

953. James Russell will
October 31st 1853 the last will and testament
of James Russell.
Article 1st James Russell do hereby make and
constitute this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all others by me at any time made.
Article 2nd It is my will and desire that if I have
property enough to pay my just debts besides the
trust for land that I now live on that my
wife Anna Russell shall have the use of the
whole sum of said constitution of two hundred
and twenty dollars during her natural life and death as money
of recompence with interest who sees proper I
do believe it is my wife's intent in that in case of
my wife's death before my youngest child
Anna Russell becomes twenty one years of age
that the said trust of said shall remain mine
for the benefit of three of my children that are under
age less than twenty one years old and then equally di-
vided between all my children.
Article 3rd It is my will and desire that my wife shall
have all the stock belonging to my plantation unless it
be her care to pay my debts.
Article 4th It is my will and desire that my servants
Charles Shan and her children remain with my wife
during her life unless it takes them to pay my
debts without my hand and seal James Russell and
John J. Anderson
Notary Public
State of Tennessee At the town 1853
Carroll County Let this testimony of said court
was pronounced in open court a posse visiting
subscribed to to the last will and testament
of James Russell his wife the handwriting provided
by the testimony of John J. Anderson & it was
so subscribed witness whereat and the same
order to be duly recorded of which therefore
is a copy test
H. H. Graves Clerk

3153. William Shirley will
To all whom it may concern know ye that I
William Shirley of the State of Tennessee and County of
Carroll being very low and weak in body but
of perfect mind and memory and reasoning the inner
truth and certainty of death do make and constitute &
abandon the following as my last will and testa-
ment viz
I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary
Shirley the plantation wherein I now live including
all my land that she may have a home as long as she
lives containing farm buildings and stock tools and
apparatus attached thereto I give her also my
live stock of every description together with all
my household kitchen furniture All this I
freely give in order that she may be enabled
to provide for and rear her children whom are
yet in a state of minority one of which to have
and possess during her lifetime and at noon
her death if there be any thing left to be divided
equally among the children And lastly I appoint her
son John Shirley and his wife administrator in his
living wherein I have unto set my name and
affixed my seal this the 6th of December A.D. in
the year of our Lord 1853.

William Shirley
Signed sealed and delivered in
presence of us who in presence and ⁱⁿ presence of
Anna Thompson in the presence of each other we ⁱⁿ Joseph Simpson
hereunto set our names

State of Tennessee Carroll County
The term 1853 was pronounced open court the last
will and testament of William Shirley and the same day pro-
ven by the testator Jas. W. Simpson and John W. Clegg
whereupon the same was admitted to probate of which the
same is a copy test
H. H. Graves Clerk

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September 11th 1855

I visited Robert W. Sanderson and found his situation a critical one, though of sound mind, and would terminate in death. I requested him to make any wish he had known as to the disposition of his property and the raising of his children and he stated that he wished his debts paid first and after that he wished his wife to have the farm and all the real and personal property to enable her to raise the children which property was to be hers for the above purpose during her widow hood.

The undersigned were present and state that Robert W. Sanderson made the same statements to us about the disposition of his property and that he wished J. Roach would become his Executor in carrying out the above wishes.

J. H. March
W. H. Keeling

Suit of Summerville December term 1855
Carroll County, & at this term was produced the foregoing Association will of Robert W. Sanderson in open court and the same duly proven by the subscriber who witnessed and attested to being read over of which the above was copy last

W. McGround Clerk

Thomas Barnes wife

D. 550

In the name of god Amen I Thomas Barnes being of sound mind but in usual health but determined to take a considerable journey and failing to notice his man's health and the infirmity of man are being desirous to give directions here my business shall be conducted and my earthly substance disposed of I therefore do place my creator to call me from the shores of time unto the eternal world beyond return to me and beseech that as the portion of the land of land in which my family now resides to which we have not yet obtained a title the purchase money not yet being paid for the same But the man being now prohibited to pay the same and the title of two hundred and fifty acres or the third part the whole of the land we purchased of the estate of Ambrus Lindley late being owing to or to be resolved to me now should life notwithstanding for me to return or should the certainty of my death be ascertained before the title is made then the title be made to my wife Sarah Barnes or if the title be made to me and I should not live to return then should be agreed that my wife Sarah shall have the half of my part of said land and also my two slaves Eliza & George and all my household furniture stock or my interest in the same after my just debts are paid and so dispose of the same at her pleasure while she lives and dispose of what ever of said property at her decease as she may think proper or to whomsoever she may in her discretion think it entitled to the same in testamento which I in hopes that this will shall be faithfully carried out and executed & in the presence of these subscribers burgesses do hereby sign my name and affix my seal this 10th day of March 1850

Thomas Barnes Seal

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Sarah Barnes Teste to Will

January 6th 1886 State of Tennessee Lawrence County
In the Township of County Court of the aforesaid County
Whereas Thomas Barnes departed this life on the se-
cond day of April 1883 and whereas among his papers
was found a paper written purporting to be his
last will and testament and whereas said instru-
ment has been some considerable time since it
was executed and under circumstances that render
it doubtful in the minds of some of who would
be legatees provide said will should not be
set up or established that the aforesaid paper was
any intention to be his will provided he never
return from the trip he then made in view alive
and nothing more Sarah Barnes his widow seem
s to be the only person interested in said will
or for whose benefit said will seems to have
been made & the balance who will be the heirs or
successors being my own children and I not having
any desire or inclination to keep from my children
any thing to which they might ever seem to have
a right To hereby relinquish or disclaim all
right or desire to have the aforesaid paper writing
set up or established as the last will and testament
of Thomas Barnes my deceased husband & on my part
& so far as I am interested in the same prop
the County Court if the former they have to prob said
will by without probating the same or at least with
out establishing the same as any guide for the Admrs
of the estate of Thomas Barnes true and on and appoint
my friend Almon Drane the attorney to administer
the estate of the aforesaid said as though no such
will had never existed given under my hand &
seal this the day & year above written
A. Drane

Wm. Bent) Sarah Stearns *late*
Refer to the January term 1856 for explanation.

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I Wightman Hilliard of the County of
Carroll and State of Georgia planter
do make and publish this my last will
and testament hereby revoking and making
void all former wills by me hating time
here tofore made and

I also give to my wife all my house furniture
and kitchen furniture & also my wagon
and all my farming tools and at the death
of my wife get to be sole and equal divisor
among my said children
First I do hereby make ordain and appoint
my beloved son William H. Hilliard and
the said Hilliard Executors of this my last
will and testament in witness whereof I
Rightman Hilliard have to this my will written
on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal
this the 16th day of February in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and forty three
in presence of us this the Rightman Hilliard &
day and date above written.
Attest

Isaac Parker
Notary Public

State of Tennessee At the 3rd term of
Court County Court of Law
on the 1st day of March 1859
I the undersigned witness and subscriber
to the foregoing will and Testament of
John H. Hilliard and his Executors
do testify and say further by the testimony of
James H. Barnes & Joseph H. Higginson ordered to
be my recorders of which this writing is a
copy test. J. H. Gruber Clerk

State of Tennessee Carroll County
of Jefferson Nichols who am weak in
body but sound in mind to this day make
this my last will and Testament as follows

First I will that all my just debts be paid
out of my estate and
Second I will after all my debts are paid that
my wife Mary S. hold all and every part
of my Estate during her natural life &c
desiring however what my Executor may
think will not be to the interest of
my wife and children
Third I will that should my Executor think it
best for my wife and children to sell
the land which I bequeath her to sell the
same and appropriate the proceeds of said
land in any way which may best promote
her interest and the interest of my chil-
dren

Fourth I will that if my wife Mrs. Shumard marry
again I will that my Executor proceed to
sell all my estate and to give to my wife
Mary S. a child's part

Fifth I will that Leroy McLean and be Executor
I witness whereof I set my hand and
seal this 11th day of March in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& fifty six

Seal John Barham } Jefferson Nichols Test
W. A. Hilding } M. A. Hilding }

State of Tennessee At the 3rd term of
Court County on the 1st day of March
I the undersigned witness and subscriber
to the foregoing will and Testament of
Jefferson Nichols who was
present in open Court and the same duly pro-
ven by the testimony of John Barham & Wm. A.
Hilding & ordered to be my recorders of which the
foregoing is a copy test. W. H. Gruber

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Green & Brothers will

State of Tennessee Carroll County April 1st 1836
I Green B Smothers considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life, and being desirous of mind
and memory to make a true publish this my
last will and testament in a manucript
form following that is to say

I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Martha all my free hold Estate
and lands as to all the rest residue
and remainder of my personal estate goods
and chattels of what kind and nature
soever I give and bequeath the same
to her with all money and claims due
me after paying all my just debts
to my beloved wife Martha whom I
hereby appoint my sole Executrix until
her marriage or death as the case may be
at either instance then the above free
hold Estate personal estate goods and chattels
of what kind and nature soever I
then give and bequeath to be divided equally
between my children they being my last
will and testament hereby revoking all
former wills made by me in writing
whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this the day and date above written

G B Smothers

The above instrument consisting of a part
of one sheet was now here subscribed by
Green B Smothers the testator in the presence
of each of us and was at the same time
declared by him to be his last will &
testament and we at his request signed
our names thereto as attesting witnesses

John Gray of Carroll County
Jeffre Smothers Carroll Co Tenn
P G Tho Insure of Carroll Co Tenn

Ezekiel Hilliard will

In the name of god Amen
I Ezekiel Hilliard of the County of Carroll and
State of Tennessee being weak in body but up
sound mind and memory do make and publish
this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all former wills by me made
hitherto after paying my funeral & personal expenses
I leave all my just debts to be paid and
all the remainder of my estate of whatsoever na-
ture to be given to my beloved mother to be
used and disposed of by her as she may
think proper and I hereby direct and re-
quire my Executor not to dispose of my saddle
hove in paying my debts if necessary to do so
at all until all my other effects are distributed
the County Court of Carroll County may ap-
point an Executor to carry out the purposes
of the will Given under my hand and
Seal this 1st day of May 1836

Signed and acknowledged this
in the presence of us
John G White
Joseph Sager

Ezekiel Hilliard
mark

State of Tennessee
Carroll County April 1st 1836

At the above term of said Court a paper
containing purporting to be the last will &
testament of Ezekiel Hilliard herein
was produced in open Court for probate
and the same duly proven by the testi-
mony of J G White & Joseph Sager sub-
scribing thereto it was then ordered by
the Court that the same being received
of which the foregoing is a copy be t
June 23rd 1836 G B Green the

In the name of god Amer
St William Blair of the S State of Pennsyl
vania County of Carroll being in bad health
of body but of sound mind and memory
and willing to mind that it is appointed unto
all men once to die do make and ordain
this my last will and testament in the follow
ing manner viz

First I recommend my soul to god who gave
it hoping through the merits of Christ to share
with him in eternal glory

Second I will my body to the grave not doubting
but what my Executors will bury it in a
Christian manner and as to this worldly estate
with what is has pleased god to bless me
I give and dispose of in the following man
ner viz

Item First I will and bequeath to my son in
Law Frederick P. Moore the sum of two dollars
Item Second I will and bequeath to my beloved
daughter Mary (Mrs. ^{because} George) five chil
dren the sum of five hundred dollars
to be equally divided but to remain in
the hands of Thomas Williams and Benjamin
Evans their guardian until they arrive
at the age of twenty one years

Third I will and bequeath to my beloved
wife Charity Blair the sum of one hun
dred dollars all my beds & bedding to dispose
of as she best fit I further will and
bequeath to her the residue of my house
hold and all of my kitchen furniture one
negro woman named Milly and all her
increase the tract of land on which I
now reside all my farming utensils one
horse two cows and calves eight head of sheep
with a plentiful year's provision to have and
to hold during her life and then to dispose
of as I further will I will that all my

and bequeath this estate be sold

Item # I will and bequeath all the rest
of my estate to my two daughters Harriett Williams
and Nancy Enloe of her prays all just debts
and supporting my old slave while she
may live same further St William Blair
do hereby ratify and confirm this my last
will and testament and do hereby disannul
all others heretofore made by me and pur
chased from a special confidence that I have
in two of my beloved sons in law Thomas
Williams and Benj. F. Enloe do hereby appoint
them Executors of this my last will and
testament fully ratifying and confirming
all acts by them done.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal this the 30th
day of October in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred forty eight
Signed sealed and delivered

George S. Wilson

William Blair

Notary James G. At the June term 1850
Carroll County, Md. was produced in a suit in
a paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Wm. Blair executed at this court
when the same was duly proven

964 Asahel Lickson Will

I Asahel Lickson of Carroll County and State of Pennsylvania being of sound mind and disposing memory make and understand ing to make this my Last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made and do therefore publish this as my last will

First I will that all my just debts be paid by my Executor William Lickson my son out of the proceeds of any property which may be sold by him as Executor which is not otherwise disposed of by me if there is no sufficient for that purpose and if not I will that one of the negroes be sold so that I will to Annabelle Lickson my wife

Secondly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Annabelle Lickson four of my negro slaves named as follows Violet Caroline and her chilie Marcelline and Ameliora with their increase to have and to hold as her own during her life and at her desposal and also all the proceeds of my personal property over and above the amount that will be necessary to pay my debts and also a life time interest in the place on which I now live.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my oldest child William Lickson two hundred acres of land where I now resides and also my negro boy Alvin to have and to hold during his life as his own and at his desposal

Fourth I give to my next oldest child James Lickson of give and bequeath after he shall have discharged the debt of one hundred dollars which I am bound for with him payable to Thomas & Harris for the land on which he now lives my negro boy Green to have and to hold as his own and at his own disposal during his life

Fifth I give to my next oldest child Promista wife of Eli Cusby I give and bequeath the a negro girl Harriett to have and to hold as her own and at her own disposal during her life

Sixth I give to my next oldest child Sarah Lickson of give and bequeath my negro girl Harriett and her chilie James and her increase to have and to hold as her own during her life and at her own disposal and also a horse worth fifty dollars

Seventh I give to my next oldest child Susan wife of William G Seates I give and bequeath my negro girl Gemma to have and to hold as her own during her life and at her own disposal during her life

Eighth I give to my youngest daughter Martha wife of Stephen Beck of give and bequeath my negro girl Ellen to have and to hold as her own during her life and at her own disposal

Ninth I give to my grandson Thomas Lewis I give and bequeath my negro girl Anna also all my slave over two hundred

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Acres be the same more or less to have & to hold as his own and at his own despo-
sal after he arrives at the age of fifty one
years or when married.

In testimony
whereof I the said Asahel Dickson
have often nominating and appointing
William Dickson my son to be my
Executor to this my last will and testa-
ment hereunto subscriber my hand this
day in the 30th 1853.

Asahel Dickson Esq.
Signed sealed and declared by the
said Asahel Dickson to be his last
will and testament in presence
of us who at his request and in
his presence have subscribed our
names as witnesses herein to in the
presence of each other December 30th 1853.

J. B. Lusk
Robt A. McFadden.

State of Somerville, 3d day term 1856
Carroll County, At this term of
said Court, was produced in open
Court said paper purporting purporting
to be the last will and testament
of Asahel Dickson and the same
was authenticated by J. B. Lusk one
of the subscribers thereto and it
is therefore ordered by the Court
that the same be duly recorded
of which the foregoing is a copy set
out.

W. H. Graves Clerk

Samuel Barham Wrenspurton
of Harmon Hill and Carrie Evans
do state that the manufature
will of Samuel Barham was made
by him on the twenty seventh day of
June in the year of our Lord Eight
een hundred and fifth day in our
presence to which we were called
by request to bear witness by the
testator himself in the presence of such
other that it was made on his bed
chamber in his own dwelling house
and the same is as follows. Item 1
A was his will and desire that his
Effects should be disposed of after
his decease in the following manner
that all his just debts should be
paid. To my second, that his son John Barham
should have the black mule and
three hundred dollars in money
Item 3 that his beloved wife Jane
Barham should have the volume
of his effects during her natural
life and after the death of my beloved
wife Jane Barham it is my will
that all my effects left by my said
wife Jane Barham that the same
be equally divided between all my
children made out by me and signed
this the 3d day of July 1856

Barham McFee
Carrie Evans

Mate of Somerville 3d day term 1856
Carroll County At this term of said
Court was produced in open Court the
above will of Samuel Barham which
was duly proven by the testimony of
Harmon McFee & Carrie Evans & ordered
to be duly recorded.

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Holloman Britt do make and publish
the just and most convenient whereby re-
ceiving and making voice all other wills
by me at my time made.

I trust that my funeral expenses and
all my just 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 executors
Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter
Emma Prince formerly Emma Britt my slaves
Jerry and Merritt

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son the
same Britt my Slave Anderson

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son
John Britt my slaves Henry and Perry
Fifthly I give and bequeath to the lawful
heirs of James Britt second
five hundred dollars to be equally divided
between said heirs then living & further
bequeath that at my death if Josephine
Britt the lawful begotten heir of Allen
Britt is then living or has any lawful be-
gotten heirs living I give and bequeath
to have & them my Slave Ransom other-
wise I desire that said slave Ransom

be sold and the proceeds of said sale
be equally divided between Emma Prince
Kiram Britt John B Britt and the
lawful begotten heirs of James Britt &
Sixthly I do hereby nominate and appoint
John B Britt and George H Prince

my executors & I witness whenever I
do to this my will set my hand and seal
this the 9th day of March 1847 her
Holloman Britt

mark

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Signed sealed and published in
our presence and we have subscribed
and our names here to in the pres-
ence of the testator this the 9th day of March
1847

George H Prince
George H Prince
his spouse
mark

I state of testimony I personally appeared
before Holloman Clark Esq before the signing
of the above will of the County Court
of said County of Franklin Britt with
whom I am personally acquainted
and who acknowledged that she en-
trusted the within will to be her act
and done for the purpose wherefore she
set forth and in the day of nineteen
hundred and fifteen at offred this 9th day
of April 1847 W Holloman Clark

I state of testimony I do hereby
certify before me on the 1st day of
April 1850 that the above instrument
was witnessed in open court as per
per writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of Holloman
Britt sign and the same was
signed by the testator George H
Prince one of the subscribers
witness there to aye Young Holloman
the former clerk of this Court
which the Court receive and believe
that the same to be a true copy least
the foregoing as a copy least
this day 1st 1850 W Holloman Clark

Basil Rogers Mill

Basil Rogers of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee pleader do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby rev. live and making void all former wills by me at any time hereto fore made and first & declare that my body be decently Burial at price in said County in a manner suitable to my Constitution in life and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased god to intrust 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 money that I may have possessed of & may just claim unto the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate I personally. I give and bequeath to my two younger sons Basil and Jasper Rogers one hundred acres in Rogers all in lands situated I now live in the grants one for 134 and the other for 75 acres bounded to me by the State of Tennessee beginning on a Stake with 15 poles east and Red oak pointers on the Santa Boundary line of entry No 1492 for 110 acres in the name of your Hrs 422 poles east of the south west corner of the same and at from N 80 E with east corner stone east with 15 poles line passing his corner 404 poles to a stake post oak white oak and black oak pointers on the west Boundary line of Nathaniel Edwards 974 acre tract thence south with said line 94 poles to a stake with Hickory & Red oak and beaver pointers the S W corner of the same in the north boundary line of entry No 80 for 16 acres in the name of Thomas Allen thence west 40 poles to a stake with Hickory & black oak pointers thence north 13 poles to a cedar post with pointers thence west 58 poles to a black oak with pointers on a line thence south 30° west 108 poles

to Stake in the east boundary of entry No 3008 thence north 114 poles to a black oak with pointers thence west 49 poles to a & take double Post pointer thence north with Hickory line 48 poles to the beginning by estimation 134 acres & second tract beginning 110 poles west 9 1/4 poles south of the N W corner entry No 1413 for 100 acres in the name of Samuel Allen on a Stake white oak Spanish oak & beech pointers runs south 45 1/4 poles to a black oak thence west 75 poles to a stake double Elm & Spanish oak pointers thence south 134 poles to a small black oak thence east 15 poles to the beginning by estimation 16 acres that is to say after the death or widowhood of my dear beloved wife Rebecca Rogers then for said lands are presumed to be equally divided between them they to take care and support myself and their mother while we shall live herself & give and bequeath to my two youngest daughters Mary Martin Rogers and partly Cecilia Rogers my good father his bedstead and furniture each and their bedding and vint five dollars each to make them equal to what I gave Julian Barnhart their Sister Fairly. Then if any thing should remain to be equally divided between my W Rogers & B Rogers junior Barnhart Mary Martin Rogers & partly Cecilia Rogers & my son William A Rogers himself his wife children I do hereby make Julian Barnhart their appointed my testator Brother William A Rogers Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I Basil Rogers the said testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribe in the presence of the testator and of each other

P. C. Smith

W. A. Edwards

Samuel Allen

State of Tennessee 3 August Term 1856

Carroll County 3 At the above Term of said Court
was produced in open court for probate the last will and testa-
ment of said Rogers Briant and the same was duly pro-
ven by the testimony of P G Smith and Samuel McRae
subscribing witnesses whereof which the Court received and or-
dered to be written the foregoing being a copy test.

W H Groves Clerk

Noncapative will of Leonard Taylor

Mr Daniel Briant and James W Rhodes do State
that the Noncapative will of Leonard Taylor
was made by him on the 22nd day of August
1854 in their presence to which we were
privately summoned to bear witness by the said
Taylor himself in the presence of each other
that it was made in his last sickness in
his own habitation and the same is as follows
Item It was his will and desire that his
effects should be disposed of after his de-
cease in the following manner
First that all of my debts should be paid
as early as possible the balance of my effects
of every kind after paying my debts to give
to my wife Sarah during her natural life
and after her death to be equally divided
between my children and request that
my neighbour and friend Jessie Parker
and Briant well execute this my will
made and by us and signed this the 6th day
of September 1856

James W Rhodes
Daniel Briant

State of Tennessee 3 October Term 1856
Carroll County Court 3 at said Term of the Court
was produced in open court the last will and

testament of Leonard Taylor since since the
same was duly proven by the testimony of
James W Rhodes & Daniel Briant subscriber
being subscribers thereto and the same ordered
to be duly recorded of which the foregoing is a
copy test

W H Groves Clerk 1856

Daniel Birsons Will

State of Tennessee Carroll County
I declare Birsons do make and publish this
my last will and testament hereby revoking
and making void all other wills by me
at any time made

I direct that my funeral expenses and
all my debts be paid as soon after my
death as possible out of any money that
I may die possessed of or may first come
into the hands of my Executor I will that
one cow and two heifers yearlings my stock
of hogs and six head of sheep and ten
barrels corn due from C Prout also some
pot wear and my farm implements be sold and
pay all my just debts

Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary
Gatheron one dollar

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Selia
One thousand dollars

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my daughter
Gatheron one thousand dollars

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my son Allen
One thousand dollars

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my son William
Kinson one dollar

Seventhly I give and bequeath to my daughter
Gatheron one thousand dollars

Margaret Kinson seventeen and one-half acres
and half of the tract on which I lie off
of the South west corner of said tract

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My eighth desire and request to my son you
will James Wm. & J. M. & Wm. H. Weston
Benjamin Weston my trusty friend after
taking off the partition and half shares it
to be equally divided between the four.
It is further my will that my single child
dun live on the same with the care
of the little ones and raise them if they do
not it is further my will that the care be
removed and the proceeds applied to the
raising my youngest children.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
Allen Williams my executor in settling what
ever it may be left me set my hand and
seal this 19th June 1834.

James Weston
First of Allston
Mass 3rd June 1834

Made by his express Collector Form 1836
Concord County Court this day and year
in open court a paper writing purporting to
be the last will and testament of the above
named deceased the same being duly read
in open court according to the law wherein
of making the premises it is agreed let

John Weston Clerk

Jacob Cooper 1836

In the name of god amen

Showing that it is
appointed for me to die and after that to
be interr'd being possible we both thought should
not mind so shake this my last will and
testament

First that my body be decently buried and
my spirit return to God who gave it me
just that will my just debts be paid
that my fountain Jacob Cooper which I
have so far paid be sold from me for
his help and this interest also Jacob
Coopers and their increase as the last that
will more bring up to be the remainder
etc shall give to my daughter Abby 1250
as taken Fair of us our late age and
single the balance of my estate both stock
and horses horses for nothing
fifthly to make and appoint justice Butler my
Administrator & Guardian of me & then he
shall be up right without administration
settling my hand and seal the 19th day of
July 1834.

W. Weston

James Weston
Joshua Weston

Jacob Cooper 1836

Made by James Weston Wm. Weston 1836
Concord County Court said same
year pronounced in open Court the said
giving power to be the last will
and testament of Jacob Cooper 1836
This is the 19th day of July 1836
of - signed I James Weston & Joshua Weston
& there present the said James Weston
of Boston and agreed to be signed
of which the foregoing is a copy

Warren Atchfield Hill

for the sum of £1000. I now
desire to have of you a simple and
memorable instrument that I may be
able to make this my last will and testa-
ment.
I first desire that all my just debts
and funeral expenses be paid
I want all my property sold and
the money given to the care of the
proper Court Master that we two me and
John Atchfield with the money that is
given us to divide it in part and in
proportion at his best and equally divided
between his three children Johnathan Eusebius
John Atchfield and Sarah Atchfield
John Atchfield shall receive of me
£1000 further than the above he shall have
his home take and have my wife's
dwelling house the garden the stable and
out house my brother who care my
widow little provision to merge and pur-
chase it is my wish that John Basham
my nephew by marriage take and have
impartly such sum of money as I give him
as I appoint my nephew John Atchfield
shall receive to him my last will and
testament in testimony of let my hand
and affix my seal this the 25th day
of November in the year of our Lord
1837. As it is further my desire that
Jane Basham highly esteemed Jane Basham
be paid a reasonable compensation for
taking & keeping my 3 major children
I give her
John Atchfield Hill
Warren Atchfield Hill
Seal

Atchfield Warren Atchfield Hill
Testament Counting 13. This day was presented
in open court a paper reciting premises to
be the last will and testament of the said
John Atchfield and the same was duly proved by
the Testimony of D. J. Allen and Joseph Evans &
thereupon the same paper reciting was admitted
to probate and ordered to be recorded of
which the foregoing is a copy test.

W. H. Hayes Clerk

Warren Atchfield Hill

In the name of God Amen
I. Warren Atchfield Hill being of sound mind and good
memory & know that it is expedient for all men
to die & to make this my last will and testa-
ment.

I. Appoint my friend Mr. Wm. C. Moore
as Executor to this my last will
I want all my just debts paid out of my
money leaving into the hands of my Ex-
ecutor

2. I also my desire is that all the balance of
my estate and the tract of land on which
I now live for my widow wife Anna
to have to do with it as she pleases
I constitute & appoint my friend Mr. Wm. C. Moore
as Executor to this my last will & Testament
this the 25th day of November 1837
Signed & Sealed in the presence of the above named
witness

Ack of Sampson 5 December 1837
Carrick Counting 3. At the sum of the sum
Court said paper reciting was admitted to probate
in open court & sealed by the subscriber witness
of whom the foregoing is a copy test of my will
I could to repeat the same

Sarah Spencer Will

With name of Give away
Knowing that it is appointed for man to die
and being aware in each thing I have
in mind about memory do make and appoint
this my last will and testament in the first
place that my body shall be decently buried
and that all my just debts be paid.

And I give unto my daughter Sarah & her
heirs and successors forever a part
of the land of Birches wherein I now live
which is the land of said Charles Johnson.

At the 1st of Decr 1830

I give unto my daughter Mary Harriet with
full power of giving her the Maple leaf
which tree I brought of yesterdays
and my will is that the distance of land of
the birches shall be sold and in consider-
ation of one hundred dollars of same which
I give to Robert Johnson son of Charles Johnson
of this date my son & children Henry Johnson
and Spencer Johnson & their合法继承人
hereby give them through their father enough to
make them equal. So far as I have given
my children & my debts if want collecting
it is my will that of my property after
the residue be given my children and
grand children agreeable to hardship but
to say that my first born child son shall
receive I shall receive the same that one
of my children receives. And I further
will make and appoint my son-in-law
Charles Johnson lawful executor to
this my last will and testament this
November 3d 1830.

Test Bowline Green. Made by
Hilma Jones mark

Will of Anna Rose of December 3d 1830
Covell being Court 3d 1831 since term of the
Court Court for the County & State of New York was
not determined too late in year Court the
Prothono paper writing opportunity to settle last
will the Testator of Anna Rose some
sum money to be revenue of which the first
year to be used.

A. H. Graves Clerk

resigned

Roda Rose Will

In the name of Give away
I Roda Rose being of sound mind and
full memory and know that it is the last of
all men to die. I give unto this my
son-in-law testimony.

After my decease I desire that all my
just debts be paid out of my money
coming into the hands of my son-in-law
after marriage.

My desire and will is and I give to my
widow Francis Jonathan Anna Remond or
Anne Remond and Snoddy with one hun-
dred and twenty five dollars to be called
1/4 of Burksdale & Remond also 1/4 of
and one tenth to Anne Jonathan Anna Remond
and Guel feather bed & bedding and
one thousand one hundred Dollars in
money I understand to be sufficient to
meet my debts of Burksdale & Remond to
her & last will and Testament this
the 23^d day of December in the year
our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& forty two.

Johnathan Remond
S. W. Tolson

S. W. Tolson

Roda Rose Will

and enclosed in open Court a paper or
long purporting to be the last will and
testament of Maria Weston & the same duly
proved by the Treasury of Johnathan Rose Esq.
Attorn. subscribing witness, whereof which was
another before me and sworn to be true
value of which the foregoing is a copy. At
Woburn, 20th May 1853. Wm. Weston.

From Wm. Weston.

I John Weston, being in good health
and sound mind, having the power
of disposing of my estate and publish this
as my last will and testament
that all first that my funeral expenses and
all my debts be paid as soon after my
death as possible and if any money
that I may owe possessors of the same
paid over into the hands of my executors
secondly I give and bequeath unto my wife
Maria Weston all the property both
real and personal belonging to me
after all my debts are paid during
the said Maria Weston natural life
and after her decease all the property both
real and personal to be equally divided
between my daughters Elizabeth Weston and
George Franklin Weston of Marshall and
Groves St. Natick.

Thirdly I do hereby nominate and appoint myself
myself trustee of my inventory. In witness
whereof I set my hand and seal this
7th of May 1853.

Test.

James P. Mayo John Weston Sealed
March Mayo

Mate of James P. Mayo, term 1854
Concord County & at the above term of

same Court was duly proved the paper
purporting to be the last will and
testament of John Weston aforesaid and
deemed to be duly executed of which
the forgery is a copy. At

W. M. Graves, Clerk

John Weston's will
In the name of God amen.

I John Weston
being of sound mind and disposing
memory do hereby make and publish this
my last will and testament hereby ren-
ding all other wills by me heretofore made
abst. after what follows my soul to
God who gave it and my body to the
burial in the church in which I may
die I now make and publish this my last
will and funeral expenses before myself
then forth to will and bequeath to my execu-
tors the following intermarriage with whom I have
had no natural children to be had from
my first marriage who it will be convenient for
them to live & practice after my de-
cease.

Firstly I will and bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth Weston with one hundred dollars
and hundred dollars to be paid to her by
my executors as soon as practicable after my
decease.

Secondly I will and bequeath to my daughter
Mary Weston with one hundred dollars
and hundred dollars to be paid to her by
my executors as soon as practicable after
my decease.

Thirdly I will and bequeath to my daughter
Anna Weston with one hundred dollars
and hundred dollars to be paid to her by
my executors as soon as practicable after
my decease.

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of my mind as soon as practicable after my decease
I do will and bequeath to my daughter Jane
intermarried with James Phipps one
hundred dollars the same to be paid as
soon as practicable after my decease.

It will and bequeath unto my grand
daughter Ellen Roper a daughter of my
daughter Ellen now deceased some sum
daughter having been raised by me from
an infant one hundred dollars upon
time of which I never have any funds
in gold and silver and also my house
and bedsteads furnished to her
and delivrance to her so soon as her ar-
rival to the age of twenty one or may longer
to be held in trust the money at interest &
paid to her when she arrives at such
age or may reach all the interest that
may then have accrued thereto by time
of her arrival which she may hereafter
die.

5th Part I will that all the property I
now have in possession of at my death
not otherwise disposed of in this will
shall be sold by my Executor in the
manner the law directs and the pro-
ceeds thereof and my monies not dis-
pensed in this will shall may remain
after paying my debts to equally di-
vide among all my children & my grand
daughter Ellen Roper to represent her
brother and have an equal share with
my daughters I also hereby nominate
and appoint James Phipps as my
Executor to execute this my last will
and testament in witness whereof I
hereunto set my hand this 11th
day of August 1856.

John H. Gilmer

Acknowledges that he has and no
one signed by us witnesses the
presenting of each other.

W. B. Hix
James Phipps

State of Pennsylvania March Term 1857
Court house at the above term
of said Court was present in their Court
and offered for probate the foregoing
pursuant to the law of Pennsylvania
and Testament of John H. Gilmer
deceased which was done and ordered by the
Court that the same hereby received of
which the foregoing copy is.

J. H. Graves, Clerk

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I William Hollins of barrel bung
and state of Virginia being firm in
my last infirmity last but of sound
mind do make and ordain
this my last will and testament I do
sign my body to be buried in common
form as my friends may think
proper with good vehicles and to it
committed my soul to the mercy
of our glorious Redeemer and as to
the worldly goods that he has given me
be with St. Olaf's of them as followz
lent to my beloved wife Sally to
have the plantation that we now
live upon She is to have the use of
all on the west side of the Creek of
the same farm the hollowe before
the bank to have the use of it to
support her her life time then to
belong to William Hollins and his
wife Sally two cows
and calves and one horse & two
hams and pigs with all her house
hold furniture she will want
I give to my wife Sally one girl
named Lydia and took a negro boy
to help support her during her life time
I give to my beloved son Nathaniel
horses and saddle worth twenty
dollars and I give just thirty five dol-
lars the horse and saddle he has received
I give to my beloved son James Hollins
horses and saddle worth fifty dollars. I give to his
son William Hollins Thirty five dol-
lars horses and saddle received
I give to his wife and her heir
fifty dollars.

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I do give to John Colany occasions
and at most Colany and horse and
saddle worth \$75.00 two Cows Colverworth
\$20.00 to which they have received

I do give to my beloved son John
Hollins and horse and saddle worth
\$25.00 and one Cow and Calf worth
\$10.00 to which he has received

I do give to Thomas and Jane Patten
and horse and saddle worth \$5.00
two Cows worth \$25.00 to which
they have received

I do give to my son Robert the
black and horse and saddle worth
\$6.00 one Cow worth \$10.00 to which
he has received

I do here to my son William Hollins
black and saddle and horse worth
\$75.00 and \$50.00 of land part
lying in the bottom and part on the
hills to be divided to St. Olaf's
and William Hollins to which is an re-
cord and they have a deed for the
same to be worth \$100.00 per acre done
received

I do give to James Justicized
and my daughter Sarah Justice
now is Lamb Capps one horse
and saddle worth \$15.00
one Cow and Calf \$20.00
done received

I do give my wife Min and her
live. this because me horse and
saddle worth \$5000 and one cow
worth \$300 don't done receive.

I do give to John Kirkton paty
his brother and horse and saddle worth
\$5000 Cow and Calf worth \$1000 done
receive. and one little negro man named
Minney. and also negro about 40
years old worth \$300 Dollars

This being my last will and
testament that I do give and
bequeath all the rest of my prop-
erty to all my heirs all my
chicken that is living in the
State of Tennessee at this time
to be equally divided between
them all.

I do give to my son Edward
\$4000 that live in the State of
Tennessee

I do give to my son Joseph H.
\$4000 that live in Tennessee

I do give to my son James H.
\$10000 because Valerie done
give fifty Dollars

I do give to Hammie and James
Patterson because their son James
Patterson \$9500
also James and Sarah Justice
their son Bennett Justice
the sum of \$9500

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I give to Jane Justice \$9500

I give to Ruth Min and Caroline
Min because to their children
Sarah I give Seventy five Dollars
April 1 Martha and Edward \$7500
also a few when becomes of age
This money is to come out of my Es-
tate that I have written to my heirs to
be paid out by my agent golden
McClure

After my wife Sarah's death John
McClure is to have a Negro girl named
as wife by paying to the Estate \$30000

Robert of McClure is to have a
negro boy named Dick by paying
to the Estate \$30000

Amont Belany is to have a negro woman
man to quilt and attend until her
death then her son William is to have
Allen after 3 years service quilt is to
be free by Amont Belany going her
security for her freedom

The judgement that I had to pay
for James Lappis that was sold
to Bell I wish it to come out
of her Estate that is to come out
of my Estate the judgement is about
\$7500 Dollars

I do appoint John golden McClure
as my agent to attend to attend
to all my business settle up &
pay out to all my living heirs
as my will directs. My son
Ward is to make all the

or Bills of sale for negroes or
lance that he may sell prevent
or publish take all notes in
his name and to take all my
old papers in possession and to
transact all business as I was
present

I do appoint Robert Stoddard
and his son Nathaniel assistant
agents my agents is to have place
for day their service

I give to my beloved son to G.
Stoddard one horse and saddle
worth twenty Dollars he has
received

I gave to G. three fifty Dollars
and his son William Williams
thirty five Dollars

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James H. Lewis / William Stoddard Esq. &
Sister Currie

State of Pennsylvania May term 1853
Barrett brush I at the above
Term of said Court was presented
in open Court a paper certifying four
posting to be the last will and
testament of William H. Moore
deceased and affirms for her late
husband the same was duly pro-
ven by the subscriber testifying
which the foregoing is a copy test

W. H. Gray Clerk

At witness Dated

of October this man of the County
of Carroll and State of Pennsylvania
being weak in body best of several
memories and desirous memory to make
and publish this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and superseding
all other wills heretofore made by me
I give my body to the dust from
whence it came and my soul I
Commit into the hands of Almighty
God who gave it

First

Such worldly estate wherewith it has
pleased God to bless me in this life
I desir'd the same in the following
manner and form

Third I desire all my just debts to be paid

Fourth I leave to my wife Mary A. Hileman
the tract of Land as follows to live
being the same deeded to me by Sampson
Williams with all the lands of own
adjoining said tract during her natural
life or widowhood and at her death
or marriage I give the aforesaid lands
and premises with all the lands of
she adjoining said tract together with
all the improvements thereon to belong
me or her any wife pertaining to my
two sons George Hileman and Samuel
Hileman

Fifth

I leave to my wife Mary A. Hileman
the following negroes to wit like
Joseph Hileman & Ichazo Stephens (the
shoemaker) Charity Berry Margaret
Olive and her two children young &
Loris during her natural life of widow
hood and at her death or marriage I
give the aforesaid negroes with all

their increase to my three daughters
Emily & Mitchum Martha & Mr.
Hilman and Sarah Jane Holman
to be equally divided between them
according to value.

I give to my wife Mary A. Mitchum
absolutely my bay mare my colt
my horse Bridle and saddle choice
mules also are buggy and harness
are choice waggon two yokes of mow
all my stock of cattle in my home
parish except my Cows & Calves also
forty head of Slack hogs three hosses
and the remains of pork all of my stock
of sheep all of my plantation tools
and my home farm and all my
house hold table and kitchen fur
niture except two feather beds &
furniture also one hundred bar
rels of Corn and fifty Bushels of
wheat ten stacks of oats and three
stacks of blade fodder also two Hosses
and six harness to dispose of as
she may think proper

I give to my two sons John Holman and
Bennett Holman the tract of land
on which Bennett Holman now
lives known as the Hamby tract the
same I declare to me by Charles Barnard
together with all the lands I own
adjoining said tract to be equally divided
between them according to quality and
quantity.

I give to my son John A. Holman
the following negroes to wit William
Nelson and his wife and her children

Spencer and Nechham Mary and
Sarah also two thousand five hundred
Dollars which money he has received
also one horse bridle and saddle and
feather bed and furniture are one
and calf and one team of pigs which
he has also received

I give to my son Bennett A. Holman
the following negroes to wit Nathan wife
Barbara and their children
Ling and Moses, Caroline and Anthony
also two thousand five hundred Dollars
which money he has received also one
horse bridle and saddle one Cow &
half and team of pigs which he has re
ceived

I give to my daughter Emily A. Mitchum
the following negroes to wit George
Daniel James Drew her three children
Strout Henderson Soncando and others
Collie and her child Charles and
Calvin but this bequest is not to
interfere with the disposition that has
taken place of the negroes that were
in the possession Emily A and Albert
B. Mitchum in the life time of said
Albert B. Mitchum I also give to my
daughter Emily A. Mitchum one thousand
and ten hundred Dollars and horse
bridle and saddle and feather bed &
furniture are one and half and some
and pigs

I give to my son in law Spencer Bonner
the following negroes to wit Lucifer and
Moses one horse bridle and saddle
are one and calf and feather bed &
furniture the furniture property has
received by the said Spencer Bonner

145 I give to my daughter Martha A. Hilsman the following negroes
to wit Jasper Allen Stephen, Julia
and Eliza and their increase also
two thousand six hundred dollars
are horse bridle and saddle and
cove and calf ^{and} skin and pigs and
one feather bed and furniture
XVIIth I give to my daughter Sarah
Jane Hilsman the following negroes
to wit Mardellus David of the above
jeline and pony also two thousand
six hundred Dollars are horse
bridle and saddle one cow and
calf and skin and pigs and one
feather bed and furniture

XVIIIth I give to my grand Daughters Mary
of Whittemore five hundred Dollars
XIXth I give to my grand Son Albert B.
Whittemore five hundred Dollars

XXth the remainder of my property not
mentioned in the foregoing will I
wish to be sole and a credit at
the discretion of my executors and
if there should anything more than
enough to make up the legacies
agreeable to this my will I wish
it to be equally divided between my
wife Eliza A. Hilsman and my
three Daughters Lucy A. Whittemore
Martha A. M. B. Hilsman and Sarah
Jane Hilsman but if there should
not be a sufficient amount to
pay the legacies specified in
this my will then I desire that
each heir shall lose proportion
to the amount devolved to them

Seventeenth

I appoint my two sons
John A. Hilsman and Bendt Hils-
man my executors to this my last will
and testament for which services I
give them forty two hundred dollars
As testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this sixteenth the
September of One Thousand Eight
hundred and fifty six

Witness

John A. Hilsman

David Hilsman

Thomas S. Harris

R. Hilsman Seal

N. B. of Timperley July Term 1857

Carrick County At the above term
of said Court was presented in open
Court a paper writing purporting to be
the last will and Testament of R.
Hilsman Occasional officer for pri-
cate and the same was duly proven by
the testimony of David H. Hilsman and
Thomas S. Harris Esqrs two of the subscribers
witness thereto and thereupon the same
was admitted to probate and ordered
to be duly recorded of which the foregoing
is a copy test

W. H. Graves Clerk

Marin, Melchiorum filii

I Marvin Melchiorine of the County
of Carroll and State of Pennsylva-
nia of sound and beating mind
do make and publish this my last
will and testament hereby revoking
all others which may hereafter have
been made by me.

I wish all my just debts to be
paid by my executors herein of
ter removed out of any money that
may be in hand for the first
that may come to hand.

I will bequeath to my
now beloved wife Sarah Melchiorum
the slaves Charly the younger Sue
Selin & the girl Elsey also my
wagon and so many head of horses
cattle & all other kinds of stock
as the executors shall deem neces-
sary for her comfort with such
supply of provisions household
furniture & parmy
utensils as may be thought requi-
site and my executors are hereby re-
quested to make the above provi-
sions to heat her disposal &
use during her natural life and
at her death to be sold in six twelve
months credit and the proceeds
to be divided among the legatees
as hereafter directed.

I will and bequeath to my
daughter Elsie the wife of Benj
help all the property both real
and personal and money that I
have heretofore given to her amount-
ing by estimation to three thousand
and seven hundred dollars

4th

and my will is that she receive
no more of my estate until all the
other legatees shall have received
such that amount from my estate
of mill and bequeath to my daughter
Melissa the widow of Samuel Strick-
ling all the property both real &
personal that I have heretofore given
her estimation at eight hundred &
fifty dollars I also will and bequeath
to her at the death of my wife an
equal share of my estate so as to make
of the legatees no one of making her
equal with the other legatees includ-
ing what she has already gotten

5th

I will and bequeath to my son
John Melchiorum all the property
real and personal that I have heretofore
given him estimation at nine hundred
fifty five dollars also I will & bequeath
to him an equal share with the best
of the legatees of my estate so as to make
him equal including what he has
already received to the above

6th

I will and bequeath to my son
William Melchiorum all the property
real and personal that I have heretofore
given him estimation at nine hundred
& forty nine dollars also I will &
bequeath to him an equal share of
my estate so as to make him equal
with the other legatees including
what he has already received to as
the above

11th

I will and bequeath to my son John McCallum all the property real and personal that I have heretofore given him estimated at one hundred & twenty five dollars also I will and bequeath to him an equal share of my estate with the rest of the legatees so as to make him equal with them including the sum which he has already received as the above.

I will and bequeath to my son James McCallum all the property real and personal that I have heretofore given him estimated at four hundred & seventy five dollars I also will and bequeath to him an equal share of my estate with the other legatees so as to make him equal with them including the amount I have already given him as the above.

9th

I will and bequeath to my daughter Francis the wife of Silas Clark all the property real and personal that I have heretofore given her estimated at two hundred & seventy five dollars I also will and bequeath to her an equal share of my estate with rest of legatees so as to make her equal with them including the amount she has already received as the above.

11th

I will and bequeath to my son John McCallum all the property real and personal that I have heretofore given him estimated at seven

hundred & fifty dollars I also will and bequeath to him an equal share of my estate with the other legatees so as to make him equal with them including the amount he has already received as the above.

11th

I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah the wife of Willis Threlkeld all the property I have heretofore given her estimated at eight hundred & fifty dollars I also will and bequeath to her an equal share of my estate with the other legatees so as to make her equal with them including what I have already given her as a life

11th

I will and bequeath to my daughter Anna the wife of George Symon a tract of land bounded at the Bullington place adjacent on the south to Rose plantation 143 acres & the estimated at four hundred & fifty dollars I also will and bequeath to her an equal share of my estate with the other legatees so as to make her equal including the above sum of \$5000 which I now give her as the above.

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I will and bequeath to my son John Kennedy my plantation at which I now live containing 302 acres more or less & situated by a line from John McCallum so as to divide a spring stream of water between both farms estimated at nine hundred & fifty dollars I also will and bequeath to him an equal share of my estate with the other legatees so as to make

I will and bequeath to my son
John Holloman all the property
real and personal that I have heretofore
given him estimated at one
hundred & twenty five dollars
also I will and bequeath to him
an equal share of my estate with
the rest of the legatees so as to make
him with them including the above
sum which he has already re-
ceived as the above

I will and bequeath to my
son James Holloman all the
property real and personal that I
have heretofore given him estimated
at four hundred & seven and a half
dollars I also will and bequeath
to him an equal share of my estate
with the other legatees so as to
make him equal with them includ-
ing the amount I have already
given him as the above

I will and bequeath to my daughter
Frances the wife of Peter
Blanch all the property real and per-
sonal that I have heretofore given
her estimated at two hundred & sev-
enty five dollars I also will and be-
queath to her an equal share of my
estate with rest of legatees so as
to make her equal with them includ-
ing the amount she has already re-
ceived as the above

I will and bequeath to my son John
Holloman all the property real &
personal that I have heretofore
given him estimated at seven

hundred & fifty dollars I also will
and bequeath to him an equal share
of my estate with the other legatees
so as to make him equal with
them including the amount he has
already received as the above

I will and bequeath to my daughter
Sarah the wife of Miles Brinkley all the
property I have heretofore given her
estimated at eight hundred & ten dollars
I also will and bequeath to her an equal
share of my estate with the other lega-
tees so as to make her equal with
them including what I have al-
ready given her as the above

I will and bequeath to my brother
Peter James the wife of George Simms
a tract of land known as the
Bullion tree place containing an acre
and a half bounded by the
Bullion tree & containing 143 acres
estimated at four hundred &
fifty dollars I also will and be-
queath to her an equal share of my
estate with the other legatees so as to
make her equal including the above
sum of 4500\$ which I have given her
as the above

I will and bequeath to my son John
Holloman my plantation ab. which I
now live containing 300 acres more
or less & divided by a line from 1/2
Holloman so as to divide a spring
& stream of water between both
farms Estimated at nine hundred
& fifty dollars I also will and bequeath
to him an equal share of my estate
with the other legatees so as to make

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144 I further will and bequeath to my sons Abner & John Henry my two old slaves Charles and Ann his wife provide they will accept of them and will not part them but take care of them and support them in their old age

15 I further will that all my property real and personal of which I may be possessed at my death be sold by my executors in a credit of 12 months & the proceeds of the same be equally divided among my legatees as above provided for until all and each shall become equal and then if there be any over plus than such overplus shall be divided among all my heirs equally

16 I further will that if any one or more of my legatees shall be less than the rest my last will and testament so as to try to render it null and void by cause that my executors shall withhold from such an one all and every part of my estate residue to them & shall never forthwith divide the same among any other legatees equally

17 I do hereby appoint my friends Jonathan Abn D G Waddington Abner Melchett and others my executors of my last will and testament

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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the 10th day of August 1856 are thousands eight hundred fifty

Aaron Melchett seal
Wm Symone
Joseph P. French

State of New York County Court
Carroll County April term 1856

of the last will and testament of Aaron Melchett deceased Contested
Will
vs
Benjamin Cuff

This day came the parties by their attorneys and attorneys on comes the Gay County Benjamin King Alexander Leonard Rawlance Johnson James Burns Wm P. Dinn Thomas W. Barber Wm S. Pinson J. W. Swearingen A. A. Hardeean Jasper Stoker J. R. Poston & H. Marwell who being sworn to say this cause as a former day of this court and respite from him during their respite until to day again resume the consideration of this cause and upon their oaths do say that they find the issues in favor of the plaintiffs that the paper writing here offered and purporting to be the last will and testament of Aaron Melchett because is the last will and testament of said Aaron Melchett deceased