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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 Age 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 medicine, 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 cleaning 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

Robert M. H. Martin

Wm. Allen

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may be of the age of fourteen years, provided they
fall within the Age 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
and his parents are unable to do so, and in as much
as one of the prime objects of this bequest is to remove
persons who are about forming their character
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 a 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 becomes
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 thereof 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 thereto 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.

for the purposes of said School, And I also desire
them to have erected if deemed necessary suitable
Rooms for bathing Rooms, And I further desire
them; And they shall have full power and authority
under the specific Restrictions herein made to do and
perform all things now which may be necessary to
Carry Out and Accomplish the objects of this bequest.
And to pay for the Same out of the fund herein
provided And set apart And shall from time to
time draw upon the Trustee or Trustees having the
possession of said fund for so much money as
they may necessarily have to expend in purchasing
said Lands, building said Houses, making improve-
ments on said Lands, Employing Teachers, furnish-
ing said School with Books, Apparatus, &c. Boarding
the Students in said School, furnishing, Clothing, &c.
and for every other purpose which may be necessary
and proper to Carry out the objects of this bequest.
provided that in no case shall more than the an-
nual interest upon said fund at the time together
with an Annual sum equal to one eighth of one per-
cent of said Interest, which is to be taken from
the principal be appropriated annually for any
purpose or purposes whatever And the Trustees for
said School are in all things to have the Control and
Government thereof so long as they shall demean
themselves uprightly in the walks of life and faith-
fully discharge the trust hereby given them.
But in the Control they are to exercise over the
Government of said School they shall not
have the power to annul any of the Rules or
subvert any of the principles herein laid
down for the Government thereof, but shall
see that the Same are enforced and complied
with, And I desire that they that is the Trustees
of said School shall also be under the
Control of the Court having Charge of
said fund and subject to removal for any

dereliction of duty or immoral or dishonest conduct
They shall require each Student in said School to
be employed at least two Hours in each day in
some manual Labor either on a farm to be provided
for that purpose or in some other manner the
proceeds of which shall be applied to the support
of said School. They shall also forbid the use of
Intoxicating drinks by the Students, And should
any Student so far violate said Rule as to be
twice intoxicated he shall be dismissed immediately.
They shall also require that the Students in said
School whilst answering themselves shall remain
within the Grounds attached to the premises, And
to be designated for that purpose. The Students in
said School shall not upon holidays or at business
hours, be permitted to leave said grounds except
under the immediate charge of their Teacher or
some other person of correct Moral habits, whose
duty it shall be to accompany them And see
that they do not indulge in any vicious practices
And that they demean themselves civilly And
correctly And return to their Lodgings at a
proper hour. They shall also require of the
Teachers And every Student in said School to
attend the public worship of the Deity on every
Sabbath day except on such days as the inclemency
of the weather or other Cause render it impracticable
that they should do so, And of this said Trustee shall
be the sole Judges, And that the Teacher or some
other person of correct Moral habits, accompany
said Students to and from Church, so that they
demean themselves in a proper and becoming
manner whilst at Church and that they return to
their Lodgings or Apartments immediately after
the services are concluded at the Church, and
in as much as there is as I believe great force
in ExAMPLE particularly when brought to bear
upon the young who are just forming their character

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Rooms for Bathing Rooms, And I further desire
them; And they shall have full power And Authority
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perform all things else which may be necessary to
Carry Out And Accomplish the objects of this bequest
And to pay for the Same out of the fund herein
provided And set apart, And shall from time to
time draw upon the Trustees or Trustees having the
possession of said fund for so much money as
they may necessarily have to expend in purchasing
said Lands, building said Houses, making improve-
ments on said Lands, Employing Teachers, furnish-
ing said School with Books, Apparatus, &c, Boarding
the Students in said School, furnishing, clothing, &c,
and for every other purpose which may be necessary
and proper to Carry out the objects of this bequest,
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nual interest upon said fund at the time, together
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Government thereof so long as they shall demean
themselves uprightly in the walks of life and faith-
fully discharge the trust hereby given them.
But in the Control they are to exercise over the
Government of said School they shall not
have the power to amend any of the Rules or
subvert any of the provisions herein laid
down for the Government thereof, but shall
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some other person of correct Moral habits, whose
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And that they demean themselves civilly And
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of the weather or other Cause render it impracticable
that they should do so, And of this said trust shall
be the sole Judges And that the Teacher or some
other person of correct Moral habits, accompany
said Students to and from Church, see that they
demean themselves in a proper and becoming
manner whilst at Church and that they return to
their Lodgings or Apartments immediately after
the services are concluded at the Church, And
in as much as there is as I believe great force
in Examples particularly when brought to bear
upon the young who are just forming their character.

And that it not unprofitably turns the balance in
favor of Virtue or Vice and in as much as the object
of this bequest is to promote Virtue and Morality
and so to dispose of this fund that the greatest
possible advantage may flow from it to those
who are to live after me. I therefore desire and
so direct, that the aforesaid Trustees in employing
Teachers shall stipulate with said Teachers that
during his or their Term of Service, he or they
shall not use intoxicating drinks and that in
the event he should be so to be forthwith dismissed
by said Trustees and to forfeit his right to pay
for any services which he may have rendered in
said School. And said Trustees shall not have
the power to appropriate one dollar of the
aforesaid fund in the payment of any teacher
who shall use intoxicating drinks during his
Term of Service as teacher as aforesaid, if the
fact comes to the knowledge of said Trustees
before said appropriation is made.

It is further my desire that the Court having
the care of the fund aforesaid and the Control
of the Trustee or Trustees having the possession
of said fund and the direction of the Trustees
of said School, require said Trustee or Trustees
having possession of said fund to report annually
and as much oftener as it may deem necessary
the precise Condition of said fund, and that it
require of the Trustees of said School to report
annually and as much oftener as it may deem
necessary the precise Condition of said School
the amount of Money expended and for what,
and it is my desire that after the lapse of
fifty years from the time the fund herein pro-
vided for, shall go into the hands of the Trustee
or Trustees appointed to receive and take charge
of the same as herein provided for said
Trustee or Trustees having said fund, shall
continue to pay the surplus after defraying

the expenses herein provided for, in the same
manner and upon the same terms as I have heretofore
directed the same to be loaned until the expiration of
said term of fifty years, and should any vacancy
occur in any of said Trusteeships I wish said
Court to fill the same and in the same manner that
I have heretofore directed the appointments to be
made. I desire that once in every year an Election
be held by the Trustees of said School for the purpose
of electing an Assistant Teacher for said School
that after the first four years said Assistant be
chosen from the students in said School, that in
said elections the principal Teacher be allowed
one vote and should any vacancy occur I wish
the same filled in the same manner. And as it is
my object to benefit those who may be entitled
and be proper to avail themselves of the benefits
arising from said School as much as I can
and in as much as I believe the study of various
branches of learning taught in Schools at this day
is to the much larger proportion of students an
unjustifiable consumption of time and money, I
therefore direct that the students in said School
shall not be put to the study of any Language
except the English, or that generally used in this
Country, or to the study of the Geography of the Earth.
I desire that they may have a substantial English
Education, one which will be of service to them
in the ordinary practical business transactions
of life.

11th Item If, after the payment of the Legacies herein
before given, as well those given to particular Indi-
viduals, as the fund herein given in trust for the
purposes aforesaid, there should be other funds in
the hands of my executors or which may come to
their hands from the sale of my Estate or otherwise
then I give my niece Mary McCallum Withers five
Hundred Dollars to her sole and separate use to
be used and enjoyed by her in and out of the

Marital Rights And free from the Control of any husband which she may now or hereafter have, Then I also give my niece Catherine Hankins Withers five hundred Dollars to her sole and separate use independent of any Marital Rights of And free from the Control of any Husband which she may now or hereafter have, Then I also give to my niece Lucy Ann Gee three hundred Dollars to her sole and separate use independent of any Marital Rights of And free from the Control of any Husband which she may now or hereafter have, Then I also give my nephew Alexander Gee Son of James A. Gee the sum of three hundred Dollars.

12th Item, The Legacies herein given to Mary McCallan Withers, Catherine Hankins Withers, Lucy Ann Gee and Alexander Gee are not to be paid until all the Legacies named before them have been paid nor until the sum of five thousand Dollars which I have given in trust by the 10th clause of my will has been paid and in the event that should not be a sufficient amount of my Estate after paying the Legacies and bequests herein directed to be paid before those given the said Mary McCallan Withers, Lucy Ann Gee and Alexander to pay the entire amount of the Legacies herein given to them then and in that case they shall share the loss equally and should there remain a balance after the payment of all of said Legacies I wish it added to the trust funds given by the 10th clause of this my will.

13th Item I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends John Norman Alvin Hankins Isaac H. Hankins and Dr. Seth W. Bell my Executors to execute this my last will and Testament and I request that they shall not be required to give security for the performance of their duties as such Executors and do hereby exempt them from the sa

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of March A.D. 1852.

Thos. A. Hankins Esq.
Signed Sealed and published in presence of
A. J. Martin
Robert McCracken
William Cokers

{ Codicil }

I Thomas A. Hankins do make and publish this as a Codicil to my last will and Testament hereby revoking the Codicil made and published by me on the 17th day of August 1852.
1st Being desirous to provide for the support and maintenance of my Sister Ann Warren Gee wife of James H. Gee I direct my Executors to purchase the plantation or tract of Land upon which the said Ann now resides from Robert A. Brown or any other person having the legal or equitable title thereto, which said tract consists of eighty five Aers and in the event that there shall not be in the hands of my Executors funds sufficient to pay the special Legacies and to purchase said Land, then they shall deduct an amount sufficient to make the payment for said purchase or this deficiency from the bequest of five thousand Dollars made in my will and upon making the payments to said Brown or any other person who may be entitled to see the same which said payment or price to be given for said Land is not to exceed the sum of four hundred and fifty Dollars. My Executors are to have said Land conveyed to John Norman in trust for the sole and separate use of my said Sister Ann Warren Gee Whom so long as she shall live and she shall have the absolute and sole control free from any control of James H. Gee or any other Husband that the said Ann Warren Gee may hereafter have and in the event that the said

Ann should wish to remove to any other place
and desire the sale of said Land, then upon her
application in writing, the said Trustee shall
sell said Land and purchase with the funds
arising from the sale of the Land of said
Ann other plantation at such place as the said
Ann may desire, taking the legal title in his
own name, but clothed with the of said Trust
(to wit) The sole and separate use of the said Ann
to be used and enjoyed by her independent
of and free from the control of her said husband
James H. Lee or any other husband that she
may here after have and in the event that
that Mrs Lee should not but live my step-
mother Margaret S. Hawkins, then at the death
of the said Ann Lee, the said Margaret S.
Hawkins shall have, hold use and enjoy said
land for and during the term of her natural
life but should the said Ann but live the
said Margaret S. then upon the death of the
said Ann it is my will, that her daughters
who may be summoned at the time of her said
death shall have the of said tract of Land
or the Ann to be purchased in Ann things
to have hold use and enjoy, to their sole and
separate use, free from any control of any
husband and that either of them may thereafter
have and in the event that they should be
at the time of the death of the said Ann, no
unmarried daughter of hers, then the of said
lands are to be equally divided between all of her
daughters to be by them held use and enjoyed
for their sole and separate use free from the
control of any husband that either of
them may then or then after have
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

9th day of September A D 1853.

Thos. A. Hawkins (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published
in presence of,
J. N. Lindsey
Joshua Huffman,

State of Tennessee, October Term 1852.
Carroll County. } This day a paper writing
was produced in open
court purporting to be the last will and
testament of Thomas A. Hawkins, decd.
and was duly proved by the oaths of J. N.
Lindsey, Robert McAdams, William others
and the finding to said will was duly proven
by the oaths of J. N. Lindsey & Joshua Huffman
the same is ordered by the court to be duly
recorded to which it certifies that the above is
a copy, Test. William H. Graves, Clerk

20th
Voluntary Will of William Bell. I do

I wish my negroes to remain on the farm as they are until the crop is raised & gathered. I want all my stock sold after the crop is gathered except just enough for my family. I wish my wife to have my ware penny and I do desire that she buy a good gentle horse to keep in the family farm.

After the crop is raised & gathered I want my negroes taken out from year to year until my youngest son Henry comes of age. After the crop is gathered I desire it to be sold. I wish my wife to hire two of the negroes such as will suit her to keep on the farm and wait on her and make a support for her and the children.

I desire my son John & my son Henry to have a good illiterate education and I wish my Brothers David Bell & Thomas Bell to see that they get it out of the proceeds of my estate and should there not be a sufficient amount of money on hand to keep them constantly at school I want them to stay at home with their mother and go to school in the neighborhood and work on the farm until there should be money enough to send them back to College.

I want my family to remain where they now live and I desire that the houses be repaired for the comfort and convenience of my family.

I desire that my Brother David Bell should attend to all my business.

21st
When my youngest son comes of age I want my estate equally divided between my wife & my two sons.

The foregoing is the Voluntary Will of William Bell died in our presence in his last sickness at his Residence in Carroll County Tennessee and to which we were called to bear witness by the Justices on the 26th day of June 1833. He died on the 28th day of June 1833. This the 11th day of July 1833.

David Bell
J. H. Bell

I Concur in the foregoing statement except I understood that Justices to say he wished his wife to keep instead of "live" two of the negroes as it now reads July 11th 1833.
Henry P. Gaines

State of Tennessee, September 5th 1834
Carroll County. This day a paper writing purporting to be the last Voluntary Will & Testament of William Bell was produced before me and was duly proven to be the last Will of David Bell, J. H. Bell and Henry P. Gaines the subscribing witnesses appearing to same which the Court ordered to be duly recorded. This is a copy of the same.
W. H. Graves, C. C.

State of Tennessee District No 3
Carroll County

We John M. Hull and J. M. Barnes do state that a manuscript will of Thomas Henry was made by him on the third day of August one thousand eight hundred & fifty three in our presence to which we were specially requested to be witnesses by the testator himself in the presence of each other that it was made in his last sickness in his own habitation or dwelling house where he had resided many years. And the same is as follows. That it was his will and desire that his wife Mary during her natural life or widowhood have and keep for the benefit of herself and our children in raising & schooling them after paying off my just debts and my affairs of every kind.

J. M. Hull
J. M. Barnes

State of Tennessee Sept. 5th 1853
Carroll County

This day a paper writing the last manuscript will and testament of Thomas Henry Henry was produced in open court and duly proven by the oath of J. M. Hull & J. M. Barnes the subscribing witnesses thereto according to Law & the court ordered the same to be duly recorded.

We solemnly swear that W. H. Graves Clerk

David Marshall Will 113

In the name of God Amen I David Marshall of the County of Carroll & State of Tennessee being in good health but of senile mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in words and form following. I do constitute and appoint James M. Hart my Executor to this my last will and testament.

I leave to my beloved wife Susan the tract of Land on which I reside and the one third part of all my estate negroes stock of every description house hold and kitchen furniture and also the one third part of the Sable due me provided that my Sable be first paid the above property I leave to my said wife Susan during her natural life or widowhood.

I do hereby appoint my friends Abraham White Richard Williamson Beverly B. Benson Johnathon Keller & Geo. G. Hamming to lay off my negroes in three equal lots as they can in value & to give to my wife Susan the lot which comes nearest the one third part of the whole amount to which they shall value my negroes & then for the division of the residue of my negroes it is my will that they draw Sables between my 2 sons Wm. Marshall & David Marshall. It is my will that my said commissioners shall divide all the residue of my estate except the same which I have disposed of and that they give my said wife the one third part as above directed and that the remaining two thirds shall be sold for the benefit of my said sons William & David & that my son William shall pay David one hundred dollars on account of the arrearage which William has over David in Education.

In order that there be no mistake about my will it will now recapitulate. My debts must be first paid my whole estate then is to be equally divided among my wife and son. Son's except my wife has all the little tract of land & David shall have one hundred dollars more than William have or all of the commissioners appointed shall act in the division and their division when necessary shall be as effectual & final as if they were appointed by the court.

And it is furthermore my will that if my wife Susan prefer to live at some other place away from this village that my Executor shall sell this tract of land and apply the proceeds thereof to the purchase of any other place and I hereby direct him with power to vest the right of said land in the purchaser and take a deed to the land he may purchase to the heirs of David Marshall subject to my real wife as are the provisions above in relation to this tract my real wife must be satisfied with the said arrangement in confirmation of all which I do hereby set my hand and seal affixing my seal this day of sept. 1848

Robert H. Hall
Amos H. Hall
David Marshall

State of Minnesota } Per Wm 1848 fifth day
Carroll County } This day the last will and testament of David Marshall last was produced in open court and duly proven by the oaths of Robert H. Hall & Amos H. Hall the subscribers witnesses as appears of record now on file in clerk's office which was related to his executor. The above is a copy true
this October 25th 1848

W. H. Grier

John Spring Will

I John Spring of the County of Carroll and State of Minnesota do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others heretofore made by me.

Now 1st I desire first of all my funeral expenses to be paid and all of my debts out of my money I may die possessed of in that my first term into the hands of my Executor after my death.

Now 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved grand daughter Alice Maria Elizabeth Spring daughter of my son Ruffin H. Spring all of my estate entire without reserve which is personal or personal property.

Now 3rd I desire that my Executor sell all of my personal property as soon after my death as practicable consisting of stock, provisions, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture except one bed furniture which I wish reserved for my grand daughter Alice H. Spring.

Now 4th I do appoint and make my friend Thomas S. More of the County of Carroll and State of Minnesota my Executor to this my last will and testament and I desire that he shall take my grand daughter Alice H. Spring under his care and send her to school until she shall have obtained a thorough English education and the expenses of the same be paid out of my property I have bequeathed to her in this my last will and testament. I further desire that the property that I have given to my grand daughter Alice Maria Elizabeth Spring shall remain in the hands of Thomas S. More my Executor until she shall marry or become of age.

In last many respects I have heretofore put
my hand to this my last will and testa-
ment

signed in our presence this

18th day of October 1823

John Spring
A. B. Christian
W. H. Jones

State of Tennessee, Nov Term the 1st day 1823
Carroll County

This day a paper containing
purporting to be the last will and testament
of John Spring was produced in open
court and offered for probate. The same
being accepted to read duly proven by the oaths
of A. B. Christian & W. H. Jones the subscribing
witnesses thereto and returned by the court to be
recorded of which the above is a copy test
Nov 1st 1823 William H. Graves Clerk

In the name of God Amen
William of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee
being weak in body but of perfect mind and
sound memory do constitute and appoint this my last
will and testament in manners form following

1st I first of all I resign my body to the Lord to be
buried in a decent and christian like manner
and my spirit to God who gave it and of
worldly estate as follows
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary H. Jones all the tract of land whereon I
now live with all my household furniture together
with the kitchen furniture and one good cow
the hinge one good cow and calf and one sow &
pigs to have & to hold during her natural life
and at the death of my said wife all the
above property to be sold and equally divided
between all my children

2nd It is my will and desire that all the rest
of my land property and all my stock be sold
and after paying my just debts the balance
to be equally divided between all my children
and it is my desire that the property for life
that the first time that shall fall to my
daughter Elizabeth Cooper shall be held in
trust by my love sons & myself then to
Mary H. Jones and that the same shall be
paid out & give her for her a tract of land
if it be less acres to her & her heirs forever
and all that shall descend to her at the death of her
mother to be disposed of in like manner

3rd I constitute and appoint my two sons
Samuel H. Jones and John H. Jones my executors
to this my last will and testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 18th day of October 1823

James L. Jones
James L. Jones

State of Tennessee, Dec. term 1853.
Carroll County, 3. This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Barksdale was produced in open court for perusal and was duly perused by the testimony of James D. Drake & James Glasgow and attested by the court to be genuine of which the above is a copy, that

W. H. Graves Clerk

Concupatim Will of John Barksdale
We J. B. Christian, James D. Drake and James Glasgow do state that the noncupative will of John B. Barksdale was made by him on the 14th day of December 1853 in our presence to which we in company with others were called upon to be witnesses by the testator himself in the presence of each other that it was made in his last sickness in his own habitation or dwelling house. And the paper is as follows to wit:
It was his wish and desire that after he should leave his wife Mary Barksdale have his whole estate both real and personal during her natural life in full and that he would like to raise and educate his children and the said estate at her death or marriage to be equally divided between all his children and his wife he also stated there was to him twenty three and five hundred dollars belonging to his children that would have to be managed by some person named by us and signed this 14th day of December 1853

Witnesses

J. B. Christian

James D. Drake

State of Tennessee,

Carroll County, 3 December the 6th 1854

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John B. Barksdale was produced in open court in noncupative form and was perused by the oath of J. B. Christian & James D. Drake the undersigned witnesses hereto the same being entered on Minute Book page 382 and attested by the court to be genuine of which the above is a copy that

W. H. Graves Clerk

At the deposition of Robert Walter Sen-
ior Charles L. Hamill and J. P. King testifies
that the foregoing will of Robert Walter
was made to him on the night of the 14th of
September 1883 in our presence and that
it was made in his last sickness in the
living room of the store house belonging
to Mr. B. J. Williams with whom he
usually had been doing business in the
capacity of a clerk previous to his sickness
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 he wills the house and lot on which
Alexander Robinson now lives to said
Alexander Robinson and the balance of his
property and effects to be equally divided
between his brothers and sisters
made and well signed by us on the 20th
day of Sept. 1883

J. C. L. Hamill
J. P. King

State of Tennessee } March Term 1884
Carroll County Court } This day a noncon-
fession with proper exhibits purporting
to be the last will and testament of
in a stenographic form and was duly
proven by the testimony of C. L. Hamill &
J. P. King subscribing witnesses thereto
The same was ordered by the Court to be
duly recorded of which the clerk is hereby
certified

W. H. Graves the

State of Tennessee Carroll County January
the 16th 1884

I William Long being of sound mind
declare this to be my last will and testa-
ment in view of the certainty of death
and the uncertainty of life

Article the first

My wish that first all my just debts be
paid Article second I wish my beloved
wife Elizabeth Matilda to have the use
of the place I now live on to keep up
the stock of every description except such
as is surplus to keep for the black family
for the purpose of raising and rearing
my children and in more with us so
long as my wife Elizabeth Matilda should
remain as widow or Shophanville or
till the youngest child should become
of age

Should my wife marry or marry
she die or when the youngest child
becomes of age either case the property
is all to be sold to the highest bid-
der and equally divided among all my
beloved children my wife to have a
child's part and should she be in a
family may and have an heir if it
so is to have an equal share with the
rest of the children except my daugh-
ter Caroline Sarah Elizabeth she has re-
ceived twenty five dollars in a debt
and furniture And part of a white
horse all my heirs stand, My beloved
wife Elizabeth Matilda & child should
she have any my daughter Mary Webb
son William Long daughter Wanda
upson Emily Agnes Mary Corissa
my son James and daughter Matilda
Sarah & Laura Bonclain all of first to
have seventy five dollars to each

There equal to Caroline Sarah Elizabeth
all the property that goes to my daughter
is to go to them and their heirs.

My tract of land near the Missouri river
of 242 Acres is to be sold and also my
tract of land near Benjamin Hays is
smaller land is to be sold and all the
money arising from the sale of said land
or sale of stock or in any way belonging
to my estate all is to be put out on
interest and the interest on so much
of it as is necessary is to go toward the
supporting and raising of my family
giving no part of my name and seal the
day and date I have written in
Volume of Test

James L Smith William Lacy
Richard L Bell

State of Tennessee March Term
Harrison County Court 1854

This day a paper writing purporting to
be the last will and testament of
William Lacy was produced
in open court and duly proved by the
testimony of James L Smith and
Richard L Bell subsequently sworn to
therein the same was read by the
court to be duly recorded of which the
above is a copy test W H Goetz

I Thomas Oliver do make and publish
this my last will and testament hereby re-
voking and making void all other wills
by me at any time made

I do direct that my funeral expenses and
all my just debts be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of my money that
I shall possess or may first come into
the hands of my Executors

1st I give and bequeath to my son William B
Oliver one thousand that I give to Benjamin
Matlock for the tract of land that said Wm
B Oliver sold to R. H. Skofner this is all I
desire to give to my son Wm B Oliver

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Oliver
four hundred and twenty two dollars that I
have paid him in different ways this is all
I desire to give to my son Thomas Oliver

3rd I give and bequeath to my son James L
Oliver two Negro Boys named Albert and Henry
I have conveyed to my son James L Oliver by
deed of gift a Negro woman named Fanny
and all of her increase

4th I have given and conveyed to daughter
Ruthanna A King by deed of gift a certain negro
woman named Ned and her increase

5th I have given and conveyed by deed of gift
to my son, Burrell Oliver a certain negro
woman named Monerren and all of her
increase

6th I give and bequeath to the children of my
daughter Elizabeth Walters said a certain negro
woman named Mary and all of her increase
I also give to the children of my daughter
Elizabeth Walters said the sum of five hun-
dred dollars to be left in trust and
paid by my Executors to the said children
as they arrive at the age of twenty one year

in money should any of the said children die before receiving their due distributive share in that case I wish it to be equally divided among the surviving children of said daughter Eliza both Walter & Isaac.

8th I leave to my son James I Oliver a Negro woman named Lucy and all of her increase during his natural life and at his death to his children lawfully begotten of his body. Should he die without children lawfully begotten of his body then I wish that the property herein devised to my son James I Oliver to be equally divided between the children of my son James I Oliver the children of Burrell Oliver and the children of my daughter Eliza both Walters & Isaac.

9th I desire that my son James I Oliver have the sum of sixty dollars a year as compensation for his trouble of keeping and taking care of my old servant woman named Jim my as long as she may live.

10th I wish my negro boy Beverly sold as soon after my death as my Executors or my friends best and the money arising from said sale together with all other money belonging to me not otherwise conveyed away by this will to be equally divided between the children of my son James I Oliver and the children of my son Burrell Oliver my son John I Oliver and the children of my daughter Eliza both Walters & Isaac. I wish the money conveyed to my son John I Oliver to be used in the same distribution named in the 8th item of this will.

11th I do hereby appoint William H. Carson and my son James I Oliver my Executors to execute & carry out this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this the 35th day February A.D. 1854

James Rogers
George W. Rogers

Thos Oliver Seal

State of Tennessee April 3rd 1854
Carroll County Tenn

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Oliver was offered in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of James Rogers and George W. Rogers the subscribing witnesses thereto when the Court ordered the same to be duly recorded of which the above is a copy Test

Wm. Grimes M.

226 Elizabeth Siquera Will.

I Elizabeth Siquera do make this my last will and Testament
I will and bequeath to my mother Mary Siquera all I possess, so long as she lives and at her death I wish it to be equally divided between James Siquera & Thomas Siquera
Witness December 6th 1853

Witness

J. S. Foster

Elizabeth Siquera

J. S. Harris

State of Tennessee } Term 1854
Cannon County } Monday

This day was produced in open court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Elizabeth Siquera and was duly proven by the oath of J. S. Harris & J. S. Foster witnesses who testified to the court that they saw the same to be duly executed of which the above is a copy test
W. H. Graves Atty.

Robert Mitchum's Will. 231

I Robert Mitchum of the County of Carroll & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and suffering some affliction of body & realizing the uncertainty of human life do hereby declare and publish this my last will and Testament

first that my burial expenses together with all my just debts be paid

Second I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary S. Bigham wife of Dr J. H. Bigham my Negro man Stephen about sixty five years old and my Negro boy Standhope about eight teen years old in consideration of which the said Mary S. & J. H. Bigham shall pay to James Greer one hundred dollars to be duly paid within three years after my death

Third I will and bequeath that my Negro woman Jada to Boy Alfred & later be equally divided between Anderson & Smith & William son & my son William C. Mitchum

In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand & affix my seal this 11th day of August one thousand eight hundred & fifty four

Test J. H. Menander Not

N. H. Fox

A. C. Cooper

Robert Mitchum

State of Tennessee } Sept Term 1854
Cannon County } 1st pt

This day was produced in open court a paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Robert Mitchum Sen. which was duly proven by the oath of J. H. Menander & N. H. Fox subscribing witnesses and ordered by the court to be duly recorded of which the above is a copy test
W. H. Graves Atty.

State of Tennessee, Carroll County,

I James Manning do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby reserving and making special 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 moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I will that my Executor with the money that may come into his hands from the collection of lesser accounts or from the sale of any property that I may die possessed of purchase a tract of land said land to be for the benefit and use of my beloved wife Bessie during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among my children

Thirdly whatever may remain either in money or other property after having complied with the above I will that also to my wife Bessie

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother Michael Manning my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 13th day of July 1882

James Manning *Test*

Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here in the presence of the testator this 13th day of July 1882

A. M. Jones
A. J. Jones

I James Manning do make and publish this codicil to my last will and testament whereas since I made my last will I have purchased a tract of land in this (Carroll County) now after my decease should my beloved wife Bessie Manning become desirous to retire from the neighborhood where the land is situated then my Executor shall have power to sell said land and make conveyance thereof and shall with the proceeds thereof purchase other land for the use and benefit of my wife Bessie and children as aforesaid my hand & seal this day of 1882

Test
Jas H. Barham
W. B. Gibbons

James Manning
witness

State of Tennessee, September Term 1882
Carroll County 3 Sept 4

This day was produced in open court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Manning and the same was duly proved by the testimony of J. M. Grimes, A. J. Jones the clerk of the court, J. H. Barham & W. B. Gibbons witnesses and subscribed thereto the same were ordered to be duly recorded of which the above is a copy Test
W. H. Jones Clerk

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State of Tennessee Circuit Court August
Circuit County 3 Term 1854

I, J. S. Davidson do hereby certify that
1854 I, Wilson & Co. do hereby certify that
this the 18th day of March 1854
the plaintiff's production in court
of the following notes
of Wm. Leach for
of hand or paper writing
with the several endorsements thereon which
are in the words & figures following to wit

1854 one day after date I promise to pay William Leach
the sum of five hundred and sixteen dollars
for value received Witness my
hand & seal January 1st 1854

Wm. Leach

I assign the within note to Martha Hemen & the balance of said note
to Robert Davidson January 25th 1854

William Leach
mark

1854 one day after date I promise to
pay William Leach the sum of forty six
dollars & twenty cents for value received
January 1st 1854

Wm. Leach

I assign the within note to Eliza Wilson
January 25th 1854

William Leach
mark

1854 I, William Leach do hereby certify that
fifty dollars & ninety
five cents for value received Witness my hand
seal Dec 15 1853

Wm. Leach

I assign the within note to Eliza Wilson
January 25 1854

William Leach
mark

One day after date I promise to pay William Leach
the sum of seven and seventy five cents for
value received Witness my hand & seal this 1st day of May 1854

Wm. Leach

I assign the within note to Eliza Wilson January 25th 1854

William Leach
mark

One day after date I promise to pay William Leach
eighteen dollars & twenty cents for value received
Witness my hand & seal May 1st 1854

Wm. Leach

I assign the within note to Eliza Wilson January 25th 1854

William Leach
mark

On or before the first day of April 1854 I promise
to pay William Leach the sum of one hundred
and forty nine dollars & thirty cents for value received
Witness my hand & seal February 1st 1854

Wm. Leach

I assign the within note to Janet Stewart
January 25th 1854

William Leach
mark

\$ 100 By the 25th of Dec. next I promise to pay
William Leach twenty dollars for value received
Witness my hand & seal Nov 1st 1853 John Leach

I assign the within note to Janet Stewart
January 25 1854

William Leach
mark

By the 25th of Dec 1853 I promise William
Leach two hundred dollars for value received
Nov 1st 1851

John Leach

I assign the within note to Janet Stewart
January 25th 1854

William Leach
mark

And the plaintiffs aver that the contents of the
in the foregoing notes is paper writings or the last
will and testament of the said William Leach

John M Hawkins' Will

I John M Hawkins being of sound mind and disposing memory And knowing it is appointed unto man once to die do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby bequeathing all others by me at any time made

1st I design my Soul to God who gave it and my body which I desire may be decently buried I design to its Mother Earth

2nd I wish all my just debts to be paid as soon as convenient after my death

3rd It is my wish and I hereby direct my Executors hereinafter named to sell publicly or privately and at such times as they may deem most advisable so much of my property either real or personal or both as my beloved wife may desire as may be necessary to pay my debts And if it should become necessary or my wife may desire any of my lands to be sold for the aforesaid purposes I hereby direct and empower my Executors to convey the same to the purchasers

4th Whereas my son Milton Hawkins has recently departed this life And at the time of his death was indebted I direct my Executors to pay whatever said debts may remain unpaid at my death in the same manner in which I have directed in the third clause of this my last will and Testament in reference to the payment of my debts And do hereby for that purpose confer on them the same powers conferred by said 3rd clause

5th I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly G. Hawkins all and every

portion of my estate of every kind and description real personal or mixed which may be remaining after the payment of my debts And the debts of my De^d son Milton by her fully and freely to be used and enjoyed during her life for the maintenance of her self And the maintenance And Education of my children until they arrive at the age of twenty one years

6th I wish my Executors hereinafter named to sell and convey so much of my estate either real or personal as my said wife may desire at public or private sale upon such terms and at such times as they may deem most advisable as my said wife may deem necessary for her support And the support and Education of my said children

7th I wish my said Executors when my said wife may desire to sell and convey upon such terms as they may think best any portion or all of my real estate And to vest the proceeds of the same in such property either real or personal as my said wife may desire selling the title to the same in her name

8th In as much as some of my children have already rec^d advancements from me I wish my Executors to furnish such of the others of my said children as my said wife may desire upon their arriving at twenty one years of age property such as my Executors may think most suitable as nearly equal in value as may be convenient to that already rec^d by those already advanced so as to make the distribution of my estate as nearly equal as possible

9th Should any of my sons after they arrive at twenty one years of age see proper to remain with my wife And labor on the farm

or in any way assist her in supporting her self or the infant children in the final distribution of my Estate hereafter to be made I wish my Executors to allow and pay them a Reasonable Compensation for such services as they may have rendered or if my said wife so desires she may pay them at any time for such services as it is my desire that my Estate be liberally and Equitably administered

10th Should my wife die before my youngest son arrives at twenty one years of age I wish my Executors to sell and convey so much of my estate either Real or personal ^{as they may think best} as may be necessary for the support and Education of such of my Children as may be under 21 years of age and apply the proceeds to their support and Education until they become 21 years of age

11th It is my wish that at the death of my wife or the coming of age of my youngest son which ever event may happen last that my Executors sell and convey what ever may be remaining of my estate upon such terms as may be most advisable and that the proceeds be equally divided between my Children Subject to all equitable charges in favor of any one of my said Children & charging each with such advances as he may have received and should any one of my said Children be dead at the time of making said distribution leaving a legitimate child or children I wish such child or children to receive the share of the said parent should any of my Children be dead leaving no legitimate child I wish the share

of such deceased child to be divided among his surviving Brothers and the legitimate Children of such as may be dead as above named

12th It is my wish that my Executors herein after named shall not be Required to give Bond and Security for the performance of their duties as such Executors

13th It is my earnest desire that my family be satisfied with this disposition of my property and that they dwell in peace & harmony

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Polly S. Hawthins and my son Abner Hawthins Executors of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19th day of December 1850
John M. Hawthins (seal)

Witnesses
Isaac Harlan
J. M. Mann

State of Tennessee County Court
Carroll County 3 March Term 1852
There was a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John M. Hawthins ~~was~~ produced in open Court and offered for Probate when the same ^{there} was duly proven and the same admitted to Probate and ordered to be Recorded of which the foregoing is a true Copy
Test
J. M. Mann

Penelope Boyd Will

The substance of Mrs Penelope Boyd's will as I understood it was as follows -

- That Dr J. G. Boyd should have Dr David Boyd's watch
- That J. H. Boyd should have his saddle horse &c
- That her clothing should be divided among her sisters
- That the Boyd family should have two jewels except the lock which she wished married to have
- That married should have the balance of her property &c

J. H. Boyd
J. H. Boyd

State of Tennessee } July term 1853
Circuit Court of }
at this term was

produced an open book the non-occupation wife of Penelope Boyd deceased and the same was duly proved by the testimony of J. H. Boyd &c &c &c the witness is subscribed which non-occupation was ordered to be recorded the above being a copy test

J. H. Boyd &c

Robert Groom Will

Robert Groom being feeble in body but of strong mind and discharging many domestic duties his last will and testament is I consign my spirit to the God that gave it and my body to my friends to be buried in a decent and christian like manner

I give and bequeath to my ~~beloved~~ wife Elizabeth all the crop on hand at my death also one negro man by the name of Sam together with as much of the stock & tools as she may think proper and necessary with the home plantation on which I now live during her life time or until her death if sooner she should die she shall have property to the amount of one hundred & fifty dollars worth forever and the balance of the property together with the same is to be sold and Thomas is to have one hundred & fifty dollars worth and Francis Simanila is to have one hundred & fifty dollars and Robert Isaac is to have one hundred & fifty dollars and the balance is to be equally divided among all my children

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my two sons James & William all the tracts of land I now own and fifty six acres provided however that James & William pay three hundred dollars to my estate to be due the twenty fifth of December one thousand eight hundred & fifty one

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my two sons Robert & William all the tract after the death of my wife or if she should marry her second shall call then this tract of three hundred acres is to be equally divided between Thomas & Robert Isaac

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So as for Robert to have the house for
vidual homours that Patmas & Robert shall pay
to my estate three hundred dollars to be paid
in twelve months after they get in actual posses-
ion of the same

Lastly after my estate shall be finally settled
I give & bequeath all of my said daughters
have one hundred & fifty dollars each &
the balance of there be any equally between
my eight children I appoint my wife
Elizabeth and Isaac Johnson my Executors to
this my last will and testament

Witness my hand and seal this ^{13th} day of
September one thousand eight hundred &
fifty one

I the province of Robert T. Groom
Daniel Shofner
Isaac Johnson

aforesaid to the last will and testament of Robert
Groom made and published the 30 day of September
1854 to wit whereas Robert Groom have since the
execution of my last will and testament bought
a negro girl by the name of Amia and my
will is that my wife Elizabeth is to have Amia
for her use and benefit during her natural
life or until she be old and afterwards to be
disposed off as I saw & the balance of property
mentioned in the first clause of my will
was equally divided among my children
Signed this the 3rd day of May 1855

Sist
Daniel Shofner } Robert T. Groom

State of Amherst } August term 1855
County of } was proved in open court the
will of Robert Groom tried & duly proven by the tes-
timony of Daniel Shofner Isaac Johnson & the master
to be duly received of which the foregoing is a true &
perfect copy Witness my hand 8th 1855

N. H. Carter Clerk

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Gentest Heart will
In view of declining health and feeling conscious
that my stay here will not be long and feeling some
degree of interest in making some disposition of
my efforts or of what has fallen into my hands
and this being the first and last will that I have
at any time made thought fit and proper while
in the right exercise of my mind to commit my
wishes and desires to writing for the benefit of all
those whom I leave behind that is or may be
come interested in the distribution and settle-
ment of said estate therefore in the first place
of my last I recommend that my body
be ^{religiously} buried in the earth from whence I
came with such funeral services as the fam-
ily may think proper it would then be
therefore recommend that my Executors take
charge of my will with all the effects that I
have or is entitled to either in law or in
equity and dispose of them as herein after di-
rected and agreeable to the will In the
first place I direct that two hundred
and ten and a half acres by beginning in the corner
of my land at a point so as by running
a line due west to the line of William's land
beginning line and with his line and my own
lines to come to the beginning so as to include
two hundred & twenty acres of land I mean
land with all the improvements on said two hun-
dred & twenty acres or that approximate thereto
I allot to my wife Elizabeth during her nat-
ural life also such part off all the stock horses
cattle hogs sheep farming utensils household
and kitchen furniture also as many of my
black or servants as she and my Executors
may in their judgement think amply suf-
ficient to make her a support and render
her easy and quiet so long as she lives and
at her death all of the above named prop-
erty belonging to the estate that has been

113 I alloted to my wife Nancy Hart during her
life the land excepted, shown and after her
death as soon as practicable in sale and all
other as my Executors may think best and
for purposes herein after named, to set forth
for the said the land as above named, two
hundred & twenty acres at the death of my
wife I allot to my son, Wm J Hart and would
request that he take charge of his mother's bus-
iness and see that it is managed so as to make
her as easy and quiet through life as possible
the balance or north part of the tract of land
on which I now live supposed to be about
480 acres including all in the north of the part
I allot to my wife and at her death to my son W
J Hart and I would recommend a divide of the
same by running a line due north and south so
as to divide two hundred & thirty acres into
the east part and the Hundred & fifty into
the west part believing it will make the three
lots about equal with the circumstances on the
first lot I G Hart and Wm J Hart can choose
lots in said tract together and divide the proceeds
as will suit them and purchase best
I then give and allot to my son in law James
D Patton 800 acres of land lying on Northfork
path of Ohio immediately up and down the
creek and adjoining my old mill tract no other
lands included in these allotments I then give
and allot to Benj H Campbell three children
Alexander James and Mary a tract of land con-
taining 1000 acres lying on the Mississippi
River in Snyder County this tract of land I
request that B H Campbell the father of the
three children take charge and the oversight
of said land for the benefit of said children
until they come of age then to be sold and
equally divided between them Alexander
James and Mary I then give and allot

to my two sons Robert S Hart and J M Hart
all of my lands lying on the South fork of the
River and on both sides of the river including
all that I have either by sale or grant also the un-
divided interest that I hold in the G S Rockwell State
including both of my mills same exist with all apper-
tainments thereto for instance the wagon and staves
log chains axes & such tools as is considered be-
longing to the mills also the stock of horses and
cows and calves &c The lumber sawed in the gage ex-
cepted when give and allot and direct that the pro-
ceeds of sale after what is allotted to my wife Nancy and
her life including all the profits that I may have
be then either in money notes or of accounts equally
divided between my two youngest daughters Harriet
and Rebecca and I also direct that the Blacks
that may not be allotted to my wife during life to
be hired out from year to year until the
death of my wife and at her death then
all of them both what has been hired and what
was allotted to my wife with their increase also
all of the stock horses cattle hogs, sheep farm
and utensils household and kitchen furniture
that may have been allotted to my wife Nancy
be sold and the proceeds equally divided be-
tween Harriet & Rebecca and their divides
including what is named above shall amount
to Six thousand dollars each then if there
should be a balance either from sales or
above or from the sale of any lands that
above disposed of I direct that the same be
equally divided among all the legacies and
in addition to the above divides I allot to
my sons R S Hart and J M Hart my old man Lewis the mil-
ler so that he is not to be taken into the above
dividing divide or sale as the case may be
In addition to what I have allotted to James
D Patton I allot to him 1000 dollars in cash to make
him equal with the rest of the legacies which
is to be paid out of the estate

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Last and again I allot to John M Hart the
tract of land known as the ^{State} ~~large~~ tract by
me or near the south fork of Ohio which I
consider worth fifteen hundred dollars also
one other tract on the head of my old mill
pond opposite Boone's which I consider worth
one thousand dollars in addition to this I set
out that my son W. S. Hart pay him twenty
five hundred dollars out of the moneys which
will make it five thousand dollars which
I consider equal to the other ~~tracts~~

I constitute and appoint John M Hart Robert
H. Hart and John A. Hilder Executors to this
my first and last will and Testament
Signed sealed and delivered this 11th day
of July 1855.
Duplication of Gilbert Hart Decd.
W. H. Miller
John Simons

State of Tennessee } At the August
General Court } Term 1855 was
produced in open Court the last will
and Testament of Gilbert Hart
Decd and the same was duly
proven by the testimony of
W. H. Miller & John Simons, Subscri-
bers and before the Court who have
all sworn to be true and correct
the Court is of the opinion that

W. H. Miller & John

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Jason Cox Will
I Jason Cox 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
that my body be decently interred and as to
such worldly estates as it has 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 be 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 wife
Marion Cox the balance of my personal and
real estate consisting of the household and
nearly three of land four slaves namely seven
Baths Ellen and Mary with all my stock
of horses mules cattle hogs and sheep
my farming tools house lot and furniture
together with all moneys which
I may be possessed of not otherwise dis-
posed of in this my will during her nat-
ural life and at her death it is my will
and bequeath that the whole of said
estate both real and personal be equally
divided among my three living children
Martha Wiley and having as an equivalent to
what I have heretofore given to my other
children Wm. H. Miller son Elizabeth Hester
son Wm. Hester son Lydia McElhiney
Elna Hester and Eliza Hester Nelson
son and Mary Jane Hester to whom I
will and bequeath one share each

I do hereby make, ordain and appoint
 Joseph R. Murphy Executor of this my last
 will and testament. In witness whereof I
 have here this said testator have to this
 my will set my hand and seal this 28th
 day of February in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and fifty five
 signed sealed and published (James C. W. Seal)
 in the presence of
 the testator and of each
 other

James S. Anderson
 Isaac Murphy

At the Court of the August term
 of the Court of 1855 was produced
 in open Court the last will and testament
 of said James C. W. and duly sworn
 to the testimony of James S. Anderson and
 Isaac Murphy and came to be duly
 read and of which the above is a copy
 W. H. Jones Clerk

State of Tennessee. In witness whereof I
 Richard G. Mills 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 first declare that my funeral expenses &
 all my debts be paid as soon after my
 death as possible out of any moneys
 that I may own or possess or in any way
 come into the hands of my Executor
 Second I give and bequeath all my land
 consisting of about 1000 acres situate
 thirty three miles to my five children
 Third I wish that my dear wife be retained
 supported to read an eighth and eighth of
 the single one of three out of the profits
 of my land & any other effects I may
 possess that my lands be divided out and the
 proceeds thereof paid out at interest if not
 otherwise needed till the year one thousand
 and eight hundred and sixty three and
 that the said lands to be sold and the
 proceeds to be equally divided among the five
 children
 Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
 W. H. Hanna and William R. Mills my ex-
 cutors in witness whereof I set to this
 my will at my hand and seal this the
 28th day of Feb. in the year one thousand
 eight hundred and fifty five
 signed sealed & published
 in and presence of us have
 subscribed our names hereto
 in the presence of the testator
 the 28th day of Feb. in the year one
 thousand eight hundred and fifty five
 Attest
 William G. Gilbert
 J. W. Wilson

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John Willoughby Will.
I John Willoughby of the County of Carroll and State
of Tennessee do this day make and publish this as
my last will and Testament, duly revoking all other
wills by me made and first I direct that my body
to be buried in a plain and decent manner and
all my several expenses and just debts to be paid
out of the first money that comes into the hands
of my executor and I give to my wife Solita
Willoughby my farm or so much of it as will make
her a decent support including the due live house
barn stables to have free use of timber water
&c after setting off every year as much land as
will be to raise her a decent support my executor
shall manage the balance of the farm as he thinks
best and the proceeds to belong to my daughter Nancy
and my son William. If during my wife's natural
life at her death all my land to belong to my daughter
Nancy provided she will pay to each one of my
other children fifty dollars in twelve months after
my wife's death if she refuses to do so then the
land to be sold and equally divided between all my
children giving William the preference buy it
at fair hundred and fifty dollars. I also give to
my wife during her natural life my negro girl
Sarah and her daughter named Angeline and also my
daughter named Sarah gone at my wife's death and
half of Angeline and her future increase to be at
her own disposal and the other half to belong to
my daughter Nancy I also give to my wife and heirs
to have a good servicable neg also called my sheep
and horse boxes and kitchen furniture sufficient
to answer her purpose decently without support taken
by children her more shown by her and Angeline
I give her two feather beds and furniture to be at
her own disposal the stock and other furniture to
belong to my estate at her death it next give to my
daughter Nancy my negro girl named to be received
at my death and also my negro girl Sarah

year to be received of my wife's death. and for
nothing should die before my wife's death than my
last will. I give to my daughter Mary my negro girl
Mary Jane at my wife's death but not otherwise I give
to my daughter Mary one good horse saddle and
girth the price to be worth at least sixty dollars
I also give her two cows four head of sheep one
goose and pigs two peacocks heads and furniture
and I reserve or keep also my rock case and sugar
box. If my daughter Mary should die leaving me
nothing then the negroes that I give to her to be sold
and the money to be used between my wife's three first
children and my son Benjamin. Elizabeth Taylor Benjamin
and my son William my wife's sister Samuel
and my son John and my son Isaac. The balance
of my property after the above is to be divided to
my three first children if my children of justice should
die before my wife's death then according to be
divided among the children between the my children
Mary, Esther, given the purchase of Virgin her
at a cash valuation and having one and two years
to pay for her.

And I shew if my wife should wish to have her place
or my father have it then I shew off my executor
and my son Isaac to him and Benjamin Wheeler
my son off one third of the tract to her without
any expense so as to give her the mansion house and
the other spring if they cannot agree they may shew
three disinterested persons to lay it off or set the price
on it if any one wishes to buy it the money should
be come to him or my executor. my will is that my son
William take it if he chooses and pay the bid one dollar
per acre. If I should obtain a house I have no want
I shew my executor to have it located some where in
Arkansas or as good a place as he can get and let my
daughter Mary there. But it at what the warrant
could be sold for then if she chooses to move to it

And I appoint my son William H. Kellough my Execu-
tor in all things whereof I have witnessed my hand and
affixed my seal in presence of

This 31st day of August 1851.

James Johnson
S. Kellough Johnson

John Kellough

State of Tennessee. To the Hon. Senate 1855
I, John Kellough, do hereby certify that the same was passed and
approved the last week of August of 1851 by the Hon. John Kellough
Governor and the same is now in force. In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office
at Nashville the 1st day of September 1855.
John Kellough, Governor.