

# Will of George Waterhouse

I, George Waterhouse, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but in feeble health, and owing the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this my last will and testament in regard to my personal property.

First, I wish to thank Milford and wife for their kind care of me in sickness as well as health and do give and be-  
" gmat to said Milford Waterhouse and wife all of my personal property that I possess or shall or possessed of as a partial return for kindness and care of my in my last days.

This I am in 28th 1898.

George Waterhouse X his mark.

Witnesses: Myra L. Urhart & R. A. Officer

Probate. December Term, 1898

It appearing to the Court that George Waterhouse, late a citizen of Bradley County Tennessee, departed this life at his late residence in Bradley County, Tenn. on or about the day of 1898, and it further appearing to the Court that he did testate, and Milford Waterhouse appeared in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George Waterhouse, deceased, and requested the Court that said will be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said George Waterhouse, deceased, and Myra L. Urhart and R. A. Officer, attesting witnesses thereto, appeared in open Court and after being duly sworn depose and say that they were present

when the said George Waterhouse made, published, and declared said paper-writing to be his last will and testament, and that at the time of making said will ~~and~~ he was of sound mind and disposing memory, and that he acknowledged his signature to said paper writing in their presence, and that they, in his presence and at his request, signed said paper writing as attesting witnesses thereto.

Therefore, the Court adjudges and decrees that said paper-writing is as it purports to be, the last will and testament of George Waterhouse, deceased, and the Court orders said will spread of record upon the will book of this Court, together with this probate.

Will of Catharine Boyd

I Catharine Boyd, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others made by me at any time

1st. I direct John Trunk to be my lawful executor and to act without bond and for him to comply with requests I make in this my last Will and Testament

2nd. I direct that all my debts should be paid as soon as possible after my death with the money that may be on hand, if there be not enough on hand to pay my debts, then to take enough that it would require from the sale of my household lot which I desire sold at any time, within 2 years after my death

3rd. I give and bequeath to Susan Quinn the sum of Ten Dollars, Also to give to John Spriggs Ten Dollars

4th. I give to my sons Andrew and George One Dollar each, this I mean to mean for their part to be paid to their legal heirs

5th. What things are in the house can be sold or divided with my son George and my daughter Catharine, my daughter to have all my wearing clothes. Also I give Ten Dollars for a South Stone for myself. After all expenses are paid the balance of the money to be equally divided for my son George and my daughter Catharine

Signed in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testators

(Witnesses) Catharine <sup>her</sup> Boyd  
 Andrew W. Johnson  
 & Jack Spriggs

This the 17th day of June 1846

Probate January Term 1847

It appearing to the Court that Catharine Boyd, late a citizen of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee, departed this life at her late residence in Cleveland Tennessee on or about the 24th day of December, 1846. And it further appearing to the Court that she died testate. And John Trunk presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Catharine Boyd deceased, and requested the Court that said script be admitted to probate as the last Will and Testament of the said Catharine Boyd deceased, (and Andrew W. Johnson and Jack Spriggs, the attesting witnesses to said paper writing, appeared in open Court, and after being duly sworn, deposed and say that they were present when the said Catharine Boyd, died, made, published and declared said paper writing to be her last will and testament, and that at the time of making said Will she was of sound mind and disposing memory, and that the testatrix signed said script in their presence, and that they in her presence and at her request, signed said paper writing as attesting witnesses thereto. Thereupon, the Court adjudges and decrees that said paper writings as it purports to be, the last Will and Testament of Catharine Boyd deceased, and the Court orders said Will together with this probate spread of record upon the Will Book of this Court

Will of John Smith January 18th, 1898.

I John Smith of the City of Cleveland County of Bradley, State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make, publish, and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made, and as to my worldly estate and all the property, real and personal or mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath, and dispose thereof in the following manner, to wit:

My will is that all my first debts and funeral expenses shall by my executors hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

I give, devise, and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rebecca Ethel Smith the old house and lot, and the lodd Colonel house and lot in the City of Cleveland, County of Bradley, to have and to hold her and her heirs forever. My other property in the City of Cleveland, State of Tennessee, County of Bradley, one dwelling house and lot, six other houses and lots, and also my farm and farming utensils, and stock of all kinds, and also what notes I have in hand, I devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Figger Smith to have and hold her natural life time. After her death to be divided equal between my four heirs for them and their heirs to hold and to hold forever. I devise and bequeath all my household and kitchen furniture to my beloved wife Figger Smith to have and to hold forever.

John Smith  
Witnesses: John Hildebrand, Wm. H. Langston, Dr. J. S. McKnight

Probate. January Term, 1899

Or it remembered that upon this the 26 day of January, 1899, before the Hon. James T. Harte, Chairman County Court of Bradley County, Tenn., Figger Smith, widow of John Smith, dec'd, appeared in open Court and produced a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Smith who departed this life at his late residence in the town of Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee on the 10th day of December 1898, and said paper writing bearing date of January 18th, 1898, and having the name of John Smith signed thereto, and being subscribed by John Hildebrand, Wm. H. Langston and Dr. J. S. McKnight as attesting witnesses thereto, and made the Court that the same be admitted to probate and recorded as the last Will and Testament of the said John Smith, deceased, and it appearing to the Court from the testimony of the subscribing <sup>attestors</sup> of said paper writing was written in the life time of the said John Smith and signed by him in the presence of the aforesaid subscribing witnesses, and that they at his request and in his presence subscribed their names as attesting witnesses thereto, and that said instrument was executed by said John Smith on the day it bears date as and for his last Will and Testament, and that he was at the time of sound mind and disposing memory, and it further appearing to the Court that the said John Smith died in Bradley County, Tennessee, and that his usual place of residence was in said County, and it is so adjudged.

And it is adjudged and declared by the



Court that said instrument is the true, whole and last Will and Testament of the said John Smith deceased, and the Clerk is directed to file and record the same.

Will of John H. Craigmiles.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, John H. Craigmiles, in the County of Bradley in the State of Tennessee, being of disposing and sound mind, and in my usual health, and being conscious of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, do make, declare, and publish this my last Will and Testament.

First, I wish to be very plainly buried in the lower left hand catacomb in the vault or mausoleum where sleeps the ashes of our darling little Nina.

Secondly, I desire my funeral expenses and all my just debts paid immediately after my death.

Thirdly, I will devise and bequeath all the residue of my estate of whatever kind or nature, wherever situated, and consisting of real estate in New York, North Carolina, and Tennessee, mortgages, deeds of trust, notes of hand, bank stock, Central Land Company Stock of Chattanooga, Street Railroad Stock in Cleveland, Tennessee, One life insurance in the Mutual Assurance Company of New York for \$10,000 (Ten Thousand dollars) with several thousand dollars accumulations on it. One policy in the Knights of Honor for Two Thousand dollars, and one life policy in the Cleveland Life Mutual of Cleveland, Tennessee, for Ten Thousand dollars, and all other property that I may die seized and possessed, all of which I will to my beloved wife, Myra Adelia Craigmiles, for her sole use, benefit and behoof during her life time, except the bequests hereinafter mentioned.

At the death of my wife, I will, devise and



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begrave to my grand niece Adelia  
Robinson Asmunt, daughter of Mrs. Augusta  
C. Asmunt, Two Thousand Dollars to be kept  
in trust for her until she is grown.

I also will devise and bequeath to my  
wife's niece Myra Adelia Thompson,  
daughter of Charles C. Thompson, of Decatur  
Miss County, Texas, the sum of Ten Thousand  
Dollars, and the homestead where we now  
live, and all furniture and fixtures, all  
horses and carriages, cattle, etc. for her sole  
use and behoof and none other.

I also will and bequeath to the right  
heir and Charles Todd Quintard, or if he is  
dead when I die, then to his successor in  
office the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be  
paid to the said Bishop as soon after my

death as convenient. I also will to the Trust in charge  
of the said church the sum of my death expenses and all other debts to be paid  
by the said church. I also will to the said church the sum of Ten Thousand  
Dollars to be held in trust by the Vestry of

St. Luke's Church, and their successors  
in office the interest on which only is to be  
used in purchasing fuel for the most desti-  
tute of the Parish during the winter time.

I also will and bequeath the sum of Ten  
Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to St. Luke's Church  
for the purpose of erecting a brick stove and  
iron, should the same square including St.  
Luke's Church, the Rectory and Mausoleum, about  
eight hundred feet long in the following  
manner, to wit: First, set the wooden fence  
in about four feet, and dig out a foundation  
eighteen inches or two feet deep on the proper  
side of the street, and lay a foundation of  
well burned hard brick one foot wide or thick  
laid in the best quality of cement and sharp  
sand up to the surface of the earth, then lay  
a cap stone or coping on this brick foundation

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in eight feet sections fourteen inches  
wide, ten inches thick, and beveled slightly  
on top so as to turn off the water, leaving  
a flat space on top for the iron fence to  
stand on. This fourteen inch coping will  
project one inch over the brick wall on both  
sides, thus giving the proper protection. This  
coping must be made of the Knoxville  
marble such as the pavement of the vault  
is made of. The iron fence which is to be  
set on this stone coping must be made  
of the best quality of wrought and malleable  
iron at least four feet above the coping  
stone. And the fence which separates the  
Church from the Rectory, I wish built of  
strong made stone work, thoroughly put  
up about four and one half feet in height,  
and the English very planted along the side  
of the fence so that in time it will be covered  
by it.

I will and bequeath the house and lot  
which is occupied by William B. Prier  
to the Vestry of St. Luke's Church and  
their successors in office for the use  
of St. Luke's Church, I mean that the  
rent from the said house must be  
used for defraying the expense of St.  
Luke's Church from year to year.

I also will and bequeath the lot known  
as the old Thompson barn and wish  
a substantial house built thereon, and  
to be held in trust by the Vestry of St.  
Luke's Church and their successors  
in office as in the case of the William  
B. Prier house.

And as my beloved wife and myself  
have mutually agreed with each other  
that in case of the death of either of

other, or survivor, would never marry again, and it is my sincere desire and request that this understanding be faithfully adhered to.

All the residue of my estate after paying the legacies hereinafter mentioned, I will to my blood wife during her life time and at her death to her niece, Myra Adelia Thompson, daughter of Charles C. Thompson, of Wiser County, Texas, if she be living at the time of my wife's death. But if she be dead then I wish it to go to St. Luke's Church, which I build in memory of our darling little Nina. This fund is to held in trust by the Bishop of Diocese and the Vestry of St. Luke's Church and their successor in office. The income only to be paid towards paying the Rector's salary, keeping up the Church property, Mausoleum, and grounds around said Church property. I wish this fund kept in good paying bank stock.

I hereby nominate and appoint my dear wife, Myra Adelia Craigmiles, and my niece, Mrs. Augusta C. Conant, and J. E. Johnston Executors of this my last will and testament. And reposing in them full trust and confidence, I wish them to be excused from entering into bonds with security. In witness whereof, now having performed this solemn duty of making disposition of my worldly effects as best I know how I now commit my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the dust, and hereunto set my hand and seal, on this the 8th day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1890. In the presence

of the undersigned witnesses, who at my instance and in my presence and in the presence of each other subscribed their names as attesting witnesses.

John H. Craigmiles.

Witnesses:

L. D. Campbell.

W. H. Tonkin.

Probate, January 13, 1899

Be it remembered that upon this the 13th day of January, 1899, before the Honorable County Court of Bradley, Hon. James T. Harle, Chairman, &c., presiding appeared in proper person, J. E. Johnston and Myra Adelia Craigmiles, the persons named as Executor and executrix therein, and produced in open court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John H. Craigmiles, lately deceased, bearing date of January 8, 1890, having the name of said John H. Craigmiles signed thereto and subscribed by L. D. Campbell and W. H. Tonkin as attesting witnesses, and moved the Court that said paper writing be admitted to probate and record as the last Will and Testament of the said John H. Craigmiles, deceased, and it appearing to the Court from the testimony of said L. D. Campbell and W. H. Tonkin in open Court that the said paper writing was written in the lifetime of the said John H. Craigmiles, and signed by him and that the same was subscribed in his presence and at his request, and in the presence of each other by the said L. D. Campbell and W. H. Tonkin as

attesting witnesses and that the said instrument was executed by said John N. Craig miles on the day it bears date as and for his last Will and Testament, and that he was at the time of sound mind and disposing memory, and it further appearing that the said John N. Craig miles died in Bradley County, Tennessee, and that his usual place of residence at the time of his death was in the said County, and it is so adjudged by the County Court.

And it is further adjudged and declared by the Court that said instrument of Writing is the true, whole and last Will and Testament of the said John N. Craig miles deceased, and the Clerk of this Court is therefor directed to file and record the same.

Will of J. M. Bryan

I, J. M. Bryan, being weak in body but sound in mind and of a disposing memory, do make and publish this as my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills made by me at any time.

I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to its mother earth.

I will that my body be decently buried and that all my funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that comes into the hands of my executor hereafter named.

I will that my executor transact my business by private or public sales of all my property, either personal or real estate and authorize said executor to make a good title to any or all of my real estate, if my children desire to remain and live on the homestead that my executor make such arrangements for them to do so and that and that he have full power to raise such sums as may be necessary by mortgage on my real estate or otherwise as he in his discretion may think best and that when all my debts are paid and the sale of the property is made that my heirs share and share alike. My heirs are J. M. Bryan, G. A. Bryan, Hattie A. Bryan, and Sarah Jane Bryan.

I appoint my true and trusty friend W. C. Day as my executor without bond or security.

This 13th day of April, 1899.

J. M. Bryan

By request of J. M. Bryan and in the presence of each other we subscribe our names as witnesses to this will.

J. C. Eldridge  
John Richey

Probate May Term 1899.

It appearing to the Court that J. M. Bryan, late a



citizen of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life at his late residence in the said County of Bradley, State of Tennessee, on or about the 18th day of April, 1899, and it further appearing that he died leaving a will, said will bearing date of April 13th, 1899, and W.C. Day presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said J.M. Bryan, dec'd, and requested the Court that said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of the said J.M. Bryan, dec'd, and J.C. Eldridge and John Richey, the attesting witnesses to said paper writing appeared in open Court and after being first duly sworn depose and say that they were present when the said testator J.M. Bryan, dec'd, made, published, and declared said paper writing to be his last will and testament and that he 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 subscribed their names as attesting witnesses thereto. And it further appearing from said paper writing that W.C. Day has been appointed and chosen as his executor of his last will and testament. Therefore the Court orders that will be as it purports to be, the last will and testament of the said J.M. Bryan dec'd, and the Court orders the same to be spread of record together with this probate upon the Will Book of this Court.

Will of Andrew W. Johnson  
I, A.W. Johnson of the City of Cleveland, County of Bradley, State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made.

I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as convenient.

After all my debts have been paid, I will that what is left be equally divided among my children, namely: Rachel William D. Elizabeth M. Andrew W. Nancy and Almond.

All the real estate I own consists of one home and lot by ring and being situated in the Third ward of the city of Cleveland County of Bradley, State of Tennessee bounded on the North by W. S. Pearson; on the East by Elm Cup Alley; on the South by Bates Road; on West by D. J. Minnis and May Clark. There is a mortgage of about forty-three dollars on this house and lot, and I hereby give my executor herein after named full power to sell the real estate above described at public or private sale whichever in his own judgement would be the best interest of my heirs, and to make deed to the purchaser. And that said executor pay off this mortgage out of the funds realized from the sale of the real estate.

I hereby nominate and appoint as my executor John Frank of Cleveland Tennessee. Given under my hand and seal on this the 19th day of June 1899. Andrew W. Johnson (Seal)

Witnesses  
D. G. Cooper  
J. H. Johnson

Probate, July Term, 1899

It appearing to the Court that Andrew Johnson late of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life on or about the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1899, in Cleveland Bradley County, Tennessee, and it further appearing that he left a wife, John Trunk presented in open Court a paper-writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said Andrew W. Johnson, deceased; and D. S. Cooper and Joel W. Johnson, attesting witnesses to said paper-writing appeared in open Court, and after being duly sworn, depose and say that they were present when the said Andrew W. Johnson signed said paper-writing as his last will and Testament and that he signed the same in their presence and that they in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other signed said paper-writing as attesting witnesses and that said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of making said will. And it further appearing that said Testator nominated and appointed John Trunk as the executor of his last will and Testament.

Therefore the Court adjudges and decrees that said paper-writing is, as it purports to be, the last will and Testament of the said Andrew W. Johnson deceased and the Court ordered said will spread of record upon the Will Book of this Court together with this probate.

Will of James Lacy  
I, James Lacy, of Blount Co., Bradley County, Tennessee, do make and publish this to be my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

1<sup>st</sup>. I will that all my just debts be paid including funeral expenses.

2<sup>nd</sup>. I will, desire and by beath to my beloved wife Rebecca Lacy one-third of all my property, both real and personal for her use during the term of her natural lifetime or widowhood.

3<sup>rd</sup>. I will, desire and by beath to my son John Lacy one-third of all my property, both real and personal.

4<sup>th</sup>. I will, desire and by beath to my son John Lacy one-third of all of my property both real and personal as Trustee for the use of my son Julian Lacy, the said Julian Lacy is to have the rents and profits of the same. The reason I make this will in trust to John Lacy is because my son Julian Lacy shows a disposition to be extravagant and would probably lose the property. Now if at any time Julian shows a disposition to take care of the property then the said John Lacy at his discretion may make said property over to the said Julian Lacy and it is my request that the said Julian Lacy shall be kind and obedient to his mother and that she shall not furnish to Julian any of my means to squander and the said John Lacy is excluded from making bond as Trustee.

5<sup>th</sup>. At the death of my wife Rebecca Lacy, I will that the third she controls be divided equally between my two sons John and Julian Lacy.

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6th I hereby nominate and appoint John  
Lacy executor of this my last will and  
Testament and I hereby give him power  
to buy any lands which he may see proper  
using my means to do so. The same  
to be equally divided between him and  
my son Julius Lacy. I also give my son  
John power to use any timber or lumber  
that he may see proper.

I also give him power to sell and make  
deeds to my real estate in making distribution  
of his disbursement.

And I hereby excuse him from making  
bond as executor.

I hereunto set my hand and seal  
this the 26th day of November 1898.

James Lacy  
Witneses: { H. P. Denton  
Calvin Denton

Probate, July Term 1899.  
It appearing in open Court that James  
Lacy, late of Orange Co. Bracon, County,  
Tennessee, departed this life at his late  
residence in said County on or about  
the 31st of May 1898, leaving a will. And H. P.  
Denton presented in open Court a paper-  
writing purporting to be the last will and  
Testament of the said James Lacy, deceased  
and Calvin Denton and H. P. Denton  
attesting witnesses to said paper writing appeared  
in open Court and after being duly sworn  
deposed and say that they were present when  
the said James Lacy, deceased, signed said  
paper writing as his last will and Testament.

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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, signed said paper writing  
as attesting witnesses thereto, and that  
said Testator was of sound mind and  
disposing memory at the time of making  
said will.

Therefore the Court judges and decrees  
that said paper writing is as purports to  
be the last will and Testament of the  
said James Lacy, deceased, and the  
Court orders said will, together with this  
probate, spread & record upon the will  
Book of this Court.



# Will of Lydia Wallace

I, Lydia Wallace do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament and making and revoking all Wills made heretofore by me.

1st. I desire that my funeral expenses and all other debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may be possessor of or may first come into the hands of my executor & let him pay all of my indebtedness.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my Grandson George H. Wallace my house and lot and the lot south of the house known as garden lot I give to George H. Wallace.

3rd. I also give to George H. Wallace all my household & kitchen furniture except 1 set of Silver Knives & forks and 1 set of silver spoons & all of my wearing apparel that is all my clothing and 10 Dollars I give to Mary Lydia Linnay who is my Granddaughter.

4th. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint as my executor to act without bond as my last Will and Testament of H. Wallace executor. This the 31<sup>st</sup> day of Aug. 1898.

5th. I give to my son W. R. Wallace all monies left after paying my indebtedness.

I desire a shaft of stone put to my grave.

Lydia Wallace  
Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. This 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1898.

Witness R. E. Taylor  
Witness John Trunk.

# Codicil No. 1

Cleveland, Tennessee, August 31<sup>st</sup> 1898.

In my former Will made by me I wanted my son Charles Wallace to be the executor of that Will, but as he died August 17<sup>th</sup> 1898. I was obliged to appoint John Trunk to be the executor to act the same as I wanted my son Charles Wallace to act without bond.

Lydia Wallace

Witness

R. E. Taylor

Bessie Stokes

This the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1898.

# Probate. August Term 1899

It appearing to the Court that Lydia Wallace, late a resident citizen of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life at her late residence in said county and State on or about the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1898, and left a written Will, and John Trunk presented to the Court a paper writing, bearing date of August 31, 1898 purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Lydia Wallace deceased, and there appeared in open Court R. E. Taylor and John Trunk, subscribing witnesses to said paper writing, who, after being duly sworn, depose and say that they were present when the said Lydia Wallace made, published, and declared said paper writing to be her last Will and Testament and that she was of sound mind and disposing memory, and that the said Lydia Wallace signed said paper writing in their presence, and that they in her presence, and at her request, and in the presence of each other subscribed their names to said paper writing as attesting witnesses thereto. Also appeared R. E. Taylor and Bessie Stokes, subscribing

Witnesses to Codicil No 1, who after being duly sworn, depose and say that they were present when the said Lydia Wallace made, published and declared Codicil No 1 to be a part of her last Will and Testament, that she was of sound mind and disposing memory; that she signed the same in their presence, and that they at her request and in her presence, did in the presence of each other subscribe their names as attesting witnesses thereto. Thereupon the Court adjudges and decrees that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said Lydia Wallace, deceased, and the Court orders that said Will, together with this private be entered of record upon the Will Book of this Court.

The Will of Joseph E. Dyke of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee.

I, Joseph E. Dyke, being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife, Elizabeth Dyke, all of my lands, goods and chattels of every kind and nature, including all notes and money to be used and controlled by her for her comfort and support as long as she lives and remains single; and at her death the said property all lands, goods and chattels of every kind and nature including all notes and money, will go to my daughter, Kiziah Chambers, to be used and controlled by her as long as she lives, and at her death all the land and whatever remains of other goods, chattels, notes and money will be divided equally among all of her children.

I give and bequeath Fifty Dollars out of the estate to be used in buying and placing tombstones to the graves of myself and my wife. This must be done before the estate passes into the hands of the heirs.

I hereby appoint my wife, Elizabeth Dyke and John K. Seaborn Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the ninth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine.

his  
Joseph E. X Dyke.  
mark

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was subscribed by Joseph E. Dyke the testator in the presence of each of us, and was declared at the same time by him to be his last will and testament, and we at his request signed our names hereto as attesting witnesses This the 9, of April 1889.

J. B. Tabor,

Mike Baugh.

#### C O D I C I L.

My wife Elizabeth Dyke, shall serve as executor without being required to give bond.

Article 2. Also executor shall have one hundred dollars instead of fifty in the original will; also one square acre of ground in the North-east corner of my sage field for cemetery provided if the

family use it.

his  
Joseph E. Dyke  
mark

Signed, sealed, published 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.

This 17th of December, 1897.

Charles G. Johnston,

Witnesses;

Joseph N. Sims,

J. K. Seaborn.

PROBATE. JANUARY TERM, 1900.

It appearing to the Court that Joseph E. Dyke, late a citizen of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life at his late residence in said County and State, on or about the day of

, 1899, and that he died testate. And John K. Seabourn presented to the Court a paper-writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Joseph E. Dyke, deceased, and there also appeared in open Court Mike Baugh, one of the attesting witnesses to said paper-writing, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the said Joseph E. Dyke signed and acknowledged said paper-writing in his presence and in

the presence of the other attesting witness, J. B. Tabor, as his last will and testament, and that he and the said J. B. Tabor signed said paper-writing in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other, and at the request of the testator, as attesting witnesses thereto. It appears to the Court from the testimony of the said Mike Baugh that J. B. Tabor, one of the attesting witnesses to said will is out of the County and his testimony cannot be had.

Also appeared Charles G. Johnston and Joseph N. Sims, the attesting witnesses to the Codicil of said will, who being first duly sworn, depose and say that they were present when the said Joseph E. Dyke made and executed said Codicil, that he signed the same in their presence, and that they in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other, signed said Codicil as attesting witnesses thereto. Therefore, the Court orders, adjudge, and decrees that said paper-writing is

as it purports to be the last will and testament of the said Joseph E. Dyke, deceased, and the Court orders that said will and codicil, together with this probate, be entered of record upon the Will Book of this Court.

And it further appears to the Court from said will that John K. Seaborn is nominated and appointed as one of the executors of said will, but he appeared in open Court and declined to qualify as executor aforesaid.



X WILL OF JOHN B. HOYL.

I, John B. Hoyl, of Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee, being of sound, disposing mind and memory, do make, declare and publish this as my last Will and Testament revoking any and all former Wills by me made.

First: It is my wish and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my Executors as soon after my death as may be practicable.

Second: I will, bequeath, and devise to my beloved wife Mrs. Gussie Hoyl for and during the term of her natural life my house and lot in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee, being the house and lot wherein and wherever we reside and being a portion of lot No. 49 as laid down in the general plan of the said City of Cleveland fronting on Occee Street and running back with Inman Street to Church Street. I also give and bequeath to my said wife absolutely and without reservation Seventy-five Shares- each share of the denomination of one hundred Dollars, of the capital stock of the Cleveland National Bank, Cleveland, Tennessee, and also two hundred dollars of the capital stock of the Bank of Charleston doing business at Cleveland, Tennessee; and furthermore I give and bequeath to her all our household goods and kitchen furniture of every kind and description.

Third: I give, bequeath, and devise to our only child and son John B. Hoyl Jr., subject to the life estate therein described to my wife and his mother by the preceeding clause of this my Will, my house and lot aforesaid in Cleveland, Tennessee, and I also give and bequeath to our said son John B. Hoyl, Jr., Seventy five shares- each being of the denomination of one hundred dollar of the capital stock of the Cleveland National Bank, Cleveland, Tennessee, and I hereby appoint and constitute my beloved wife, Mrs. Gussie Hoyl, Trustee and Testamentary Guardian to take charge of and control said bank stock and the estate given under this Will to our said son and the proceeds thereof, and his education is committed to her care and she may exercise her discretion in caring for and educating him and in that behalf may expend whatever may be necessary of said fund and the proceeds thereof and I furthermore invest her with authority to exercise a sound discretion about paying over to our said son said

estate when he shall have attained his majority, and in case she shall consider it improper to then pay the same over to him she, at her discretion, may with hold it or any part of it and continue in management thereof.

Fourth: In case our said son John B. Hoyl, Jr. should depart this life before he shall have attained his majority then my wife is, and I so devise, that my beloved wife shall take and hold our said house and lot in Cleveland in which under the second item or clause of this Will she is given a life estate, in fee absolutely, and furthermore upon such contingency I will and bequeath to my <sup>said</sup> wife one half of the seventy-five shares in the Cleveland National Bank which I have herein given and bequeathed to our said son John B. Hoyl Jr. and in case of the death of our said son happening before he shall have attained majority I give and bequeath to my brothers L. C. Hoyl, J. D. HOyl, A. J. Hoyl, M. P. Hoyl, and my sister Susan E. Scoville share and share alike the remaining half of said stock in the Cleveland National Bank which I have given our said son.

Fifth: I invest my wife Mrs. Gussie Hoyl with power and authority in case she shall deem it to be for the best interest of herself and our said son to sell and convey the house and lot in Cleveland in which I have given her a life estate with remainder in fee to our said son and in the event she shall so sell and convey said house and lot I direct that the proceeds be invested by her in another house elsewhere as she may determine and the title thereto be taken to her for life with the remainder to our said son; and that it stand in the same plight and condition as to the ultimate disposition thereof as the original lot.

Sixth: I give, will and bequeath to my brothers and sister my stock in the First National Bank at Athens, McMinn County, Tennessee, as follows; to wit; to my brother L. C. Hoyl I give and bequeath eight hundred dollars of said capital stock and to my brothers James D. Hoyl, A. J. Hoyl, M. P. Hoyl and my sister Mrs. Susan E. Scoville One thousand dollars each of said capital stock - being altogether Forty-eight hundred dollars of said capital stock.

Seventh: I will, devise and bequeath to my Sister-in-law Mrs.

Low Hoyl, wife of my brother M. P. Hoyl, a tract of land containing about thirty-five acres in Terrell County, Georgia, situate about one mile from Dawson in said County and of which said tract of land M. P. Hoyl has had the possession for me for several years and the same being the only land which I own in said County and I make this devise to my said sister-in-law in recognition of her kindness to my afflicted brother A. J. Hoyl.

Eighth: I will, give and devise to my nephew L. C. Hoyl, Jr. in trust a vacant lot in the city of Atlanta, State of Georgia which I purchased Mrs. Kitchom in said city and which fronts on Whitehall Street in said city and for which I paid the sum of Two thousand Dollars. I give and devise to my said Nephew L. C. Hoyl, Jr., said lot in trust to manage and control and at such time as he may be able to obtain a fair and reasonable price therefor in his discretion, to sell and convey the same upon such terms as he may deem proper and after deducting legitimate expenses and reasonable compensation for his services I will and direct that he pay over the remainder of the proceeds to my brothers L. C. Hoyl, J. D. Hoyl, A. J. Hoyl, M. P. Hoyl and my sister Mrs. Susan E. Scoville, share and share alike and in case of the death of either of them I direct that his or her heirs-at-law take such interest as the decedent in case of survivorship would have taken under this and other clauses of this will. The lot in question is subject to the terms of a written agreement entered into between myself and L. C. Wells late of Atlanta, Georgia, wherein in substance it was provided that in consideration of the purchase by me as aforesaid and of other considerations said Wells in case of a loss sustained was to share and bear half the loss and if a profit was realized he was to have half of the profit out all of which will more clearly appear from said agreement.

Ninth: I hereby appoint and constitute my Nephew L. C. Hoyl, Jr., trustee to take charge of, manage and control the bequests and estate given under this Will to my afflicted brother A. J. Hoyl and request that he act such and exercise his best judgment and discretion in and about the same and in providing for my said brother and I allow and give him a liberal discretion in the execution of the trust.

Tenth: I will and devise that my debts and liabilities as surety

if any be charged upon the notes, accounts and dues of which I may die possessed, and that the same be collected and the debts and liabilities if any as aforesaid be paid thereupon and in case any balance from the same shall remain I give and bequeath the same to my son John B. Hoyl, Jr., to be taken charge of and to be managed and controlled by his mother as trustee and guardian aforesaid.

Eleventh: All the residue and remainder of my property real, personal and mixed I will, give, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Mrs. Gussie Hoyl, excepting my gold watch which I give to our son as a memento.

Twelfth: I hereby nominate, and institute and appoint my beloved wife Gussie Hoyl, Executrix, and Joseph E. Johnston, Executor, of this my last Will and Testament, and reposing in them as I do full confidence as to integrity and ability, I request that they be excused from entering into bond as otherwise required by law.

In witness whereof I have on this the 27th day of March, 1896, in the presence of the undersigned <sup>subscribing</sup> witnesses hereunto set and subscribed my name declaring this to be my last Will and Testament and they in my presence and in the presence of each other hereto subscribe their names as attesting witnesses.

John B. Hoyl.

S. J. Aiken.

P. B. Mayfield.

PROBATE, FEBRUARY TERM, 1900.

On this the 13th day of February, 1900, came into open Court Mrs. Gussie Hoyl and Joseph E. Johnston and presented for probate a certain script or paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John B. Hoyl, deceased, and came along with them S. J. Aiken and P. B. Mayfield whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to said script, and said Aiken and Mayfield having been first sworn according to law, depose and say that John B. Hoyl departed this life in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee, on the 9th day of February, 1900: that they are subscribing witnesses to said paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament aforesaid of said decedent; that their signatures thereto are genuine and that said decedent signed his name thereto as and for his last Will and Testament in their presence, and that they each and severally in his presence and at his instance and request and in the presence

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of each other subscribed their names as attesting witnesses to said last Will and Testament and that said decedent at the time of making said Will, to wit, on the 27th day of March, 1896, was possessed of sound disposing mind and memory. Therefore, the Court orders and adjudges that said paper writing be and is hereby admitted to probate as the last Will and Testament of John B. Hoyl, deceased, and that it be accordingly entered and enrolled of record in the proper Will Book. *(Minute Book 6 page 530) x*

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WILL OF ELIZA C. MAROON.  
I, Eliza C. Maroon of Bradley County, Tennessee, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made.

1st. I direct that all my just debts, including funeral expenses, be paid by my Executor.

2nd. I give, devise and bequeath unto my son S. W. Maroon, my only living child, all the personal property of which I may die seized and possessed of whatever kind or quality including all my household and kitchen furniture.

3rd. I give, devise and bequeath unto my said son all the realty of any kind of which I may die seized and possessed or of which I may or might hereafter become seized and possessed by inheritance or otherwise including a certain house and lot that I now own in the city of Chattanooga, Hamilton County, on the corner of Slayton and Green Streets.

4th. I hereby appoint as my Executor my said son S. W. Maroon, and having perfect confidence in his honesty and integrity, make him such Executor without bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this the 10th day of April, 1900.

E. C. Maroon.

Signed by the said Eliza C. Maroon as and for her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us the undersigned, who at her request, and in her sight and presence, have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses the day and date above written.

S. M. Thatch,

G. W. Thatch.

PROBATE. MAY TERM, 1900.

It appearing to the Court that Eliza C. Maroon, late a citizen of Bradley County, departed this life at her home in said County on the 26th day of April, 1900; and it also appearing from the testimony of S. M. Thatch, a subscribing witness to a paper writing produced in open Court by S. W. Maroon, dated on the 10th day of April, 1900, is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said Eliza C. Maroon, deceased; and it further appearing that S. W. Maroon is named as Executor without bond, and he having sworn to faithfully perform



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said Will, it is, therefore, ordered by the court that he be clothed with all the powers and charged with all the duties pertaining to the execution of the said will, and that the Clerk of this Court issue Letters Testamentary accordingly.

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WILL OF SOLOMON COLLETT.

In the name of God, I, Solomon Collett of the 3rd Dist. of Bradley County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish my last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my 2 sons John and Wilson and my grand son Henry my entire real estate of 79 acres of land and appurtenances thereto to be divided equally, and that they pay my son Andrew Fifty Dollars, and Louisa Hughes my daughter Fifteen Dollars, provided she outlives me, and my grand daughter Manerva Five Dollars, that my wife Martha receive of the rents of the land 30 bushels of corn and 10 bushels of wheat annually so long as she remains my widow, and that my individual household goods and furniture be divided equally among my children, that Wilson stays where he now lives, and that my wife Martha stay where we now live and have all my personal property.

I do appoint Henry Collett Executor of my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I sign this Will in presence of witnesses ~~BE~~ named below.

This the 24th July, 1899.

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Solomon X Collett.  
mark

Signed in our presence day and date above written.

Attest: J. A. Lacy, Joseph Epperson.

PRBATE. MARCH TERM, 1900.

It appearing to the Court that Solomon Collett, late a resident citizen of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life testate on or about the 4th day of February, 1900, and Henry Collett presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Solomon Collett, deceased, and came along with him J. L. Lacy and Joseph Epperson, the attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were present when the said Solomon Collett executed said Paper writing 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, signed said paper writing as attesting witnesses thereto, and that the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of making said Will. Therefore, the Court is of opinion and so adjudges and decrees that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said Solomon Collett, deceased, and orders said

Will spread of record upon the Will Book of this Court, together with this probate.

W I L L O F B. N. McKinney.

State of Tennessee, Bradley County. March 10, 1898.

I B. N. McKinney being in good health of body and the right exercise of mind do make this my last Will and Testament.

(1) It is my will that the Lord take my soul and body and use me to his glory and when done with me on earth take me to himself. Amen.

(2) It is my will that my grand son J. N. McKinney have a certain parcel or tract of land lying in Bradley County Second district which I bought of the Bain heirs bounded on the east by Bain on South by Coffee on the west by Carpenter and on the North by the said J. N. McKinney the said J. N. McKinney is to have said land at my death provided he pays his brothers Tom McKinney Sam McKinney Charley McKinney John McKinney Henry McKinney each twelve dollars as they become twenty one years old though none to be paid till one year after my death all without interest. If the said J. N. McKinney refuses or neglects to pay said amount then the land of said farm lying on the south of the branch running through said farm is to be sold and the proceeds to be divided among the boys and the said J. N. McKinney to have all of said land on the North of said branch.

(3) It is my will that my son William N. McKinney have twenty acres off of the east end of my home farm if I make him a deed to said land during my life then kills this part of this Will.

(4) It is my will that my wife M. J. McKinney have all the balance of my land with all of my personal property during her lifetime however I wish all my liabilities to be paid out of my personal property at my wifes death I wish the remainder of my land and property to be divided among my son William and his heirs

B. N. McKinney. (Seal)

Test.

M. D. Frazier

G. W. Wright.

P R O B A T E. J U L Y 6, 1 8 9 0.

It appearing to the Court that B. N. McKinney, late a resident citizen of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life testate at his late residence in said County, and J. N. McKinney presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said B. N. McKinney, deceased, and along with him came M. D. Frazier and G. W. Wright, attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who, after first being duly sworn, deposed and said that the said B. N. McKinney was dead, and that before his death he signed said paper writing in their presence, or acknowledged his signature to said paper writing in the presence of each of them, and that each of them signed said paper writing in the presence of the testator and at his request, and that the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time at the time he made said will. Therefore, the Court orders, adjudges and decrees that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and testament of the said B. N. McKinney, deceased, and the Court orders that said Will, together with this probate, be entered of record upon the Will Book of this Court.

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WILL OF ALEXANDER CULTON.

Know all men by these presents that I Alexander Culton 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.

Item 1st. I direct my Executor hereinafter appointed to pay my funeral expenses and my just debts out of the first money coming into his hands.

Item 2nd. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan Culton the house and lot in Charleston where we now live to be hers absolutely in fee together with all of the house hold and kitchen furniture in the same at my death.

Item 3rd. Having during my lifetime made ample provision for J. M. Culton, C. C. Culton, Henry C. Culton, and Emma Bryant in the way of money advanced each of them they are not to receive any thing more from my estate.

Item 4th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Nannie Bryant the wife of W. M. Bryant my one half undivided interest in the grocery business of Hall and Culton in Cleveland Tennessee and said half interest is to held by her free from the debts obligations and liabilities of her present or any future husband.

Item 5th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Sallie Edwards one half interest in my brick store house and lot located in Charleston formerly the Post-office building.

Item 6th. I will and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Maryline Bates one half interest in my brick store house and lot in Charleston known as the post office building.

Item 7th. The property bequeathed in items 5 & 6 of my will is the entire portion of my estate going to my daughter Sallie Edwards and the heirs of my daughter Maryline Bates and these parties can use their own pleasure as to how this property shall be divided by sale or otherwise.

Item 8th. Having and reposing full confidence in the honesty and integrity of my friend H. H. Knox I hereby constitute and appoint him as Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this October 13th 1897.

A. Culton.

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Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator and at his request.

This October 13th 1897.

D. S. Bowman

John L. Smith

PROBATE. JULY 30, 1900.

It appearing to the Court that A. Culton, late a citizen of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life testate, at his late residence in Charleston, Bradley County, Tennessee, on or about the day of July, 1900, and J. M. Culton presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A. Culton, deceased, and asked that the same be admitted to probate, and along with him came John L. Smith one of the attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who being duly sworn, deposed and said that he, the said John L. Smith, wrote said paper writing at the request of the testator, and that he and D. S. Bowman, the other attesting witness, were present and saw the said A. Culton sign said paper writing as and for his last Will and Testament, and that they at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other, signed said paper writing as attesting witnesses thereto, and that the testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of making said will. The said John L. Smith further testified that the said D. S. Bowman, the other attesting witness to said paper writing, was out of the State of Tennessee, and that his testimony could not be had, but that he was present and saw said witness sign his name as attesting witness thereto, and that his signature was genuine. Therefore, the Court adjudges and decrees that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said A. Culton, deceased, and the Court orders that said Will, together with this probate, be entered of record upon the Will Book of this Court.



## WILL OF W. M. MORELOCK.

State of Tennessee, County of Bradley. This the 23rd day of June 1900.

L. W. M. Morelock being of sound mind do this day execute this as my Will for the benefit of my wife and family, and to save the cost and trouble of winding up my estate by Administration. I therefore bequeath to my wife Sarah L. Morelock all my personal property to have and control sell or convey as she has need for her use and the use of the family and other purposes as her judgment may direct and it is my will that she shall manage and control the Real Estate and have the proceeds of the same as long as she lives. And I further appoint her as the Executrix of this will without bond in witness whereof I set my hand seal day day and date above written.

Witnessed

W. M. Morelock.

L. McNabb

A. C. McNabb.

PROBATE. AUGUST 6, 1900.

It appearing to the Court that W. M. Morelock, late of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life on or about the day of July, 1900, testate, and Sarah L. Morelock, wife of the said W. M. Morelock, presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said W. M. Morelock, deceased, and asked that said paper writing be admitted to probate; and along with her came L. McNabb and A. C. McNabb, attesting witnesses to said paper writing, and after being duly sworn, depose and say that they are the attesting witnesses to said paper writing; that they were present when the said W. M. Morelock signed said paper writing as and for his last Will and Testament, and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at said time; that they as attesting witnesses to said paper writing, signed the same at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other. Therefore, the Court is of the opinion and so adjudges and decrees that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said W. M. Morelock, deceased, and the Court orders that said Will be entered of record upon the Will Book of this Court, together with this probate.

## WILL OF NANCY HANCOCK.

I Nancy Hancock of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee knowing the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of death and being sound in mind and in common good health do make, publish, declare this my last Will and Testament revoking all others.

1st. I will and bequeath that all my just debts and funeral expenses paid.

2nd. I will and bequeath to my son M. G. Hancock one bed and necessary bed clothing, one clock, it being the clock I bought from Jno. D. Hancock.

3rd. I will and bequeath to my son M. F. Hancock one feather bed.

4th. I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Johnson my wearing clothes and the balance of the bed clothing.

5th. I will and bequeath to my son M. G. Hancock all the real estate that I die seized and possessed of.

6th. I do hereby appoint and nominate my son Layfaitt Hancock the Executor of this my last Will and Testament and trust that he will see this will carried out as herein set forth and in the event he is dead at my death or does not qualify as my Executor as required by law, then I trust the County Court of Bradley County Tennessee will appoint some suitable man as the Executor of this my last will and testament.

This the 4th day of September 1887. I hereto set my hand and seal.

Her  
Nancy X Hancock (Seal)  
Mark

Witnessed at the request of Nancy Hancock.

W. F. Wimberly,

Rozela Vest.

PROBATE. AUGUST 6, 1900.

It appearing to the Court that Nancy Hancock, late of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life testate, and M. G. Hancock presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Nancy Hancock, deceased, and along with him came W. F. Wimberly, one of the attesting witnesses to said paper writing, and after being duly sworn, deposed and said that he was present and saw the said Nancy Hancock sign her name to said paper writing as and for her last will and testament, and the other attesting witness was also present and saw the testator sign her name to said paper writing, and that he and the other attesting witness, Rozela Vest, who has since departed this life, signed said paper writing at the request and in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other and the

said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of making said Will. Rozela Vest, the other attesting witness, being dead, her testimony cannot be had. Therefore the Court is of the opinion that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said Nancy Hancock, deceased, and so adjudges and decrees. And the Court orders that said Will be entered of record upon the Will Book of this Court, together with this probate.

# WILL OF MARY N. RATLIFF.

I, Mary N. Ratliff of the town of Charleston, 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:

First. That all of my debts and funeral expenses be first fully paid.

Second. That tombstones be put at the graves of my father, mother, brother, sister and my own graves and also an iron fence around them.

Third. That my Uncle W. L. Hambright to have one third of my farm lying in the 1st District of Polk County, Tennessee, and my Aunt Hettie Hambright to have one third of said farm, and my Uncle F. A. Hambright to have one sixth of said farm and my Uncle J. M. Hambright to have one sixth of said farm.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my Uncles F. A. Hambright and W. L. Hambright my Executors. In witness whereof I have set my hand. This the sixth day of July, 1900.

Mary N Ratcliff.

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator. This the sixth day of July 1900.

M. J. S. Nichol  
Lizzie Black.

PROBATE. SEPTEMBER 3, 1900.

Came into open Court F. A. Hambright, and suggested the death of Mary N. Ratliff, who departed this life testate, on or about the day of , 1900; and the said F. A. Hambright presented the Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Mary N. Ratcliff, deceased, and asked the Court to admit said paper-writing to probate as the last Will and testament of the said Mary N. Ratliff, deceased, and came into open Court M. J. S. Nichol and Lizzie Black, the attesting witnesses to said Paper-writing, who, after being duly sworn, deposed and said that they were present when the said testator signed said paper-writing as and for her last Will and Testament, and that they signed the same at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other as attesting witnesses thereto, and that said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of making said Will. It is, therefore, ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said paper-writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said Mary N. Ratliff, deceased, and the Court orders that said Will, together with this probate, be entered of Record upon the Will Book of this Court.

## WILL OF W. D. JONES.

State of Tennessee, Bradley County.

This the last Will and Testament of W. D. Jones.

This the 30th day of July 1898.

I therefore realizing the uncertainty of life, have this day while in sound mind executed this will as my wish in the settlement of my affairs as regards my estate, both personal and real. Therefore having the utmost confidence in my wife, M. E. Jones, I leave all of my property both personal and real in her care and control for use of herself and children to manage the same as freely and fully as I would, to buy and sell for the use of the family (except the real estate) any or all of said property as in her judgment seems best.

I also give her the control of the real estate to manage, cultivate, rent, or lease and use the proceeds of the same for the use of the family as her judgment seems fit and proper as long as she remains a widow and in case of remarriage, I bequeath to her 1/4 one fourth of my entire estate including a life policy of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) in the Home Benefit Order, of Chicago, Ill. and made payable to her, the same if used by her for her own personal benefit to be charged up against her one fourth of said estate, but if used in common with other property there shall be no act taken of it in case of a divide. In case of a remarriage, I will that the remainder of said estate be equally divided between my three children, Burton Jones, Maggie C. Jones, and J. W. Jones, after said one fourth is deducted for the benefit of my said wife as above provided, but in case of my wife's remaining single she is to retain possession and control of said estate as long as she lives, with the privilege of turning to any or all of said children such amounts as in her judgment seems proper, said amount to be charged up against their part said estate in the final settlement.

I also give my wife the power to sell one hundred acres of land off of the north end of the home place for the benefit of the children, if in her judgment it is best with the power to deed and convey the same in fee simple. I further provide that if in case any one of my children takes care of my wife in old age or affliction, they shall be compensated for the same out of the estate before the final division of the same. I further give my wife full power to make all settlements and sign all receipts or papers necessary to

the settlement of my business and the same shall be as full and lawful as if signed by me.

My further wish is to have all of my children treated as near alike as possible to this end I appoint my wife Executrix of this my last will without bond.

Committing my wife and children to the care of God and my soul to his keeping.

Witness

W. D. Jones.

Burton Jones

J. H. Jones

PROBATE. NOVEMBER 24, 1900.

It appearing to the Court that W. D. Jones, late a citizen of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life testate in said County, on or about the 18th day of November, 1900, and came into open Court Mrs M. E. Jones, wife of the said W. D. Jones, deceased, and presented to the Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said W. D. Jones, deceased, and asked the Court that said paper writing be admitted to probate as and for the last Will and Testament of said decedent; and Burton Jones and J. H. Jones, the attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who, after first being duly sworn, deposed and said that they were present and saw the said W. D. Jones sign said paper writing as and for his last Will and Testament, and that they signed the same at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other, as attesting witnesses thereto, and that the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of signing said paper writing, which said paper writing bears date of July 30, 1898. Therefore, the Court is of opinion and so orders, adjudge and decrees that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said W. D. Jones, deceased, and the Court orders that said Will, together with this probate, be entered of record on the Will Book of this Court.



## WILL OF JOHN K. SEABORN.

I, John K. Seaborn of Bradley County, Tennessee, being of sound mind, and mindful of the uncertainty of life, make this my last Will and Testament: I give, devise and bequeath all my estate and property, real, personal and mixed in Tennessee and Texas and wherever located, to my wife, Martha J. Seaborn, during her widowhood as my relict, and after her death, or upon her re-marriage, all of said estate to go equally to my three children, namely, James T. Seaborn, John H. Seaborn, and Joseph W. Seaborn.

It is my desire and intent to invest my said wife, under her own discretion, and for her own benefit, with the right to sell and dispose of any and all personal and real property belonging to my estate, and to settle and adjust all my just debts, and legal obligations and contracts. In the event that my said wife shall find it necessary or advisable to sell our home farm in Tennessee where we now live, she shall, after paying all my liabilities, invest the proceeds in land in the State of Texas.

I appoint the said Martha J. Seaborn sole Executrix of this Will, without bond, with full power and authority to transact all business pertaining to my estate, with power as said Executrix to purchase and sell personal and land, and to make, execute and deliver all proper deeds and conveyances therewith connected.

In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my Will, at my house, Bradley County, Tennessee on this 25 day of February 1899.

John K. Seaborn (Seal)

The said John K. Seaborn at his house on said date signed and sealed this instrument, and published and declared the same as and for his last Will. And we, at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

S. D. Ottinger,

S. L. Hysinger.

PROBATE. JANUARY 9, 1901.

It appearing to the Court that John K. Seaborn, late of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life at his late residence in said County, on the day of December, 1900, and Martha J.

Seaborn, his widow, appeared in open Court and suggested the death of John K. Seaborn, and presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said John K. Seaborn, deceased, and asked that the same be admitted to probate; and came along with her S. D. Ottinger and S. L. Hysinger, the attesting witnesses to said paper writing, who after having been first duly sworn, deposed and said that they were present and saw the said John K. Seaborn sign said paper writing as and for his last will and testament, and that they at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed said paper writing as attesting witnesses thereto, and that the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of making said Will.

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of the said John K. Seaborn, deceased, and the Court orders that said Will be entered of record in the Will Book of this Court, together with this probate.

WILL OF MEREDITH CHEEK.

I, Meredith Cheek of Bradley County of the 10th Civil District and State of Tenn., being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, to wit: First. All my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first fully paid..

Second. I give, devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal to the M. E. Church for Missionary purposes. If I should marry this will would be all null and void.

Third. In this Will I want Grave stones to my grave and Mother's and brother Joe's grave and his two children at the price of Six Dollars each. Mother's one grade higher.

I nominate and appoint Jesse Wells to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto my hand and seal, this 7th day of January, 1901.

Meredith Cheek (Seal).

Witnesses:

J. E. Wells (Seal)

W. L. Atchley (Seal).

PROBATE. JANUARY 15, 1901.

It appearing to the Court that Meredith Cheek, late a resident citizen of Bradley County, Tennessee, departed this life at his late residence in said County, and a paper writing was presented to the Court as and for the last Will and Testament of the said Meredith Cheek, deceased, and the same was asked to be admitted to probate as such, and Jesse Wells and W. L. Atchley, the attesting witnesses to said paper writing, appeared in open Court, and after having been first duly sworn, deposed and said that they were present when the said Meredith Cheek signed said paper writing as and for his last Will, and that they at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed said paper writing as attesting witnesses thereto, and that the testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time he signed said paper writing

It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said paper writing is as it purports to be the last Will and Testa

ment of the said Meredith Cheek, deceased, and the Clerk is ordered to enter the same on the Will Book of this Court, together with this probat

## WILL OF M. H. WALKER.

I, M. H. Walker, of Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making null and void any and all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First. I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any monies first coming into the hands of my Executrix hereinafter named.

Second: I give, will and bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Cordie Walker my entire estate both real, personal and mixed of every kind and description and wherever situate. To have and to hold the same to her the said Cordie Walker, her heirs and assigns absolutely in fee simple, with full power to sell and dispose of the same at any time and in any way she may desire to see proper to do. The real estate herein bequeathed and devised to my said wife Cordie Walker is described as follows, to wit: Lying and being situate in Hamilton County, Tennessee, viz.: Lot Fifty-six (56) McCulloughs subdivision of Blocks Eleven (11) and Eight (8), Huddle Farm as per plat in Register's Office Plat Book No. one (1) page Eleven (11), fronting forty-three (43) feet on South side of Ford Street and extending Southwardly of uniform width one hundred and thirty-five (135) feet. To have and to hold the same to her the said Cordie Walker, her heirs and assigns, absolutely in fee simple forever, and the said Cordie Walker is given full power to sell and dispose of said real estate at any time and in any way she may see proper to do, and an absolute fee simple title to said real estate is vested in her.

Third. I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife, Cordie Walker, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and having full faith and confidence in her honesty and integrity it is my will that no bond be required of her as such Executrix, and that she be not required to report to or make any report of her actions as such Executrix to any Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 2nd day of February, 1901.

M. H. Walker, (Seal).

Signed and sealed, as and for the last Will and Testament, in

our presence and in the presence of each other, and we the undersigned, at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses on the day and date first above written.

S. J. Aiken,

J. R. McFarland.

PROBATE. FEBRUARY 6, 1901.

Be it remembered that on this the 6th day of February, 1901, before D. N. Kelley, Chairman of the County Court of Bradley County, Tennessee, Cordie Walker, the person named as Executrix therein, produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will of M. H. Walker, lately deceased, bearing date of February 2nd, 1901, having the name of M. H. Walker signed thereto, and being subscribed by S. J. Aiken and J. R. McFarland as attesting witnesses, and moved the Court that the same be admitted to probate and record as the last Will of the said M. H. Walker, deceased, and it appearing to the Court from the testimony of the said S. J. Aiken, one of the subscribed witnesses, was written in the lifetime of the said M. H. Walker and signed by him and subscribed in his presence and at his request by the said S. J. Aiken and J. R. McFarland as attesting witnesses, and that said instrument was executed by the said M. H. Walker on the day it bears date as and for his last Will and Testament, and that he was at the time of sound mind and disposing memory; and it further appearing that the said M. H. Walker lately died in Bradley County, Tennessee, and that his usual place of residence at the time of his death was in said County, it is so adjudged. And it is adjudged and decreed by the Court that said instrument is the true, whole and last Will and Testament of the said M. H. Walker, deceased, and the Clerk is directed to file and record the same.