

Came into open Court Rufus Gant and produced a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph Gant deceased and moved the Court that the same be admitted to probate, and thereupon came into Court Daniel Beaton and J. B. Squitherman, subscribing witnesses to said will who, upon being duly sworn depose and say that they each were present when said testator Joseph Gant signed and will, that he stated to said affiants that said paper writing was his last will and testament, but that he did not subscribe the same as witnesses, and will in the presence and in the hearing of said testator, and in the presence of each other that said testator was of sound mind at the time of signing said will and said witnesses further proving that said testator since the making of said will deposed his life at his residence in Bradley County Tennessee.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said will together with this order be admitted to probate and spread of record in the book of wills of said County, and it is also appearing that Rufus Gant was appointed executor of said will by the testator, and he was licensed for giving bond for a executor of said testator, and to said Rufus Gant, without bond or his appearing and qualifying as such, and therefore Rufus Gant come into Court & qualified as such executor and said testator accordingly assent to him. See Tennessee Book.

State of Tennessee, J. P. A. Prater Clerk of the County of Bradley County, Tenn. certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the will of Joseph Gant deceased and duly sworn, and admitted of Probate in said County this Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868. J. P. A. Prater Clerk.

## Will of Hazard Bean

I Hazard Bean of Bradley County Tennessee being now of sound mind and disposing of my property such as I may die seized and possessed of at my death, I do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, and do hereby revoke all former wills by me at any time heretofore made, and I will that at my death that I be buried in a decent becoming manner, and that all my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid as soon as possible out of my Estate. I do want plain tomb-stone placed at my grave soon after my death such as I placed at my father's grave, and I want it paid for out of my estate.

I will bequeath and devise to each of my four children who are now living the equal share of my Estate, share and share alike, to wit: John A. Bean Martha E. Goodwin wife of John E. Goodwin, A. A. Bean & J. P. Bean and W. P. Bean, But if either of my four children first above named should die before I do, then I will and bequeath to each of their children if they be leaving any, the sum of two hundred dollars, and of my children to wit: Luke E. Bean and Nancy E. McAndrew wife of Joseph McAndrew I have both died leaving children, and to each of their children who are living at my death I will and bequeath to each of them the sum of two hundred dollars it being my object

and intention, to give to each of my Grand children who may be living at my death, whose parents are dead, that is whose either of my own children are dead, leaving children, the sum of one hundred dollars to my grand children my deceased son or daughters who may be before I do.

After that remain on hand to my living Grand children deceased out of my own deceased children who die before I do.

All the remainder of my estate is to be equally divided between our surviving children who are living at my death.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> My son John A. Bean brought from McSpadden some years ago his father in law's debt, because upon which he now lives of the sum of one thousand and five hundred dollars, I gave him nearly all the money to pay for it, and have given him some other money and property, and began him work for it, but yet owes it with its interest. He also conveyed said farm to me and I gave him new bond to convey it back to him when he pays me, he yet owes the same to me with its interest.

In this case I will bequeath and give said farm to him and his heirs in fee simple at the price of one thousand and five hundred dollars with which sum he will be charged in the division between him and my other living children at my death but he will owe my estate the balance of the debt he owes me as above stated.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will at my death that my son J. B. Bean take my home farm where I now live in the division of my estate as above provided at the sum of three thousand dollars

and that my son W. P. Bean take my farm known as the Ramsey farm with my additions to it in the division of my estate as above provided at the sum of three thousand dollars, and if they take said farms at said prices at my death, or within a reasonable time thereafter, I will and devise the same to them respectively as above provided in fee simple. But if they decline to take said farms at said prices above stated at my death or if they die before I do, then my will is that said farms be considered as part of my estate for division as above in this will provided if they are living and take said farms at said prices, they will be charged in the division with said prices.

Lastly I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint J. B. Bean and W. P. Bean Executors of this my last will and testament, and having every confidence in their honesty and integrity I do not require them to give any bond and security as such, but relieve them from bond with security, and have every confidence to believe they will faithfully execute my will and for their services in managing up my estate, I will that they have a reasonable compensation out of my estate they will get the counsel of J. R. Hunt in the administration. On testimony whereof I do hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal, and request the witnesses whose names are hereunto subscribed as such to do so at my request all done on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1882.

W. A. Hunt  
J. B. Bean  
J. R. Parker

On this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1888 the  
Last Will and Testament of Hazard Bean was  
presented in open Court now in session  
by William J. Bean enclosed in a large envelope  
sealed up, and the same being handed to  
the Clerk of this Court who opened the Envelope  
in the presence of the Court and took the  
Last Will & Testament of Hazard Bean then  
from and thereupon J. H. Gunt & J. A. Baker  
the only and only subscribing witnesses to  
said last will and Testament of Hazard Bean  
deceased who had during the same appeared  
in open Court and they both being duly sworn  
according to law each testified that he was  
acquainted with Hazard Bean deceased in  
his life time, that they each saw him subscribe  
his name to said Will and they each subscribed  
their respective names to the same as subscribing  
witnesses at the request of the Testator and at  
the time the Testator executed and subscribed  
his name to said Last Will and Testament of said  
that they each believe him to be of sound  
mind and disposing memory, He is therefore  
adjudged by the Court that said last will  
and Testament of Hazard Bean deceased is  
proven as aforesaid be and the same is hereby  
proved, Court is directed to be at length recorded  
by the Clerk of this Court in the Will Book  
of Bradley County, Tennessee kept for that purpose  
and the original Will will be filed by the Clerk  
as an office paper and it appearing therefrom  
that J. F. Bean and W. J. Bean are nominated  
and appointed by the Testator in his will  
to be the Executors of said last will and Testament  
and that he having confidence in their honesty  
and integrity released them from giving bond

and security as such and they the said J. F. Bean  
& W. J. Bean being willing & accept said trust appeared  
in open Court and accepted the same and they were  
therefore duly qualified as such Executors of Hazard  
Bean deceased and letters Testamentary will accordingly  
be to them, In Book of Administration or Executors,

State of Tennessee  
Bradley County J. A. Brazier Clerk of the County  
Court of said County certify that  
the foregoing is a true copy of the Original will  
now on file in my office and the same has  
been duly proven and probated in open Court  
and entered upon record.  
Witness my hand at office  
this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1888.

J. A. Brazier Clerk



# Will of Sallie Rogers

I Sallie Rogers of the County of Bradley State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do make public and declare this my last will and testament, in manner following as to say:

1<sup>st</sup> I give and devise bequeath to my step brother North Rogers all that piece or parcel of land, the acres more or less lying and being in Bradley Co Tennessee, Cedar District and bounded as follows: the acres which is the South half of the East half of the South East Quarter of Section 7 of fractional Township 2 Range 1 West of the Base line, Beginning at the North West corner running east with the line to the North East corner thence South to the Section line West to the South West corner, thence North to the beginning Also 44 Acres bounded as follows Beginning at the North West corner running East with the line to the cross fence near the creek thence South with the line to the Williams line thence West to the section line at the Creek, thence North the Section line to the South West corner thence North with the line to the beginning

2<sup>nd</sup> Also the following described piece of land Beginning at the South West corner of W. B. Binn's farm at the north west corner of the north west quarter of section 21 2<sup>nd</sup> fractional Township, South Range 1 West of the Base line Cedar District, thence South 80 1/2° West with the center of the clearance road 14 Poles thence South 18 1/2° West 20 1/4 Poles thence South 11 1/2° East 3 Poles and 14 1/2 links to a Red Oak tree, thence South 25° East 25 1/4 Poles thence South 1° East 20 Poles thence South 25 1/2° East 8 Poles 6 1/2 feet to a rock in center of

said road, thence South 10° East 24 1/2 Poles to the East line of said section, thence North 20° East 8 1/2 Poles to the North East corner of said section thence North 21° West 320 Poles to the beginning corner containing 154 acres

I give and devise all the rest residue and remainder of my real and personal estate of ever name and nature whatever to said Martha Rogers to have and to hold the same forever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint R. N. Brock to be Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the twenty first day of October the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven.

Signed

Sallie Rogers

The above instrument was at the time of signed sealed, published and declared by the said Sallie Rogers as and for her last will and testament in presence of us who at her request and in the presence and in the hearing of each other, having subscribed our names thereto

Signed

J. P. Mitchell  
R. N. Brock

## Probate of a last will

Came into open Court J. P. Mitchell and presiding to the Clerk, a farm and lot which was sealed up and the same being opened by the Clerk in the presence of the Court was found to contain the last will and testament of Sallie Rogers, and thereupon came the said J. P. Mitchell in whose name is signed as one of the subscribing witnesses, and the said J. P. Mitchell being duly sworn, depose and



that he was acquainted with the said Sallie Rogers in her lifetime, and that he was present when she made and signed said last will and testament, that he saw her sign the same, that he signed the same as a subscribing witness in her presence and at her request, and in the presence of the other witness R. B. Brock, and that he believed her to be of sound mind and disposing memory and over twenty one years of age. It is therefore Ordained, and adjudged by the Court that said last will and testament of Sallie Rogers deceased, as herein is here said, and the same is hereby probated, and directed to be spread at length & record by the Clerk of the County in the will Book of Bradley County Arkansas kept for that purpose, and the Clerk of the Court will file the original in his office as an office paper for future reference. The said R. B. Brock is constituted and appointed Executor of said last will and testament.

State of Arkansas,  
Bradley County, I, J. A. Frazer Clerk of the County Court of said County certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original will of Sallie Rogers which is duly proved and admitted of probate as will be seen above at the Feb. Term of the County Court of said County. Witness my hand at office this the 3rd day of Feb. 1888  
J. A. Frazer  
Clerk

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William M. Kary's Will  
I Mr. W. Kary being in feeble health but possessed of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby declare and publish this as my last will and testament.  
First: I wish my just debts and obligations discharged as soon after my decease as practicable.

Second: I will and bequeath to my wife Minerva C. Kary and my two daughters Mary Ann Kary and Henry Elmer Kary all my personal property of every kind and description.

Third: I will devise and direct that my farm and all my real estate being the farm upon which I now live in Bradley County Arkansas shall be and stand chargeable with the comfortable support and maintenance of my wife during her lifetime and that she may have a home therein and subject to this charge. I will devise and bequeath to my daughters all my real estate wherever situated which I intend to have and to hold to her sole and special use free from the debts, prohibitions and contracts of my husband she may have and not to be made liable by any deed of conveyance or mortgage for said debts or contracts of the husband nor to be sold or conveyed during the lifetime of my wife, and in case of the death of either of my said daughters without issue surviving them her aforesaid interest to go to the surviving sister or her children.

It is my desire that my wife and daughters continue to live together as a family especially if my daughters continue single, and it is not want my farm sold or the interest of either my daughter sold during my wife's

lifetime

Fourth: I direct that my Executors shall make any necessary improvements upon my real estate out of the proceeds of my personal property or from the crop grown upon my farm.

Fifth: I have heretofore expressed my desire that my wife and daughters continue to live together and during the term they may do so. I wish my wife to have charge of the property for herself and my daughters who are all yet minors. And I wish my wife to take the counsel and advice of my Executors and while she may do so I think she will be competent to manage the property.

Sixth: I hereby nominate and appoint James Bailey and Henry M. Pherson Executors of my last will and Testament and respecting in them each and each of them full confidence.

I wish them and each of them to be excused from giving bond for the faithful performance of their duties.

On testimony whereof I have on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1882 hereunto in the presence of the undersigned witnesses set my hand and seal to this my last will and Testament and they have at the same time and in my presence and in the presence of each other hereunto set their names as subscribing witnesses.

Witnesses  
P.B. Mayfield  
Samuel H. Day  
R. E. Johnston

Probate of Mrs. M. Harris Will

Be it remembered that on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb. 1888 at being a regular County Court in session, came in to open Court P. B. Mayfield, and presented to the Clerk a paper purporting purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs. M. Harris deceased, who departed this life at his residence in Braxley County Tennessee on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1888, and thereupon came into open Court the said P. B. Mayfield and Samuel H. Day whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to said last will and Testament of the said Mrs. M. Harris deceased, and after being duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said Mrs. M. Harris in his lifetime, and that they were present at the time he made and declared said instrument to be his last will and testament and that they saw him subscribe his name to the same, and that they witnessed the same at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, and that they had every reason to believe the said testator to be of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of signing the same.

And came along with them James P. Hail and Henry M. Pherson named in said last will and Testament as Executors who being excused by the Court from giving bond as required by law and took upon themselves the oath to perform the will of the deceased.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said last will and Testament be admitted to probate and spread at length of record in the will book of Braxley County kept for that purpose, and the Original filed with the Clerk of this Court to be kept as an office paper for future reference, and further ordered that Letters Testamentary issue to the aforesaid James P. Hail and R. H. M. Pherson as Executors.

Wm M. Starr -  
State of Tennessee  
Bradley County & J. A. Hargis Clerk of the County  
County of said County do hereby  
certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the  
Original Will of Wm M. Starr deceased which was  
duly proven in open Court at the February Term  
1888 and is now on file in my office in  
Cleveland of said County and State.  
Witness J. A. Hargis Clerk of said Court at  
office this 14th day of January 1888  
J. A. Hargis  
Clerk

Will of J. P. Atkinson  
Know all men that J. P. Atkinson of Bradley County  
Tennessee of sound and disposing mind and memory do  
make and publish this my last will and testament,  
hereby revoking and making void any and all other  
heretofore made by me.

1<sup>st</sup> I will and direct my Executor herein after appointed to  
pay all of my just debts and my funeral expenses  
out of the first money that comes into his hands after  
my death.

2<sup>nd</sup> After the payment of my funeral expenses and just  
debts, I will and bequeath to my daughter Russa  
Atkinson all of my property both real and personal  
of every kind.

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my request and desire that my brother  
W. A. Atkinson shall retain control and possession  
of my daughter Russa, and that he raise and  
educate her using such of the funds coming  
into his hands as Executor or Guardian as  
may be necessary for this purpose.

4<sup>th</sup> Refusing full confidence in the integrity  
of my brother W. A. Atkinson I nominate and  
appoint him ~~Executor~~ of this my last will and  
testament, and I further appoint him a Guardian  
of the person and property of my daughter Russa  
Atkinson.

In witness whereof I do to this my last  
will and testament set my hand.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 1888

J. P. Atkinson

Signed and published in  
our presence and we have subscribed  
our names thereto, in the presence of  
the Testator and in the presence of each  
other and at the request of the Testator  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 1888

J. M. Culter  
J. L. Smith



State of Kansas  
Bradley County J. S. Praeger Clerk  
of the County Court  
I said County certify that the foregoing  
Will of J. S. Atkinson was presented to  
the County Court in regular session  
March term 1888, and duly proven  
and admitted to probate and entered  
in full of record in the will book  
see page 425 Minutes of the Court  
to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1888

J. S. Praeger  
Clerk

Will of James P. Smith

I James P. Smith, being of disposing mind  
do make and sign this my last will and  
testament. In the first place after my death I  
direct that all the expenses in my last sickness  
be paid, and any other debts that I may owe,  
then I direct that Josephine Smith my wife  
have all my property both real and personal,  
to hold and control or she see fit during her widow-  
hood, and if she should marry, then what  
property there may be to go to my children.  
This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1886

Attest

B. A. Davis  
Martin Langston  
H. W. Smith  
Will S. Smith

James P. Smith  
mark

I certify that the above will was duly  
proven at the March term of the County Court  
and admitted to probate, and entered  
in full of record in the will  
book, see minutes of Court Record page  
425.

Witness my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1888

J. S. Praeger  
Clerk

# Will of Newton J. Melton

The last will and Testament of Newton J. Melton of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee.

In the name of God Amen.

I Newton J. Melton being of sound mind and disposing memory but in failing health and feeling the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item first

I leave all my just debts payable soon after my death as follows:

Item second

I hereby give and bequeath all my Estate, both personal, real, and mixed wherever situated, of which I may be seized and possessed unto my beloved wife, Mary J. Melton for and during her natural life, with full power on her part to so manage, sell or dispose of the same or any part thereof in any way she chooses, that shall most conduce to her comfort, pleasure and enjoyment of the same, and at her death, I give and bequeath the remainder of my said Estate she may leave unto the Methodist Episcopal Church South for the use and benefit of the Preacher in charge of the Cleveland Circuit of said Church from year to year under the direction and management

of the quarterly Conference of said Church in the Chattanooga District, And so provide that the yearly income arising or results from said Estate so remaining may be applied to said purpose from year to year, but in all things to leave it to said Church to so arrange this part merely herein expressing my preference in that regard.

Item third

I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary J. Melton as executrix of this my last will and Testament, and excuse her from giving bond or security or taking any oath to execute this Trust, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1887.

Witnessed and signed by Newton J. Melton

in presence of Testators  
and at his request  
J. M. Jackson  
J. W. Johnston

State of Tennessee

Bradley County J. B. A. Brazier Clerk of the County Court of said County

do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Original Will of Newton J. Melton which was duly proven and admitted to probate at the April term of the County Court, 1888 and ordered placed at length of record in the will books, and which is now on file in my office.

Witness my hand at office this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1888 J. B. A. Brazier

# Will of Elizabeth Thomas.

I, Elizabeth Thomas do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time. First I direct that my personal expenses and all of my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may have at my death or that may come into my hands or into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Wilson Thomas all the money and the other property that I may have on hand at my death, thereby except I will to my daughter Leah Allen Waller the sum of Twenty five Dollars, this amount having already been paid her by me while living. Also to my daughter Mary Erwin Proffitt five dollars; also to my daughter Melba Carrietta the sum of Twenty five Dollars. Fourthly and lastly I do hereby appoint Wilson Thomas my Executor in all things whereof I do set my hand and seal this March 25-1882. Elizabeth Thomas

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the testatrix this 25-1882

W. C. Lee, James S. Cozzens, S. F. Green

now on file in my office. Witness my hand at office, this 25th day of July 1888

J. A. Brazier Clerk

State of Tennessee } J. F. A. Brazier, Clerk of the  
Bradley County } County Court of said County,  
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original will of Elizabeth Thomas, which was duly proven and admitted of probate at the July Term of the County Court, 1888, and ordered spread at length of Record in the Vice Book and which is



# Will of William Knox.

I, William Knox being of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament. First - I will all my Estate both real and personal to my beloved wife Jennie during her life or widowhood. The paying all my debts.

And - I appoint my beloved wife Jennie my Executor without bond. and I request her to continue the merchantile business as long as she may think advisable and to employ my son E. L. Knox to attend to the business as long as she may think advisable. Signed in the presence of. This July 3rd, 1888

Attest

E. L. Knox  
W. Knox

State of Tennessee J. D. A. Frazer Clerk  
Bradley County of the County Court  
for said County do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Will and testament of William Knox which was duly shown and admitted to probate at the July term 1888 of the County Court and ordered spread at length of record in the Court Book and which is now on file in my office. Witness my hand at office, this July 3, 1888  
J. D. A. Frazer Clerk

# Will of Christopher Huffaker

Christopher Huffaker do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible ~~but~~ out of any money's that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Huffaker the use of my Real Estate and personal property as long as she remains a widow. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my children Calvin B. Huffaker, Fanny Brown Mary Jane Scott James L. Huffaker, Catherine Roberts Susan W. Mitchell Margaret L. Huffaker Arlene Huffaker Bernice Parr L. P. Huffaker, Wiley Huffaker Equal shares in my Real Estate and personal property with the exception of Calvin B. Huffaker who is to have eighty five dollars less than an equal share and Fanny Brown who is to have seventy five dollars less than an equal share and Mary Jane Scott who is to have eighty six dollars less than an equal share and Susan W. Mitchell to have seventy five dollars less than an equal share and J. L. Huffaker to have fifty eight dollars less than an equal share and Wiley Huffaker to have forty dollars less than an equal share.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Jeremiah Briffett my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 7th day of December 1867

Christopher Huffaker (Real)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the testator this 7 day Dec. 1867 John D. Long  
J. D. Long  
J. D. Smith

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Probate of the Will of Christopher Huffaker  
On this the 7th day of January 1885 Benjamin  
A. Mitchell produced in open Court the last  
Will and testament of Christopher Huffaker  
deceased dated the 7th day of December 1867  
And A. Sloner and John Smith the two  
subscribing witnesses thereto were produced  
in open Court, who testified after being  
duly sworn, that they were acquainted  
with the testator in his lifetime, that they  
signed and subscribed their names to  
said Will as such witnesses at the request  
of the testator Christopher Huffaker, and  
that he was in his proper mind and  
disposing memory when he made said Will  
It is therefore adjudged and decreed by  
the Court that said last will and testament  
of Christopher Huffaker deceased be  
admitted to probate and that the same  
recorded in the Book of Wills in said Court  
of Bradley County, Tennessee.

State of Tennessee,  
Bradley County, I D. J. A. Brazier Clerk  
of the County Court of  
said County certify that the foregoing is  
a true copy of the original Will of  
Christopher Huffaker deceased which  
has been duly proven in the County Court  
and is now on file in my office  
this the 10th day of January 1885  
D. J. A. Brazier  
Clerk

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Will of West A. Coe  
I West A. Coe being of advanced age and not  
able to labor for a support do make and sign  
this Instrument as my last Will & test.  
I direct that Alanson R. Coe my son is to take  
care of my self and wife Rebecca Coe, during  
our lifetime, to furnish board, clothing and funeral  
expenses and further that Alanson R. Coe has decided  
to his brothers & sisters certain lands, so as to put  
them upon an equality, I therefore direct that Alanson  
R. Coe is to have at my death all of the farm on  
which I now live containing two hundred acres  
for which I hold deeds. On testimony of this  
above I hereunto subscribe my name and affix  
my seal this the 12th day of August 1879. To be  
testated. Kind and religious  
W. A. Coe.

B. A. Davis  
A. Elrod

I West A. Coe further direct that A. R. Coe  
pay to Susan Elayton his (to wit) John  
Elayton, Wiley Elayton and Mary Elayton  
ten dollars each as they come of age, this  
23rd February 1881  
W. A. Coe

Attest B. A. Davis

State of Tennessee, Personally appeared before  
Bradley County, I and D. A. Parker Clerk of the County  
Court of said County B. A. Davis & A. Elrod subscri-  
bing witnesses to the foregoing deed or will, who  
after being duly sworn depose and said that  
they are acquainted with W. A. Coe the testator  
or bargainer that he was in his proper mind and  
senses at the time of signing the same that he  
signed and acknowledged the same in their  
presence as his last Will and testament that they  
signed the same in the presence of the testator  
as subscribing witnesses and at his request and  
in the presence of each other on

Given at office in Cleveland 25<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1881

J. A. Prager  
Clerk

State of Tennessee, J. A. Prager Clerk of the  
Bradley County 3 County Court of said County  
do hereby certify that the  
 foregoing is a true copy of the will of Mart  
A. Cole deceased which is now on file in  
my office.

Given under my hand at  
office this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January,  
1889

J. A. Prager Clerk

Will of Josephine A. Crockett  
I Josephine A. Crockett, sound in mind though  
infirm in body, do make this my last will  
do here bequeath all my interest in the farm  
upon which I now reside lying in Bradley County  
State of Tennessee and bounded as follows, East by  
the land recently owned by Daniel Bowman, North  
and West by the lands of John Collins and C. Shuggo  
South by the lands of R. W. Wilson & Dellavan, also  
my interest in all the household & kitchen  
furniture, also in all the stock consisting of two  
horses six head of cattle and twelve hogs to  
my sister Mary B. Crockett,  
This 19<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1888,

Witness R. A. Crockett

Josephine A. Crockett

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1888

Personally appeared before me a justice of the  
Peace for Bradley County, State of Tennessee and  
acknowledged this to be her will.

R. W. Wilson J. P.

State of Tennessee  
Bradley County J. A. Prager Clerk of the  
County Court of said County  
certify that the above will was duly  
presented in open Court and entered upon  
of record and it is a true copy of the  
Original will now on file in my office  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1889  
J. A. Prager  
Clerk



# Will of S. C. Green

I Simon C. Green hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

First, I will that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly,

I will to my wife Elizabeth C. Green all my property of every description both personal and Real, estate during her natural life or widowhood, and at her death I will that all my property both personal & real be equally divided between her children, except fifty dollars is to be paid to my two grand children, Anna C. Rogers and Thomas J. Rogers, twenty five dollars to each one, and I having here before paid to my son F. B. Green fifty dollars which is to be deducted out of his part of said settlement and I having heretofore paid off my children in full by my first wife D. mit Catherine H. Green & William L. Green, they are to have nothing out of my present estate.

Thirdly, I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth C. Green my Executor.

In testimony I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 22nd day of November 1887

S. C. Green

Acknowledged and signed in our presence

J. H. Brown

A. J. Elkins Jr.

State of Tennessee

Bradley County J. A. A. A. A. Clerk of the County

Certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the will of S. C. Green decedent which has been duly proved and is now on file in my office.

This February 11-1889

J. A. A. A. Clerk

## In the Name of God Amen

I Spencer B. Boyd of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of death and this frail and transient body I do make ordain and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament; that is to say after all my just debts are paid and liabilities met that I make the following bequest of my property both real and personal.

First My soul I trust to the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our savior and Lord and at my death I wish to be decently buried And I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint my present beloved wife Fannie Boyd my Executor and Arthur Hayner and George W. Boyd my executors of this my last will and testament. I do The house and lot upon which I now live in Cleveland Tennessee and every thing belonging thereto and all my town lots and farms and Bank Stock mortgages and deeds of trust and all my money on hand and all my cash notes I do will and bequeath to my beloved wife Fannie Boyd During her natural life I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Fannie Boyd two thousand Dollars annually in cash during her natural life for her sole & separate use and benefit to be paid her out of said funds by my Executors.

# Will of Gideon Williams

I Gideon Williams of Bradley County Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory, but weak and infirm body, and desiring while my mind and memory are good to make a disposition of the property which a kind providence has blessed me, to make & publish this my last will & testament, never having made a will before this.

First, It is my will that after death I be accorded a decent Christian burial, and that my funeral expenses be first paid.  
2<sup>nd</sup> That all my just debts be paid by my Executor of my estate as here after provided in this will.

3<sup>rd</sup> I will and devise to my beloved wife Eliza Williams the land on which I live including all the improvements with water power &c it being the farm commonly known as the So Smith farm to have and to hold the same to my wife for ever during her natural life. And at her death the same shall go and belong to my following named children, namely Cynthia Ann Sanders wife of James Sanders, Alice Bear wife of John Bear and Dempsey Williams equally in fee simple.

I further give and bequeath to my said wife a Bagon and two Cows, two Milk Cows, all the farming utensils, gears, harness &c including also one sow, also an ample amount of Corn & Hay for her needs, also the household and kitchen furniture all on hand & all the Poultry.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my daughter Mrs Gussie Gray wife of W. B. Gray to her sole and separate use, free from

the control, debts and liabilities of her present or any future husband twenty nine acres of land being the North End of the farm known as the Criflett farm in the 11<sup>th</sup> District of Bradley County, said 29 acres to be ascertained by measuring the same off of equal widths clear through said farm, taken as before stated off the North end of said farm. And in case said Gussie should die leaving no child living at her death, then said 29 acres to go to her brothers and sisters equally or their heirs, I also give and devise to my said daughter Gussie with the same restrictions, limitations and conditions as above, one and a half acres of land commencing at the apple orchard and in shape an oblong square but so measured off as to include the big Criflett spring and spring house & one of the same.  
5<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my son Oscar J. Williams twenty nine acres of land being a part of said Criflett farm and running through the same, and lying immediately south of said adjoining the piece above devised to Gussie Gray to hold in fee simple. Also one acre and a half on the North East side of the branch & bounding the same and a half acre given to said Gussie Gray, near the said spring, with perpetual right of access to said spring and spring house and use of the same. The one and a half here given to Oscar to be so laid off as to be the best suited for building purposes. And my Executor hereafter appointed shall lay off & measure & locate both of said lots. Said acre and a half lot, under the above directions in this my will & his location and measurement shall be final.

6<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my son Gideon Williams in fee simple all the remainder of my said Driphlets farm. This last remainder and the tract above devised to Isaac & G. Williams are partly covered by the homestead and dower of Mrs. Driphlets widow of Mr. Driphlets deceased, which is her life encumbrance.

7<sup>th</sup> I especially charge each one of the above pieces of land - being the Driphlets land, with two years rent at the custom ary rental the rent to be paid to my Executor for the payment of my debts. But in case it shall be apparent to my Executor that said rent shall not be necessary for the payment of my debts then in that case my Executor will not charge or collect any of said rent.

8<sup>th</sup> I will and devise that my farm lying in the 10 District of Brantly County, Tennessee, being the farm deeded to me by Wharton Corporation the 26 day of April 1865 be sold by my Executor and the proceeds applied to the payment of the debt on my north & S. Williams as my security by Andrew Boone. And I hereby give the title to said farm in my said Executor for the purpose of fully enabling him to sell and convey the same in fee simple, and he is authorized to sell the same at either public or private sale as he may deem best. And make absolute title in fee to the purchaser, and he will apply the proceeds first to the payment of said Boone debt and if any surplus, he will apply it as hereinafter directed. And if said farm should fail to pay said debt in full

the balance will be paid out of my general estate and other debts.

9<sup>th</sup> It is my will that all other property money and effects of which I may die seized & possessed and not specially disposed of above be taken charge of by my Executor - the property sold as the law directs and the money & property or the proceeds of property sold by him herein in the payment of all my debts and said rents above provided for if necessary will also be sold by my Executor for the payment of my debts and after all my debts are paid any surplus that may remain my Executor will divide equally among all my children.

10<sup>th</sup> I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother A. J. Williams Executor of this my last will and Testament, with all the powers above indicated and provided by law. And reposing the utmost confidence in the honesty & integrity of my said Executor I do hereby specially release him from giving any bond and security as such Executor.

An testimony hereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1888.  
The foregoing will was signed sealed & acknowledged by the Testator at his last will on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1888 in our presence, and we each witnessed the same & attested it by our signatures at his request & in his presence and in the presence of each other this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1888. J. P. Hunt

Solomon Bell  
J. H. Phillips



Probate of will of Gideon Williams  
Came into open Court A. S. Williams and  
produced a paper writing purporting to  
be the last will and testament of Gideon  
Williams deceased, and propounded the  
same for probate. And thereupon came  
J. P. Decent and J. H. Phillips subscribing  
within them there to who after being duly  
sworn according to law testified & say  
they were personally acquainted with said  
Gideon Williams in his lifetime, that they  
were each present at his residence on the day  
said paper writing was executed by said  
Williams, that he was in his proper mind  
at the time he executed the same, that they  
each at his request, and in his presence  
and in the presence of each other subscribed  
their names thereto as attesting witnesses.  
And that he declared said paper writing  
to be his last will.

The Court thereupon adjudged, that  
said paper writing, which is filed in this  
Court is the last will and testament of  
Gideon Williams deceased, and is properly  
probated, and Gideon Williams having  
departed this life, at his residence in Bristol  
County, New Hampshire, on the 1st day of March 1884.  
The Court Order that said will together with  
this finding be recorded in the Book of Wills  
and that this order be spread of record in  
this Court.

And it appearing to the Court here said will  
that said Probate names J. S. Williams as  
the Executor of said will, released his fun-  
damental security as such Executor of Williams testamentary  
letters testamentary, it is ordered that the Clerk issue the  
same to him, that he be qualified as the law  
demands, which is accordingly done.

## Will of Thomas Wooden

I Thomas Wooden do hereby publish this as my last  
will and testament hereby revoking all other wills  
by me at any time made.

First:- I direct that my funeral expenses and all  
my debts be paid out of any money's that I  
may be possessed of or that may first come into  
the hands of my Executor.

Second:- I will to my wife Ann Wooden all  
of my lands and personal property during her  
life and at the death of my wife Ann Wooden,  
I will my blind son John H. Wooden and his  
heirs a certain piece of land off of my lands,  
bounded as follows: beginning at the corner between  
me and Wiley Penick and Lewis Griffin a cross  
the meadow to the top of the hill, thence with a  
straight line with the meadow fence to a stake  
near my barn, so as to include the entire barn  
to John H. Wooden, thence North so as to include  
all of the buildings to the big Road, thence East  
with said road to the line between me and  
Hirley, thence North with said line to Wells line,  
thence West with the line between me and Wells  
and me and Penick to the beginning corner  
between me Penick and Griffin.

Thirdly:- At the death of my wife I want  
all the remainder of my lands and all the  
property that may belong to my estate to be  
sold and equally divided between my  
children.

Fourthly and Lastly:-

I hereby nominate and  
appoint my wife Ann Wooden my  
Executrix to this my will, in which I  
have herunto set my hand and seal this  
the 1st day of July 1884

signed in our presence

Thomas Wooden (Seal)

J. R. A. Wilson, J. H. Brown, G. M. Wooden

# Probate of Thomas Browder Will

Be it remembered that at this the May term of the County Court for Bradley County Tennessee,

Came John Wooden and presented to the Clerk a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Thomas Wooden, a citizen of said County who departed this life on or about the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1889 and thereupon came John N. Brown & R. A. Wilson whose names appear to said instrument as subscribing witnesses; and after being duly sworn, deposed and said, they were acquainted with Thomas Wooden the maker of said will in his lifetime, and that they were present when he made and declared said instrument to be his last will & that he signed the same in their presence, and they signed as witnesses at his request, and in his presence & in the presence of each other, and that he was of sound mind at the time of signing the same & of lawful age & in said will Ann Browder was named as Executrix.

It is therefore ordered and decreed that said paper writing is the last will and Testament of the aforesaid Thomas Browder dead, as it purports to be, and further ordered that the Clerk of this Court shall spread the same at length of Record in the will Book of Bradley County Tennessee, and file the Original to be kept in this office as an office paper.

# Will of D. E. Sisoo

I Decade E. Sisoo of the County of Cleveland in the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being in feeble health but of sound disposing mind and memory, do make declare and publish this as my last will and Testament;

I know that my husband will cause my body to be decently buried and my funeral expenses to be paid and I can rely upon him to discharge as he has heretofore done the full measure of his duty to me as a beloved and kind husband and as a kind and intelligent father;

I will devise and bequeath to my said husband B. Sisoo all my estate real and personal including the house and lot where we live, on Berry Street in the City of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee which said house & lot my said husband purchased and caused title to be made to me, and I wish him to have and own it absolutely and in fee at my death and I do give and devise to him,

In testimony whereof I have on this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1888 hereunto set my hand and signature, in the presence of the undersigned witnesses declaring the same to be my last will and Testament, and they in my presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe their names as attesting and subscribing witnesses

P. B. Mayfield

D. E. Sisoo

R. D. David

Lilli Grand

Came B. Sisoo and presented a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of his late wife D. E. Sisoo deceased, and also came along with him P. B. Mayfield and R. D. David whose names appear as two of the subscribing

witnesses to said last will and they being duly sworn depose and say that said D. L. Davis departed this life at her residence in Elmdale Tennessee, since the making of said will, that they subscribed their names in attesting witnesses to said last will and testament, at her instance and request, and in her presence and in the presence of Lillie Grant the other subscribing witness, and that she signs the same in their presence, declaring the same to be her last will & testament, and that she was at the time of sound mind and disposing memory. Therefore the Court orders that said papers meeting be admitted to probate as the last will & testament of said D. L. Davis deceased and that it be recorded in the proper Will Book as the last will & testament of said Deceased,

Statement of the last will & Testament of Mrs. Grant Deceased Made by J. Alex. Davis June 19th 1865

1. He willed that all his just debts should be paid out of the first monies which might come in to the hands of his Executors.
2. He willed his black woman Caroline and her youngest child Peter to his youngest daughter Abbie.
3. He willed his black girl Sarah the house and lot in which he died and all his household and kitchen furniture, and the old black man George to his wife Louisa Grant. The house & lot & household & kitchen furniture he directed should be the property of his wife during her life or widowhood, and that at her death or marriage it should go to his daughter Abbie.
4. He willed his black boy Leander to his son Mr. H. Grant.
5. He directed that the balance of his real estate should be sold and his outstanding debts collected, and the proceeds together with the remainder of his estate, consisting of Bonds upon East Tennessee and Georgia Rail Road, Bonds upon the Confederate States and Confederate States Treasury Notes, should be equally divided between his heirs to wit: One share to Elizabeth Russell, One share to the bodily heirs of Mary Deavenport Deceased, One share to Mr. H. Grant, One share to Charlotte Pierce, One share to Abbie Grant, and One share to his wife Louisa.
6. I forgot to mention in the special bequests that he willed one one thousand dollar Bond upon the E. Tenn. & Gen. Rail Road to his daughter Abbie, the interest of which he directed should be appropriated to her raising and education.
7. He nominated John H. Payne & myself as his Executors.



- 8 He nominated his wife Louisa and requested her to act as Guardian for his infant daughter Abbia.
- 9 There was a Codicil to his will which stated that he held notes against certain of his heirs for money advanced, and directed that the same should be deducted from their share of his Estate without interest.

The foregoing Will and Codicil were both signed by Wm Grant deceased in his own proper hand writing and witnessed by Dr. F. M. Hughes, Robt M. Swan and D. W. Harris on the 9th day of September 1863. Said Will & Codicil were both drafted by myself and the foregoing certifies all their material points as I now remember them.

J. Alex. Davis

State of Tenn,  
Bradley County, I, J. A. Argyer Clerk of the County Court of said County certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original statement made by J. Alex Davis in regard to the Will of Wm Grant deceased which is now on file in my office.

This the 3rd day of August 1884

J. A. Argyer  
Clerk

Will of B. H. Kinsey

B. H. Kinsey, being weak in body, but sound in mind, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any and all Wills that I have made heretofore.

First:

I will and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to its mother Earth

2nd  
I desire that my body be decently buried and that my funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor hereafter named, and

I appoint Ruben McLaugh as my Executor, without qualifying or bonding in Court & I direct him to sell any and all my property both real and personal, either at Public or Private sale and empower him to make a good title to any and all real estate I may have at my death and that he pay all my just debts if enough to pay them, and if not enough to pay them, that he prorata the money among my creditors, and what is left I authorize him to take good care of my children, that is pay any money for them if specially needed and also my Mother-in-law, Mary Yates, if it should be necessary and that he loan out any and all monies in his hands at any time, and that he keep his expenses out of said money & when my children comes of age or either of them that he pay their prorata to them, signed in the presence of W. B. Day & J. B. Hornin this 7th day of August 1884, attest W. B. Day B. H. Kinsey  
J. B. Hornin

# Probate of B. H. Kunkle's Will.

As it remembreth that at this the August term of the quorum court held for Bradley County, Tennessee, W. C. Day Esq. presented a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of B. H. Kunkle deceased who departed this life on or about Aug. 1889.

And W. C. Day & H. B. Kerner whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to said instrument after being sworn deponee as follows:

We were acquainted with the Testator in his lifetime and were present at the time when he made and signed said paper writing and believe it to be his last will & testament. He signed it in our presence and we signed the same as witnesses at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other and believed him to be of sound mind and disposing memory at the time he signed the same and that he was over 21 years of age and a citizen of Bradley County.

It therefore appears to the court from the proof produced that said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said B. H. Kunkle deceased. It is therefore ordered by the court that it be admitted to probate and signed at length of record in the Will books of Bradley County and the original filed as an office paper.

State of Tenn.

Bradley County, J. C. A. C. Prager, Clerk of the County Court of said County, certify that the foregoing is a correct copy & probate of B. H. Kunkle's will.

This Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> 1889

J. C. Prager Clerk

# The last Will & Testament of Joseph Kunkle

I Joseph Kunkle being of sound mind and disposing memory, and in reasonable health considering any time of life, viewing the uncertainty of and certainty of death do make publish and ordain this as my last will and testament to wit:

First, It is my will and I do commend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner.

Second, It is my will that out of the means I may be possessed of my funeral expenses and other debts be paid as soon as practicable.

Third, the remainder of my estate of what ever kind or character it is my will should be equally divided between the Cumberland Presbyterian Publishing house at Nashville Tennessee and the Missionary Board of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at St. Louis Missouri.

I hereby appoint and request William E. Ruckel to be and act as Executor of this my last will and testament & direct him in the execution of said will that he sell all my effects of whatever kind I may be possessed of on a reasonable credit so as to bring the best price, and apply the proceeds when collected to the purposes mentioned in the second and third clauses of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I Joseph Kunkle have hereunto set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1889.

Wm. E. Ruckel  
J. Campbell  
I certify that the above will was duly proven in open court & the original is now on file in this office Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1889 J. C. Prager Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I Spencer B Boyd of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the certainty of death and this frail and transitory body I do make ordain and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say after all my just debts are paid and liabilities met that I make the following bequest of my property both Real and Personal

First My soul I trust to the mercy of God in Christ Jesus our common and Lord And at my death I wish to be decently buried And I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint my present beloved wife Fannie Boyd my Executor and Arthur Grayson and George W Boyd my Executors of this my last will and Testament

2<sup>nd</sup> The house and lot upon which I now live in Cleveland Tennessee and every thing belonging thereto and all my town lots and Farms and Bank Stock mortgages and deeds of trust and all my moneys on hand and all my cash notes I do will and bequeath to my beloved wife Fannie Boyd during her natural life I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Fannie Boyd two thousand Dollars Annually in Cash during her natural life for her separate use and benefit to be paid her out of said funds by my executors

3<sup>rd</sup> I do will and bequeath to my brother George W Boyd twelve thousand five hundred Dollars in land bearing the 389 1/2 acres he now lives upon During his natural life and should he die leaving any lawfully begotten children that the title of said 389 1/2 acres of land go directly to his said lawful children And in the event that the said George W Boyd should die before my wife Fannie Boyd dies he leaving no lawful heirs then in that event the said 389 1/2 acres will revert back to my estate And at the death of my beloved wife Fannie

Boyd the said 389 1/2 acres of land upon which the said George W Boyd now lives said land bearing situate in the same Part of Polk County Tennessee shall go to Boyd Bogle son of B B Bogle and Matthew Bogle unless it should be that my wife Fannie Boyd should miss the use of said lands or a portion of said value of said lands and in that event said land will be sold - and the money be applied for her sole benefit and separate use

4<sup>th</sup> I do will that all my town lots except Lots No 25 and 26 and Farms and Mills be sold by my executors and executors and deeds of trust & mortgages be collected and the money put into U S Bonds or loaned out at interest with good security

5<sup>th</sup> I do also will and bequeath to my sister Matthew Bogle two thousand Dollars Also I do will to my niece Susan Brad Six hundred Dollars Also I do will and bequeath to my sister Belle Dugant and to her son Spencer Dugant three thousand Dollars Also I do will and bequeath One thousand Dollars to my niece Josephine Fields Daughter of Abner and Marsha Boyd deceased Also I would here state that the 5<sup>th</sup> bequest on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> pages will not be paid any of them until after the death of my wife Fannie Boyd Also it is my will and desire that none of those whom I have appointed to settle my estate shall be bound to give security for the performance of their duties & in all cases of those whom I have given legacies should they die before Fannie Boyd dies then in that event their legacies shall lapse and not be drawn out by the next of kin of said legacies but the same shall revert back to my estate And after Fannie Boyd and myself are decently buried and suitable tombstones erected to mark our resting place the remainder if any of my estate shall be given to those specified in this will in the same proportion as therein indicated In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal in the presence of the Subscribing Witnesses who writing the same at my request this 10<sup>th</sup> June 1884

Spencer B Boyd (Seal)  
Witnesses J D Stued W D Grayson



Probate of S. B. Boyds will  
 It appearing to the Court that Spencer B. Boyd late a citizen  
 of Bradley County has departed this life and it also appearing  
 from the testimony of A. J. Steel & W. D. Brynner subser-  
 ving witnesses, both are duly sworn, that a writing  
 produced in open Court by W. D. Brynner Esq. dated 10<sup>th</sup>  
 day of June 1884 is as it purports to be the last will and  
 Testament of the said Spencer B. Boyd deceased and it  
 further appearing that Henry Boyd, George M. Boyd and  
 Arthur Brynner are named in said will as Executors  
 and Executors of the same and they are exonerated from  
 giving any security in said will, It is therefore Ordered  
 and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing is  
 as it purports to be the last will and Testament of the said  
 Spencer B. Boyd and that the same be admitted to  
 probate & spread of record in the will book of Bradley County  
 and it is further ordered by the Court that upon the said  
 Executors & Executors qualifying as the law directs, that  
 they be clothed with all the powers and charged with all  
 the duties pertaining to the execution of said will and  
 that the Clerk of this Court issue Letters accordingly, and  
 the person named Arthur Brynner one of the Executors  
 named in said will and who is duly qualified in  
 open Court said letter testamentary issued to him  
 the other Executor, W. D. Boyd is deceased and the  
 Executor Henry Boyd failed to appear and  
 qualify.

State of Missouri

Bradley County J. A. A. Brynner Clerk of the  
 County Court of said County  
 do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy  
 of the Original Will of Spencer B. Boyd deceased  
 has been duly proven in the above Order of probate  
 and is now on file in my office,  
 This June the 10<sup>th</sup> 1884

A. J. Brynner Clerk

The Last will and Testament of Mattie Bakt =

I Mattie Bakt widow of Julius E. Bakt deceased late  
 of Bradley County Tennessee do hereby make declare and  
 publish my last will and Testament as follows:  
 First: I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named  
 all my household furniture and furnishing useful and  
 ornamental books Pictures Jewelry ornaments and personal  
 effects of every nature in trust to divide the same in their  
 discretion among my children who may survive me and  
 the descendants of any who may have died before me leaving  
 issue in such shares and proportions as they may see fit. I  
 may leave at letter to my executors suggesting but not direct-  
 ing that certain articles be set off to certain persons but said  
 letter will be considered as a suggestion only and not binding  
 as a part of my will

Second - I give and bequeath to my Sister Mrs. Thelma  
 Herstock of the city of New York the sum of Ten  
 Thousand Dollars and if she should not survive me then  
 I give the said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars to be divided  
 equally among her daughters who may survive me and  
 the issue of any deceased daughter of hers who may have  
 died leaving issue per stirpes and not per capita

Third I give and bequeath to my sister in law Mrs. Louisa  
 Warmcke wife of Herman Warmcke now of the city of  
 Denver Colorado Ten Thousand Dollars to be had and held  
 to her sole and separate use free from the debts contracts  
 and liabilities of any of her husband and in case she  
 should not survive me then I give and bequeath the  
 said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars instead of the to  
 her to her children and the descendants of her children  
 who may have died leaving issue to be divided  
 among them equally per stirpes and not per capita

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my friend Mrs. Mary  
 Parquin (Bankruptcy) now of Baltimore Maryland  
 One Thousand Dollars and should she not survive me  
 then I give the said one thousand Dollars to her children  
 and the descendants of any of her children who may  
 have died leaving issue to be divided equally

among them per stirpes and not per capita.

Fifth: I give and bequeath to Jacob Leary of the town of Cleveland Bradley County Tennessee the undivided friend of the family the sum of One thousand Dollars and claim that he shall have and control the same but should there be any balance thereof unsuspended at his decease I wish such balance to go to his youngest Daughter Bertha Leary.

Sixth: I will and bequeath to my friend Mrs Mary Gray of Cleveland Tennessee the sum of Five hundred Dollars I also set apart and direct my executors to apply Five hundred Dollars of my estate to liquidate and discharge Five hundred Dollars of a debt which Mrs Mary Gray or her brother the late John Leary owes to the estate of my deceased husband the late Julius E. Raht, and which as I recollect is charged by deed of trust or by mortgage on the house & lot in the town of Cleveland aforesaid now owned by said Mrs Gray the five hundred Dollars above given to Mrs Mary Gray I wish her to have and use as her necessities may require but should any balance thereof remain unsuspended at her decease I wish and request that the same be given to her Daughter Matilda Gray.

Seventh: After the rest residue and remainder of my estate real and personal and of every kind and description and whatever is situated I give bequeath and devise to my children who may survive me and to the descendants of ~~any~~ of my children who may die before me having issue the said residuary estate to be divided among such children and descendants in equal shares per stirpes and not per capita; that is the descendants or issue will only take such share and portion as the parent would have taken had he or she survived.

Eighth: In case either of my children shall have died before distribution of my estate without issue surviving at such distribution then I will and direct that my children surviving and the descendants of such as may have died if any shall take in

equal shares per stirpes and not per capita the interest such child dying without issue would have taken had he or she survived.

Ninth: I authorize and empower my executors to sell and convey either at public or private sale for money in hand or partly for money and partly on a credit any and all Real Estate or interests therein of which I may die seized and possessed and I especially authorize and fully empower them to sell and convey as aforesaid my horse & boat and Real Estate in the city of Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania but I desire that this property be retained until such time as in their discretion it will yield a fair and reasonable price.

Tenth: I nominate and appoint as my executors my sons Adolphus W. Raht and William E. Raht and I request and in so far as I may direct that they be not required by any Court or authority to give bonds or security as such executors I direct my executors with an enlarged and liberal discretion in and about my estate I authorize and empower them to compromise and settle as their judgment may approve any debts and claims that may be due me they are to have a reasonable time after their qualification in which to pay legacies and bequests herein made and given and during such time said legacies and <sup>bequests</sup> ~~bequests~~ will not ~~cease~~ <sup>be</sup> interest; and I provide that all powers hereby conferred on them and all property or money given hereby to them shall be conferred on and given to and I hereby confer and give the said powers and property to the survivors of them and in case either of them may decline to act and qualify as executor then to the one who shall qualify as executor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this the 17 day September One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty nine.

Matilda Raht <sup>test</sup>  
Signed and sealed by the said testator and by her published and declared to be her last will and testament and in her request and in her presence



And in the presence of each other have at the same time subscribed our names as witnesses the said Matilda declaring to us that she was well acquainted with the contents this the day and date aforesaid.

L. G. Gentes

P. B. Mayfield

Came Adolphus W. Raht and William E. Raht parties mentioned as executors in the paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Matilda Raht deceased and also came along with them P. B. Mayfield and L. G. Gentes whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to said script which having been produced in open Court and said Mayfield and Gentes having been sworn according to law depose and said that they were acquainted with said Matilda Raht in her life time that she departed this life on or about the 22 day of December 1889 at the residence of her son the said W. E. Raht that his homestead or residence yielded to her by her late husband L. E. Raht was in Bradley County said witnesses further depose and say that their signatures to the paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of said Matilda Raht are genuine that said Matilda Raht in their presence and in the presence of each other signed her name to said script declaring the same to be her last will and Testament and that at her instance they each signed in her presence and in the presence of each other said script as subscribing witnesses thereto and that said Matilda Raht at the time she made said executors said paper was of sound mind and memory therefore the Court adjudges this said paper writing is the last will & Testament of said Matilda Raht and orders that it be entered of record as such and thereupon the said Adolphus W. Raht and William E. Raht moved the Court to be allowed to qualify as Executors thereof which Court is pleased to allow and the said nomination

Executors in open Court took the oath of office and having been excused from giving bond in said will the Court is pleased to order that their testamentary power be thereunto.

State of Tennessee

Bradley County J. A. A. Aragon Clerk of the County Court of said County certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Original Will of Matilda Raht deceased which has been duly known in open Court as the accompanying Order will show, and is now on file in my office as an office paper.

This Jan. 7th 1890

A. A. Aragon Clerk