

Last will of Samuel Howard

I Samuel Howard do make and publish this my last will & Testament, first, I direct that my funeral expenses and any debts I may owe, may be paid as soon after my death, as possible out of any money I may, die possessed of. Secondly, That Margaret Howard, and Jane Katharine Howard, be allowed to keep and possess all the personal property, that I now have on hand, of all kinds, whatever, and to enjoy equally between the benefits of said property and at the death of Margaret Howard, I desire that the wagon, windmill & all the farming utensils be either divided among my heirs, or be sold and whatever, said property is worth, or brings when sold to be equally divided, among my heirs, and all the household and kitchen furniture to, disposed of by my wife, Margaret Howard as she may see fit at her death this 16th day of February 1859

Attest

B. A. Davis

Thomas A Jones

Samuel^{his} Howard^{deceased}
was

State of Tennessee Bradley County

I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will & Testament of Samuel Howard deceased made on the 16th day of February 1859, which is on file in my office with my hand and seal of office in Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee this 23rd day of July 1864

Joseph H. Davis Clerk

State of Tennessee }
Bradley County } I Joseph H. Davis do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & perfect duplicate copy of the last will of Samuel Howard deceased & certificate to the same. And that the original will & will Book both having been destroyed by fire on the morning of the 26th day of Nov

1864 witness my hand at office in Cleveland
This 10th day of March 1865 Joseph H. Davis clerk

The foregoing will & certificate is recorded in will
Book pages 172 on this 10th day of March 1865
Joseph H. Davis clerk

The last will and Testament of Lewis Mitchell of Bradley
County and State of Tennessee, I Lewis Mitchell consid-
ering the uncertainty of this life and being of sound mind
and memory do make this my last will and Testament
in the manner and form following:

First, I give and bequeath to my wife Adolphia
the sum of eight hundred dollars in cash. Also the
farm on which I now reside to have and to hold during
her natural lifetime or widowhood. Also all the live
stock on said farm, also all personal Estate namely
mechanical tools, farming tools, all household furniture
Books with of other personal property I wish my wife
to take care of her mother during her lifetime all mor-
gus belonging to my estate to be equally divided bet-
ween my heirs as they become of age, all the other prop-
erty with the land to be divided, equally between them
or their heirs at the death of my wife, I also appoint
my wife Adolphia sole executrix of this my last will
and Testament, In witness whereof I hereunto set
my hand and seal June 1st 1863

Witness

L. R. Smith

Isaac Smith

Lewis Mitchell

State of Tennessee Bradley County
I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court of said
County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true
copy of the last will and Testament of Lewis Mitchell
deceased as appears on record and papers on file in

my office. Witness my hand and seal of Bradley County
at office in Cleveland this 7th day of September 1864
Joseph H. Davis clerk

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and
true copy of the last will of Lewis Mitchell deceased
copied from an original copy of said will and
records having been destroyed by fire on the morning
of the 26th day of November 1864. This 11th day of
March 1865
Joseph H. Davis clerk

State of Tennessee May the 5th 1864

Bradley County) I Daniel Williams do make and publish this
my last will and Testament, hereby revoking
all former wills and Testaments made by me at any time
1st I wish my funeral expenses and all my debts paid out
of the first money that may come into the hands of
my executor

2^{ly} - I bequeath to my Son F. J. Williams the farm
on which I live by his paying Gideon Williams one
hundred & fifty dollars in two years from this date

3^{ly} I wish all my movable property of every kind
equally divided between my two sons Gideon Williams
& F. J. Williams

4th I appoint my two sons Gideon Williams & F. J.
Williams, Executors to this my last will & Testament
In witness whereof I set my hand and seal this the
day and date above written
Signed & sealed in presence of Daniel Williams
John Underwood &
Ezra Cooper

State of Tennessee) I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court
Bradley County) of said County, do certify that the above
is a true copy of the last will & Testament of
Daniel Williams deceased as proven in open court

on the 6th day of June 1864 witness my hand and seal of
office at office in Cleveland this 7th day of June A.D. 1864
Joseph H. Davis Clerk

State of Tennessee)

Bradley County,) I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court
of said County do here by certify that the foregoing
is a true copy of the original. Copied from a certified
copy of the same. The original having been destroyed
by fire on the morning of the 26th day of November 1864
this 25th day of April 1865. Joseph H. Davis Clerk

I Willis White 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 & direct
that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be
paid as soon after my death as possible out of any mon-
ey that I may be possessed of or may first come into
the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to
Rebecca Ann White my Niece, Brother Elijah Whites Dau-
ghter, all of my Real Estate consisting of one hundred &
seventy eight acres of Land lying and being in that Civil
District of Bradley County Tennessee. Thirdly, my negro property
to wit: Margaret, David & Elizabeth & her child to have and
to hold them during her natural life, then they are to come
to her heirs, that being all of my negro property excepting
Joseph, who I bequeath at my death. She is free, and to have
her maintenance off the the said farm, and one cow her
life. Margaret Colored, one feather bed, and Elizabeth
one feather bed & David my Black boy to have my Rifle gun
& my two year old Brown mule. And Rebecca Ann
my Niece to have the remainder of all my personal effects.
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint, John Boone
& Rebecca Ann White my Executors, in witness
whereof I do to this my will set my hand & seal this
June 23rd 1864. Willis White

signed sealed & published in view

presence & we have subscribed our names hereunto, in presence of
the Testator 23rd June 1864 at that
Israel Boone

State of Tennessee,) I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court
Bradley County,) of said County, do hereby certify that the fore-
going is a true copy of the last will & Testament
of Willis White, as appears on record & papers filed in
my office. Given at office in Cleveland this 6th day of Sept-
ember 1864. Joseph H. Davis Clerk

State of Tennessee,) I certify that the foregoing is a true duplicate
Bradley County,) copy of the last will & Testament of
Willis White deceased. Copied from the ori-
ginal copy. The original will & will book having been
destroyed by fire on the morning of the 26th day of November
1864 - this 24th day of May 1865. Joseph H. Davis Clerk

Last will of A. Castiller

I Alfred Castiller of the County of Bradley County Tennessee
being now of sound mind & memory, but being well
apprised of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death,
and being desirous to make a disposition of my property
while living, do make and publish this my last will
and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me
heretofore made.

First, My will is that at my death, that I be buried in
a decent Christian like & becoming manner, and that all
my just debts be paid out of my estate as soon as pos-
sible after my death.

Second, My will is that as soon after my death as pos-
sible, that my Executor hereafter named, advertise, and
sell all my farming implements & utensils, and all
my stock on hands, consisting of what Horses Hogs
Cattle & Sheep I may have on hands at my death
and the proceeds of the same I want paid to George
W. Sallee in payment of a debt I owe him, and

in case the proceeds of my stock & farming utensils should not be sufficient to pay it all, the balance will be paid out of any debts due me

Widely, After all my just debts are paid, as well as all my funeral expenses, I will, bequeath and devise, all the remainder of my Estate both real and personal to my two daughters Julia Callaway and Elizabeth Simmons for their sole & separate use share and share alike, free from the contract debts or liabilities of their respective husbands and in case of the death of either of my said daughters above named, then my will is that all that part of my Estate which hereby I give to her shall go to and descend to her children. But in making the division between my said two daughters, Julia & Elizabeth, R. J. & Callaway the husband of my daughter Julia owes me one thousand dollars, and instead of him paying it to my estate, I want it deducted from Julia's share of my estate, and want Julia to only have the balance of her half after the one thousand dollars is deducted from it. I also borrowed from Mrs Cooper wife of Bennett Cooper a bond thirteen hundred dollars, which I borrowed for my son in law R. J. & Callaway and I gave my note for the money and Callaway signed it also as security, but the debt is in fact R. J. & Callaway's debt, but in case my estate should have said debt to pay, then my will is that the amount of it also be deducted from my daughter Julia's Callaway share of my estate in making the division aforesaid. Fourthly, My will is that my mill be kept up by my two daughters Julia & Elizabeth, each bearing one half of all the expenses of keeping it up, and after paying a miller one third of the profits of the mill for his services & labor in attending to the other two thirds of the profits will be equally divided between my said two daughters above named, and my will is that a competent miller be employed and that he divide the profits of the mill as above provided.

And lastly my will is & I hereby nominate & appoint

J. H. Gault Executor of this my ^{last} will & Testament and direct that he be not required to give any Bond and security as such because I have unvarying confidence in his honesty & integrity, and believe that he will faithfully carry out the provisions of my will. In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal in the presence of the witnesses, who sign & subscribe this names as such, and who subscribe their names at my request, this the 15th day of December 1864

Alfred Cartledge

G. B. Thompson

W. H. Craigmiles

J. B. O'Neil

Last will of Jonathan Harvey

I Jonathan Harvey 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 monies that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my Daughters Bessie M'Kinney all my household furniture, and also to my son John Harvey, Leonard Harvey, William Harvey, Davis Harvey, my Grand Daughter Caroline Hunter & Sarah age & Matilda M'Kinney & Sarah Rogers, and that they each one receive an equal share of all the monies on hand after all my expenses are paid

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Edmund M'Kinney and John Starfield my Executors, in witness whereof I do to this my will, set my hand and seal this 28th day of December 1859 Jonathan Harvey

signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this 28th day of December 1859

witness John Starfield, Samuel Wynick

Last will & Testament of J. S. Simmons

I, Isaac S. Simmons of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee, being now afflicted in body but of sound mind and disposing memory, and feeling the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of Death, sooner or later do make and publish this my last will & Testament

First, I direct that all of my just debts be paid by my Executor herein after appointed, as soon as practicable after my death, out of my money or effects, which may belong to my Estate

Second, owing to the distracted and disturbed condition of the country, in consequence of the war now pending & the uncertainty of the currency of the currency, it is my will and desire that none of my property either real or personal shall be sold until the war is ended, and particularly my Cotten, Tobacco and real Estate and negro girl Maria leaving however a discretion to my said Executor to do whichever may be best for my beloved children to wit, Sarah Lodiska Simmons, Lydia Clementine Simmons, John, Glass, Simmons, 'Phebe, Velora Simmons & Jesse Clark Simmons, they being my children and heirs at law

Third, After all my just debts are paid, I will and direct that my money be loaned out and all my tools Household furniture &c. kept for the use and benefit of my said children. Also my Store House shall be rented out for the benefit of my said Estate

Fourth, I will and direct that my said Executor will keep the Education of my said children, in such manner as he thinks necessary and in his judgment, my Estate will warrant and justify

Fifth, I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my Brother in law, Andrew J. Cate of said County of Bradley the Executor of this my last will and Testament and I hereby also appoint the said Andrew J. Cate the Testamentary guardian of my said children and it is my will and desire after my said children are

raised, supported and Educated out of my Estate, that whatever remains, shall be equally divided between my said children, each one to share a like, and if any one should die leaving issue before any division is made that the issue of such deceased, to take its parents part. But if I die and leave no wife to be amater to said children, therefore I leave a large discretion to the said Executor & guardian to so manage my Estate and my said children as he shall deem it best for the said children in the end. It is my will and desire that said negro girl Mariah shall be kept in the family to help raise and take care of my said children, and it is my will and desire that when my said children severally arrive of age, or my said Daughters get married that they each can have his or her share of the Estate having a due regard to the raising and supporting & Educating the minor children to birth. It is my will and desire that my said Executor Andrew J. Cate, at all times shall have full power and authority, and I hereby give him full power to sell and convey any or all of my real and personal Estate, and also to invest the proceeds as well as any other monies or means of my Estate in other Lands when in his judgment it is for the best interest of my said children that being my sole and last worthy object. That what I have of this world's property and effects shall be so managed and changed as to be of the greatest advantage for my said beloved children, the only and dearest object which I have on earth, and as before intended. I hereby authorize and empower my said Executor to sell my negroes and all my real Estate or any other real Estate he may purchase for my said children and to divide the proceeds as before directed between my said children or the representatives of such if any be Dead in Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 18th day of September 1862.

J. S. Simmons (Seal)

signed sealed and acknowledged by the Testator in our presence

and we witnesses at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other John C. Gant
W. C. Tibbs

State of Tennessee, I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court of Bradley County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will & testament of J. L. Simmons that was proven in court on the 6th last and entered of record on the said Book kept for that purpose with my hand at office in Cleveland October 9th 1862
Jos. H. Davis Clerk

State of Tennessee, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct & true copy of the last will & testament of J. L. Simmons deceased and entered on record in the will Book pages 7-9 & 10, in place of the original, the original not having been destroyed. with my hand at office in Cleveland this 17th day of July 1865
Joseph H. Davis Clerk

Last will of In the name of God amen. I John Clabough being in feeble health but of sound mind do make this my last will

1st I commend my soul to the God who gave it
2nd I wish to be decently buried and my funeral expenses paid.
3rd I wish all my just debts paid

4th I will to my wife Nancy all my estate both real and personal during her natural life, and at her death I wish my estate given to Amanda Henderson and John R. Sanders, & Amanda Henderson I give sixty five acres of land joining Martin Longston's land including the dwelling, barn &c. so the lines shall run parallel, beginning at the corner in the lane where John Beane, Longston & my land corner together, the remainder I will to John R. Sanders, and the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between my two sons, they being children I have raised, first bringing them to pay Sarah

Malissa Cantrell one hundred dollars if she lives, should Amanda die without issue, then the said John is to have all my estate, first, paying Sarah Cantrell one hundred dollars, the said (pay) in the line from bottom was interlined before signed, and the words (I will) on fifth line from bottom was interlined before signed. I appoint my wife Nancy Claiborne my executrix without her being bound to give security, in a bond she is required of me only to give bond alone February 29th 1860 John Claiborne Clerk
Test
Lemuel Shugart
Martin Longston

State of Tennessee, I Jas. H. Rucker Clerk of the County Court of Bradley County, do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original will of John Clabough deceased, which now remains on file and of record in my office. Given under my hand at office in Cleveland this 28th day of May 1860
Jas. H. Rucker Clerk

State of Tennessee, I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court of Bradley County, do hereby certify that the foregoing, purporting to be John Clabough's will, and Clerk's certificate, is a true & correct copy of and original copy of said will the records of the office of the County Court Clerk having been destroyed by fire on the morning of the 26th day of November 1864
Joseph H. Davis Clerk

Last will of In the name of God Amen. I John Henderson of Bradley County, and State of Tennessee being of a very perfect mind, and sound and disposing memory through the grace of Almighty God. And knowing that it appointed unto all men once to die

and being desirous while living in my proper mind to make a disposition of my property do in view of these considerations make this my last will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke all other former wills by me heretofore made.

First. My soul I trust to the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, and at my death I wish to be decently buried. And I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint my present beloved wife Sidney Henderson my Executor, and John C. Gant & William H. Craigmiles my Executors of this my last will & Testament.

Second. The House and lots upon which I now live in Bradley County Tennessee, and every thing belonging or attached thereto and all my negro slaves that I own at my death, I will give and bequeath to my present beloved wife Sidney Henderson, for and during her natural life to be for her sole and separate use and benefit. Also I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sidney Henderson one thousand dollars annually during her natural life for her sole and separate use and benefit. Also all the cash and cash notes which I may have at my death shall be put out and kept at Interest. Also all debts which may be due me at my death and are secured by Mortgages or deeds of Trust on Houses & Lots or real Estate, I desire to be collected, and if necessary, that my Executors and Executors sell said houses and Town Lots and real Estate on such terms as they may think best so that the money may be realized on the same. And the money realized from the same shall be put out and kept at Interest in good safe hands, and all my cash and cash notes, are to be put out, and kept at Interest in good safe hands.

Thirdly. And at the death of my beloved wife Sidney the House and two lots, I now live upon to gether with every thing appertaining or belonging therunto, together with the residue of a bout ten Acres of Land from the beaver

dam down to the Road on the tract of Land lying in Bradley County Tennessee, which I have bequeathed to my Son John Calvin Henderson, I will give bequeath and devise to my grand Daughter Susan Henderson Daughter of my said son John Calvin Henderson to her and the issue of her body forever. But in case of the said Susan Henderson dying without child or children heirs of her body lawfully begotten to inherit said property, then in that case the property at her death that is to say, the House and two lots upon which I now live shall be set apart for a home and residence as long as time lasts for Sack Ross, Preacher of the Gospel of the order of New School Presbyterians as shall be Pastor of the congregation of that denomination in Cleveland Tennessee and his successors, and all such Preachers shall pay for the same, is to keep ever in good order and repair and keep pay the taxes on the same.

At the death of my wife Sidney, the Presbyterian Church edifice which is built in the Town of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee, shall be enclosed with a good Iron fence and finished off in other respects complete provided the debt now due to John N. Cowan from the Church is fully paid and discharged, and in case said debt is so paid and discharged, then the Iron fence is to be built and the Church edifice finished off in other respects complete as above stated, and the sum is to be paid for out of my Estate.

Also at the death of my wife Sidney I will and bequeath to my nephew James Kilgore son of my sister Lily Kilgore, five hundred dollars for the kind treatment he has given and shown to wards his mother.

Also I will and bequeath to my two

Nephews Thomas Paynet & Alfred Paynet sons of my sister ~~late~~ Darcus Payne five hundred dollars each. Also I will and bequeath to an orphan child, grand child of my sister Darcus Payne whose name I think is Mary but as to his name I may be mistaken but his parents died in Decatur Alabama the sum of five hundred dollars. Also I will and bequeath to son of my wife Newton my wife's Nephew, a son of Nancy Kantore my wife's sister, living in Hancock County Kentucky the sum of five hundred dollars. Also I will and bequeath to William Huff son of Lewis Huff of Clinton County Kentucky, the sum of five hundred dollars but I hold a note on Lewis Huff for three hundred dollars for loaned money and in case said note is not paid at the death of my wife Sidney, then and in that case my will is that said note go to William Huff in part pay of the five hundred dollars legacy hereby given to him. Also I will and bequeath to my grand daughter Susan Henderson one thousand dollars to be paid to her as necessity requires but all the other legacies are not to be paid until after the death of my wife. All my negro slaves at the death of my wife Sidney belonging to my estate, shall be set free provided they are willing to go to Liberia on the western coast of Africa but if they are not willing to go to Liberia & prefer to serve my grand daughter Susan Henderson I will and bequeath them to her for her sole and separate use and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever but if any said negro slave should prefer to be free and go to Liberia then I give them one thousand ^{and} dollars to give them a start in

Liberia

If my sister Darcus Payne should be living at the death of my wife Sidney, I will and bequeath to her five hundred dollars. I will and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Hall son of my sister Sarah Hall five hundred dollars. Also all my just debts must be paid out of my estate and it is my will & desire that none of those whom I have appointed to settle my estate shall be bound to give security for the performance of their duties. Further more in all cases, if any of those to whom I have given legacies should die before my wife dies then and in that case their legacies shall lapse and not be drawn out by the next of kin of said legacies, but the same shall revert back to my estate.

In case of my grand daughter Susan Henderson dying without issue of her body lawfully begotten then all the legacies bequeathed to her shall go to my Niece Lucinda Edwards wife of R. M. Edwards to her sole and separate use and control and at her death to her children for ever except the one thousand dollars and the ten acres of land. The remainder of my estate not disposed of by legacies and bequeath of my remains at the death of my wife Sidney I give and bequeath as a charity to the poor of Bradley County Tennessee and the same shall be used, applied and appropriated for the exclusive use and benefit of the poor at the poor House of Bradley County Tennessee for their support and maintenance. And in case any thing should happen to my estate in consequence of the present distressed condition of our Country and the present war now in the Country or any other cause by which the various legacies, bequests and devises which I have given made and set forth in this

my last will and shall not hold out them and
~~and~~ in that case my will is, that the several Leg-
 ates and devisees in this will shall only have
 and draw out of my Estate a pro rata share of
 whatever Estate I may have to divide out a man-
 get them according to the provisions of this instru-
 ment - In testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand with my own proper signature
 and affixed my seal in the presence of the wit-
 nesses hereunto annexed, and who witness the
 same at my request on this the third day of Au-
 gust 1861

Witness

S. P. Gaut

J. H. Gaut

John Henderson

I John Henderson do hereby make & publish this
 as my codicil to this my last will & Testament and
 make it a part and parcel of the same as follows
 I will and bequeath to my two nephews Thomas
 and David Henderson sons of my brother Samuel
 Henderson who died in Platt County in the State
 of Missouri each the sum of five hundred dol-
 lars to be paid to them by my executor's appoint-
 in my will out of my Estate it being my in-
 tention and bequest to give my two said neph-
 ews Thomas & David Henderson aforesaid each the
 sum of five hundred dollars at my death out
 of my Estate and my Executors are hereby di-
 rected to pay them the same out of my Estate
 but my Executors are directed not to pay the
 same to them until after the death of my wife
 Sydney Henderson because as I provided in my
 will that my Estate is not to be distributed un-
 til after her death, this bequest is not to be
~~distributed until~~ paid until after Sydney

Henderson's death, at the time specified in my
 will, my two nephews Thomas & David Hen-
 erson are supposed to live in Missouri, As to
 my House and lots & Real Estate mentioned
 and referred to at the top of the second page of
 my will and in the second clause thereof which
 I directed my Executors to sell and convert the
 same into cash and put it out on interest &
 the same to be used and appropriated as
 directed in my will of which this is a codicil
 I now direct the same to be sold by my Exec-
 utors at such time after my death and
 in such way, as will in their judgment
 command the most money, and I leave said
 sale to their discretion, because of the condition
 of the Country, and I want them to make
 the sale whenever in their judgment the
 most suitable time may appear so as to com-
 mand the most money for said Real Es-
 ate and they are directed to make a bill
 to the purchaser for the same by testimony
 whereof I here make this as a codicil to my
 last will & Testament dated the 3rd day of
 August 1861, and the Executors therein named
 will carry out this codicil as well as the
 original in all respects according to my in-
 tention as therein expressed and I here to
 subscribe my name and affix my seal
 in the presence of the witnesses who sign
 their names as such and they witness the
 same at my request this 4th day of June
 1862

Witness

S. P. Gaut

J. H. Gaut

John Henderson

State of Tennessee, I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the
Bradley County Court of said County
do certify that the foregoing is a
true and correct copy of the last will & testament
of John Henderson deceased made on the 3rd day of
August 1861. And also of his codicil made on the
7th day of June 1862 which was proven in open
court on the 12th day of April 1864 - witnesses my
hand and seal of Bradley County, Given at office
in Cleveland on this 25th day of April
1864. Joseph H. Davis Clerk

I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court of said
County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy
of the last will & codicil of John Henderson deceased
and the Clerk's certificate of the same which is recorded
in the will Book kept up my hand at office
in Cleveland on the 9th day of February 1864.
Joseph H. Davis Clerk

A Statement of the Last will & Testament of
Wm Grant deceased made by J. A. Davis June
19th 1865

1st He willed that all his just debts should be paid
out of the first monies which might come to
the hands of his Executors

2nd He willed his Black woman Caroline and
her youngest child Lewis to his youngest Daughter
Abbia

3rd He willed Black Girl Sarah, the House & lot in
which he died, and all his house hold & Kitchen
furniture, and the old Black man George to his
wife Louisa Grant. The House & lot & house hold
& Kitchen furniture he directed should be
the property of his wife during her life or
widowhood, and that at her death or marriage

it should go to his daughter Abbia

4th He willed his Black boy Chandler to his son Wm. H.
Grant

5th He directed that the Balance of his real Estate should
be sold and his outstanding debts collected and the
proceeds, together with the remainder of his Estate
consisting of Bonds upon East Tennessee and Georgia
Rail Road, Bonds upon the Confederate States &
Confederate States Treasury notes, should be equal-
ly divided between his heirs, to wit, one share to
Elizabeth Russell, one share to the bodily heirs
of Mary Deavenport deceased one share to Wm.
H. Grant, one share to Charlotte Pearce, one share
to Abbia Grant, and one share to his wife
Louisa.

6th I forgot to mention in the Special devices
that He willed one thousand dollar Bonds up-
on the Tenn. & Geo Rail Road to his Daughter
Abbia the interest of which he directed should
be appropriated to her raising and education

7th He nominated John H. Payne & myself as his
Executors

8th He nominated his wife Louisa and requested
her to act as guardian of his infant daughter
Abbia

9th There was a codicil to his will which stated that
he held notes against certain of his heirs for money
advanced, and directed that the same should be
deducted from their share of his Estate with out
interest

The foregoing will & codicil were both signed
by Wm Grant deceased in his proper hand and writ-
ing, and witnessed by Dr. J. M. Hughes, Robert
M. Swan, and R. R. Harris on the 9th day of Septem-
ber 1863. Said will & codicil were both ~~intended~~
drafted by my self and the foregoing in braces
all their material facts as I now remember them
J. A. Davis

State of Tennessee: Personally appeared before me
Bradley County, Young Kiebler an acting justice
of the peace for the County & State aforesaid
B. F. Mitchell and made oath in due form of law
that on or about the 12th day of October 1857 Samuel C.
Mitchell made his last will and testament, and had
the same duly witnessed, a copy of which is in sub-
stance hereto attached, and afterwards departed this
life in Bradley County, Tennessee and the same was
afterwards put to probate and duly recorded in the
County Court of Bradley County, Tennessee and the same
with the entire record thereof has been destroyed by
fire, and he prays that the copy hereto attached be
substituted and recorded instead of the one destroyed
sworn to and subscribed before me
Sept 4th 1865 Young Kiebler B. F. Mitchell
Justice of the Peace

The last will of Samuel C. Mitchell

I Samuel Coby Mitchell Do make and publish
this my last will and testament hereby revoking
and making void all other wills by me at any time
made. first I direct that my funeral expenses
and all my debts be paid as soon after my death
as possible out of my money that I may die poss-
essed of, or may first come into the hands of my
Executors. first I give and bequeath all my Real
and personal Estate to my beloved wife Martha
during her natural life or widow hood. at her
death or marriage then it is to be disposed of in the
following manner for reasons best known to me
Self. I bequeath Julia Jones my second daughter
the sum of five dollars the balance of my Estate
to be equally divided among the rest of my chil-
dren to wit (Mary) Benjamin F. Richard, &
Jinsey Elizabeth Jones, C. Samuel D. William
H. Aracena, Terry C. & Martha and she my

youngest child. I bequeath her two hundred dol-
lars more than her equal part. I have sold to
Thomas H. George eight acres of land being and
lying in the 2^d fraction Township Range 1 west
of the Basis line in Bradley County, Ohio District
for which he is indebted to me one hundred &
twenty three dollars, when he pays said amount
to my Executor then I empower him my Executor
to make him the said George a good and sufficient
title to said Land. Lastly I do hereby nominate
and appoint my son Benjamin F. Mitchell my
Executor in testimony whereof I do to this my
will set my hand and seal this the 12th day of
October 1857 Samuel C. Mitchell

signed and sealed & Published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names in the presence
of the testimony this the 12th day of Oct 1857
A copy of Samuel C.
Mitchell's will J. R. Potts
Amos Potts

In the Name of God Amen
I John W. Wilson being of sound mind do make
and publish this as my last will & testament hereby
revoking and making all other wills by me made
first I will that my funeral expenses & all my
just debts be paid as soon as convenient out of
any money that may be on hand, or that may
come into the hands of my Executors & if said Ex-
ecutors shall think they may sell as much of
the loose property as will pay my debts & no more
and I. I will & bequeath to my beloved wife
Elizabeth to have her support out of the proceeds
of the farm during her natural life time or
widowhood and that my four Daughters
to wit, Mary, Ann, Wilson, Sarah & Wilson

Nancy M. Wilson and F. Malinda S. Wilson also have their support out of the proceeds of farm while they remain single & no longer

3.22 I will and bequeath to my son David M. Wilson one dollar. I will and bequeath to my son James H. Wilson and F. William M. Stauffield the heir of my daughter Eliza Jane Stauffield deceased one dollar each. I will & bequeath to my son Alexander J. Wilson fifty dollars to be paid in good trade. I will & bequeath to my two sons George B. Wilson, & Robert D. Wilson all any lands having as the land of John M. Wilson lying on the waters of Lick Creek. Olow District Bradley County Tennessee and that they may sell said land if they think best so to do with all the opportunities thereunto by first obligating themselves for the support of my wife & four daughters as above named & preserved then and in that case the said land to be released from all incumbrances

Lastly, I do appoint my two sons George B. Wilson and Robert D. Wilson as my Executors

In witness whereof I do to this my last will and Testament set my hand & seal this 17th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

John M. Wilson *deced.*

Signed, stated, and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in presence of the Testator this the 17th day of May 1858
John Stauffield
J. G. McKinzie

State of Tennessee } I James H. Rucker Clerk
Bradley County } of the Court Court for the County
of Bradley aforesaid. do certify

that the above is true copy after will of John M. Wilson deceased, which is on file in my office and of Record in Will Book No 2 pages 69 & 70
James H. Rucker Clerk

Will of Eliza Ann Yates

In the name of God Amen I Eliza Ann Yates of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others before made by me at any time And first I will my soul to God who gave it and that my body be interred in a manner suitable to my condition in life and as to such things of worldly affairs as God has blessed me with I direct that all my just debts & personal expenses be paid as soon after my decease as convenient out of my Estate
Second I direct that all the balance of my Estate money & property I may be possessed with be divided equally between Elbert M. Copeland and Eliza Ann Copeland daughter of Jonathan Copeland February 14th 1863
Eliza Ann ^{his} Yates _{mark}

Signed in presence of
Ben Prichard

& W. H. Barnett

State of Tennessee Personally appeared before me
Bradley County } Jos. H. Davis Clerk of the County

Court of said County Ben Prichard & W. H. Barnett. Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and after being duly sworn according to law depose and say they are acquainted

with Eliza Ann Gates the maker of the foregoing Will, and say that she signed and acknowledged the same in their presence for the purposes therein contained. Witness my hand & office in Cleveland February 24th 1863

Joseph H. Davis Clerk

State of Tennessee

Bradley County

I Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court of said County do certify that I have registered the foregoing Will and Certificate according to the order of the County Court in the Will Book. Witness my hand & office in Cleveland March 16th 1863

Joseph H. Davis Clerk

Last will of Samuel McSpaden

I Samuel McSpaden do make and publish this as my last will & Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First - I direct that my funeral expenses be paid and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may ^{first} come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my wife Mary McSpaden all the property that she brought here after our marriage consisting of two beds, bed clothing for said beds & one bedstead and one writing table, one trunk, and one side saddle, and one half of the bed clothing that has been made since our marriage and all of her wearing ~~clothes~~ ^{clothes}

Thirdly - I give and bequeath to Benjamin

McSpaden being an Equal share with the rest of my children, as though their father was living

Fourth - I give and bequeath to Louis McSpaden, Stuart McSpaden & Joseph McSpaden my sons an Equal portion of my Estate, also my my Daughters Jane Johnson, Catharine Thatch Margaret Gardner, Elizabeth Mitchell

Equal heirs
Fifth - I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary McSpaden an Equal share, and one hundred dollars in cash & one bed and bedstead & bed clothes for said bed Extra.

Sixth - I give & bequeath to my son James McSpaden an Equal share and two hundred & fifty dollars Extra for the purpose of educating himself

Lastly - I do hereby nominate and appoint my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal This 10th day of April 1866

Samuel McSpaden (Seal)

signed and sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the Testator this 10th of April 1866

Eljah Still

Joel Parker

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will & Testament of Samuel McSpaden deceased which was proven in open Court on the 6th day of August 1866 and ordered to be spread on the will book

Joseph H. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Price of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this life do make ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. That is to say after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, I give and bequeath and dispose of the residue of my property, real and personal as follows to wit To my wife Elizabeth the land and appurtenances situated thereon, being the tract in which I now live situated near the head of what is called Roanoke River valley together with all my personal property of every description, not otherwise disposed of and by this instrument to be possessed by her and perfectly at her disposal to sell and convey the same during her natural life. To my eldest daughter Nancy Elliot, Elizabeth and Sarah Elliot the one half of said life by her and her heirs and assigns forever, on account of their having been bound up for said time. I give a horse with saddle and harness and any thing pertaining to it a cow or calf and a table and table furniture or each one of them at such time or times as they may respectively desire to leave home by carry or other wise. Such time or times the above dividend of property can be spared to each of them by my wife. To William Elliot, as at much as he has been with me and worked for me, I give one horse or colt worth from seventy five to one hundred dollars, at such time as it can be spared by my wife, without too great inconvenience to her. To my son John W Price as he has received his proportionate share of my estate, and one hundred and fifty eight dollars more than such share for which I hold his note. I give no further portion. But it is my wish

that said note shall not be collected off of the estate of any son John W Price unless his heirs shall set up some claim against my estate and in such event that said note shall be set off against such claim. To my son Charles I Price, having already given him his just portion of my estate I give nothing more. To my son Elias Price he having already received his rightful share of my property and seventy dollars more than such share in paying for his land. I give nothing further. To my daughter Minerva Parks I have given her share of my property and appoint her nothing more. Likewise my daughter Barbara Price has received from me her share of property and I give her nothing more. To my daughter Uriah Ferguson she having received her portion lacking seventy dollars it is my wish that my son Elias shall pay the seventy dollars he has received over and above his portion thus making her equal with rest of the children. But if he shall fail to pay to her heirs this seventy dollars then that the said Uriah receive of my estate one horse worth seventy dollars or that much in value in other property at such time as it may be spared by my wife without causing such inconvenience as to affect the family. To my son George W Price over and above the provisions hereinafter made for him I give one horse or colt worth between seventy five and one hundred dollars which he is to receive at the time of my decease. To my five younger children viz George H, James H, Susan M, Penelope M and Joseph B Price they not having received any portion of my property, I appoint all my property real and personal (not otherwise disposed of by this instrument) which remains in the hands of my wife at the time of her death, to be divided and distributed among them equally share and share alike. To my son Linzy M Price he having received his portion I give nothing more. Likewise I make no

constitute and appoint George H. Hawk and Elizabeth Price to be Executors or Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affix my seal this 10th day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty seven, Henry Price Esq.

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Henry Price in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published the above instrument to subscribers. To be his last Will and Testament and we at the Testator's request and in his presence subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

William Smith
James A. Hinch

Whereas I Henry Price of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee have made my last Will and Testament bearing date the 10th of October in the Year One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven in which I give all my property real and personal remaining in my wife's hands at the time of her death and not otherwise disposed of by her according to my said Will to my five Springer Children George H. James H. Susan H. Penelope H. and Philip S. and have made no provision as to the death of either of the said Children without heirs; Now therefore I declare this writing to be a Codicil to my said last Will and Testament and declare it to be a part of my Will that is to say that in the event of the death of either one of the five Springer Children above mentioned without issue then all of said property appointed to the five shall be divided equally (and ratably) among the survivor or survivors of

five Children there any share alike. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 10th day of October in the Year one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven.

Henry Price Esq.

The above writing was subscribed by the said Henry Price in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time declared the above writing to be a Codicil of the instrument subscribed and attested above it as his last Will and Testament and we at the Testator's request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

William Smith
James A. Hinch

I Certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Original Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Henry Price Decedent, Given under my hand and seal at Office in Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee September 11th 1866.

Joseph H. Davis Clerk

number of

words 1100

I Windsor Smith of Bradley County Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, and being well apprised of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death and being desirous to dispose of my property while living do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others made by me heretofore made.

I commend my soul to God who gave it and at my death wish to be decently buried. I desire at my death that all my just debts be paid out of my personal Estate as soon after my death as possible.

3rdly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Evoline Smith my negro Girl Lizzie & her increase forever and to my wife and her heirs forever as her absolute property in consideration of my high esteem for her and also in consideration of her constant care, attention and respect shown to me both in sickness and in health. And also for the love and respect I entertain for my beloved wife Evoline. I give her my old Negro typists likewise and one third part of all my personal Estate not herein specially bequeathed that I may die seized and possessed of after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses I will and bequeath to my four beloved children to wit; Robert, Mary, Wendler and Eva Spencer all the remainder of my Estate both real and personal that I may die seized and possessed of, except such part as I may in this instrument specially bequeath or devise and each of my Daughters are to take an equal share or portion of the same one with the other and each of my sons are also to take an equal share or portion of the same one with the other but my sons are each to take twice as much thereof as each Daughter is and should I have my other child or children it or they are to take of my Estate as above shown in this clause of my will. And this provision in my will is to embrace and extend to my estate where ever it exists or in what ever it consists, be it in the State of Tennessee or else where, except where I have above or may hereafter in this will make special bequests or devises. And all that part or portion which I hereby give to my beloved Daughters above named or to be born of any I give and bequeath to the Joint of Cleveland Tennessee in Trust for their sole separate and

Exclusive use free from the control of their husbands in case they marry. And said Trustee shall have full management & contrall of all the property or effects of each one of my Daughters until its earnings or income until she or they arrive at the age of twenty one years old and out of its income he shall defray all proper expenses of her or their support maintenance and education which I desire to be good full and practical so as to prepare & fit her or them for as high and useful a station in life as her talents will admit. But the balance of her income not needed as above to gether with the principal will be controlled and managed to the best advantage by said Trustee aforesaid, and kept at interest if in cash as much as can be when it shall become but for the interest of my Daughters to change the character of their Estate from property to cash or from ~~property~~ cash to property. Said Trustee has power to do so for them but whatever charge he shall make will be done under the special injunction, that he will use all proper care and caution to make the change securely. But he will make no change without the written consent of my daughters who are of the age of sixteen years old or over or under the special order of a Court of Chancery to do so. But after my Daughters or either of them marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years old, my will is that their Trustee shall hold the legal title to their estate but at that period they shall have the exclusive use and control of the same for their support and maintenance, but the same as above stated is in no case to be subject or liable for their husbands debts or contracts

or disposal

5th I will and devise to my son Robert Smith and his heirs forever all the lower part of my farm on which I now live at the price of two thousand five hundred & forty eight dollars but the other half of my farm styled and called the upper half I do not now dispose of but leave it for a home for my wife and children until my youngest Eva Spencer Smith arrives at the age of twenty one years old, and they shall use and enjoy the same during that period for their support and maintenance in Commission and when Eva Spencer shall arrive at twenty one years old then their my son Windsor has liberty to purchase the same or other half of my farm not given to Robert. ~~What~~ If it may then be reasonably worth and the proceeds will then be divided out among my sons and daughters as above directed and in case my son Windsor does not chose to purchase to purchase it ~~then~~ I direct that it be sold and divide the proceeds in the same way, the half hereby given to Robert adjoins the farm of John H. Doyle and Thomas Young in Bradley County Tennessee, and I have set up temporary stakes three in number which connect and designate the line between Robert's half of my farm and the other half not disposed of and I desire a line of durable stakes or hooks set up so that no dispute can arise about the line, the true line should be as follows the first stake is about twenty or thirty feet North of the original surveyors line towards the woods, the westerly stake is probably too far to the right, when we get to the river or near the water, pass to the left so as to cross the the Branch between two trees and strike a

little rising ground to the left which forms a little ridge for a road then pass in that direction until you get in about forty feet at right angles to the old marked quarter section line then run parallel with West 20° degrees North till you strike the west end of the farm I also give to my son Robert my Gold watch as a specific bequest to him forever.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Smith as her special property for ever and her heirs my Negro Girl Nelly and her increase and also my Patent Leaver French Clock

8th I give and bequeath to my little son Windsor and his heirs forever my Negro woman Ellen and her increase and also give him my compass and chain to be sent to me with it as his own special property.

9th I give and bequeath to my daughter Eva Spencer Smith my Gold Locket with my likeness in it as a special bequest to her.

10th Lastly I do ordain and appoint my beloved wife Evoline Smith & my friend J. H. Gant my true and lawful Executors of this my last will and Testament and having most implicit confidence in their integrity, I specially request that they be not required to give any Bond and security as such Executors, in testimony whereof I here to subscribe my name and affix my seal to this my last will & Testament this 23rd day of June 1861 L. Windsor Smith

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence who in the presence of the Testator and at his request here to subscribe our names as witnesses
J. H. Gant
Thomas Young

State of Tennessee & Jas. H. Rucker Clerk of the County
Bradley County, Court for said County, do certify
that the foregoing is a true copy
of the original last will & Testament
of L. Woodson, Smith deceased which now remains
on file and of record in my office. Given under my
hand and the seal of said Court at office this 6th
day of September 1861 Jas. H. Rucker Clerk

Thomas Blair

I Thomas Blair do make and publish this as
my last Will and testament working all wills her
before by me made

1st I require that my body be decently buried.
2nd That my funeral expenses and just debts be paid
out the first money that may come into the hands
of my Executors. 3rd I give and bequeath my
whole estate to my ten children to be equally distrib-
uted between that is to say my son John Blair one
tenth part, my son E. S. Blair one tenth part to my
son Joseph W. Blair one tenth part, to my Daughter
Jane L. Hendrix wife of John M. Hendrix one tenth
part, to my Daughter Mary Ann Matthews wife of
James Matthews one tenth part to my son E. S.
Blair one tenth part, to my son S. J. Blair one
tenth part, to my son Wm. Blair one tenth part
to my Daughter Sarah L. Lane wife of John Lane
one tenth part, to my son Anderson Blair one tenth
part. My whole estate consists in money and notes
I hereby appoint James A. Matthews and Wm. Blair
my Executors to carry out my will - Given under
my hand and seal this the 25th day of January 1865
Witnessed John Anderson
J. A. Rimbrough W. M. Williamson
Thomas Blair

William D. Kelly

In the name of God Amen

I Wm. D. Kelly of the County of Bradley and State of
Tennessee being weak of body but of mind knowing the
certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and wishing
to close all my earthly affairs do make this my
last will and testament First I bequeath my
body to God who gave it and to be buried. Second
I wish all my just debts to be paid out of my
personal property after my death. Third I bequeath
to my wife Nancy Ann Kelly, Martha Jane Kelly and
Marriet Minerva Kelly all of landed estate together
with all the appurtenances thereof together with all of
my stock of all kind farming implements during my
wife Nancy Ann Kelly's life time and the single life of
Martha Jane Kelly and Marriet Minerva Kelly, and that
after the death of my wife Nancy Ann Kelly I wish an
equal divide of my landed estate together with my
personal effects equally to be made to all of my
children. In testimony whereof I have hereunto I have
set my hand and seal revoking all other wills and
testaments in the presence of this the 31st of October
in the year of Our Lord 1866.

Codicil

to wit July Ann Kelly now July Ann Colier James
Madison Kelly Malvina Kelly now Malvina Gearing
Francis Maria Orlena Kelly now Orlena Lawson
Elizabeth Mary Kelly now Elizabeth Mary Karr
Martha Jane Kelly Nancy Ellen Kelly now Nancy Ellen
Biswell Marriet Manvory Kelly my legal heirs at law the
day and date above written of my last will & testament
in the presence of witnesses and appoint John H. Payne Thos Colier
my Executors
Wm. D. Kelly
Wm. B. Carr Esq. x
J. C. Adams Esq. x

James S. Bradford

Know all men by these presents that I James S. Bradford of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory and considering the frailties of this mortal life do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other and former Wills that I have or may have made

First I will and bequeath or direct that my burial and funeral expense be paid together with all my debts or soon after my death as practicable out of any money that I may die possessed of or may come first into the hands of my Executors.

Second- I will and bequeath to my wife Maryann Bradford all my household furniture of every description together with the kitchen furniture and also desire and bequeath to her one horse, one yoke of Oxen & Wagon & plow and hove to enable her to farm it together with a sufficiency to support the family during the first year

Third I will and direct that my Executors have full power and authority to settle and compromise any and all matters of litigation pertaining to my estate and particularly and specially the suits now pending for Damages and such settlements or compromises so made shall be as valid and binding as if it had been by myself and I further desire to delegate to my Executors full and complete Authority to settle not only pending suits but all other that may arise out of the settlement of my estate it being expressly desired and directed that they have full power to settle all matters of dispute in any way that they may think best for the interest of my Estate

Fourth. I will and direct my Executors that in the settlement of my Affairs if it becomes necessary to do so, to sell the farms upon which I now

reside either at private or public sale as they may think most to the interest of my Estate, but I desire to have it expressly understood that I do not desire to have this farm sold unless it becomes absolutely necessary to pay my debts and then not until all other means have failed to be sufficient to pay my said debts and when this is ascertained, to be the fact beyond doubt that the debts cannot be paid otherwise than I desire and direct that my Executors sell my said farm and apply as much of the money so realized as may be necessary to the payment of my debts and then I desire and direct that the residue arising from the sale of my lands be applied to the purchase of a farm for the use and benefit of my orphan children

Fifth. I do hereby nominate and appoint my two friends Charles D. Champion and Thomas H. Gallaway Executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this the 19th day of September 1866.

Witness

J. G. Brown
L. S. Dipton

James S. Bradford (Seal)

Thomas Winkler

I Thomas Winkler of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee, 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 money I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly All my estate I bequeath to my wife during her life time at her death I bequeath one half of my lands to my son Abraham, and the other half to my four Daughters to wit Mary, Elizabeth, Abby & Charity the land to be so divided that each shall have an equal share of the timber and water and all the household and kitchen furniture that my wife may have at her death. I bequeath to my four above named Daughters, and I do nominate and appoint my friend Willis White my executor in witness whereof I do this my will set this my hand and seal this

Thomas Winkler

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our name in the presence of the Testator

Amos Potts

Wm. A. Mitchell

State of Tennessee

County of Bradley

I have personally appeared before me Joseph H. Davis Clerk of the County Court of the County of Bradley Amos Potts and Wm. A. Mitchell and after being duly sworn according to law say on their oaths that the above is a true copy of the last will and

testament of Thomas Winkler deceased as to the distribution of said property the original will was written by me Amos Potts at the request of Thomas Winkler deceased some one or two years before his death which took place about the 1st of September 1844. And I Amos Potts and Wm. A. Mitchell were the subscribing witnesses to said will the original will being destroyed by fire in the County Court Clerks Office in the town of Cleaveland County of Bradley and State of Tennessee, the heirs of said estate having called on me to write a copy of said will from memory and believe it as a true copy as above stated. This 1st day of March 1867. Amos Potts
Sworn to and subscribed before W. A. Mitchell
on this 1st day of March 1867.
Joseph H. Davis Clerk

Wm. Johnson

I William Johnson of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being distressed and in ill health but being blessed with my natural capacity of mind and memory and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life I do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament. And first I direct to be decently buried and tomb stone put up at my grave, and that my funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid out of my estate. Second I will and devise to my beloved wife Ann B. Johnson during her natural life all my household and kitchen furniture all my stock and farming tools and my half of the Thrasher and corn sheller Buggy & Wagon and the following described lands in said County of Bradley to wit All my land in the north East quarter of section 11 South of Bigby's Creek it being the land upon which

my son L. M. Johnson now lives except what is outside of the fence from two Roads below the Sawmill up to the line that crosses the race, and also forty acres of land adjoining the lands first above described off of the North half of the South East Quarter of said section seven except two acres in the North East corner of said South East Quarter adjoining the lands of J. N. Lea and W. Kerr which two acres I will hereafter sell and devise to my son Jackson G. Johnson, and also six acres in the South West corner of the said South East Quarter, and also two acres off the North West corner of the Ridge land and adjoining the lands of Noah Smith which lie North of said two acres and which is ten acres off of the North West corner of forty acres of said Ridge land which I will hereafter devise to my said son Jackson G. Johnson and which forty acres lie South of Noah R. Smith's lands. The balance of said Ridge land say One hundred and twenty acres to be equally divided according to quality and quantity of timber between my beloved Ann R. Johnson and my son Robert A. Johnson Eliza A. Ford and Columbus M. Johnson.

Third - I will and devise to my son Robert A. Johnson a part of the said South East Quarter of section seven beginning at the corner of the said Robert A. Johnson's old Orchard and running East parallel with the section line to about the top of the Hill to a point about opposite of a Spring North of that point and thence North to the center of said Spring and thence down the middle of said Spring branch to Little Creek and thence up said branch Creek thence West with the line of the land upon which he now lives to the beginning, and the one fourth of the said One hundred and twenty acres of the said Ridge lands heretofore described and to be divided as before described to have and to hold ^{the} said lands devised to my said son Robert A. Johnson he him & assigne forever.

Fourth - I will and devise to my beloved daughter Eliza A. Ford he him and assigne forever the following

described lands in said County to wit, that portion of the ^{North} South East Quarter of section seven being forty acres more or less which lie between the lands devised to my said beloved wife and the two acres at the Creek devised to my son Jackson G. Johnson North and the lands South owned and devised to my said son Robert A. Johnson which lands here devised to my said daughter includes the May shade but because my son Columbus M. Johnson helps to build say May shade my said daughter is required to pay the said Columbus fifty Dollars for his Interest in said May shade. I also will & devise to my said daughter her heirs and Assigne one fourth of said One hundred and twenty acres of Ridge lands to be divided according to quality and quantity of timber as heretofore directed.

Fifth - I will and devise to my beloved son Jackson G. Johnson he him and Assigne the following described lands in said County of Bradley to wit, forty acres of land off of the North side of the South West Quarter of said section seven known as the Maym forty acres of land and being the land upon which my said son Jackson G. Johnson now lives Also the two acres in the South East corner of the said South East Quarter of section seven adjoining the lands of J. N. Lea & W. Kerr heretofore described & the forty acres of the Ridge lands except the two acres off devised to my said wife adjoining the lands of the said Noah R. Smith.

Sixth - I will and devise to my beloved son Columbus M. Johnson he him and Assigne the following described lands in said County of Bradley to wit, All of the Eighty acres, the West half of the North East Quarter of said section seven which lie North of said Bigby's Creek that portion South of said Creek I have devised to my said wife, Also twenty six acres more or less lying West of Diptone lands and North of Noah R. Smith's land the Quarter and section not recollecting And also one fourth of said One hundred and twenty acres

of said Ridge lands and to be divided according to quality and quantity of timber as heretofore described.
 Seventh. It is my will and desire and I so direct that all the personal property that I have will to my beloved wife for life which is not consumed by its use as well as the lands devised to her at her death shall be equally divided between all my Children or the heirs of such as may be dead. The heirs of such as may have died to take the share that each deceased child would have taken if alive. And if said real and personal property cannot be divided between said Children and heirs at her death, that the same be sold and the proceeds divided as above directed. The Sawmill and site to go with it. It only being left out of the specific devise hoping that some one of the family may buy it and save it for the benefit of my Children & the Neighbored.

Eighth. I wish and desire that if any one of my Children will take my House & Lot in the town of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee and pay to the estate eight hundred Dollars, that it may be so. But if no one will take the House and Lot at that price then my Executors hereafter appointed shall sell said House & Lot and divide the proceeds equally between my six Children and the heirs of such as may have died such heirs taking the deceased parents part.

Ninth. As I am indebted to my son Columbus M. Johnson two hundred Dollars, and as I wish my son Washington G. Johnson to have one hundred Dollars and my said daughter Eliza A. Ford to have fifty Dollars to go as Rent or stand against the use of lands that my other Children have had without rent, I will and direct that said two hundred Dollars to said Columbus M. and said one hundred to W. G. Johnson and fifty to said Eliza A. Ford be paid out of the first money which may come to the hands of my Executors after paying my just debts and funeral expenses.

Tenth. I will and desire that my said Children to whom I have devised lands shall pay twenty Dollars per acre for the Valley lands devised to them in this will except the forty Acres devised to my son Jackson G. Johnson for which forty upon which he now lives he shall only pay twelve Dollars per Acre and the other Ridge lands devised to my said Children each Devisee shall pay into the Estate five Dollars per Acre. I have heretofore advanced all my Children some and have tried to do equal justice between them and not having lands to give to each one I have paid the lands devised and each one is to account to the estate for the lands devised to her or them at the price I have fixed and the money when paid into the hands of the Executors and my debts and funeral expenses paid and said Two hundred to Columbus M. and said one hundred to W. G. Johnson and fifty to Mrs. Eliza A. Ford all paid, then I will that the valuation of said lands with any and such other money and effects as may be in the hands of my Executor shall be equally divided between my six Children to wit Robert A. Johnson Eliza A. Ford, W. G. Johnson Francis G. Johnson Jackson G. Johnson and Columbus M. Johnson and if any one or more be ~~dead~~ the heirs of the deceased to take the parents part.

Eleventh. As to the tract of lands known as the Mat Gordon farm I will and direct that my said six Children divide that between themselves but if they cannot divide it that it be sold and the proceeds divided as directed in the last preceding Devise.

Twelfth. I now here appoint my beloved sons Robert A. Johnson and Jackson G. Johnson the Executors of this my last will and testament hoping that they will carry out the provisions of the same in good faith doing equal & impartial justice to all according to this will. In testimony whereof I William Johnston hereunto

subscribe my name and affix my seal this 7th day of June 1864
 signed sealed & acknowledged W^m. Johnston (Seal)
 by the testator in our presence
 and in the presence of each other
 and we witnessed this Will at the
 request of the Testator and in his
 presence and in the presence of each
 other this 7th day of June 1864

John C. Gant

James McGhee

John Wall.

Edward Goode

I Edward Goode of Bradley County and State of Tennessee
 being of sound mind and memory but frail in body and having
 in view the uncertainty of this mortal life and desiring to
 settle my affairs and to direct how the estate that it has pleased
 God to bless me with shall be disposed of after my death I make
 and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all
 former ^{and} made

1st I Commend my soul to God who gave it and desire my
 body to be decently interred and all my just debts and burial
 expenses to be paid. To be paid as soon as possible after my
 death

2nd I give and devise to my son James A. Goode the Eight
 acres of land on which he now lives, bounded as follows, on the
 North by the lands of Garland A. Goode, on the East by the lands
 of children on the South by the lands on which I now reside
 with all its tenements hereditaments and appurtenances, I also give
 and bequeath to the said James A. Goode and Cephor now used and
 known as the Kitchen Cupboard

3rd I give and devise to my son Cassell V. Goode all that
 tract or parcel of land on which I now reside bounded as
 follows on the North by Garland A. Goode and James A. Goode

on the East by Garland A. Goode on the South West and North West
 by David Kier, containing four hundred and forty acres more or less
 with all the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging
 also twenty acres lying between James A. Goode and Garland A.
 Goode's adjoining children on the East and the land on which I
 now reside, on the West I also give and bequeath to my son
 Cassell V. Goode my wagon and Oxen and mares mules one Shrubert
 Pan and appendages one still and the still tubs and appendages my
 stock of cattle Hogs and Sheep and all my poultry of every sort and
 description my blacksmith tools and farming tools, my Corn Sheller
 Churn Cupboard Linen Case Broom brock and large Looking glass
 Also all my beds headstade and bed furniture and all my household
 and kitchen furniture and all the contents of my Cellar together
 with all the grain vegetables Hay fodder and Shucks that may be
 on hand or growing on the lands devised to him at my deceased
 together with all other personal or real property that may be on
 hand at my death, but he is to allow James A. Goode the privilege
 distilling his fruit each year, with still still tubs &c. as long as the
 said Cassell V. shall own these things or the James A. desire to
 distill his fruit

4th It is my will that my Children and their descendants by my
 first wife Francis Rowland (Goode) to wit Nancy Goode of the
 State of North Carolina Garland A. Goode Mildred Armstrong, Betsey
 Armstrong, R. T. Goode and John Superson former husband of my
 daughter Sarah now deceased their five Children having received their
 full portion of my estate and all of the estate of their grandfather
 Thomas Roland which made each of their shares larger than I could
 give to the Children by my second wife taking nothing under this will

5th It is my will that out of the property devised and bequeathed to
 my son Cassell V. he shall after paying my debts & burial expenses
 pay to the four Children of my daughter Matilda Hawkins deceased
 sixty Dollars to be applied in schooling them, also that he pay to
 James B. Ramsey to help school his daughter Mary Elizabeth Child of
 my daughter Martha Ramsey deceased forty Dollars also that the said
 Cassell V. pay to James B. Ramsey to help school his Children by his second
 wife my daughter Francis B. Ramsey sixty Dollars and that the above
 sum of money be paid at as early a day as practicable after my

Second Also that he pay to Mary Sandige forty Dollars to help school her son James if he live to the age of ten years but if he dies before arriving at the age of ten years this bequeath is void and of no effect

6th I hereby nominate and appoint James H. Ramsey and Leonard A. Goodie executors of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal to this as my last will and testament this the sixteenth day of November

Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Seven

Edward Goodie

Signed Sealed and published and delivered by Edward Goodie as his last will and testament in the presence of us as subscribing witnesses and each attested the same in his presence and in the presence of each other at his request

John M. Ramsey

Wm. A. Thompson

John G. Brown Will

I John G. Brown of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being now of sound mind & memory but the certainty of death, and being desirous to make a disposition of my property while living do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

First My will is that all my just debts be paid,

Second It is my will that my wife Eliza J. Brown have all the household and kitchen furniture, beds, bedding and all the Books except my professional books,

Third It is my will that my two sons Lister & Brown and John G. Brown have my seven thirty United States bonds amounting to Two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars together with the interest accruing thereon and that the same be and remain in the hands of my Executor and be reinvested in United States bonds until the eldest of said sons arrives at the age of twenty one years when he is to receive one half of said sum

of said bonds with one half of the interest accruing thereon to that time and when the other son arrives at the age of twenty one years then he is to have the remaining sum. Fourth I direct that my house sit where I now live be sold by my Executor either at private or public sale as he may think best for the interest of my family together with my horse & Buggy and all my professional books and instruments, medicines &c which together with all my other effects not before specified to be regarded as a general fund for the purpose of maintaining the family and to educate my children. And it is my will that my Executor have the power to use a portion of said fund in purchasing a house either in the town or country as his best judgment may dictate for the interest of my family.

Fifthly I will and bequeath to my son Lister V. Brown my Gold Watch to be delivered to him by my Executor when he arrives at the age of eighteen years, and in consideration of which I will and bequeath to my son John G. Brown my Watch Seal and one hundred dollars with which he can purchase a Watch to be equal with the watch above mentioned.

Sixthly I nominate and appoint Charles F. Brown my brother a Citizen of Great Britain Tennessee my Executor with full power and authority to carry out and execute the purposes and provisions of the foregoing will. Seventh It is my desire that my Executor have a special supervision over my two sons to superintend their education to teach them industrious habits and would recommend that they be instructed in the duties of farming until they become sixteen years old & during the leisure months of which time that they be sent to the District School & keep up their education to that time then to be sent to a good school for two or three years, and in the event their resources become insufficient then the interest upon the bonds aforesaid or so much thereof as shall be necessary to be used to finish their education.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of the witnesses who subscribe their names as such, which they do at my request this 16th day of June 1867

Witness
J H Craigwile
G L Lipton

John Underwood's Will

Bradley County Tennessee 1st Feb. 1868

I John Underwood do make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other ~~previous~~ former wills and Testaments by me at any time made I want my part of the mill sold at private sale for ready money and appropriated to paying off my debts. I want the money that is yet coming to me for the land off the West side of the farm I sold to W E Rucker collected I want Manerva Haymes paid out of this money that is collected after the March debt is collected and Carter O'neil & Davis paid first and then my land redeemed and the balance applied to paying the debts of W H Underwood deceased that is against the House at Cleveland. I want my wife and daughter Martha to have the proceeds of the farm that yet remains ninety six acres of land until the date of their marriage if they do not marry then they have it until their death. I do not allow them to sell any part of the farm or encumber their lifetime estate and if there is any money left after paying my debts I want it loaned out on interest. I want the land equally divided. I want what property that W R Underwood and W H Underwood deceased and Melissa Oldham have received deducted from what they have of the estate and their share after division of the land. I want Manerva Haymes Mahala E Rucker and Martha Jane Underwood the sons to have the same and there and the other three to be equally divided between all their heirs of the above

named six children of equal value the land that I want them to have an equal divide after the death or marriage of Sarah & Martha Jane Underwood. I want them to keep the property that belongs to the farm cattle horses pig house furniture & keep until the date of their marriage or death. They are not to sell or spend anything without it towards keeping up the farm or paying the debts. My wife is to have those things until her marriage or death if there is money left after paying my debts I want it equally divided between my children and heirs. After their death I want Melissa Oldham to have her House the Hill, also where she is now living and Manerva Haymes one end the West room of the House I want my wife & daughter Martha to have the East room of the House for their own. I hereby appoint Manerva Haymes my Executor and I give every part of my estate in witness hereunto with my hand and affixing my seal this day and date above written
Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
George Lipton
Conrad Rucker
This 3 day of February 1868

Albert G Welcker's Will

(See Page 355-7 R. - on 4)

I Albert G Welcker of Bradley County Tennessee being now of sound mind and memory but weak in body do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament and do hereby revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made and do make the following disposition of my estate
First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy P Welcker all my property

both real and personal of every kind and description for herself and trust for my beloved children to wit: Mary Elizabeth Welcker, Kate Welcker and Belle Welcker. And desire that she keep all my stock and household and kitchen furniture and Library of Literary and Law Books for the use of herself and my said Children above named, however I deem it better for her to sell and dispose of my Law Library on such terms and in such manner as she may deem best and convert them into cash for the use of herself & my said Children, but will that she keep my literary library and not sell it for the use of herself and my said Children.

Second If my said wife should deem it best to sell and dispose of my stock on hands and my household & kitchen furniture she is at liberty to sell it and convert it into cash for the use of my wife and Children as above provided.

Third It is my will however that if either of my said Children should get married that on her said marriage that she then have one fifth of my estate and each one of my daughters as she may get married it is my will that she have one fifth of my said estate real and personal at the time of her said marriage.

Fourth It is my will that in case my beloved wife should again get married that she only have one third of my estate both real and personal and she is to take the same at the time of her marriage, and set apart all the balance of my estate to my said Children above named to be equally divided between them.

Fifth It is my will and I do hereby appoint Nancy P. Welcker Executrix of this my last will and Testament, and give her full power to settle up any debt due me for professional services as otherwise by compromise or in such way as she may deem best under the advice of her friends and she will settle up and collect up my said debts due to me and pay up what debts I may owe and hold all the

balance of my estate both real and personal for the use and benefit of herself and my beloved Children above named and she has liberty to use the principal and interest of my estate and to sell and dispose of the same if she deems it necessary to do so for her use and that of my Children as above provided. And as I have the utmost confidence in the honesty & integrity of my beloved wife Nancy P. Welcker I do not require her to give any bond or security as Executrix of said estate and direct that none be required of her because I don't want her to have any bonds as Executrix to give. In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix my seal and the witnesses whose names are hereto subscribed as witnesses. Subscribed the same at my request this the 3rd day of March 1868.

Nancy P. Welcker
W. B. Thompson
J. C. Saul

John McClinton Will

I John McClinton of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of my money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors. Second I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy McClinton and for and during the term of her natural life, for her sole and separate use and benefit all the land I own in Bradley County, consisting of one hundred and eighty one acres more or less including the buildings where I now live a piece of land purchased of Pettis