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Richard Leigh ^{3rd} Mill
 I Richard Leigh I declare all (write) a
 once publish this as my last will
 and testament hereby wishing and
 making void all other wills here
 at any time made

First I direct that my funeral expenses
 and all my just debts be paid
 as soon after my death as pos-
 sible out of any money that
 I may die possessed of or may
 first come into the hand of
 execution

Secondly I give and bequeath to my
 wife Patsy Leigh formerly
 Patsy Humphreys all my Land
 with all the appertinances
 thereon together with all my
 personal property money notes &c
 of which I may die possessed of
 to use as she may deem most
 conducive to her interest during
 her natural life and after her
 death what remains in any man-
 ner of her I will that it be equal-
 ly divided between my Legitimate
 Children

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
 my wife Patsy Leigh my Executor
 and I excuse her from giving
 security in witness whereof I do
 to this my will at my home &
 seal this day of April 1855

Richard Leigh 3rd

Signed sealed and published
 in our presence and we have
 subscribed our names hereto

in the presence of the
 Testator this day of
 April 1855
 Test Wm Hiles
 Chas Hiles

State of Tennessee
 County of Campbell } p At the
 of the County Court 1855

Done

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Thomas Holmes Will

I Thomas Holmes do make
and publish this my last
will and testament

First I direct that all my debts be
paid as soon after my death
as possible

Secondly I give and bequeath to my
wife Rebecca Holmes all of my
estate to have the whole use
and control of during her life
and at her death be equally
divided among my heirs &c.

Lastly I nominate and appoint Al-
bin F. G. Holmes & Thomas F. Hol-
mes without bond and se-
curity my Executors
signed sealed and
published in my pres-
ence and me here sub-
scribe our names hereto
in the presence of the
testator
this 2nd March 1860
Ogus Wilson
A B Smith

his
Thomas Holmes
mark

State of Tennessee
Circuit Court 3 May Term 1860

Jonathan Rose will ³⁵⁴Confer

State of Tennessee
pleas before the Supreme Court of said
State at Jackson 6th April Term 1860
and Jackson Tuesday April 10th 1860

Milton Rose plff in error

vs
J M Allen Executor of }
Jonathan Rose decd } The parties of
pleas by their Attorneys and there upon
the record presented and judgment of
the Court below being Law and
undisturbed by the Court and it appear-
ing that on the Law there is no
error it is therefore considered that
the judgment of the said Court in all things
affirmed that the said paper writing men-
tioned in the pleadings and declared as
the last will and testament of Jonathan
Rose decd and that said will be to
gether with the transcript of this
judgment be sent to the Court
Court of Carroll County & there
execute

It is therefore considered that the
defendant herein of plaintiff &
of W P Dunn his security for
the prosecution of his appeal
the cost of this cause and that
execution be

sent M S Metcalf

O A Copy sent

W H Graves

William TAYLOR'S WILL

State of Tennessee, Carroll County
 I William Taylor being far advanced
 in life and in my proper mind do
 make this my last will and testa-
 ment revoking all others 'viz'

First. I will my soul to goe who gave it
 and my body to the earth from
 which it came

Secondly. I will that all my just debts be paid
 Thirdly. I will and bequeath unto my beloved

wife Charlotte Taylor my negro
 slaves Janet Milson & Catharine & George
 & Catharines increase during her natural
 life or widowhood also my tract of
 land whereon I now live during her
 natural life or widowhood also to
 his choice horses and yoke steers and
 wagon and one cow calf and choice
 feed and his stock and furniture his
 tools to said wife and twelve months
 support to have as many sheep as she
 may think she stand in need of

Fourth. At the death of my wife or her marriage
 I will all my effects be sold and equally
 divided among my lawful heirs with
 this injunction that Wm Taylor heir
 & his part be placed in the hands
 of a guardian to be kept for her at
 interest untill she becomes of age and
 in case she dies before she becomes
 of age for her part to come back to my
 and be equally divided among my
 other heirs I appoint as her guardian
 John Metcally and in case he should
 die or leave the County for the County
 Court to appoint a suitable guardian for
 her

I will that I own a slave which is
 not in the fore part of this my will
 be left in the hands of my ex-
 tors and that they see him to the
 best advantage and that the proceeds of
 the sale be divided between my two
 daughters Sally French and Francis Butler
 that amount to be counted to them on
 a final division and also with two
 hundred dollars to be deducted from
 my son William D. Taylor's part on a
 final division for a handkerchief that
 amount same time since more than
 any of the rest also my son Sewell holds
 a note against me for two hundred dol-
 lars which I want the principle of
 said note paid and I bring up as
 a set off against the interest. The trouble
 I have been for the last several years
 with him during his illness
 I hereby appoint Sewell Taylor and
 P. G. Butler as my Executors to carry
 out this my last will and testament
 & to testify whereof I have hereunto
 subscribed my name and affixed my
 seal this 2nd of Jan'y 1860
 John Metcally William James William H. Graves

State of Tennessee
 Carroll County 3 May Term 1860
 gave Me of Wm Taylor's was for lot 2 &
 order to be removed of which the foregoing
 is a copy true
 W. H. Graves Clerk

364 William B. Price Will

In the name of god I Wm B Price of Carroll County Tennessee make and ordain this my last will and testament

First I wish my beiral expenses and debts paid

Second I leave my daughter Jane McLean the following slaves Nelson Emaline & her increase Louisa & her increase & a negro boy gin during the life of my daughter Jane McLean & at her death to her children & their heirs forever

Third I leave to my daughter Amanda L. Price the following slaves Levi & Charles Frank a Boy Julia & her children & her future increase during the life of my daughter Amanda L. Price & at her death to her children and their heirs forever

Fourth I give to my son Wm B Price to him & his heirs forever the following slaves punching Wm Price and Nabby & her increase also a saddle Colt named Cate I also give to my son Wm P. S. Price my present tract of land whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever I desire the land to be rented out untill Wm P. S. Price shall have attained to the age of 21 years & the proceeds of the rent to go towards the board & education of Wm P. S. Price and Amanda L. Price untill she shall otherwise dispose of herself I desire she shall have a home in my house my large silver table spoons I

365 desire Amanda L. Price to have (they were her mothers and was her request) my silver teaset and tea spoons I give to Wm P. S. Price my beds and furniture my house hold and kitchen utensils I wish equally divided between Amanda L. Price & Wm P. S. Price my two children my stock of every description and plantation of pairs of every kind I wish equally divided between my daughter Jane McLean Amanda L. Price & Wm P. S. Price my crops of every description on my plantation I wish also equally divided among my three children above enumerated I all many that maybe an hand at my death or bands or notes that may be due me I wish divided equally between Amanda L. Price & Wm P. S. Price my two children

I leave Entirely to Wm McLean my executor to this my last will & testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand & affixed my seal this 22nd day of March 1857.

B. J. McLean
John M. Hart

Wm B Price (seal)

State of Tennessee, September
Carroll County, Term 1861
The above and foregoing will was proved to J. B. McLean and ordered to be recorded

John H. McLean Will

In the name of Good Amen
I John H. McLean being in my
sound mind and proper senses
but in feeble health and coming
to mind the shortness of life &
the certainty of death and being
desirous to give directions how
the little earthly substance with
which it has pleased God to bless
me shall be disposed of after my
decease doth make ordain and
publish this my last will and
testament

First After Committing my soul to God
who gave it and my body to
be buried in the quiet & a de-
cent and Christian manner I
next proceed to nominate and
appoint my trusty friends even
p. Alexander and Robert H. McLean
as the Executors of this my last
will and testament in manner
herein after directed that it is
my will and desire that all
the property of every name and
kind both personal and real
whether it consist in Slaves
Land or stock Except my Bedding
bedstead & clothing which I will
hereafter dispose of shall all be
sold by my Executors without any
delay of Court to sell in a man-
ner herein directed they shall
give sufficient notice of the time
and place of sale by advertisements
then sell the highest bidder and
and two years time taking such

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Securities from the purchasers as
will secure the payment of the
purchase moneys and retain
leave on the lands as with hold
the title of the lands until the
last of the purchase money is paid
the directions above to refer to
the property that will be over bring-
ing an amount sufficient with
what cash and Bonds or debts due
and owing to me at my decease to
pay off all my debts which I do
we shall be paid as soon as practi-
cable after my decease my Executors
to ascertain the amount of debts
and of my dues then see for
cash or a short credit so much
of my property as will complete
the payment of all just claims that
may be against me in as short a
time as may be practicable I also
empower and authorize these my
before named Executors or either
of them to make deeds
of Conveyance to all my lands sold
by them when paid for and to
make Bills of sale of my slaves
to the purchasers when secured
as before directed in as full
and ample a manner as I could
were I present myself and it
is further my desire that my child
Aren each of them shall have
the beds, sheets and beds and clo-
thing divided equally among the
three, three Grandmother Alexander
to take charge of the beds and clo-
thing and I request her to make

an equal division of their real
clothing and all and each to get
these part when they may need
them and the balance of the pro-
ceeds of the sale of my property of
every kind that may be kept of
the payment of my just
debts to be kept at interest &
what may remain after paying &
shewing my three children Sarah
C. Martha & Ann M. Lure
to be divided equally between the
three to be paid over to each when
they arrive at the age of twenty one
years in testimony whereof I here-
unto set my hand & affixed my
seal this 10th day of May 1800

Witness my hand this day of May 1800
John M. Lure
John M. Lure
John M. Lure

John Selams Will
And the name of John Selams
of John Selams of the County of
Carroll and State of Tennessee
being of a Sound mind and usu-
al memory and considering the
uncertainty of this frail and
transitory life do therefore make
ordain and declare this to be
my last will and testament
Item 1st My body to be decently
buried & committed my soul to God
Item 2nd After all my lawful debts are
paid and discharged
Item 3 I give and bequeath to the le-
gal heirs of my son Thomas S.
Selams the one half of the
land I now live and situate
in the County of Carroll and
State of Tennessee after enough be-
ing sold to pay my debts to the
heirs of my son Rowan who
is clear of the other half of my
land also entire above after
enough has been sold to pay
my debts
Item 4th To my son Thomas S. Selams
I give and bequeath all my
clothing interests
Item 5th I nominate and appoint
Samuel May to be my Execu-
tor to do and perform all
things appertaining to my estate
Given under my hand and
seal May 10th 1800
John Selams
The above written instrument was

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By the said John Adams
in our presence and acknow-
ledgement to be his last will
and testament we at his re-
quest and in his presence signed
our names as witnesses hereto
May the 16th 1860

Matthew
Wellington Smith
Robert Smith

State of Tennessee
Corroborating

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M. R. Wilson's Will

I Margaret R. Wilson do make and publish
this as my last will and testament here
by reading and making voice all
other wills made by me at any
time.

First I direct that my debts be paid as
soon after my death as possible out
of any moneys that I may die pos-
sessed of or may first come into the
hands of my Executors

Secondly I will to my daughters and son
Popoleon B. Wilson M. L. Wilson L. J.
Wilson Maria Emma Wilson Terrissa
Melinda Wilson Martha E. Wilson my
beds and bed clothing

Thirdly I will to Popoleon B. Wilson and
give him when he comes to
be twenty one years of age or one
hundred Dollars After said distribution
he made I will give my bed and
in equal share of what is left ex-
cept my grandson William Lewis
Leaves the and living part of my daugh-
ter Terrissa E. Wilson which I will
one Dollar

Fourthly To M. L. Wilson my son to be my
Executor

Fifthly That my minor heirs choose their
and Guardian

Sixthly Whereof I do to this my
will set my hand and seal
this 16th 1860

Witness J. M. R. Wilson

J. W. Smith

James B. Wilson

Witness at the septem June 1860

Samuel. Garrison will
I Samuel Garrison do make
and publish this as my last
will and testament hereby revok-
ing and making void all other
wills by me at any time made

First I direct that funeral expenses &
all of my debts be paid as soon
after my death as possible out of
any monies that I may see proper
of or may first come into the
hands of my Executors

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my
son Thomas A. Garrison one Negro
Boy named Alger and one him
three Acres of land off of the
Horn tract one horse saddle &
bridle two or three hogs and one
and best steers one cow & calf

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter
Susan & Darnall and her heirs
kins two Negro girls one named
Emel who has a child and the other
a boy named Moreau two boxes are
bed and furniture six or eight head
of hogs two cows and calves reser-
ving unto Tho. A. Garrison and
Wm. Fuller six hundred and
Twenty Dollars worth of the above
property pro of her proportional part
of the estate providing that when
D. Darnall should pay to pay
the same debts they are bound for

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my daughter
Martha & Sallie two Negro girls
Erease and Caroline and bed and
furniture two head of horses six
eight or ten head of hogs two cows & calves

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto
my grand child Robert Murphy
two Negro girls one named
and of which has since given off
has since to be made equal with
the other children in the advance-
ments with the exception of the horses
and I want him at the age of fif-
teen years old to have a horse saddle
and bridle with seventy five or one
hundred Dollars

Sixthly I give and bequeath unto my son
Robert A. Garrison three or four man
and maid a negro woman two hogs
two or three head of hogs two
cows and calves

Seventhly I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Victoria Garrison two
Negro girls named Sarah and
Milla and to be made equal
in the other advancements with
those that have received the same

Eighthly I give and bequeath unto my two
younger children Patrick A. Garrison
and Samuel Garrison to P. A. Garrison
I give two boys George and to Samuel
Garrison I give negro girl Maria
and to receive the same advancements
as those having received the same any
my wife to retain the above property
during her natural life and when she
deceases her or until they the above
named children should become
twenty one years of age then to go to
the children

It is also my will and desire
that after paying all of my just
debts that the balance of my
estate shall be

among all of my children taking
into consideration the advances made
heretofore given off and received by
the children receiving them
Lastly I do hereby nominate and ap-
point D. A. Hawkins Trustee of
anew allot of all my Executors
do witness whereof I do hereunto
set my hand and seal this
the 2nd day of May 1860

J. G. Sumner
W. R. Sumner

Samuel Jameson (Seal)

Shelton of James Mill

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The statements of Shelton of James
about eight hours before he died
in the presence of Claron's Quinn
Sticks Inman others April 23rd 1860
I do want all my lawful debts to be
paid

I want my wife Mary to have all
my property to remain with her
for her own benefit and my
four children during her natural life
Also I do to remain with and work
for her & the children during her
widowhood

But if Mary should marry then
the property to be equally divided
between my wife and my four
children my wife to have an equal
part with the children and to do
with her part as she thinks best
Last

Claron's Quinn
H. Inman

State of Tennessee
Cannon County } At the
Term 1860
I was appeared for probate said will
& duly sworn by the Testimony of A. S.
Quinn & H. Inman & declared to be
a true copy
W. H. Graves

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 Rosanna Bell Mill
 I Rosanna Bell of the County of
 Carroll & State of Tennessee Calling to
 mind the uncertainty of life and
 being of sound mind and disposing
 my property and being desirous of
 disposing of what worldly effects
 I may be in possession of at my
 death do make and publish this
 my last will and testament revok-
 ing all other wills by me made
 at any time heretofore
 1st I desire that my body be buried
 in a decent and Christian like
 manner
 2nd I will that all my debts be
 paid out of any moneys that I
 may die in possession of or
 that may first come to the hands
 of my Executors herein after named
 3rd I will and bequeath to my three
 sons David Bell John A. Bell
 & Thomas L. Bell all of the property
 of every description whether the
 same be moneys or other property that
 I may die possessed of my will &
 desire is that if my daughter Rosanna
 Sidelle should be living at my
 death that my Executors should
 pay her the sum of fifty dollars
 as her share of my estate but if
 my daughter Rosanna Sidelle should
 die before I do then and in that
 case I desire that my three sons a-
 bove named should have all of
 my property and effects of every
 description
 5th I nominate and appoint my

three sons David Bell John
 A. Bell and Thomas L. Bell
 Executors of this my last will
 and testament
 In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal
 January 29th 1853
 Signed in presence of
 John Rutherford
 John Norman Rosanna Bell

State of Tennessee
 Carroll County } Probate Court
 1853
 At the above term of said Court was pro-
 duced in open court a paper writing
 purporting to be the last will and testa-
 ment of Rosanna Bell and was
 duly sworn by the testimony of John Norman
 one of the witnesses & named to be recorded
 of which the foregoing is a copy first
 W. H. Graves Clerk

Richard P. Pattersons Will

In the name of God Amen

I Richard P. Patterson who
Being now in my sound mind and proper
senses But Being in feeble health and
Remembering that it is appointed unto all
men once to Die And Being Desirous to Direct
how The Earthly Substance of which I have
Recently become possessed which I received to me
from the Estate of my Father and Mother I do
and has ever since been in the hands of my
guardian until Recently when I became Twenty
one years of age I do make certain and publis
h this my Last will and Testament

And First

I will and Bequeath to my Brother William
E. Patterson my Negro man Lewis my Saddle
Bridle & Blanket and fifty Dollars in money
to be paid over to him By my Executor whom I
will hereafter appoint

Secondly I will and Bequeath to my Sister-in-law
Viney Patterson my Clay Bank man

Thirdly I will and Bequeath to my youngest
Brother John H. Patterson my Negro Girl Viney
and my fine wearing clothes and Trunk

Fourthly I will and Bequeath to my Brother John
H. Patterson my Bed - Bedstead and all
my Bed clothing

Fifthly It is my Desire that all my just
Debts Should Be paid and my Funeral Expenses
Then it is my Desire and will that all the Balance
of money that may be and remain Shall Be
Equally Divided Between my three Brothers
James et. H. Thomas et and John H. Pattersons

and I have likewise Desired John et. H. to have
my Rifle gun and Thos. et. to have my Own coat
and lastly it is my will and Desire that my
Negro man Lewis shall have all my Every day
wearing clothes of all kinds including my two
hats my Boots shoes and socks and I hereby
nominate and appoint John McDonald my
Executor to execute this my last will
and Testament

In Testimony whereof I in the presence of
William Davis and Willm Roba doth hereunto
set my hand and affix my Seal this 16th
day of November 1860

Willm Roba Richard P. Patterson
Test William Davis

State of Tennessee
County of Carroll

November Term
1860

At the above Term of the County Court
was produced in open Court the foregoing
will and was duly proven by the Test.
men of Willm Roba & William Davis &
admitted to be record of which the forego
ing is a copy past

W. H. Graves clerk

John Robinsons Will

I John Robinson of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament

- First I Direct that all of my just Debts be paid as soon after my Death as my Executor may find practicable
- Second after all of my just debts are paid I give & bequeath to my Son Thomas Robinson that part of the tract of Land on which he now lives lying west of the McSweeney Road containing about one hundred and Twentyseven Acres also the tract of Land known as the creek Montgomery tract containing fifty acres to him and to him during his natural life at his Death to descend to his bodily heirs if any otherwise to return to my surviving heirs all of my other property to be equally divided between my five younger children as follows
- I give to my son John ed and Robert Robinson the balance of my Land and to my Daughters Mary & Martha Jane Robinson all the Slaves I may be possessed of at my Death to be equally divided between them all of my Stock farming utensils house hold & Kitchen furniture of every description to be sold by my Executor
- The Land last mentioned together with the Slaves to be valued by three or more Disinterested persons my Daughter Margaret Churchman wife of G. C. Churchman to receive one fifth of said valuation including one fifth of the sale of Stock &c. to be paid to her by my Executor in money or its Equivalent
- The foregoing will & Testament not to take effect until after the Death of

my wife Margaret of Robinson
I do hereby appoint my son Robert Robinson Executor to this my last will & Testament

Signed Sealed & published this August 13th 1858 in the presence of

E. W. Williams John Robinson Seal
W. M. Burson

State of Tennessee January Term
Carroll County 1861
At the above term of said Court a paper writing was produced in open Court and offered for probate and was duly proven by the testimony of E. W. Williams and W. M. Burson of which the foregoing is a Copy test

W. H. James Clerk

Henry P. Gaines Will

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I Henry P. Gaines of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing ^{memory} hereby make & publish this as my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made

Item 1st It is my will & desire that all my just debts & Burial expenses be paid out of the whole profits

Item 2nd It is my will & desire that my youngest son Murrells if I should die any time during the present year should have Six Hundred & fifty Dollars which said amount should be taken out of the whole profits before divided or out of the money on hand

Item 3rd It is my desire that none of my Slaves should be sold but all be divided as herein after named

Item 4th It is my desire that there should be two divisions of my Slaves the one a special division and the other a general division

Item 5th It is my desire that Fanny Charles Sim Elmy King & Chaimy be the special Slaves to be divided equally between the children of my present wife

Item 6th It is my wish that the above named Slaves in the special division shall be divided equally among the children of my present wife including Girl Elmy

given by me to my Daughter now Lucy Raulston the evidence of which gift is now on Record in Huntington I value said girl at one Thousand Dollars which said Thousand Dollars is to come out of Raulstons part

Item 7th

As to all the Balance of my property and effects of every description except the Slaves in the above special bequest and also the effects heretofore disposed of by me it is my will that my son John P. Gaines who now lives in Mississippi should be an equal heir with my children by my present wife with this exception I have heretofore advanced my son John four hundred dollars for which I now have his Receipt the four hundred dollars is to be taken from what is going to him and also four hundred dollars heretofore advanced to my son Burdett all gains is to be taken out of what is going to him It is further my will that the Slave girl Anna without her increase heretofore given by me to my Daughter now Virginia Hughes the evidence of which gift is now on Record in Huntington I valued at one Thousand dollars is to be taken out of her part in this general division

Item 8th

It is my desire that my Land containing about 465 Acres at this time in case of my Death shortly should not be sold but equally divided Between all my said Children John included reserving 65 Acres off of the South end which is to be reserved with Improvements for the Benefit of my wife

for and during her natural life
Item 8th

It is my desire that my son John P. Gaines if he is disposed to do so sell his part of said Land to one of the Heirs But rather he would not sell to any person during my wifes lifetime

Item 10th

It is my desire that Tony & Anna Segars named in the above Special Division remain and be with my present wife during her natural life

Item 11th

It is my desire that all the property of every description above disposed of in every way and form to my said Daughter Virginia Hughes be settled on her & her children Just in the same way & manner in which Negro girl Amy is deced to her and is on Record in Huntington and that the said R. H. Hughes shall have conveyance nor convey any of said property to any other State without first giving Bond with ample security for double the amount for the now transference of said property in any shape or form whatever either in equity or common Law the reason why I thus make this bequest is founded on this conclusion that whereas he is now sold out of all that he was possessed of and yet in Debt to a considerable amount there might be danger in removing the property to another State and its coming in conflict with the Laws of said other State

Item 12th

It is my desire that all the property that may fall to my Daughter now Lucy Ann

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Kalston in the above division shall be settled on her & her children Just as girl Mary is deced to her and on Record in Huntington

Item 13th

Be it distinctly understood by all that my desire is that all the Negro property that shall be valued at said division shall be in strict accordance with my own valuation put on the two Negroes Mary and Amy as deced to Virginia & Lucy

Item 14th

It is my desire that all the property that shall fall to my Daughter Maryann Gaines in the above division shall be settled on her and the legal children of her Body but if she dies without children the property herein referred to return to my said Estate

Item 15th

Last of all is that it is my will and desire that all the disposition & bequests here on and above made known by me be strictly executed & carried out by my Executors B. M. Gaines & George Kalston

Item 16th

It is my desire if I should die any time during the present year that every thing I should go on in the Farm as it is now going on that every thing should be kept together until Christmas and that my son Henry should be allowed one hundred & seventy five Dollars for his services during the present year signed

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and sealed in the presence of witnesses
Test

Wm B. Smead
John Dickinson

Henry P. Gair Senior

State of Tennessee } January Term
Cannon County } 1861

and The above term
of said Court a paper writing was
produced in open Court and offered
for probate and was duly proven
by the testimony of Wm B. Smead
& John Dickinson of which the
following is a copy Test

W. H. Graves Clerk

Joseph A. Wingo 382

I Joseph A. Wingo of the County
of Carroll and State of Tennessee
being weak in body but of sound
mind and disposing memory do
make this my last will and
testament

Such realty Estate as I am pos-
sessed of I dispose of in the following
manner to wit

I give to my brother John Wingo
my saddle horse Archer and bridle &
saddle which I value at two hundred
fifty Dollars

I give to my two brothers John Wingo
and Thomas A. Wingo my landless
estate consisting of one hundred &
eighty four Acres to be so divided as
to make Thomas partake in the
land to be equal with John in
cluding the valuation of the horse
bridle & saddle

I appoint my two brothers John
Wingo and Thomas A. Wingo my
Executors to this my will

In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & seal this
Ninth day the 26th of AS 1860

Witness
J. H. Melman } Joseph A. Wingo
Wm B. White }

State of Tennessee } February Term 1861
Cannon County } probated and
allowed to be genuine
W. H. Graves

S. P. Demings Will

Know all men by these present that
S. P. Demings in the view of the shortness
of life & certainty of Death Being of Sound
Mind & memory believing it to be the duty
of man to arrange his business in time to
save to his friends a needless Court Expence
& dispose of his Earthly possessions agreeable
to his own mind do publish the foregoing
as my last will & Testament

First I wish my Funeral Expences & all Just Debts
paid as soon after my Death as convenient
out of any moneys I may be possessed of
or otherwise if needed

Second I wish all property I may be possessed of
Sold, Excepting my House hold property
for cash in hand or on a Twelve month
Credit I prefer the latter

Third The money arising from the above sale I
wish to be placed by my Executor in the hands
of a Trustee Selected by my wife also any
money on hand not already applied by
his giving bond with approved Security for
his acts & deeds as Trustee

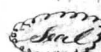
Fourth I wish my Trustee to pay to my widow
fifty Dollars per year & the balance of Interest
on money in hand after retaining a Reasonable
Compensation for his Services as Trustee in
case of sickness or misfortune Seventy Five

Dollars I wish my Trustee to have Discretionary
Power over myself & B. E. P. Mathis has a claim
for Stock in the Mobile & Ohio Rail Road
for about Five hundred & Thirty Dollars
I wish my Trustee to have Discretionary Power
to do the best he can with it

Fifth I wish Stephen S. Pate & W. H. Ridley to Execute
the above will

In witness to all & singular the above will
I here unto set my hand & seal this 24th day
of September in the year of our Lord one
Thousand Eight hundred & sixty Signed
& Sealed in the presence of

us { Stephen S. Pate }
F. C. Todd }

S. P. Demings 

I, William Delany Will
 State of Tennessee,
 County of Davidson, do hereby certify
 that above stated considering the in-
 certainty of this mortal life and being
 in and better mind do make this
 my last will and testament in the
 presence and form a following
 To my wife six hundred dollars
 cash and also to my three youngest
 sons and the wife of each and the
 piece that she owes me before I
 married her an issue of a Casser and
 my name place I do also authorize
 the Executors to have houses & garden
 repaired & all the out buildings
 belonging to the place I wish all
 my property sold except my land
 if the property does not pay the debts
 I wish a part or all of my Rhodes
 tract of land sold I wish my
 Executors to make private sales
 where they think best
 I wish my son J. W. Delany to
 take my three youngest children
 and raise them give them same
 schooling sufficient to read write
 and cipher give to each a horse
 and saddle to enable him to
 do this I wish him to have the
 use of all of that part of my tract
 of land on which my residence
 is located lying between the
 grave yard and the land I sold
 to J. W. Delany running north and
 south through the whole tract of
 land until the youngest child

is of age or twenty one years old
 when Jacob is twenty one years of
 age he is to have the use of twenty
 acres of land I desire to have the
 same when she marries When Frank
 Lin my youngest child arrives at the
 age of twenty one I wish all my
 land equally divided among my children
 or sold and the proceeds divided equally
 and the balance of my effects if there
 should be any to be disposed of
 in the like manner all my lands
 not otherwise disposed of is to be sent
 and from the time of my decease
 this my power shall be in full
 with the lot and house at the top
 roads either sold or rented which
 ever may seem best I wish my
 daughter Sarah to have the use of
 twenty acres of land I want Hannah
 to have the use of twenty acres of land
 I heretofore appointed W. Delany & J. W.
 Delany my Executors to this my last
 will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal this the 15th day of
 June 1864

W. Delany
 John L. Lusk

William Delany Will

probated at the July term Court
 1864
 W. H. Grayson

A.B. Gibbons Will

On the name of Ever Green
I A.B. Gibbons of the County of
Barren and State of Tennessee
being of sound mind and judgement
do Consider the uncertainty of
the frail and mortal life do
therefore make and publish a
declaration this to be my last will
and testament that is to say

1st After all my good lawful debts
be paid the residue of my estate real
and personal I give bequeath and do
devise as follows to wit

To my beloved wife Margaret I
have the full and entire control of
my farm and all the lands I possess
and all of my stock consisting of horses
hats a sheep also my household
furniture with all of my
tools and implements for farming also
my negro woman Phillis good about
twelve years

2nd I have the same during her natural
life or receive here in case of her
intermarrying with any other person
the above named property to be sold
and divided between my beloved
children and she being entitled to
a child's part

3rd It is my will and desire that my
sons and Daughters when are minors
I give I B. Gibbons John I. Gibbons
Samuel I. Gibbons Margaret I. Gibbons
Benjamin I. Gibbons Harrison Gibbons
Calvin I. Gibbons Virginia I.
W. Gibbons and Edward I. Gibbons

be raised and educated from the
proceeds of my farm

4th It is my will and desire that
if there should be a surplus
of stock of any kind more than
a sufficient to support said
farm it is my will that said
surplus be sold and profits
arising therefrom to pay my
debts

5th It is my will and desire that
my son I B. Gibbons have a
claim for 3 years also here
before claimed by him also that
each of my remaining sons have
a good horse what they want
to have and also also
that my daughter have the
same that have not been
provided for also my son has
well to Gibbons

6th It is also my will and desire that
my son I B. Gibbons not and he is
hereby appointed my executor of
that above will and testament
upon under my hand and seal of
my residence in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred
and sixty and 1861 April 6th
Signed sealed and delivered in
the presence of

W. N. Barnett J. B. Gibbons
D. N. Brown

Witness at the March time
1861 sworn to by person

W. H. Francis

Zepphaniah S Roberts will

In the name of God amen
Zepphaniah S Roberts being in
my sound and right senses calling
to mind my mortality and being desirous
to direct in what way my
earthly substance shall be disposed
of after my death do hereby that
all my just debts if any there be
shall be paid my body be decently
buried in a Christian like manner.
I will and bequest to my sister
Patsy Ann Roberts and Emma Coff
one bed and furniture and part
also

Secondly

Thirdly

I will and bequest that all the bal-
ance of my property except my lands
shall be special bequest above
made in paying my debts be the
property of my wife Letitia to
dispose of as she may think proper
that she my wife, have the
use of all my lands during her nat-
ural life and at her death the same
to be sold and the proceeds to
be paid to my mother children
in full and whereof once in halves
that this my last will and testa-
ment shall be faithfully executed.
I hereunto set my hand and
seal this 30th day of June
1861

Test

Zepphaniah S Roberts
John McDonald
Anna McDonald

I J. S. Roberts have this day
agreed to give and donate one
hundred Dollars more than any
of the rest of my brothers and sisters
I give bequest to my sister Sally
Robust for care and attention
paid to me when I was ~~unable~~
unable to attend to myself in
the year 1860 Sister Mary Thersa
I set my hand and seal this
day March 13th 1861

Signed and sealed in the pres-
ence of
W. H. Jones
Robert Jones
J. S. Roberts
March

William Rummage Will

State of Tennessee }
County of Carroll }

We the undersigned certify that to the best of our recollection Mr William Rummage made use of the following language in relation to his effects just before he died to wit
That he wanted his debts paid and the annuities of his property as his wife to have to help nurse his children —
he died the 15th day of May, 1861

The above testament to writing
May 11th 1861

Thomas R. Winge
his
Witness + James
mark,
W. A. Crossen
Thomas Singleton

State of Tennessee October term 1861
Carroll County } CDD Said term
of County Court the foregoing was
affirmed for probate as the nonexecution
will of William Rummage died
and was duly proven and ordered
to be recorded of which the foregoing
is a copy test W. H. Francis Clerk

State of Tennessee } October 19th 1868
Carroll County }

In the name of god
I am Elizabeth Little being of sound
mind and memory and wishing to dispose
of the worldly goods with which God
has blessed me do make and publish
this my last will and testament in
the manner and form following Viz
1st I will my Soul to God who gave it
2nd my body to the dust from whence it
came to be buried in a decent Christian
manner — as to my worldly goods
I will first that all my just debts
be paid
3rd I will to my son George my slave Jack
and also my slave Sime during
his natural life and at his death
I will them to my Grand Daughter
Mary Jane Little I also will to
George two mules since one partner had
and had permission
I will to my Daughter Elizabeth &
Sharon my slave Fanny which I will
to be sold for cash and the proceeds
of the sale to be put into her own
hands to be disposed of as she may
please and not to be subject to the
debts or contracts of her Husband
William Staton — I further will
her one feather bed and furniture
to be secured to her and disposed of
herself as she above with all other
property or monies that I may will her
I also will that Elizabeth Staton
take my old slave Fanny and
keep her during her life

I also will to my friend daughter
Mary Jane Little one feather bed
and bed furniture

I further will that at my death all
the balance of my property be sold and
that the proceeds be equally divided
between my two children above named
and subject to the above restrictions
I now proceed to nominate and appoint
John Browning my sole Executor of this
my last will and Testament - done
and signed and sealed in the presence
of Test - - -

Elizabeth Little ^{my} 

John C. McCallum

State of Tennessee } October Term
Carroll County } 1861.

At the above term of
said the foregoing was offered for probate
to the last will and testament of
Elizabeth Little Sec and was duly
proven and ordered to be recorded
of which the foregoing is a copy test

W. H. Francis Clerk

State of Tennessee }
Carroll County } I, Jesse B. Branch
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

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and
all my debts to be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of any moneys
that I may be possessed of or may
first come in to the hands of my Executors

2nd I give and bequeath to my wife
Elizabeth Branch all my land and
all other property that may be left
after all my just debts are paid to
her and to hold the same as long
as she lives as unmarried widow.

3rd Then at her marriage or death
I wish all the property to be sold
and divided equally among my
children - by James Thomas Henry
Branch John Hugh Branch 3 -
Mary Sarah Branch 4 Samra Luma
Branch

I do hereby nominate and appoint my
friend Thomas Burns my Executor
in witness whereof I do to this my
will set my hand and Seal
this the 12th day of July 1853

Jesse B. Branch 

Signed sealed and published
in our presence and we have
subscribed our names here to in the presence
of the Testator this the day and date
above written

J. H. Spain 
John C. McCallum 
State of Tennessee } October Term 1861
Carroll County }

State of Tennessee

Carroll County & S James of Gooch
being of sound mind do make this
my last will and testament giving
all other wills made at any other time
by me

1st Begueth my body to the Dust from
whence it came and my Soul to God who

I paid all my Debts paid my Burial
and funeral Expenses paid first out
of any money that may be in the
hands of my Executors

3rd I Bequeath to my Beloved, ^{Mother} ~~Child~~ ^{Elizabeth} ~~Elizabeth~~ ^{Pinson} all of my Estate real and personal including the Legacy coming ~~to~~ to me from Northampton from my Grand Mother with

4th I want my Executor's hereafter appointed
to take all of property in to his hands
and recd all of my personal property
to the best advantage and credit
of twelve months and to collect all
moneys coming to me By Note and
Account and from the Confederate
States of America for Services as a
Soldier and pay over to my said Mother
as she needs it and Extracargantly
and as he thinks her and her family
needs it in a reasonable way and that
he have reasonable pay for his Services
5th I want my Executor's hereafter appointed

5th I Appoint my trusty friend Isaac
Pinson my Executor of this my last
will and Testament

This the 4th day of October 18, 61

I. A. Love

Seal

1861 W. H. P. Seal of Col. Wm. H. P.

Ad Probated November Term 1861

George T. Riellor^o - 1810

And the name of God I swear
I J. S. Riddle of the County of Carroll and
State of Tennessee being week in body but of
sound and perfect mind and memory before
be Almighty God for the same do make or
claim and publish this my last will and
Testament in manner and form following
that is to say

In the first place it is my will that all my just debts that I may owe, at the time of my death, be punctually paid by my executor

In the same place it is my will and I hereby give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah A. recently married to William M. Carson my negro man Ben aged twenty four years not used by myself at one thousand Dollars also my negro girl Liza which I value at the same price The above negroes I give to my said Daughter Sarah A. Carson and the heirs of her body.

In the third place it is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary W. Rielley have all the residue of my Estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood with the following exceptions Viz, It is my will that my sons John W. Rielley George W. Rielley and Charles Rielley each of them have a negro boy and girl when they arrive at the age of Seventy one years to be selected by two disinterested persons It is further my will that should any of my servants become unruly or refuse to obey or be governed by my wife or children I hereby direct that such unruly or disobedient servant be sold by my Executor and others purchased to fill their places

I now now solemnly state that I
don't wish any sale of property after
my death and my executor is hereby ful-
ly authorized to settle all matters relating
to my estate as fully as I myself could
do were I living.

It is hereby declared to be my will
that at the death or intermarriage of
my wife all my estate both real &
personal of whatsoever kind it may
be be equally divided between my child
Sarah & Charles & Charles & John & John
by George W. Rulley and Solomon Rulley and
it is understood that the portion of negroes
belonging to my daughter Sarah & Charles
is given to her and the heirs of her body
Lastly I hereby appoint my son in law
William M. Carson executor of this my last
will and testament hereby revoking all for-
mer wills by me made and I hereby make
it known that my said executor is not requi-
red to give any bond but to settle all my
business as I would do myself
I am witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal this 6th day
of February 1868 - Geo W. Rulley

Signed sealed published &
declared by the said Testa-
tor to be his last will and
testament in presence of us
John W. Carvinton
Charles P. Carvinton

State of Tennessee Office Term 1868
Carroll County The foregoing was probated as
the last will and testament of
George W. Rulley deceased and ordered to be recorded
W. H. Graves Clerk

- In the name of God Amen
I Green Young being of sound mind and
distributed memory but in feeble health
and calling to mind the mortality of man &
knowing that life is the time to prepare for
death and being desirous of directing how my
earthly substance shall be disposed of after my
death make and publish this my last and
testament hereby revoking all other wills or
paper writings by me heretofore made
It is my will and desire that after my
decease that my body shall be buried in
a christian like manner that all my just
debts shall be paid by my executor hereaf-
ter by my appointed
Inquest part I give and bequeath to my dear &
beloved wife Lucy Young all my personal
and real property as follows
I give and bequeath to her my entire inter-
est in the three following named places my
interest being one half of said places in
partnership with my brother Robert Young and
my place named William about fourteen years
old and my place named Ellick about nine
years old and one half place named Amy
about seven years old
I give and bequeath to her all my entire
interest to five head of mules and one day
horse and one horse Colt ^{and} name on the
farm my interest being one half as is named
in said places before mentioned
I give and bequeath to her my entire
interest in and to all the other stock
now on the farm and one half of
all the other personal property on
said farm and one half of the present
crop consisting of every thing on said
farm

- 6th I give and bequeath to her one half of all the notes and effects of every description Comprising the firm of myself & my brother Robert Young my interest being one half as before stated.
- 7th I give and bequeath to her one half of all the Crop that is raised on said farm if that shall continue on as we have heretofore for the year Eighteen hundred and sixty two.
- 8th I give and bequeath to her all my ^{entire} interest into the following three tracts or parcels of Land my interest being the same as before mentioned to one tract containing about one hundred & twenty Acres more or less the place where I now live on also and other tract of Land & many saw home place of about seventy five Acres more or less also and other smaller tract also joining said home farm of a bout fifty Acres more or less.
- 9th I give and bequeath to her my entire interest as her to Isaac Young Young due in one tract of Land where my mother Mary Young now lives of about one hundred & thirty Acres more or less also my entire interest as her to Isaac Young due to one slave man named Norman and one slave child named Caroline and also my interest as before stated to the increase of said slave woman if any there be the two last bequest to come in to her possession at the death of my Mother Mary Young & how the seven first bequest that I have given into my Dear & Loving wife Lucy Young is to go into her hands and to her sole use as soon as my Executor can wind up said Estate after my death and I hereby nominate and appoint my brother and partner Robert Young as my Executor to this my last will and testament.

And whereas myself and Robert Young has been partners in all transactions in everything and whereas we have been accustomed to give our own individual notes out and not assign the firm name of R & Y Young now if there is any notes out that my individual name is to I Enjoin it upon my Executor to account for the same to my wife Lucy also if there is any of said notes out that Robert Young's individual name is to also.

I now direct that he shall Report the same & have a credit for the amount that were his my part to pay said note and advance there is notes made payable to me alone or of these and one half Robert Youngs and whereas there are notes now payable to Young Young alone there I Enjoin upon him to report & account to my wife Lucy for her half of the same and whereas there are bad and insolvent notes belonging to the firm of R & Y Young I now direct that Robert Young my Executor if he can't collect them that he is empowered to trade them or share off such notes to the best advantage or do what he thinks best with them and just account for the amount he collect off of said insolvent notes and he is not to be liable for the amount so lost and said insolvent claims.

Given under my hand and seal on this the 1st of February 1862.

Isat
J H Barrow
W W Jones
Green Young

State of Tennessee August Term 1862
Carroll County At the above term of said Court the foregoing was probated as the last will & testament of Green Young seen and order to be same & registered.

399 Calvin Hamilton's Will
 I Calvin Hamilton of the County
 of Harroce and State of Tennessee
 now in proper mind but low and weak
 in body and health owing to my sickness
 do make and publish this my last will
 and Testament hereby revoking and making
 void all other wills made by me at any
 former time.

1st I will my soul unto God and my body
 to the tomb

2nd My will and desire is that all of my just
 debts be paid as soon as possible after my
 death out of any monies that may come to
 the hands of my executor

3rd I give and leave to my beloved wife Susan
 all my Estate of goods and chattles to pay debts
 chancery action Crop stock farming utensils
 wagon buggy horse hoes & kitchen furniture
 together with one slave named Mark, said
 slave and other property I give and leave to
 my wife Susan she may sell and convey and
 apply the proceeds to her use and to pay debts of
 my Estate and the after bequeaths &c

4th Together I also give her the tract of land I
 now live on for and during her natural life
 then to descend in equity to all of my legal
 heirs when the bequeaths she is to pay

5th My will and desire is that my eldest Daughter
 Malissa Keely be paid out of the property or
 proceeds that I have to my wife Susan seventy
 five Dollars together with what I have already
 advanced and given her

6th And to my Daughter Mary Gardner
 Twenty five Dollars with what I have already
 advanced and given her
 7th To my other Daughter Elizabeth one horse
 bridle & saddle worth one hundred and
 fifty Dollars and one bed bedstead and
 furniture such as the other girls has had
 and one Cow & Calf and seventy five Dollars in
 money and schooling in part and Lastly I
 nominate and appoint my beloved wife
 Susan my sole executrix to carry out the
 provisions of this my last will and Testament
 given under my hand this the 21st day of March
 1863

Signed and acknowledged
 before us

J. A. Nesbitt
 John H. Huffman

Calvin Hamilton

State of Tennessee } September Term 1863
 Harroce County }
 At the above term of said
 Court the foregoing was probated as the last will