

March 26th 1847

I W. L. Williamson of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee after giving my soul to God who give it me do hereby give after all the just debts are paid I do hereby give and bequeath my beloved wife Elizabeth Williamson all the remainder of my Estate during her lifetime for the support and benefit of my Children and her self reserving for my daughter Jane a side board press & looking glass and also seventeen silver spoons and silver ladle as left to me by the mother of that daughter who was my lawful wife and daughter of Jane and Osborn Leftrees who resided in Carroll County and State of Tennessee. I do appoint Samuel C. Williamson & Leroy H. Williamson to transact every lawful thing as above written as Executors to my last will and Testament giving under my hand seal this 26th day of March Eighteen hundred and thirty seven

Test
 W. L. Williamson
 Jas. H. Williamson
 Samuel C. Williamson
 Leroy H. Williamson

State of Tennessee, May Term 1847
 Carroll County, This day the last will and Testament of W. L. Williamson dec'd. was produced into open court and duly proven by the oaths of John H. Smith, C. & Leroy H. Williams all subscribing witnesses there to and ordered by the Court to be registered

W. M. Allen Clk

State of Tennessee Carroll County February 15th 1848
 now all men by these presents that I Jonathan Brandon I do hereby give and bequeath the following property to my wife Minerva Brandon during her life time or widowhood that is to say the land where I now reside household & Kitchen furniture farming utensils some and bay mare two cows two lambs & a ewe and all the pork corn fodder and oats now on my premises and all the money due me after my funeral and burial expenses and just debts are satisfied &c

and I do further more will and bequeath one Serrell filley to my son Christopher together with my saddle bridle &c and I further more wish and intend at the death of my wife Minerva or at the expiration of her widowhood for all of the property including the land to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between my four children that is to say Barton W. William G. Christopher and Elizabeth and I here by appoint my sons Barton W. and William G. Executors of the above will it being my last will and Testament given under my hand & seal day and date above mention

Test
 Eyehel Simpson
 Arthur Tash
 Jonathan Brandon

State of Tennessee, May Term 1848
 Carroll County, This day the last will and Testament of Jonathan Brandon dec'd. was produced into open court and duly proven by the oaths of Eyehel Simpson & Arthur Tash the two witnesses there to and ordered by the Court to be recorded

Alcopy Test
 W. M. Allen Clk

William Shepherd will 154

In the name of God Amen I William Shepherd
 Sr of the State of Tennessee and County of Carroll being
 weak in body but of sound mind and memory
 do make and publish this my last will and
 Testament in the manner and form following
 revoking all former will first I allow all my
 Just debts to be paid. I give and bequeath to
 well believing wife Elizabeth Shepherd the Tract of
 Land that I now live on supposed to be about
 one hundred and twenty acres with all the advantages
 appertaining there to and at my wifes death I
 allow the above described tract of Land to belong
 to my son Robert B. Shepherd.

as it respects my personal property it is my
 wish that a portion of that be set a part for my
 wife such things as will be ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~most~~ ^{most} thought
 necessary for her to have which shall be done by two
 disinterested men of the neighborhood the
 balance of all my property I want sold
 on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds
 equally divided among my children and the
 property that my wife may have at her death
 I allow to be Equally divided among all my
 children and it is my wish that all my legates
 be satisfied with the distribution that I have
 made of my property which will be attended to
 by my son John G. Shepherd whom I appoint
 as my Executor to transact the business of this will
 Signed in the presence of the subscribing witnesses
 this 19th of April 1849

Test C. S. Woods
 E. S. Edwards

William Shepherd
 mark

State of Tennessee }
 Carroll County } January Term 1849

This day the last will and Testament of William
 Shepherds Decd. was produced into open Court and
 duly proven by the oaths of Lewis S. Woods & E. S. Edwards
 the two witnesses there to and ordered by the Court
 to be recorded

W. M. Allen Clerk

Jane Armstrong will.
 I Jane Armstrong 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
 Expence and all my debts be paid as soon after
 my death as possible out of any money that I
 may be possesser of or may come into the hand
 of my Executor. secondly I give and bequeath
 to my Daughter Melindia Armstrong one bed
 and furniture and all my wearing apparels one
 falling leaf table spinning wheel and Cards one
 Clock and one duck sum Skilet one large oven
 and all my shelf ware two Keppers one spotted
 Saw, and my mare to be divided equal between
 Melindia and Jane Armstrong and the balance
 of my hoggs to be divided between Melindia
 and Jane and Melindia to have my Stillards
 and one looking glass Two Chires.
 Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
 John Gullett my Executor in witness where
 of I do to this my ~~will~~ set my hand and
 seal this December 30th 1848

Jane Armstrong ^{mark}

Signed sealed and publish in our presence and we
 have subscribed our names here to in the
 presents of the testator this 30th day of December 1848

Test Jonathan Lancia
 Test Anderson H. Merrett

State of Tennessee
 Carroll County March Term 1849
 This day the last will & Testament of Jane
 Armstrong dec^d was produced into open Court and
 duly proven by the oaths of Jonathan Lancia &
 Anderson H. Merrett the two witnesses there to and
 ordered by the court to be Registered &c
 J. W. Allen cllk

George W. H. Roswells Will

In the name of god I George W. H. Roswell of the County of Carroll and state of Tennessee do this 1st day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty nine. make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following

First of all I wish all of my just and lawful debts to be paid. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Roswell and here all of my means and effects during their natural lives

Thirdly provided my heir should die then I wish my wife Mary Roswell to hold all of my Estate during her widowhood in case she should marry then I wish my wife to hold one third of all my estate the ballance or remaining two thirds which should have been my heirs to be equally divided between all of my brothers and sisters by my mother Mary Jones.

I also request that my negro man named Dick shall at all times be hired conveniently and that he shall have the privilege of being near his wife which belongs to uncle Samuel Spiano. I also do hereby make and ordain my Father in Law David Coleman Executor to this my last will and testament In witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal this first day of June one thousand Eight hundred and forty nine, signed in the presents of

Alphus King
Robt S. Coleman
G. W. H. Roswell (Seal)
State of Tennessee } September Term 1849
Carroll County }

This day the last will and Testament of George W. H. Roswell dec'd. was produced into open Court and the Execution thereof duly proven by the oath of Robt S. Coleman one of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Henry Est G. W. Allen

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Charles J. Lanier Will

In the name of God amen, I Charles J. Lanier of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner and form following (Viz)

First I direct that my funeral expenses and my debts be ^{first} paid out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Melmoth C. Lanier all my property both personal and real to be controlled and used by her for her benefit and that of my children during her widowhood

Thirdly should she marry then it is my will that the Slaves be equally divided between her and the Children with out selling them out of the family and that the Land and all the personal property that she may have be sold as my Executors may think best for the benefit of my wife and Children and the proceeds equally divided between them

Fourthly I do nominate and appoint my Brother James M. Lanier my Executor to aid my wife in executing this will during her widowhood but should she marry it is my will that all the power vested in her by the second article of this will cease at the time of her marriage and

I hereby nominate and appoint my Brothers John H. Lanier my Executor to aid my Brother James M. Lanier to comply with the requisitions of the third article of this will In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this first day of February 1849

Charles J. Lanier (Seal)

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attest
W. M. Moore
J. M. Lammes

I do make and publish the following as a Codicil to the foregoing will

It is my will after my death that my Executor with the consent of my wife sell the Land and that she have the proceeds of the same exclusive of the provision made for her in the foregoing will be entirely whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 14th day of August 1849

attest
W. M. Moore
J. M. Lammes

Charles J. Lanier (Seal)

John Prime's Will

In the name of Almighty God, Amen,
 I John Prime of the County of Cassette &
 State of Tennessee being of Sound Mind and
 disposing Memory but weak in body, do
 make and publish this my last will &
 testament, hereby revoking all wills by
 me at any time heretofore made

First, It is my will that my funeral
 expenses & also my just debts be paid by my
 executors, whom I shall hereafter appoint out of
 any money that I may see possessed of or
 that may hereafterwards come to their hands
 Second, I will & bequeath unto my beloved
 wife Emma during her natural life or widow
 hood, the following real & personal estate
 the one third part of the tract of land I
 live on containing six and six hundred & forty
 seven acres including my dwelling house
 & all the outhouses thereto belonging, one
 Negro man named Billy & wife Silla one
 Negro woman named Selly, her two children
 & increased Mary their increased Negro man
 named Isaac & boy Merritt the aforesaid
 property real & personal I give to my said
 wife during her natural life or widowhood
 & after her death or marriage to go as herein
 after directed - I give her two choice horses
 said horses to be taken out of any I may
 have at the time of my death - one yoke of oxen
 three milk cows as many of my out hogs as
 she may want, all the fowl of every kind
 one half of my household and kitchen furniture
 & provisions for support of herself and family
 for one year after my death. I also give
 her one of cars or wagon, should I have the
 same, whichever she may choose.

Third, I will and bequeath unto my
 son George H Prime the following real

and personal estate one hundred acres of land which I hold by deed of John B Brink bearing date the 12th day of June 1829 also also Negro boys Charles & Giles & at the death of my wife on in case she should die I give him the one third part of the Negroes and other personal property that I have herin already given my wife. I have heretofore given him a horse & saddle & Bridle two beds and furniture stacks of hogs two cows & calves & advanced him about three hundred dollars to assist him in buying land.

Fourth. I will & bequeath unto my daughter Jane W Brach five hundred acres of land situate on the high lands between Crooked & Gumms creeks. Adjoining to the lands of John Rap & others, I have heretofore given her two beds & furniture & some other household furniture & thirty dollars in money. I also further will & bequeath unto my son George the three Negroe girls Martha & Francis for the sole and separate use of my said daughter Jane W Brach for and during the term of her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between such issue of her body as she may leave living at the time of her death to them & their heirs forever and after ~~and~~ after death or marriage of my said wife Emma. I will and bequeath to my said said son George the Negroe girl Mary & increase for the same use & to be set apart as named in this item fourth.

Fifth I will & bequeath unto my son Thomas S. Ponce the balance of the track of land I now reside not herly given to my son George the Ponce and my wife and at the death or marriage of my wife the entire track to go to my said son

Thomas I except the one hundred acres grow to my son George & his wife & bequeath unto my said son George boy William & boy George, and at the death or marriage of my wife by Isaac. I also will & bequeath unto him two beds & furniture all my books ^{and} when he arrives at the age of twenty one, a horse bridle & saddle to be worth one hundred dollars. If I do not give him the same before my death - I also give him one hundred & fifty dollars when he becomes of age to buy hogs, cows & the like with as I have given him now such

It is my will that if any of said negroes have any increase, that said increase follow the disposition made of their masters the reason why I have herin stated what I have heretofore given my children is that it may appear that I have made as equal a division of my property as I could. The balance of the Negroes given to my wife during her natural life or widowhood at her death or marriage. I wish equally divided among my three children George & Thomas S. Ponce & Jane W Brach. I do hereby appoint my son George the Ponce & my wife Emma executor & executrix to carry out & execute this my last will & testament - Signed sealed & published in the presence of this 17th day of December

W. A. Johnson
 W. Woods
 John Ponce

State of Tennessee August Term 1850
 Carroll County 3 This day the last will and Testament of John Ponce dec'd was produced in open Court and duly and duly proved by the oaths of W. A. Johnson & W. Woods the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be registered &c
 J. W. Allen clerk

William Patton's Will

I William Patton do bring of
 State of Tennessee } Carroll County
 Council Court } good mind do make & publish
 this as my last will & testament hereby revoking
 & 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 monies that I may die possessed of or that
 first come into the hands of my Executor
 secondly - I do give & bequeath to my daughter Lyda all
 the monies & notes of which I may die possessed of after
 paying my funeral expenses & debts as above named.
 I do also give her one Cow & Calf. I have heretofore given
 her a small man which I consider hers and
 have done so ever since I gave her said man
 thirdly - I do give & bequeath to my son Abraham H. my
 tract of land the same on which I now live to him & his
 heirs for ever on the following conditions. that he support
 & take care of us and that it be a home while we shall live
 of my beloved wife Margaret & myself so long as we
 shall live.
 fourthly, I have heretofore given to my sons James H. William
 & Newton and my daughter Margaret Barnes and her
 husband John Barnes, Louisa Younger and her husband
 Williamson Younger, Jane C. Moore & her husband
 George Moore all the property I intend giving them
 Lastly - I do hereby nominate & appoint Thomas Gray my
 Executor - In witness whereof I do to this my will set
 my hand and seal this 21st day of March 1850
 signed in presence of) There are the words William Patton & Seal
 J. P. Daylor }
 W. H. Daylor }
 witnesses in this will
 to wit, (have us and Younger)
 and our traces, to wit, Williamson

State of Tennessee } County Court
 Carroll County } September Term 1850
 This day the last will & testament
 of William Patton it was pronounced in open

and duly proved by the oaths of J. P. Daylor
 and W. H. Daylor the subscribing witnesses thereon
 and ordered to be recorded &c.
 A copy Test. J. M. Allen Clerk
 By N. Priest D.C.

Simrod Kelly's Will

I Simrod Kelly do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby 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 daughter single woman Narcissa Kelly my land on which I now live lying in the State of Tennessee and in the County of Carroll & on Reedy Creek on the new Jackson Road it being land settled by old John Butler & bounded S W by Anderson & E by Isaac Anderson W by George Montgomery & Barton Hicks & N by Elizabeth Hicks it being all the land I now possess & thirdly that the ballance of my effects be distributed share & share alike as the law may direct Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Margaret Kelly my wife my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 25th day of April 1830

Simrod ^{his} Kelly ^{mark}

Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 25th day of April 1830

Danl. O'Leary
Wesley H. Allmon

State of Tennessee 5 October Term 1830
Carroll County This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Simrod Kelly was presented in open court & duly sworn by the oaths of Daniel McLeod & Wesley H. Allmon the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded

A Copy Test

N. W. Allen Clerk
J. H. Whitburn Scl.

I John Clark do make & publish this as my last will & testament hereby revoking & making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made First I direct that my funeral expenses & all my debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any money I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor Secondly I give & bequeath to my daughter Rachel B. McNeill during her lifetime all the lands wherupon she lately lived (at Hico) to wit sixty four ^{acres} known as the Williams tract also an undivided half of thirty or thirty five acres as the case may be or measurement known as the Burrow tract & on which the mill stands adjoining the above described 64 acres of land with the privilege however of selling the same at any time with the consent and approbation of my Executor herein after named Reserving to herself Interest on the proceeds of the sale during her lifetime and at her death the said property or the proceeds of the sale as the case may be to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her Body or their descendants (to wit) Leonidas J. McNeill James C. McNeill Franklin W. McNeill Julia Ann Hannah Addison C. McNeill George McNeill Nathan W. McNeill Thomas C. McNeill Rebecca McNeill Henry C. McNeill

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my daughter Julia Townes during her lifetime a house & two lots in the Town of Huntingdon known and designated in the plan of said Town as lots No 110 & 111 with the privilege however of selling the same at any time if she wishes to do with the consent & approbation of my Executor herein after named Reserving to herself Interest on the proceeds of the sale during her lifetime & at her death the said property or the proceeds thereof as the case may be to be equally divided amongst the heirs of her Body (to wit) Cornelia C. Briggard James Townes John M. Townes Isabella H. Townes Edmond W. Townes Virginia Townes & Henry C. Townes I also give to

Daughter the devise of my girl Harriett now 8 or 9 years old during her lifetime & then her & her increase if any to be sold by my Executors & the proceeds equally divided amongst all my grand children above named or their descendants

It is also my will & wish that my slave Lotty be set free at my death & she have a cow & calf set apart out of my stock also Corn meat flour sugar & Coffee sufficient to last her one year also all those articles of property now called her's such as Bed & furniture Tables Chair & so I also wish her to have the use of my Gabbins & garden lately occupied by Jo Hamaly during her lifetime & that my Executors pay her twelve dollars per year during the same length of time

Believing that the money & property heretofore given to my two Daughters by me has been nearly equal & being desirous to do equal justice between all my grand children I am induced to insert this clause in my will (to wit) heretofore at the request of James Townes I became his security to Hiram A. Johnson for a stock of goods part of which is yet due & unpaid & if any part of the same has to be paid by me or out of my Estate or any further security or advances that I make to keep up said Merchandise I think it but just & right that the sum so paid by me should be charged as a part of the Legacy due from my estate to the heirs of James & Julia B. Townes all except Cornelia C. Hayward who was not interested in the same and further I have heretofore made some advances to some of my grand children & taken their notes for the same & may continue to do so tho I do not expect to call on them for payment yet expect it to be a charge against them in a distribution of my estate

The whole of my estate both real & personal (except that part employed in Merchandise & except also such as is otherwise disposed of in the foregoing part of this Will)

I recommend to be sold as soon after my death as practicable and on such terms as my Executors may deem of most advantage to all concerned & the proceeds of such sale or sales to be equally divided amongst all my grand children above named except as above specified
That part of my Estate employed in Merchandise I recommend to be continued under the direction of my Executors for the term of two years after my death & then a final close made of every thing belonging to the Estate & divided as above directed

Should Legal Counsel be necessary my Executors are recommended to employ such & pay them out of the funds of the store lastly I nominate & appoint from H. Clark James A. Townes and Addison C. McKill Executors of this my last will & testament

Given under my hand & seal this 7th day of October 1850

Acknowledged before us the
5th Oct 1850

John Clark (Seal)

Alvin Hawkins
James H. Hawkins

State of Tennessee, January Term 1851.
Carroll County: This day the last will and testament of John Clark was produced into open Court and the Execution thereof duly proven by the oaths of Alvin Hawkins and James H. Hawkins the two subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded

A Copy

Test

G. W. Allen Clerk
J. B. Whitthorn S. C.

Daughter the devise of my girl Harriett now 8 or 9 years old during her lifetime & then her & hers increase if any to be sold by my Executors & the proceeds equally divided amongst all my grand children above named or their descendants

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Acknowledged before us the
5th Oct 1850

John Clark (Seal)

Alvin Hawkins
James H. Hawkins

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Test

G. W. Allen Clerk
J. B. Whitthorn S. C.

Martha Pinson's Will
The last will and testament of Martha Pinson
of Martha Pinson of the County of Carroll and
State of Tennessee being law in health but of
good mind have made this my last will and
testament as follows (This)

1st I give & bequeath my soul to Almighty God
and my body to the Tomb

2nd I desire that out of my Personal estate that
all my just debts be paid

3rd I give of my own good will & bequeath to
All my children namely, Salina S. Lipe
Martha Ann Pinson Thomas G. Pinson
Caroline Pinson All my personal and
real estate to be equally divided among
them to have & to hold their heirs & assigns
forever this 31st March 1831

Signed and sealed in our presence on the
31st of March 1831

W. G. Pinson

William Collier

John A. Pinson

Martha Pinson

Judly Shipp's Will
State of Tennessee Carroll County August 31
1831 in the name of God Amen
I Judly Shipp being in good mind
& Contented that it is appropriated for all
men to die do make this my last will &
Testament

1 it is my desire that my just debts
& funeral expenses all be paid out of
any money that may come into the hands
of my trusty friends who I shall hereafter
appoint my Executor

2 I desire that my son James have the
tract of land I now live on containing
one hundred acres after the death of my wife
Mary who is to have a support off of said
land & a home on said land during her
Natural life

3 I desire that my wife Mary have my
Gray mare & one milch cow & all the
furniture about the house during her Nat-
-ural life after the death of my wife
Mary I desire that my daughter Cath-
-arine have the ^{said} mare cow & all the
property about the house

4th It is my desire that my two sons Jonathan and
Ambrose have fifty cents each also it is my desire
that Isaac believers have fifty cents also I desire
that my two Grand Children the Children of my
daughter Nancy have fifty cents to
5th And lastly I hereby constitute & appoint
Benjamin Hays Executor to this my last
Will & Testament

6th Further I desire that the Children of my
daughter Elizabeth have fifty cents & the
Children of my daughter Martha have fifty
cents also the Children of my son William
have fifty cents Signed in the

present of the day & date above written

A. Barksdale & Benjamin Hay, pro. ^{his} Suddly & Shipp
S. M. Stafford, pr.

State of Tennessee, October Term 1857.
Carroll County. This day a paper writing
purporting to be the last will & testament
of Suddly Shipp, died, was produced in open
Court & duly proved by the oaths of A.
Barksdale & Benjamin Hay, & S. M.
Stafford the subscribing witnesses there
to as the law directs & ordered to be
recorded. A Copy of the said will
By J. C. Whitcomb, Clk.

Banks M. Burrows. My Will & Testament
I, B. M. Burrows, son of the County of Carroll
and State of Tennessee Planter, make and pub-
lish this my last will & testament hereby re-
solving and making void all others by me made
heretofore. And

I first direct that my body be decently interred
in a manner suitable to my condition in life
and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased
God to intrust me with I disposed of the
same as follows:

Secondly I direct that all my debts & funeral
expenses be paid as soon after my decease as
feasible out of my moneys that I may die pos-
sessed of on my first come into the hands
of my executors from any portion of my estate
real personal notes or accounts.

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my beloved
Wife Mary one eighth part of my entire
estate real & personal together with any
moneys bonds notes accounts and co. that
I may die possessed of my Executors first
settling apart to my beloved wife Mary
such part of my estate real and personal
as my said wife may specify so as not
to break or divide families of negroes
where it can be avoided my Executors
valuing the same to my beloved wife
Mary so as not to exceed one eighth
part of my entire estate.

Fourthly I will and bequeath to my dear
Daughter Nancy S. for the use and benefit
of her seven youngest children viz -
William Mary Haribal John Abigail
Elizabeth & Miranda one eighth part
of my entire estate as above specified
to keep and manage for them during her
lifetime or until such time as my daugh-
ter Nancy S. may think proper to deliver the
same over to them her said children.

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Fifthly I will and bequeath to my son John
for the use & benefit of his children viz
Harriet E. George H. and such others as may be
born to him my said son John of one
eighth part of my entire estate as above
specified to keep and manage for them his said
children during his lifetime or untill my
said son John if may think proper to deliver
the same over to their children

Sixthly I will and bequeath to my son Banks
for the use and benefit of his children viz
John H. Susanna M. Elizabeth Rebecca,
Martha E. Harriet A. Ann H. Eliza S. Banks
M. M. and such others as may be hereafter
born to him my said son Banks of
one eighth part of my entire estate as
above specified to keep and manage for
their use and benefit during his lifetime
or untill he may said son Banks M
may think proper to deliver the same over
to them his said children

Seventh I will and bequeath to my daughter
Maribah for the use and benefit of her my said
daughter Maribah's children viz Leone John Adam
E. Wells Mary Banks and to such other as may
be mentioned or may be hereafter born of her my
said daughter Maribah one eighth part of my
entire estate as above mentioned to keep and man-
age for their use and benefit during her natural
life or untill such time as she my said
daughter Maribah may think proper to hand
the same over to her children as above mentioned

Eighth I will and bequeath to my son Abner
S. for the use and benefit of his children viz
Banks M. Samuel B. Napoleon B. and to such
others as may be born to him hereafter one eighth
part of my entire estate to keep and manage
for their use and benefit during his
my said son Abner's natural life

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or untill he may think proper to deliver the
same over to them his children as above
mentioned

Ninthly I will and bequeath to my son Na-
poleon B. and to his heirs if he should have
any born to him one eighth part of my
entire estate as above mentioned but if
my son Napoleon B. should die without
heirs then that portion of my estate which
I have set apart in my Will for him shall
revert back & be disposed of in the same
manner as I have disposed of the other part of
my estate

Tenthly I will and bequeath to my daughter Miran-
da for the use and benefit of her children viz
Verginia A. Napoleon B. B. Mary Banks M. B.
John and any others that may not be mentioned
and may yet be born of her eighth part of entire
estate to keep and manage for them during her
natural life or untill such time as she my
daughter Miranda may think proper to hand the
same over to her children and further I will
and bequeath to my grandson Banks M. B. the
son of my daughter Miranda my silver portion
I have created to his only use and benefit

Eleventh I will and bequeath that if any of
my children should die without heirs then &
in that case the property that I have set apart
in my will for such child or children as
the case may be shall revert back and be
disposed of as I have disposed of the rest of my
property as my will above specifies & to
be managed by my executor or in the other
cases specified in my will

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I do hereby make, ordain and appoint
my beloved son John M. Banks, the Executor
of this my last will and testament who shall
proceed immediately after my decease to dis-
pose all my whole real personal and promissory
notes bonds cash and accounts into eight equal
parts, and divide the same over as soon as the said
divided parts to be drawn for by a child may be prac-
ticable after my decease & if there should be any
portion of my property real or personal that my
Executors cannot partition with convenience

then and in that case my Executors shall advertise
the same if real estate thirty and if personal
twenty days and sell the same on a twelve
months credit and divide the proceeds as above
directed if my executors shall think proper
they may call in other persons to help them
in partitioning my estate as above directed
I in witness whereof I B M Burrow son
the said Testator of this my last will and
testament written on one sheet of paper of
paper set my hand and seal on this the
eighteenth day of December in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty
signed sealed and published in the pres-
ence of us who have subscribed as witnesses
in the presence of the Testator and of each other
I subscribed in three places in the last section
of the Will before signed by

Witnessed names
Wm. S. Moore
Wm. Moore
Banks, M. Burrow

State of Tennessee, February Term, 1852
Carroll County }
This day a paper writing purporting to be the
last will & testament of Banks M. Burrow, doo
was produced in open court the execution of
which was duly proven by the oaths of

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Wm. S. Moore & William Moore the said
writing witnesses thereto as the law directs
and ordered the same to be recorded to
A copy Test. W. H. Graves Clerk

176 James H. Starlock's Will

I James H. Starlock of the County of Carroll State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and 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 ~~that~~ 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 First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any moneys that I may die 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 mother one note of bond for fifteen dollars on J. M. Young given and made payable to A. Holly dated the sixth of December 1849 one note dated February 24th 1849 on J. A. Holly and Harriet Holly for forty five dollars with a credit of twenty dollars one note on Samuel Fowler for four dollars and fifty cents dated January 26th 1852 and one note on J. Payne for thirty dollars dated May 11th 1852 together with all my stock consisting of one mare four head of cattle & twelve hogs with all the corn fodder and oats that may remain in hand and one account on Abram McKernore for twenty dollars and four bee staves & all my furniture including utensils and my trust of

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Land of one hundred & sixty Acres upon which I now reside together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging
I do hereby make ordain and appoint my mother and brother Benjamin D. Starlock executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I James H. Starlock the said testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty

Signed sealed & published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and of each other

Ephraim L. Gray
Major Gradner

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Sarlton Johnson's Will

State of Tennessee Carroll County

In the name of God amen I Sarlton Johnson, be-
 ing in bad health and of perfect mind & memory
 thanks be given unto God calling into mind
 the Mortality of my body and knowing that
 it is appointed for all men to die do make
 and declare this my last will and Testament
 that is to say primarily not first of all I give
 and recommend my soul to God who gave it
 and my body I do commend to the earth to be
 buried in decent christian buriall at the discretion of
 my ~~executors~~ ^{executors} & nothing doubting but at the general
 Resurrection I shall receive the same again by
 the mighty power of God and as touching worldly
 Estate whom the Lord has pleased God to bless me
 in this life I give demise and dispose of the same
 in the following manner and from first I give
 bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sally all or
 singular all the property by her to be enjoyed
 during her natural life and at her death to be
 divided as follows to James M Johnson I give
 twenty dollars to James M Johnson I give twenty
 Dollars to Furner Parkers children to be divided
 between Jane Elizabeth I give one dollar to Sally &
 Billy I give twenty Dollars and the residue to my
 son Joseph A Johnson for him to be fully possessed
 and enjoyed disallowing all persons having any
 claim or claim to the same I disallow any
 person whatever by him to be possessed all & singular
 I give & bequeath A certain tract of land
 lying in Carroll County containing 120 Acres be
 the same more or less by me willed & bequath-
 ed ratifying confirming my last will and
 Testament in wit where I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal this 13th day of April in year
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty
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Sarlton Johnson

Signed sealed published
 pronounced and declared by
 the said Sarlton Johnson his
 will

John Neely
 A H Neely
 W. H. Neely
 &c

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State of Tennessee August Term 1852
 Carroll County

This day a paper writing purporting
 to be the last will & Testament of
 of Sarlton Johnson had was produced
 in open court the execution of which
 was duly proved by the oath of John
 Neely & A H Neely the subscribers
 witnesses thereof as the law directs

A Copy Test, W. H. Groves Clerk

State of Tennessee Carroll County

I Johnathan Montgomery of the state and county aforesaid being eighty years old but of a perfect sound mind and disposing mind but considering that man was born to die therefore I make this my last will & testament. And first I will that all my lawful debts be paid out of the money in hand or coming to me

Secondly I will that my estate Real or personal without diminution with all notes and accounts remain in the hands of my wife Zillah Montgomery during her life to be increased or diminished as her need may be at which period I will that all be sold in a credit at the discretion of my Executor herein after named and the money arising from said sale shall be disposed of as here after directed that is to say one dollar to my son Montgomery and dollar to my daughter Rachel Smith and one dollar to daughter Polly White & the remainder to be divided in four shares that is to say one fourth part to my daughter Nancy Montgomery one fourth part to my daughter Elizabeth Polly one fourth to my daughter Margaret Jones and one fourth to my daughter Maria Dilday all east to be paid before the said divide never the less I will that property which can be proven to belong my wife Zillah before our marriage shall remain to her children never the less not withstanding if my wife should not survive me them the same division to be made as before desired and

Whence I will that John S Doy by my Executor together with my wife Zillah Executor & in witness of this my last will be set my hand and seal

but to be more explicit I make the following supplement that is to say I will that my wife Zillah shall have power to sell any property from time to time for the purpose of living comfortable and all such sales to be good in law & equity and all her clothing of any description whether obtained before marriage or since shall go to her own children and in witness of this being my last will and testament I set my hand and seal this the 11th day of May 1844 and in the 68th year of the Independence of America

Johnathan Montgomery JS

Witnesses
John Neely
A H Neely
Samuel Neely

PS I Johnathan Montgomery above named being of a perfect sound mind make the following supplement to the above will Viz
I Will that John S Dilday be my Executor in the place of John S Doy who has removed and 2nd I will that the said John S Dilday have power at any time to sell any property and the money if need go to the support of the Widows in witness whereof I set my hand and seal this third day of April 1847 and in the 71 year of the Independence of America

John Neely } Johnathan Montgomery JS
A H Neely } Witnesses

State of Tennessee, October Term 1847
Carroll County } This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Johnathan Montgomery deceased was produced in open court & proven by the oaths of John Neely A H Neely & Saml Neely the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. As above

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Frederick Miller's Will

In the name of God Amen I Frederick Miller of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee Being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz)

First it is my will that all my just debts be punctually paid should I owe any at the time of my death.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rhodia Miller all my estate both real and personal of whatsoever kind or nature it may be during her natural life should she survive me Thirdly at the death of myself and wife I give and bequeath to my nephew Ephraim Miller all my estate real and personal with the exception hereinafter named

Fourthly I give and bequeath to Rhodia & Travis Oldest Daughter of John & Mary Travis and bed and one bolster and bed of clothing belonging to the same and one small round red trunk

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my wife's sister Mary Turner one large white trunk with its contents

Sixthly I give and bequeath to Mrs James L Knox a small Trunked bedstead and the bed and its furniture on which my wife has lain during her affliction.

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Seventhly I give and bequeath to Elizabeth Turner one side saddle
Lastly I hereby appoint my nephew Ephraim Miller Executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made in witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal this 17th day of July 1851

Signed sealed published ^{his} Frederick Miller
and declared by the ^{mark}
above named Rodrick Miller to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Thomas Hamilton
J. B. B. Hamilton

State of Tennessee } November Term 1853
Carroll County }

This day the last will and testament of Frederick Miller was produced in open court for probate & duly proved by the oaths of James Hamilton & J. B. Hamilton the subscribing witnesses as the law directs ordered to be recorded
See A Copy test W. H. Graves Clerk

1844 J. W. Roach's Nonoccupative will

We the undersigned being present during the last illness of the late John W. Roach and at his request made the following notes of his wishes as expressed to us in regard to the distribution of his estate (Wid first all his just debts be paid
 Second that his wife Maryann W. Roach take out of the house hold furniture all articles that she may deem necessary for her comfort & convenience, which together with his entire estate she is to hold & use for the benefit of herself & his children during his life time except in the event that she ^{should} marry & it should be thought to be believed by his executor or administrator or any of his special friends that by bad management on the part of her husband, his estate is going to waste then & in that event it is his wish that the court appoint guardians for his children (all of which shall be equally entitled) & make a division of his estate according to Law or giving his wife a child's part.
 Third after his wife shall have selected such articles as she may deem proper, It is his wish that the remainder be sold at public sale together with his riding horse & watch
 4th At the death of his wife Maryann W. Roach It is his wish that his entire estate be divided among all his children
 It is also his wish that A. C. Cooper be his Executor. This 17th Nov 1852

John M. Simons Seal
 J. P. Root & A. C. Cooper

State of Tennessee }
 Carroll County } December Term 1852

J. Wilburn H. Graves Clerk of the county court of said county certifies that a proper writing purporting to be the last occupative will & testament of John W. Roach was duly proven by the oath of John M. Simons & A. C. Cooper is hereby duly received & approved to order of said court

December the 9th 1852

Wilburn H. Graves Clerk

186 Cornelius Carver Will

State of Tennessee }
Canoll County } I Cornelius Carver do
make and publish this as
my last will and testament hereby revoke &
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 moneys that I may
the possessor of may first come into the
hands of my Executors

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife
Sarah Carver all my land her life time
and at her death the land is to go to my
son Gilbert Carver and also my wife Sarah
Carver is to have and to hold all my property
on my habitation her life time and to die
first of as she sees proper ~~and~~ and I also
bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Carver is to
have Jeffy Mathias so as to make her equal with Mar
garet Thers my daughter my daughter

to be hereby nominate and appoint
my Executors in wittness whereof I do to this my
will set my hand and seal this Oct the 16th 1832

Test Thomas M Carver } + his
Jett A Gillis } Cornelius Carver
Test William Mabane } make

Signed and sealed and published in our presents
and we have subscribed our names hereto in the
presents of the testator this day Oct the 16th 1832

State of Tennessee } December Term 1832
Canoll County } This day a paper writing pur
porting to be the last will & testament
of Cornelius Carver was brought in open court
and duly proved by the oaths of A Gillis &
William Mabane & ordered by the court to
be recorded of which the above is a copy test

Nonexecutive Will of Jacob Stafford 187

We Chestley M Ballers & Samuel R Quinn
do state that the nonexecutive will of Jacob
Stafford was made by him on the 11th day of Jan
1833 in our presence by the testator himself
that it was made in his last sickness in his
own habitation or dwelling and the same is as
follows to wit

It was his will and desire that his effects
should be disposed of after his decease in the
following manner

First that the claims coming to him should be
collected and all his just debts paid out of his
effects if there should be a sufficiency to discharge
them which he supposed there was If so the
property that remained or was on himself to be
left by his eldest son Silenus Stafford for the
purpose of keeping together and raising his you
ng children and left as his Executor or execu
trix Samuel R Quinn to settle up his busi
ness & draw out by us and committed to our
keeping this 17th day of Jan 1833 the said Jacob
Stafford departed this life on the 11th day of Jan
1833 given under our hands & seals this day of

C M Ballers
S R Quinn
copy test

State of Tennessee } February Term 1833
Canoll County } This day the last Nonexecu
tive will and testament of Jacob Stafford
was produced in open court and duly
proved by the oaths of Chestley M Ballers
& Samuel R Quinn and was ordered
by the court to be recorded of which
the above is a copy test

Wilson H Graves make

1852
Mary Chilton Will
State of Tennessee, Carroll County
I, Mary Chilton 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 be paid as soon after my death
as possible out of any moneys that I may
die possessed of or may first come into the
hands of my executor
Secondly I give Louisa my girl to Mary Gilbert
until her son Robert is twenty one years of age
and if Robert should die before he is of age
the girl shall remain hers with her increase
Thirdly I give Bell my boy to the girl at
my death
Fourthly I give Benjamin P Gilbert a note on Robert
Gilbert which calls for one hundred Dollars
Fifthly I give my beds and all my other fur-
niture to John B. Guit and Mary Gilbert to
equally divided between them
Sixthly I give my horse to little Robert Gilbert
Seventhly I give my Bureau Chair and look
ing utensils to Mary Gilbert
Eighthly I give ten dollars to Olive Porter my daughter
Ninthly I give unto the representatives my sons William
John and daughters Mary and Judah four dollars to be
equally divided among them they being previously
provided for
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Nelson
Creech my executor In witness whereof I
do to this my will set my hand and seal
This the 6th day of January 1852
The words my sons and my daughters
intentional before signed Mary Chilton
mark

Signes sealed and published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names here in
the presence of the Testator

1852
This the 6th day of January 1852
Test
Wm B Everett
J R Egzell
Moses Green

State of Tennessee } May Term 1853
Carroll County }
This day a paper con-
taining purporting to be the last will and
testament of Mary Chilton did was pro-
duced in open court and duly sworn
by the oath of Wm B Everett & J R Egzell
the subscribing witnesses there to
William W. Graves Clerk of said
court at office May 3rd 1853 W. W. Graves Clerk

190. Burton Allen's Will

In the name of God Amen
I Burton Allen of the County of Carroll in
State of Tennessee being free plain sober but
sick in mind and memory do make and
declare this my last will and testament.

Article the first It is my will and desire that
my funeral or burial expenses and all my
just debts be paid as early after my decease
as possible practicable

Article the second I will and bequeath unto
my beloved wife Rebecca Allen during
her natural life my tract of land on which
I now reside containing one
hundred and thirty three acres with the following
exceptions to wit about twenty acres which my son
Alfred now resides and has in cultivation this
year I give to him together with as much
wood and rail timber as he may need for the
use of the house and farm I now live on

about also about twenty seven acres of land where
my son William resides I give to him the said
twenty seven acres being that part of my tract
of land situate on the south side of the
big branch running through my land and east of
the stage road with necessary rail timber and
fire wood

Article the third I also give and bequeath to
my wife Rebecca all my household and kitchen
furniture all my plantation tools all my stock of
every kind during her natural life

Article the 4th I will and bequeath unto my
sons to them and their heirs and assigns forever all
my tract of land containing one hundred and thirty
three acres to be equally divided between them
after the decease of my beloved wife wife but
nothing is to be so construed herein for my sons
to have any thing to do with that part of my land
herein before given to my beloved wife Rebecca

during her natural life and in consideration
of my giving all my land to my five sons
Alfred & William I require of them each to pay
the sum of fifty dollars to each of my two daughters
Olga Howland and Susan Statteniff making one
hundred dollars to each of them which is inste
ad of land

Article the fifth It is my will and desire
that whatever may be left of my property from
land estate above given to my beloved wife
Rebecca at her death to be sold and the money
divided equally between my four children to wit
Alfred William Olga and Susan

Article the 6th I constitute and appoint my
friends Peter H Woods & Wm Woods my Executors
to carry out and execute this my last will and
testament In testimony whereof I hereunto set
my hand and seal this the 2nd day of October
in the year of our Lord 1881

Witness

L. S. Woods
John McLean

his
Burton Allen
mark

I Moses Green of the State of Massachusetts, Carroll County being in perfect mind & memory but of feeble health, hereby calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, that even as I desire to dispose of their property when in health than in a sick bed, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament upon being all other wills and legacies heretofore by me made void.

1st I will and bequeath unto my Daughter Margaret to have & to have the sum of five Dollars they being heretofore provided for.

2nd I will and bequeath unto William Bramley for the use and benefit of my Daughter Mary Bramley and issue of her body all the things property which I have a legal title to remain in his possession in shewings.

3rd I will & bequeath unto my son John O'Brien the things property he has in his possession and one hundred acres of land including his spring & improvement.

4th I will and bequeath to Milton Bramley of it whereas my wife Julia for the use and benefit of my grand Daughter Sally Hayes, to have & to have Sally Hayes to have and to have the half of her holding if she dies leaving any if not to be equally divided among her Brothers and sisters as well of the half as the whole place.

5th I will and bequeath unto Eliot Miller one hundred Dollars for the use and benefit of his son Moses G. Miller to be paid to him by said Eliot Miller when he arrives at the age of twenty and with interest at six percent per Annum from the time he requires it from my Executor which shall be after the expiration of two years after my death.

6th I will and bequeath unto E. G. Everett one hundred Dollars for the use and benefit of his son, Moses G. Everett to be paid to him

by E. G. Everett when he arrives at the age of twenty one with interest at six per cent per Annum from the time he receives it from my Executor which shall be after two years after my death or sooner if convenient for them to pay it over so.

7th & Lastly it is my will and desire that my Negro woman Peggy and her son Isham be sold to E. G. Everett at a reasonable price or some one of her own choice having a particular respect for her for her attention paid to her old mistress in her last illness which several can bear testimony to who were eye witnesses to the fact my faithful servant Lewis I wish to have all my wearing apparel & horse also to have the privilege of choosing his master and not to be sold two far from his family for no consideration whatever my woman Catharine also have the privilege of choosing her master her children & to be kept together even at small sacrifice it also my will that the land I possess at my death to be sold by my Executor without having any order of Court as they may seem to think to the best advantage and make and make to the purchasers in as ample a manner as I could were I present partition my slaves, soil and make every one of bills of peat, &c. in all cases where I have given little bills to convey land to convey the same according to the condition of said bonds and I hereby nominate and appoint my friend John M. B. as Executor & that my last will and testament without having to give security six weeks after paying the of my said Legacies and paying all my just Debts divide the balance the heirs & issue of the body of Mary Bramley and herself equally in

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testimony whereof I herewith set my hand
and seal this 1st day of March 1852

That
Attest
Attest
Attest

Attest
Attest

I Moses Green of the state of Tennessee being
of sound mind and memory the within
written and Testament being still
in my mind and proper senses, do hereby
publish this as a public and my last will
and Testament and make the same to be
valid and effect of the same I will, and di-
rect that my executors shall be invested with
power and authority in selling my lands or will, with
power in such cases as when he cannot collect
the whole or any part of my outstanding debts
in cash to receive any kind of property or in pay-
ment of the same and begets, and empower him
to have the privilege of selling his own discretion
in all such cases without incurring any res-
ponsibilities further than what he can get for
the property, so received by him provide that
power alone and power only extends to cases
where the money cannot be made out of the
effects of the estate by a process at law
In testimony whereof I herewith to sign
my name and affix my seal this 1st day
of June 1852

Moses Green

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Thomas C. Shepherd's Will

state of Tennessee
Carroll County 3^d District of the
County and State aforesaid being sound in
mind and memory at the same time taking in-
to consideration the shortness of human
life and the certainty of death and being
desirous in my last time of disposing of
the worldly goods it has pleased God to bless
me with do make and publish this my last
will and Testament in the presence and
presence of my former will and contracts by me at
any time heretofore made
I do hereby direct that my executors be au-
thorized to be invested do pay off all my just debts
out of any money that may first come into their
hands in case I should die before I can do the
same myself
I do hereby direct I will to my beloved daughter Mary
Ann Taylor my wife give and grant to her
the use of her body
I do hereby direct I will to my daughter Sarah McQuinn
abolished by Rufus James Hockett and partner
to one dollar each
I do hereby direct I will to my daughter Letitia B. the
plantation on which I now live containing
about two hundred acres also three of my ac-
res to wit I now own & Caroline and then in
case to her own disposal save the said Letitia B. is to
have the right of disposing of the above land or
negatives as she may see fit and proper use of
Letitia should die leaving no children in
that case her estate shall go to her children
property and if she dies without children
no heirs then in that case it will that it be
divided equally between the children of
Mary Ann Taylor and Sarah McQuinn
I do hereby direct I will to my daughter Letitia B. the

children Lewis, Thomas, Isaac & Lucius and their
 increase & the females to have said property
 to be run separate and also to have the right
 of disposing of said negroes in any way she
 may see fit and proper if female & otherwise
 leaving no heirs in that case. I will that the
 children of Sathia should have the negroes above
 named and their increase.

Item I will that Sathia & her heirs have all my
 stock of horses, cattle and hogs also all my
 household and kitchen furniture

I hereby nominate and appoint my daughter Sathia
 to take my inventory and it is my will and desire
 that she carry out my will as I have directed
 and I further desire that my daughter above
 appointed as my executor execute and my
 will without giving security

In testimony of the above said will & testament I
 have written out my hand and seal this 10th day
 of February, A.D. 1833

Witness my hand & seal
 John Park
 John S. Weeks

State of Tennessee, August Term, 1833
 Carroll County, I Monday next
 this day a paper published for printing to
 be the last will & testament of Thomas
 A. Hawkins was produced in open court
 and read duly proven by the oaths of
 John Park & John S. Weeks subscribers not
 being there to be proved and ordered to
 be recorded

W. H. Graves, Clerk

Thomas A. Hawkins' Will

I Thomas A. Hawkins a citizen of Huntington Carroll
 County Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing
 memory do make Ordain and publish this my last
 Will and Testament hereby revoking all others by me
 heretofore made

1st Item. I desire that my mother Margaret S. Hawkins
 Widow of the late Gen. Cath. Hawkins Dec^d have the use
 of my farm, being about one mile North of Huntington
 on the Road leading to Paris, for and during the Term
 of her natural life.

2nd Item. I desire my Executors hereinafter named to
 pay my said Mother fifty Dollars Annually during her
 Natural life out of any moneys in their hands belonging to my
 Estate.

3rd Item I also desire that Maria a Colored woman
 Slave now owned by my said Mother have the Sum
 of ten Dollars Annually during her Natural life to be
 likewise paid her by my said Executors

4th Item I desire my said Executors to procure
 and have erected at my own and my said Mother's
 Grave, Grave Stones of at least as good quality
 as those now erected at my Father's Grave, to cost
 sixty or seventy Dollars per pair, with suitable inscrip-
 tions there on, And that it may be known by those who
 are to live after me that I am a firm believer in, and a
 member of the order of Sons of Temperance it is my
 desire that some of the Emblems of that order be inscribed
 upon my Grave Stone

5th Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Alexander
 D. Vickers my Breast Pin upon which are some
 of the Emblems or devices of the Order of Sons of Temperance.
 I give it to him as an evidence of the high
 Estimate I place upon his able efforts and untiring
 zeal in the Cause of Temperance. And I desire that when
 he is done with things earthly he will bestow it upon some
 other person

A. J. Martin

Robert M. Grainger

Wm. Allen

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 children Lewis, Stephen Isaac & Lucius and their
 increase I do hereby desire to have said negroes
 to be man separate use also to have the right
 of disposing of said negroes in any way she
 may see fit and proper if permitted to be sold
 leaving no heirs in that case. I will that the
 children of Sallie should have the negroes above
 named and their increase

Item I will that Sallie & Sallie have all my
 stock of horses cattle and hogs also all my
 household and kitchen furniture
 I hereby nominate and appoint my daughter Sallie
 to be my executor and it is my will and desire
 that she carry out my will as I have directed
 and I further desire that my daughter above
 appointed as my executor execute this my
 will without giving security
 In testimony of the above said testament I
 hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day
 of February A.D. 1853

Test
 John Park
 John S. Meakes

State of Maryland, 3d August Term, 1853
 Carroll County, I Monday next
 this day a paper containing a copy of the
 last will and testament of Thomas
 A. Hawkins was produced in open court
 and read and duly proven by the oaths of
 John Park & John S. Meakes subscribing wit-
 nesses thereto per protocol and returned to
 the court
 W. H. Gray, Clerk

(Thomas A Hawkins' Will)

I Thomas A. Hawkins a citizen of Huntington Carroll
 County Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing
 memory do make Ordain and Publish this my last
 Will and Testament hereby Revoking all others by me
 heretofore made

1st Item. I desire that my Mother Margaret S. Hawkins
 Widow of the late Gen. Caleb Hawkins Dec'd have the use
 of my farm, being about one mile North of Huntington
 on the Road leading to Paris, for and during the Term
 of her natural life,

2nd Item. I desire my Executors herein after named to
 pay my said Mother fifty Dollars Annually during her
 Natural life out of any moneys in their hands belonging to my
 Estate,

3rd Item I also desire that Maria a Colored woman
 Slave now owned by my said Mother have the sum
 of ten Dollars Annually during her Natural life to be
 likewise paid her by my said Executors

4th Item I desire my said Executors to procure
 and have erected at my own and my said Mother's
 Expense Grave Stones of at least as good quality
 as those now erected at my Father's Expense to cost
 sixty or seventy Dollars per pair with suitable inscrip-
 tions thereon. And that it may be known by those who
 are to live after me that I am a firm believer in, and a
 member of the order of Sons of Temperance it is my
 desire that some of the Emblems of that order be inscribed
 upon my Grave Stone

5th Item. I give and bequeath to my friend Alexander
 B. Dickers my Breast Pin upon which are some
 of the Emblems or devices of the Order of Sons of Temperance
 and I give it to him as an evidence of the high
 estimate I place upon his able efforts and untiring
 zeal in the Cause of Temperance and I desire that when
 he is done with things earthly he will bestow it upon some
 Brother of the Order Equally worthy

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6th Item I give and bequeath to my friend Dr Seth W. Bell all my shaving utensils

7th Item I give to my friend Citizen Woods my Ivory headed Walking Cane

8th Item I wish my Executors herein after named so soon as may be practicable after my death to sell and dispose of all my estate both Real and personal in such an manner and upon such terms as they think best except the tract of Land upon which is situated the farm the use of which I have already given to my Mother during her life which I wish my executors to sell so soon as may be convenient after the death of my said Mother in such manner and upon such terms as they may deem best.

9th Item, After the payment of the before mentioned Legacies I wish my Executors to Cash out of my Estate the sum of five thousand Dollars, to be used and appropriated as follows (to wit) I wish it to be paid out annually at simple interest for fifty years to sober industrious young men who may be just commencing business in life in sums not exceeding One Hundred Dollars to any one individual within the same year and he shall be required to give good personal security for the payment of the same with interest thereon And I wish my executors so soon as they may deem it practicable to procure the appointment of some suitable person or persons to receive and take charge of said fund and that they pay the same over to him. I wish said Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by and to be under the control of the Chancery Court at Hanover and in the event said Court should be abolished or removed from the County of Carroll, I then wish said Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by and under the control of the Circuit Court or highest Court of Judicature in said County. And it is my wish that the Trustee or Trustees so appointed be required to give bond with ample

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security for the faithful discharge of said trust and that they be subject to removal at any time, either for a dereliction of duty as trustees or immoral or dishonest conduct, And should said trustee or trustees be unable to loan any part of said fund as herein before directed, then and in that case he may loan the surplus to persons of more advanced age who are sober and industrious at simple interest on six months time instead of twelve and in making said Loans, he shall not be confined to the sum of One Hundred Dollars, nor shall he exceed the sum of five Hundred Dollars to any one individual within any six months and in each case of this sort said Trustee shall take bond with two good and sufficient securities for the payment of the same and in no case shall said trustee be authorized to loan any of said fund to any person who is in arrears on account of said fund.

10th Item, At the expiration of fifty years from the time that the above said fund shall be received by said Trustee or Trustees he or they or his or their successors, shall apply to the Court which may then have the control of said fund and procure the appointment of five men of sober moral habits and possessing suitable qualifications whose duty it shall be to purchase a suitable site, with so much land as they may deem necessary within the County of Carroll, wherever they may think most advisable and suitable for the establishment of a School for the education of Boys from fourteen to eighteen years of age said Boys shall be selected from the County of Carroll in the manner herein after specified, in like other donations shall be added to this fund and for the accomplishment of the same purposes. And in the event such donations or donations should be made, then nothing in this will shall be so construed as to prevent the donor or donors from declaring the locality from which a number of students proper to be provided by the amount of money so donated shall be selected from, provided that in no event shall any person be entitled to the benefits arising from said School who is not of the white race.

The Trustees of said School shall have the power to admit or reject a Student, and they shall be the sole judges whether or not any one who may propose to enter said School is or is not entitled to the benefit thereof. In selecting the Students or persons who are to be educated in the School herein provided for, said Trustees shall first select from the County of Carroll those Boys whose parents are unable to educate them or those who have no parents and are destitute of the means of obtaining an Education, and in the event that there cannot be a sufficient number of boys obtained in said County of that Class to fill said School then said Trustees shall have the power to select from the Counties adjoining a sufficient number to fill said School such as may be in a like destitute condition with those already herein provided for.

At the time a Boy enters said School, the parent, Guardian or other person having the control of said Boy shall relinquish the control of said Boy to said Trustees whose duty it shall be to defray all the necessary expenses of said Students out of the funds heretofore provided for the establishment and support of said School, it shall be their duty to provide good and comfortable apartments for the Students in said School, and all necessary Medicines, Clothing &c.

And it is my desire that the Clothing worn by said Students shall be uniform in Color and make and be changed twice in each week, or as often as may be necessary for their Comfort and health.

I desire and so direct that the Trustees for said School, shall employ some suitable female to Superintend the Cleansing of the Bedding and Clothing of the Students belonging to said School and to do what ever else may be necessary for their health and Comfort.

In selecting the Students for said School said Trustees will select those that are as near as

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may be of the age of fourteen years, provided they fall within the Class before described, and the fact that a boy is a few months over or under the age shall not prevent him from entering said School provided he has not the means to educate himself and his parents are unable to do so, and in as much as one of the primary objects of this bequest is to remove persons who are about forming their Characters out of the reach of evil examples and from the haunts of vice and immorality with a view of preventing the pernicious and blighting effects of evil associations I desire that the Students in said School shall not be permitted to make any visits to see their parents or any other person whilst they remain in said School and that their parents or Guardians be permitted to visit them but once in each quarter for which the Trustees of said School shall designate one day in each quarter as a general visiting day, when a Boy is admitted to said School he shall remain in said School four years unless he shall be dismissed for Misbehavior or immoral conduct or his health become such that the Trustees of said School deem it prudent to permit him to depart, and at the expiration of the term of four years from the time a boy enters said School it shall be the duty of the Trustees of said School to place him in such a situation that he may acquire a knowledge of some mechanical art or trade. The Trustees for the School aforesaid after purchasing the Lands as herein directed shall procure the erection of such Houses or Houses, Throes, as they may deem necessary for the purposes of said School, School Room or Rooms and such as may be necessary for lodging and sleeping apartments and all the necessary buildings there attached and said Trustees shall have power to purchase from time to time any additional quantity of Lands and to make such improvements thereon as they may deem necessary.