

a line east of said line to run across the ridge
and also across the quarter section north to S. H. Standish
and S. J. Smith farms. Also we lay off all on the east
side of said section line running up and down the
valley except the spaces above mentioned in the other
farm this March 10th 1878

A. W. Wainwright
J. A. Laay
C. T. Southland

- I Joseph L. Swan of Bradley County Tennessee
being now of sound mind and disposing memory
but feeble in body do hereby make and publish
this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all
other wills heretofore made by me
- 1st It is my wish and desire that after my decease
my body shall be decently buried and that all
my funeral expenses be first paid out of any and
every thing belonging to my estate
- 2nd After my funeral expenses are paid it is my
will and desire that all my just debts be paid
by my executors hereinafter named out of any
assets belonging to and my estate, subject to the
payment of debts according to the laws of Tennessee
- 3rd After the payment of my debts as aforesaid I will
bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Darcus
& Swan all my estate real personal and mixed
and of whatever kind and character and where
soever located or situated to have and to hold
the same to her self and her heirs forever in
sole and simple with full power of disposing
of the same at pleasure
- 4th I do hereby nominate and appoint my
wife Darcus & Swan Executrix and my friend
George B. Hayes Executor of this my last Will
and Testament and it is my desire that

neither one of my said Executors shall
be required to give bond and security.
In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe
my name and affix my seal
Signed sealed & acknowledged Joseph L. Swan Seal
witnessed in the presence of us
who subscribe our names as
witnesses thereto at the request
of the Testator this 13th day of
July 1878. S. P. Hunt
W. E. McCormell

I Paschal Carter of the County of Bradley and State of
Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and mem-
ory and being desirous to dispose of my property by
will before age or disease shall have impaired any
of my faculties do make publish and declare this
to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking
and annulling any and all other wills by me
at any time made

I will and bequeath all of my property of every
kind both real and personal that I may own
at the time of my death to my Three Children
John B. Carter Sarah Shadden and Emory Camp-
bell to be divided between them equally Share and
Share alike after the payment of my debts should
I owe any In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal at Cleveland
Tennessee this 25th day of April 1870

In presence of
Eliza Davis
L. B. Currell

Paschal Carter Seal

I Wm H Mahoney do make and publish
this as my last Will and Testament
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 be
possessed of or may first come into the hands
of my executor.

Secondly I further direct that if there is not money
enough to pay my debts without to sell all
the lands on the South side of Lane near my
house to finish paying the debts if there
should be any. Above to be equally divided
between my lawful heirs.

Thirdly I further direct that my wife Susan Mahoney
have the remainder of said lands during her
natural life then to be equally divided betw-
een my lawful heirs.

I do hereby nominate H. F. Mahoney and appo-
int him my executor in Witness whereof I do
to this my Will set my hand and seal this
June 15th 1878.

Witness

Dampsey Cooper

Henry Trotter

W. H. Mahoney

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The Dampsey Cooper & Henry Trotter do State that the men-
tioned Will of Wm H Mahoney was made by him on the
15 day of June 1878 in our presence to which we were specially
required to bear witness by the Testator himself in the presence
of each other, that it was made in his last sickness in
his own habitation or dwelling house or where he had
been residing ten days at least and the same is as follows
to wit: It was his will and desire that his effects
should be disposed of after his decease in the follow-
ing manner First that his funeral expenses
with all his other debts shall first be paid

Second that his wife Susan Mahoney shall have the
remainder after her debts are paid during her nat-
ural life then to be divided between his lawful
heirs.

Third that H. F. Mahoney be his Executor
Made out by us and signed this June 15th 1878
Witnesses

Dampsey Cooper

Henry Trotter

Will of Charlotta Starrett Deceased
In the name of God Amen

I Charlotta Starrett of the County of Bradley and
State of Tennessee being bodily weak and of
sound mind and disposing mind and memory
calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty
of human life and being desirous of settling
my worldly affairs and directing how the
estate with which it pleased God to bless me
shall be disposed of after my decease while
I have strength and capacity so to do do make
and publish this my last Will and Testament
Hereby revoking and making null and void
all other last Will and Testament by me heretofore
made And first I recommend my
immortal being to him who gave it and
my body to the earth to be buried with little
expense or ostentation by my executors herein
after named

And as to my worldly estate and all the
property real personal or mixed of which I
shall be seized and possessed or to which
I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I
devise and bequeath and dispose thereof in the
following manner to wit:

My will is that all my just debts and funeral
charges shall by my executors hereinafter

named be paid out of my estate as soon
after my decease as shall by them be found con-
venient

I give devise and bequeath to my beloved
Florence Adeline Starrett my Granddaughter
one bed and furniture

Second I give and bequeath to my nephew James L.
Climmer seventy five dollars

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my nephew Isaac H.
Climmer seventy five dollars providing I make my
home with them as long as I live. All the rest
and residue of my estate real or personal or
mixed of which I shall be seized and possessed
or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my
decease I give and bequeath to be equally divided
to and between my beloved Grandchildren John
Starrett and Florence Starrett Children of
James L. Starrett and Martha L. Starrett

Lastly I appoint Milton L. Lehigh to be
the Executor of this my last Will and Testament
In testimony whereof I the said Charlotte Starrett
have to this my last Will and Testament on one
sheet of paper subscribed my name and affixed
my seal this the sixth day of April one thousand
Eight hundred and seventy seven

Witness
M. H. Weatherly
J. A. Lambdin

Charlotte Starrett

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George Fox Will

I George Fox of the County of Bradley and State of
Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing
memory do make and publish this my last
Will and Testament. Surely knowing and making
void all other Wills by me at any time heretofore
made

First I direct that after my demise that my body be
interred in a manner that suits my situation in life
and my funeral expenses paid - Second I direct
that my just debts be paid so soon as can be
after my decease out of the first money which
may come into the hands of my Executors after
my death or money I may have at that time
should there be any on hand.

Third I will and bequeath to my beloved wife
Catharine all the real and personal property of
every kind I may die seized and possessed of
to have and to hold use the same during her
natural life or widowhood and at her death
or marriage to be equally divided the following
children to wit: Sarah F. Fox George Fox
Eliza Jane Fox Catharine Fox Sarah Fox L. B. Fox
John Fox Eliza Jane Fox & William Riley
Fox provided they all remain with their mother
during her natural life or widowhood and
assist her in providing means necessary for the
support for herself and the family and should
either of the above named children before they
come of age leave her during her natural
life or her widowhood she is authorized
to deduct from the share that one may be
entitled to and divide equally with the
remainders ones who stay
Fourth I will and bequeath to my
sons and daughters Isaac & Fox Jacob
Hamilton Fox

Melinda Barnes and Mary Ann Cook
each the sum of five dollars to be paid to them
by my executor out of any moneys I may die
seized or possessed of or any and if not my
Executor is authorized to sell some piece of personal
property to pay the amount.

Fifth I direct that after my death my beloved
wife Catharine shall have the liberty to choose the
Executor of this my last Will and Testament
who shall enter into Bond and security
before the County Court of Bradley County for
the faithful performance of carrying out
the injunctions of said Will in Stationary
whereof the said George Fox has subscribed his
hand and seal this the first day of July
1853.

and me at his request
signed the same as witnesses
John H. Payne
John H. Robertson

A True copy attested given at office in Cleveland
March 25th 1854 John H. Robertson Clk.

I J. H. Packer Clerk of the County Court
of Bradley County Tennessee do certify
that the foregoing is a correct copy of
the verall purporting to be a copy of the
last Will and Testament of George Fox
as certified by John H. Robertson the then
acting County Court Clerk Given at
office in Cleveland 14th day of Jan 1859
J. H. Packer Clk.

State of Tennessee } I John H. Griffith of the
Bradley County } County of Bradley and
State of Tennessee being
of sound mind and memory and considering
the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life
do therefore make ordains and declare this to be
my last Will and Testament. That is to say
First after all my lawful debts are paid and
discharged the residue of my estate real and
personal I give to my wife! The land situated
in Bradley County in the 13th Civil District-one
hundred and twenty acres and appertinances
situated thereon bounded on the north by the
land of P. L. Hardin and Sirheart on the West by
Sirheart's South by the Officer farm East by Jack
Millions to have and to hold during her natural
life and after her decease to be divided among
my legal heirs equally except Miriah Griffith
whom I disinherit until he pays me the
sum of fifty five dollars money which he
borrowed from me.

If my wife at any time after my death
thinks it best to sell said property she is qualify
able to dispose of it in that way and any right
she may make shall be as valid as if I had
made the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed my seal the twenty
second day of January in the year one thousand
eight hundred and seventy eight
Signed sealed and John H. Griffith [Seal]
published and declared in the
presence of the Testator the said John H. Griffith
signed the above in our presence on the 3rd day of
July 1858. He having preferred the same in his own
handwriting. Wm. Hughes subscribing witnesses
C. H. Bates

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 * Julius E. Raht of the County of
 Bradley and State of Tennessee being
 in good health and of sound mind and
 disposing, ^{my} calling to mind the frailty and
 uncertainty of human life and being
 desirous of settling my worldly affairs
 and directing how the estates with which
 it has pleased God to bless me, shall be
 disposed of after my decease while I have
 strength and capacity to do so, do make,
 publish and declare this as my last will
 and Testament:

And first I commend my immortal
 being to Him who gave it and my body
 to the earth to be buried with little expense
 and no ostentation whatever by my execu-
 tors hereinafter named.

And as to my worldly estate and all
 the property, real, personal and mixed
 of which I may be seized and possessed
 or to which I shall or may be entitled
 at the time of my decease, I devise bequeath
 and dispose thereof in the manner
 following to wit;

2
 My Will is that all my just debts and
 funeral charges shall be paid by my Executors
 hereinafter named, be paid out of my estate
 as soon after my decease as to them may
 be convenient. To my bosom companion
 and beloved wife Matilda Raht I give
 devise and bequeath all and every
 part of my household furniture, office
 furniture, library, watches, hacks
 carriages, goods and supplies on hand

at the house and home farm all my
 live stock, harness saddles, all farming tools
 and implements and Twenty five Thousand
 dollars in lawful money to be paid to her
 by my Executors within six months after
 my decease to have and to hold the same
 in her own right and at her own separate
 disposal in such way as she may think
 proper

And I also devise and bequeath to her the
 net income and profits arising therefrom
 of my present residence. The adjoining
 buildings farm lands and Town lots with

each and singular the appurtenances
 thereto belonging and all situate at, in
 and near the Town of Cleveland County
 of Bradley and State of Tennessee and
 which were by me purchased of Thos H.
 Callaway & H Preuss Rev Mr Daily
 Wm Lea and the heirs of J D Traynor each
 and singular to have and to hold to
 said Matilda Raht for and during the
 term of her natural life and to be by
 her used enjoyed and possessed for and
 during said term without let
 hinderance or molestation. But if my
 wife shall not desire to live on said
 properties or shall wish to remove therefrom
 my Executors will sell said lands
 residence and premises as a whole or
 in parcels at one or different times
 within two years after my wife shall
 have expressed such desire in writing
 under her proper signature and in
 the event of such request and such
 disposal as aforesaid then I will that

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my said wife shall be paid all the income and interest arising from the fund realized by such sale or sales as before provided for

I also give devise and bequeath to my brother Charles Rakt my brother Wm L. Rakt and my sister Louisa Rakt now Louisa Monnette or their heirs one ninth undivided interest each, being one third undivided interest altogether in the London Mine situated in Ducktown Polk County State of Tennessee; but whereas my brother Wm L. Rakt is at present indebted to me to the amount of thirty five Hundred dollars and interest which is evidenced by two notes of \$500⁰⁰ and 1000⁰⁰ resp. it shall be left at his or his heirs option to accept the above mentioned undivided one ninth ^{interest} in the London Mine subject to the charge of \$3500⁰⁰ and interest or receive in lieu those notes cancelled in the latter event the one ninth undivided interest in the London Mine above bequeathed to my brother Wm L. Rakt will remain the property of my heirs. I also bequeath and direct my Executors hereinafter named to pay to my sister Caroline Rakt during her single life the interest accruing on Five Thousand Dollars

I will and bequeath to my daughters Louisa and Matilda for their sole and separate use free from the control of any husbands they may hereafter

have the sum of Ten Thousand dollars lawful money of the United States of America to each and this bequest is made to them as aforesaid and to the heirs of their bodies begotten and my Executors are hereby appointed Trustees for the proper management and investment of said fund and they will control the same so that my said daughters may have and enjoy the income arising therefrom preserving the body of the fund. And it is my will and I hereby give and bequeath to any future female child which may be born of my said wife Matilda to me the amount of Ten Thousand dollars with the same restrictions and in the same manner as the bequest is made to my said daughters Louisa and Matilda and as to this fund are given the same authority and power to my Executors. And all the rest and residue of my estate real, personal and mixed, of

which I may die seized and possessed or to which I may be entitled at my decease I devise, give and bequeath to be divided to and among my children: Adolphus, Louisa, William Julius, Frederick, Herman, August, and Matilda and such other children as may be born to me of my said wife Matilda during my life or after my decease. But in the distribution of said estate the bequest herebefore made to my daughters is to be

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deducted from their share thereof and the same provisions will apply to the bequest and legacy given to any other female children which may be born to me. That is to say my daughters will receive each Ten Thousand dollars as hereinbefore provided and if my estate shall be sufficient my Male heirs will receive each the sum of Ten Thousand dollars \$10,000 and any surplus or excess that may arise from the residuum will be equally divided among all my children male and female And I do especially empower and authorize my Executors to sell and dispose of all my estate real and personal.

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in such way and manner as to them may seem best for the interest of my heirs and authorize them to manage and control the fund - making investments as their best judgment may dictate and in such way as the circumstances may make proper. But such authority is not to extend to any interference with any of the property hereinbefore devised to my wife during her natural life but they are not to authorize a disposal of said properties until upon the special request of my said wife as herein before provided for I likewise make constitute and appoint my wife Matilda Robt Executrix and my brother Charles

J. E. Robt

Robt Executor of this my last will and testament and in the event of the death or resignation of either of the above named parties it is my will and request that Hon John B. Hoge residing at Cleveland shall act as my Co Executor and the authority and power hereby conferred and given jointly to my Executor and Executrix reposing special confidence in them and believing that it is best for them to act conjointly and it is further my

desire that my Executor and Executrix be not required to give bond for the faithful performance of their duties as is required by law. but I repose special confidence in them and believe that they will discharge their trust duties with fidelity and a proper regard for the interest of my heirs and therefore it is my will that they shall not be required to give bond.

I do witness whereof now having performed this the most solemn act of my life by making a disposition of all my worldly effects do hereby I know how and as seems to me right I hereunto on this the 10th day of March 1878 set my hand and affixed my seal to this my last will and testament revoking hereby all former wills and codicils in the presence of the undersigned as witnesses who attested the same at J. E. Robt on my request and in my presence and in the presence of each other
Attest A. S. Hoffman
C. E. Bartlett

Probate of Will and Qualification of
 Executor and executrix of J. E. Rohit deceased.
 Came Charles Rohit and Matilda Rohit into open
 Court and suggested the death of J. E. Rohit and produced a certain script or paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of said J. E. Rohit and in which said Charles Rohit and Matilda Rohit are nominated as Executors and Executrix to which Charles E. Bartlett and A. S. Hoffman are subscribing witnesses and also came along with them said Charles E. Bartlett who being first duly sworn deposed that he was acquainted with said Testator, J. E. Rohit; that he departed this life at his residence in the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee on the 15th day of August 1879 and that the said witness at the instance and request of said Testator in his lifetime and in his presence and in the presence of said A. S. Hoffman subscribing witness as aforesaid and on the day it bears date subscribed his name to the said Last Will and Testament of said decedent as a subscribing witness thereto said A. S. Hoffman so likewise subscribed his name. The Testator having first deposed that said Last Will and Testament is altogether in the handwriting of J. E. Rohit the Testator except the signatures of the subscribing witnesses aforesaid and that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time said Last Will and Testament was executed and attested as aforesaid. Therefore the Court orders and adjudge that said paper writing heard is hereby admitted to probate as the Last Will and Testament of J. E. Rohit deceased and it appearing from inspection thereof that said Charles Rohit and Matilda Rohit are appointed Executors and

Executors of said last Will and Testament and that by the provisions of said Will they are excused from entering into bond as they otherwise would have been required to do and they having appeared as aforesaid and having been duly sworn and qualified as in such case is provided by law, therefore the Court orders that Letters be issued to said Executors and Executrix and the Clerk of this Court with enroll said Last Will and Testament in the Will Book record of this Court.

Copy of Letters Testamentary to
 Matilda Rohit & Charles Rohit

State of Tennessee

Bradley County

To Matilda Rohit of Bradley County Tenn and Charles Rohit of New York It appearing to the satisfaction of the County Court of said County that Julius E. Rohit departed this life on the 15th day of August 1879 leaving a written Will which has been duly proven in open Court and the same ordered to be spread on record and you having been appointed Executors and Executrix by the Testator and you having been excused from and not required to enter into bond and security and you having been duly qualified to perform your duties according to law and to carry out the provisions of said Will and the Court having ordered that Letters Testamentary issue to you to wit: These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods and chattels, claims and effects, papers &c of the Estate of the said J. E. Rohit deceased and render a true and perfect Inventory thereof to the next Term of Bradley County Court. To collect

and pay all just debts and do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Executor and after settling up all the business of said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those lawfully entitled to the same.

Witness my hand & the Seal of said Court at office in Cleveland 1st day of Sept 1879.
J. H. Tucker Clerk

In will 4 all 2200 words @ .10 = \$2.20

Will of S. N. Montgomery

I Samuel N. Montgomery being of sound mind and disposing memory in view of the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death do make & publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made to my wife & devise is that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as practicable and I give & bequeath to my three sons Samuel D., Hugh R. and William R. Montgomery all my

land being the farm on which I now live consisting of one hundred & sixty acres to be part divided between them as follows; Samuel D.'s share to be 20 acres off of the east side being 20 rods wide and running clear through the entire length of the quarter, Hugh R.'s share to be 70 acres along the side of Samuel D.'s 20 acres the full length of the quarter the same being seventy rods wide and the share of William R. to be the balance of the quarter on the west side containing 70 acres provided however:

That I give to my beloved wife Mary Montgomery during her natural life the full possession use and control of said land above set forth and all my personal property after my debts & expenses are paid out of it for her sole and separate use and benefit during her natural life and my three sons above named are to pay her one third of the crops raised on their respective shares of land as above assigned them for her & my single daughter Elizabeth's support during the natural life of my wife Mary Montgomery and at her death my single daughter is to have assigned her 20 acres including the dwelling house off of the share assigned to William R. but at her death the same to revert back to William R. but in the event

William R. should die before Elizabeth, then and in that case Elizabeth is to have said 20 acres of land absolutely and forever.

My will & desire is that my three sons should jointly pay to my daughter Jane Brewster Sixty dollars & my daughter Nestie Ann Samples Thirty dollars & my daughter Mary Kirkpatrick Ten dollars to be paid as soon after my death as they can do so.

Lastly I nominate and appoint Samuel Montgomery, William R. Montgomery and Hugh H. Montgomery my Executors without bonds to this my last Will and Testament.

Signed & acknowledged in presence of me attested the same in presence of the Testator & of each other
 A. J. White
 M. Wolf

Came into their court A. J. White and M. Wolf and brought with them an instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of S. H. Montgomery late deceased who departed this life on the 26th day of September 1879. said White & Wolf being subscribing witnesses to said will after being duly sworn depose and said that they were acquainted with S. H. Montgomery the Testator in his lifetime that his signature did it appears to said instrument of writing purporting to be his last will & testament is in his own proper hand writing that he signed the same & acknowledged it in the presence of said witnesses as his last will & testament and that he was in his proper mind and senses at the time of signing the same that he signed the same in their presence as his last will and testament that they signed the same in his presence as witnesses to the same and at his request under

the presence of each other. The same is therefore admitted to probate and the Court orders that the same with this order of Probate be recorded in the Will Book.

Will of W. E. Walker deceased.
 Know all men by these presents that I W. E. Walker of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being in full health, mind of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

I hereby constitute and appoint my wife L. E. Walker to be sole executrix of this my last will directing my said executrix to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and carry out the rest of this will as hereinafter given. To my daughter Addie P. Walker I give my gold watch to be kept for her and given to her when she is sixteen years old or when she marries.

To my daughter Emma Geneva Walker I give twenty five dollars to be paid to her when she is sixteen or when she marries. To my two sons Willie F. Walker and Walter F. Walker I give my interest in my brother Davidson Walker's estate in Davidson County Tennessee.

This interest to be disposed of by my executrix at any convenient time hereafter and the proceeds to be kept for the aforesaid Willie F. Walker and Walter F. Walker and given to them when the youngest becomes of age.

my reasons for making this provision is that they may have the means of visiting the old homestead in Davidson County which they have a great desire to visit and which I wish I have a great desire that they should visit and therefore do this that they may have the means. To my two sons John Brantley Walker and James Edgar Walker I give fifty dollars each to be paid to them when they become of age.

All the remainder of my property real personal and mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease.

I give devise and bequeath to my wife L. E. Walker for her use and support and to enable her to support and educate my children with the exception of my interest in my Mother's dower situated in Davidson County Tennessee which I do not want forced to a sale for a division but my interest may be disposed of at any convenient time after my decease and the proceeds applied to the use of my executrix and my children.

The provisions of the last part of this will which makes provisions for my wife L. E. Walker are on the following conditions that she remains single until her death but if she shall again remarry then all these provisions are to be void and all my property real, personal and mixed except her dower is to be sold and the money paid to my heirs as they become of age. In testimony whereof I hereunto set

my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below

This the 28th day of May 1879.

Signed W. E. Walker (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the said W. E. Walker as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

E. D. Ramsey
A. Watenbarger

Came into open Court E. D. Ramsey and A. Watenbarger and brought with them an instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. E. Walker Decared from which it appears that they are the subscribing witnesses thereto who after being duly sworn depose and said that they are acquainted with W. E. Walker the Testator in this lifetime that he is now deceased that he was in his proper mind and senses at the time of signing the same that he signed and acknowledges the same in their presence as his last Will and Testament that they signed the same as attesting witnesses in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other that his signature appearing thereto is in his own proper handwriting. The same is therefore duly proven and admitted to probate and is ordered to be recorded in the Will Book of said County of Bradley State of Tennessee.

Monday 1st December 1879.

J. H. Tucker Clk

State of Tennessee, I Mary Ann Fox of the County
Bradley County and State aforesaid being
of sound mind but advanced
in years and knowing the uncertainty of this
life and the certainty of death make this my
last will and testament as follows to wit:
First I will my soul to God who gave it.
Secondly I will and bequeath all my household
furniture of every kind description whatever
that I may die seized and possessed of to my son
Andrew Marion Fox and my daughter Nancy
Addeline Fox and for it to be equally divided
between them after my death and should
my daughter die without issue then and
after death I give the property that she may
die seized and possessed of that I have gotten
to my son Andrew M Fox should he be the
longest liver or survivor if not then I will
all of the property that I in this my last will
give him to my daughter Nancy Addeline
should he die without legitimate heirs
Third I will bequeath and devise that all of the
property that I may die seized and possessed
be equally divided between my son and
daughter herebefore in this will mentioned
and that it take the same direction as to descent
as I have directed my household furniture
or property to take in the future
Fourth I having all confidence in the honesty
of my son Andrew Marion Fox in integrity
and honesty hereby appoint him my
executor and hereby authorize and desire
him to act as such without being required
to give bond and security In testimony
whereof I have this day set my hand and
seal this 21st day of February 1879
Attest Wm H. Wimbler
James H. Armstrong
Mary Ann Fox Seal

Monday 1st March 1880
Probate of Mary Ann Fox Will
Came into open Court James Armstrong with
an instrument of writing purporting to be the
last will and testament of Mary Ann Fox Decedent
who after being duly sworn his manner and form
as required by law says that said Mary Ann Fox
departed this life on the 21st day of February 1879
at her residence in Bradley County Tennessee
that said instrument of writing was read over
to her and that she made her mark to the same
as her last will and testament that at the time
of making the same she was in her proper mind
and senses - that the same was signed and
acknowledged by her in the presence of Wm H.
Wimbler and James Armstrong the subscri-
bing witnesses thereto that they each signed
said will as subscribing witnesses in the
presence of the Testator and at her request
and in the presence of each other and
who further deposes and says that the signa-
ture of Wm H. Wimbler the other subscribing
witness is in his own proper handwriting
but that he is at this time a nonresident
of the state of Tennessee. it is therefore
ordered adjourned and signed by the Court
that said will be admitted to probate and
the same be spread of record in the Will Book

Will of William Taylor Deceased
 In the name of God Amen
 I William Taylor of the 15th District
 in the County of Bradley and State of Tenn
 being of sound mind but at present in a
 low state of health; considering the un-
 certainty of life and wishing to have my
 temporal affairs in proper order so that
 I may be called away from this life
 do hereby make and establish this my
 last Will and Testament

First

To my beloved wife Malinda E. Taylor
 I commit all of my property personal
 and real estate to be managed and con-
 trolled as she may think proper as long
 as she shall live subject to the following
 conditions

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It is my will that my two sons Robert
 and James be furnished with as good
 education as the circumstances will
 conveniently allow and on arriving
 at their majority be given an outfit
 equal to that given to their elder brother
 and that my daughter Nancy Caroline
 receive proper schooling and also at
 the proper time be furnished with property
 equal to that given to each of her elder
 sisters provided always that said children
 remain under the control of their mother
 until of age

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In case their mother should die
 before all or any of the three children
 reach the age of twenty one years or are
 married It shall be the duty of the
 Administrator to have the provisions
 carried out relating to their education
 and outfit

On the decease of my wife I direct that the
 real estate and all personal property then rem-
 aining on hand shall be duly appraised
 and sold and distributed in equal shares
 among all my sons and daughters or their legal
 representatives and in order to have this attended
 I appoint my son Isaac M. Taylor to be the
 executor of this my last Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have set
 my hand and seal this first day of March
 one thousand eight hundred and eighty
 Signed in presence of

James Johnston
 J. M. Million

William Taylor {Seal}

Monday 7th June 1880.

Appeared in open Court James M. Johnston and
 J. M. Million and brought with them an instru-
 ment of writing purporting to be the last Will
 and Testament of William Taylor Deceased
 and it appearing that said Johnston and Million
 are the subscribing witnesses thereto who after
 being duly sworn depose and said that
 said William Taylor is now deceased that he
 was in his proper mind and senses at the time
 of signing and acknowledging said instrument
 that they were acquainted with the Testator
 in his lifetime that he signed said instrument
 after the same read over to & explained to him
 in each of their presence that they each signed
 the same in the presence of each other and
 in the presence of the Testator and at his re-
 quest and that his signature as it appears
 thereto is in his own proper handwriting
 it is therefore ordered and decreed by the
 Court that the same be admitted to probate

and that the same be recorded in the *Will*

Will of J. C. Maroon Sr.

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas C. Maroon of Bradley and State of Tennessee on this the 20th day of January 1880 being of sound mind and in the 43rd year of my age do make this my last Will and Testament. Now I wish and therefore will that my wife Eliza C. Maroon shall have all of my personal property consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, house hold and kitchen furniture of whatever kind and all that we now have or may have at my decease I further desire and will that all Realty that may hereafter if any should belong to my estate that it shall also belong to my wife to be used by her as she may think best for the benefit of herself and my children. And I do hereby make known that I am in possession of a policy issued to me by the Order of the Knights of Honor No 17 being dated 28 Oct 1875 for two thousand dollars and made payable to my wife and children shall be paid by the officers of said Lodge No 17 Knights of Honor Located at Cleveland Tennessee as follows viz: Five hundred dollars to be paid to my wife Eliza C. Maroon to be used by her in whatever way she may desire, believing her good sense and sound discretion will direct her in using it for the best interest of herself and children. And it is my desire and will that the other fifteen hundred dollars of said Policy be paid to my friend W. W. Willhoite whom I appoint as my Executor in connection with my wife Eliza C. Maroon as Executrix and I desire that the said fifteen hundred dollars except as much of it as has been paid out by the said Willhoite in keeping up said Policy and also whatever amount he has or may hereafter pay to me or my wife for our use before my decease. These sums or amounts

I desire the said Willhoite or his lawful
representatives to retain out of the fifteen hundred
dollars. The remainder I desire to be put at
interest and the interest to be paid to my wife
if she needs or wants it and her receipts for
such money shall be a voucher for said
Mr. W. Willhoite in his final settlement of his
estate. It is further my desire and I do hereby
request that my wife shall have a good sup-
port and if the interest is not sufficient
for said support then I desire that she shall
have such a part or parts of the principal
from time to time as she may need it.
It is also my desire that after a support
for my wife if there be any money left
that it shall be equally divided between
my children and that these monies shall
be the sole judge as to what amount and at
what time the distribution shall be made,
provided however that she shall not draw
more than five hundred dollars
of the principal before the youngest child
arrives at the age of fifteen years of age.
This I request so that my wife in her great
sympathy and goodness towards her children
may not reduce the principal too low
for her own support. And I do hereby
appoint my wife Eliza C. Haroon
Executor and Mr. W. Willhoite as above
set forth and desire that they act without
bond and I further direct that the said
Willhoite shall pay to my Physician such
amount as he and my wife may
think just and right. And I also make
known and say that the Policy was sug-
gested and taken out by my friend
Mr. W. Willhoite for the sole benefit of my

wife and children and that therefore it cannot
according to the Constitution and Laws of our
order as I understand them be liable for any
debts that I have or may hereafter contract.

In testimony whereof I have signed
my name
Witness: W. W. Willhoite
Orville Willhoite

Monday 7th June 1880 Page 463

Appeared in open Court J. H. Willhoite and
Orville Willhoite subscribing witnesses to the
Last Will and Testament of J. C. Haroon dec'd
who after being duly sworn deposed and said
that they are acquainted with J. C. Haroon
the Testator in his lifetime that he is now
deceased that he was in his proper mind and
senses at the time of signing the same
that he signed and acknowledged the
same in their presence as his last Will and Tes-
tament and that they each signed the same
at his request and in the presence of each
other and in the presence of the Testator
as subscribing witnesses. The same
is therefore admitted to probate and is
ordered to be recorded in the Will book
and appeared Eliza C. Haroon and W. W.
Willhoite who are the chosen executors
of the said Will who being exonerated from
giving bond and security to carry out
the Will of the Testator and appeared and
were duly qualified to carry out the Will
of the deceased according to law and
the Will of the deceased.

I Laura M. Smith wife of William R. Smith being of sound mind and disposing memory, with being desirous to make a disposition of my property to take effect after my death do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void any and all wills by me at any time heretofore made And first I will and bequeath all of my estate both real and personal of every kind and description to my beloved husband William R. Smith to have and to hold the same in fee simple forever and I make this will giving all of my property both real and personal to my said beloved husband as a slight return for his uniform and affectionate kindness and goodness to me during our married life Secondly I hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved husband William R. Smith Executor of this my last Will and Testament and desire and direct that no bond and security shall be required of him for the execution of said trust

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my seal on this the first day of April 1880 Signed sealed & published in our presence and in the presence of each other and at her request Laura M. Smith of the Testator we have hereunto set our hands as such subscribing witnesses
 B. M. Bagmore
 J. A. McKim

Be it remembered that at the August Term of the County Court for Bradley County Tenn 1880

the same being the second day of the month present and presiding the worshipful J. C. Lipton Chairman the following proceedings were had to wit: W. R. Smith presented into open Court the last Will and Testament of Laura M. Smith for probate and thereupon B. M. Bagmore and J. A. McKim subscribing witnesses to the said will appeared in open Court and being duly sworn depared and say that they signed said Will as subscribing witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator and at her request and in the presence of each other and that she signed the same as her last Will and Testament and was of sound mind and disposing memory when she did so and that she is now dead having died on the 23rd day of July 1880. It was thereupon ordered by the Court that said will be admitted to probate and spread of record as the last Will law direct and thereupon W. R. Smith who is named as executor of said last will and Testament and in the same is excused from giving bond and security for the execution of said trust was qualified as the law directs and it was ordered by the Court that letters Testamentary and a copy of said Will sent to him as the law directs.

J. H. Tucker Clk.

Will of Mary Ann Trappner

I Mary Ann Trappner of the Town of Cleveland
Bradley County Tennessee being of sound
mind and disposing memory do make
Constitute and declare this my last Will
and Testament hereby revoking all other
wills heretofore made by me

Item 1st I will that all my just debts including
my burial expenses be paid.

Item 2^d It is my desire that the sum of Six
hundred dollars be set aside and appor-
portioned to the erection of a suitable
monument over my grave and the grave
of my husband John D. Trappner deceased
and I request and direct my executor
to see to the execution of this item of my
wills.

Item 3^d I will and bequeath to my daughter
Mrs Catharine Rogers or the heirs of her
body in the event she should die before
me the sum of Three thousand dollars.

Item 4th That whereas my sons Arthur & William D.
have been amply provided for in a for-
mer settlement therefore I will and
bequeath to each of them the sum of
Twenty five dollars.

Item 5th I will and bequeath to my two sons John
D. and James P. the balance of my estate
to be divided between them equally
share and share alike, but if my
said son James P. should continue
the intemperate use of ardent spirits
then and in that event I desire and
so direct my executor to put out
his share to interest and pay over
the interest to him at stated times
for his support. But if he should

become sober and steady and give reasonable evidence that he will remain as, then & in that event his whole share shall be paid over to him.

Item 6th That in the event of either of my two sons John D. or James P. should die before me leaving no heirs of their body, then and in that event I will that two hundred dollars of the share that would have been coming to him be added to the money fund provided for in the second item of this will and the balance to be divided between the heirs of Nathaniel Rogers now in being.

Item 7th I hereby constitute and appoint my good friend P. B. Mayfield Esqr my executor of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand this 15th day of May 1878

M. A. Traylor

Signed in the presence of

Geo. P. Long

John B. Hoyle

Wm. C. Payne

Jan 14th 1881
Mary A. Traylor Last Will & Testament

Came P. B.

Mayfield into open Court and presented a script purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Mary A. Traylor and in which said Mayfield is nominated as executor and also came into the Court John B. Hoyle whose name appears as a subscribing witness to said script and said Hoyle having been sworn deposed that said Mary A. Traylor had departed this life at her residence in Bradley County

that his signature and also deposed to said proper writing, was genuine that he signed the same in her presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses thereto and that he did as at her instance and request and that the other subscribing witnesses did likewise and the said Mary A. Traylor signed said proper writing declaring the same to be her last Will & Testament in the presence of said witnesses and the other subscribing witnesses thereto and all of said evidence having been had the Court adjudges said proper writing to be the last Will & Testament of said Mary A. Traylor deceased and ordered the same to be admitted to probate and thereupon P. B. Mayfield who is now installed as Executor of said last Will & Testament renounced the trust in open Court and then came into Court Mrs. Kate Rogers who is a Legatee for three thousand dollars under said Will and who is a daughter of said decedent and on motion of said Mayfield said Kate Rogers was appointed administratrix with the will annexed of said Mary A. Traylor deceased and who was duly qualified and entered into bond with John B. Hoyle as surety thereon in the penalty of five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of her duty as such administratrix and it was ordered that Letters of administration issue to her. to wit;

State of Tennessee, To Kate Rogers a citizen of said County of Bradley
Whereas it appearing to the Court now in session that Mary A. Traylor has died leaving a written will, the same being this day proven in which John B. Hoyle is chosen executor and the

renouncing his trust in open Court and
requesting that Kate Rogers be appointed
Administratrix with the will annexed of said
estate and who having given bond and security
approved by the Court and qualified according
to law and the Court being satisfied as to
your claims to the administration and the Court
having ordered that Letters of Admin. ~~untestated~~
issue to you. These are therefore to authorize
and empower you the said Kate Rogers to
take into your possession and control all
the goods, chattels claims and papers of the
said Testate and return a true and perfect
inventory thereof to our next County Court or
within ninety days from the date hereof to
collect and pay all debts and to do and transact
all the duties in relation to said estate which
lawfully devolve on you as administratrix
and after having settled up said estate to
deliver the residue thereof to those who have a
right thereto by law and the will of the deceased.
There is fail not,

Witness J. H. Rucker

Given at said Court as office at day of
January 1881. J. H. Rucker

I Lena R. Cowan being in feeble health and
conscious of the uncertainty of life and desirous
to make disposition of my personal property
and to that end make and declare this as my
last will & Testament
First I wish my just debts and funeral expenses
paid.

Second I give and bequeath to my Cousin Bell
Leato my furniture and wearing apparel

Third I give and bequeath to my Cousin Bell
Leato James M. Cowan and Alonzo Cowan
all the rest and residue of personal property
which I have or to which I may be entitled by
every kind and description to be divided
among them equally

Fourth I desire that the graves of my brothers and myself
shall be suitably and decently cared for and
request that the Executors of my fathers estate
and my Executors shall see that it is done
and that the income from my real estate
be applied to this purpose. I mean to include
the family burial ground. I make these
bequests because of the love I bear my
relatives named for their kindness to me
in my sickness and because I regard
Frank Cowan the son of my deceased brother
John Cowan as well provided for in real
estate which he and I have ~~mutually~~ inherited
I nominate and appoint Alonzo Cowan as
my Executor and excuse him from enter-
ing into bond with security having full
confidence in his honesty and integrity
In testimony whereof I have on this the 15th day
of April 1880 Subscribed my name in
the presence of the undersigned witnesses who
sign as attesting witnesses at my request
and in my presence Lena R. Cowan

Witness J. T. Johnston
Mary Johnston

Monday of County Court 6 Sept 1880
Came into open Court J. A. Cowan with an instrument of writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Lena N. Cowan deceased and appeared J. T. Johnston and Mary Johnston and also being witnesses thereto who after being duly sworn deposed and said that they were acquainted with Lena N. Cowan in the Testatrix in her lifetime that she is now dead that she signed said instrument of writing as her Last Will and Testament that she was in her proper mind and senses at the time of signing the same that she signed the same as that she signed the same and acknowledged it in their presence, that they signed the same in her presence as subscribing witnesses and in the presence of each other and at her request the same is therefore admitted to Probate and is ordered to be recorded in the will books of said Bradley County and to appearing that J. A. Cowan is the chosen executor of the same and is excused from giving bond and security to carry out the provisions of the said Will. It is upon the Court orders that Letters Testamentary issue to him to wit: See Page 476 of Record.

Last Will & Testament of J. W. Fimmell deceased
J. W. Fimmell of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being well appeared of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and at this time of sound mind and memory throughout feeble health do make publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void any and all other wills heretofore by me at any time made

First I commend my Soul to God who gave it and requests that my remains be interred in the graveyard at Bethel in a plain and decent manner.

Secondly My will is that my wife Rachel have and enjoy all my effects both real and personal with which it has pleased God to bless me, under the advice and control of my son George Fimmell, for and during her natural life and after her death I will and desire that my son George sell off all of my said property both real and personal if he in his judgment deems it to the best interest of my heirs and divide the proceeds thereof equally between all of my heirs, but if the same can be equally and amicably divided without a sale then he is authorized to do so.

Thirdly I will that all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable.

Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my son George Fimmell Executor of this my Last Will and Testament and having utmost confidence in him I request that he act as such without giving bond and security as the law requires of Executors.

In Testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and seal after the interlineation between the 3rd & 4th lines of the second clause of this Will to wit: under the advice and control of my son George Finnerell, in the presence of the attesting witnesses on this the 1st day of March 1880 George W. Finnerell

Witness A. J. White

J. H. Tucker

I Jacob A. Jones of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory but in a feeble state of health do hereby declare and publish this as my last Will and Testament

First I will and direct that my just debts be paid as soon after my decease as may be practicable.

Second I will devise and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Mary L. Jones all my estate real personal and mixed excepting only the interest which I have in lands in the State of Texas next herein after disposed of and I give my said estate to my said wife absolutely and in fee simple.

Third: I will and devise to my brother J. A. Jones the interest in the estate which I have in certain lands in the State of Texas and in the County of Angelina and in which lands my brother has an interest in common with me and it is my intention to give to my said brother all the real estate and interests therein which I have in said State of Texas.

Fourth I desire to express my wish that the mercantile business now carried on between my brother and self in my store house in Cleveland Tennessee may be continued after my decease by my said brother and my wife.

Fifth The devise and bequest to my wife in the second clause including my dwelling house and lot in Cleveland Tennessee also my store house in said town and all my real estate wherever situated (excepting Texas lands) and also my personal estate of every kind and description.

Sixth I hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Mary L. Jones and my said brother J. A. Jones Executors and Executors of this my last Will & Testament and I desire that they be excused from entering into bond with security for the faithful performance of their duties.

In witness whereof I have on this the 2nd day of January 1881 in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who in my presence and at my instance and request subscribe their names as attesting witnesses hereunto set my hand declaring this to be my last Will and Testament

Witnesses P. B. Mayfield

S. B. Boyd
Thos L. Keate

J. A. Jones

Probate of the last Will of J. A. Jones deceased came Mrs Mary L. Jones and J. A. Jones and pronounced for probate a proper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Jacob A. Jones in which they are nominated

executors and Executor of said proper writing and also came along with them P.B. Mayfield and S.B. Boyd whose names appear as attesting witnesses to said script and who being duly sworn each deposes and testified that said J. A. Jones departed signed said proper writing in their presence and then he called in and requested them the said Mayfield and Boyd to witness the same as his last Will & Testament and that they as signed the same in his presence and in the presence of each other as attesting witnesses and that said J. A. Jones was at the date of said script and at the time of the execution thereof of sound mind and in his proper senses and that he has since departed this life at his residence in Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee. Therefore the Court orders and decrees that said script be read is fully admitted to probate in the last Will & Testament of said J. A. Jones deceased and the Clerk of this Court will enter the same in the Will Book Record of this Court with a copy of this probate attached and then said Mary C. Jones and H. A. Jones nominated Executors and Administrators as aforesaid move to the Court to be allowed to qualify as such executors and the Court is pleased to order that it be done whereupon said Mary C. Jones and H. A. Jones were sworn according to law as such Executors and Administrators in open Court and it appearing from inspection of said last Will & Testament that said nominated executors were excused from entering into bond as otherwise would have been required by and thereupon the Court orders that letters testamentary issue to them.

Bradley County Tennessee } I this day being in sound mind &c. hereby will and bequeath unto Leander J. Griffith and Hiram M. Griffith all my estate at my death as they may support me in my declining years. All the personal property then existing belonging to the place either borrowed or loaned, also the real estate including three hundred and twenty acres of land or left bounded on the East by Fox and Romines on the west by Hayes and Brown on the South by L. M. Griffith and Fox on the North by Ascents. The conditions are these Whereas having decided to James H. Griffith one hundred and twenty six acres of land he is to have nothing more John H. Griffith or his widow having received one hundred dollars in money is to have nothing more Larkin M. Griffith received eighty acres of land is to have nothing more Ira Griffith is to have one hundred dollars payable in six years after my death or sooner or then to have forty acres of land to be selected out by Leander J. and Hiram M. Griffith. Uriah Griffith having received fifty five dollars is to have fifty five more making one hundred dollars to make as Ira's Melissa J. Davidson to have one hundred dollars to be paid in the manner as Ira's and Uriah Griffith or then the forty acres of land to be selected as heretofore Whereunto I set my hand and seal in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine This my last Will and Testament
This 22nd Feb 1879 William Griffith [Seal]
Witnesses Solomon Griffith
W. U. Griffith Probate court

Courty Court Monday 2nd April 1881
 Came into open Court Solomon Griffiths and
 W. W. Griffiths and brought with them an instrument
 of writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament
 of William Griffiths deceased who being the subscribing
 witnesses thereto who after being duly sworn depose
 and said that they are personally acquainted with William
 Griffiths the Testator in his lifetime that he was in his
 proper mind and senses at the time of signing said
 Will - that he signed and acknowledged the same in
 their presence as his last will and Testament and that
 they signed the same as subscribing witnesses
 in the presence of the Testator and at his request
 and in the presence of each other and that said
 William Griffiths is now dead. It is therefore
 ordered by the Court that said will be and is
 hereby admitted to probate and is ordered to be
 recorded in the Will Book of said County.

X Will of E. F. Johnston
 I E. F. Johnston of the County of Bradley and State of
 Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and
 memory but conscious of the uncertainty of this life
 do make declare and publish this as my Last Will
 & Testament.
 First I will and direct that my just debts be paid by
 my Executors as soon after my decease as may
 be able.
 Second I will devise and bequeath to my brother Emmit
 Johnston and his heirs all my undivided interest
 and estate in the farm on which we now live
 near the Town of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee
 and which contains Seven hundred and sixty acres
 more or less; and also my interest and estate in
 the Candy's Creek farm adjoining the lands of
 Bennett Cooper, L. H. Reeder, Thomas Hall & others
 and which contains about four hundred acres
 more or less. The place on which we live is known
 as the Home place and the others is known as the
 Candy's Creek farm. I further give said bequeath to
 him my interest in the live stock, horses, cattle
 hogs &c which are now jointly and also such stock as
 I may own individually and also all my interest
 and estate in the farming ~~implements~~ implements, and
 machinery which are jointly owned and which are
 used in our farming operations or connected therewith.
 I make reference to the title papers for greater certainty
 in description of the farms before herein mentioned and
 which are situate in the County of Bradley, Tennessee
 and in the 2nd & 11th Civil Districts of said County.
 I also give my brother Emmit Johnston Three thousand
 dollars of the stock which I hold in the Bank at Rome
 Georgia of which John H. Reynolds is president.

Third I will and bequeath to my brother Emmit

M Johnston my stock in the Cleveland National Bank Cleveland Tennessee amounting to two thousand dollars and also one bond of the denomination of one thousand dollars of and on the East Tennessee Virginia and Georgia Railroad Company or on the East or East Tennessee & Virginia and Georgia Railroad Company before the consolidation and I also give James M Johnston my interest in the stock in the East Tennessee Virginia & Georgia Railroad Company which we hold jointly.

Fourth I will and bequeath to my nephew Eugene J Johnston one thousand dollars in a bond on the Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad Company. I intend to give them the bond which I hold on said Railroad whether the corporate name is correctly given or not and this bequest to him is extra over my other nephews and nieces.

If there are two debts due to the estate of brother Joseph Johnston deceased late of Madisonville Tennessee one made by James H Johnston and the other made by W. B. Johnston and upon one of these debts my brother James M Johnston is security. It is my will that my said brother be held harmless in account of said debts and that in case the same cannot be made out of said firm assets debtors my executors shall pay the same out of my estate so as to protect James M Johnston and also protect and save my deceased brother's estate from loss.

Sixth All the real and residue of my estate real, personal I will and bequeath to the children of my brothers and sister and I will die my said nephews and nieces, children of my brothers and sister including the children of my dead brother and sister take the estate in hereby bequeathed equally, share and share alike.

Seventh I authorize and empower my Executors or such of them as may act to sell and convey any and all real estate of which I may be possessed or in which I have an interest and which is not herein before disposed of for the purpose of the administration of my estate or dividing the proceeds under the sixth clause of this my will and they may exercise their discretion as to the terms of sale &c.

Eighth I intrust and entrust my Executors with a liberal discretion in the management, control and administration of my estate.

Ninth My Executors are authorized and are empowered to compromise adjust and settle debts and demands whenever in their judgment it may be deemed to the best interest and the power given to the Executors jointly is given to of them as may act.

Tenth I hereby nominate and appoint Eugene J Johnston John B Johnston and Joseph E Johnston Executors of this my last Will and Testament and request and direct that they be not required to enter into bond with security for the faithful performance of their duties &c.

I the witness who appear this the 12th day of January 1881 I have in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared this to be my last Will & Testament and have thereunto subscribed my name to the instances and at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other we have as subscribing witnesses hereunto set our names the Testator likewise signing in our presence and declaring this to be his last Will & Testament.

C. F. Johnston

This January the 12th 1881
J. H. Hardwick
P. B. Mayfield

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In County Court Tuesday May 3rd 1881
C. F. Johnston
Last Will & Testament } Came into open Court Cingersot
Johnston John S. Johnston and
Joseph E. Johnston who are nominated as Executors of the
papers, reading purporting to be the Last Will & Testam-
ent of C. F. Johnston and said nominated Executors
produced said script for probate and also came
along with them Jas H. Hardwick and P. B. Mayfield
whose names appear as attesting witnesses thereto
before writing and they being duly sworn each
deposed that said C. F. Johnston departed this life at
his residence in Bradley County on or about the
8th day of April 1881 and that they saw said
C. F. Johnston sign said paper writing and that they
regarded the same in his presence and at his insti-
gation and request as attesting witnesses to his
Last Will & Testament, he declaring the same to be
his Last Will and Testament and they further
depose that said C. F. Johnston was in his right
and proper mind at the time of the execution of said
Will. Therefore the Court orders that said paper
writing be and is hereby admitted to probate
as the Last Will & Testament of C. F. Johnston deceased
and it is ordered that the Clerk of this Court enroll
the same in the Will book and it is further ordered
that said deponents be admitted to qualify as
Executors of said Last Will & Testament and they
thereupon were duly sworn and qualified
by the Clerk in open Court as such Executors
and they having been exonerated by the Clerk from
entering into bond it is ordered that letters Testa-
mentary issue to them.

I Henry Trotter being of sound mind
do make and publish this my Last Will
and Testament hereby revoking and annul-
ling void all other wills by me at any time
made.
First I direct that my funeral expenses and
all my just debts be paid as soon as possi-
ble after my decease
2nd I own a house and lot in that portion
of Cleveland now known as Seawtown
which I bequeath to John Trotter Manerva
Trotter and Jesse Trotter three of my children
3rd I have 79 acres of land known as the Lacy
farm which I bequeath to Joseph E. Trotter
Mary Jane Trotter and Archibald E. Trotter
jointly, but Mary Jane to have her part
of off the west end of said farm
4th I own a little better than 8 acres of land
that I bought off the Melton farm that
I bequeath to Mary Jane Trotter
The farm that I now live on was willed
by Samuel W. Trotter to Mary A. Louisa
Trotter and Margaret Kelly and Elizabeth
Easley and their heirs. Consequently
Samuel W. Trotter & William H. Trotter and
Francis A. Trotter heirs of my wife Mary A.
Louisa Trotter and will have said land
consequently I will them none of my
real estate. I want to make them all
equal as nigh as I can and at my
death I want all the personal property
I may have sold and divided equally
amongst all the heirs and lastly I do
hereby nominate and appoint my
son John Trotter my executor of this
my Last Will and Testament in
witness whereof I do to this my Last will

set my hand and seal this 24th day
of May 1878 Henry Trotter *Seal*

Signed sealed and published in our
presence and we have subscribed our names
hereto in the presence of the Testator and at his request
this 24th day of May 1878

A. F. Shultz *Seal*
Simpson Cooper *Seal*
A. H. Potts *Seal*

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Monday 5th Sept 1881
Came A. H. Potts and

Simpson Cooper with an instrument of writing
purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Henry Trotter deceased from which it appears
that they are the subscribing witnesses thereto
who after being duly sworn each deposed
and said that they were acquainted with
Henry Trotter the Testator in his lifetime
that he departed this life on the 8th day of
August 1881 that he was in his proper mind
and senses at the time of signing the same
that he signed and acknowledged the same
in each of their presence as his last Will
and Testament that they signed the same
as witnesses in his presence and at his
request and in the presence of each other
The same is therefore admitted to probate
and is ordered to be recorded.

Will of Caleb Bedwell

I Caleb Bedwell being of sound mind and in
feeble health do make and publish this my last
Will and Testament

1st My will is that my beloved wife Feresa Ann is
to have all my personal property of every desc
ription and she is to pay all my just debts and
funeral expenses also for erecting Tombstones to my
grave and the grave of my former wife and my son
J. R. Bedwell.

2nd My Will is that my beloved wife Feresa Ann
and my son Squire is to have 160 acres of land
to wit it being the North East quarter section thirteen
Township one Range one west of the basis line
Coosa District Bradley County Tennessee it being the
quarter that I now live on. I mean that I will that
my wife Feresa Ann shall have a life interest in said
quarter and at her death or should she marry
again then and in that event my will is that all
of said quarter shall go to my son Squire

3rd My Will is that the balance of my land to wit
80 acres that I bought of J. B. Miller shall go to
the heirs of my deceased son H. F. Bedwell by his
widow Feresa Bedwell

4th I hereby appoint John Moore my Administrator
and I hereby authorize and empower that John
Moore to make or cause to be made the deeds and
transfers that is necessary in carrying out this
my last Will. I further release the said Admin
istrator from being required to execute
an Administrator's bond

Given under my hand this 23rd day of
May 1881. Caleb Bedwell

in the presence of
J. F. Knox
John Moore
John H. Briggs
my atty J. F. Knox