

the last will and Testament of John Stafford of the County of Warren and State of Tennessee

John Stafford being of the County of Warren and State of Tennessee

unlawfully of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following (that is to say)

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Delila Stafford my negro girl slave named Charlott during the natural life my said wife Delila and at the death of my said wife it is my will and desire that said slave Charlott and her increase if any be sold and the proceeds arising thereon be given to my respected nephews & niece John & Mitchell and his wife Sarah Mitchell and in this event that the said John & Mitchell & wife Sarah die before my said wife Delila then and in that event that the proceeds arising on the sale of said slave and her increase if any be equally divided between the children & heirs of the said John & Mitchell & Sarah Mitchell

Item 2nd It is my will and I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Delila my negro woman slave named Laura and it is my will and desire that my said wife Delila immediately after my decease sell said slave on such terms as she may think most advisable and that the monies arising on such sale I desire that my said wife shall have use and enjoy in such manner as she may think most advisable further

Item 3rd I also give & bequeath my clay bank now built and to my beloved wife Delila together with all my home hold & kitchen furniture

Item 4th I also give & bequeath to my said wife Delila one promissory note for Five hundred Dollars on John & Mitchell due & payable to me on the 22nd day

of December 1857 Item 5th I also give and bequeath to my said wife Delila all other property or cash that I may die seized & possessed and it is my will and desire that any of said money that my beloved wife may not have expended that she may die seized & that the same be given to the said John & Mitchell & his wife Sarah and in this event that my said wife should receive the said Mitchell & wife then and in that event that said monies be given to the heirs and children of the said John & Sarah Mitchell

Item 6th I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Delila Stafford my gold lace watch to have use and to dispose of as she may think advisable I hereby appoint my beloved wife Delila Stafford my sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made It is also my will and desire that my beloved wife Delila Stafford shall not give nor be compell to give security or enter into bond as my Executor in certain I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of September A.D. 1859

Signed sealed published and declared by the said John Stafford to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who are John Stafford's friends his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same

Thomas G. Wood

Other Testimony

James Finley } Stole of Tennessee Warren County
October term of the County Court 1859.

then personally appeared in open court James Finley & James Finley subscribing their names to the within paper rightly and being put under oath and being that are acquainted with John Stafford the Testator in his lifetime and that he assigned and acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last will and testament on the day & date aforesaid

Subscribed for the Clerk of said County Court at open Court Monday 8th day of Oct 1859 J. Finley Registered 24th Oct 1859

Edward Bragg September the 7th day 1859

Last will & Testament } this is my last will and testament

for the love I have for my wife Elizabeth Bragg
it is my request after my death that she
Elizabeth Bragg have all my property to dispose of
as she fits during natural life & all my lands
it is my request that she Elizabeth Bragg have the
use of all my lands during her natural life to use as
she shall see fit and after her death it to be sold
and equally divided among all my children
I have given my Daughter Lucia Carter and my
Daughter Margaret Hoag one hundred and fifty
Dollars each and my son Thomas Bragg one hundred
Dollars it is my request that my children younger
than those above mentioned be made equally
with those above mentioned and the remainder
equally divided among all my children I her
appoint my wife Elizabeth Bragg my Executor
to collect all that may be coming
to me and pay all my debts within
my hand and seal Edward Bragg
attest E. & E. Gibson }
Sept 18 1859

State of Tennessee, Cannon County
October term 1859

then personally appeared in open
Court E. & E. Gibson & W. B. Hoag subscribing
witness to the within paper righting first
being sworn before and that they are acquainted
with the said Edward Bragg the Testator
in his lifetime and that assigned and
acknowledged the same in their presence
to be his last will and testament on
the day it bore date witness Breckley
Lester Clerk of said County Court this
first Monday & 5th day of October 1859.

Registred 24th day of Oct 3 1859
B. Farwell }

William Campbell decd

State Tennessee
Last Will and Testament } Supreme Court Decemr
Term 1859.

Present Judge Mc Kinney, Caruthers and
wright.
John D. Campbell } This cause was heard this 22^d day
to } of Decemr 1859, Before the
Susan Campbell } Judges of the Supreme Court of the
State of Tennessee, Upon the bringing
of the record from the Circuit Court of Cannon
County and arguments of counsel, On consideration
whereof the court is of opinion that there is no error
in the Judgment of the court below, and the same
is in all respects confirmed. It is therefore or-
dained by the court that the paper writing dates
the first day of September 1857, Be established
as the last will and testament of William Cam-
pbell decd, And that the same be certified to the court
of Cannon County to be recorded. And it is further or-
dained by the court that Susan Campbell decd, of
John D. Campbell, Joseph Campbell, William Gunter &
George Giggles John Hornell, Mary M. Kinnard
their Securities in the appeal Bond M. M. Brown and
Sara Gunter the cost of the court below and that
execution issues. And it is ordered by the court
that the paper sent up purporting to contain the
Juries of Campbarnise of the matters in controversy
in the cause be taken off of the file, as it is illegal
and can have no effect.

State of Tennessee

I James P. Clark Clerk of the Supreme Court
of said State at Nashville Do hereby certify that
the above is a true and perfect copy of the Judgment
of said Court in the case of Campbell vs Campbell
as the same remains of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal of office of said Court at Nashville
this day of 1860 J. P. Clark

William Campbell To wit,
 Last Will & Testament I William Campbell
 do make and publish
 this as 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 just debts be
 paid, as soon after my death as possible out
 of any monies that may be possessed of
 or may first come into the hands of my
 Execution Second.

I give and bequeath to my wife
 during her natural life or Widowhood
 the use of all my estate both real and
 personal, to controul as she may think
 best & free from the interference of all
 other persons, without any restraint of Minors
 (except the Land and Slaves) which are
 not to be sold by her but to remain subject
 to the request hereinafter named.

Thirdly

My Children and those who would otherwise
 be my legitimate heirs have been unkind to
 me, have attempted to deprive me
 of my worldly goods, and bring me under the
 care of a guardian, and otherwise slandered
 me and mistreated me and my wife in our
 old age. And thereby forfeited all parental
 claims upon me, Therefore I direct
 that on the death or marriage of my
 said wife Susan Campbell, that all my
 estate be settled upon Robert Jones, and
 Robert Cantrell as Trustees to hold
 in trust for the following purposes to wit
 I direct that the same be laid out
 by my said Trustees for the purposes

of erecting a church or churches in the county
 of Cannon Tennessee where the same may be
 most needed in said county. Which Church or Churches
 are to be under the dominion and controul of the
 denomination of Christians called Methodists
 and of that Branch known as the Methodist
 Episcopal Church South, And the question as
 to the location of Church or Churches is to be
 left to the Presiding Elder who may have charge
 of that portion of the Tennessee Conference
 including the County of Cannon at the time
 the fund come into the hands of my Trustees

Fourthly

I direct that my Executors have full power
 and authority as such, to sell all my real
 estate and Slaves without any order of Court
 to that effect for the purpose of carrying out
 or into effect this my last Will & Testament and
 pay over the proceeds,

Fifth

I direct that my Executors sell my tract
 of Land on which John & Campbell now
 live, as soon after my death as practicable
 and hold the funds for the purpose of defraying
 the expenses of my said or debts that may be
 brought against my estate or my said wife
 Susan Campbell, All my lands and Slaves
 hereby directed to be sold, I direct shall be sold on
 a credit of twelve months

Sixthly

I do hereby nominate and appoint Charles & Jones
 and Samuel Darby, my Executors to this my last will
 and Testament, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal on this first day of September
 in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
 and fifty seven. William Campbell

Signed Sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our
 names hereto in the presence of the Testator This first day of
 September 1857 John W. Wone, Saml. D. Evans, John Remy, Esq.

Albert Perry

Last Will & Testament

I Albert Perry, do make and publish this as 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 to be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any monies that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Louisa Perry, all my property that remains after the payment of my debts, Both Real and Personal, to do with and dispose of as she may think proper. Thirdly, and that my Executors sell a Sufficiency of said property to pay and satisfy all my debts of every description. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas G. Sullivan and my wife Louisa Perry, my Executors.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal This 8th day of April 1860.

Albert Perry (Seal)

Signed Seals and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator This 8th day of April 1860

James S. Taylor

George Finley

The above will was proven in open court By James S. Taylor & George Finley the subscribing witnesses to the above May the 7th 1860.

D B Hood Clerk

State of Tennessee, May Term of said county Court 1860

Carroll County } Then personally appeared in open court

George Finley and James S. Taylor subscribing witnesses to the within paper writing, who being first sworn

depose and say that they was acquainted with Albert Perry the Testator in his life, And that he signed and acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last Will & Testament on the day it bears date. Witness Thomas H. Smith Clerk of said county Court at Office this 7th day of May 1860 Registered 8th May 1860

Nancy Brandon

Last Will and Testament

I Nancy Brandon do make and publish this as my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me at any time made First my Will is that my debts be paid out of any money that I may die seized or possessed of or that may come in to the hands of my Executor and that my funeral expenses be paid by my Executor So soon as money come to his hands as Executor Secondly I Bequeath to my Son John M. Brandon Sixty dollars & forty dollars of the before mentioned Sixty dollars being the value of a Colt given to my Son John M. Brandon by his grandfather John McHenry and the other Twenty dollars to buy a saddle and Bridle to make him equal with my other heirs they having each a Saddle & Bridle Thirdly my Will is that my Beds Bed clothing polished Knives & forks and all of my Shifware be equally divided between my heirs and not sold by my Executor and that all the Rest or balance of my property of every description be sold by my Executor and the proceeds be equally divided between my heirs and that my Boy Maurice a Slave for life of the age of seventeen years Next April be sold by my Executor and the proceeds of the sale of said Slave be also equally divided between my heirs I nominate and appoint A. E. McHenry my Executor in witness whereof I bear in to set my hand & seal this 7th day of Oct 1859

Nancy Brandon

signed sealed and acknowledged
in our presence the date above written

Josephus Hively
Peter Simpson
mark

State of Tennessee June Term of
Common Court Said County Court
A D 1860

then personally appeared in open
Court Josephus Hively and Peter
Simpson subscribing witnesses to the
within paper writing who being first
sworn depose and say that they were acquainted
with the said Nancy Brandon the testator
in his life time and that she signed and
acknowledged the same in their presence
to be his last will and testament upon
the day it bears date

Witness J H Smith Clerk of Said
County Court at office this 4th day
of June 1860 J H Smith CLK

Registered at office the 10th of
June 1860 J H Smith CLK

John Burk
Go
Last Will

the last will and testament of
John Burks considering the
uncertainty of this mortal life

bearing of sound mind and memory
do make and publish this my last
will and testament in manner and form
following that is to say first I give and
bequeath unto my beloved wife
Nancy Burk all my household
furniture and one black mare and one
milk cow and 4 head of sheep and one
sow and pigs and 6 shoats and one calf
and one saddle colt three year old

and one yoke of Steers and one Read
hipper the saddle colt and the yoke of Steers
and ~~hipper~~ to be sold and to pay my
debts and the balance to my wife
Nancy Burks and one son on said
Miligan John Harris to be collected
and after paying off my debts
the balance to my wife Nancy
Burks and I appoint J. L. Burk to
attend to the execution of my will
hereby revoking all wills made by
me in witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this the 10th day of
May 1860 John Burk (B)

Test Thomas Campbell
J G Armstrong

State of Tennessee
Common Court
July Term of Said County
Court A D 1860

then personally appeared before me in open
Court Thomas Campbell & J G Armstrong
subscribing witnesses to the within paper writing
who being first sworn depose and say that
they were acquainted with John Burk the
testator in his life and that he signed and
acknowledged the same in their presence
to be his last will and testament on the day
it bears date witness Thomas H Smith CLK
of said Court at office this first Monday and
2nd day of July 1860 A D 1860
Registered the 12th day of
July 1860 J H Smith CLK

J H Smith CLK

A H young
 To
 Last Will } O A H young of the County of
 } Cannon and State of Tennessee
 } being of Sound mind and
 memory and considering the uncertainty
 of this ~~life~~ frail and Transitory life
 do there fore make certain
 publish and declare this to be my
 Last Will & Testament that is to say
 first after all my lawful debts are paid
 and dis charged the residue of my
~~estate~~ real and personally I gave
 bequeath and dispose of as follows (to wit)
 To my son J E Young one half dollar
 at Eight dollars and to my son J L
 Young one half dollar at Eight dollars
 and forty two dollars and to my son A
 Young one half dollar to have one hundred
 and ~~thirty~~ two dollars and my son Eliza
 Young one hundred and twenty two
 dollars and my son Mack L Young
 one hundred and twenty two dollars
 and my daughter Rebecca Young
 five dollars and my daughter
 my daughter Mary Young eight dollars
 Martha A Young my daughter forty
 eight dollars and my daughter Clem
 entine Young forty eight dollars
 and my daughter Nancy A Young
 forty eight dollars and my daughter
 Sarah A Young forty eight dollars and
 my daughter Minerva Young forty
 eight dollars and to my declared
 Wife the Lands & Appertanences situate
 there on known and described as the North
 East Corner lying in Cannon
 County and District No 5

Sally B. Evans } The last Will and Testament of Sally B. Evans of
 said Will } Cannon County Tennessee
 & Testament } I Sally B. Evans considering the uncertainty of this
 mortal Life and being of sound and memory do make
 and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form
 following that is to say first I give and bequeath to my beloved
 Grandson D. B. Cantrell a certain Feather Bed that is now called
 his with Pillows and Bolster one Sheet and Blanket and four
 quilts one Linen and three Calico ones of the newest that I have.
 I also give and bequeath to said D. B. Cantrell a certain Brown
 Heifer about three years old I also give and bequeath to the said
 D. B. Cantrell a certain Bay Horse with a bald face
 I give and bequeath to my beloved Grandson E. L. Evans a certain
 red cow with a white face and the calf that is now sucking her
 I hereby appoint H. E. Ford sole Executor of this my last Will and
 Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 Seal this the 22nd Day of May in the year of our Lord one
 thousand eight Hundred and fifty eight

Sally B. ^{her} Evans
 mark

The above Instrument consisting of one Sheet of paper was now
 here subscribed by Sally B. Evans the Testatrix in the presence of
 each of us and was at the same time declared to be her last Will
 and Testament and we at her request sign our names hereto
 as attesting witnesses

H. E. Ford
 B. F. Lawrence

Amos Goffle } The Last Will and Testament of Amos Goffle
 Last Will and } Cannon County Tennessee August 23 1858
 Testament } I Amos Goffle being of sound mind and

knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of Death
 make and Publish this my last Will & Testament to viz
 First

It is my Will after my death that my coming to
 Nicenthy Ward am all of my personal Effences
 to paid out of my Efforts.

Second

It is my wish & Will that all of just Debts to paid
 off in full out of my Efforts

Third

I give & bequeath to my beloved Wife Ann a good Good
 Bedstead and furniture and that my son Miles Goffle
 & Daughter Martha Hollis be requested to & Enjoin it
 upon them both to see to it have a good Support
 Comfortable Support given to her out of my
 Efforts which I shall dispose of as follows
 Fourth

I give & bequeath to my son Miles Goffle one half of the
 Tract of Land East on upon which now trades
 Goffle a Log House in my yard which is his House
 as he built it upon his own Effences
 Fifth I give bequeath the remaining half of said Tract of
 Land to my Daughter Martha Hollis wife that said Tract
 of Land be divided with a North & South line & Whichever
 I will it to be divided by five Disinterested men chosen &
 a good upon by the above named Persons & each by them &
 Good getting the most valuable portion of Land shall pay
 over to the other the Difference in valuation to make
 both Equal. Sixth It is my Will that all the remaining
 portion of my property of every nature to sold to the highest
 Bidder as the Land directs and the money coming from
 The Sale of the same together with all other money and
 hands or coming to me to be collected and the whole to be
 be Equally divided between my two Heirs Miles Goffle
 & Martha Hollis

Know all men by these presents that my said Wife Milla Saffle. My
 Executed to Execute this my last Will &
 Testament Whereunto I have set my name in
 in the presence of the Subscribing Witnesses
 Day & Date above Made

Amos Saffle Seal

Attest

Jessie M. Bowen

John Bowen

Jefferson Parks
 Last Will &
 Testament

I Jefferson Parks do make and
 publish this as my last will and
 Testament hereby revoking and making
 void all other wills by me at any time made
 I direct that my funeral expenses and all
 my debts be paid as soon after my death as
 possible out of any money that I may now possess
 of or my first come to hand. I want my wife
 Sarah P. Parks to take entire charge of my estate
 just as I had before my death I wish her to buy
 and see any thing belonging to the estate that
 she may see proper I wish her to raise the
 poor children in the support of the estate without
 the aid of any body except her sons or those of
 her own choosing during her life and in the
 case of her marriage during the time of the
 children and out of age let there be a sale
 and carry thing sold off and divided agreeable to
 Sarah P. Parks and her poor children in witness
 whereof I do to this my will set my hand
 and seal this 28 day of March 1861.

Attest

Sarah P. Parks

E. J. Neal

The within will given in open Court by the
 Subscribing witnesses to the same this 5th day 1861.

D. J. Good Cheer

Enrolled on the 11th

I Amos Saffle of the County of
 Test Will & Testament
 I Amos Saffle of the County of
 Garrison and State of Minnesota being of sound
 mind and memory and considering the
 uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do
 therefore make and publish and declare this
 to be my last will and Testament that is
 to say First after all my lawful debts are
 paid and discharges the residue of my Estate
 Real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of
 as follows (to wit) To my beloved wife Ruth the
 whole of my Estate both Real and personal during
 her Natural life and at her death to be equally
 divided among all my Children except
 Elvira Harris who has used one Negro girl
 a hand I am of age seven or thereabouts
 dollars which is to be deducted from her
 dower share I have made all my Children
 equal in my former Advancements except
 the Negro girl given as above stated I hereby direct that
 the dower share of my daughter Rebecca Hopper
 be paid and held by my Son A. M. D. Hicks of the State
 of Texas for the use of my said daughter Rebecca and
 to pay said fund to her or to her legal agent as she may
 need or require it during her Natural life and at her
 death to be equally divided among her Children or
 their legal representatives if my said fund shall remain
 on hand at her death I further direct that my Executor shall
 have full power and authority to divide my Estate among
 my Children if it can be done satisfactorily to them and
 if it cannot be done I direct my said Executor to sell
 all my property both Real and personal including
 slaves in the event they or not divided as above directed
 said personal property to be sold in Twelve months
 credit the land to be sold in one or two years credit
 in equal instalments to be sold all together or in
 lots to suit per shers master whether the land be
 sold in lots or all together is left to my Executor
 I direct that my Executor shall have full power to

I direct that my Executor do not
give security

within Will Wood present in
 open court by all the subscribing
 witnesses on the 7th day of April 1862
 J. E. Far & C. E.

sister I at office the 15th of 4 April
 1862
 C. A. Smithell

[illegible]

after provided To Wit, a Tract of 400 acres that I
 perched under a decree of the Superior Court of Cassian
 County and for greater certainty as to the said tract
 of land & improvements here made to the said granted to
 me by John Wetherford Clarke of said Court on
 the 4th day of August 1845 which Tract of Land
 was granted by the State of Virginia to Marshall
 Shelby by Grant No 6873 My Executor herein after
 mentioned shall sell said 400 acre tract last before named
 either at public or private sale in several
 parcels or all together for cash in hand or on credit
 as he may think most advisable and in cash he shall
 decide not to pay my last debts that he sell the said
 tract now containing about 281 acres in the manner
 last before said specified in the manner of the sale of
 said 400 acre tract and apply the proceeds to the pay-
 ment of my lawful debts as before stated and in the
 event of said 281 acre tract shall not sell for enough
 to pay my lawful debts that in that case he
 will apply of the proceeds to the payment of my lawful
 debts arising on the sale of the 400 acre tract my said
 Executor is hereby directed with full power to make
 title to the purchasers of any & all the lands before mentioned
 it is my Will & desire and I hereby do my Executor
 when he shall have disposed of said land as above said
 & collected the proceeds & my last debts being paid
 as before provided that he then pay the balance of
 the proceeds of said land over to my heirs herein after
 mentioned equally share & share alike To Wit, James
 H Lurray Maria Kysner My grand Son the Son of
 My daughter Rebecca Everett died my said Richard
 H Lurray, John Lurray my daughters Sallie
 Samuel & Martha Wood my said John Lurray
 George & Lurray Theophilus Lurray & James H L
 Lurray I make no bequest for my Son Thomas
 L Lurray's heirs & my Son Samuel H Lurray because
 I advanced to my Son Thomas L in his life
 time a Tract of 200 acres of Land worth at the

time \$200 more than I am now able to give either
 of the Rest of my Children I also make no bequest
 as before said to my Son Samuel H Lurray I
 advanced to him the fine good mare worth
 at the time advanced \$100 & in Rest of my said
 \$80.00 therefore it is my Will that my Son
 Samuel H and the heirs of my Son Thomas L & so shall
 not have any interest in my Estate or be paid
 any thing arising out of the proceeds arising out of the
 same as I have advanced to them as much as
 I intend to do as before stated I hereby make
 constitute & appoint my said Son in Law
 Thomas H Wood to be my Executor of this my
 last Will and Testament hereby Rescinding all
 former by me made in witness whereof
 I have hereunto subscribed my name and
 affixed my seal this 5th day of March A.D.
 1862 Entered before Richard H Lurray
 signed

The above Written Instrument was signed by the said
 Richard H Lurray in our presence and before
 us & acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same
 time published & declared the above Instrument
 to be his last Will & Testament and we
 at the Testator's Request and in his presence have
 signed our names as witnesses hereto
 given in open Court by
 the subscribing Witnesses
 April 7th 1862
 J L Pondilton
 David Lyman
 Alfred H Lurray
 Noted & attested at office the 15th day of April
 1862
 Chas Smith Clerk

Codicil to the will of R. M. Lumsay

I Richard M. Lumsay of the County of Cass and State of Minnesota have made my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date the 5th day of March 1861, now by me among other things Requested not hear, History again to mention which is here given and decreed to my Son in Law Thomas G. Wood on certain conditions the balance undivided of 2900 acre Tract of Land that I purchased of Jas L. Esley on the 29th day, Sept 1857, Land 281 acres more or less lying & being in said County and State Civil district No 5 and specified in said Will more particularly, and whereas on the 9th day of April 1861 I sold and conveyed said Tract of Land of 281 acres by deed with general Warranty to Thomas G. Wood for the consideration set forth in said deed for greater certainty as to said Tract of Land Reference is made to said deed. Now I do therefore by this writing which I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my last Will & Testament to be taken as a part thereof of Order and declare that the bequest made to said Thomas G. Wood by said Will so far as to the bequest of the 281 acre Tract of Land on certain conditions there in set forth be and the same is repeated & annexed and for nothing said for the reasons of said Grandfather & Sale of said Land to said Wood by deed as before stated but as to all the other bequests there in named & directed given is hereby Reaffirmed & Ratified by me and lastly it is my desire that this Codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last Will & Testament as expressed and to intents & purposes the Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my Name by writing my name this 4 day of July 1861

Richard M. Lumsay

The above written Instrument was subscribed by said Richard M. Lumsay, in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and we

at the Testator's Request and in his presence have signed and named as Witnesses here to

James L. Pendleton

David Lyson

present in open Court by the Subscribing Witnesses April the 7th 1862 J. D. G. and others

Registered at office 15th April 1862

J. H. Smith Clerk

Robert Bailey } The last will and Testament of Robert Bailey
Last Will of Cannon County Georgia
and Testament of Robert Bailey do well and bequeath all my

personal and real estate to Martha C Bailey and her present heirs they are to have Equal shares of the property Martha C Bailey is to draw a child's part when the estate is divided. The said Bailey want all the personal property sold after his decease and the money on hand and what may be collected after his decease to pay the debt if any on funeral expenses and taxes.

The said Bailey request all the heirs to live on the land as long as they can and when times get so that the land will sell for its worth if the heirs can agree to live on the land satisfactorily then it is no time to sell it at his request is not to sell the land until times get settled said Bailey request not to have Negro Ben sold of the place and to live among the heirs and they are to support him as long as he should live, he is to be fed and clothed and live with any of the heirs he pleases. Robert Bailey bindeth Bailey's oldest son and Eliza W. College I appoint to wind up my business I make them my Executors If I die the mode that Francis Bailey has got I will let him have and if ^{should} recovered whenever I call for her she is mine

This the 9th day of November 1862.

W. S. Hutton

J. W. H. Hall, Test.

his
Robert C Bailey
mark

Proven in open Court by the subscribing
Witnesses

J. L. Ford Clerk

Recorded this 1st day of December A.D. 1862

Last will and Testament
of B. D. Sumner deceased

In the name of God amen. I
Bunches D Sumner being weak of body

but of sound mind make and ordain this my last will and testament, 1st of all I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and I desire my body to be decently buried and funeral expenses paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executors hereafter named, 2d I desire my beloved wife Elisebeth Sumner to have my sorrel mare cow and all the household and kitchen furniture there not being more than the laws of our land allow also I desire her to have one year's provision out of my present crop I also desire my Father J. W. Sumner to be my Executor and have the power to sell my Italian Town to the best advantage either public or private also my grey filly which my father has an interest in and some leather that is in barn and the proceeds to go to pay my debt I also desire my father to have the care and control of the raising of my beloved children to wit Jefferson Eliza and John Douglass and to be their guardians To the above I subscribe my hand and seal

this the 21st day of Oct 1862.

Test George W. Alexander

W. C. Sumner

J. D. Francis

B. D. Sumner

Proven in open Court by
two of the subscribing
witnesses W. C. Sumner
and J. D. Francis

J. L. Ford Clerk

Recorded this 2nd day of December A.D. 1862.

Allen Thomas } I Allen Thomas of the County of
 Last Will } Cannon and State of Tennessee do
 & Testament } make and Publish this my last
 will and testament hereby revoking all others
 made by me at any time previously made
 First, I direct that my funeral expenses and
 Just debts be paid as soon after my death
 as possible out of any monies that I may
 die seized or possessed of or that may first come
 into the hands of my Executor.

2ndly I bequeath to my wife Maria only the
 sum of one hundred dollars, on account of
 her having left my house & home without a law
 Thirdly - I will that my executor sell all my
 estate, either for cash, or on a reasonable credit
 as he may deem proper. Consisting of the tract
 of land on which I now reside containing
 about 110 acres, - Four Slaves Alfred, Sally,
 George and Rebecca, and all other Personal
 Property that I may die seized or possessed of -
 And that an equal distribution of the proceeds
 thereof be made between my heirs to wit,

Peter, J. Thomas Rebecca, B. Byrum Elizabeth A
 Bryant, and in case of the death of any or all
 of my said Children - then to their Children
 in like manner And to the Children of Thomas
 & Jane Barnett, my grand Children, I desire
 to have an equal share of my estate as one
 heir - that after the payment of all Just debts,
 & expenses that an equal division of the proceeds
 of my effects be made amongst my heirs
 above named, Lastly I do nominate and
 appoint my son Peter J Thomas my Executor,
 In witness whereof I do, to this my will set
 my hand and seal

This 24th October 1863

Allen Thomas. (Seal)
 mark

Signed Sealed and Published in our presence
 and we have Subscribed our names in the
 Presence of the testator,

This 24th October 1863

J. B. Hipp
 H. B. Dickens

Brought in open Court by the Subscribing witnesses
 April the 4th 1864 Josephus Finley Chas Porten

Recorded at office the 5th of April 1864

A. T. Fisher clk

Nancy E. Nichols } Whereas by the Last Will and Testament of
 Last Will & Testament } William Nichols Deceased, I Nancy E. Nichols
 have derived Title To One Town Lot in the Town
 of Woodbury Cannon County Tennessee, known in the Plan
 of said Town as Lot No 30 Also One Other Town Lot
 unimproved known in the Plan of said Town as Lot
 No, 19, Also One Note on Moses Perry for About Seven
 Hundred and Fifty dollars, One Note on Samuel Barrett
 for about Fifty Dollars One Note on Jackson Reed for about
 Forty Five Dollars. Also all of the Household & Kitchen
 Furniture, Now I Nancy E. Nichols of the County of Cannon
 and State of Tennessee do make and publish This as my Last
 Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making void
 any other Will by me at any time made 1st My Will is that
 all of the Just Debts against the Estate of the said William
 Nichols Deceased be paid out of any monies that may come
 into the hands of my Executor. 2nd My Will is that my
 Funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my Death as
 practicable 3^d My Will is that my son or Child William
 Nichols have all my Property as described above of
 Every description and in case of the Death of my son
 William Nichols My Will is that all of the above described
 Property be turned into cash and Equally divided
 between my Brothers and Sisters of the whole
 Blood, I hereby nominate and appoint

Lugner B. Smith as my Executor. In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th
day of April 1865

Nancy E. Nichols

Signed sealed and delivered
in our Presence the date above written

Josephus Finley June Term of Cannon
J. H. Whorton County Court A.D. 1865

State of Tennessee } Personally appeared in open court
Cannon County } Josephus Finley and J. H. Whorton
subscribing Witnesses to the within Paper writing who
being first sworn depose and say that they were acquainted
with the said Nancy E. Nichols the Testator in her life
time and that she signed or Acknowledged her signature
to the same in their Presence to be her Last Will and
Testament upon the day it Bears Date

Witness Josephus Finley Clerk of said County
Court at office this 5th day of June 1865

Registered at office this 6th day of June 1865
Josephus Finley Clerk

Thomas Elkins } State of Tennessee } The last Will and Testament of Thomas
Last Will & Testament } Cannon County } Elkins of County and state aforesaid moving
and setting aside all former Wills made by me, In the name of God Amen,
I, Thomas Elkins considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being
of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will
and Testament in manner and form as follows. First I give and bequeath
to my Beloved Wife Mary Elkins the Farm on which I now reside being
in said County and state aforesaid on the Waters of Stones River in Civil
District No 7) also One Two Horse Wagon and One Horse and Harness
for said Wagon and One Cow and calf and all the Household and Kitchen
Furniture except One Feather Bed, Bed ste and Furniture for said Bed which
I give and Bequeath to my beloved Granddaughter Lauby Ann Fowler. I also
give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Mary Elkins all the Stock Hogs on
hand and all the cash notes and money that I may have on hand after
paying all my just Debts and funeral expenses. Also One Negro Boy
named Robert all of the above named and described
Property and Land is to belong to my Beloved

Wife Mary Elkins during her natural life time or widowhood. The
above named and described Land and Property is to go to my beloved Son
Hark Elkins, With the following Exceptions, The Negro Boy Robert my
Executor is to sell and divide the proceeds Equally my all of my heirs
and also the Household Furniture is to be divided Equally among my three
Daughters (my) and secondly I have given to all of the rest of my
Children their proportional Shares of Land and made them Deeds to
the same.

Thirdly and Lastly As To all of the Residue and Remainder of
my Effects that may be on hand after my Death, I want my
Executors to sell and divide the proceeds Equally among all of my Heirs.

I hereby Appoint John D. Elkins and D. L. Elkins my sole
Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This the 15th day
of June One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty four 1864

Attest Harry E. Ford

Thomas Elkins

Henry D. Stone

June Term of Cannon County Court A.D. 1865

State of Tennessee }
Cannon County } Personally appeared in open court Harry E. Ford and
Henry D. Stone subscribing witnesses to the within Paper writing who being
first sworn say upon their Oaths that they were acquainted with the said
Thomas Elkins in his lifetime and that he acknowledged his signature to the
same in their presence to be his last will and Testament. Witness Josephus
Finley Clerk of said County Court at office this 5th day of June
A.D. 1865

Registered at office this 7th day of June 1865

Stamp one dollar

Josephus Finley Clerk

William Nichols } State of Tennessee Cannon County
Last Will & Testament } I William Nichols of the county and state
aforesaid being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty
and the certainty of Death do make and publish this my last
Will and Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills
by me made and Testaments by me heretofore made at
any time. But it is my Will after my decease that
my remains be decently Interred and all of my

Arnett Jones } I Arnett Jones of the County of Cannon & State of Tennessee
 Last Will & Testament do make & publish this the 5th day of March One Thousand
 and Eight Hundred and Fifty Seven This my last Will and Testament
 as follows viz. 1st I give and bequeath to Simeon Hollis my Son-in-law all of my Lands Lying West of the Lane running through my
 Farm from Bradyville towards Bradyville as the Lane now runs.
 2nd I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Wife Esther Jones the
 Lands Lying East of the above described Lane running East
 To the high point of the Ridge near E. Jones house to a large
 Chinkapin Oak Tree, Together with all my household furniture
 Together with all of my stock of every description during her
 Widowhood or Natural Life, now it is my request that James
 E. Hollis my Grandson take charge and care of her my
 Wife Esther & at her marriage or death all of above described
 Lands and Property described to her be his forever.
 3rd I give and Bequeath to my son Thomas E. Jones all
 of the portion of Lands to a cross fence now standing
 and running Westward where said T. E. Jones and the widow of
 my son Wm. Jones resides. 4th I give and Bequeath to Elenor Jones
 her Widowhood or Natural life all the Ballance of my Lands including
 the place where my son Wm. Resided at his Death, Now at the
 Marriage or death of the said Elenor my wish is that the land
 be sold and the proceeds be equally divided between the said
 deceased Wm. Jones heirs. 5th I will and bequeath to my Grand
 son Thomas E. Jones One hundred dollars to be paid to
 him Twelve months after my death by my Son-in-law
 Simeon Hollis out of the portion of Estate that I
 have bequeathed to him to bring the said Grand son
 T. E. Jones, Portion to all that I intend him to have
 of my Estate. 6th I wish and appoint my son-in-law
 Simeon Hollis to be my Executor, To carry out and perform
 all of the duties Encumbered upon him in this Will, To divide
 & sell all and every portion as described without the Expense
 of Court. Whereunto I set my hand and seal in the
 presence of the Subscribing Witnesses day and date above
 written Attest S. M. Jourie
 Wm. J. Walkup
 Arnett Jones

June Term of the Cannon County Court A.D. 1865

State of Tennessee }
 Cannon County } Personally appeared in Open Court S. M. Jourie and
 Wm. J. Walkup Subscribing Witnesses to the within Paper writing
 Purporting to be the last will and Testament of Arnett Jones deceased
 who being first sworn say upon their Oaths that they was acquainted
 with Arnett Jones in his Life Time and that he Acknowledged
 his Signature to the same in their presence to be his Last will and
 Testament on the day it Bears date, Witness Josephus Finley
 Clerk of said County Court at Office this 5th day of June A.D.
 1865.
 Josephus Finley Clerk
 Registered at Office this 8th day of June A.D. 1865.
 Josephus Finley Clerk

Mary Alexander } In the Name of God Amen
 Last Will and } I Mary Alexander of the County of Cannon
 Testament } and State of Tennessee being in feeble Health but
 of sound mind and memory do make and declare the
 following my last Will and Testament, To wit: Item 1st
 my Will and desire is that all my just debts be paid as
 soon as possible after my death. Item 2nd and after my debts
 being paid my Will and desire is that J. C. Alexander my
 youngest son Lying and Being in a helpless condition and has
 been for some time that he have all my personal
 Property of every kind whatever Including Notes & Effects
 That is coming to me of Every kind whatever that I am possessed
 of, also my desire is that he have one hundred and
 seventy five Ares of my land to be laid off of the West End
 of my Tract so as to Include the Houses Grass Lot and a
 Fifteen Acre Field, The Ballance of the Land to go to
 the Ballance of my Heirs. Lastly my Will is that Daniel
 Bryson shall be my Executor To this my Last Will
 and Testament, Witness my hand and seal this the
 31st of May 1865
 Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
 in the presence of us
 Test W. B. Odorn
 Robert Bryson

State of Tennessee Cannon County, June Term of said County Court A.D. 1865

Shew Personally Appeared in Open Court C.B. Odum and Robert B. Brown subscribing witnesses to the within paper, writing who being first sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said Mary Alexander the Testator in her life time and that she acknowledged the same in their presence to be her last will and Testament on the day it bears date. Witness, Josephus Linley Clerk of said County Court at office this 5th day of June 1865

Josephus Linley Clerk
Registered in Woodbury June the 8th 1865
Josephus Linley Clerk

William Nichol } State of Tennessee Cannon County
Last Will & Testament } I William Nichol of the County & State aforesaid
Being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life and the
certainty of Death do make and publish this my last Will and Testament
hereby revoking all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made
at any time. first it is my Will after my decease that my remains
be decently Interred and all my funeral Expenses paid out of
the Effects of my Estate as soon after my decease as practicable
second, It is my wish and Will that my just debts be paid
off out of my Effects as soon as the same can be collected
from my Debtors. Third, I give and bequeath to my Beloved
Wife Nancy E. Nichol One Improved Town Lot in the Town
of Woodbury County, and State aforesaid known in the Plan
of said Town as Lot No 30 East of the Lot owned by A.H.
Fisher and North of Main Street, also one other Town Lot
unimproved known in the Plan of said Town as Lot No 19
I also give and bequeath to my said wife Nancy E. Nichol
one Grey Mare 7 or 8 years Old, One Note on Moses Perry
for About seven hundred & fifty dollars, one Note on
Samuel Barrett for About fifty Dollars, one Note on Jackson
Beed for About 450 also all my household and Kitchen
furniture. It is my will that my Debts be paid out of the
Moses Perry note. If not out of any other notes or
Accounts that I may die seized or Possessed of.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
29th day of March 1862 signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
us Attest W.H. Smith William Nichol (Test)

J. D. McBroome

State of Tennessee } Personally Appeared before me W.H. Smith Clerk of
Cannon County } said County Court Wm. Nichol the Testator and
Acknowledged that he signed the foregoing Instrument of writing
For the Purpose therein contained given under my hand at office the
29th day of March 1862 J.H. Smith Clerk

State of Tennessee } Personally Appeared
Cannon County } I, John D. McBroome Register for Cannon
County do hereby certify that the within will and Obits aforesaid
therein are duly Registered in my office in Book 8 Page 171.
That the same was Filed the 29th of March at 2 O'clock P.M.
1862 given under my hand at office the 29th of March 1862.
J. D. McBroome
Register

State of Tennessee }
Cannon County } This day the Last will and Testament of
William Nichol deceased Has this day presented to the County Court
and the same of W.H. Smith and J. D. McBroome as subscribing witnesses
to said Will and also the Clerk & Register aforesaid thereunto
Attest said Will and ordered to be Recorded Witness my
hand at office the 7th day of August 1865

Josephus Linley Clerk
Recorded in the 14th day of September 1865
Josephus Linley Clerk

State of Tennessee Cannon County

Thomas Vance } I Thomas Vance do make and publish this as my last will
Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by
Testament 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 out of any money that I may die possessed of or may
first come into the hands of my Executor, Secondly I bind my three
Sons David Vance and Thomas H. Vance and John Vance to support
and take good care of me and my wife Eleanor Vance during
our life time, Thirdly I give and bequeath to each of my first wife's
children or their heirs one hundred dollars, Fourthly I give and bequeath
to my son Edward Vance one hundred dollars, Fifthly to my last
wife's children I give and bequeath one hundred and twenty
dollars each, except Thomas H. Vance, Sixthly I give and bequeath
all the balance of my property including my home tract of land
in Cannon County Tennessee to my beloved son David Vance.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved son
David Vance my Executor, In witness whereof I do to this my
will set my hand and seal, This the 23rd day of January 1861

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have
subscribed our names here to in the presence of the Testator, This
23rd day of January, A.D. 1861

Richard Lempenny }
Ward Barrett }
A. D. Stephens }
Thomas H. Vance Seal

State of Tennessee } Personally appeared in open
Cannon County } court Ward Barrett Richard
Lempenny and A. D. Stephens subscribing witnesses
to the within paper writing purporting to be the last
Will & Testament of Thomas Vance deceased who
being first sworn say upon their Oaths, that
they were acquainted with Thomas Vance in his
lifetime and that he acknowledged his signature to
the same in their presence to be his last will and
Testament on the day it bears date witness Josephus
Finley Clerk of said court at office the 4th day
of September 1865

Proven By the subscribing witnesses in Open Court
Recorded at office on the 14th day of September 1865
Josephus Finley Clerk

Thomas Richardson } I Thomas Richardson do make and publish this as my last will
Last Will and Testament } 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 out of any money
that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor,
Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Bedsey during her life all of my
estate both Real and Personal, Thirdly I direct that at the death of my
said wife Bedsey, that my daughter Susan Rebecca Richardson have
all of my estate both Real and Personal, Lastly I do hereby nominate
and appoint Gabriel Lingo my Executor, in witness whereof I do to this
my Will set my hand and seal, This the 19th day of August 1865.

Signed sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed
our names hereto in the presence of the Testator, This 19th day of August
1865

Thomas Richardson (Seal)
B. D. Marshall

A. Worley

State of Tennessee }
Cannon County } This day Personally appeared before me Josephus Finley
Clerk of the county court of said county B. D. Marshall and A. Worley
The subscribing witnesses who appeared in open court and after being
duly sworn deposed and said that they were acquainted with Thomas
Richardson deceased in his lifetime and that he acknowledged in
their presence the within to be his last will and Testament on the
day it bears date given under my hand at office this 8th day
of November 1865

Recorded at office November the 21st A.D. 1865

Josephus Finley Clerk

William Higgins } I William Higgins do make and publish this as my
 Last Will & Testament } hereby revoking and making void
 Testament } all others by me at any time made, first I desire that all
 my just Debts be paid as soon after my Death as convenient
 Secondly, for the Great Respect I have for my Daughter-in-law
 Susan Higgins and her kindness to me in Sickness or
 Health, has been that of a Mother, I therefore Will and bequeath to
 her the Ballance of five judgements that I obtained against C. B. Odum
 Administrator of James Higgins dead before J. B. Odum Esq. which is about
 Three hundred dollars and all the money I may be possessed of Except fifty
 dollars which I desire my Grand son John Higgins to have he being my youngest
 Grand son & favorite, also I desire her to have my horse and House hold furniture
 Bed &c also the grand Stone and Pillars, Thirdly my Will and desire is that the
 Ballance of my Estate which consist in notes on B. F. Odum to the amount of
 About Ninety Hundred dollars be Equally divided Between my Grand children
 Except (To wit) Mrs. B. Odum James H. Odum B. F. Odum Jr. J. H. Odum S. B.
 Odum Mary Nancy &c. J. H. and C. A. Odum William L. Higgins, J. P. Higgins
 Mary A. Cummings J. H. Higgins W. L. Higgins A. L. Higgins Murphy Higgins
 and H. B. Higgins, and I Lastly make and ordain ~~John~~ ^{my} friend C. B. Odum
 Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, In Testimony whereof I
 have hereunto subscribed my name & Affixed my seal. This the 23rd
 Day of February 1863
 William Higgins ^{his} _{mark} Seal
 Test: J. B. Odum

Robert Higgins

State of Tennessee Cannon County

November Term of the County Court A. D. 1865

Then Personally Appeared in Open Court J. B. Odum one of the Subscribing
 Witnesses to the within Paper writing purporting to be the Last Will
 and Testament of William Higgins Deceased who first being sworn
 deposes and says that he was acquainted with the said William Higgins
 The Testator in his Lifetime, and that he acknowledged the same in his
 presence to be his Last Will and Testament on the day it bears date,
 and that Robert Higgins the ^{only} One of the Subscribing witnesses Appeared in
 Open Court at the December Term of the County Court for Cannon County 1865 and
 who, after being first duly sworn deposes and says that he was acquainted with the
 said William Higgins The Testator in his Lifetime and that he acknowledged the
 same in his Presence to be his Last Will and Testament on the day it bears
 Date. Witness Josephus Finley Clerk of said Court, at office the 4th
 day of December 1865
 Josephus Finley Clerk
 Registered the 14th day of Dec. 1865 Josephus Finley Clerk

John Higgins } I John Higgins do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament
 Last Will & Testament } hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made
 Testament }
 First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon
 After my Death as possible out of my money that I may be possessed of, or may
 first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and Bequeath to my
 Wife Locky Jane Higgins during her Life or widowhood all of my Estate Both
 Real and Personal for the purpose of Raising and Educating my Children in a
 Proper manner, Except what is hereinafter directed. Thirdly I direct that
 any money that may be in the hands of my Executor after paying all my Debts
 and Other expenses be Equally divided Amongst my Children as they come of
 Age, Twenty one Years. Fourthly I direct that my Wife Locky Jane
 Sell any Property that may be raised on my Farm for the Benefit of my
 Family, ~~and~~ Fifthly I direct that at the Marriage or Death of my said
 Wife Locky Jane, that my Executor shall sell all my Real and Personal
 Estate on a credit of Twelve months or longer time as my Executor
 may think proper, and the Proceeds to be Equally divided Amongst my
 Children, After Accounting for what each has been Advanced
 Previously. The Above money to be paid over to my Children when they
 become of Age, Twenty one years. Lastly I ^{fully} nominate and
 Appoint J. W. Elledge my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this
 my Will set my hand and seal. This 14th day of February 1862
 John Higgins ^{his} _{mark} Seal

Signed sealed and published in our Presence
 and we have Subscribed our names hereto in the Presence
 of The Testator This 14th of February 1862

Isaac Markum

Mecajah Markum

Elijah ^{his} _{mark} Higgins

State of Tennessee } Personally Appeared before me in Open Court
 Cannon County } Isaac Markum and Mecajah Markum
 Subscribing Witnesses to the within Paper writing purporting to be
 The Last Will and Testament of John Higgins Deceased, who first being
 Sworn say upon their Oaths that they were acquainted with the
 said John Higgins The Testator in his Lifetime and that he acknowledged
 the same in their Presence to be his Last Will & Testament on the day it
 bears date and requested them to witness the same. Witness
 Josephus Finley Clerk of said Court at office the 2nd
 day of January 1866
 Josephus Finley Clerk

Registered at office January the 6th 1866

Joseph Bryson } I Joseph Bryson of the County of Cannon and
Last Will & Testament } State of Tennessee being Advanced in age and knowing
that it is Appointed for all men to die and being of sound mind and
memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby
Revoking all other wills by me at any time made 1st I desire that all
my just debts and funeral Expenses be paid as soon After my death
as possible out of any moneys that I may die seized and Possessed
of, That may come into the hands of my Executors, And it is my Will
That my Beloved Wife Sarah shall have as much money as she
may want to keep out of any money that I may have by me
at my Death. Also my Will and desire is that she remain in
Possession of the Dwelling house and Farm, and the Appurtenances
thereto. Stock and so all of which I wish her to remain in possession
of during her natural life, and if there be more Land when rented
Out than Will support her decently, by her consent it may be
sold to the Highest Bidder by my Executors and Equally divided between
my Loving Children. After the Death of my Wife all of my Lands shall
be divided as follows To wit, I, Allow my son Samuel B. Bryson
To have the Tract on which my Dwelling house stands, Beginning
in the Cave hollow and Line Between me and Joseph Bryson
Jr. Then Running down said Hollow to the Cave, Thence
a South East direction with a Road to the center of the Bridge
Across a hollow in the main Sanders fork Road, then same
course To the Top of the Ridge, Thence a North East course
Across the Creek, through the middle of a small peach
Orchard with the Road up a Hollow to the Top of the
Bridge, Thence near same course down a hollow to
Johns. Leeks Line. I Also Will To my Daughter Jane
Bryson Wife of Joseph Bryson Jr all of my Land west of
James Bonds Line & Top of the Ridge. I Also Will all
the Balance of my Lands To Martha Wilson Wife of
Michael Wilson & Polly Davenport Wife of William Davenport
To be divided to the Best Advantage, All of my said Lands
shall be valued at a moderate Price, and They that get
most shall pay the Others to make them Equal.
I Also hold notes & Accounts and Credits against said
Michael Wilson & William Davenport which must be
counted as a Setoff in the division

It is my Will and desire that my four above named Children
shall be made Equal of my whole Estate.
I do hereby constitute & Appoint my son Samuel B. Bryson
& my nephew Robert Bryson my two Executors to carry
out this my Last Will. In witness I have hereunto set
my hand and seal, this 18th day of May 1865
Attested by Joseph Bryson (seal)
John H. Smith
William Blanks
State of Tennessee } Personally Appeared before me Josephus Finley Clerk of
Cannon County } The County Court of said County in Open Court James
H. Smith and William Blanks. The subscribing Witnesses to the within
Paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Joseph
Bryson Sr Deceased, who first being duly sworn, say upon their
Oaths that they were acquainted with the said Joseph Bryson
Sr in his Life time and that he acknowledged his signature
To the same in their presence To be his Last Will and
Testament and Requested them to witness the same, Witness
Josephus Finley Clerk of said Court at office the 1st day
of January 1866
Registered at office the 9th day of January 1866
Josephus Finley Clerk

James Wood } State of Tennessee Cannon County
Last Will & Testament } I James Wood of the County & State Aforesaid
being of sound mind and disposing memory
knowing the uncertainty of Life and the certainty of Death
and wishing to do Equal and Exact justice to my Wife &
Children in regard to the disposition of my Estate, after
my Death, do Ordain, declare, Establish and publish this
as my Last Will and Testament, First it is my Will and
desire that all just debts Against me Including my funeral
Expenses be paid by my Executor hereinafter to be mentioned out
of the Proceeds of the sale of such Personal Property as I
may die seized and possessed of, and if that should be insufficient
Them from the proceeds of the sale of such portion of my Real Estate as
I shall hereinafter mention. Secondly. I give and bequeath
To my Beloved Wife Eliza Wood during the period of her

190 Shall be sold by my Executor at such Times, upon such Terms and at such Place as a Majority of my Children then living shall agree upon and the Proceeds of the sale of the same, shall be distributed among my Children or their heirs and Representatives in such manner as I shall hereafter declare, the word Representatives used in the third clause of this Will was used by me as synonymous with the word heir or heirs.

It is my will and desire in the distribution of my Estate, under the Provisions of this Will, that my Beloved Daughters Sarah, Ed. Nancy P and Eliza Tennessee Wood, and Martha H. St John and my son James G. Wood, To each of whom I have made no advancement That they shall receive from my Estate, sums of money, or its Equivalent, Equal to the Advancements made to my sons John, N. William J. Thomas W. and Horace O Wood and Mahsa J. Carmichael, as the first step made in the distribution. I desire that all of my Children or their Heirs be first made Equal in the way of Advancements, and then the surplus to be Equally distributed among them all, I also give and bequeath to my wife Aforesaid, during her natural Life or widowhood my Negro Woman Sila, about sixty years of age and her three Grand Children, Caroline Ellen and Frank, and my Boy Ike About Thirty Three years of Age, and at the Termination of her natural Life or widow-hood, then To be sold and distributed in the mode and manner required by the provisions of this will for the sale and distribution of Other Property Bequeathed to my Wife for Life or Widowhood, she is to take and hold this Property for the same uses and purposes for which she holds the Land Bequeathed, that is the maintenance of herself and such of the children who may live with her, and contribute to the support of the Family.

In the Event of the return, or recapture of any of my Slaves who have left me, and gone to the Liberals, it is my wish and desire, that they should be sold, and distributed by my Executor, To my Children in the mode and manner heretofore pointed out for the sale and distribution of Other Property mentioned in this will, This disposition of my Slave Property is made in the event of slaves being Recognized as Property by the Authorities.

At such time as

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this my last Will and Testament, I Appoint Burton L. McHerron my Executor, and Authorize and Empower him to do and perform all acts necessary to the due execution of the same. In Witness of which I hereunto set my hand and Office my Seal (a Seal being used and Acknowledged as such) this the 28th day of March A.D. Eighteen hundred & sixty four

Signed Sealed and delivered in Presence of
J. T. New

Abel Rushing
J. M. Gowen

James Wood (Seal)

February Term 1866

State of Tennessee } Personally Appeared in Open Court before me
Carmen County } Josephus Finley Clerk of the County court of said County
C. J. New and J. M. Gowen and Abel Rushing, the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper writing, purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of James Wood Deceased, who first being sworn, say upon their Oaths, that they were acquainted with the said James Wood in his Life time, and that he Acknowledged the same in their Presence to be his Last Will and Testament and Requested them to witness the same on the day it bears date. Witness Josephus Finley Clerk of said Court at office the 6th day of February 1866

Registered at office on the 22nd day of February 1866
Josephus Finley Clerk

Patsy Gannon } I Patsy Gannon of the County of Carmen and State
do } of Tennessee, do make and publish this my Last
Last Will & Testament } Will & Testament hereby Revoking and making
void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made
And first I direct that my Body be decently Interred, at some suitable Place in said County in a Manner suitable to my condition in Life, and as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to Entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows, To wit: First I direct that all my Debts and Funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my Decease as possible out of any moneys I may Die ~~seized~~ Possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my Estate

Real or Personal. Secondly I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Daughter Mary Edeue all of my Estate both Real and Personal, during her natural Life and at her Death the same To go to the Heirs of her Body, consisting of the following Property To wit: a Tract of Land Lying and being in the County of Cannon and State of Tennessee. In District No 6th on Rush Creek. Containing About Sixty acres, Two cows and Calves, Sheep, All my household and Kitchen furniture, and all and every part and Parcel of Property of Every description, that I may die Possessed of. I do hereby make Grant and Appoint my Esteemed Brother John P. Gannon Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. In witness whereof, Patsy Gannon the said Testator have to this my last Will, set my hand and seal. This 12th day of April 1857 Signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the Presence of the Testator and of each Other.

George ^{his} Gannon
John ^{mark} D. McBroom

State of Tennessee } March Term County Court 1866
Cannon County } Personally Appeared before me in Open Court George Gannon and John D. McBroom the subscribing Witnesses to the within paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Patsy Gannon Deceased who first being sworn say upon their Oaths that they were Acquainted with the said Patsy Gannon Deceased in her life time and that she Acknowledged in the Presence that she Executed the within to be her Last Will and Testament and Requested them to witness the same on the day it Bears date, Witness Josephus Finley Clerk of said Court at office the 5th day of March 1866

Registered at office April the 6th 1866

Josephus Finley Clerk

J. Owen } Know all men by these presents that J. Fountain Owen do make
Last Will } and publish this my Last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and
Testament } and making void all Others made by me at any time

First, I direct that my Funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my Death as Possible, and all my Debts, and I Bequeath to my Wife Estima Owen all the household and Kitchen Furniture, Also the following Stock, Four head of Horses, Commonly known as her Stock of Horses, Two sows & pigs, Ten head of sheep, yoke of Oxen & Cart, Two cows and calves, all the Farming Utensils all the Corn on hand, also all the Bacon on hand, also five head of hams, To wit, I Will my Daughter One Cow and Calf, 4thly I direct that my Executors sell the Land on Sanders fork that I Bought of S. L. Owen, Either Publicly or privately at their discretion, either for cash or on a credit as they may see fit and that the Proceeds of the sale be used in the following manner To wit, Two Thousand Dollars that I owe S. L. Owen as owner of J. L. Odum Deed, also About One Thousand Dollars that I am Security for him going to J. H. Smith and D. M. Garrett which Debts I have assumed, and if there should be a remainder after settling the above debts, Left in the hands of my Executors I direct that my son Richard L. Owen have it for the use and Benefit of his Children during his natural Life without giving any bond or any security whatever for his faithful Performance. Lastly I Appoint my son R. L. Owen and Son in Law Horace Overall to execute this my Last Will and Testament and that they shall be Relieved from giving Bond & Security for given under my hand and seal. This March the 7th 1866

J. Owen (seal)
Signed, sealed &c in our Presence

The date above mentioned.

That, C. B. Odum } State of Tennessee Cannon County, August Term 1866
J. P. Mason } This day Personally Appeared before me Josephus Finley Clerk of the County Court of said County, in Open Court, C. B. Odum and J. P. Mason subscribing witnesses to the within paper writing who being first sworn deposed and said upon their Oaths that they were Acquainted with the said J. Owen the Testator in his lifetime and that he Acknowledged the same in their Presence to be his

Last Will and Testament on the day it bears date and
Requested them to Witness the same, Witness Josephus Finley
Clerk of said Court etc. Office this 6th day of August
1866
Josephus Finley Clerk
Registered August the 8th 1866

Josephus Finley Clerk

Mary Harris } I Mary Harris make and publish this as my last will
Last Will & Testament } 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, out of any money I
may be possessed of, or may come into the hands of
my Executors, second I give and bequeath to my Daugh-
ter Ireney J. Harris, One Bed and Turned Bedstead
and 8. Quilts, 2 Sheets, Pillows, Blanket & counterpin
One Trunk and pair of Cards and fifteen Round of
Cotton 3d I bequeath to my Daughter Martha Pittman
One Bed One Quilt One Counterpin One Sheet 4th I give
and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Jane Harris one
Bed and Stead 4 Quilts one Counterpin Blanket 2
Two Pillows, 5 I give and bequeath to my son Samuel
H. Harris the proceeds Arising from the sale of all
my Hogs and about Twenty two dollars & 40 cents that
R. Bryson Owes me and One Fine bed Quilt, 6 give to
my Brother Everett Sumner One Bed Tick and three
Quilts and Bedstead & One Sheet, and the Residue or
Balance of my Property I want sold, Lastly I
nominate & Appoint William Blanks & George W
Harris my Executors, To carry out this my Last Will
and Testament, Given under my hand and seal
this 26th day of July 1866. Mary Harris

Attest

A. S. McKnight
J. C. Leach

State of Tennessee } Personally Appeared before me Josephus Finley
Cannon County } Clerk of the County Court of said County in Open
Court A. S. McKnight and J. C. Leach the subscribing Witnesses to
the within Paper writing, who first being duly sworn depose and
say upon their Oaths that they were personally acquainted with
Mary Harris the Testatrix in her Life time and that she executed
the same in their presence to be her Last Will and Testament,
for the purposes therein contained and requested them to witness
the same, Witness Josephus Finley Clerk of said Court at
office this 30th day of September 1866. Josephus Finley Clerk
Registered Sept 17th 1866 Josephus Finley Clerk

Isaac J. Blair } State of Tennessee Cannon County
Last Will & Testament } I Isaac J. Blair do make and publish this as 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 my debts be paid as soon after my death as Possible
out of any money that I may be seized and possessed of, or
may first come into the hands of my Executor, secondly I give
and bequeath to my Beloved Wife Elvira all the personal Property
on hand except what is hereafter mentioned consisting of Horses
Oxen, Cattle, Sheep & hogs, and also all of the present crop both
matured and growing, on hand, and such on hand and also all
the household & kitchen Furniture, Thirdly I give & bequeath
to Sarah J. Harris the following Property, One Bay Mare colts
Jesse and her colt & One Hen hippy, one Bed, Bedstead & Bedclothing
One side Saddle One Sock worth five dollars
Fourth I give to my Wife Elvira the full use and occupation
of my home farm during her Lifetime and to dispose
of the rents and profits as she may see fit, and at her
Death the farm to go to my Brothers and Sisters to dispose
of as they may see fit, fifthly I want my Executor to sell my
Fowler Land either privately or Publicly as he may see fit
and pay the Balance of my Debts after what is owing to me
Leach, and the remainder to go to my Wife Elvira to dispose of
as she may see fit, Sixthly & Lastly I do hereby appoint Warren
Cummings my Executor, In witness whereof I
do to this my Will set my hand and seal

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This the 16th day of March 1867
Test James H. Stone
J. E. Turner

Isaac Blair

State of Tennessee

Cannon County } This day Personally Appeared before me Josephus
Finley Clerk of the County Court of said County, in Open Court James
H. Stone and J. E. Turner. The Subscribing witnesses to the within Instrument
who first being sworn depose and say that they were acquainted
with Isaac Blair, the Testator in his Life Time and
that he executed the same in their Presence to be his Last
Will and Testament for the purposes therein contained and requested
them to witness the same, Witness Josephus Finley Clerk of said
Court, at Office the 1st day of April 1867. Josephus Finley Clerk
Registered at office April the 9th 1867. Josephus Finley Clerk

Mary Starr } I Mary Starr make my Will, I appoint Joseph Starr my
Last will } Son to take charge of my Property and settle up my business
Testament } I want him to collect my debts and sell or keep property
Enough to pay all my debts and burial Expenses, and the balance
of my Personal Property may be sold and the money divided
or if the children can agree the property may be Equally
divided, after Rutha Starr my Youngest Daughter gets a
bed & Bed clothing which will make her Equal with
the other children, and Mary Starr my Daughter I want
her to have a bed and Quilt & Sheet, I Mary Starr own
Four shares of the Land, I will & bequeath them to Joseph
Starr my son as he is building a saw Mill which will
enhance the value of the Land and he cannot be
profited but little by it, I also Own Ten Acres of Land
that I want sold, and Mary Josephine, Mary Starrs Little
Daughter that I have raised, I want her to have Ten
dollars of the money and the balance Equally
Amongst the children. This the 13th of October 1866.
Test. S. M. H. Male
Mary Starr

Zachariah Pullins

State of Tennessee } This day Personally Appeared
Cannon County } before me Josephus Finley
Clerk of the County Court of said County

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in Open Court S. M. H. Male and Zachariah Pullins subscribing
witnesses to the within paper writing, who first being duly
sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with Mary
Starr the Testatrix in her Life Time and she Acknowledged
in their presence that she executed the same to be her Last
will and Testament for the purposes therein contained and
requested them to witness the same on the day it bears date
witness my hand at Office the 3d day of June 1867

Josephus Finley Clerk

Nathaniel Finley } State of Tennessee

Last will and } Nathaniel Finley of the County of Cannon and State
Testament } of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will
and Testament hereby making void all other wills by
me at any time made, first, my Will is that fifty Two
and One half Acres & 31 poles of my Land known by the
name of the Southcutt place be sold by my Executor for the
purpose of paying my Debts, which Tract or parcel
of Land lies at the lower end of my farm and is bounded as
follows, Beginning at a White Walnut tree is fallen down
Finley's Northwest corner, then South $7\frac{1}{2}$ degrees East with a
Row of marked Trees seventy Two poles to a Rock, thence a direct
Line Southward about forty or forty five poles to a Lynn
Stump thence West $70\frac{1}{2}$ Poles to a fallen Dogwood (running
One pole North of the Dogwood) thence North one degree
& 23 min. east 88 poles to a Rock thence East eighty
five and one half poles to the east boundary line
leaving the Beginning Nineteen poles, then West
from the Beginning fifty Two and one half poles to
a Beech & due West course runs one pole north of the
Beech, then from the Beech to the Rock or Beginning
I desire that my Executor sell the above described
Land either privately or at public sale and appropriate
the proceeds of the sale of said Land to the payment of
my Debts as Aforesaid, first to make the necessary
Advancement, or to pay the Debts for which I am
the security of B. B. Cooper (if the same be not
otherwise settled by said Cooper) then to
proceed in a Legal and Lawful manner

So as to secure the same to my Estate out of the Lands of the said B. B. Cooper which has been condemned by the circuit court of Cannon County, and sold by the sheriff of said County, and now stands Open for redemption, and when the same is again secured to my estate my Will and desire is that said farm be equally divided among my heirs after the payment of my Debts, except my son Isaac Finley, and Josephine and my wife Dorothy, who are hereafter provided for in this my Last Will and Testament. Secondly, my will and desire is that my Beloved wife Dorothy have all the remainder of my Lands, during her natural Life or Widowhood, have the full possession and control of the same for the purpose of a support for herself and my Little afflicted daughter whose name is Josephine who has been badly afflicted for many years, which is to be controlled by my wife Dorothy, for the support of herself and my afflicted Daughter Josephine during their natural Lives, Then and at their Death my will and desire is that my son Isaac Finley have all of said Lands, he being Afflicted, to be his property in fee simple. That is the Lands herein Willed to my wife Dorothy and my Daughter Josephine and whatever of the first described Tract or the proceeds thereof which may remain after the payment of my just debts, my will and desire is that the same be Equally divided among and between the Balance of my heirs, I also desire that the principal of a certain note made payable to my son George Finley by me for three hundred dollars bearing Interest from the 1st day of January 1869 at the rate of six per cent per Annum and executed on the 12th day of February 1868 be paid out of my estate with the Exception of the Interest Specified in said note which is not to be paid, but is to be set off on account of Rents of Lands which has been cultivated by the said George Finley belonging to me, and I also received a Mule from the said George Finley which is to balance

against Rents of Lands of mine heretofore cultivated by him. I also Will and desire that my wife Dorothy have all my household and Kitchen furniture of every description and Farming Utensils, and all my personal property of every description, for her use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of my Afflicted Daughter Josephine to be used and controlled by my wife Dorothy. Lastly, I hereby nominate and Appoint my Nephew Josephus Finley my Executor to carry out the provisions of this my Will with the exceptions of what is otherwise provided for by this my last Will. In Testimony of which I have herunto set my hand and Affixed my seal, this 23rd day of July A.D. 1867.

Attest

Abraham Finley

J. B. Stone

Katharine Finley ^{his} ~~mark~~ ^{mark}

State of Tennessee
Cannon County } Personally appeared before me J. D. McKnight
Special Commissioner Abraham Finley and J. B. Stone the
subscribing witnesses to the within paper writing who being
first sworn in Open Court depose and say that they
was Acquainted with Katharine Finley the Testator in his
life time and that he acknowledged in their
presence that he executed the same to be his
Last Will and Testament, and he requested them
to witness the same Given under my hand
this 5th day of August 1867. J. D. McKnight
Special Commissioner

Milton Todd } I Milton Todd viewing the uncertainty of Life and
Last Will } being weak in body, but sound in mind, do make and
Testament } publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
and making void all other wills by me heretofore made.
1st It is my Will and desire that my Executor pay
all my just debts out of any personal property, money
notes, accounts or choses in action of which I may
die seized and possessed of, or may come into the
hands of my Executor - 2nd It is my Will that
my Beloved wife Catharine L. Todd Live

upon my home place, and control the same under the advice and instruction of my Executor for the maintenance of herself and children during her life or Widowhood, but if she should marry then it is my will that she be Endowed out of my Lands according to Law, and that the Remainder of my Lands be Rented out for the maintenance of my Children.

3d. It is my will and desire that each of my Children as they arrive at the age of Twenty one years, or marry, receive each a medium horse bridle and saddle, one bedstead, bed and necessary bed clothing, one set of Ordinary Chairs. The foregoing Personal Property being the amount that I have given to my Daughter Jane C. Hoover who has lately married - It being my desire that all my Children shall be made Equal -

4th. It is my Will and desire that all my Children remain with my Wife on my home place until they arrive at the age of Twenty one years or marry -

5th. It is my will and desire that as soon as convenient after my death, my Executor take charge of all my Notes, Accounts, moneys - choses in action and papers of every description, and collect all debts due me, and pay off all I may be owing in as full and ample a manner as I could myself.

6th I hereby nominate and Appoint my Brother James Todd my Executor to Execute this my Last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand and seal this July 25th 1867 Milton Todd

Signed sealed and delivered in our Presence and we have witnessed the same at the request of the Testator

B. L. McFerrin

J. H. Mitchell

State of Tennessee } This day personally appeared before me
Cannon County } Josephus Finley Clerk of the County
Court of said County in Open Court, B. L. McFerrin and James H. Mitchell the subscribing witnesses to the within Will who first being sworn in open Court, depose and say that they were acquainted with the Milton Todd

the Testator in his Life time, and that he subscribed his name to the same in their presence and acknowledged the said Instrument to be his Last Will & Testament for the purposes therein contained and requested them to witness the same this 7th day of October A.D. 1867 Josephus Finley Clerk

Thomas Heale }
Last will & }
Testament }

State of Tennessee

I Thomas Heale of the County of Cannon and State of Tennessee being advanced in Years, and weak in Bodily Strength, but of sound mind and memory, but knowing it is appointed of God

for all men to die, and being desirous of disposing of what worldly Goods it has pleased the giver of all things to bless me with, in this world, I do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made. 1st It is my Will and desire that all of my just debts and funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my Death as possible out of my money I may die possessed of, or that may first come to the hands of my Executor.

2ndly It is my Will & desire that my wife Nancy Heale to whom I have been married but a short time, have Eight hundred dollars out of my Estate, or to be a charge thereon to be paid Two Years after my Death by my Executor, If it is paid in money. But my said wife Nancy, may take any portion of said Eight hundred Dollars in any Personal Property I may die the Owner of at any time after my Death, before the Expiration of the Two Years, this Eight hundred Dollars is to be in Lieu of Dower in my Lands, as she has Dower Lands that she got from the Estate of her first husband, which Dower Lands and the other property she Owned at the time of our Marriage, I give all to my said wife and do not consider the same any part of my Estate, And the Eight hundred dollars herein Bequeathed to my said wife out of my Estate makes her about an Equal share with my Children, but if my said wife Nancy should die before the Two years after my Death and before said Legacy is paid, the same or any part thereof that remains unpaid shall fall Back to my Estate and be Equally divided between my Children herein after named in this Will. Item 3d It is my will and desire that all of my Chattel property of every kind and description be sold as soon as practicable