

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 hereinafter named.

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

6<sup>th</sup> But the foregoing will, is made upon conditions that my wife I C. Pringle live single and decently 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 it will be 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 15<sup>th</sup> 1887 A C McNeal N E Pringle Esq

Produced in open court and properly proven by J. P. Prosser and A. J. Prosser and the attending witness A. C. McNeal. And ordered to be probated Jan'y the 5<sup>th</sup> 1888

J. H. Cambs Chas

Daniel Holland Will

State of Tennessee  
Benton County In the name of God amen

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.

1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath my Soul to God from whence I received it.

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Alvin 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 Alvin 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, Alvin Holland, John Holland & my daughter Mrs. Cynthia Prosser.

Lastly I appoint my son Alvin 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. Mcgibson  
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 14<sup>th</sup> 1888  
J. H. Cambs Chas

## Sian Meltan Will

Know all persons by these presents that I Sian Meltan have this day March the 23 day one thousand eight hundred and eighty six for the sake and affection I have for my wife Lucy An Meltan. I will her it being my last Will and request that she said Lucy An Meltan have all my Tennessee River tract of land containing by estimation eighty seven & 3 Acres It being in the 7<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Benton County Tennessee Range 24 Section 5

Beginning at the North East Corner of an entry of 237 Acres in the name of George H. Gammer of which this is a part on the West boundrie of the Tennessee River. And runs West 263 1/2 poles to the North West Corner of said entry. Then South 68 poles to a Stake in the West boundrie of said entry. Then East 228 poles to Tennessee River. Then down said River with the meanders to the beginning. Said above described lands with all the pertains thereto is due here to you as disposed of at will of pleasure. It being my last Will and Request. Whereunto I Sian Meltan have this day set my hand seal.

This Will on the 23 day 1886

Written by H. A. Pence

Dated by

Joseph Davidson  
W H Meltan

Sian <sup>his</sup> Meltan  
mark

## L L Albrook Will

I L L Albrook being of sound mind but in feeble health and knowing that according to the course of Nature I must soon pass away and being desirous of disposing of my worldly effects before death I do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and declaring void all wills by me made at any former time

First

I give to my dear beloved wife Sally Albrook all my real estate that I may see seized and possessed of in the County of Benton and State of Tennessee

Second

I also give to my beloved wife all of my real estate that I have in said County of Benton and State of Tennessee except as hereafter provided by me

Third

I also give to my beloved wife Twenty five hundred dollars of my United States bonds to her own use and benefit and to dispose of as she may see proper for her support and comfort or otherwise

Fourth

I give to my niece Melbiantine Paine one thousand dollars of my United States bonds to her use and benefit or to her legal heirs or assigns

Fifth

I also give to my niece Lou Southall five hundred dollars of my United States bonds or to her legal heirs or assigns

Sixth

I also give to my niece Lallie Woodfin four hundred dollars of my United States bonds or to her legal heirs or assigns

Seventh

I also give to my niece Charlotte Kopfzove five hundred dollars of my United States bonds or to her legal heirs or assigns

Eighth

I also give all of my real and personal estate that I may see seized and possessed of in the County of Cass and State of Texas to my nephew Wm B Albrook to have and to hold to himself or to his legal heirs or assigns Except four hundred dollars which amount he is directed by me to pay to my niece Lallie Wicks or to her legal heirs or assigns Out of the proceeds of my Texas estate

Ninth

I hereby direct and declare that my beloved wife Sally Albrook shall inherit the remainder of my estate that I may see seized and possessed of not otherwise disposed of prior to my death

Tenth

I hereby appoint my said wife Sally Albrook and said nephew Wm B Albrook Executors and

executor and J. W. Harbrough to assist if  
 necessary in fulfilling and executing this my  
 last will and testament with full power to  
 carry out the provisions of the same without  
 giving bond or security having full confidence  
 that the same will be faithfully performed.  
 Given under my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> January 1887

Witness  
 J. W. Harbrough  
 A. C. Halland

Produced in open court and properly  
 proven by the oath of A. C. Halland & J. W.  
 Prisson and William Harbrough and ordered  
 to be read and record  
 March the 9<sup>th</sup> 1888  
 J. H. Combs, Chron

# Joseph James Cole Will

I Joseph James Cole of the county of  
 Benton, State of Tennessee being of sound  
 mind and memory but in feeble  
 health and knowing that all men  
 must die and wishing to dispose of  
 my worldly goods, while living, do  
 hereby and ordain this my last will  
 and testament.

First I will that my funeral expenses and just  
 debts (if any) be paid out of the effects that  
 I may be seized of as soon after my  
 death as can be done conveniently and  
 the rest of my property and effects both  
 real personal and mixed I will to  
 my beloved wife Mary Ann Cole hereby  
 repudiating all other wills that may have  
 been made by me and hereby appoint  
 my wife Mary Ann Cole my executor to  
 carry out this my last will and

testament  
 February the first day 1877

Joseph James Cole  
 The foregoing was signed and our presence  
 by Joseph James Cole on the first day of  
 February 1877 and we were called to by  
 him to witness the same

Attest W. F. Turner  
 A. C. Prisson

Produced in open court. Proven by  
 the subscribing witnesses A. C. Prisson & W. F.  
 Prisson and ordered probated Feb. the 10<sup>th</sup> 1888  
 J. H. Combs, Chron



# Thomas H. Kelly Jr Will.

I Thomas H. Kelly Jr. do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

- first I give and bequeath to Annah M. Daniel daughter of A. G. M. Daniel my Gold watch
- Second I give and bequeath to Cath M. Daniel daughter of A. G. M. Daniel \$10.00 my cash
- Third I give and bequeath to Mary Saunders daughter of J. M. Saunders my Gold ring
- Fourth I give and bequeath unto A. G. M. Daniel my silver watch and chain on condition that he buy a watch and chain for his son Thos. H. M. Daniel when per his judgment Thos. H. will take care of a watch and be equal in value at least
- Fifth I have about \$340.00 in cash one horse in Arizona one yoke of Oxen at A. G. M. Daniel's and Bro. Lundy's stable. the cash and the proceeds of horse and Oxen. I give and bequeath to my mother the same to be placed in the hands of A. G. M. Daniel and his wife M. V. M. Daniel to be ~~expended~~ by them for the benefit of my mother when and for whatever her needs may demand. If not all expended at her death it is my will and I direct that the same be divided as follows \$3 to M. V. M. Daniel wife of A. G. M. Daniel and \$3 to Fannie Saunders wife of J. M.
- Hereby nominate and appoint A. G. M. Daniel Executor to carry out this will
- This Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1888
- Thos H. Kelly Jr.

Witness A. C. McKee

# R. M. Hawley Will

I R. M. Hawley being of sound mind and memory and realizing that life is uncertain and death is certain do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others made by me, as follows

- First I desire that all my just debts be paid and also my burial expense be paid by my wife Laura and my other executor out of monies that are on hand at the time of my death
- Second I bequeath to my son Commodore Hawley one thousand dollars in money to be controlled by my wife Laura and to be paid to him when he is twenty-one years of age provided he remains to him a dutiful and obedient son during that time if not then I direct that the same be forfeited by him and the title to the same to remain in her. I direct that if she should need this money that she may use it and not be required to pay it to him. She shall not be responsible to him for interest during that time and this gift is made to him upon the above conditions
- Third I give to my son Commodore Hawley my Silver watch
- Fourth In consideration of the love and affection which I have for my wife Laura I do hereby give will and bequeath to her all the monies that I may have at the time of my death all notes and accounts and other evidence of indebtedness also all the household and kitchen furniture and all other property that I may have of any and every description she to live upon the same loan it out or manage it as she may see proper
- Fifth I desire and direct that my wife shall out of my estate place a tomb stone at my fathers grave of the same kind and like the one at my mothers grave and also a neat rock at my brother Ab. Hawley's grave but neither to be extravagant
- Sixth I appoint my wife Laura Hawley and my friend Joseph E. Jones as my executrix and executor jointly to wind up my business that is to see that my little indebtedness be paid and to collect all debts owing by any and all persons to me. I desire that Joseph E. Jones shall be his legal adviser in all these matters they shall not be required to enter into any bond to any Court
- Signed in the presence of witnesses this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1888
- R. M. Hawley
- Signed and acknowledged in our presence and we were called as subscribing witnesses this May the 19<sup>th</sup> 1888.
- H. Hall
- A. G. M. Daniel

Produced in open Court and proven by the oath of H. Hall and A. G. M. Daniel and ordered to be recorded Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1888

J. H. Conner Clerk



## J. C. McDaniels Will

State of Tennessee

Benton County

J. C. McDaniels do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby ordering and making void all others 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 be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife O. E. McDaniels all my real and personal property that I may be possessed of for the support of her and the minor children her lifetime or widowhood and at her death or marriage I will that all my property be divided equally between all my lawful heirs last living do hereby nominate and appoint A. S. McDaniels my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this 27 day of June 1882. J. C. McDaniels

Signed and published in our presence and we hear subscribed our names hereby in the presence of the testator this 27 day of June 1882.

Witness

J. S. Henderson  
Thos. H. Kelly

## Joseph R. Mathews Will

Joseph R. Mathews do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby ordering and making void all others by me at any time made.

First I direct that at my death all my personal property of which I may be possessed be sold by my Executor and that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I direct that as soon after my death as practicable my Executor proceed to sell for distribution amongst my heirs the following tracts of land - I wish him to sell about two hundred acres of the tract known as the Sam McNamee tract containing one hundred and five acres

more or less. I also direct that when the 146<sup>th</sup> acre known as the Thompsons tract land, comes legally into the possession of my Executor that he use his own discretion and better judgment as to whether he placed at once to Sell said land or to hold the same and rent it out from year to year in other ways to do whatever he deems best for the interest of my heirs.

Thirdly

I bequeath and give unto my daughter Maude B. Mathews and her heirs the tract of land beginning with poles North East corner of the J. C. Keaton tract of land lying in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Civil District of Benton County from and runs east 50 poles to a stake. Thence S. E. to the head of a Spring. Thence East 80 poles to a stake and dry branch. Thence North 116 poles to a stake white oak pts. Thence West 128 poles to a stake poplar pointed. Thence South to the beginning. Also I bequeath and give to the heirs my daughter Eliza Jane Keaton the following described tract of land lying in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. of said County and State beginning at the North East corner of the J. C. Keaton tract and runs South to the Rock Port Road to a stake. Thence with said road to a white oak stump at W. D. Prince's North East corner. Thence East into an old field to a stake. Thence South with W. D. Prince's East boundary line to a stake. Thence West to the Ocuteville Road an J. C. Douglass's South East corner. Thence East to the hollow in front of Dr. Dickings gate and into S. J. McCall's toward Kings South East corner. Thence West with said line to the beginning.

Fourthly

I bequeath and give unto my daughter Katie McCall the following tract of land beginning at a double poplar at the South West corner of a Grant in the name of J. R. Mathews and runs North to a poplar stump near the Old Mill Cove. Thence East with Eli Mathews's South boundary line to a stake. Thence North with Eli Mathews's East boundary line to J. C. Camp's South boundary line. Thence East with McMartin's Chapel South boundary line to the Charles Sapp's tract. Thence South to J. C. Douglass's South West corner. Thence East 100 poles to a stake. Thence South to the Green Flowers North boundary line. Thence East with said Flowers line to its North East corner. Thence South to Little Wolf Creek. Thence down said creek with its meanderings to the mouth of said creek. Thence West to the beginning.

Fifthly I bequeath and give unto my daughter Elizabeth A. Dickey and her heirs the following described tract of land lying in the 2nd civil District of Benton County, Missouri and bounded as follows: Beginning at W. W. Thomas South East corner and runs East to a stake the pole the hollow in front of D. C. Dickey's Gate. Thence down said hollow with the E. C. Hooley line to P. H. Catterly South boundary line. Thence East to Henry Cairns West line. Thence South with said line to a stake. Thence West to a stake. Thence South to W. A. Hooley's North boundary line. Thence West with said line to Kate Lollie's East boundary line. Thence North with said line to D. C. Hooley's South boundary line. Thence East to the beginning.

Sixthly I bequeath and give unto John J. Matthews heirs the following described tract of land lying in the 2nd civil District of Benton County, Missouri and containing all the land belonging to the tract known as the Thomas tract lying South of Little Wolf Creek.

Seventhly I bequeath and give unto the heirs of Rachel B. Hooley the following described tract of land lying in the 2nd civil District of Benton County, Missouri and bounded as follows: Beginning at a Spanish Oak stump at Nancy Gibbs North West corner and runs South 123 poles to a stake. Spanish and White Oak S. to. Thence West 107 poles to a stake. Thence North 220 poles to a stake. Razumat Chestnut S. to. Thence East to Wolf Creek. Thence up said Creek with its meanderings to the Mill Road just below the old mill. Thence East to the beginning.

Eighthly I direct that my daughter Mary B. Shing be paid the sum of fifty Dollars (\$50.00) by my Executor out of the first money that may come into his hands for her services waiting on me during my sickness.

Ninthly I do hereby nominate and appoint John M. Walker as my executor. In testimony whereof I have this day hereunto set my hand and seal this the first day of January 1889.

Attest  
W. J. Baker  
Eli Hooley  
Joseph C. Matthews (Seal)

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in

The presence of the testator this the 1st day of January our husbands eight hundred and eighty nine.  
W. J. Baker  
Eli Hooley 3 Witnesses

Read and read in open court and spoken by the the testimony of W. J. Baker and of the subscribing witnesses repeated & repeated as the last will and testament of Joseph C. Matthews died and ordered to be recorded Oct the 7th 1889.  
L. B. Davis chairman

D. C. Garbraugh  
Will

I, D. C. Garbraugh being of sound mind and memory but feeble in health and weakness that I do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void any other will by me at any time heretofore made. I direct that my funeral expenses be paid out of the first money coming into the hands of my executor. I direct that all my just debts be paid out of any money of the proceeds of any property or out of any debts that may be due me. I do hereby declare that I may die seized and possessed of and as soon after my death as can conveniently be done.

First I hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary A. Garbraugh all my property both real and personal of whatever character to be hers during her lifetime or widowhood, allowing and expecting her in conjunction with my other executors may in their official capacity sell any part or all of said real and personal property if necessary for the maintenance of my family or for the purpose of investing the proceeds thereof in other property either real or personal if they see fit or determine that to do is best to their interest.

Second I have a two thousand dollar policy in the Southwestern Express Company. This I give specially to my wife Mary A. Garbraugh for whose benefit the certificate of membership is issued to be



personally and I direct that the same be paid by said Southern Express Company not with the funds of my wife Mary A. Garbraugh but the same shall be paid by said Company direct to the first National Bank of Nashville Tennessee to the credit of my wife Mary A. these to remain until she or in default the same easily in cash or otherwise but that she may draw the interest if however the said Bank will agree to pay any interest.

**Fifth** I have a paid up policy of five hundred and thirty five (\$350.00) Dollars in the Blue Life Insurance Company Kentucky Cincinnati Ohio. This I desire my executors to collect and if necessary to use the same or enough thereof to pay my just debts. If they should fail to collect enough of my other debts that is now or may be due me at my death.

**Sixth** I give and bequeath unto my daughter Laura Kepper three hundred (\$300.00) Dollars in cash to be paid out of the first money in the hands of my executors after my funeral expenses and just debt have been paid but not to be paid out of the \$200.00 policy in the Southern Express Company.

**Seventh** At my death or the death of my wife Mary A. Garbraugh I direct that my effects descend to those who will by law the heirs except the bequest to my daughter Laura Kepper.

**Eighth** I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary A. Garbraugh and my two sons Jacob A. and J. Garbraugh executors and co-executors to this my last will and except that I am giving qualified testimony in any way but the simple probate of this will and they being sworn in the proper Court shall be the authority upon which they shall act. Subscribed by me Thomas A. Early 2<sup>nd</sup> 1889

**Witness** H. C. McRae

J. C. Garbraugh

Noted in consideration and believing that Justice demands it I hereby revoke the Sixth and this my last will November the 6<sup>th</sup> 1889

**Witness** H. C. McRae

J. C. Garbraugh

Admitted & probate on the evidence of H. C. McRae the subscribing witness and ordered to be recorded Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1889

L. B. Davis Ch

## Thomas A. Early Will

I Thomas A. Early being in common health and of sound mind & memory do make & ordain this my last Will & testament

**First** I will that my just debts & funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as convenient

**Second** I will that my wife Martha A. Early, should she outlive me, have all of my property both personal and real during her natural life, and at her death I will that what may be left of my effect that my nephew William A. Marchbanks have it and should my wife die before I do, I will that the said William A. Marchbanks have all my property both real and personal, hereby revoking all making void all former Wills at any time by me made

In testimony whereof I have herunto subscribed my name the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1875

Thomas A. Early

The foregoing Will was read to Thomas A. Early before he signed it in our presence & hearing. We requested and to witness the same.

Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1875

**Test**

H. C. Penson

W. S. Williams

Proven in open Court by the oath of H. C. Penson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered recorded Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1890.

B. C. Scruggs Judge

# J. C. McDaniel Will

I J. C. McDaniel being of sound mind & memory but realizing that I may die being in feeble health to make and publish this my last Will & Testament hereby making and making void all other Wills by me at any other time made.

First I will that my burial expenses be paid first out of my effects that I may die seized and possessed of.

Second That all my just debts be paid as soon as possible if I should owe any at my death.

Third That after my burial expenses and debts are paid

I give and bequeath unto my wife Loua all of my property and effects namely all of my household and kitchen furniture, all notes and bills and accounts of every kind, also my entire interest in the real estate of which my father J. C. McDaniel died seized and possessed of. I make this bequest not for life or widowhood but to her forever to dispose of as she may see proper and at any time. And if she desires she may sell any part, or all of said property real or personal and use the proceeds as she pleases.

This Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1889.

Witness

J. C. McDaniel  
H. A. Hule Jr

Proven in open Court by the oaths of H. A. Hule Jr and H. C. Rao the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered recorded Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1890.  
B. C. Scruggs Judge

# J. A. Brown Will

This May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1885. This obligation is such that I J. A. Brown give to my son Edison a certain portion of my land at my death, on his mother's being in Benton County district no 3 bounded as follows. Beginning for my South boundary line between me and woods formerly known by the Mitchell land commencing in a branch on a creek with pointers then north by my spring to a corner I made for W. H. Pardin still north with Hardups line 37 then west to my corner then South on a straight line to the widow Colles line then east with my line and corner to the beginning. This obligation is such that he is to have the north end of this land from now on for his benefit from the Pardin corner west which is about 30 acres. My wife S. J. Brown is to have all of my place and stock her lifetime at my death after my just debts are all paid this is to be recorded in twelve months after my death giving time time to set up my affairs that may be changed any time while I live these effects are all mine.

J. A. Brown

Witness  
J. A. Presson  
W. B. Brewer.



## Joseph Corwells Will

May 2d 1890

I Joseph Corwell being this as my last will and testimony in regard to the disposal of my property when I am gone. I want my wife to have a home here at the old farmstead as long as she lives and I want her to have control of the land and timber to him off of except fifty acres that I agree to give George Corwell. I give George choice of those different places but if he should choose the place with cleared land on it. I want my wife to have the woods of the land that is already cleared and I want Caroline to have a home here as one of the family as she has done for some time. I want my wife to have possession and control of all my personal effects that remain after my debts are all settled except the following I want to give my daughter to have the bed and what belongs with it that she has claimed for some time. I also want Alice to have the bed and the furniture that she has claimed. I also want Sophia to have a bed and furniture which is being prepared for her now. I want Caroline my daughter to have a young horse that she claims and is already designated as hers. At my wife's death I want each of my children to have an equal share in the distribution of my property that is. I want those that have not been given a horse to have a horse or mule worth as much as a good year old mule colt or to have their amount in value out of my effects. I also want all the children made equal in the division of the land that is I want those that have not been given land to have an equal share with George who has been given fifty acres and if the land should amount to more than an equal share with George then I want all to share alike. However if there is not enough of the personal effects to make them all equal in regard to a horse then I want the amount made up to them out of the land and then the remainder of the land divided equal.

J. M. Coastle

J. M. Coastle

I also want W. H. Corwell and J. C. Corwell appointed as my executors of the above will. Proven for me by the oaths of J. M. Coastle & J. P. Coastle the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded Sept. the 1st 1890

B. C. Scruggs Judge

## James P. Smalley's Will

State of Tennessee Benton County

I James P. Smalley of the State and County aforesaid do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby unmaking and making void all other wills made by me

- First I want my funeral expenses and all my just debts paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessor of or that may first come into the hands of my executor
- Secondly I give and bequeath to my Beloved wife M. E. Smalley, all of my Estate of every Description both Real and Personal to have manage and Control
- Third My will is that my beloved wife M. E. Smalley have full power to collect all of my debts and pay any debts that I may owe her and be sued of ~~me~~ necessary and do and perform any other act that is necessary to wind up my business
- Fourth My will is that my beloved wife M. E. Smalley have full Authority to give or sell any of my Estate either Real or Personal and make a good title to the same in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this March the 15th 1890

James P. Smalley (Seal)

Witnesses J. H. Hudson }  
J. M. Lockhart }

Proven in open court by the oaths of J. H. Hudson and J. M. Lockhart the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded Nov. 7th Day 1890

B. C. Scruggs Judge

I J W Matlock a Citizen of Benton County Tennessee, being of sound mind and having property in said County and State that I wish to dispose of among my Children, do make this my last will testament

- 1<sup>st</sup> I have Deeded to my Son W L Matlock one track land Noane as the Johnson track Valued by me at \$800.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I have Deeded my Son G B Matlock one track land being part of Tubbs track. Valued by me at \$800
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I have given to my daughter Sarry A Camp \$800 in Cash to pay on the land where she now lives
- 4<sup>th</sup> I also desire at my death daughter Mary R Peckles have the track now where she lives, with is part of the Tubbs track running with Cross fence between my home track and her Valued by me at \$800
- 5<sup>th</sup> I also desire my daughter Tennessee Cragg have the upper part track of the Cowan track on Tennessee River, and the division line shall commence at Cowan old Slave yard shall run South to South boundary line
- 7<sup>th</sup> I also desire Elizabeth Leslie have the lower part of the Cowan track Land, and five acres where she now lives Commence forty yards South of the house where she now live West boundary line and runs East to the branch between Cragg and her. I also desire my daughter Tennessee five acres where she lives Commencing at branch where Elizabeth Leslie line comes to the branch and runs East so as to take in Henry Cuthbert Lot. I also desire my son J W Matlock have the track where he now lives Noan as the part of the A J Barnett Tracts. I also desire my daughter Lewellen Whitfill have of James White track of land with exception what I have since in my Slave yard field now if I should pay her \$800 her land falls back to my home track. I now desire that my wife Elizabeth B Matlock have my home track and all the money if any on from now as long as she lives to dispose of as she need it. I also desire that my son W L Matlock be appointed to selling and dividing the balance of my estate if any.

in testimony whereof I have assign my Signature and Name this January 11<sup>th</sup> 1890

J W Matlock

Test Elizabeth B Matlock

" W L Matlock

T. D. White  
J. C. Craig  
Admitted of  
Probate and ordered  
to be recorded  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 1891  
B. C. Briggs Judge

## E. A. Pierce's Will -

State of Tennessee  
Benton County

- 1<sup>st</sup> I E. A. Pierce living in said last  
and knowing the uncertainty of life  
and the certainty of death do constitute and write  
this my last will and testament as follows To Wit:  
My body to be returned to the earth from whence it came  
My spirit I give to Almighty God who give it to me  
I owe that after my death my funeral expenses be paid  
out of my effects. I owe no debt any where  
I give to my daughter Margaret E. McHenry wife of Jack  
McHenry the following property. One half interest of my  
stock in the Waverly Bank known as the Waverly Bank  
and Trust Co. Also I give her one share one year old paid  
Spring - One note on Thomas W. R. Hicks for \$51<sup>00</sup> due  
January 1<sup>st</sup> 1892. Said note was executed for land and a  
loan is retained on the land for payment of said note  
I give to my son Henry L. Pierce the remaining half of  
my stock in said Waverly Bank. The two Margaret E.  
McHenry and Henry L. Pierce to be the equal owners of my  
stock in said Bank with all the unpaid dividends due  
at the probate of this Will. I also give my son Henry  
L. Pierce one note on W. H. Matton for \$177<sup>25</sup> due the 6<sup>th</sup> of  
March 1889.
- 6<sup>th</sup> I will to my son J. H. Pierce a certain piece of land lying  
in the 7<sup>th</sup> civil district on Sulphur Creek and joining H. R.  
Pierce where he now lives. bounded as follows: Beginning  
at a stake in the creek the S. E. corner of H. R. Pierce's  
creek farm runs N 94<sup>00</sup> E to a stake gum - Chestnut and  
papa pines. E 31<sup>00</sup> N to a Hickory. Payward Spanish Oak  
pines. N 37<sup>00</sup> E to a Chestnut E 33<sup>00</sup> E to a stake



## C. H. Wyly's Will

I C. H. Wyly of Camden Benton County Tennessee do make ordain and establish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills that may at any time heretofore been by me made

First I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eva S. Wyly a tract of land beginning on the west bank of Tennessee river the North East Corner of the late J. H. Wyly's lands and runs down the River with its meander about 133 poles to a maple marked with three hacks on the North South and west with a cross mark on it. Then west to the west boundary line of the W. P. Anderson 1800 acre survey then south to said C. H. Wyly's North west Corner and then East to the beginning I also give her the lot that I live on and the store lot and three other lots in Camden they being all the lots I own in Camden. I also give her the tract of land East of Camden known as the Charles Sarett place but if she dies without issue said lands and lots are to revert back to me or my heirs

Second I give to my two Grand Sons John W. Hooper and Wyly E. Hooper a tract of land Beginning on the bank of Tennessee River at the North East Corner of the tract I gave to my daughter Eva S. Wyly and runs down the river as it meanders to the North East Corner of the W. P. Anderson 1800 acre survey then west to the North West Corner of the same Eva S. Wyly tract and then East to the beginning I give to my daughter Caroline Bartlett a tract of land beginning at the North East Corner of the W. P. Anderson 1800 acre survey on the bank of Tennessee River and running down the River as it meanders to a hornbeam the South East Corner of the Wills lands then west about 235 poles to a poplar and hickory then South 270 poles to the North boundary of the W. P. Anderson 1800 Acres and then East to the beginning but if she dies without issue said lands is to revert back to me or my heirs. I give to my Grand daughter Estella Loshlee a tract of land lying in Civil district No. 6 of Benton County known as the Jack Hudson

tract of land Beginning at a stake with two Beech pointers 133 poles North of the South East Corner of a 640 acre entry in the name of Henry Wade it being the North East Corner of J. A. Hudsons lands and run West 59 poles then South 75 poles West 175 poles to a stake in the west boundary of said 640 acre tract then North 162 poles to a holly with Sweetgum pointers then South 54 poles East 28 poles North 56 poles East 22 poles South 80 poles East 36 poles South 30 poles East 12 poles South 55 poles East 24 poles and then East 114 poles to a stake in the East boundary of said 640 acres and then South 88 poles to the beginning but if she dies without issue said land is to revert back to me or my heirs

fifth I give to my son J. H. Wyly all that tract of land deeded to me by Hugh M. Brown lying South of and adjoining the Town of Camden

I nominate and appoint my friend B. B. Green my Executor to see that this my will is carried out in good faith and I wish him after my death to sell all of my personal property also all of the lands I may die possessed of not disposed of in this will and divide to proceed equally between my lawful heirs  
C. H. Wyly

Signed in our presence the 8th day of June 1886 and we were called on to witness the same by C. H. Wyly  
Attest A. C. Presson  
James J. Wyly Jr

Produced in open Court and properly proven by the oaths of A. C. Presson and Jas. J. Wyly Jr and ordered to Probate and Record June 12th 1891  
B. B. Scruggs Judge

State of Minnesota  
Southern County  
I, E. A. Pierce being in bad health and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do constitute and certify this my last Will and Testament as follows: To wit:

- 1<sup>st</sup> My body to be returned to the earth from whence it came
- 2<sup>nd</sup> My spirit I give to Almighty God who give it to me
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I give that after my death my funeral expenses be paid out of my effects. I have no debts any more
- 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Margaret E. McKenzie Wife of Isaac McKenzie the following property: One half interest of my Stock in the Waverly Bank, known as the Waverly Bank and Trust Co. Also I give her two mules one year old past Spring - One note on Thomas & W. R. Hicks for \$81.00 due January the 1<sup>st</sup> 1892. Said note was executed for land and a lease is retained on the land for the payment of said note
- 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Henry L. Pierce the remaining half of my stock in said Waverly Bank. The two Margaret E. McKenzie and Henry L. Pierce to be equal owners of my stock in said Bank with all the unpaid dividends due at the probate of this Will. I also give my son Henry L. Pierce one note on W. F. Milton for \$177.00 due the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1892.
- 6<sup>th</sup> I Will to my son J. H. Pierce a certain piece of land lying in the 7<sup>th</sup> Civil district on Sulphur Creek and joining F. R. Pierce where he now lives. Bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake in the Creek the South E corner of F. R. Pierce's Creek farm runs N. 94° E. 34 poles to a Birch Grove, Chestnut & Pa. pa. pauten. E. 31 poles to a Hickory. Dog. Head Spanish oak pauten. N. 37 poles to a Black oak. E. 38 poles to a stake. Maple and 7 Elm pauten. Thence S. west to the S. W. corner of F. R. Pierce's River track and the N. W. corner of a 76 1/2 acre lot in the name of F. R. Pierce. Thence West 27 poles to a stake. North 3 1/2 poles to a stake in a slide. Thence W. with said slide 10 poles to a stake in said slide. Thence S. to the Creek thence up said Creek to the Beginning -
- 7<sup>th</sup> I Will to my daughter Penelope Ann Pierce my farm where I now live being 12 1/2 acres. Also my half interest in a 375 acre tract belonging to my self and Henry Milton. I also give her six black hares 3 year old past Spring. My wife Milly P. Pierce to have possession and Control said land during her life as a widowhood. Thence to Henry Ann Pierce.
- 8<sup>th</sup> I Will to my youngest son John B. Pierce all the remainder of my nation farm which is not set apart

in this Will to J. H. Pierce consisting of my Landing track Williams tract and the remainder of the land deeded to me by the heirs of John Pierce deceased. My wife Milly P. Pierce to have full Control of said lands during her life or widowhood. At her death to John B. Pierce

- 9<sup>th</sup> I Will and bequeath to my wife Milly P. Pierce all of my personal property not mentioned in this Will or set apart to a certain child. Consisting of horses, mules, cattle, pigs, sheep, farming implements of all kinds that I may have here, notes, accts. One Blue household & kitchen furniture for her own use during her life or widowhood. I should she marry then her dower to be set apart as the law directs both in real and personal effects other wise to remain in full force as mentioned set apart in this Will
- I further Will that as soon as this Will be probated in the said County Court at Cannon. that Margaret E. McKenzie, J. H. Pierce and J. H. Pierce have the land and the Bank certificates, notes and stocks, all delivered to them and that they have full power to collect said notes or transfer said Bank certificates. Henry Ann Pierce to have her share also.
- But in case any one of the fore said heirs shall object to the probate of this Will. he, she or they shall have five \$5000 each to be paid to them from the remaining part of the said estate equally divided between the said heirs - I Will that my wife Milly P. Pierce and my two sons Henry L. Pierce and J. H. Pierce be my Executors on this Will. No bond or security shall be required of the Executors of this Will
- Since under my hand and seal this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1890.

E. A. Pierce. (Seal)

Acknowledged in and presents the execution of the within for the purpose therein contained

A. J. Milton  
James F. Pileman  
A. C. Milton.

Produced in open Court and proven by the oaths of James F. Pileman and A. J. Milton and ordered to be recorded - Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1891

B. C. Scruggs  
Judge



# Paton G. Hiron's Will.

5<sup>th</sup> Civil District Benton County. July 11<sup>th</sup> 1891.

I Paton G. Hiron in the presence of W. A. Weatherly and S. C. Wright make this my last Will and Testament.

I want my wife Sarah Hiron to have and to hold my land, house hold and kitchen furniture, and all my other property in my possession

Witneses

W. A. Weatherly

S. C. Wright

Paton G. Hiron

And furthermore I appoint S. C. Wright my Executor to attend to this business and see that it is done according to my request.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day July 1891

Paton G. Hiron.

Produced in open Court and proven by the Oaths of W. A. Weatherly + S. C. Wright and Ordered to be recorded. October 5<sup>th</sup> 1891.

B. C. Scruggs.

Judge.

# W. A. Stille's Will.

On the name of God. Amen.

I W. A. Stille Sr. am old and feeble in body, but sound in mind, and not knowing how soon I may depart this life, have concluded to make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills, if any, by me made.

1<sup>st</sup> It is my Will that my spirit go to God who gave it to me and my body return to dust whomever it came.

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my Will that my funeral expenses and my just debts be paid as early as practical after my death.

3<sup>rd</sup> I Will and bequeath to my dear wife Susan Stille all my property, both real and personal during her life and at her death.

4<sup>th</sup> I Will the same to my daughter Mary C. Stille during her life, unless she should marry and at her marriage or death then it is my Will, that all my property, both real and personal, be equally divided amongst my five children to wit: Mary C. Stille, William F. Stille Jr., Susan E. Shickland, Elizabeth J. Hyatt, and Lewis R. Stille. but Lewis R. Stille is to have fifty dollars, before said division is made to make him equal with my other children for stock furnished them and which I failed to furnish him. If my daughter Mary C. Stille desires to have a division of my property, after the death of my wife the same may be divided either by mutual agreement or by sale, and the proceeds divided as above stated.

I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife my Executor to this my Will and that she enter on the same without bond or security, & if she should deem it necessary to sell any surplus of stock or land I will that she have the privilege of doing so.

On Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1890.

Sub. B. W. M. Dade Nov 14/90

W. A. Stille Sr. (Seal)

W. A. Yarbrough Nov 14/90.

Produced in open Court and proven by the Oaths of B. W. M. Dade and W. A. Yarbrough and Ordered to be recorded This Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1891.

B. C. Scruggs Judge.

# Mary A Cole's Will

O Mary A. Cole being of sound mind and memory, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament

1<sup>st</sup> I Will that my Just debts should be paid as soon after my death as may be convenient.

2<sup>nd</sup> I Will that Larena Ester Gassett to have one bed and bedstead and four of my nicest quilts one Coverlid, one new blanket and two sheets, one little table, one chair and looking glass and all my dishes except one painted pitcher and if she sees fit to divide them with her brother Kirklin Gassett she can do so. Also one rocking chair, two table cloths, one linen and one figured and four hand towels.

3<sup>rd</sup> I Will that Joseph Kirklin Gassett have four quilts one Coverlid and one blanket. Larena Ester and Joseph Kirklin Gassett to have the above described articles provided the Gassett men take them away and they live to maturity or marry and if they die their things to go to Eliza A and Lissie Cole.

I Will that Martha Anne Easley take those things above mentioned and keep them at her house till the time come for to deliver them.

Thirdly I Will that Eliza Ann Cole to have one bed, one bedstead 3 quilts and two pillows and one counterpane and one cooking stove, one table cloth.

4<sup>th</sup> I Will that Lissie Cole three quilts one counterpane, four pillows and one table cloth.

5<sup>th</sup> I Will that C. H. Newman have one bed, one bedstead, two pillows, one cow and calf and two hogs.

Eliza Ann and Lissie Cole to have the above articles provided their father and mother are not cut up at the way they will be made, and if they are they are not to have these things until they marry.

6<sup>th</sup> I Will that H. R. Cole have my clock. And lastly I appoint James Park as the Executor of this my last Will and Testament reserving my making void all other wills at any time by me made. Witness my hand the 11 day of July 1891

Test J. A. Cole Mary Ann Cole  
J. M. Hilladay

Of further bequeath. C. H. Newman one Cooking Kettle one Skillet and lid three chairs one Coffee Caddy two pans one and one smoothing Iron and one Wash pot one pair pot hooks.

And Of further bequeath Martha A. Easley, one Cupboard one Spinning wheel one Churn one jar one brass Kettle one eating table, one tin bucket two striped blankets one pitcher one smoothing iron one washing Kettle. One bird stand one Coffee mill one set of fire irons one half bushel fine chairs four baking pans one little looking glass, all of the books one pair pot hooks two blue flower plates one large spoon one Ladle and all my knives and forks and all the remainder of my household.

Test J. A. Cole  
J. M. Hilladay

Mary Ann Cole  
Martha

Proved in open Court and sworn by the Oaths of J. M. Hilladay and J. A. Cole and ordered to be recorded this Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1891 B. C. Scruggs Judge



# Laura Hawley's Will

I Laura Hawley being of Sound mind and memory, but feeble in health and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my Executor have Wm. Bevena the Undertaker to order for me to be buried in an Casket as near like the one that my Husband was buried in as he can get.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I direct that my burial expenses, Doctors bill and just debts be paid out of four hundred Dollars Cash which I have deposited with Mr. Hall at the Stock Store.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I will to my Sister Ann Loshlee, Two hundred and fifty Dollars (\$250<sup>00</sup>) in Cash.
- 4<sup>th</sup> All the above expenses and bequestes, I direct to be paid out of the money heretofore mentioned deposited with Mr. Hall.
- 5<sup>th</sup> I direct that my Son Commie Hawley select such a Tomb Stone as suits him and have the same placed at my Grave and to be paid for by my Executor out of my Estate.
- 6<sup>th</sup> I have in the Nashville Savings Company Twenty five hundred Dollars (\$2500<sup>00</sup>) One Thousand Dollars of which was willed by my husband R M Hawley to his Son Commie Hawley. Now the one thousand dollars willed him by his Father I wish to remain where it is and on the same Conditions until Commie arrives at the age of 21 years. The Executor and Guardian hereafter named or some one else Chosen by my Said Son, to act in Said Capacity having the right to draw the Interest on the same as it is now drawn but in case that my Said Son and his Guardian should deem it best to draw Said money out of Said Bank and place it Somewhere else that they might agree was safer they by mutual agreement have the privilege of doing so.
- 7<sup>th</sup> I desire that my Executor sell all my Real Estate and personal property on the best terms he can either at private or public sale and at any time he thinks the most can be realized for the same and on such terms as he thinks best and I hereby

delegate to him the power to make deeds to my Real Estate when sold. I also delegate him the power to collect all accounts notes due Bills interest &c which may be due me at my death or become due me after my death.

- 8<sup>th</sup> I direct that he let remain in said Bank at Nashville the fifteen hundred Dollars not heretofore appropriated and to place in said Bank on the same terms the proceeds of the sale of my Real Estate and personal property and any other monies on hand or collected not otherwise appropriated by me in this will, which I may die seized and possessed of. All of which I give to my Son Commie Hawley.
- 9<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint W A Steele Jr Executor to this my last will, and also Guardian for my Son Commie Hawley, but in case the said Steele failed to serve in said Capacity I desire that my said Son choose some one to act in said Capacity.
- 10<sup>th</sup> I direct that as Guardian the said W A Steele Jr draw the Interest on the money heretofore mentioned and with it procure for my son aforesaid, such clothing board and pay his tuition at school, and such other necessities as would be reasonable and liberal, for his promotion and comfort but if my said son should decide to enter school at some place where it would require more than the interest drawn, I direct that his Guardian draw out of said Bank an amount sufficient to pay such deficit and appropriate the same for said purpose.
- 11<sup>th</sup> I direct that my son be allowed a reasonable amount of money from time to time as will be sufficient for his spending money, to do as he may wish with.
- 12<sup>th</sup> I direct that the said Guardian pay over or give order to be paid over to my son Commie Hawley when he arrives at the age of 18 years all the money &c heretofore mentioned and not otherwise appropriated except the one thousand Dollars (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) willed to him by his Father and that as heretofore stated shall remain in Bank until he is 21 years of age but he shall have the privilege of drawing the interest on the same with his own order after he arrives at the age of 18 years.
- 13<sup>th</sup> I also give to my son Commie my Gold Watch Silver Knives forks and spoons and also my Bible which I wish him to keep and study the contents

and over

14<sup>th</sup>

I direct that should my son Commie Hawley become dissatisfied with his Guardian he is hereby granted the right and privilege of nominating some one else to do and perform the duties as such Guardian in accordance with the terms of this will and after making proper delivery to his successor of all sums &c due to my said son then and in that case the said Guardian shall be released from further liability in said business.

15<sup>th</sup>

As Compensation to said Executor and Guardian I direct that he claim a reasonable amount, as would be a lawful fee.

16<sup>th</sup>

If my son Commie Hawley should die before he marries or arrives at the age of 21 years or should he die after he is of the age of 21 years unmarried and without making a will, out of whatever remains, I desire that his Guardian dispose of as follows.

17<sup>th</sup>

I direct that he be buried in a Casket such as his Father and myself are buried in, and to his Grave a monument worth five hundred Dollars (\$500<sup>00</sup>) and after paying his burial expenses &c I desire whatever remains divided as follows: to my sister Ann Lashley I give one half of what remains, and to Josephine Arnold Harry Brown Narcissa Glaser and Josephine Wedington. I give the remaining half to be shared equally among them. but before the above division is made, of what may remain after the death of my said son and his burial expenses are paid and other expenses as heretofore mentioned I direct that if any thing be left or a sufficient amount, that is be appropriated by erecting an Iron fence around mine and my husband's mother's Graves.

In Witness Whereof I do to this my will Set my hand this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1892  
Laura Hawley

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testatrix this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 1892  
W. P. McGee  
J. N. Wilson

Produced in open court and proven by the oath

of W. P. McGee and J. N. Wilson the subscribing witnesses, thereto and ordered to be recorded March 24<sup>th</sup> 1892

B. C. Scroggs Judge

I will to sis Robinson my Table Caster, old Silver Spoon one Silver Set of Vases my large brass frame Picture, to Mrs Crum my Rocking Chair to Maude Crum my Sewing Machine one quilt not quilted, Maggie Crum one new quilt quilted.

This is my will and gift to those names

Laura Hawley  
Ann Lashley

### W. B. Cole Will

I, W. B. Cole of the State of Tennessee and County of Benton do hereby make and Publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made

- (1) first I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any moneys I may die possessed of or that may come in to the hands of Executor
  - (2) Second I give and bequeath all of my Property both real and Personal to my beloved wife Elizabeth Cole, during her lifetime and at the death of my wife, my will is that my lands all be divided equally between my two Sons James R. Cole and George Cole
  - (3) Third I direct that my at the death of my wife that all the Personal Property be sold and equally divided between all of my legal heirs except my two Sons Lemit J. R. Cole and G. B. Cole to whom I give my lands, and I give and bequeath and equal Part of Personal property to Margaret R. Smith and make her an equal heir with the rest of my Daughters
- Lastly I appoint Noah Rushing Executor to this my will in Testimony whereof I have this day Set my name to this my will this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1891

Test

David Alsup

W. N. Wilson

W. B. Cole

Filed Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1892 W. A. Steele Jr. CLK

Produced in open court and proven by one of the witnesses Lemit David Alsup who also proved the Signature of the other witness W. N. Wilson who has died since attesting to this will This September 29<sup>th</sup> 1892 B. C. Scroggs Judge



Callie Hamer Will

I Callie Hamer of the County of Benton and State of Tennessee being now of sound mind but in feeble health and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and publish the following as my last will and Testament revoking all other wills heretofore by me made.

- 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that as soon as possible after my death and burial that the expenses of my burial be paid by my Executor herein after named
- 2<sup>nd</sup> I will that all my just debts be paid by my Executor as soon as possible after my death
- 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that my widowed daughter Coppie Bell have the House and Lot now owned by me where Val Johnson now lives the house and land to contain the land on which the house now stands and to run west to my west boundary line and to include the Garden on the East Side of said House which is to be the width of said Garden and to run East to the yard fence of the place where I now live said House and Lot to be the property of the said Coppie Bell during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage it is my will that said House and lot which I will to my daughter Coppie Bell shall descend to my four grand children who are the children of my said daughter Coppie Bell, To wit, Florence Ann Bell, William David Bell, Callie Bell & Hamer Bell to share and share alike in said House and Lot
- 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that as soon after my death and burial as shall be convenient to my said Executor he shall sell the House & Lot upon which I now live which is to include all the Land now owned by me except the House and lot above named that I mentioned in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Clause of my will. My said Executor shall sell said House and Lot to the highest bidder on a Credit of Six months he shall and is hereby empowered by me to make a deed to said House and Lot in as full and perfect manner as I could if I was living and the proceeds of said House

- and Lot after the payment of all my just debts it is my will that my Executor shall divide the same equally between Fannie Davis Elizabeth Fry and Ida Brevard
- 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my said Executor herein after named shall as soon as convenient after my death and burial shall divide all my personal property equally between my four daughters Laura Davis Elizabeth Fry Coppie Bell and Ida Brevard
- 6<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint my Brother W P Hall my Executor to this my last will and Testament to carry out the provisions of this my last will and testament

Callie Hamer

Signed and acknowledged in our presence as the last will and Testament of the above Callie Hamer and we were called upon by her to sign the same as attesting witnesses on this August 8<sup>th</sup> 1892.

W. A. Steele Jr

W. P. McGill

(Endorsed)

Callie Hamers Will

Filed Jan'y 30<sup>th</sup> 1893

W. A. Steele Jr

Produced in open Court and proven by the Oaths of W. A. Steele Jr and W. P. McGill the Subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded This Feb'y 13<sup>th</sup> 1893

(Written at top margin of note)

# The Last instructions of W P Morris to the Children

(I place J Bowles name in place of L A Potts: W P Morris)  
 I, W P Morris being of Sound Mind and Memory but Rather feeble Health and Knowing that Life is uncertain and death Sure. I hereby publish and leave this as my last Request, that W P Morris and ~~W A Potts~~ be qualified as my Administrators without bond. With this Request annexed, to Collect and Settle up my Business, and if either or both the Persons mentioned should from any Cause be unable or decline to Serve as Such Administrators then I desire that any or either of my Sons act as Such, and I Wish it Known that I would have appointed two of my Sons to wind up my business but thought they had so much business of their own that they would prefer not doing it.

1st I Want the wife and mother of Morris to have the home place with all its Stock Furniture &c. during her life and after her death to be divided among the Children, of course she is to have money to supply her wants.

2nd I desire an equal division of all things made with the Children each one accounting for what they have formally Received. With this Exception. I desire that Newton Lindsay be paid in his own Right four hundred dollars out of his Mothers (Mrs L C Caraway) Share. I also desire that all Monies and Effects falling to Adelaide M Maiden as her distributive Share of my Estate be paid to her for the use and benefit of herself and Children exclusively and in case of her death that an honest Conscientious Guardian be appointed who will see that my wishes are carried out in this Respect and I would suggest Joshua Bowles be appointed Such Guardian.

God has abundantly blessed me through a long life and I desire that the Children Receive what they get whether it be little or much with thankful hearts and have no Contentions or Law suits over my effects.

Frank Melton Miller having been borned in our house and seeming almost like one of us I desire that he be Raised Right and Receive Such Treatment and Care as humanity Kindness and Charity may dictate. he not being at all to blame for the Peculiar and Unfortunate position which he occupies among us.

Given under my hand this the 17th day of

November 1885

W P Morris

Attest

 Joseph E Jones  
 E M Carnell

(Endorsed)

Produced in open Court and proven by the Testimony of E M Carnell one of the Subscribing Witnesses admitted to Probate as being the Last will and testament of W P Morris decd. and ordered to be Recorded this the 8th day of May 1893

B. C. Scruggs Judge



# Joel Redder Will

I Joel Redder do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby ~~declaring~~ <sup>making</sup> known and making void all others by me or any former made. I direct that my funeral expenses paid and all of debts be paid as soon as possible after death as out of my money that I do possess or may first come into the hands of my Executor. I give Nancy Redder my wife my home tract of land with the house appurtenant to the same during her life time. I bequeath one horse and one cow, salt and one son and 2 shares and 2 beds and clothing and steel and kitchen furniture and all ~~other~~ <sup>the</sup> house and all provisions for one year. I bequeath of 15 barrels of corn and one barrel of flour 500 pounds of pork one barrel of salt.

I direct my Executor to sell the 11<sup>th</sup> Dist of Benton County also one tract in the 13<sup>th</sup> Dist of said County on the same river I direct said lands to be sold and all perishable property sold divided equally between my children and hereby nominate and appoint P. C. Green my Executor in witness whereof I do in this my will at my hand this Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Joel Redder  
main

Witness

P. C. Green  
N. A. Green

Explosed Aiel June 11<sup>th</sup> 1894.

I produced and read in open Court and proven by the oath of P. C. Green one of the attesting witnesses and the signature of the other witness who is dead proven by the oath of P. C. Green and the same ordered to be admitted as the last will and testament of Joel Redder dead and recorded as same - this June 11<sup>th</sup> 1894.

N. A. Green Judge

# Askeu L. M. Will

In the name of God Amen

I L. M. Askeu of the County of Benton and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind, but weak in body, and realizing that life is uncertain and that death is sure, do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testament and do hereby revoke and annul all other wills, by me heretofore made at any time.

First: After my death it is my wish and desire that my Executor herein after named, shall pay all my just debts out of my money that comes into his hands after my death, as soon as practicable thereafter.

Second: I will and bequeath to my brother Aaron P. Askeu, for the love and affection that bear to him, all my real and personal property of every description. Said personal property consisting of two notes for two hundred dollars each, both dated Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1891, and due January 1<sup>st</sup> 1893 and January 1<sup>st</sup> 1894 respectively - both bearing interest from date. Made by P. Dillman and Charles Davis. Said notes payable to me, and being the balance of purchase money for a tract of land sold by me to them on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1891 for a description of said land referred is hereby made to the deed made by me to them. Which deed is recorded in Book D, on pages 417 & 418 in the Register Office of Benton County Tennessee.

Also one note made by James Saunders to me with Thomas Saunders and his wife Gay Saunders securities, dated Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 1893, for eighty one dollars, with interest from date. Also one other note made by Andrew Bailey with Allen Hardin and William Hardin securities. Said note being for thirty dollars. Made January 1<sup>st</sup> 1894 and due January 1<sup>st</sup> 1895 - bearing interest from date of said note.

I also will and bequeath to my brother, the said Aaron P. Askeu the following described tract of land, as follows: To wit: Lying in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Civil District of Benton County Tennessee. Beginning at a stake, and two post oak pointers, Runy North

66 1/2 - West 37 poles to a Black Jack with Black Jack and Post oak pointers. Then North 160 poles to the N.W. Corner of the Original tract of which this is a part, to a Stake, post oak and red oak pointers. Then East 37 poles to a stake. Then South 60 poles to the Beginning - Containing 37 acres more or less. And being the land bought by me from J. N. Spruich & wife on the 3rd day of December 1892. And Recorded in Book R on page 448. in the registers Office of Benton County, Tennessee.

Third I hereby nominate and appoint my Brother Aaron P. Askew as my Executor to carry out my wishes herein expressed, and to see that my body is decently buried and all my funeral expenses be paid out of any money that may first come into his hands, belonging to my Estate.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my wish and request that my Executor herein nominated to wit Aaron P. Askew, be permitted to qualify as such Executor, without giving Bond, or rendering to the Court any inventory of my Estate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, at the house of my brother Aaron P. Askew, in the 3rd Civil District of Benton County Tennessee on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1894.

L M Askew

We, at the request of the Testator L M Askew sign this as witnesses, in the presence of the Testator, and in that of each other. This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1894

A V Hardin  
J A Bailey

Smalley - Mary Ann E. Will

Know all men by these presents, That I Mary Ann E. Smalley of the 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Benton County, State of Tennessee. Make this my last Will and Testament. Revoking all former Wills. I do hereby give and bequeath and devise my estate and property, real and personal to my Brothers Thomas W. Barnes and John A. Barnes at my death, after Doctors Bill, and Burial Expenses has been paid. To Thomas W. Barnes I give and bequeath and devise all my personal effects of whatever description, and my home place adjoining J. N. Barnes land, to have and to hold, his heirs and Executors, and assigns forever.

To John A. Barnes I give and bequeath my Lot with House and all appertenance attached thereto, at Big Sandy. To have and to hold his heirs Executors and assigns forever. I further say that I claim all right to sell or buy any of my property for my own use and benefit.

This Decer 31<sup>st</sup> 1894

Mary Ann E. Smalley  
The said Mary Ann E. Smalley, make at said place, on said day signed and released this instrument, and published and delivered the same as, and for her last Will and Testament and we at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

L W Barker (Seal)  
J St Hudson (Seal)  
J B Herren (Seal)

## J. H. Harrison's Will

I J. H. Harrison do make this as my last will Testamentary I give J. H. Harrison all of my land after my debts & funeral expenses is paid and my will is for George Ann Harrison to have one Bed and Bed Clothing if she ever comes back home and if George Ann never comes back home my will is that C. F. Harrison have the Bed and Bed Clothing and then a My debt. I will C. F. Harrison any thing that I have on hand she wants in the way of house and kitchen Furniture as witness my hand this December 27 day 1895

Witness J. H. Harrison  
 W. J. Polyeon  
 Kelsey Watley

## Penelope Horn's Will

I Penelope Horn being of Sound Mind but feeble health, and knowing that according to Nature I must soon pass away and being desirous of disposing of my worldly effects before death. I do make this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and declaring Void all wills by me made at any time.

I Give to Pallen Ann Thompson my beloved daughter my bed sheet and bed and all my bed clothing, trunk and contents, one Clock and Bureau, and one Candle Stand and one Arm Chair, one wash Pot, and every thing else that I may die seized and possessed of.

I hereby appoint David Thompson my son Executor of this my last will and Testament to carry out and full fill the same without Bond: With full power and authority to carry out the foregoing will and Testament.

Given under my hand this the 1st day of July 1895 Penelope Horn

Witness  
 V. A. Rushing  
 Mrs. Jane Walker

Endorsed

The within Will was on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1895 presented in open Court and duly proven by the oaths of V. A. Rushing and Mrs. Jane Walker the subscribing witnesses thereto L. E. Davis Co. Judge



# Rebecca Jane Holland's Will

Know all men by these presents That I Rebecca Jane Holland do this day make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills made by me at any time

- 1<sup>st</sup> I will that my debts including burying expenses be paid out of any money or other effects I may die seized and possessed of.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> I will that Maggie Puckett have one Red Red steed and necessary Red clothing and if she stays with me and serves me faithfully with the future as in the past then she is to share with my other legates in proportion to the time she stays with me.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> I will that my two nephews W A Marchbanks and John A Marchbanks have the remainder of my effects to be equally divided between them share and share alike. but if one of them is at more trouble and expense in waiting on me and seeing after my affairs then he is to inherit in proportion to the trouble and expense he may be at.
  - 4<sup>th</sup> I will that my sisters have my wearing clothes to be divided between them share and share alike.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> I will that W A Marchbanks & John A Marchbanks have in addition to their share of my personal effects to have all of my tract of land in the 11<sup>th</sup> District of Benton County Tenn on bottom creek and known as the Hiram Short land to use from this day forward any timber on said land and otherwise to take possession of said land as though they had a warranty deed to the same.
- And last I will that S. T. Penson be appointed Executor to carry out the provisions of this Will without being required to give bond.
- This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1895
- Subscribed  
 J A Bridges  
 J M Patrick  
 C B McEwin
- Rebecca Jane Holland  
 mark

# F. A. Arnold's Will

State of Tennessee

Benton County } Know all men by these presents That I F. A. Arnold of the State and County aforesaid being in full health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Will by me at any time here before made. And as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the following manner "To wit"

- First My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.
- Second I bequeath to my beloved wife Evoline Arnold one thousand dollars in land and personal property to have and to hold during the term of her natural life or widowhood.
- Thirdly I will and bequeath to each of my five children "To wit" Lousia Pafford Elbert Buff Tennessee Hollingsworth and Frances Pafford the sum of one dollar
- Fourthly The rest and residue of my property real personal and mixed I will and bequeath to my son F. A. Arnold and lastly I do name make and appoint my two grandsons W. C. Arnold and J. H. Pafford to be the executors of this my last Will and Testament whereof I the said F. A. Arnold have to this my last Will and Testament subscribed my name This Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1896

Witnesses

J. H. Lawry  
 J. H. Pafford  
 W. C. Arnold  
 A. J. Sykes

F. A. Arnold  
 mark

I Penson in open Court by subscribing  
 Witnesses J. H. Lawry J. H. Pafford  
 W. C. Arnold & A. J. Sykes and  
 ordered to be recorded recorded  
 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Nov 896  
 C. E. Davis Co Judge

# Wills of E. J. Pierce

State of Tennessee  
 Benton County E. J. Pierce being  
 of sound mind and in proper mind do make  
 this my last will and testament in the  
 name of God Amen  
 First I first To be buried and all  
 expenses paid.

Second I bequeath and give unto my son  
 Willie Goforth all remaining money that  
 may be on hand to my credit at the Bank  
 or out on interest & one tract or parcel  
 of land in Range 8 and Section 6  
 containing - by survey. & also my  
 household and personal effects. This I give  
 and bequeath unto him unexpectantly  
 of whatever hours I may hereafter have  
 and in case of my death before said  
 Willie Goforth becomes of age I request  
 that you J. M. Makers become his guardian. and  
 that he be given into the care of my sister  
 Malisa Whitley and that you as guardian pay  
 her for his schooling and clothes. and that when  
 he arrives at the age of 16 or 17 years he be  
 given better facilities for schooling than can be  
 had in the common country school and that  
 it be paid for out of his money.  
 This October the 6<sup>th</sup> 1896

Signed in the presence of us  
 Test  
 witnesses here

Produced in Open Court and the hand writing  
 proven to be that of the testator by the oath of  
 J. M. Makers W. K. Hicks & Whitley W. F. Smiler  
 and Mrs. M. D. Whitley This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
 February 1897 L. E. Davis Esq Judge

# Will of J. I. Edwards

Noncupature Will of John I. Edwards  
 who died near Big Sandy Benton County Tenn  
 Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1896. Came J. M. Moses & John Baldt  
 who were both present at same time. and hereby  
 state under oath that the said John I. Edwards  
 being of sound mind and memory. and wishing  
 to dispose of his property in satisfaction to his  
 own wishes. Stated in presence of the undersigned  
 that his lawful wife Catharine Edwards of Platt  
 County State of Nebraska shall become possessed  
 of his personal effects. And letter written  
 addressed to said Catharine Edwards addressed  
 to her on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1896. in confirmation  
 of the wishes of said John I. Edwards deceased  
 This evidence of said witnesses. and proof as of  
 above mentioned letters given before his  
 Honor Judge Davis. County Judge. who being  
 satisfied with the evidence being sufficient  
 to admit to probate the noncupature Will  
 of John I. Edwards deceased in favor  
 of Mrs Catharine Edwards J. M. Moses M.D.  
 J. M. Baldt

Produced in open Court and proven by  
 the subscribing witnesses J. M. Moses and  
 John Baldt - and ordered to be recorded  
 March 1<sup>st</sup> 1897 L. E. Davis  
 Esq Judge

Filed March 1<sup>st</sup> 1896  
 J. M. Moses

# Will of J. A. McMeakin

I James McMeakin of the Town of  
 Camden. County of Benton being of sound  
 mind and memory do make, publish  
 and declare this to be my last Will  
 and testament To wit  
 First All my first debts and  
 funeral expenses shall be first  
 fully paid

Second I give devise and bequeath  
 all the rest, residue and remainder  
 of my estate, both real and personal  
 to my beloved wife Dora McMeakin  
 to have, to hold to her my said wife  
 and to her heirs and assigns forever



Third I nominate and appoint my said wife Dora McHoskin to be the Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January A.D. 1897

J. A. McHoskin (Seal)  
Signed, sealed, published and delivered as and for his last will and Testament by the above named testator in our presence, who have at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other signed our names as witnesses thereto

U. A. Potts  
H. F. Stigall

Filed and Probated May 30<sup>th</sup>  
1897 J. C. Mearns Clerk

### Will of Luellen J. Marberry

I Luellen J. Marberry, being of sound mind and memory but in declining health and being desirous of disposing of what ever property I possess, do make and hereby declare the following to be my last will and Testament - hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

It is my will that at my death, all the proceeds of the sale of my farm, and money collected, or due to be collected from my pension, together with all other personal property I may die possessed of, be given by my executors to my daughter Ida F. McHoskin, out of which to pay my burial expenses, and any debts I may owe at the time of my death and the remainder to be by them retained for their own use and benefit.

Second It is my will that my daughter Ida F. McHoskin have the use and control of all the real estate I own consisting of the Tract, lying in what is now Henry County but formerly in Burton County, being the lot set apart to me as my share in the real estate of my father William Roe deceased, containing 62 acres - Also the Tract I purchased from Louisa da Hudson containing 106 acres lying in the 5<sup>th</sup> civil District of Burton County, Tenn, and the same upon which I with my daughter

Ida F. McHoskin and her husband S. N. McHoskin, now reside, during her natural life and at her death the same to descend to her children that survive her, & to the heirs of such as may die before her, if any of her children should die before her, leaving issue to be divided among them according to the law of descent and distribution.

I appoint my friend & kinsman L. J. Francisco my Executor to this my last will - to carry into effect the provisions thereof - With full power if necessary to execute said to the real estate to my said daughter Ida F. McHoskin and convey title to life estate to her therein.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1897

Luellen J. Marberry

The foregoing instrument was read to Luellen J. Marberry in our presence, all being present at the same time, and the said Luellen J. Marberry signed, acknowledged, and declared the said foregoing instrument to be her last will and Testament, and called us to sign the same as witnesses to this fact. This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1897

J. P. Huddell  
L. B. Green

Proven in open Court by the Oath of L. B. Green & J. P. Huddell the two Subscribing witnesses and Ordered to be recorded. This Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1897

L. E. Davis, Clerk  
Filed Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1897 - by Order of Court and Clerk directed to Record.

L. B. Green  
Clerk





I make and constitute my brother  
James W. Davis my Executor to carry  
out the provisions of this will, provided  
he is living at the time of my death, and  
in case he is dead, then I name and  
make Joseph Allen my Executor.  
Neither of the two are required to give bond  
This January the 30<sup>th</sup> 1899  
Witness J. E. Davis John W. Davis  
W. L. Hamilton

Proven in open Court by the  
oath of the two Subscribing Witnesses  
W. L. Hamilton and J. E. Davis, and ordered  
to be recorded. This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
May 1899 L. E. Davis  
Co Judge

J. B. Lindsey's Will  
I J. B. Lindsey of the County of Benton and State of Arkansas  
(Graham)

Declare this to be my last will and Testament  
First, I give and bequeath to my grand son Marion  
Wagner at the death of my wife  
Polly Lee Lindsey one third interest in  
the Swan Lot, which is bounded on the  
East by Daniel Graham and the South by  
Southbrook and Oakville. On the West by  
public road On the North by the Mud  
Creek.

Second - If Marion Wagner should die before  
he is twenty one years of age his interest  
shall go back to Ed and John Lindsey.

Third - I will the balance of my property  
to Polly Lee Lindsey (my wife) as long  
as she lives or remains a widow,  
at her death, or when she marries, every  
thing I gave to my sons Ed and John  
Lindsey. I make no Executor or  
administrator to wind up my business.  
I want my wife to pay off what I owe  
and collect what is owing to me.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal  
This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 1897  
Witness J. B. Lindsey  
Ed Lindsey  
John Lindsey

Proven in open Court by the  
oath of Ed Lindsey one of the Subscribing  
Witnesses, and ordered to be recorded.  
This the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1899  
L. E. Davis  
Co Judge