

been always as dutiful and kind to me as my own daughter could have been and therefore this disposition of my farm, I desire at the death of my said wife Sarah C. should she die before my stepdaughter, that the latter take said farm absolutely and in fee simple free from the debts contracts and liabilities of her present or any future husband to the exclusion of the marital rights of the husband. In the event of the death of my said wife and my own without my further disposition of my said farm I will and bequeath the same to my said step daughter as above directed without regard to which may die first, I for my wife Sarah C.

lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my ^{dear} wife Sarah C. Lane my executrix and having the fullest confidence in her integrity, honesty and uprightness, I direct and especially request that she be relieved from giving any bond as required by law for the discharge of her duties as executrix in former things I do to this my will set my hand and seal

This 10 day of September 1886

John F. Lane (Seal)
signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other
This 10 day of September 1886

John N. Parker
J. E. Johnston

Probate

April Term 1892 of Bradley County Court

On this 4th day of April 1892, The last will and testament of J. John F. Lane, deceased was produced in open Court by Sarah C. Lane widow of the said John F. Lane and J. E. Johnston & J. N. Parker, the subscribing witnesses thereto being duly sworn, each deposed that he signed said will as a witness at the request of the testator and each that they saw him sign the same and they subscribe it in the presence of each other and that the said John F. Lane was in his right mind and of disposing memory at the time he signed the same and thereupon Sarah C. Lane, the widow appointed executrix of the will appeared in open Court and qualified as executrix of said will and being expressly released by the will from giving bond as such executrix none is required or given and the Court is pleased to order that Letters Testamentary be issued

Will of James H. Brown

I, James H. Brown of McPherson County of Bradley, state of Tennessee, do make and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament to wit:

First, I give, devise and bequeath all my residue and estate, both real and personal to my beloved wife Catherine Brown, to have and to hold to her, my said wife as long as she lives.

Second at the death of my said wife all the rest of the estate, both real and personal shall be our niece Rhoda Dyer forever.

Third, I nominate and appoint W. P. Palmer Esq. of McPherson Bradley County Tennessee to be the Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27 day of April A.D. 1892

James H. Brown

Signed, and declared as and for his last will and testament by the above named testator in our presence who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed our names as witnesses thereto

Witnesses

J. L. Harrison
H. C. Johnston

Probate

In appearing to the Court now in session that James H. Brown, late citizen of Bradley County has died leaving a paper writing purporting to be his last will and testament and W. P. Palmer produced said paper writing in open Court and thereupon called J. L. Harrison & H. C. Johnston subscribing witnesses attesting said paper writing who after being duly sworn depose and say that they were present when the said James H. Brown deceased made published and declared said paper writing to be his last will and testament and that said James H. Brown was of sound mind and disposing mind when he made published and declared said paper writing to be his last will and testament, and that said James H. Brown signed said paper writing in their presence and that they in his presence and in the presence of each other at the request of the testator attested their names as subscribing witnesses. The Court is pleased to approve said paper writing to be the last will and testament of the said James H. Brown deceased, and the Court orders said will to be filed at length upon the will book of this Court together with this probate.

Copy of Will of Wm Johnston

A Written Will

I, William Johnston (senior) of the County of Bradley and state of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do declare this to be my last Will & Testament revoking and making void all former wills made by me

I will that burial expenses be first paid out of any moneys that may be on hand or the first that may come into the hands of my executor

It is my will and bequest that the forty acres of land adjoining the lands of Goodford,

John A Campbell, W. H. Good and my home quarter section be sold and the proceeds thereof severally divided among my heirs as follows

My daughter Jane Canwood to have ten dollars

My son John B Johnston to have ten dollars

my daughter Mary Ware to have ten dollars

my daughter Martha Simpson to have ten dollars

my daughter Rebecca Canwood to have fifteen dollars

my daughter Isena to have ten dollars

Now if there is any over after these distributions to my heirs, I want

my wife Margaret to have the remainder

I will and bequest to my wife Margaret

all of my personal property to be

disposed as she may see proper

I will and bequest unto my son

William my home farm upon which

I now live consisting of One hundred and

sixty acres subject to a comfortable support

for my wife Margaret during her

life time. Nevertheless my son

William has the privilege of disposing

of said farms at any time by the consent of my wife Margaret. I do hereby nominate and appoint my son William Johnston my executor

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this April 26 day, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

William Johnston
his mark

Signed sealed and protated in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator the day and date above April 26 1861

J. H. Griffith Secy
J. H. Fox Secy

State of Tennessee
Bradley County

I James H. Rucker, Clerk of the County Court of said County do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of William Johnston senior deceased which now remains on file and of record in my office in will. Book No 2 pages 98-99 Given under my hand and seal of said County at office in Cleveland this 4 day of February 1862

(Seal)

James H. Rucker
Clerk

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Will of Mary S Griffith.

I, Mary S Griffith of the County
of Bradley State of Tennessee, ^{being in}
feeble health but of a sound ^{and disposing} mind,
in the name of God Amen
I do make and publish this as my
last will and testament.

First I will and desire that all my
just debts be paid.

Second I will and desire that my funeral
expenses be paid.

Third I will ~~and~~ bequeath unto
Myra L Airbark all of the remainder
of my personal property consisting of
household and kitchen furniture, live
stock, money, clothing &c that I
may be seized and possessed of
seized or mixed.

This the 25 of July 1892
Witness my hand & seal Mary S Griffith Seal

Witnesses
James McNeill
M E Taylor

We witnessed the above named will
and testament in the presence
of Mary S Griffith the testatrix
this 25 day of July 1892

Probate

It appearing to the Court now in session
that Mary S Griffith late a citizen
of Bradley County has died leaving
a will, and therefore came Myra L
Airbark into open Court and presented
a paper writing purporting to be the

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last will and testament of the
said Mary S Griffith deceased and
thereupon appeared in open Court James
McNeill and M E Taylor, subscribing
witnesses to said paper writing, who upon
their oath say that they were present
when the said Mary S Griffith made
published and declared said paper
writing to be her last will and testament
and that said testatrix signed said
paper writing in their presence and that
they at the testatrix and in her
presence and in the presence of
each other subscribed their names
as attesting witnesses.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that
said paper writing, as it purports to be,
is hereby admitted to probate as the
last will and testament of said
Mary S Griffith deceased. And it
is further ordered by the Court that
said will be spread of record
upon the next Term of this Court
together with this probate.

Columbus Shannon's Will

Know all men by these presents, That I, Columbus F. Shannon of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament to wit:

1st That all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first fully paid

2nd I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal to my two sisters

Isabella Shannon & Nancy Shannon, do have to hold ⁱⁿ said ~~Sisters~~ and to their heirs and assigns for ever

3rd I nominate and appoint John Metton to be the executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

This the 17 day of December 1891

Columbus F. Shannon (Seal)
Signed, sealed, published and declared as and for his last will and testament by the above named testator in our presence who have at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed our names as witnesses thereto

Witness

John E. Griffith
J. Sandy

Probate

It appearing to the Court now in session that Columbus F. Shannon late a citizen of Bradley County has died leaving a will and a paper purporting having been

produced in open court by J. E. Griffith purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Columbus F. Shannon and the attesting witnesses John E. Griffith and J. Sandy having come into open court and after being duly sworn upon their oaths say that they were present when the said Columbus F. Shannon made, signed, published and declared said paper purporting to be his last will and testament and that the testator signed the same in their presence and they in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other subscribed their names as attesting witnesses. Therefore the Court is pleased to order and adjudge said paper purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Columbus F. Shannon as it purports to be and the Court further orders that said will be spread at length upon the will book of this Court together with this probate

Mary Patterson

I, Mary Patterson, wife of Samuel Patterson, residing in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory and realizing the uncertainty of life and desiring to dispose of all such property as I own or have any interest in do hereby make, declare and publish this my last will and testament, never having made any will before this.

1st It is my will that after my decease I be granted decent and Christian burial and that all funeral expenses be promptly paid out of my estate by my executor hereafter named.

2nd After the payment of funeral expenses I will, devise and bequeath to my beloved husband Samuel Patterson my entire estate, real, personal and mixed, and all right, equities and interest I own in real and personal property wherever located, subject only to the following charge, that is to say, I charge my executor hereafter named to provide and lay aside One Hundred Dollars to be kept to pay for burial and funeral expenses of my dear mother, Sarah J. Kaiser when it may please the Almighty to remove her by death, and I him make the same a charge against my interest in real estate being the house and lot on which we now live in Cleveland.

3rd I hereby nominate, constitute and

appoint my beloved husband Samuel Patterson, executor of this my last will and testament and reposing the utmost confidence in his honesty, faithfulness and integrity, I hereby release him from giving any bond or security as such executor. In testimony hereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affix my seal this 22 day of February 1893.

Mary Patterson

The foregoing will was this day signed and published by the testatrix in our presence and we in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses.

This 27 of Feb 1893

J. P. Bank
W. W. Stevenson

It appearing to the Court now in session that Mrs. Mary Patterson late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn. has died leaving a will and W. W. Stevenson having presented to the Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will of the said Mary Patterson and the subscribing witnesses, J. P. Bank & W. W. Stevenson having appeared in open Court and after being duly sworn depose and say that they were present when the said Mary Patterson made published and declared said paper writing to be her last will and testament and that she signed the same in their presence and that they in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other attested the same.

said that the testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last will and testament of the said Mary Patterson and said will is ordered spread of record upon the will book of this Court together with this probate

Will of Joseph Armstrong

In view the ^{the} certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, I Joseph Armstrong a citizen of Bradley County, Tenn, being of sound mind and of disposing memory and proper at myself, do make public, ordain and make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all other wills heretofore made by me. And first I will and bequeath my soul to God, who gave it to me

I will and direct that all my just debts including all my funeral expenses of a plain and decent burial be first paid out of any money or personal property that I may die seized and possessed of,

I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann, who married James Danner five dollars to be paid out of my estate after my death as her entire inheritance in my estate and nothing more, as I have advanced her all that I intend her to have of my estate.

I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Rebecca Jane Armstrong who has been a dutiful daughter to me in this life all my household and kitchen furniture, line stove, farming implements and together with the farm I now live on situated in the 13 civil district of Bradley County, Tenn containing one hundred and eighty (180) To have and to hold after my death to the said Rebecca Jane Armstrong, her heirs, and assigns in

feel after paying all my just debts
in exclusioⁿ of all my other heirs
and I hereby direct her at my
death to take possession of all my
personal property and real estate and
after paying my just debts to manage
and control the same, and I hereby
vest her in fee simple of all the real
estate that I may die seized & possessed
of in Bradley County Tenn, And in order
to carry out this my last will and
testament I request and hereby appoint
J. S. Stuart my executor of this my last
will and testament and hereby
waive the necessity of him giving
bond as such executor, but sincerely
request him to act as such executor.

Given under my signature
on this 27 day of Sept 1897 and
the subscribing witnesses were
called by me on the above date
to witness my signature to this
my last will and testament
Joseph ^{his} Armstrong

Attest

J. H. Cant

J. H. Cant

It appearing to the
Court that Joseph Armstrong
late a citizen of Bradley
County has died leaving a will and R. J.
Armstrong having produced a paper purporting to be the last will and
testament of Joseph Armstrong, deceased and
thereupon came into open court J. H. Cant & W. J.
Thompson subscribing witnesses to said paper purporting
to be after being duly sworn depose and say
that they were present when the testator
made, published and declared said

paper purporting to be his last will and testament
and that said testator signed the same in
their presence and that they in the presence
of the testator and at his request and in
the presence of each other attested the same
and that the testator was of sound mind
and memory.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged
by the Court that said paper purporting to be
it purports to be, the last will and
testament of the said Joseph Armstrong
and the same is ordered spread at length
upon the will book of this Court together
with this probate.

Will of William Grady
 I, Wm Grady, of the County of Bradley
 State of Tennessee, being of sound mind
 and memory do make publish and
 declare this to be my last will and
 testament.

I give to Nancy & Mitts children the
 following described land, 160 acres
 of my North East quarter, commencing
 at the North East Corner, running South 120
 rods with the original line, thence Westward
 parallel with the original line 160 rods
 to the West line of said quarter
 said land bounded on the East by
 Sus Ryle on the North by A Lillard
 on the West by the land I decided to
 John Smith, known as the Spring lot
 and on the South by the land I decided to
 John Smith, Also the Fort (40) acre lot
 known as the Holdebrand lot, it being
 the North West Corner of my land.

Also 1 1/2 acres of the lot known as the Spring
 lot off the North East corner of said lot
 I give to Susie & Smiths children all of
 the land lying South of the land I decided
 to John Smith, said land bounded on the
 East by Ed Harris on the South by Thom
 Harris, the Northern line of said "land"
 commencing at Harrison Harris corner running
 with the same Westward to where the
 road crosses the branch, thence Southward
 to the Town known line, All of said land
 being in the second district of Polk
 County.

Mary & Dawson's husband has received
 their part of all my estate, I give
 them no more.

I give Lydia Poudine Cester my grand
 daughter Seven (\$700) Hundred Dollars in money.
 After my funeral expenses are paid I
 give the rest if any to Alice Witt, my grand
 daughter.

I nominate and appoint G. D. Denton &
 Elizabeth Robinson to be the executors of
 this my last will and testament, hereby
 revoking all former wills by me made.
 In witness whereof I hereunto set my
 hand and seal.

This the 27 day of February A.D. 1893
 Wm Grady (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published
 and declared as and for
 his last will and testament
 by above named testator
 in our presence, who have
 at his request and in his
 and in the presence of each
 other signed our names as
 witnesses thereto.

W. H. Wilson
 J. F. Harrison
 Cal Denton

Probate

On appearing to the Court
 that William Grady late a citizen of
 Bradley County departed this life at his
 residence in Bradley County on or about
 the day of 1893, And G. D. Denton
 produced to the Court a paper purporting
 to be the last will and testament
 of William Grady deceased and
 thereupon came into open Court J. F.
 Harrison & Cal Denton, subscribing
 witnesses to said last will and
 testament, who after being duly
 sworn to depose and say that

They were present when the said Wm. Brady made published and declared said papermaking to be his last will and testament and that the testator signed the same in their presence and that they at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other attested the same as subscribing witnesses and that the testator was of sound mind and disposing mind.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said papermaking be and is as it purports to be the last will and testament of the said William Brady dead.

And it is further ordered by the Court that said last will and testament be spread at length upon the will Book of this Court together with this Probate

Will of Nancy McClelland

I, Nancy McClelland, being of sound mind and in reasonable good health, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, I will and bequeath to my grand son, Luke C. McClelland, my undivided interest in the real estate of my deceased husband John McClelland the said undivided interest being the interest willed to me by my said husband the said John McClelland deceased. Now it is my will at my death that my said grand son Luke C. McClelland shall have my said undivided interest in the said real estate belonging to the estate of my deceased John McClelland.

Signed this 13 day of June 1884

in the presence of

J. H. McCarty

Mary E. McCarty

Nancy McClelland

Probate

It appearing to the Court that Nancy McClelland late a citizen of Bradley Co. Penn. has died leaving a will and Luke C. McClelland having produced in open court a papermaking purporting to be the last will and testament of Nancy McClelland deceased, And Mary E. McCarty one of the attesting witnesses having appeared in open Court and after being duly sworn deposes and says that she was present when the testatrix made, published and declared said papermaking to be her last will and testament and that the testatrix signed said papermaking in her presence and that she at the request and in the presence of the testatrix and in the presence of the other attesting witnesses attested the same, (the other attesting witnesses

being dead) It is therefore ordered and adjudged that said ~~proposition~~ ^{proposition} is, as it appears to be, the last will and testament of the said Nancy McClelland and it is further ordered by the Court that said will be signed of record upon the will book of this Court to gether with this probate.

Will of W. P. Bates.

Know all men by these presents that I, W. P. Bates, of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee, of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any and all others heretofore made by me.

I direct my Executors herein after appointed to pay my funeral expenses, and all my just debts out of the first moneys that come into their hands.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Leona A. Bates the money arising from the life insurance policy for One Thousand Dollars that I hold in the Cleveland Life Mutual Insurance Company of Cleveland Tennessee, and direct her and my other executor out of this fund to pay all my just debts.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Leona A. Bates all of my real estate and farming lands ~~in fee simple~~ ^{in fee simple} consisting of the following lots of land, Three Hundred and forty acres of land bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the South by the lands of Jeff Anderson, and on the West by the lands of Joe Packer and Dr. McNabb and on the North by the Hiwassee river, and on the East by the lands of B. A. Edwards also Sixty acres of land known and described as follows: Bounded on the North by the lands of Pine Bryant and Jeff Anderson, and on the North by the lands of Joe Packer and on the West by the lands of William Bayless and on the East by the lands of Pine Bryant.

Item 4. Having full confidence in my wife
 to manage my estate and reposing
 full confidence in the business integrity of
 my business partner and brother-in-law
 S.W. Graves of Knoxville Tenn, I hereby
 nominate and appointed him and my
 beloved wife Leona A Bates as the executors
 of this my last will and testament
 And should my wife for any reason
 at any time after my death have occasion
 or necessity to sell and convey any of the
 lands which I have bequeathed to her to
 be sold and conveyed or disposed of in as
 full a manner as I could have done in
 my lifetime, I advise her at all times
 to advise with S.W. Graves before closing
 any important business matter
 In testimony whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal,
 This the 26 day of September 1892
 Charleston Tenn

W. H. Bates (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published in our
 presence we have hereunto subscribed
 our names as witnesses in the presence
 of the testator at his request

September 26, 1892 John D Smith
 R. D. Graves

Probate

It appearing to the Court that W. H. Bates
 late of a citizen of Bradley County
 Tenn. has died and left a paper writing
 purporting to be his last will and
 testament, And said paper writing
 being produced in open Court
 by Mrs Bates, widow of said W. H. Bates
 deceased, and therefore appeared

in open Court R. D. Graves and John D Smith
 attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who after
 being duly sworn depose and say that they
 were present when the said W. H. Bates died,
 made, published and declared said paper writing
 to be his last will and testament, and that the
 testator signed the same in their presence
 and that they at his request and in his
 presence and in the presence of each other
 attested the same as subscribing witnesses
 It is therefore adjudged and decreed ^{by the Court} that said
 paper writing is, as it purports to be, the last
 will and testament of the said W. H. Bates deceased
 And it is further ordered that said will be
 spread at length upon the Will Book of
 this Court together with this Probate
 And it appearing to the Court that S. W.
 Graves and Leona A Bates are named as
 executors in said will and Letters Testamentary
 are hereby ordered issued to said S. W. Graves
 and Leona A Bates

Will of P. Layne

I Patrick Layne of Cleveland Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory and realizing the uncertainty of life, do hereby make, publish and declare my last will and testament revoking all other wills if any made by me.

1st After my decease I desire to be decently buried with Christian rites

2^d I desire that my funeral expenses be promptly paid by my executor out of my estate,

3^d I desire all my just debts paid and hereby direct my executor to pay the amount of my two life policies as soon as said policies are collected.

4th After my said debts are paid all the balance of the money arising from said policies, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Sarah Layne

5th All my personal property of all kinds I give and bequeath to my beloved wife.

6th I give and devise to my said wife all my real estate consisting of a one half undivided interest in the house and lot in Cleveland, known as the Layne home to have and to hold the same for and during her natural life, but with the power and authority in her and my son James Layne, who owns the other half of said property, if they desire to do so at any time to sell said property and convey the same in fee simple, if not so sold

during the life of my said wife, my said undivided half interest shall go in fee to my son Joseph Layne

7th I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved son James Layne executor of this my last will and testament and reposing the utmost confidence in his honesty and integrity, he will not be required to give any bond and security as such executor.

In testimony hereof I hereby subscribe my name and affix my seal.

This the 8 day of August 1893

P. Layne (seal)

The foregoing will was this day signed by said Layne in our presence and by him declared to be his last will and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other hereto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses

This 8 day of August 1893

Saml. H. Day
S. P. Sant

Probate

It appearing to the Court that P. Layne late a citizen of Bradley County, Tenn. departed this life on the day of August 1893 at his residence in Bradley County, and James Layne produced in open Court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of said P. Layne deceased, and thereupon appeared in open Court Saml. H. Day and S. P. Sant subscribing witnesses to said paper purporting, who after being duly sworn depose and say that they were present

When the said Payne deed made published and declared said paper writing to be his last will and testament and that he was of sound mind and memory and that he signed the same in their presence and that they at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other attested the same as subscribing witnesses.

It is therefore adjudged and decreed that said subscribing is, as it purports to be, the last will and testament of the said Payne deed and the Court orders that the same be spread at length upon the Will Book of this Court together with this probate and it further appearing to the Court that James Payne is named as executor in said will and is therein excused from giving bond for the execution of his trust.

The Court is pleased to order that Letters Testamentary issue to the said James Payne.

Will of M. C. Jones

I, Mary C. Jones of Cleveland, Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1st I will and direct that as soon as may be practicable after my death all my just debts if any then owing shall be promptly and fully paid including all necessary and proper funeral expenses together with the cost of a suitable monument for my grave.

2^d I have now living sisters and brothers as follows: to wit, Teresa A. York, Martha D. Kendrick, Sophia R. Miller, Sallie Steele, Olophao R. Lowe, Samuel D. Lowe, and Rev. Melzar Lowe and to each of these sisters and brothers alive at the time of my death, Melzar excepted, I give and bequeath the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and to my said brother Melzar Lowe, I give and bequeath the sum of ~~Two~~ Hundred Dollars, and I direct that these several bequests be paid as soon as practicable after my death out of any monies on hand or that shall be derived from claims or rents, and I direct that real estate shall not be sold to meet these payments if they can be otherwise made within a reasonable time. And if delay shall be occasioned by want of ready funds reasonable time shall be allowed and when payments are made interest shall not be demanded on legacies.

3^d I now have living with me a dear niece Sophia Dosselt, daughter of David C. Dosselt, given me by

her father subsequent to the death of her
now deceased mother, who I desire shall
own the body of my estate, I therefore
will and bequeath to my said niece
Sophia Rossett all property and estate
of every kind both real and personal
of which I may die seized and possessed
to be hers absolutely and without reserve
excepting the amounts necessary to pay the
official legacies set forth above in this will
and I desire and request that my said niece
Sophia shall as long as practicable and
tolerable ~~occupy~~, hold and enjoy in the
town of Cleveland the property given her
and to sell the same or any part of it
only under pressure of real necessity
or strongest conviction of propriety.

4th I entertain high sentiments of esteem &
and respect for David C. Rossett the father
and so far as known to me for his wife
the step mother of my niece, but feeling
sure it would be best for my niece to do
so, I desire and request that she shall
remain in Cleveland with the property
given her and not return to her father's
family to make her home.

5th Having the fullest confidence in the
integrity and business capacity of
my friends Samuel Rice and Daniel C.
Haskell and having abundant evidence of
friendly sentiment I request that the act
as friendly advisors to my niece, at
least until suitably married or shall
have reached an age and had experience
to guide her in proper management
of business interests

6th I hereby nominate and appoint my
friend Samuel Rice and my niece

Sophia Rossett as executor and executrix
of this will and will and direct that they
or either of them qualifying shall be allowed
to proceed to the execution of this trust conferred
without making bond

In testimony of all which I, the testatrix
have on the 20 day of October A.D. 1892
signed and sealed. This will in the presence
of the witnesses whose names are here
attached

M. C. Jones

signed, sealed and executed
by the testatrix in our
presence and signed by
us as witnesses in the
presence of the testatrix and
at her request

D. S. Haskell

Daniel C. Day

Probate

October 20 1893

It appearing to the Court that Mrs M. C. Jones
late a citizen of Bradley County Tennessee
departed this ~~life~~ at her residence in
Cleveland Tennessee on the 17 day of October
1893 and that the said M. C. Jones left a
will, And therefore came Miss Sophia
Rossett by attorney and presented a
paper purporting to be the last
will and testament of Mrs M. C. Jones
and came along with her Dr. Daniel C.
Haskell and Daniel S. Haskell persons named as
subscribing witnesses to said paper purporting
who being duly sworn depose and say
that Mrs Mary C. Jones departed this
life at her residence October 17 1893
and that the said M. C. Jones signed the
purporting aforesaid in their presence

declaring said writing to be her last will and testament and that she requested deponents to subscribe their names thereto as attesting witnesses and accordingly in her presence and in the presence of each other deponents subscribed their names thereto, and they further depose and say that according to their best knowledge and belief that said testatrix was of sound mind and memory at the time she made, published and declared said paper writing to be her last will and testament as aforesaid. Therefore the Court orders that the said last will and testament be admitted and entered of record as such last will and testament of W.C. Jones. And thereupon ~~affirmed~~ Sophia Rossitt nominated as executrix of said last will and testament and was duly qualified as such executrix, Samuel Rice the other and co-named executor declining to qualify as such and is therefore excused as such. And as to Letters Testamentary of said Sophia Rossitt, the only qualifying executrix is excused from giving bond with security, it is ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to her as executrix aforesaid.

Will of Lewis Griffin

I, Lewis Griffin of the County of Bradley, State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish 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 real estate, I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit
To my beloved wife the land she now lives on to hold her natural life or widowhood at the death of my beloved wife Martha J. Griffin then to go to my daughters Martha L. and Emer R. Griffin with seventy ^{cents} going to the home place none as Bel Ingham land next I bequeath my four youngest children designated as my river land on Hiwassee River located in the ninth civil district of Bradley County Tennessee these four children to pay, O. N. Hiwassee's wife first hundred dollars out of the proceeds of the land rents. To pay the other four children five dollars each Sarah Jane Shipley, P. M. Griffin, Mary F. Hiwassee Lewis W. Griffin and personal and I may ^{all} legal and lawfully ^{per}sonal with be sold and the proceeds equally divided between the eleven of my above named children to make ordain and appoint my beloved wife Martha Jane Griffin exec to go with my co-in law Executors Simon N. Hiwassee having ^{simple} confidence in their honesty do not require them to give bond as required law. Witness whereof I bear unto set my hand and seal this date December 23 in the year of our Lord 1892
(over)

Attest

Lewis Griffin
 C. Apperson
 P. M. Mowry x his
 names

Potate

It appearing to the Court that Lewis Griffin late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn died at his residence in Bradley County Dec. 5 1893 and Martha J. Griffin having produced in open Court a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of said Lewis Griffin deceased and came along with her C. Apperson and P. M. Mowry attesting witnesses to the same who after being duly sworn depose and say that they were present when said Lewis Griffin died made, published and attested said paper writing to be his last will and testament and that he was of sound mind and memory and that he signed said paper writing in their presence and that they at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other attested the same as subscribing witnesses.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last will and testament of said Lewis Griffin deceased and that the same be spread of record upon the will book of this Court together with this probate Dec 7 1893

Will of J. M. Knox Dec'd

I, James M. Knox, being of sound disposing mind and memory do make declare and publish this as my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made.

First, I will and direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as practicable.

Second, I will devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Ann Knox the house and lot in Cleveland Tennessee upon which we now live my said wife to have hold and take the same in fee absolutely, I also give and bequeath to my said wife all the household and kitchen furniture in and about our house including all ornamental attachments fixtures &c. and also any live stock I may own at my decease I furthermore will and bequeath to my said wife the sum of Six Thousand Dollars to be paid by my executors out of the first money realized by them.

Third, After paying the legacy to my wife and all other charges against my estate the residue and remainder of every kind and description real or personal I will and direct that such residue and remainder of my estate be divided equally among the following named brothers and sisters share and share alike to wit Julia E. McKamy, Thomas J. Knox, Mrs. Minnie Knox widow of my late brother William Knox

W. H. Knox and C. C. Knox. Certain old notes which I have held on some of my brothers and sisters I will mark cancelled and desire them to be surrendered and they are not to be taken into consideration as part of the residuum of my estate. I nominate and appoint W. H. McKamy &c. and

James McKenny as Executors of my last will and testament and request that they be excused from giving bond
 I do witness whereof I have on this the 22nd of July 1892 set my hand to this my last will and testament in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who also subscribe their names hereto as attesting witnesses

J. E. Mayfield

V. A. Clammer

P. B. Mayfield

J. M. Knox

It appearing to the Court that J. M. Knox late a citizen of Bradley County Tennessee departed this life at his residence in Cleveland Tennessee on the 1st day of January 1894 and has made his last will and testament and thereupon appeared in open Court W. H. McKenny Sr and James McKenny, parties named as Executors in said last will and testament and produced a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said J. M. Knox did and came along with them V. A. Clammer and P. B. Mayfield attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who after being duly sworn depose and say that they were present when the said J. M. Knox died, made published and declared said paper writing to be his last will and testament and that the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory and that said testator signed said paper writing as and for his last will and testament in their presence and that they at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed their names as attesting witnesses. It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last will and testament

of the said J. M. Knox died and be entered of record upon the will book of this Court together with this probate. And it further appearing to the Court that W. H. McKenny Sr and James McKenny are named and appointed as Executors in said will and are excused by the testator in said will from giving bond, The Court is therefore pleased to order that Letters Testamentary issue to said W. H. McKenny Sr and James McKenny ^{and that they be excused from giving bond and thereupon} and the said W. H. McKenny Sr and James McKenny were duly qualified and Letters Testamentary issued

Will of Mary Lawson

I Mary Lawson, wife of D. K. Lawson, being the owner in my own right of a house and lot in Cleveland Brooklyn County Tennessee where I now reside And also hold a note in my own right on Samuel Rice for Nine Hundred Dollars which is secured by a deed of trust executed by said Rice to J. D. Knox and George J. Lea as trustees, And being of sound mind and disposing memory, and wishing to dispose of said property, do make, declare and publish this my last will and testament, never having made any will before this.

1st It is my will and desire that after my death I be decently buried with Christian rites and that my funeral expenses be promptly paid.

2 I will and bequeath to my beloved son Ford L. Bartlett my said note on said Rice for Nine Hundred Dollars above mentioned with all accruing interest.

3rd I also will and bequeath to my said son Ford L. Bartlett One Hundred Dollars over and above said note on Rice, And I here make it a specific charge and lien on my said house and lot above mentioned. And I hereby appoint Charles E. Bartlett Testamentary Guardian of my said son Ford L. Bartlett, and authorize, direct, request said guardian ^{to collect} said note and said One Hundred Dollars, and to manage and control the same for the best use of said Ford L. Bartlett, authorizing him to take possession of said note, And ~~hereby~~ especially directing that said Charles E. Bartlett be allowed to retain out of said note all sums of money he has or may hereafter pay in order to get the full possession of said note and all monies he may have

expended or may hereafter expend for the use of myself or family. And it is my desire that said Charles E. Bartlett be appointed guardian of said Ford L. Bartlett by the proper legal authority, or if not guardian then trustee for said Ford L. Bartlett, And that he be not required to give bond and security as such, as I have the utmost confidence in his honesty, integrity and ability to manage said funds for him.

4 I give, bequeath and devise to my husband D. K. Lawson and my beloved children Vastal R. Lawson & Howard Lawson my said house and lot and all other property of which I may die possessed not above disposed of but binding them to pay to said Ford L. Bartlett the sum of One Hundred Dollars, And I here again make said One Hundred Dollars a specific charge and lien on said house and lot.

5th I hereby nominate my beloved husband D. K. Lawson Executor of this my last will, And having the utmost confidence in his honesty and integrity I relieve him from the necessity of giving bond & security as such.

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix my seal This the 14th day of November 1893
Mary K. Lawson

The foregoing will was signed and published by the Testatrix in our presence, And we in her presence and at her request and in the presence of each other hereto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses, done on this 14th day of November 1893.

R. J. Tate
C. E. Bartlett

Probate

It appearing to the Court that Mrs Mary N Dawson, late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn has died and left a will And D K Dawson having appeared in open Court and produced a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs Mary N Dawson, and also appointed R. F. Oats and C. E. Bartlett attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who after being duly sworn, depose and say that they were present when Mrs Mary N Dawson published and declared said paper writing to be her last will and testament, and that she was of sound and disposing memory and that she signed the same in their presence and that they at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other signed the same as attesting witnesses.

It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing is, as it purports to, the last will and testament of Mrs Mary N Dawson, and that the same be made of record upon the will book of this Court together with this probate And it appearing to the Court that Mrs Mary N Dawson hath appointed D K Dawson Executor in her last will and testament and that he is excused therein from giving bond, the Court is pleased to order that Letters Testamentary issue to said D K Dawson and that he be excused from giving bond, And therefore the said D K Dawson was duly qualified and Letters Testamentary issued.

Will of W. Whitman

Feb. 15 1893

Bradley Co Tenn

I am now sound in body and mind I make this for my last request concerning my family and property

First I will that all my just debts be paid and all just debts that are owing be collected that can be
2 I will that all my land and all my other property belong to my loving wife Ruth all her natural life or widowhood of Mahada Munda lives till she is 21 years old or otherwise wants a home of her own then she is to have full half of all the land and home and half of all other property of every description and if she lives longer the her mother at his mothers death she is to have her own and all her mothers property of every description for her life and property and at his death his is to belong to his own body and all of them life but if Ruth should live longer then and and Munda have no children then Ruth is to have all the property of every sort all his life time or widowhood and then at his death his is to go to all of my children equally But if Munda should dye and leave children then they too are to have Ruths property of every description And I now make Ruth my lawful representative and executor to carry out this will I also will that she sell thirty acres of land off of the upper end of my farm at twelve dollars per acre or as near that as she can and at no rate less than eleven per acre and give Mitchell one hundred dollars of the money and one hundred dollars to my daughter Wilhelmina three children and fifty dollars to Emeline my daughter if she calls for it in six months after she is notified that it is ready for his this 30 acres of land to be sold for cash down or good approved security and the land

to stand good for the money too till it is paid for

Now I will that no timber be cut off of my land in no way except for the keeping of the fence and buildings of the farm then I will that if my wife Ruth should marry to another man she forgo^{es} his rite to any of my property that I have sold to him in this will except one bed & bed clothes and Manda to have all his mirths part of she is living but if she be dead then all of my property is to be sold and to be divided equally between my children This is the will of Henderson Whitmore

Witness my hand &

I will now mention that I have given fifty acres of land to five of my children first fifty acres to my daughter Mary E. Conder the same amount to my daughter Piggie Blum and fifty acres to my son W. R. Whitmore & the same to J. D. Whitmore my son & the same to my daughter Annilda Blum also fully as much to Amosius in a tract of land or in the price of land that I sold to him

Also my wife Ruth to be my lawful administrator and representative without bond also this is my last will

I leave it subject to any change that I make my self

H. Whitmore

Attest J. R. Pennington

Attest Rebecca Pennington

Protale July Term 1894

It appearing to the Court that H. Whitmore late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn departed this life at his residence in Bradley County Tenn on Dec 28 1893 and left a ~~will~~ will.

And Ruth Whitmore produced a paper writing in open Court purporting to be the last will and testament of said H. Whitmore died and also appeared J. R. Pennington and Rebecca Pennington attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who after being duly sworn depose and say that they were present when the testator made, published and declared said paper writing to be his last will and testament and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory and that the testator signed the same in their presence and that they at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed their names as attesting witnesses

It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing as it purports to be, the last will and testament of H. Whitmore deceased and that the same be opened at length upon the will book of this Court

Will of Anderson Smith

Know all men by these presents
That I, Anderson Smith, do make and
publish this as my last will and
testament, hereby revoking all other wills
by me made.

First I direct that my beloved wife Susan
Smith pay my funeral expenses and
all just debts out of any money that
I may die possessed of or of any
property I may be possessed as soon
after my death as possible.

Second I will and bequeath all of the kitchen
a household furniture and all personal
property owned by me and my house and
lot said to contain four acres more or
less.

Third I direct that my wife Susan Smith
be my executrix without bond.

Fourth I direct that my Executrix settle all
my just debts and funeral expenses without
taking it into Court.

In testimony whereof I herewith set
my hand and seal to this my last
will and testament.

This June 21st 1874
Witness

Anderson ^{his} Smith
mark

Saml H Day

Maggie Day

Nicholas B Cumberbushaw

Probate

Filed June 1874

At It appearing to the Court that Anderson
Smith, late a citizen of Bradley County has
died leaving a written will
And Susan Smith appearing in

open Court and produced a paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of Anderson Smith
deceased, and came along with her Saml H Day
and Nicholas Cumberbushaw two of the attesting
witnesses to said last will and testament who
after being duly sworn depose and say that
they were present when the said Anderson Smith
made published and declared said paper writing
to be his last will and testament and that he
was of sound mind and disposing memory
and that the testator signed the same in their
presence and that they at his request and in
his presence and in the presence of each other
attested the same as subscribing witnesses.
It is therefore ordered, and it is adjudged by the
Court that said paper writing is, as it purports
to be, the last will and testament of the
said Anderson Smith deceased and that the
same be spread of record upon the Will Book
of this Court.

Will of George Wiggins

I, George Wiggins of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee, being sound in mind and reasonably sound in body, and fully comprehending my estate, and the disposition I want to make of it, do hereby make declare and publish this my last will & Testament never having made any other will

1st It is my will that after my decease my remains be decently buried with Christian rites, and that all my funeral expenses be first paid out of my estate

2nd I will that all my just debts be paid by my executor hereafter named as soon as practicable out of my estate

3rd After my debts if any are paid will advise and bequeath to Mrs. Flora Wiggins, widow of my deceased son W. O. Wiggins all of my estate real personal and mixed of every kind and description and wherever located to be his absolute property in fee simple forever

4th I hereby appoint said Mrs. Flora Wiggins executor of this my last will and Testament, and having the utmost confidence in his honesty and integrity I hereby release him from giving any bond or security as such executor.

In testimony hereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this the 29 day of November 1892

George Wiggins (seal)

The foregoing will was this day signed and published by said George Wiggins in our presence and at his request and in his presence

and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names as attesting witnesses Nov 29 1892

attest
J. P. Gault

J. J. Dineen

Testate

It appearing to the Court now in session that George Wiggins late a citizen of Bradley County Tenn, departed this life at his residence in Bradley Co Tenn about day of March 1894 and left a written will; And came Mrs. Flora Wiggins into said Court and presented a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George Wiggins deceased, and came along with her J. P. Gault one of the attesting witnesses to said paper writing (the other attesting witness, ^{supposed} having removed to another State) who after being duly sworn, says that he was present when the said George Wiggins deceased, made published and declared said paper writing to be his last will and testament, and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory and that the testator signed the same in his presence and in the presence of the other attesting witness and that they at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other attached said paper writing as subscribing witnesses It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last will and testament of the said George Wiggins deceased and that said will be entered of record upon the will book of this Court together with this probate

Will of G. A. Long

Witnessed and proved June 11 1888
 I, G. A. Long of the Town of Cleveland County
 of Bradley and State of Tennessee, considering
 the uncertainty of this life, being of
 sound mind and memory do make and
 declare and publish this my last will
 and Testament, I desire to give and
 bequeath unto my beloved wife Mattie
 Long all of my estate real, personal or
 mixed of which I shall be seized or
 possessed or to which I shall be entitled
 at the time of my decease, to have and
 to hold the same or alien or dispose of
 as she may desire for her comfort
 and to promote her own happiness or
 the happiness of others as she may in
 her judgment may think right and
 proper. To wit all the real estate that I
 may possess at the time of my death
 all bank stock that I may possess
 all notes and accounts and all other
 legal claims that I may be possessed
 of against the estate of others together
 with such live stock as may be in
 possession of, in fact everything valuable
 that I may possess I bequeath to
 my dear wife, Mattie, if she shall
 survive me or be living at my
 death after such debts are paid
 as may be due to others from me
 I appoint my wife executrix of
 this will and without bond or security
 Witness
 G. A. Long
 Geo B. Boyd
 O. D. McTier

May Draw. 1894

It appearing to the Court now in session
 that G. A. Long, late a citizen of Bradley
 County, Tenn. departed this life on the 24 day
 of April 1894 and left a written will
 And Mrs. Mattie Long by attorney J. E. Mansfield
 produced a paper purporting to be the
 last will and testament of G. A. Long, deceased,
 and came with atty. Geo B. Boyd and O. D.
 McTier attesting witnesses to said paper purporting
 who after being duly sworn say that they were
 present when the testator made, published
 and declared said paper purporting to be his
 last will and testament and that he
 signed the same in their presence and
 that they at his request and in his
 presence and in the presence of each other
 subscribed their names as attesting witnesses
 and that the testator was of sound
 and disposing mind

It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the
 Court that said paper purporting to be, as it
 purports to be, the last will and testament
 of the said G. A. Long, deceased and that
 the same be spread at length upon
 the will book of this Court together with
 this probate
 And it further appearing to the Court
 that in his will the said G. A. Long, deceased
 hath appointed his wife Mattie Long
 as his executrix and executed her former
 giving bond, the Court is pleased to
 order that Letters Testamentary be
 granted her

Will of Daniel Goins, decd

I Daniel Goins, being of sound mind and memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous to arrange all my estate

First I direct my executor to pay off all just debts and funeral expenses. I instruct my executor to sell one hundred acres of land between Henry Goins and J. W. Goins and pay out my debts and funeral expenses and divide the remainder between all my children if any second I give my beloved wife Susan Goins my home place and live on and all my household and kitchen furniture and live horses and wagon and buggy and harness and two cows of her own choice and all my farming tools third I give Daniel P. Goins one cow and saddle one cow and my watch and my rifle gun

fourth I give Dan Pleas my heifer (with out bond)

I appoint James McRendon my executor

fifth I give Mack Beck my milk colt in testimony and signature and seal this the 30th day of January 1894

Daniel Goins (Seal)
man

Attested by the subscribing witnesses in the presents of the testator who signed the same in our presents and we at the request of the testator and in his presence of each other on this January 30 1894

James McRendon (Seal)
Jacob Gattlin (Seal)

Probate May 17 1894

This day James Bondon produced in open Court the last will and testament of Daniel Goins deceased and the subscribing witnesses James McRendon and Jacob Gattlin being duly sworn depose and say that they were present and saw Daniel Goins subscribe his name to his said last will and testament and that he was of sound mind and that they each subscribed their names as attesting witnesses thereto at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other that the testator appointed James McRendon executor of his last will and testament without bond It is therefore ordered that the last will and testament of Daniel Goins be spread at length on the will book of this Court and that Letters Testamentary issue to James McRendon as the executor of Daniel Goins deceased