

# Will of J. W. Green

J. W. Green of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee, being in delicate health but of sound mind and disposing memory in view of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs, and directing how the estate with which has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my decease while I have strength and capacity to do so do make publish and declare this as my last Will and Testament:

1<sup>st</sup> and first I commend my immortal being to Him who governs and my body to the Earth to be buried decently.

My will is that all my funeral expenses shall by my executor be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as to them may be convenient.

When my beloved wife Susan R. Green formerly Susan R. Cox obtained her money from her parents estate I took the same amounting to Eight hundred Dollars and imputed it in what is known as the Mill property. I am desirous that the same \$800<sup>00</sup> shall be paid back to her and I direct that amount be made a charge upon my estate and to be paid out of a sale of my real estate for that purpose whenever my said shall so desire it.

After all my just debts are paid I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan R. Green all of my personal moneys & real estate wherever located & especially the Mill property the Home farm and the 160<sup>0</sup> Acre tract near the Hunt farm or Stampus farm to have and use for herself

exclusively during her natural life and at her death the said property shall be divided equally between my children except Alexander Green who shall not share in my Estate for the reason that I have paid out for him and on his account as much or more than his share in my estate would amount to.

I nominate and appoint William H. Pilkington my executor to execute this my last will and Testament and I direct that he be released from giving bond as I have confidence in his honesty & integrity. In Testimony whereof now having performed this the most solemn act of my life by making a disposition of all my worldly effects as I know how and as seems to me right, I have on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1884 set my name and affixed my seal to this my last Will & Testament revoking all former wills & Codicils in the presence of the undersigned witnesses who attest the same at my request and in my presence & in the presence of each other.

Attesting Witness:  
W. H. Lanson  
J. A. Johnston  
A. B. Blankinship

J. W. Green

# Will of James C. Hays

In the name of God Amen  
I James C. Hays being Sord in mind  
but feeble in health and knowing the  
uncertainty of life and the certainty of death.  
Do make and publish this my last will and  
Testament hereby revoking all former wills  
by me made at any time whatever.

1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that after my death  
my body be buried in a decent and respect-  
table manner.

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and desire that my beloved wife  
Lemuel C. Hays & my Son Joseph A. Hays  
take charge and control of all my property  
Real personal & chose in action and all property  
of every kind and description whatever, and  
apply all the proceeds arising there from  
to the support of my family as well as the  
family of the said Joseph A. Hays, and the  
remainder apply to the discharge of all my debts  
of my kind until all my debts are paid.

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will and desire that when all my  
debts are paid that should any of my children  
desire to leave the family, that my said  
wife & Son Joseph A. at their discretion lay off &  
set apart to said child his or her  
share of my property if the same can be  
done by consent, and if it cannot be done  
by consent, then it is not to be done at all  
only as hereafter provided.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my desire and will that if at any time  
the said Joseph A. should leave the family  
or refuse to act as herein requested, then it  
is my will and desire that my said wife  
take charge and control and management

of my entire property remaining and use control  
and manage the same as she may think  
best. And make distribution and division of  
the same among and between all my children  
whenever she may desire to do so, but in no  
wise bound or to do only by her own discretion  
it being my intention when all my debts are  
paid, that my said wife have all my  
property to hold use and make distribution  
of as she may please or desire.

5<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that no administra-  
tion whatever be granted on my estate.  
And that my said wife & Son Joseph A.  
set and carry out this my will without  
being required to give or execute any bond  
or security whatever, and I hereby release  
them from giving bond & security.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
signed my name and fixed my seal  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1883

Signed sealed and published J. C. Hays  
in our presence and we have  
each signed the same as  
Witnesses in the presence of the  
Testator and at his Request  
and request.

A. J. Trembitt  
Wm. Trembitt

# Will of Dudley Harvey

I Dudley Harvey of Bradley County Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, make this my last will and testament and publish it hereby revoking all others,

1<sup>st</sup> I will that all my just debts be paid also burial expenses as soon after my death as it can reasonably be done.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will that the house hold and kitchen property & furniture that I die possessed of, except the sewing machine, the Rifle gun, the Book case and I leave on it, and the Walnut table on which it stands, and iron bedsteads bedding & bedclothes be going to them go to my Grand daughter Sophia Emaline Harvey.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will that soon as possible after my death, all of the remainder of my personal property be sold except what is bequeathed to Sophia Emaline, by my Executor at public sale and out of the proceeds, my burial expenses and just debts be paid. Said personal property consists of horses, hogs, cattle, sheep, mules, farming & blacksmith tools, a mower and a grain drill, and hay rake. Some of land not divided or divided be sold by executor and whatever proceeds remain after paying expenses and debts be agreeably divided among my heirs.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and devise the forty acres of land I bought from Samuel Stewart described as the North East corner of the South East quarter of Section 18 Township 2 Range 1 East of the Base Line Cove District to Andrew J. Harvey also the West half of 40 Acres out of the land I bought of G.B. Thompson described as the South West corner of the North West

quarter of section 28 Township 3 Range 1 West of the Base Line Cove District. The half amount of 20 acres - the West half of said 40 acres.

I will and devise to John C. Harvey the East half of 40 acres out of the land I bought of G.B. Thompson described as the South West corner of the North West quarter of section 28 Township 3 Range 1 West of the Base Line Cove District being the East 20 acres of said 40 acres. Also the North half of the 20 acres I bought from Dr. R. R. Ramsey described as the West half of the South East quarter of section 30 Township 2 Range 1 East of the Base Line Cove District.

I will and devise to Hannah Eliza Palmer 44 acres off of Wife of Elbert S. Palmer Forty acres off of the East side of the land I bought from Dr. P. & Sarah B. Kaye. Also twenty rods which making ten acres lying broadside along the three acres of the North West corner of the South West of section 18 Township 2 Range 1 East of the Base Line making with the three acres decided to him thirteen acres.

I will and devise to Bekey Jane Mattenburger wife of Adam Mattenburger the South half of the West half of the South West quarter of section 27 Township 2 Range 1 East of the Base Line Cove District, containing 40 acres. Also the North East corner of the North West quarter of section 23 Township 3 Range 1 West of the Base Line Cove District all in Bradley County Tennessee.

I will and devise to the children and heirs I. B. Harvey deceased Forty acres off of the Bridgman tract 40 rods wide and 160 rods long lying through the center of the tract. Also the seven acres left of the 20 acres milled above to Hannah Eliza Palmer.

I will and devise to Sarah McShellan wife of R. H. McShellan 40 acres off of the West side of the land I bought from R. P. & Sarah Hays. Also ten acres off of the north end of the 20 acres I bought from Allison described as the North East corner of the South half of the North East quarter of Section 30 Township 2 Range 1 East of the Basis Line Owen District. There being left about 15 feet between this tract and L. P. Harvey's here and also between this tract and that of Anninda wife of John Hawk for a road.

I will and devise an equal share to Luther Eldon Hattie & David Hawk children and heirs of Anninda Hawk deceased former wife of John Hawk, the South East corner of the South East quarter of Section 19 Township 2 Range 1 East of the Basis Line Owen District. Also 35 acres of land described as lying in Section 25 Township 3 Range 1 West of the Basis Line beginning at the North East corner of said quarter running West 140 Poles thence South 40 Poles to the beginning corner. Also ten acres lying in Section 30 East of the Basis line Township 2 Range 1 beginning at the North West corner of said quarter running East 40 Poles thence South 40 Poles thence West 40 Poles thence North 40 Poles to the beginning corner all in the Owen District Bradley County Tennessee.

I will and devise to my grand daughter Sophia Emaline Harvey the following described land to wit: Seventy acres more or less off of the South end of Section 24 Township 3 Range 1 West of the Basis Line Owen District. Also the West half of the South West corner of the South West quarter of Section 19 Township 2 Range 1 East of the Basis Line Owen District containing 20 acres all in Bradley County Tennessee.

12<sup>th</sup> I hereby warrant and appoint my sons in law R. H. McShellan and Albert S. Palmer my Executors to carry out and execute this my last will and testament. Signed sealed executed and published this March 14<sup>th</sup> 1884

John W. Ramsey } Dudley H. Harvey }  
E. O. Ramsey } Son-in-law

I Dudley Harvey of Bradley County and State of Tennessee do make and publish this Codicil to my last will, which was made and published March the 14, 1884. I hereby revoke cancel and amend the 5<sup>th</sup> item of said will which devised a 20 acre tract and a 40 acre tract of land to my son John E. Harvey, and describing said tracts. I revoke and cancel and amend this fifth section on account of his undutiful and unjust treatment to me, and by this Codicil I will to said John E. Harvey the judgment of \$411.52 I recovered against him before J. C. Still a Justice of the Peace for Bradley County Tennessee about Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1884, and if I did possessed of any property personal or real that is not willed or specifically devised in this will or Codicil, I will that said property or the proceeds of it if sold be divided equally among my other heirs excluding the said John E. Harvey from any share in it except the share named judgment against himself. Signed sealed executed and published this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1884

John W. Ramsey } Dudley H. Harvey }  
E. O. Ramsey } Son-in-law

State of Tennessee  
 Bradley County } Before the County Court of said  
 County on this the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
 of December 1884 came John W. Ramsey and  
 E. D. Ramsey, and presented to the Court a paper  
 purporting to be the last will and Testament  
 of Dudley Harvey who was a citizen of Bradley  
 County and died in said County Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 1884,  
 leaving assets in said County, and said  
 John W. Ramsey and E. D. Ramsey being duly  
 sworn say on oath that they were present  
 when said Dudley Harvey signed and pub-  
 lished the paper presented as his last will  
 and Testament and also the Ordinal to it  
 and that each of us signed as witnesses  
 at his request and in his presence and  
 in the presence of each other, and  
 that he was of sound mind and mem-  
 ory, and that he was over 21 years  
 of age.

Sworn to and subscribed John W. Ramsey  
 before me this the 1<sup>st</sup> E. D. Ramsey  
 day of December 1884  
 J. Frazier  
 Clerk

# Will of Robert Lee

State of Tennessee  
 Bradley County } I Robert Lee of the 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist.  
 of Bradley County Tennessee do by  
 these presents, make and publish this my Last  
 will and Testament hereby revoking all other  
 wills ever made by me in the name of Robert Lee.

1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that after my death all my  
 just debts be paid, and that my funeral expenses  
 be paid first out of my effects

2<sup>nd</sup> I will unto my son Jesse Cunningham Lee five  
 dollars he Jesse C. Lee having heretofore received his  
 distributive share of all my effects, both real and  
 personal

3<sup>rd</sup> I will unto Bliford Lee five dollars he having  
 heretofore received his distributive share of all  
 my effects both real and personal,

4<sup>th</sup> I will unto the following persons to wit: to  
 share alike in all my personal and real effects  
 after my death to wit John Lee wife William Lee  
 Burrell Lee Aaron Lee Russell Lee Thomas Lee  
 Martha Lee Nancy Seaton and Mary Hirsch the  
 above named here except the two first named in  
 my will are to share and share alike in all my  
 effect after my death both personal and real

5<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint William Lee  
 executor of this my last will and Testament,  
 and it is my will and desire that he carry out my  
 will as herein stated, and that he William Lee  
 Executor & sell at private or public sale all of my  
 effects, real and personal effect, and that he  
 divide the proceeds equally among my heirs

6<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that my daughter  
 Martha Lee have set apart for her self first 20  
 bushels of Corn or 6 bushels of Wheat, 2 small hogs  
 and also 20 pounds of Lard and a suitable share <sup>and</sup>

In testimony whereof I have on this day  
hereunto set my hand and seal, this 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1844,

Witness  
Thomas Batt  
J. A. Wickham  
Joseph W. Hicken

Robert Lee <sup>Seal</sup>

### Will of Thomas Batt

I Thomas Batt do make and publish this as my  
last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making  
void all other wills by me at any other time made,

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts  
be paid as soon after my death as possible out of  
any monies that I may die seized and possessed  
of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Batt all  
of my estate that is coming to me from my Grand  
Father Bennett Cooper

3<sup>rd</sup> I do hereby nominate and appoint James E. Kirby  
for my executor without giving bond,

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand  
and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1842

signed sealed and published  
in our presence and we have  
subscribed our names here to  
in the presence of the Testator this  
the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1842

J. A. Wickham  
J. E. Snufford

Thomas <sup>his</sup> Batt  
mark

### Will of David McCrosky

1<sup>st</sup> I David McCrosky being of sound mind and  
disposing memory do make and publish this my  
last will and Testament.

I will and bequeath my soul to God and my  
body to mother earth.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet  
McCrosky the following personal property, my horse  
George my horse Charley, and if either of these should  
die during my lifetime so is to have one in their  
stead, Ten head of cows, Ten head of sheep,  
Two milk cows and calves,  
My wagon and buggy with the harness belonging  
to each, and all the farming tools on hand and  
and all the kitchen furniture including the stove  
The household furniture to be respectively divided  
between my wife and three daughters to wit:  
Mary C. Sarah M. and Malinda A. McCrosky  
each knowing their own individual rights.

The balance of my personal property not included  
in the above bequest to be sold to the best advan-  
tage either public or private sale.

It is my will and desire, that my five single  
children to wit: Spencer C. Mary C. Sarah M. Malinda  
A. and William L. McCrosky have the use of the old  
house stand in Senior County during their single  
lives, by paying a reasonable rent on the same  
and that they have all the interest, both personal  
and real of Mary C. McCrosky for taking care  
of her during her life.

It is my will and desire that to avoid expenses as  
much as possible that my executor rent out  
my farm in Senior County, always giving  
my five named children to wit: S. C. M. L.  
Sarah M. and Malinda A. the preference, and  
if they have more than they can manage,  
they can let my son David McCrosky have  
the balance by his estimating the same and

and paying rent on the same, My Executors to  
 rent the said lands to the best advantage, and  
 after paying of the taxes, and incidental expenses  
 they are to divide the rents, and the proceeds of  
 the rents, if it is to the best interest of all to do so  
 between the following named heirs to wit:-  
 My wife Harriet M. Crosby, D. O. Crosby Louisa  
 N. B. Crosby, Rachel C. Ball formerly R. B. Crosby  
 and my present wife children to wit. Harriet C. &  
 Andrew L. Edgar C. and Agnes A. R. M. Crosby, and  
 the above named five to wit. Mary C. Spencer C.  
 Sarah M. Melinda A. and M. L. M. Crosby, and  
 then on all to be equal in the distribution of the same.  
 My son C. E. M. Crosby is not to have any interest  
 whatever in my personal or real estate he being  
 largely indebted to me. One note for \$1348.50 due  
 the 1st of September 1842 and other for \$587.34 due  
 3rd of August 1842 besides 3 or 4 about the same time  
 that he owes me has not for

14th It is my will that my real estate in Severdunmy  
 continue to be rented as before directed until my  
 five named children become of age, then to be  
 sold to the best advantage, and the proceeds  
 divided amongst my heirs above named.  
 Harriet my present wife provided she remain alive  
 since the said names the right of Dower.  
 D. O. Crosby, Spencer C. M. L. Louisa N. B. Mary C.  
 Sarah M. and Melinda A. M. Crosby, my first  
 children, and Harriet C. & Andrew L. Edgar C. and  
 Agnes A. R. M. Crosby, last, children of my present  
 wife.  
 I do to have the absolute control of her personal  
 interest.  
 I do above named Mary C. interest to go to the  
 above named heirs for taking care of her  
 during her lifetime.

6th I appoint my wife my Executors and my son  
 Spencer C. Executor to carry out this my last will  
 and Testament and that they are not required to  
 give security on their bond.  
 7th It is my will if there is not sufficient personal  
 means to pay my debts, that they will have to sell  
 back the rents until paid.  
 8th It is my will that all the interest to have in what  
 is called the Ducktown property, be sold with  
 the consent of those are interested in the same, and  
 equally divided among my heirs provided  
 for in the aforesaid will

# Will of John Hambright

Last Will and Testament of John Hambright  
of the County of Beaulieu and State of Tenn.  
Chia the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1884.

Art 1 I will my wife Miziah Hambright all my  
House hold and kitchen furniture, all my  
money & money share on hand at my death  
all my Books and every thing that is  
mine and all my Cars and Hogs & Horses  
which may be on the place.

I also give her the plantation I now live  
consisting of three hundred and twenty five  
acres.

It is my request at her death she will  
divide the plantation between my two  
daughters Mary E. Hambright and Albina  
A. Hambright. Commencing in the center  
of the place on the line next to Hoggins  
farm and running so as to divide the place in the  
center until it strikes the big road, then  
to the center of the house, then through the  
the house to the back of the lot, thence  
back to the center and thence straight to  
the back of the farm so as to give each one  
an equal share, one half of the farm.

Art 2 I will give my son William R. Hambright  
one hundred and fifty four Acres of Land  
which I valued at six thousand dollars, which  
is all I can give him.

Art 3 I give to my daughter Nancy A. Putnam  
seventy nine Acres of Land which I valued at  
three thousand dollars, adjoining the land of  
my son William R. Hambright, during her  
natural life, and then to her children if  
she has any, if she die without having  
children, the land to go to her brothers and

Sisters who are then living equally at the time of her death  
or she can give it any of her Brothers and Sisters or her  
she pleases if they are then living.

Art 4 I will give my son Sterling C. Hambright at least  
six thousand Dollars, which I consider his portion  
of my estate.

Art 5 I give unto my daughter Mary C. Hambright  
my farm at the mouth of Chatata Creek containing  
two hundred and seventy acres, the place where Sterling  
C. Hambright has been renting.

Art 6 I give my wife Miziah Hambright my Hampton  
farm containing one hundred Acres and forty  
Acres where McCrecker now lives, and appoint  
her my executrix.

Art 7 I give unto my children and my Land in  
Polk County, and in Hamilton County to be  
equally divided among them that are alive at  
my death.

Witnessed by  
Arthur Hambright  
W. C. Bridge

John Hambright



builder on a credit of one and two years time taking notes with security bearing interest from date of the sale, and he will also selling horse and gun Smith tools, and all personal property not herein before specially bequeathed which I may be possessed of for cash or on such credit as may turn best, but while my executor holds my estate, and it becomes necessary, I hereby will authorize and trust him to make title to the purchaser or purchaser of the same.

And to the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses, and for the execution of the trust above provided, and cost of administration, then I will and bequeath that all the balance of what real and personal, &c. I possess, about included in the special gift to my present wife and my living children I have stated, &c. shall all be equally divided between my children and my present wife, and is folloiw: to wit:—  
 Clarissa Taylor Leggett, Fannie Jones, Melinda Jane Siddons, William Henry Selbridge, John C. Selbridge, Stephen Selbridge, Harriet Elizabeth Webb, Robert M. Selbridge, and John A. Selbridge, making nine shares.  
 My present wife sharing equally with any children in my estate as above provided.  
 And I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Robert M. Selbridge, my Executor of this my last will and Testament, and have every confidence that he will faithfully carry out all of the provisions of this my last will and Testament, and in that view of it I do not require him to give any bond or security for the faithful performance of his duties as my Executor.

On Testimony whereof I do here to subscribe my name and affix my seal to this as my last Will and Testament, and the witnesses subscribe the same in such at my request, and in my presence.

September the 2<sup>d</sup> of 1855

Attest  
 B. H. Lunt  
 J. M. Moring

J. B. F. Selbridge (Seal)

### Will of H. A. Jones deceased

In the name of God, Amen.  
 I H. A. Jones of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me at any time made. Therefore,

- 1<sup>st</sup> I resign my body to the dust from whence it came, and my soul to God who gave it.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That my Will and desire that as soon as practicable after my death, all my just debts and necessary and proper funeral expenses be paid.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> That my Will and desire that my entire estate of all kinds, both real and personal shall go to and rest in my beloved wife Mary A. Jones to be absolutely hers free from all and any charge or incumbrance whatever except as above stated for payment of debts and funeral expenses.
- 4<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and desire that my said wife Mary A. Jones be sole Executor of this Will, and that in my probate and execution of the same she be allowed to enter upon and discharge her trust, without giving any bond whatever.

On testimony of all which I have hereto  
set my hand and affixed my seal on this  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1885

Signed and sealed by the *mm seal*  
testator H. A. Jones in our  
presence witnessed by us  
in the presence of the  
testator and at his request  
Samuel Reese.  
J. A. Rodgers

The foregoing Will is legally probated  
in the minutes of the County Court for  
Bradley County Tenn. December Term 1885  
on page 236

J. A. Rogers Clerk

### Will of Asham Julian

In the name of God, Amen;

I, Asham Julian of the County of Bradley and  
State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and  
memory full considering the uncertainty of this  
frail and transitory life to therefore make, ordain,  
publish and declare this to be my last Will and  
Testament. That is to say first I appoint Samuel  
Julian and R. P. Julian my administrators of  
my Estate to sell and collect & equally divide my  
Estate between my legal heirs first my beloved  
wife S. B. Julian to wit: George Julian John  
Julian M. R. Julian Ann Mc Carthy Samuel  
Julian R. P. Julian Mattie Mc Elroy, I further  
bequeath to my step daughter Elizabeth Bear  
fifty dollars out of my Estate, I desire to will  
my spirit to God who gave it, secondly I desire  
all my just debts to be paid and discharged  
out of my Estate, I desire my administrators  
to make sale of my personal property and  
real estate to the best of their judgment for  
the benefit of my heirs I desire the heirs to  
make a reasonable allowance for the trouble of  
winding up my Estate to my administrators  
to R. P. Julian whereunto I set my hand  
and seal this August the 18<sup>th</sup> 1885

Witness James G. Smith *mm seal*  
Abraham Campbell

The above Will was duly proven in  
open Court at Decatur Term 1885 and  
spread of record in the minutes of said  
Court page 240

J. A. Rogers  
Clerk

# Will of Cornelius O'Brien

I Cornelius O'Brien residing in Cleveland  
Bridley County Tennessee, and being of  
sound mind and disposing memory,  
but in feeble health, and knowing the  
uncertainty of life and desiring to arrange  
my business affairs do hereby make and  
publish this my last will and testament,  
never having made any will before this.  
1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that after my death my remains  
shall be decently interred & the expenses thereof  
paid out of my estate.

2<sup>nd</sup> I have a debt on Note of John Hinde  
and Thaly two dollars and fifty eight cents  
dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 1882 and secured  
by a mortgage deed on real estate in East  
Cochran Township Chester County Pennsylvania;  
and of this sum or debt I do now and bequeath  
fifty dollars to my brother Robert O'Brien.

3<sup>rd</sup> I do now and bequeath two hundred dollars of  
said fund to my brother M. W. O'Brien.

4<sup>th</sup> All the remainder of the principal of said fund  
I give and bequeath to my mother Margaret  
O'Brien as well as the interest on said entire fund.

5<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I do direct my Executor  
hereinafter named, that I do not want said  
mortgage foreclosed during the lifetime of my  
mother Margaret O'Brien, but in case said  
debt remains unpaid, I direct my Executor  
to keep said mortgage alive by renewing  
the same or having it renewed. And in case  
Mortgagor should decline or refuse to renew  
the same, then in that event I direct my  
Executor to foreclose the same in time to  
save the bar of the statute of limitation,  
But if renewed he will not foreclose until  
after the death of my said mother.

6<sup>th</sup> I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother  
M. W. O'Brien the Executor of this my last will and  
testament, and reposing the utmost confidence  
in his honesty and integrity, I desire, and  
direct that he shall not be required to give any  
bond or security as such Executor.  
In testimony whereof I do hereunto subscribe my  
name and affix my seal the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1885

C. O'Brien



The foregoing will was this day signed  
and published by said testator in  
our presence and we at the request of  
the testator and in his presence, and  
in the presence of each other, do sign  
our names as subscribing witnesses  
the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1885.

S. P. Grant

J. W. Stewart

The foregoing will was duly and legally  
proven and probate thereof recited in  
the minutes of the County Court December  
Term 1885 on page 237 of said Record.  
F. A. Guerin  
Clerk

# Will of William Hartdegen

I William Hartdegen of the town of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Tennessee, being sound and healthy in both body <sup>mind</sup> and spirit, and desiring while in that condition, to make a disposition of my property, do hereby make and publish as my last Will and Testament, never having made any will heretofore.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I desire after my death that my body be accorded the rite of decent Christian burial, and that all funeral expenses be first paid out of my estate.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> That all my just debts be paid as promptly as practicable out of monies on hand, or effects belonging to my estate.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Emily B. Hartdegen a life policy of Two Thousand Dollars I hold in the order of Legion of Honor, also a life policy of Two Thousand Dollars I hold in the order of Knights of Honor, I also give to my said wife Twelve Hundred Dollars of a Three Thousand Dollar life policy I hold in the Order of Legion of Honor.
- I also give and devise to my said wife in fee simple the dwelling house and lot known as in Cleveland, with this direction that my said wife sell said house and lot at the best price she can and invest the proceeds together with said Twelve Hundred Dollars above given to her in a good and most suitable house and lot in Cleveland for a home for her and the family, and to enable her to sell and convey said house & lot I invest her with the absolute title to the same, my said wife to have, hold and own & control, as she sees fit.

all said money arising from said policies subject only to the above direction on to said Twelve Hundred Dollars.

- 4<sup>th</sup> I desire that my son J. E. Hartdegen shall continue my mercantile business in Cleveland being my clothing store business and in case he promptly elects to do so, then in that event I give and bequeath to him my entire stocks of goods that may be on hand, and all debts and accounts, due me in the line of said business. And also in the event of such election I give and bequeath to him Eighteen Hundred Dollars of my said Three Thousand Dollars policy in the Order of Legion of Honor aforesaid, but I especially charge said store and said Eighteen Hundred Dollars, with all debts against me and said, with one year's comfortable and reasonable support for my wife and my other children.
- 5<sup>th</sup> In case my said son shall decline to accept said store and give up the same with the conditions aforesaid, then in that event, I give and bequeath to my said wife said entire store, goods, debts accounts and also Eight Hundred Dollars more out of said Three Thousand Dollar life policy in the Legion of Honor aforesaid for the use of herself and family absolutely, and in that event I give to my said son J. E. Hartdegen One Thousand Dollars of said last above named policy absolutely and no more.
- 6<sup>th</sup> I do then property or effects, real, personal or mixed of which I may die seized and possessed, I give absolutely and in fee to my said wife.
- And I make all said liberal provisions for my said wife knowing that she will properly care and provide for all of our

dear children not expressly mentioned  
in the will.

Lastly I nominate and appoint L. P. Hunt of  
Blenheim Executor of this my last Will and  
Testament, and reposing confidence in  
his honor I direct that he shall not be  
required to give any bond and security  
as such Executor. Done, signed and sealed  
acknowledged and published this the  
2nd day of October 1883

Signed sealed acknowledged and  
published in the  
presence of the subscribing  
witnesses hereunto, who at  
the request of the Testator  
and in the presence  
and in the presence of  
each of the subscribing  
witnesses hereunto as attested  
witnesses this the 2nd  
day of October 1883

A. D. Scruggs  
John A. Johnston

This is to certify that the foregoing  
Will of Wm. Hartdigen has been legally  
proluted in the minutes of the County  
Court in Brantly County Tenn.  
at the December Term 1885  
Minute page 289 A. A. Brazier

Will of Young Keubler

I Young Keubler do make and publish this as  
my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and ma-  
king void all other Wills by me at any time made.  
First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts  
to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money  
that I may die seized and possessed of or may first  
come in the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to John A. Keubler  
Thirdly to M. Keubler fourthly to E. S. Keubler fifthly  
Robert H. Keubler and lastly Walter S. Keubler  
I also nominate and appoint Samuel Keubler  
my Executor to sell my personal property  
by ten days notice to the highest bidder and  
to public out cry to be sold within six months  
time to the purchaser giving bond or security  
It is my will that the land be sold as soon after  
as practicable by the purchaser paying one  
third down and one third in twelve months  
and balance in two years with the interest  
from day of sale.

When all my debts and funeral expenses are  
paid and ~~paid~~ stone and foot stone to my  
grave not to exceed \$30 and balance to be  
paid to the first above named children.  
In witness whereof I do to this my Will  
set my hand and seal this month the  
7th day 1885

Signed sealed and Young Keubler  
published in our presence

and we have sub-  
scribed our names hereunto The above Will was duly  
in the presence of the { proven in open Court at the  
Testator { December term 1885 and  
{ probate spread of record  
{ in the minutes of said Court  
{ on page 243

A. A. Brazier

# Will of William Wilson

I William Wilson do make this as my last will and Testament, and this is to certify that my present surviving wife Jane Wilson is to have full possession of all property belonging to me, or which have been bequeathed by me either personal or real Estate. Except now Books & other works of Literature belonging to me. These I do will to our only living son Noah Wilson, this also is to give her authority to sell or dispose of this first mentioned property as she may think proper or prudent.

This October the 10<sup>th</sup> 1886

Attest  
John H. Seaborn  
James Wells

William Wilson

# Will of Maria L. Wilson

We M. Montgomery and Mattie Howell do state that the foregoing will of Maria L. Wilson was made by her prior to her death which occurred on March 21<sup>st</sup> 1886 in Cleveland Bradley County Tenn. in our presence to which we were especially requested to bear witness by the testator herself in the presence of each other. That it was made in her last sickness in her own dwelling house where she had been residing several months before her death and the same is as follows to wit:  
It was her will and desire that her effects should be disposed of after her decease in the following manner.

First That the House & Lot situated in Fifth Ward of the City of Cleveland Bradley County Tenn. be given to her brother W. B. Lawson.

and he to be chargeable to all debts & expenses occasioned by her burial or funeral, and any other debts not hereinafter provided for.  
Second The One hundred and fifty dollars in the hands of Dr. L. H. Day to be used in the payment of his bill for services as her Physician and the remaining amount if any to be given to her sister Mattie Howell together with one half of the Household furniture. Said furniture to be equally divided between her and her sister Mary Hutton provided can be amicably divided, if not then the said furniture to have a valuation put upon it by the Executor hereinafter named and each of the said sisters shall have the privilege of buying the others share or interest and if this should not be done in any difficulty should arise in said division then the Executor is instructed to sell at private sale said Household goods & furniture and equally divide the proceeds between them.  
Third It was her will that Dr. L. H. Day should act as her Executor and that he be released from giving bond as such Executor.  
Witness our hands and seals on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1886

Mattie Howell  
J. M. Montgomery

State of Tennessee,  
Bradley County 3<sup>d</sup> J. A. Frazier Clerk of the County Court of said County certify that the above witnesses Mattie Howell & J. M. Montgomery were duly sworn by me in open Court on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1886.

J. A. Frazier  
Clerk

# The Last Will and Testament

Bennet Cooper

I, Bennet Cooper, of the County of Bradley & State of Tennessee, do on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, being in my right mind and in good physical health, make publish and declare to all who may be concerned, this my Last Will and Testament. God witness. Amen

First It is my will and desire that all my just debts (should there be any) be paid out of my personal or real estate or effects on hand,

Second That my burial expenses in like manner as stated in Item first be paid

Third It is my will and desire that I, Bennet Cooper be buried in a good, neat furnished black Walnut Coffin.

Fourth I will and bequeath unto my daughter Clarinda Ellison one whole distributive share of my personal and real estate, it being one ninth interest of the same, being my legal heirs part.

Fifth I will and bequeath unto my son Dempsey Cooper one whole distributive share in my personal and real estate it being one ninth interest of the same, being my legal heirs part.

Sixth I will and bequeath unto my four grand children born of the body of Martha Butt <sup>former</sup> one whole distributive share to be equally divided amongst said four grand children born of the body of said Martha Butt, said Martha Butt being a legal heir.

Seventh I will and bequeath unto my three grand children in the State of Texas they being born of the body of my daughter

Seymour Hays wife of James Hays, now deceased one whole distributive share to be equally divided amongst said three children. And it is my will that each of said children at becoming of age receive from my Executor its one third part of said one share to be paid, directly to them.

Eighth I will and bequeath unto the heirs of my son Thomas Cooper deceased, five dollars in money, And the said Thomas Cooper deceased, having in his lifetime received his distributive part or share of my effects personal and real.

Ninth I will and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Reed of the State of Texas one whole distributive share of my personal and real estate it being one ninth interest.

Tenth I will and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Williams wife of Linton Williams one whole share of my personal and real estate it being one ninth interest in the same.

Eleventh I will and bequeath unto my two grand children born of the body of Mary Cooper wife of John Cooper deceased, one whole share of my personal and real estate to be equally divided between them at the arriving at the age of twenty one.

Twelfth I will and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Batt, present wife of James Batt or the heirs of her body one whole share of my personal and real estate it being one ninth interest in the same, should said Mary Batt die, then and in that case said share to go to her children, to be equally divided amongst them.

Thirteenth I, Bennet Cooper of the County and State aforesaid do reserve one quarter of an acre of land out of my real estate situated around and about where my first wife is now buried to be

kept in the family as a family burying ground forever, and not to be ever sold or conveyed unto any person whatsoever, and said grant of an acre to be laid off by my Executor Dempsey Cooper.

Item I Beinnut Cooper as aforesaid do nominate and appoint Dempsey Cooper of Bradley County and state of Tennessee my true and lawful Executor of this my last will and Testament, and it is my will, that he carry out the foregoing will as above written, and that after my death that he said Dempsey Cooper Executor and I will sell my personal and real estate as soon as practicable after advertising the same for the space of thirty days by written or printed notice and after said sale pay all of the above named heirs their proportionate part or share, that be of age at that time, and he will pay all my grand children referred to in this will when they arrive at the age of twenty one their proportionate part directly to them. And that my Executor Dempsey Cooper, when entering upon his duty as said Executor enter into bond and give and affirm security, for the faithful performance of this my last will and Testament, and that said Dempsey Cooper be paid for services.

I Beinnut Cooper as aforesaid hereby sign seal and deliver this my last will and Testament in the presence of, and before written Witnesses Daniel Mc Duell Beinnut Cooper (Seal) J. H. Low.

## Will of David Thompson

I David Thompson, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, though weak of body, and conscious of the uncertainty of this life, do make certain devise, and publish this my last will and Testament revoking all former wills by me made.

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

Second. - I will give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Amanda M. Thompson all my Estate, real personal and mixed wherever situated and of every kind and description to be had, held, used and enjoyed and disposed of in her own right and as she may see proper, without limitation, many restriction whatever, and for certainty as to my estate reference is here made to my title papers evidence of debt, chose in action & it being intended to include and embrace all my Estate of every kind and description, and to give the same to my said wife absolutely and in fee simple.

Third. - I hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Amanda M. Thompson, and my friend Thomas L. Galt Executors and Executor of this my last will and Testament and I request that they be excused from giving and entering into bond for the faithful performance of their trust duties.

In witness whereof I have on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1881 in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declared this to be my last will and Testament, and in their presence have hereunto subscribed my name, and they in my presence and in the presence of each other and at my instance and request have subscribed their names as attesting witnesses.

J. B. Mayfield  
G. W. Hays  
John H. Fisher

David Thompson

## Will of Andrew M. Fox

I Andrew M. Fox do make and publish this my last will and testament.

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my funeral expenses and debts I may owe, may be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money I may be possessed of.

2<sup>nd</sup> I direct my Executor to sell all of my property both Real Estate and personal property for cash.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will all of the proceeds of my real estate and personal property to my sister Nancy A. Fox.

4<sup>th</sup> I direct my Executor to pay my sister Nancy A. Fox a sum of \$1000 out of the proceeds of my real estate and personal property. And the remainder of said money to be loaned out in to good bonds one interest and my sister to have a sufficient amount each year to support her comfortable.

5<sup>th</sup> After the death of there is my said money left to be used to tomb stones to the graves of my father's family.

6<sup>th</sup> I appoint J. B. Smith my Executor and he is authorized to do all such as he thinks proper and I have this day set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1886.

Andrew M. Fox

Attest J. B. Smith

J. B. Smith

State of Tennessee

Bradley County

This is to certify that the above will is duly proven and qualified in the presence of the Court October term 1886.

J. F. Frazier Clerk

## Will of Timothy F. McCarty.

I Timothy F. McCarty, of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee, being in declining health and fearing that my earthly existence will soon close, and being now of disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament.

And hereby resign my soul to the will of Almighty God. And I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses paid out of the money, or effects of my estate as soon as possible. And where as I have no children it is my wish that my dear wife Elizabeth McCarty do her long devotion to me. I shall have full of my real and personal property that own at this time, or that may come into my said estate hereafter. And lastly

do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my said wife Mary Elizabeth McCarty the executor of this my last will and testament to execute the same, and her and or his or sales shall be good and valid to bind my estate. It is my last dying request, and one that is all important to the will, being and happiness of my dear wife and Brother & Sisters.

And the Credit of the family And my name after death. That my said executor

acts for the best, and inure in one now having performed the most solemn act of man in life.

I Timothy F. McCarty do hereby declare this my last will and testament given under my hand and acknowledged in the presence of us and witnessed by us at the request of the testator. And in the presence of each other this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1887.

Attest  
J. B. Smith  
J. B. Smith

T. F. McCarty

State of Tennessee,  
Bradley County. } This is to certify that this  
above will is duly proven  
and probated in the minutes of this Court at  
its July term 1887.  
M L Julian Deputy Clerk

Will of Mary H. Edwards  
In the name of God Amen.

I Mary H. Edwards of the town of Cleveland in  
County of Bradley, and State of Tennessee being of sound  
mind, mind, and memory and considering the uncertainty  
of this frail and transitory life do therefore make  
order, publish and declare this to be my last will and  
testament that is to say, First that after all my lawful  
debts are paid and discharged I give and bequeath to  
my dear and unfortunate brother John H. Edwards  
the house and lot where I live known in the original  
plan of the town as lot No 38. which lot he gave  
for a home, during my natural life also give him  
a note calling for \$370<sup>00</sup> drawn by my brother W. S. Edwards  
in my favor, Sept 4/86. and all other effects I may  
possess at my death I do give him and leave him  
to do with all as his known and tried goodness  
of heart may prompt.

Second I make constitute and appoint my  
said brother John H. Edwards and my brother W. S. Edwards  
to be executors of this my last will and testament  
I return hereto. I have hereunto subscribed my name  
and affixed my seal the 27 day of September, in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
eighty six.

Mary Howell Edwards  
Signed sealed published and disclosed  
by the said Mary H. Edwards as and for her last  
will and testament in the presence of us who  
at the request of the said Mary H. Edwards and in  
her presence and in the presence of each other, have  
subscribed our names, respective places of residence  
as witnesses,  
Lizzie Goodwin Cleveland  
Sue Couster Cleveland

State of Tennessee  
Bradley County } This is to certify that this above will is  
duly proven and probated in the minutes  
of this Court at its April term 1887.  
M L Julian Deputy Clerk

# Will of Catharine Sewell

In the name of God Amen

I Catharine Sewell being sound in mind and memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all and making void all others by me at any time made I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debt be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I die possessed of or that first comes to the hands of my Executor

I Give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca E Brackett wife of W M Brackett now of Bradley County Tennessee one note and debt for three hundred dollars due October 1st 1885 bearing interest from date at six per cent. for amounts made by J B and Mary Stearns of Chocoma and which is secured also by deed of trust properly registered Also one debt by note on Thomas W Sewell for one hundred dollars loaned money made about the 12th March 1885 Also what W M Brackett owes me say five hundred dollars Also all the money yet owing to me from my former husband's estate

I Will and direct that whatever of these debts or the proceeds of them debts that may remain after complying with the other provisions of this will be invested in the real estate on which the said Rebecca E Brackett and her husband and myself now live or if it cannot be invested in that land then it is to be invested in other real estate to be selected by my daughter the said Rebecca E Brackett

I hereby nominate and appoint W M Brackett the executor to execute this will and I expressly name and release him from giving bond and security as such Executor

In testimony whereof I hereby sign Seal and publish this my last will

and testament in the presence of two witnesses on this the 15th day of May 1885

Attest  
John W Ramsey  
J B Ramsey

Catharine <sup>her</sup> Sewell <sub>ma</sub>

State of Tennessee  
Bradley County

This is to certify that the above will is duly proven and probated in the minutes of the County Court at its July term 1885

M L Julian Sec  
Clerk

In view of the uncertainty of life and the  
Certainty of death, I Alexander Simploton a citizen  
of Bradley County and state of Tennessee being  
of sound mind and disposing memory do make  
Constitute and publish and ordain this my last  
will and testament hereby revoking and annulling  
all wills and parts of will by me made.

I will and give my soul to God, who gave  
it and desire that my body shall have a  
"Decent and honorable burial"

I will and desire that all my just and  
legal debts and funeral expenses be promptly paid  
by my executrix out of the first moneys or  
personal or that may come to her hands as hereafter  
provided.

I will and desire that all my real estate  
houses and other the site of the same be used  
managed and controlled by my beloved wife  
Elizabeth A Simploton as at and and provided  
in the deeds of conveyances conveying the same  
to her as shown therein.

I will and bequeath that my policy of  
\$2000<sup>00</sup> now running in what is known as the  
organization as the R. F. H. be so altered and changed  
so as to give to each of my four children  
when the same is collected (about 1) Alvin H  
Simploton Flora E Simploton Belle W Simploton and  
William A Simploton each three hundred dollars  
making the sum of twelve hundred dollars  
for my four children.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Elizabeth A Simploton the remaining sum of  
Eight hundred dollars that will be due from  
my life policy in the R. F. H. and from this sum  
she will pay off and discharge all my household  
and just debts and funeral expenses.

I will and bequeath that my said policy  
of fifteen hundred dollars on the North Western  
Mutual Life Insurance Co be so changed so  
as to give to my wife Elizabeth A Simploton and  
four children to wit Alvin H Simploton Flora E Simploton  
Belle W Simploton and William A Simploton each  
three hundred dollars so as to make each and  
all of them equal in said policy.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth  
A Simploton all my personal property household and  
kitchen furniture to have and to hold and to  
dispose of at or before her death as she may deem proper.

I will and desire as my beloved wife was before  
the making of this will the owner by deeds of conveyance  
of all the land that I live on in Tennessee that she  
act as my sole executrix to carry out this my last  
will and testament and that my wife Elizabeth  
A Simploton Act & be appointed testamentary guardian  
for my two minor children to wit Belle W Simploton  
aged about ten years and William A  
Simploton five years and that she take full charge  
of the property and premises and keep the family  
together on the premises as long as the children may  
desire to remain with her.

I will and desire that my executrix so soon as  
she receives and collects the legacies herein given to  
to my respective children pay the same over to them  
that are of full age and so soon as she receives  
the legacies herein bequeathed the minor heirs mentioned  
she will loan the same out on interest with good  
and solvent security thereon and as said minor  
arrive at full age she will pay the same over  
to them taking their receipt therefor.

I will and desire that my executrix of this  
my last will receive and receipt for all policies  
and moneys due my estate and pay out the  
same as herein indicated.

I further will and direct that my wife Elizabeth H. Templeton be permitted to act as Executrix of my last will and as Testamentary Guardian of my minor children without giving bond as required by law for Executors and Guardians in testimony where of I have hereunto subscribed my name on this the 20 day of July 1887

Attest  
J. G. Swan  
J. P. Robertson

Alexander Templeton

State of Tennessee }  
Bradley County }

This is to certify that the above will is duly proven and probated in the minutes of the County Court at its August Term 1887

M. L. Julian Deputy Clerk

Will of G. W. Saller

I George W. Saller do publish this my last will & Testament revoking all others heretofore made by me in view of the uncertainty of life and the near approach of death.

I direct that all my funeral expenses be paid out of my personal property as soon after my death as practicable.

I direct that all my just debts be paid out of my personal property as convenient after my death.

I direct that a suitable tomb stone be placed over mine and my deceased wife's grave and that a substantial enclosure be erected around them.

I give and bequeath all my personal and ~~moveable~~ property to my grand son J. M. Beeler absolutely.

I give and bequeath to all my grand children of J. M. Beeler all my real estate of which I may be seized and possessed. This will is to take effect at my death and to perform I have named as my Executor to execute this my last will & Testament Signed & sealed in the presence of Sam Kibler and Alex. Campbell witnesses who signed the same as witnesses in my presence and at my request, and in the presence of each other, This July the 27<sup>th</sup> 1887

Attest Sam. Kibler George W. Saller  
" Alex. Campbell

State of Tennessee } J. A. Frazer Clerk of the  
Bradley County } County Court certify that the  
above will is duly probated in the minutes  
of the Court September Term 1887

J. A. Frazer  
Clerk

# Will of Amanda Thompson

The last Will and Testament of Amanda<sup>M</sup> Thompson of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee.

Knowing the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of death, and being of sound mind and disposing memory & fully capable of transacting my own business, do on this the 10th day of October 1887 make and publish.

This my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void any and all wills by me heretofore made.

First, I desire that I be decently buried.

Second I will and direct that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be paid out of my estate promptly by my Executor hereinafter mentioned.

Third, I will and direct that my niece Ella Triplett wife of John Triplett during her natural life may have living on Candy Creek in Bradley County Tenn. a tract of one thousand dollars adjoining the lands of Triplett Estate & all the improvements thereon at her death the like of the aforesaid land to be vested in all the then living equally of John & Ella Triplett & the surplus to be held and used exclusively for their benefit & I have hereby made after the death of Ella Triplett.

Fourth, I will and give to Mary M. Campbell formerly Mary M. Thompson of Spring Hill Tenn. Annals County Tennessee one thousand dollars in cash, this is to make unequal with Ella Triplett & children she being a niece of my former husband.

Fifth, I will and direct after my death my Executor hereinafter named, sell my house and lot where I now live, on Lee Street in the City of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee,

at private sale for cash in hand, or on short credit as deemed best by him for the largest amount he can procure, and make in his name a Executor of my Estate, & the principal thereof a debt in full simple Sixth.

I will and direct that my Executor take charge after my death of all my personal assets that I may have had possession of of all kinds to be used and distributed as herein after directed in this my last Will.

Seventh, I will and direct that the sum of Three thousand dollars be set aside, first from the funds of my Estate to give me an honest and decent burial and place nice suitable Tombstones to my Grave, and to enable my family to have good and comfortable repairs in my house, and the remains of said \$3000 or whatever it may be will be loaned out on good security interest thereof made pay able immediately and the proceeds resulting therefrom will be used as necessary to keep up said Grave Yard & Grave in repair and in the same forever, and in the event, after all the aforesaid repairs and expenses are disbursed for repairs and burial expenses as above indicated, the remainder of said \$3000 or with interest thereon should accumulate beyond what is necessary to keep said grave yard and graves in suitable repair, then the surplus of the same if any will be transferred and kept as a fund to be disposed of as herein indicated.

Eighth, The remainder of my estate entire of whatever kind, or wherever located, real and personal, I will and direct to turn over to my Executor to be placed at interest or invested as he may deem advisable.

at his own discretion, so as to make the  
best increase out of the same; and the interest  
or increase arising from the regular fund on  
hand of my Estate not already appropriated  
I direct my Executor to apply as follows.  
First he will pay Society five dollars as  
a salary annually to the Cumberland Presby-  
terian Minister Preaching and officiating as the  
regular employed Minister of the Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church at Cleveland Tennessee for  
his services as such minister, to continue so  
long as such Church may continue to employ  
a Minister.  
Second I will and direct that the interest  
annually arising from my estate not herein  
before disposed of be used by my Executor at  
his discretion after paying all necessary  
cost & charges incident to having the proper  
care of said fund used, proper charges  
and expenses of repairs as herein before devised  
that one half of said remaining fund  
be used and paid over annually by my  
Executor for the support of such Superintended  
in the said Church of the Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church and of the Cove Presby-  
tery, as my Executor may deem worthy of  
such support, the interest on the other remain-  
ing half of the fund of my Estate not  
herein before disposed of by me, I direct my  
Executor in his discretion to use in edu-  
cating honest high minded worthy young  
Brethren of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
within the bounds of the Cove Presbytery  
having the principal fund in back-  
and unbroken - not heretofore devised.  
Fourth I will and especially direct if  
any of my relations or the relations of my

former husbands should contest this my last will  
or attempt to do so, that such person or persons in  
no event shall have any part of my Estate.  
I declare:

I do hereby nominate and appoint my  
trusty friend and relative P. L. Galt my Executor  
and trustee, to carry out this my last will & Testament  
giving unto him full discretion, to cut for  
the beneficiaries in the premises as he deems  
most advisable in every particular. I also  
excuse him from giving bond as required by  
law for Executors.  
In witness:

I will and direct in the event should  
P. L. Galt fail to qualify as my Executor or die  
after qualifying as such Executor, that and  
in that event I nominate constitute and  
appoint the three ruling Elders of the Cum-  
berland Presbyterian Church at Cleveland  
Bradley Combs, Thomas, now acting under  
the control and authority of the Cove Presbytery  
and their successors in office representing  
the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Cleveland  
Tennessee, to carry out this my last will and  
Testament, and I hereby delegate and will  
to them when P. L. Galt shall cease to act as  
such Executor, or to a majority of them  
acting as such Elders, all the powers, restrictions  
and trusts, as P. L. Galt as such Executor is  
herein first empowered with.  
In testimony whereof I have on the date  
above written subscribed my name in  
presence of:

At the request of the testator and Annanda Thompson  
in the presence of each other we here sign our names as  
witnesses this 10th of October 1887 Margaret J. Galt  
J. C. Stewart

State of Tennessee  
Bradley County J. A. Brazier Clerk of the  
County Court of said County  
do hereby certify that the foregoing will  
of Sarahetta M. Thompson has been duly proven  
and probated in the records of the Court  
December Term 1887 and I further certify  
that it is a true and perfect copy of the  
Original Will now on file in my office  
this 6th day of December 1887

J. A. Brazier  
Clerk

# Will of Joseph Gant

I Joseph Gant believing myself to be in sound  
mind and disposing memory and wishing  
to dispose of what little property the Good Lord  
has blessed me with,  
I make this my last Will and Testament Revoking  
all former wills by me made.

In the words and

figures following to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> I Will and bequeath to my wife Delilah Gant  
if she survives me all the property both Real and  
Personal that I may die seized or possessed of  
to hold and use during her natural life as she  
may see proper.

2<sup>d</sup> It is my will that at the death of my wife  
Delilah that the property both real and  
personal what ever it may be, descend to my  
daughters Adie & Grace daughter Arin if  
they be living & single to be their right during  
their lives if they be living single or either of  
them being single hold all the property,  
at their marriage or death the property descend  
to J. P. G. Gant equally, J. P. having  
received his portion heretofore.

Last it is my Will that my son Rufus Gant  
be my Executor without Bond.

signed and sealed in the presence of  
me this 7th day of 1888 in the  
year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred  
eighty eight

Joseph Gant *(initials)*

Witness  
G. Beaton  
& J. Smithman

Quadruple Term of County Court Jan. 2/888  
Joseph Gant's Will Probate.  
On this the 2nd day of January 1888