between them after all my personal property has been sold & the proceeds gotten in I divided between them four J. J. Bruce his is one fourth one Rhonda Lee one at my death and they after all settlement to make & there is any comp. \$100 each it shall be equally divided between each & every one of my three children Last I appoint J. J. Bruce & Samuels Cairns to make said parcel & pay over to the use of the heirs their equal share of my estate it is my will that the above will be recorded if the children can agree so when making I set my hand & seal Jesse Bruce June 8th 1875 the above instrument containing of one sheet whose name has subscribed by Jesse Bruce the Vice of in the presence of each of us and here at the same time declared by him to be his last will & testament and we at his request sign our names here as attesting witnesses

Jesse Bruce
made

W. C. Thomas
W. C. McElmains

Will of James Payson

I James Payson being feeble in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will & testament revoking all other wills by me hereof made 1st I will that my body be buried in a decent & Christian like Burial and that my deceased wife and my heirs be paid in & there my funeral expenses and any debts I may owe to paid by my Executor to be hereafter appointed, as soon thereafter as may be convenient 2nd I will to my son Thomas A. Payson Two Dollars Cash my share and half of my wearing clothes (except my own coat) 3rd I will to my daughter Francis Eleanor Lippincott Ten Dollars 4th I will to my daughter Gentry Hope One Dollar 5th I will to my daughter Tabitha Lippincott Ten Dollars

Will of James Payson

6th I will to him of my deceased daughter Ann J. Little Five Dollars 7th I will my daughter Penelope L. Holland Ten Dollars each & also that I hold against her husband J. S. Holland for Two Dollars & Ten cents and my family Bible 8th I will my Grand daughter Hannah Jane Cairns my Trunk 9th I will my son David L. Payson my Own coat and One half my Wearing apparel clothes 10th I will my Grand son Emerson E. Payson my Yearling that is at my son David L. Payson

11 I will to my 3 children to wit, James J. Payson Rhonda Cairns & David L. Payson One 1/4 of all my ^{Real} property Real & personal equally

12 I will my two Grand children to wit, Cynthia Caroline Lippincott & Henry Allen Lippincott the other One 1/2 each to be equally divided with the exception of One Dollar which I will to my little Grand daughter General Alice Kennedy and which is to come out of Henry Allen Lippincott the bequest to my Grand daughter Cynthia Caroline Lippincott is on this condition should she not marry two Alexander Haddies but should she marry said Haddies before she arrives at the age of Twenty One years then she is to have no interest but what would otherwise be her interest I will to be equally divided between the Offspring of J. Payson Rhonda Cairns David L. Payson and Henry Allen Lippincott

13 I nominate and appoint my son J. J. Payson my Executor to take into possession all the property both Real & Personal and sell as he may think best either private or public for cash or on a credit and to carry out this my last will & testament within my hands the 30th day of July 1875

Signed in our presence and
We were called upon to witness the
same on the 30th day of July 1875

James Payson
made

J. C. McElmains
J. C. Thomas

Rebecca Annings Will

I Rebecca Annings being of sound mind
but also ~~in full~~ ^{in full} knowing that I can't
live long have considered that this is
my will and testament that is when I die
My Body to be decently buried & all of
my just debts ~~paid~~ ^{paid} and bequeath
my property to be paid and after that I
give my Son James Annings having bin
very kind to me have taken care of me for
the last twenty years I give to him
all the Lands I have any claim to
my Horse one well furnished to stand on
Berden on Turk on Loops on Spring
to kill all of my Castles to my Mary-
Ann Day but no more to be furnished
my Strail and my Red Clove to be
equally divided between my Son James
my Daughter Mary I give to my grand
daughter Rebecca Swinelle my saddle
now I appoint my James Annings
my Executor of this my Last will to take
the moving all other made by me in
writing of the same I have seen since
my health and made in the presence
of Isaac Anderson
James Annings
Rebecca Annings

Wm Farmer Will

- In the name of God my heavenly Father and
my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ Amen and Amen
and Amen I George W Farmer of the County of
Brenton & State of Delaware being weak in Body but
of sound mind Will testify that I must die
former or later I do hereby make and ordain
that my last Will and Testament in words and
substance as follows To wit, I give this soul of mine
to God who gave it to me And I give his body of
mine or earthly temple to God and his Son Jesus
Christ in care to watch and care for both
such time that God may say I shall be resurrected
that at that time to bring it up from out of
prepared as he may choose and so does this part of my
Will is my worldly affairs set apart as follows To wit,
This is a list or Schedule of the property of the aforesaid
that I George W Farmer have made to my children
and should be advanced as follows I have advanced to my
James W Farmer in his life time thirty Dollars \$30
Dollars to his Eldest Son George thirty Dollars \$30
also to his Son John James thirty Dollars \$30
also to his Son Wm Farmer thirty Dollars \$30
also to Anne Farmer his Son thirty Dollars \$30
2nd To my second Son John Farmer I have
advanced Eight Hundred Dollars \$800
3rd To my Daughter Elizabeth Farmer who married
Dth Britton and was the mother of Samuel John
I have advanced Two Hundred Dollars \$200
4th I have advanced to my Son John Farmer
Six Hundred & Fifty Dollars \$650
5th I have advanced to my Daughter Mary Ann
Pifer wife of John Pifer Two Hundred Dollars in Gold \$200
and Three Hundred Dollars in currency \$300
6th I have advanced to my Son Washington
Farmer Eight Hundred Dollars \$800
7th I have advanced to my Son Henry Holt Farmer
Two Hundred and Forty Dollars \$240

And the said Henry I suppose now to be dead
and do not know whether he has any legal
Heirs living or not though there should be
any living and come forward and fully

Identify themselves as such they shall be entitled to only Ten Dollars each and no more as their full share of my estate

I have advanced to my son Daniel McFarmer about eight Hundred Dollars \$800⁰⁰

I now set apart the following assets or means to make each share equal at Eight Hundred Dollars \$800⁰⁰

The largest amount advanced to any one as set forth in the foregoing statement of advances

1st I have five one thousand dollar Bonds on the State of Tennessee made for the purpose of loaning and Building of the Capitol all due the 1st day of March 1872 and each having a coupon attached due at the same time for thirty dollars each I have next five more one thousand dollar Bonds of same tenor and made for the same purpose due the 1st day of March 1874 with the thirty dollar coupons attached due the same time next consists of indebtedness as follows (Thirty)

One note on H. Rushing for four hundred dollars \$400⁰⁰ due first day of January 1876

One note on Age Hall for Eighteen Dollars & fifty cents \$18⁵⁰ due the 14th day of June 1875

One note on McPherson for fifty dollars \$50⁰⁰ due August the 6th 1875

One note on John Farmer for thirty dollars \$30⁰⁰ due the 14th of December 1875

One note on H. Jackson and Samuel Lockhart and H. Rushing Security for one hundred and sixty five dollars due Jan 1st 1876 \$165⁰⁰

One note on H. H. Box & McPherson & Allen Box & McPherson for Ballance about five hundred Dollars due the 10th of Sept day of Sept 1873 \$200⁰⁰

One note on W. M. Melton for twenty seven dollars & fifty cents due \$27⁵⁰

One note on Thomas Parley for twenty dollars due the 15th of August 1875 \$20⁰⁰

One note on A. J. Farmer for twenty dollars due 31st day of December 1875 \$200⁰⁰

One twenty dollar to 30th for five hundred and thirty five dollars and forty five cents \$535⁵⁰ issued to Z. Childers

One note on W. H. Melton and E. Melton for four hundred dollars due 1st day of January 1877 \$400⁰⁰

All of which may be found in my possession after at my death if not by me sooner collected, the right to do which I retain as a fund with the further amount of two tracts of land. One on the South side of Sulphur Creek adjoining the lands of John Loring for 150 acres. One other tract on Harmons Creek known as my old home residence for about 300 acres out of which I except four or five acres my two wives and some of my children are buried to be and remain a family plot for the burial place for the Farmer family for which as may suit them as a burial place for the Farmer family forever and not to be molested or interfered with by any person or persons. Also all my stock household and kitchen furniture and farming implements and all money that may be found on my person at my death shall be taken on the foregoing fund for distribution of my property to be sold by my executors as follows the personality within four months and the Realty within nine months from my decease as they may think proper. The above means or assets and proceeds shall be applied so as to make each heir equal at eight hundred dollars except the heirs of Henry Holt Farmer if any there be who are only to have and take under this will the sum of five dollars & should they come forward and identify themselves as afforsaid. And the balance if there should be any remaining of the foregoing money assets shall be equally divided between all the heirs or distributees according to the share of each heir except the heirs of Henry Holt Farmer who are in no case to have more than five dollars each as afforsaid. I now declare that if any of my legal heirs or representatives shall become dissatisfied

at this my last Will & Testament as set forth in the above, or attempt to cancel, or destroy the same either in Law or otherwise. I shall be excluded from the above provisions, and only receive five dollars each for their Shares. I now further declare that I am not liable or indebted to any person only a small account with H. Rushing. Lastly I declare that this is my own Will, and not the dictation of any person. And I have set before my Son, Sons & Wives, John & Sarah Farmer John H. Farmer and a Daughter, the Farmer or any or all of them that may survive me at my death as the executors of this my last Will and Testament and they shall have the exclusive Power that if the foregoing State Bonds above named should not be paid by the State is called for all the Bonds they shall have power to dispose of them in the best market as they may think advisable. And so ends this my last Will & Testament in the name of God Amen Dated this the 12th day January 1876

George W. Farmer Secy

We the undersigned Subscribers Witnesses called upon by the Testator himself We being acquainted with him for many years having heard him conversing about this matter his last Will and Testament and we further believe according to our acquaintance with him that his mind and strength is fully sufficient and capable of making this his last Will and Testament as above set forth after making & signing the same We did each of us assign our names as Attesting Witnesses

The within Will proved in open Court by all the Attesters and ordered to be Recorded

J. J. Harwood Chy

J. B. Green
Obadiah Bullcock
Age Hall
H. Rushing
H. B. Pierce
C. A. Pierce

Lucinda, Throgmorton East Mill, Massachusetts. We Nancy Weather and Richard England both depose and say that we were present at the late residence of Lucinda Throgmorton in Benton Locality, Tennessee on the 27th day of September 1876 and was both present at & before the death of said Lucinda and that she declared in their presence on the day of her death that she wanted her Sister Manerva to have her Billy & Mends and all the things in her house for the use of her children William H. and John S. and that her Sister should have the care and maintenance of her children and that her children should live with her Sister Manerva & that her half Brother Richard should be a Father to her children and to see that if her Sister Manerva married a man that did not treat the children well for him to see to them. Affiants further state that the said Lucinda died on the 27th day of September 1876 at her residence in said Locality & State and the affiants were both present this 3rd day of October 1876

Servant and Subscribed to this 3rd day of October 1876

Richard England

Nancy Weather

J. H. Farmer Chairman

J. B. Cox Will

State of Tennessee I Johnathan B. Cox of of the Locality Benton Locality and State do hereby make and publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. 1st I will to my Wife Martha Ann Cox One Room more about 8 years old 2nd I will to Wm. L. McColwe One Sorel Boat Four years old this Summer 3rd I will my Wife Martha Ann Cox One Lard Wagon Also One Cup Board One Wire Safe One Cooking Stove and fixtures One Feather Bed, Bedstead & Bed Clothes for same Also One Other Bed Bedstead and Bed Clothes for same One Grundle Bed Bedstead and other Bed Clothes belonging to said Grundle Bed Also One Bedstead One Small and One Large Walnut Chest Also One Bed and Bedstead bought by me on the other side of Tennessee River Also One undivided Interest in the Harry Lewis Land sold as the property of John Lewis and bought by me if the same is not redeemed by Lewis but in case said Lewis redeems said Land then and in that case

It is my will that my wife have the redemption money also one Holding Leaf Table and seven common chairs also one white cow and half and one two year old male yearling I also will and bequeath to my wife all that is mine by Law both Personal and Real during her life time or Widowhood and at her Death or marriage to property in the last ~~will~~ clause above to revert to my children also all the Ware belonging to the Cup Board that was brought here by my wife and one handle Stand & I will to Elder Florence Dixon McElroy one Brindle Heifer three years old I nominate and appoint Edward Hattis my executrix to this my last will and Testament this 13th Day of July 1876

Signed in our presence
by state above written

Attest
R. S. Utley
J. R. Garrison

Johnathan B. Cook ^{his} mark

Examined & approved
by the Court and ordered to
be recorded

J. H. Garrison Clerk

John L. Weaver's Will

I John L. Weaver wishing to dispose of my property while living do make this my last will and Testament first I will that all my just debts and burial expenses be paid out of the first money that may come to the hands of my executrix hereafter to be named I want my children all to have a horse and saddle a piece Bed and Bedstead a piece and the Boys one set of chairs a piece and the Girls one wheel a piece all of them to have one cow a piece and three head of sheep a piece and 2 Hogs a piece I will and bequeath the Balance of my property to my beloved wife Barbara during her natural life or Widowhood and at her Death or marriage I will and desire that my property be equally divided between all my children I nominate and appoint my wife Barbara my executrix to carry out this my last

Will and Testament I Witness whereof I have
hereunto signed my name this 11th Day of Sept
1874

Promised open Court John L. Weaver
and ordered to be recorded
2nd Day of October 1877

J. H. Garrison Clerk

W. L. Travis Will

I W. L. Travis knowing the uncertainty of life and that death must come to all sooner or later do make this my Will and Testament revoking by this any and all other Wills at any time ^{made} heretofore. It is my desire that my Son E. H. Travis should he be alive when I die, take charge of my effects and collect all debts that may be due me and pay any debts that I may owe at the time, and use whatever means either real or personal in educating and maintaining his Brothers & Sisters and when they all become of age if they all desire may divide equally then among them if there be anything left of either houses lands or lots or Personal property If said E. H. Travis thinks best to do so. I desire that a Piano forte that we have owned for a long time may be kept in the family for the use of Della & Mary and should they die without heirs, they either Hamilton or Ernest or both keep it as an heirloom with the one that lives the longest I appoint my Son E. H. Travis my executor without obliging him to give any security to any Court under the penalties for the faithful performance of his duties leaving every thing entirely to his discretion as to what may be best for him to do, whether to sell the lands and houses or part of them, or keep them and whatever he may do shall be as though I was alive and did it myself and just as legal July 26th 1875

Witness
J. E. Totty

E. M. Carnell

W. L. Travis

Proven by the Subscribing Witnesses in open Court and ordered to be recorded 3rd June 1878
J. H. Garrison Clerk

Wiley Ellis Will

I Wiley Ellis have this day made my last Will and Testament to Nancy Ellis the wife of Wiley Ellis is to have all the things that is in the House known and to hold as long as she lives and Thineas Ellis is to stay with her mother as long as she lives and Nancy Ellis is to have the Gray mare and Nancy Ellis is to have the red mare & Jeffer and the Red Mill & Cows and hogs enough to make her and Thineas meat this year and the next and bear one. Hogs besides and Thineas Ellis is to have the Red Jeffer and the old horses White back Jeffer and she is to have the Black Seal Sore and Nancy Ellis is to keep the Waggon and Oxen and the Spotted Sore and I Ellis is to have the other one of the Spotted Sore and the mule saddle and Nancy Ellis is to have the rent of all the land that is under the fence known and all that is cleared and fenced after to year and every man is to cut timber on his own land unless it is to fix up the fence on their tracks where there are not living on the land and Nancy Ellis is to have all of the sheep and all of the children have their saddles but Elizabeth Hatley & P. Ellis and Thineas Ellis and I want Thineas there 3 to have \$15.00 apiece for their saddles and I want Nancy Ellis my wife to have the stock in the stock store at Cambridge to have and hold her life time and and I to keep my my hold out till and blame to Nancy Ellis my in the presence of these witnesses and after she is done with it I want it equal divided a between all of my children and I want Stamford Hatley Duncan Ellis and J. I brockite to make up my group for one and my wife there 3 is the names I want to see to all my business & my wife's business and see to the rent of the land that she does get her share of all the rent that is raised on the farm. 27th Sept. 1877
Wiley Ellis

Signed Sealed and delivered
in our presence the day & above written

1st July 1878 proven in open
Court by the Subscribing Wit-
nesses & ordered to be recorded
J. H. Puffer Chx

James Melton Will

I James Melton of the State of Tennessee and County of Benton do make and publish this as my last Will Testament hereby making and making void all other Wills by me made at any time.
first I Direct that my funeral expenses and all my last debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessor of or may first come into the hands of my wife Julia Melton secondly I Direct that my wife Julia Melton have all my property of every description.

Thirdly my will is that my wife Julia Melton have full power to collect all my debts to and so and so and if necessary and after paying my funeral expenses and last debts if any that my wife Julia Melton have all the rest of my effects to manage and control as she may see fit in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the 13th Day of April 1875
Jas Melton
J. H. Melton

Proven in open Court by the Subscribing
Witness 7th Oct 1878 and ordered to be recorded
J. H. Puffer Chx

Thomas Pitts Will

I Thomas Pitt of the County of Benton and State of Tennessee do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby making and making void all other Wills by me made at any time made first I commend my body to the grave and my soul to God who gave it & My Desire is that I be neatly buried and that my funeral expenses be paid out of my effects as soon after my death as possible and I want all my just debts paid out of my effects as soon as possible after my death.
secondly my Desire is that my beloved wife Harriet Pitt shall have all my property of every description both personal and real to have and to hold forever and dispose of as she may choose and I do appoint David S. Rushing my

executor to this my Will Whereas
I have caused my name to be written
and have made my mark in the
presence of the subscribing Witnesses at this
the 28th day of September 1877
Witness

David Alsop

J H Mettaw

Proven in open Court
and ordered to be Recorded April
the 8th 1879

John H Farmer Chx

Washington Farmers Will

I Washington Farmer do will and bequeath and
Catharine Francis Williams all of my Land
and property to her after my Death I
want no one else to have it

December the 23rd 1877

Proven and proven in open
Court 4th August 1879

and ordered to be Recorded

J F Presson Chx Pro

John F. Presson's Will

I John F. Presson do will and bequeath and
make this my last
will and testament hereby revoking all
other wills by me at any time made 1st
I will that my Burial Expenses be paid
as soon after my Death as convenient out
of any money that I may die possessed of
or that may first come into the hands of
my Executors which I herein appoint

2nd I will that all my just Debts be paid

3rd in as much as I have given to each
of my Children who have arrived to Lawful
age a good horse Bridle & Saddle cow and
calf Bed Bedstead and Bed clothing or
their Equivalent I will and bequeath to my
son Eli Strickland my best mule and
the Saddle that he claims and that N F
Strickland give him to Root in a Saddle
Swap (Sawit) five Dollars. I also will

that he be paid by my Executors four
Dollars and forty cents that I borrowed of
him and I further will that my Executors
pay him the further sum of twenty five
Dollars to make him equal with those
who are of age & also his part of of his grand
father's Counsel Estate that I owed him as
his guardian

4th I will that my Executors pay to my two
minor daughters (Sawit) Martha Angeline
Strickland and Laura Melissa Strickland
as they respectively arrived at Lawful age or as
soon as may come into their hands one
hundred and twenty five Dollars each
(\$125⁰⁰) to make them equal sharers with
each of the Rest of my Children.

5th I will that none of my Land be sold till
after the youngest child (Laura Melissa
Strickland) shall become of Lawful age

6th I hereby nominate and appoint my
two sons John & Strickland and Newell &
Strickland my Executors to carry out this
my last will and testament to finish
under my hand this 14th day of September 1877

Noah Strickland
after being Read to him he signed and
acknowledged the same in our presents
this 14th Sept 1877 J F Presson

J F Barter
Proven in open Court by the Subscribing
Witnesses Nov 3rd 1879 and ordered to be Recorded
J H Farmer Chx

David Brooks Will

I David Brooks being of sound mind and Memory & having the fear of God before me, and knowing that death is certain do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any time: 1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come in to the hands of my Executor,

2nd Myself & wife Elizabeth Brooks and to enjoy all that I now possess or may hereafter possess during our life time both Real and personal, and

3rd after our death it is my will that my beloved Daughter Emeline F. Brooks after our death shall have all of my property both Real and personal property that I may die possessed of

4th I make this condition on this will for the benefit of my Daughter Lucy W. Brooks (heirs), that she Lucy W. Brooks is to enjoy what I leave to my Daughter Emeline F. Brooks as long as he may stay and abide with Emeline and no further if she leaves Emeline she is to have no benefit of the bequest to Emeline F.

5th I have some Interest in my Fathers Estate in North Carolina not received and should I not receive the same before my death then said Interest is to go to my Daughter Emeline F.

6th My will is that my Daughter Emeline F. shall have and enjoy all of my property as above stated her lifetime and at her death if there is any thing left it is to be sold and equally divided amongst all of my children; lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Morris B. Plenum as my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my last will and Testament set my hand and Seal this 34th day of March A.D. 1875

Witnessed by David Brooks (Seal)

J. V. Florence 2nd open Court pronounced by Judge Hargis

Judson Hargis 3rd 6th Jan'y 1880 J. F. Pearson Chm

Examined and ordered. pronounced in open Court by

to be Recorded 2nd Feby. 1880 J. F. Florence 2nd Feby. 1880

1880 J. F. Pearson Chm

James Gordon Will

I Will my Daughter Sarah Ann all I have at my Death for her kindness to me August 14 1879 James Gordon

Proven in open Court and ordered to be Recorded 3rd May 1880.

J. F. Pearson Chm

George Ballard Last Will & Testament

I George W. Ballard 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 wife Mary A. Ballard all of my entire property consisting of land, horses, cattle, dogs and other things and to have full Control of every thing during her life time or widowhood and I wish her to give to each one of the children one horse or a Cow as they grow up and leave her

Thirdly After her death I want every thing divided equally among all my children

This given under my hand and Seal this 10th day of January 1881

Witnessed by H. W. Ballard

Filed in open Court on the 5th day of April 1881 and ordered to be recorded

D. S. Bailey Chm

Thurs 11th I have heretofore given to my Son Frank and to my Son in law James & wife and his wife Catharine now deceased and their children as much of my estate as I wish them to have

Thurs 12th I hereby nominate and appoint my Son James & his wife executor of his my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

This the 15th day of January A.D. 1842
J. P. Barker

Signed Sealed and published in our presents and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator and of each other this the 15th day of January A.D. 1842

W. H. Barker Jr
K. & H. Barker

Read and approved and sealed
April 3rd 1843

J. R. Wheatley

Freeman Pesson's Will

I Freeman Pesson have this day made my last will and testament. I am in sound mind and in my right mind

1st I will that my just debts be paid and funeral expenses out of my personal property and that Wm. Pesson, John Pesson and John Pesson sons of Wm. A. Pesson have at my death each twenty dollars and the balance of my personal property I will to my wife A. Matilda Pesson her lifetime and after death to be equally divided between my lawful heirs

2nd I will that Samuel W. Pesson have the Warren tract of land on the east side of Lick Creek where the line strikes my lower tract to run up the Creek 150 ft by then Square off to the Creek then up the Creek to the line 3rd I will that Martha Wesson and her heirs have the land lying on the East side of the Creek of the Creek of the lower tract and thirty Acres of the Warren tract on the west side of the Creek

4th I will the balance of the lower tract equally divided between W. Pesson and W. Pesson my sons to fall to their heirs at their death

5th I will that Susan A. Pesson and her to have 97 ft of land where W. Pesson settled and James Bond to have equal shares with her heirs

6th I will that Eliza Ann Sarah and Nancy Bond have 32 acres of land lying on the lower branch

7th I will that W. Pesson by my executor to carry out my will

This the 29th day of October 1840

Test J. P. Pesson

K. A. Pesson

Freeman Pesson

John A. Williams Will

I John A. Williams do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any time.

I first 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 have in my possession of or may first come into the hands of my executors

Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy W. Hooper and her bodily heirs two hundred Acres of Land where I now live. Beginning on my north East Corner and run that bounded North by Green and Crosson and then runs North bounded on the West by Crosson and myself and then runs East to Paton's land so as to make two hundred acres of land, also two good farm mules and all of my farming utensils and what provisions may be on hand of Pesson for one year except for to feed her children and my wife Martha, W. Williams and what stock is necessary such as hogs and cattle what balance I may have be divided equally among all of my lawful heirs, Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint W. Ballard & H. H. Stegall my executors in witnesses whereof I do this my will with my hand and seal this the 25th day of February 1846

J. A. Williams

Signed and sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this the 25th day of February 1846

Received by the Court and ordered J. M. Waddell
A. H. Pesson July 1st 1846

Jane Amald-Will.

I Jane Amald of the County of Benton and the State of Tennessee - being of sound mind do therefore declare this to be my last will and testament - That is to say after all my lawful debts are paid the residue of my estate, real and personal I give and dispose of as follows. To Thomas wit Cuff all my land which I have a deed to and all of my interest in my sister's land and I give all my personal property to the said Thomas wit Cuff son of D.S. Cuff - I also give all of my land and personal property to D.S. Cuff his forth until wit Cuff becomes twenty one years of age - I also appoint D.S. Cuff Executor without requiring him to give any bond -
This June 20. 1879.

Jane M. Amald Em

List } Signed in our presence
James H. Boswell
Andrew J. Sykes

James H. Boswell being dead, his signature as a witness was given by J. M. Amald and A. J. Sykes
Duly proven in open Court 4th May 1885

Probated 4th of May 1885 and ordered to record
J. K. Wheatley Clerk

Etheldred Mutton Will

Etheldred Mutton being of sound mind and good memory, but feeble in health and realizing that death is certain and being desirous by making some disposition of my property during my natural life. I do this day make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any and all other wills by me at any time here to fore made.

1st I resign my body and spirit to God who give it with due obedience to his benevolent plan of and for redemption of man.

2nd I will that my body be buried in a decent and respectable manner and that my burial expenses be paid first of all out of any money or effects that I may die seized and possessed of.

3^d I will to my son A. J. Mutton my home tract of land where I now live, said tract contains about four hundred

and seventeen acres. Part composed of several small pieces, including the Holland tract which is commoned with Elizabeth Hollands down. I also give and bequeath to my son A. J. Mutton my lambs and fanner of one hundred and sixty acres. I also will that my son A. J. Mutton give to my three grand children and children of my son J. H. Mutton (\$1000) Ten dollars each in addition to the tract of land here to fore deeded to my son J. H. Mutton as an advancement for which I received no compensation. And Ten dollars each to my grand children being children of my son John Mutton

4th I will to my son H. H. Mutton and Priggen Mutton my upper most tract of land which contains 200 hundred acres and direct that they divide the same to suit themselves and at their own pleasure in specie or otherwise as they see fit and proper.

5th I will to my daughter Mary who intermarried with J. L. Phifer my William Cady tract of land of one hundred and twenty five acres located by said James my upper most fanner and being north of my said upper river fanner here to fore given to my said son H. H. Mutton Priggen Mutton.

6th I will to my daughter Sarah who intermarried with John Pofford all of my fanner known as the Ryan tract of land of about one hundred acres more or less.

7th I will to my sons H. H. Mutton Priggen Mutton and A. J. Mutton my tract of land known as the Hill tract and owned jointly by myself and William Hottel or his heirs. My three sons H. H. Priggen A. J. Mutton to each have one third of said land and that they divide the same in three parts to suit themselves and at their own pleasure.

8th I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who intermarried with Almy Mutton the fanner known as the Ryan sister fanner. Ten Hammers Creek containing about (300) three hundred acres more or less and now occupied by Tim. which tract of land I have hitherto deeded to her and her husband as an advancement and not for a consideration.

9th I will to Martha Robinson a girl child that I have raised and who is now living with me one cow and calf and one feather bed and bed stuff.

10th I desire that my executor, to be hereafter named, that at my death to take into his possession and sell to the highest bidder all of my horses, cattle, sheep, hogs,

tools and all farming tools except enough to carry on farming and the cultivation of a crop. If the family room and the proceeds of said personal property to be divided equally between all of my children and that all other personal effects that I may die seized and possessed of such as cash on hand, notes due and become due when collected by my executor be divided equally between H. H. Metten, E. J. Metten, Sarah Pofford, Priscilla Metten, Mary Puffer and A. J. Metten.

11th I hereby appoint my sons H. H. Metten and E. J. Metten my executors to carry out this my last will.

In witness whereof I have on this the 14th day of April in the year 1885, subscribed my name.
Ethelred Metten

The foregoing was read over to the said Ethelred Metten in due presence and he signed the same in our presence and we were called upon to witness the same on this the 14th day of April 1885.

E. A. Pierce,
L. V. Gardner.

Admitted to probate June 1st 1885
J. H. Mottley, clerk

Ichabod Farmer Will

I Ichabod Farmer being in sound mind and memory but in feeble health and knowing that it is appointed unto man to die,

and being desirous to dispose of my property and effects, do make the following as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling void all wills by me at any time made.

First I give to my three Grand Sons Henry, Philetus, D. and Archibald Farmer, who are sons of my son John C. Farmer who is now deceased, all my lands on the Pymousee River south of a line.

Beginning at the north east corner of 9600 acre lot in the name of John G. Blunt's heirs, at a highway on the west bank of the Pymousee River about one hundred yards below the original wood yard running due West to my West lawn dry pond, and thence with my fences south to the lands of John C. Farmer, supposed to contain about 462 acres may be more or less.

Second I give the tract lying on Harman Creek containing about one hundred and forty two acres lying the place upon which my son John C. Farmer lived at the time of his death and upon which his widow Philetus Farmer now resides, to the said Philetus Farmer to occupy and use during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or second marriage to her four daughters.

Third I give to my said Grand Children the three sons and four daughters of my said deceased son John C. Farmer two Pymousee Bunde each one thousand dollars each. And saying whereof, first interest which said Bunde are to be placed at my death in the hands of my son A. J. Farmer's child. And collect the interest thereon until the youngest one of my said Grand Children shall arrive at the age of twenty one years. Then the said two Bunde together with the interest collected upon same to be equally divided between all seven of my said Grand Children.

Fourth I give to my three Grand Sons William, Thomas, and Vernon Farmer, sons of my son A. J. Farmer, all my lands on the Pymousee River lying north of the lands heretofore given Henry, Philetus, D. and Archibald Farmer.

Containing about 463 acres may be more or less.

Fifth I give to my son A J Garner my four sixths undivided interest in the Willis pie lands, lying on Cypress Creek near Camden. Also about one hundred acres of land lying on the head waters of Sulphur Creek known as the Parker, sap land. Also note an Adams Thrane & Co of Nashville Tennessee for one thousand dollars dated August the 10th 1883 due one day after date with 6 percent interest. Also note on same date for fifteen hundred dollars, given September the 14th 1883 and due twelve months after date drawing 6 per cent interest from date. Also note on J. L. Jordan H. F. Prince and H. M. Bell for fifty five dollars dated the first day of December 1884 and due 1st of December 1885. Also M. O. Bar^r due bill for eighty dollars dated December 22nd 1884. Also note on George Branch and J. Bateman for one hundred and ten dollars, date January 1st 1885 and due January 1st 1886. Also note on H. B. Bar. H. O. Bar. Allen Haganer and J. B. Haganer due the 1st of January 1886 for four hundred dollars with interest 1st from 1st of January 1885. Also my watch. Also one black mule about 4 years old, now in the possession of A. and J. M. Hallman. Also six head of the best yearlings cattle on the place. Also my half interest in the Wheat Thresher at the River and its appertinences. Also the bed upon which I am lying, and its furniture.

Sixth I give to my daughter Elizabeth Garner this tract of land upon which I live. Known as the Duffell tract with all its appertinences. Also my reaper and buggy, fire upon this place. Also my bed, horse, and gray mare, together with all the other stock on this place except one cow and calf. Also all the corn and hay on the place including what I may get from H. O. Co. Also all the beds and furniture not otherwise disposed of herein. Also the lagoon and all the game implements thereon

this place. Also all the Bacon and other provisions on hand. Also all the money on hand amounting to about four hundred and fifty dollars. I also give to my said daughter Elizabeth one Certificate of deposit for twelve hundred dollars signed by Thomas S. Marr President of the Nashville Savings Company dated Sept 13th 1884 pay up 13th of Sept 1886 with 4 per cent interest from date. Also three hands of the State of Tennessee one for one thousand dollars and the other two for one hundred dollars each all drawing 6 per cent interest.

Seventh It is my will that all the real estate herein before mentioned shall descend to the lady Miss of those to whom it is given, and if either of them should die leaving no living child, the same to revert back to the brothers and sisters of such one and their lawful heirs.

Eighth I give to Nora Parker, the Curm and calf I have excepted in the bequest to my daughter Elizabeth. Also the Bureau that is now in the room and the bedstead upon which she keeps her bed. Also one Band of the State of Tennessee for one hundred dollars bearing 6 per cent interest which I direct to be placed at my death in the hands of my brother John W. Garner to collect the interest and appropriate to her use as he may see proper and if he should die before her or the maturity of said Band, he may before his death select some suitable person to manage the matter for her.

Ninth I have a note on J. C. Bateman dated Apr 13th 1884 due one day after date for fifty dollars which I desire to be turned over at my death to H. C. Moore and G. B. Greer to collect and appropriate the proceeds to the completion of the Methodist Church house on Camden Turn.

Tenth I have some very small articles that are situated on the farm, which I reserve the right to give to whom I please during my lifetime which I intend to do in the presence of witnesses.

Eleventh I appoint my son A J Garner my executor to carry out the provisions of the foregoing

Will. with power to make such transfers of notes and other evidences of indebtedness as will enable those to whom the same may have been billed to collect the same.

This the 7th day of February A.D. 1885

We J. P. Lashlee and G. B. Greer were present and heard the foregoing will read to Dehabau G. Greer and heard him read and acknowledge that the same was his last will and testament. And saw him sign the same and he called upon us to sign as Attesting Witnesses. On this the 7th day of February A.D. 1885

J. P. Lashlee

G. B. Greer

Produced and sworn in open court by J. P. Lashlee and G. B. Greer and ordered to probate. For the 2nd 1885

J. P. Dressan Ch. Justice

Lewis Lashlee Will

I Lewis Lashlee am in feeble health but am sound in mind and memory. And not knowing how soon I may depart this life and wishing to make a proper distribution of my worldly effects, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills if any by me made.

1st It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as early as practicable after my decease.

2nd It is my will that my wife Susan Lashlee have possession and control of all my household and kitchen furniture, money, notes and accounts during her lifetime or widowhood, giving her the privilege of giving any surplus thereof which she may not need to my Son S. O. Lashlee or to any of my Grand Children.

3rd I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Hugh Lashlee my large mirror known as the Bow Glass and that my Son and Son William H. Lashlee have my square mirror known as the Waddell mirror.

4th I will and bequeath to my Son S. O. Lashlee a part of my town lot in Camden on the South Side of the public square, that part including the stable beginning at the N.E. corner of said stable and running South through said lot to its South boundary then West to the E. corner of James Herring's lot, then East with his east boundary to said square and then East to the beginning. I also will and bequeath to my said Son S. O. Lashlee my tract of land lying in the 2nd Civil District of Benton County, Tenn known as the Martin Obrian tract, and also my tract or lot of land lying north East from Camden known as the Worger's tract and my double barrel shot gun.

5th I will and bequeath to my Grand Son Hugh Lashlee my store house and part of lot on which it stands except that my wife Susan is to have the control and the disposition of the rents during her lifetime or widowhood.

6th I will and bequeath to my Grand Son William H. Lashlee my office and part of lot beginning South to the South boundary lying between the store and a portion to my Grand daughter Susan Lashlee. I also will that my ^{Said} Grand Son William H. Lashlee have my two tracts of land lying in the 6th Civil District of Benton

County Pennessie one tract containing 40 3/4 acres and known as the Hester tract and the other tract is known as the Prince land on which the widow Prince now resides. I also will that he have one barrel fifty 3 years old last spring and in the event that he disallows no issue from the bequest herein made to him my said Grand Son William H. Dashiell to be equally divided between my three Grand Children to wit, Nora, Hugh and Susan Dashiell.

7th I will that my wife Susan Dashiell have the possession Control and benefit of my farm near Camden during her life or widowhood and at her death or inter marriage the same be equally divided between my three Grand Children, as that it be sold and the proceeds so divided equally between them, Nora, Hugh and Susan.

8th I will that my wife Susan Dashiell have the Control and benefit of the rents of my stone house and lot on which it stands during her life or widowhood.

9th I will to my Grand Son William H. Dashiell my Silver watch.

10th I will to my Grand Son Hugh Dashiell my Gold watch. I give to my Grand Daughter Nora Dashiell my Gold watch and at his death I will that my Grand Daughter Nora have it.

11th I will to my Grand Son L. O. Dashiell my Gold watch known as the Oscar Dashiell watch and at his death I will that my Grand Daughter Nora have it.

12th I will and bequeath to my Grand daughter Susan Dashiell my office and part of lot next to the stable and running through to the alley or back yard and then east and north 32 1/2 to divide the land equally which lies between it and the office east of it.

13th It is my will that my wife have Control and management of all other personalty not herein mentioned and that any and all surplus be sold by my executor & I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Susan Dashiell my Grand Son L. O. Dashiell my executor to this my will.

Also I will and bequeath to my Grand daughter Nora Dashiell my lot and house on the east side of the public square in Camden Pennessie known as the Davis lot known under my hand and seal this 6th day of April 1885
S. Dashiell

Test

Jm Bartlett
H. A. Steele Sr.
Briggs Barker

Witness my hand and seal in open Court By
Jm Bartlett & Briggs Barker on the
2nd day of November 1885 and ordered
to be recorded. J. J. Presson Chs Pratum

Needham Barker's Will

I Needham Barker am sound in mind and memory, but am feeble in health and not knowing how long I may depart this life. I make and publish this my will and testament hereby revoking all former wills if any I have heretofore made.

1st It is my will that my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid as early as practicable after my demise.

2nd I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Barker one hundred acres of my land on the South West portion of said land to include my house and improvements where I now reside and all the best and furniture and my cupboards, but my wife Sarah A. Barker is to have the use benefit and control of the same during her life.

3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter Nora Barker one hundred acres of my land lying on the West North West portion of said land and adjoining Land portion including my former residence and improvements where Dr. Lawrence now resides and all the best and furniture and my cupboards, but my wife S. A. Barker to have the use and benefit and Control of the same during her lifetime, and if either of my two said daughters die without issue I will that the surviving one have the share herein bequeathed to the other in addition to the share already bequeathed to her.

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I will and bequeath to my two Sons Alonzo Barker and Cordus Barker the equal shares the balance of my land, all of which lies east of said two lots of 100 acres each which I have herein divided to my two daughter two Lane & Caro which portion is about 200 acres or 100 acres each more or less, and if either of my said Sons die without issue then the other is to inherit his share, but my wife Sarah A Barker is to have the care, benefit and control of the same during her life, except about 400 acres in the extreme portion of said land, beginning at the South East corner of said tract of land and run N 68 poles to the S E corner of 125 acres, which I bequeath to Briggs Barker wife, then North with his last boundary 92 poles to his N E corner, then east 5 poles to a stake, then North 70 poles to a corner of my said tract of land, then east 43 poles to my extreme East N E corner, and then South 142 poles to the beginning, which my said Sons Alonzo and Cordus may have possession and control of at my death.

574 It is my will that my share in the State Store at Camden remain there during the continuance of said store, and mine to the benefit of my family (I wit), my wife Sarah A. and her two children Lane & Caro.

674 I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife Sarah A Barker my executor to do my will, and direct that she be not required to give bond and security for the same.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of July 1885

N Barker [Signature]

Not A Steele Es
W Lawrence
Briggs Barker

Prayed in open Court by Briggs Barker & W Lawrence and ordered to be probated Sept 24th 1885
J A Heatty Chr

Mary Barker Will

Be it remembered that I Mary B Barker of the town of Bertrand in the County of Missisippi and State of Missouri, do make this my last will and testament, in manner full avowing, that is to say, I order and direct that all my just debts shall be paid with convenient speed.

I give and bequeath unto Briggs Barker all my lands lying being and situated in the 4th Civil District of Benton County Tennessee said tract containing more or less and being 140 acres, the remainder of my tract which I offered on at the time I gave up housekeeping, my reasons for willing said lands to the aforesaid Briggs Barker being partly as follows, to wit, being a relative, and having always been very kind to me, as I said of my father relatives, to wit, Sarah Jordan having said that she did not want any thing I had, and mistreated me during my sickness, at her house, and furthermore as Matilda Pierce and Mary Ann, are not needing the land.

I give and bequeath to Matilda Pierce my bed, bedstead and all my bed clothing, except any quilt in my trunk, which I give to A Barker.

I give and bequeath to Little Bryant Pierce my watch which I left in my trunk.

I give and bequeath my Silver Spoons to Dr R B Pray for his blindness to me, five Table Spoons and ten Spoon.

I give my trunk and what wearing clothes I have in my trunk to Rebecca Reeb. The rest of my clothing, besides which is in my trunk, I give to my Prudence Pray, as she has several small children, which they will be of service to.

I do nominate and appoint Briggs Barker to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I the above named testator, have hereunto set my hand and this the 24th day of October eighteen hundred and eighty five

Signed Mary Barker

Signed, Sealed and declared and published
by the said Mary Barker, as and for her
last will and testament in presence of us
who at her request and in her presence
and in presence of each other, have subscribed
our names as witnesses hereto.

J. B. Hopper at Bertrams Mrs.
Wm. Darr Bertrams Mrs.

Subscribed of presence and ordered to be re-
corded Jan'y the 6th 1886
J. N. Wheatley Chs

S. D. Minchley Will

State of Tennessee I Do all whome it may
Benton County I can remember. The fall
owing is my will & pursuing what I eff-
ect may be left after my death. It is my
will and request, that my son S. M. Minchley
have whatever effects may belong to me
after all just debt is paid to either with the
my Debts & expenses, be it further
known, that the above is my last will
and testament consuming whatever
effects I may be in possession of at
my death.

This the 22nd day of March 1883

Witnesses

John Rame
Wm. Rice

Drawn in open court by
the subscribing witnesses John Rame
and Wm. Rice and ordered to be recorded
Jan'y the 5th 1886 J. N. Wheatley Chs

Samuel Pressan Will

On the 6th day of October 1885 Samuel Pressan
deceased in his last sickness at N. W. Pressan's
his sons habitation. Where he had come to be
waited on and cared for during his natural
life, in Benton County Tenn. declared in
the presence of us. The undersigned, upon and
he specially requested, to bear witness hereto,
that his will was as follows, that all his deb-
ts be paid, and also of his funeral expenses.
And then after paying N. W. Pressan his said
son, for waiting on and caring for him
in his sickness a reasonable pay, that the
balance of his means, be equally divided
between his heirs, and that his said son
N. W. Pressan be executor to carry out his
will. The said Samuel Pressan died at
said N. W. Pressan's on the 22nd day of January
1886. Written and signed by us the 1st day
of May 1886

J. D. Pressan
J. D. Pressan
J. D. Pressan

Produced and proven in open court by
J. D. Pressan & J. D. Pressan and N. W. Pressan
and ordered to be recorded July 1st 1886
J. N. Wheatley Chs

Obadiah Bullock Will

State of Tennessee I Obadiah Bullock
Benton County I for the love and affection of
my son John R. Bullock, do give and bequeath to
him one tract of land, fifty acres in said tract,
situated on Tennessee River. I also, for the
love and affection of my daughter, Mary G. B. and
Mildred J. Bullock, do give and bequeath to them
at the death of my self and wife, all of my real and
personal estate, to have and do as their property,
being equally divided, between them. I also
for the love and affection I have for my daughter
Ginniet S. Garner, one body of land and one
note, that I hold against J. N. Garner his husband
be executor. Witness
Ginniet S. Bullock

Produced and proven in open court March 1st 1886 J. N. Wheatley Chs

Susan Lashlee Will

I Susan Lashlee being of sound mind do make ^{and} publish this my last will ^{and} testament after consigning my body to the earth from whence it came ^{and} my soul to God who gave it. It is my will first that my burial ^{and} expenses ^{and} any other debts that I may owe be paid as soon after my death as practicable said demands to be paid out of the following enumerated debts. F. C. McIntyre about \$32.00 J. J. Deaton about \$30.00 M. A. Prince about \$43.00 Jake Browning about \$20.00 With same interest on all of these

2nd

I give ^{and} bequeath to my son L. C. Lashlee my house ^{and} lot in Candor known as the Factory lot or house being the one that I bought of Pickett, to be his during his life ^{and} at his death to be sold by some reliable person appointed by the Benton County Court, to sell the same ^{and} the proceeds thereof divided equally between my Grand Children Nona, Hughie, Suda, ^{and} William W. Lashlee. I also give to my son L. C. Lashlee all hogs ^{and} cows ^{and} all the house hold ^{and} kitchen furniture of every kind ^{and} character regardless of value for the benefit of himself ^{and} family to be hers at his death by his children equal ^{and} in the same manner as though the same had been accumulated by him, but this devise is not to include any the hereafter mentioned ^{and} devised in this will to any one else

3rd

I give ^{and} bequeath to my Grand Son William W. Lashlee, one new feather Bed two sheets, one nice figured counterpane, two large Comforts, two large Pillows ^{and} one Balm, one large Wardrobe, one Wash Stand the one upon which the Pitcher ^{and} Bowl sits, one large Picture of the surrender of General Lee to General Grant, one silver plated Caster, one small table one small tract of land lying north East of Candor about one ^{and} a half acres ^{and} known as the Rogers tract all of which is to go into his possession at my death

4th

I give ^{and} bequeath to my Grand Daughter Nona one Bureau, one cedar Bed Clothes Chest ^{and} Contents one tea pot, one sugar Bowl, one Cream Pitcher, one Butter Dish all silver plated, one set fine knives ^{and} forks one Davis Sewing Machine, one Red Carpet old on the Parlor floor one white linen table cloth

5th

I give ^{and} bequeath to my son Hughie one long Side Board, one round table, one large silver Pitcher, one Bed one Bed Stead 2 Pillows four Quilts or Comforts one small table.

6th

I give ^{and} bequeath to my Grand Daughter Susan whom I have raised ^{and} have with me now, my Parlor bed Mattress ^{and} Bed Stead, Pillows, Balm, ^{and} all the Bed Clothing belonging to the same, my Parson one sofa ^{and} four black

chairs that belong with it, one Wardrobe, one Gilt frame looking Glass in the big room, one Lounge ^{and} Bed that goes with it ^{and} more especially for her use while small, one set fine Vases that Mrs. Waddell gave me one Doz Silver spoons with my name on them one half Doz silver forks with my name on them, one Wash Bowl ^{and} Pitcher, my Gold Watch ^{and} Chain, one fine Bracelet worth one hundred \$00, dollars, one silver Thimble, one Gold Buckle cost \$2.10 one Frank that cost twenty five dollars, ^{and} its Contents, one Clock, one Carpet home made ^{and} new, one Red table Cloth, one dining table, one silk Quilt, one Worsted, one heavy counterpane with her name on it Thus Suda one hundred dollars in Gold 7th Having recently purchased from my son L. C. Lashlee a town lot in the town of Candor South of the Court House ^{and} East of J. McHarris Lot ^{and} not having fully paid for the same but am owing him on said lot the sum of \$53.00. Now if I should not pay said fifty three dollars during my life then it is my will ^{and} I do so order that he my son L. C. Lashlee have a first lien upon the debts above mentioned until his debt is paid ^{and} that said town lot be one my common property ^{and} stand subject to my burial expenses ^{and} Doctors bill ^{and} my other debts if I should owe any at my death ^{and} if I should pay said sum of \$53.00 in my lifetime said lot shall still be subject as above stated ^{and} should there be remaining any or all of said debts ^{and} town lots after my just demands are paid then ^{and} in that event I direct that the same be divided equally between my son L. C. Lashlee his children ^{and} my Grand Son William W. Lashlee 8th I give ^{and} bequeath unto my Daughter in Law Lucy Farkins my Gold Case Spectacles 9th It is my desire that my son L. C. Lashlee move into the house known as the factory house the one that I will to him ^{and} inside thereof ^{and} maintain one good room of same for the purpose of keeping the goods of Nona, Hughie, ^{and} Suda or that portion of same that I have not otherwise provided for in this will, which I will hereafter set out. Said room to be used for no other purpose, I further desire ^{and} direct that my said son L. C. Lashlee shall faithfully watch over ^{and} preserve all the effects willed to Nona, Hughie, ^{and} Suda that will be under his care ^{and} control 10th I hereby appoint A. C. McRae trustee to my little Grand Daughter Suda to take into his possession at my death the following property to wit, the house ^{and} lot

When I now reside having heretofore decided it to her, to supervise and receive the rents, moneys and profits arising therefrom and apply the same to her benefit as he may think her needs demand in schooling and otherwise if he may see fit Gold watch and chain one fine bracelet one hundred ^{and} 700 dollars in gold

11th I desire direct and request that A.C. McRae take my Diamond Ring to the Bankers in Nashville and convert it into Gold Rings as follows, one Gold Ring for my Son L.O. Lasklee worth ten dollars, one Gold Ring for my Grand Son Hughie worth ten dollars, one Gold Ring for my Grand Daughter Nona worth ten dollars, one Gold Ring for Suda worth ten dollars, one Gold Ring for my Grand Son William worth ten dollars, one Gold Ring for L.O. Lasklee's wife (Ellie) worth five dollars and one Gold Ring for Mattie Collins Baby worth five dollars, but in case he cannot realize from said Diamond Ring that amount then obtain as near that as he can proportionately.

12th It is my desire further that he A.C. McRae become the custodian at my death or sooner if I desire of the Gold watch Willied to Hughie by his Grandfather Lewis Lasklee that was left in my care and that he deliver the same to Hughie when he is twenty one or sooner if in his judgment Hughie will properly take care of a watch.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my Name and in so doing I revoke all other wills by me at any time made. In the presence of A.W. Shilton and W.F. Hubble this Dec. 3rd 1886.

W.F. Hubble
A.W. Shilton

Dusan ^{his} Lasklee
more

Proven in open Court by subscribing witnesses W.F. Hubble and A.W. Shilton and ordered to be recorded the 17th day of July 1887.

J.F. Pomeroy Clerk

Saron Arnold Will

I Saron Arnold of the County of Benton and State of Tennessee being of sound mind but feeble in health do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and Making Void all other wills by at any time heretofore made.

1st This is my will and I do so direct that my wife Josaphine E. Arnold have all of my real and personal property consisting of the Hotel Grocery house and I occupy late my house & lot now occupied by John A. Allen Mar the residence of W.F. Hubble. The personal property consisting of two horses two Cows and two Yearling Nine head of hogs one two horse wagon and one Spring Wagon or Wack all the house hold & Kitchen furniture many notes Due bills and Accounts. Allowing her (my wife) to sell any part or all of said property real and personal that she may see fit. That my wife Josaphine E. Arnold Continue to reside in and run the Hotel as is now being done so long as she may see fit and proven to do so but in case my wife Josaphine E. Arnold shall die or Marry then and in that event all of the above mentioned property Real and personal that may be remaining to her shall then be the property of my children equally and to be theirs immediately at her death or Marriage.

2nd I hereby appoint my wife Josaphine E. Arnold Executrix to this my last will and direct that she bury my body in a decent and respectable manner Collect and pay all debts that are due me or owing by me and that in case there be no other means to pay any debts that I may owe at my death then my Executrix may sell any of the personal property that may suit her for said purpose and I further direct that my Executrix not be required to give bond for her faithful execution of this will August the 31st 1884

A. Arnold

The foregoing will was read over to the said Saron Arnold in our presence and we were called upon to witness the same August the 31st 1884

Jerry Thompson
J.W. Fessenden

John M. Browning Will
State of Tennessee
Benton County

- Know all men by these presents, bearing that I John M. Browning being of a sound mind and desiring to dispose of my property that may be left at my death I make this my last will and testament, 1st I will that my wife Mary have all of the benefits of the Exemption laws as far as I leave property to her the same.
- 2nd I will that at the death of my wife Mary or at any time she may see proper that she can divide any part or all of my personal effects between my four sons, namely Albert R. Browning, Jacob L. Browning, John M. Browning and J. Lafayette Browning.
- 3rd I will that my wife Mary has control of all of my real estate during her natural life or widowhood with the exception of lots or parcels of land not to exceed 6 acres in a piece to be laid off by survey and deeded by my wife Mary to my (3) three youngest sons to make them equal in land to my oldest son that is now living Albert R. Browning as I have deeded to him heretofore the above amount.
- I further will that at the death of my wife Mary that the remainder of my land be equally divided between my four sons that is named above.
- 4th I will that my wife Mary pay into the hands of the County Court Clerk of Benton County or any legal representative of the heirs of my son Korea M. Browning the sum of (6) six dollars to be equally divided between them.
- 5th I will that my wife Mary pay all my outstanding indebtedness out of any effects I may have on hand at my death if there is not money sufficient on hand at my death I will that she sell land for the purpose of obtaining money sufficient to pay all debt and make title to the same sales may be made for the above purpose and no other.
- 6th I will that when my real estate is to be divided between my 4 sons that they select some surveyor and in connection with him there is to be a disinterested person that is acquainted with the land to assist in dividing the same equal between them in value in case said land is to be divided before all of my sons are 21 years of age then those that are minors are to select some person to represent them in the division of the land and their acts is to be legal

I further will that my wife Mary act as executor of my estate without giving any bond as I believe her to be honest and that she will do justice to all interested persons my heirs and deal this the 16 day of June 1884

Test J. M. Browning
Test A. P. Jackson

John M. Browning (Seal)

N. E. Pinley Will

I N. E. Pinley of sound mind but feeble in health and knowing that all men must die and not knowing how soon I may pass away and having a desire to direct the manner in which my effects may be disposed of after my decease do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all other will by me made at any time.

- 1st I direct that my body be buried in a respectable manner and my burial expenses be paid as soon thereafter as can be done of whatever effects I may leave.
- 2nd It is my will that my beloved wife E. C. Pinley have all of my property real and personal for the uses and benefit of her self and my children Effie, Charles, Lovie, one and Clarie, Pinley equally.
- 3rd That she continue to sell goods, as to follow any other legitimate business that she may like or think best, but this clause is not intended to compel her to follow any particular business and she may cease to do any kind of public business when in her opinion she believes the same does not justify her in following said business.
- 4th I have a small tract of land on the Tennessee River in the 11th Civil District of Benton County Tennessee known as the Coakel land that I desire my wife to sell but for a sum not less than three hundred and fifty \$350.00 dollars. Also one half 1/2 interest in the place in the 5th Civil District of Benton County bounded on the north by the N. O. & St. Louis Railroad, South by Steele and Saunders, East by H. A. Steele Sr. West by Meppis, it being the same place which my father lived on that I direct that she may sell for a sum not less than two hundred \$200.00 dollars. I further direct that if she sees fit that she sell the place where we now live in connection with the store but for a sum not less than eight hundred \$800.00 and if she does as should

Sell said property or either of said lands and properly I authorize her to make a deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers in as full and ample a manner as if I had done the same in my lifetime, but I reserve the right to convey any of the above named lands during my lifetime if I see fit to do so. And for my Copied estate, and my wife I C. Pringle shall sell said lands the proceeds shall be controlled by her for her benefit and the benefit of my children as above named.

5th I authorize my wife I C. Pringle to collect all or any debts that may be due me at my death and receipt for same, and to make any settlements with any parties that may be owing me at my death. As that I may able, and the same shall be as legal and binding upon her and them as if I had done the same in my lifetime. And I further direct that my wife I C. Pringle transact any and all other business of my estate and without being required to give bond or qualify in any court of record but the simple probate in the proper court of this will shall be the evidence upon which she will act.

6th But the foregoing will, is made upon conditions that my wife I C. Pringle live single and decent herself properly and prudently, but at her death, marriage or misconduct in her manners or behavior the above will becomes void in all of its things and beings, and in case the foregoing will becomes void as above stated I hereby appoint my friend

Executor to this my last will, effects to be equally distributed between my children above named

Witnesses This November 15th 1887 A C. Morral N E Pringle Esq

Produced in open court and properly proven by J. P. Prosser and A. J. Prosser and the attending witness H. Morral. And ordered to be probated Jan'y the 5th 1888

J. H. Cambs Chas

Daniel Holland Will

State of Tennessee In the name of God amen
Benton County

I Daniel Holland of Benton County State Tennessee being mindful of my mortality, and being sound in body and mind. Do this day make my last will and testament - revoking all other wills heretofore made.

1st I bequeath my Soul to God from whence I received it.

2nd As to my worldly goods which the Lord has blessed me with I give and bequeath as follows To Wit;

3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife during her natural lifetime & her widowhood, my entire estate both real & personal, say my lands, stock & all household & kitchen furniture. Should my wife marry again I give the lands to my two sons, Alonzo Holland & John Holland; & if my wife marry again I wish her to retain all the household furniture & one of the best horses, cow & calf & ten head of hogs.

If my son Alonzo Holland should marry I wish him to take one half my lands South of my residence.

After my wife's death I wish all of the personal property sold & divided equally among my three children, Alonzo Holland, John Holland & my daughter Mrs. Cynthia Prosser.

Lastly I appoint my son Alonzo Holland my executor to this last will & testament. With full power to carry out my request, requiring no security from the Courts of our Country as I give no one, & will have ample means of funds on hand to defray my funeral expenses.

Witnesses dated at the beginning Daniel Holland
J. D. Hargrave
Wayne Rice

Produced in open court and proven by the oath of Wayne Rice and J. P. Prosser and ordered to be probated Mar ch 15th 1888
J. H. Cambs Chas