

live, I have with said Mollars live to the beginning being
a part of the tract of land on which I now live and
containing by estimation twenty acres more or less includ-
ing the Red Ford and terrace and sundry terrace
water and water privileges thereto appertaining or belong-
ing. I also give to my son John H. and give
the oblong square adjoining the lands of William Mollars
and John H. so as not to approach nearer than three
rod of the back side of my field on the South
East end of my farm, 9th to my son John H. I give
and bequeath the balance of my farm together with the
terrace and sundry terrace thereto appertaining or belong-
ing except forty five acres of the said tract hereinafter
specified, also my bed and bedstead, 10th to my daugh-
ter Ruth Ann I give and bequeath a bed bedding
and bedstead, hereinafter claimed by her
11th to my son Abraham I give and bequeath forty five
acres of land on the south West side of my farm ad-
joining the lands of Archibald Maxwell and Robert Stan-
ling extending on the north West side three rod outside
of the fence around the cleared land thence westward
to the three rod from the said fence to Maxwell line
thence with Maxwell and Stanling line to Brown line
thence with Brown line a sufficient distance, thence with
a line to the beginning, so as to make as near an oblong
square as practicable having a due regard to a proper
portion of woodland to the quantity of cleared land
and having also a proper regard to the interest of
John H. land, I also give to the said Abraham my
black man, bridle and saddle, 12th I give and bequeath
moreover to my three daughters Margaret, Jane and
Ruth Ann equally between the three my interest
in the hayrack agreeable to an article of agreement
this entered into between myself and Robert C. Dobson
they for wishing him Robert C. Dobson as good as bed
and bedstead as has been given to any others of the
family, 13th It is further my wish that the wagon
and Wheat Pan remain in the farm for the common
buyt and use of the three brothers Robert C. John
H. and Abraham so long as they remain together on
the farm. It is also my wish that my son John H.
and my three daughters Margaret, Jane and Ruth
Ann should remain together as best part of the farm
hereafter bequeathed to him the said John H. and that
they all have their support from said part of the land
and all the stock of cattle, dogs and sheep not here-
after bequeathed together with the provision on ground
the household and kitchen furniture so long as the
girls remain single and continue on said premises
I also appoint my two sons Robert C. and John H.
Dobson to be my Executors to carry out the provisions
of the foregoing will and I do hereby release them
from any obligation to give security for the faith-

ful performance of their duties as Executors. Given under
my hand and seal this 9th day of March in the year
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty
four at Edinburgh, 24th of March before signing
Signed sealed and acknowledged Joseph Dobson
in presence of us 3 Samuel Strain
3 Mollars
3 McDougall

John Martin of the County of Blount and State
of Tennessee do hereby this my last will and testam-
ent being in sound mind and memory but weak
strength, 1st I will that my body after death shall
be buried in place and decent order my soul
bequeath to the God that gave it,
2nd that inventory be made of all my goods with
the exception of the household and kitchen furniture
they shall remain for the use of my wife for the benefit
of the family as she shall see fit to make it, I wish her
to dispose of it as she sees proper respecting the way
divide it equally as she may think or best
3rd I will that there is amply sufficient owing to me
to pay my debts I will that the negroes all remain on
the farm for the benefit of raising the children - should
any of them become mischievous and not attend to busi-
ness as justice require them to do over them so as to
be sure their value that when I live becomes of age
all may have equal shares
4th after there is an inventory taken of all property and
the account known all such property as will be though
not useful had better be sold and the proceeds
secured so as that the family may live comfortably
If my Executors think proper for the benefit of their
Mother to give the lands and all things immovable
and situate them more to their satisfaction I say
do it - 5th I wish Abraham & John H. my sons I and
them neither jointly or so many of them as can consent to
attend to it to have some in order and justice to all
6th I wish if Sarah or my wife have it in her power to
school all the younger children to the best of her ability
I also desire that they be brought up to work
7th John C. I wish if possible to remain with his
Mother so long as she may live if it suit both - as I
know he will be a farmer and can attend to that branch
of business as for the wife not with them as you think
proper but depend but little on them for in your sit-
uation you can make better by them, 8th for our
debts except all you can remember the poor and
nearly help them when you can - 9th Let an ac-
count be kept of all that each of the above
children have received or may receive and at final
settlement let just and equitable deductions be

Martin
John

be such as that all may receive an equal share,
I wish you my son with your mother to attend to this
my will, but in partiality among yourselves. I wish equal
justice done by all. I wish you if you ever come
from this County and pass are not wish to leave his wife
and you are not disposed to buy her off, saying I will
to her if he will buy it not to some other person who will
wife to that man will as it were by no means to part them
I wish them all to labour as they have done, and attend
to business for the family. The fact is that I want as little
trouble as possible in settling my affairs.

I wish my son John, in consideration of services
rendered to me above what has been rendered by my other
sons to have four hundred dollars more than the other
sons out of what may come into the hands of the estate
after this time. I am testifying where I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of
October in the year of our Lord 1843.
Attest W. S. Porter John Martin Edl
John Julius

Ray
William

In the name of God Amen I William Hamilton Ray of
the State of Tennessee and County of Blount being in my
perfect mind do make and constitute this instrument of
writing my last will and Testament in manner following. I
do my wife Charlotte Ray to have the direction and man-
agement of the farm on which I now live together with all
my personal estate for the support of herself and my four
children until my son Leonard Ray shall have arrived
at lawful age in case she should remain a widow if
she does not remain in widowhood then the proceeds of the
farm together with all the personal property except such
as shall hereafter be named to be taken care of by me
I shall hereafter appoint as my executors and by them
appropriated for the use and benefit of my children un-
til my son Leonard shall have arrived to lawful age
I give and bequeath to my wife our feather bed and fur-
niture also one cow to be at her own disposal - and
when my son Leonard shall have arrived at lawful
age I give and bequeath to him the plantation with
all the ^{personal} utensils at whole time it is my wish that
all the personal property that designated for my wife
as above mentioned is ^{to be} equally divided among
my four children in such manner as a majority
may agree on - the consequence of my son Leonard
getting the farm he is to support his mother provided
she remains in widowhood during her life for the
execution of the foregoing testament I do appoint my
wife Charlotte and William Edmondson I am testifying where
I have hereunto set my hand and seal and affixed my seal
this twenty first day of February in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty

Ray
William

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence
of J. P. Hamilton
J. William Edmondson W. H. Ray Edl

Ray
Mary

In the name of God Amen I Mary Ess of the County of Blount
and State of Tennessee, being sick and weak of body but of sound
and disposing memory for such I thank God and calling to
mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to
dispose of all such worldly substance as it has pleased God to
bless me with in the way and following manner (to wit) I will
and also that immediately after my decease that all my per-
sonable property be sold is left such articles as hereafter mentioned
and out of the moneys arising herefrom that all my just debts
with the expenses of my funeral be paid - First I will and
bequeath to my son Robert Duntlop one mackey horse and half
a clove of his share of the net of my property the one half of
the feathers out of my bed with the ribs on bed divided 13 blanket
one shirt with the under bed cover blanket bed - one square foot and
half the dry fruit - 2nd I will my daughter Sabitha Ess one
white fawn Kiefer or clove of her other share with the bed and
the clothes which belonging that her sister Sura Ess liquidated
me as her own real property separate from any of mine - the
remaining half of the feathers of my bed, one tailed blanket
two shirts, one red coverlet with my one arched tree big walnut
bedstead, one big wheel and flax wheel, one pot one bowl, the shirt
with the half of the dresser drawers - all my fair apparel except a
black cambric frock - my Bible and half the dry fruit
3rd I will my son John M. James Ess all the moneys arising
from the sale of the corn raised on the other side of the
brook and half of that on this side, the two to be equally
between them 4th I will my Grand daughter Sally Tate
Daughter of Betsey Tate, one China Tea Bedstead with the
beds bed, one single white blanket, one shirt one Kiefer, one
skillet, one brock Kiefer, with the remainder of the dresser
ware - 5th I will my daughter Betsey Tate my black cambric
frocks and my riding coat provided she give her to her
sister Sabitha 6th I will my daughter Sally Ess ten dollars
my wearing apparel to cut up for clothes for the children
and after all just debts and expenses are disbursed if any
remain it to be divided equally among the children
my reason for not mention those that have left me is that
considering them as having received their portions I have
not mentioned them such and lastly I do hereby
constitute and appoint my well beloved brothers John
and George Edmondson Executors of this my last will and
Testament hereby revoking and annulling all and
every other wills and testaments by me heretofore made
In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal
this twentieth day of September and in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
Signed, sealed, published and delivered in the
presence of us who at the request of the said
testator have seen him sign and seal the
above and witnessed the same at the place
where he so lived to wit at the place of the
testator as witnesses to the same
Mary Ess Edl