

# Sterling Carrolls Will

In the name of God Amen,

I Sterling Carroll of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind & memory, blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish the my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say,

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Marrie Carroll all my estate real & personal of whatsoever kind it may be during her natural life or widowhood and in case of her intermarriage it is then my will and desire that she have a child's part of all my personal property it being equally divided between my wife and children, and if she continue in widowhood it is my will that all my estate both real & personal at the time of her death be equally divided among my children, and if any of my children die before my wife & leave a child or children then in that case that child or children to have a child's part. I wish it to be distinctly understood that my children who may be unmarried at the time of dividing my estate be first made equal with those who have married and then the balance be equally divided among them all. It is my wish that my wife have the full management of all my affairs, pay off my debts should I owe any & at the time of my death to sell any in, plus stock or other articles that might be on hand for the benefit of the family and to enable her to do that to advantage it is my request that my sons John & Sidney & my son in law J. R. O. Hamilton as sisters in managing all matters appertaining to the estate. I hereby revoke all former Wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23<sup>d</sup> day of May 1865.

Sterling Carroll

Signed stated published and solemnly declared by the above named Sterling Carroll to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Wm. H. Carson  
J. R. O. Hamilton  
J. D. Carroll  
J. O. Hamilton

State of Tennessee I E. Falkner Clerk of the County of Carroll County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & perfect copy of the last will and testament of Sterling Carroll deceased which was probated in open court at the Term 1880 and duly proven by the oaths of Wm. H. Carson, J. R. O. Hamilton, J. D. Carroll & J. O. Hamilton witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded this 15<sup>th</sup> April 1881.

E. Falkner clerk

Noncupative Will of W. H. Drby decd.  
On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1881 W. H. Drby deceased in his last sickness at his place of a home in Carroll County State of Tennessee and town of McKenzies declared in the presence of the undersigned whom he requested to bear witness thereto that his will was as follows:

That out of his policy of Two Thousand Dollars in the Knickerbocker Honor his debt should be paid & one half of the remainder he gave to his sister Annie Belle Drby, one fourth to Martin Henry Bartlett and the remainder fourth to Miss Libbie McDonald; the firm of Mt. Vernon Texas, the two latter of McKenzies Tennessee and that James A. Knox should be his Executor. The said W. H. Drby died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 1881.

Written and signed by me, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1881.

W. B. Sherrill  
J. A. Chandler  
Jas. A. Knox

State of Tennessee I E. Falkner Clerk of the County of Carroll County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the noncupative will of W. H. Drby as produced in open court at the Term 1880 and duly proven by the oaths of W. B. Sherrill, J. A. Chandler & James A. Knox witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded, this November 18<sup>th</sup> 1881.

E. Falkner clerk

## Noncupative Will of Jno. E. Wilbern

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1881 John E. Wilbern deceased in his last sickness at his own habitation in Carroll County, Tennessee declared in the presence of the undersigned whom he especially requested to bear witness thereto that his will was as follows:

That his wife Myra should have what he had everything to use sell or dispose of as she thought proper for and during her life time; and at her death what was left if any, should be go to his daughter Mary; that he wanted his wife to have exclusive right to sell his land if she thought it advisable to do so. The said John E. Wilbern died on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1881.

Written and signed by us this 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1881

J. E. McCall  
John Longene  
Duncan McMillan  
Harmon E. Worbitton

State of Tennessee }  
Carroll County } J. E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Noncupative will of John E. Wilbern as probated in open Court at the Term 188 and duly proven by the oath of J. E. McCall, John Longene, Duncan McMillan & Harmon E. Worbitton witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded. This November 18<sup>th</sup> 1881

E. Falkner cks

## William Mcbane's Will

I William Mcbane of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all will by me at any time heretofore made.

1<sup>st</sup> I wish all my just debts and funeral expenses paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that may first come into the hands of my Executor from any portion of my estate.

2<sup>d</sup> I will and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Mcbane for and during her natural life the homestead upon which we now reside containing one hundred and three acres more or less lying in the 23<sup>d</sup> civil District of Carroll

County Tennessee and bounded as follows: On the north by the lands of J. H. Mcbane and Charles French; on the west by the lands of A. J. Thompson; on the south by the lands of J. H. Hutchinson; on the east by the lands of Benjamin Cook. I also give unto her, for and during her natural life, all of my stock, farming tools, household and kitchen furniture, and all of the crop and provisions of every description now on hand.

3<sup>d</sup> At the death of my wife all of the real and personal property herein bequeathed and devised to her I give and bequeath the same to my grand son A. H. Mcbane (son of A. B. Mcbane).

4<sup>th</sup> Lastly I make nominate and appoint my grand son A. H. Mcbane Executor to this my last will and testament written on one sheet of legal cap paper.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1881.

Witness, William Johnson. William <sup>his</sup> Mcbane <sub>mark</sub>  
J. E. Thompson

State of Tennessee Carroll County.  
J. E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the will of William Mcbane deceased as probated in open Court at the Term 188 and duly proven by the oaths of William Johnson and J. E. Thompson witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded. This November 18<sup>th</sup> 1881

E. Falkner cks

## Mrs. Rebecca W. Hawkins Will

I Rebecca W. Hawkins of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee being now of sound mind and disposing memory and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainties of life do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament.

I am the owner in fee of two town lots in the town of Huntingdon Carroll County Tennessee known and designated in the plan of said town as lots No. ninety three and ninety four (the place on which my father and mother formerly resided) and which were conveyed to me by deed by J. E. Oculap and my mother Rebecca Caldwell on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1879 and my husband L. E. Hawkins having erected on said lots a valuable house for my use and benefit and prompted by the good will and affection which I owe and bear to my said husband and feeling that at my death what I shall



should go to him in his own right I give and devise to him at my death said lots 18-93 & 94 absolutely without any restriction whatsoever to have and to hold the same and do with them as he may think proper.  
In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand  
This Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1881

R. W. Hawkins

The foregoing instrument was signed and acknowledged in our presence on the day that it bears date by the Testator Mrs. R. W. Hawkins who acknowledged that she fully and voluntarily signed the same for the purposes therein set forth and at her special request we have hereunto attached our names as witnesses the same  
This Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 1881

J. C. McNeill

J. A. Grayson

I, E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Will of Mrs. Rebecca W. Hawkins as probated in open Court at the September Term 1881 and duly proved by the oaths of J. C. McNeill and J. A. Grayson and in which the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded. This Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1881  
E. Falkner Clerk

### William Phillips Will

I William Phillips of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made heretofore

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that all my just debts be paid, and burial expenses.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I will that the remainder of my effects be equally divided between my five children Charles J. Phillips, Benjamin Charles Phillips, William Sherwood Phillips, Mary Elizabeth Phillips, Nancy Fendall Phillips

Item 3<sup>d</sup> It is my will that my children be learned to read and write and each to the single rule of three out of any money that may come into the hands of my Executor My father Benjamin Phillips to administer on my estate.  
In testimony I hereunto set my hand and seal this the eighteenth of September 1881.

That

J. A. Longene  
William L. Longene

William Phillips

State of Tennessee I, E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of Carroll County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the will of Wm Phillips as probated in open Court at the September Term 1881 and duly proven by the oaths of J. A. Longene and William L. Longene witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded. This September 18<sup>th</sup> 1881.

E. Falkner Clerk

### James Harrell's Will

State of Tennessee I James Harrell do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Lurinda Harrell and her heirs my entire tract of land lying in district No. of the above mentioned County and State, also all my personal property that I may be possessed of. Thirdly I do hereby nominate and appoint J. A. Crumley my Executor and "Ex" in writing whereof I have this day set my hand and seal this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1874.  
Signed Sealed in our presence James Harrell Seal  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1874

J. A. Crumley Seal

J. N. Tynes Seal

J. M. Carter Seal

State of Tennessee Carroll County I, E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & perfect copy of the will of James Harrell as probated in open Court at the Term 188 and duly proven by the oaths of J. A. Crumley J. N. Tynes and J. M. Carter witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded. This May 8<sup>th</sup> 1882

E. Falkner  
Clerk

## Jesse H. Carters Will

I Jesse H. Carter do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my sons John E. Carter and Robert H. Carter fifty acres of land each off the south portion of my land lying on the west side of the N. Tennessee road, out to my sons Albert A. Ralph C. and Thomas H. Carter I give nothing, as I have here to fore given to them fifty acres of land by deed of gift, and finally I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth the remainder of my lands with all the appurtenances thereto together with all my personal property for her use and benefit during her life, time and after her death to be divided between my daughters Catherine, Nancy B. Rathy A. and Margaret C. and the children of J. J. Williams dec. for their use during their lives then to their heirs. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John E. Carter my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my this 10th day of February 1879 and thousand eight hundred and seventy nine.

Jesse H. Carter

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator. This the 10th day of February 1879.

Test. John H. Roberts

" O. C. McKimsey

State of Tennessee Carroll County

I E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County do certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the will of Jesse H. Carter as probated in open court at the Term 188 and duly proven by the oath of John H. Roberts and O. C. McKimsey witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the court duly probated and ordered to be recorded.

This May 8. 1882

E. Falkner  
Clerk.

## D. M. Erwin Will

State of Tennessee

Carroll County } Know all persons by these presents that I D. M. Erwin do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made. 1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor or administrator. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my nephew A. J. Williamson and my niece Elizabeth Williamson my entire interest in the tract of land on which I now live, which is one half of said tract and all the appurtenances thereto belonging, said land is in the 5th civil District of Carroll County Tennessee, and "Secondly" I give and bequeath to my nephew A. J. Williamson and my niece Elizabeth Williamson all other property I may die possessed of and lastly I do nominate and appoint my Executor.

In witness whereof I do, to this my will set my hand this the 9th day of Jan'y, 1882. Signed and published in our presence we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this the 9th day of January, 1882.

Witness Robert A. Cooper  
A. J. Williamson

D. M. Erwin

State of Tennessee Carroll County  
I E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the will of D. M. Erwin as probated in open court at the Term 188 and duly proven by the oath of Robert A. Cooper & A. J. Williamson witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the court duly probated and ordered to be recorded. This May 18th 1882.

E. Falkner Clerk



I, Elhim Cook, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife one hundred acres of land including the Price field and homestead, also two hundred dollars in money and the buggy and harness, and as to what goods of this world God has entrusted me with I desire that an equal distribution be made between all of my children, and as some of my children have had more given to them than some of the others, I desire the amount given to each must be set forth and first my daughter Nancy has had given one thousand and ten dollars; and 2<sup>d</sup> my daughter Annie has had given to her nineteen hundred and thirty dollars, and 3<sup>d</sup> to my oldest son Roland J. Cook I have given two thousand dollars, and 4<sup>th</sup> to my second son N. H. Cook I have given thirty thousand dollars, and 5<sup>th</sup> to my 3<sup>d</sup> son Lemuel J. Cook I have given five thousand dollars and as that sum is more than my other children will get in the final division, that and therefore I give unto my said son Lemuel J. Cook a certain bay horse, mule now in his possession and no more. But I desire and intend that he shall keep what I have given him, and I desire that he shall not be molested or interrupted in the possession of the same. and 6<sup>th</sup> to my daughter Lucinda I have given thirteen hundred and sixty three dollars, and 7<sup>th</sup> to my daughter Follie I have given nineteen hundred & eighty dollars and now I desire that in the final distribution of what goods I may possess and leave behind me, that those of my children who have had less given them by me be made equal with those who have had more given them, and further if after all of my children have been made equal in the division, if there should be a surplus of property in that case I desire that said balance be equally divided amongst all of my children, and also what property I have given to my beloved wife I direct that after her decease that the same be divided equally amongst my children, and further I direct my bed and furniture be given to my grandson Albert Cook, and finally I desire that after my decease that my remains or body be buried in a manner according to my situation in life and that a tomb stone be furnished and the expenses be paid out of any money I may have

that is first on hand, and I also direct that one acre of my be given to my said beloved wife, and lastly I hereby appoint my son in law C. B. Mays my sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23<sup>d</sup> day of September A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Eighty one.

Signed sealed published and solemnly declared by the above named Elhim Cook to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the State

1st John J. Currow  
C. B. Mays  
P. D. Caldwell

Elhim Cook (Seal)

State of Tennessee Carroll County  
J. E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County do certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the will of Elhim Cook as probated in open Court at the February Term 1882 and duly proven by the oaths of John J. Currow, C. B. Mays, & P. D. Caldwell witnesses thereto when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded this August 23<sup>d</sup> 1882.

J. E. Falkner Clerk

I, Surnell Oliver of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former at any time heretofore made.

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money I may have possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor from any portion of my estate either real or personal.

2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife Charity Oliver for and during her natural life my old home stead place lying in the 11<sup>th</sup> civil District of Carroll County Tennessee and bounded on the north by Shuff man, on the east by King, on the south by Wilson & Nesbitt and on the west by H. B. Martinow containing about 254 acres. I also give unto her my household and kitchen furniture, my horse, buggy and harness.

3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary C. Oliver land in the 11<sup>th</sup> civil District of Carroll County Tennessee containing about 254 acres.

one thousand dollars which amount her husband Henry Johnson is now owing me, and the same can be paid to him and her by returning the notes I hold against him for said amount, and he is not to account for any interest on said notes.

1<sup>st</sup> I have heretofore advanced to my daughter Sarah Brit the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in stock and household furniture, I give unto her or her heirs the further sum of Five Dollars, and neither her or her heirs shall receive any thing more from any portion of my estate.

5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Brit wife of Wiley A. Brit a certain tract of land lying in the 11<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Carroll County Tennessee, bounded north by Bauson, east by Warbenton, south by Cyrus Wilson and west by Neword containing about 50 acres; it being a tract of land that I heretofore purchased from J. B. Nesbitt I estimate the same to him at the price of One Thousand Dollars.

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son Sidney Oliver the tract of land that I have bequeathed unto my wife by the 3<sup>d</sup> clause of this will, and as it is to take possession of the same at her death, and I place no estimate upon the same in making this request unto him, I also give unto him my one half interest I have in and to a certain cotton gin that has been erected on the premises of F. B. R. Johnson, without placing any estimate upon the same as to the value thereof. I also give unto my said son a tract of land lying in the 11<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Carroll County Tennessee bounded north by McMullen, east by my old homestead place south by Warbenton and west by Bauson containing about 75 acres; it being a tract of land that I have heretofore purchased from C. E. Woods as agent for Poling, I estimate said tract of land to him at the price of One Thousand Dollars.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my daughter Matilda Johnson wife of Martin Johnson a certain tract of land lying in the 12<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Carroll County Tennessee bounded north by Henry Johnson east by McLellan, south by Hilliard and west by Henry Johnson containing 128 acres. It being a tract of land that I have purchased from William White, I estimate said land to her at the price of one thousand dollars.

8<sup>th</sup> I have one other tract of land which I purchased from Jack Nesbitt lying in the 12<sup>th</sup> Civil

District of Carroll County Tennessee containing about 40 acres. I direct that my Executors sell the same without any order of court upon such terms as they may think best either publicly or privately, and execute title to the purchaser, they will appropriate the proceeds first to the payment of any debts that I may owe and the remainder to be divided between my three daughters to wit: Mary Johnson, Martha Brit (wife of Wiley A. Brit) and Matilda Johnson share and share alike.

9<sup>th</sup> If there should be any remainder after complying the above requests I direct that the same shall be equally divided between my wife and my four children to wit: Mary Johnson, Martha Brit, Sidney Oliver and Matilda Johnson share and share alike.

10<sup>th</sup> I make nominate and appoint my son Sidney Oliver and my son in law Henry Johnson Executors to this my last will and testament written upon two sheets of legal cap paper.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1878.

signed in presence of as who have subscribed as witnesses in presence of the testator and in the presence of each other on the day the same bears date.

J. H. Rogers  
Henry Johnson

I Burrell Oliver do hereby make this as a codicil to the will made by me on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1878 and desire to change the same as follows, to wit:

The 7<sup>th</sup> clause of said will gives to my daughter Matilda Johnson a certain tract of land therein described. It is my will and desire that at the death of my daughter said Matilda Johnson the said land bequeathed to her shall pass to her children absolutely, and her husband shall have no right or claim to said land either as a tenant by the courtesy or otherwise.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand to this the codicil to my will this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1880.

Witness  
E. G. Ridgley  
E. Falkner

State of Tennessee Carroll County  
I E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County do certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the last will of said Burrell Oliver deceased as produced in open Court at the same



Term 1882 and duly probated by the oaths of the witnesses  
thereunto attached when the same was declared by the court  
duly probated and ordered to be recorded. This August 23, 1882  
E. Falkner Clerk

## J. H. Carter's Will

I, J. H. Carter of the County of Carroll  
State of Tennessee do make and publish this  
as my last will and testament hereby revoking  
and making void all others by me at any time made.  
First I direct that all 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  
Secondly I direct that the balance of my Executor  
be paid and bequeath all the rest of my estate  
both real and personal to my nephew in law  
W. H. Alexander after the death of my beloved  
wife Catharine Carter.  
Thirdly I direct that after my death my nephew  
W. H. Alexander take my beloved wife Cath  
arine Carter in his possession and see that she  
be well cared for as long as she may live.  
Fourthly I do hereby nominate and appoint W. H. A.  
Alexander my Executor. In witness whereof  
I to this my will set my hand. This 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
Oct. 1878.

J. H. Carter

Witnessed and signed in our presence and we have  
subscribed our names here to in the presence of  
the testator. This 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 1878

J. M. Doones  
H. A. Hickman

State of Tennessee  
Carroll County I, E. Falkner Clerk of the  
County Court of said County  
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and  
perfect copy of the last will and testament of  
J. H. Carter deceased as produced in open court  
at the October Term 1882 and duly probated by  
the oaths of J. M. Doones and H. A. Hickman  
when the same was declared by the court duly  
probated and ordered to be recorded. This Oct. 3, 1882  
E. Falkner  
Clerk

## John A. Ditchard's Will

I John A. Ditchard having the proper exercise  
of my mind and believing that my earthly exist  
ence will soon come to an end do make and pub  
lish this as my last will and testament hereby re  
calling and revoking and making void all and  
any other will which I may have heretofore made.  
First I wish and direct that my Executor herein af  
ter named shall as soon after my death as possible  
pay my funeral expenses and all debts that may  
be standing against me out of the goods and money  
that may come into his hands.  
Secondly I give and bequeath to the two children  
respectively Anna & Clepton, they being the children  
by my second wife Melissa Ditchard as each of them  
being all I wish these children to have out of my estate  
as I consider that I have heretofore sufficiently provided  
for them.

Thirdly I give devise and bequeath to my children by  
my first wife Lucy said children being named respect  
ively William H. Ditchard, John A. Ditchard, Milford  
Ditchard, Elizabeth Ditchard the widow of W. H. Butler  
Mary Bell Porter wife of J. M. Porter and Francis  
Henrietta Ditchard all of my personal and real estate  
jointly to share and share alike. My real estate which  
I bequeath to these last named children is bounded  
and described as follows Lying and being in civil  
dist. 1<sup>st</sup> Range 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 1 of Carroll County Ten  
nessee at a point 40 poles south and 40 poles west  
of the south east corner of a survey in the name of  
John Holmes for 100 acres on a state with black oak  
pointers thence south 130 poles to a state in a hollow  
black oak and post oak pointers thence west 142 3/4 poles  
to a state with two black oak and black oak pointers  
thence north 19 1/2 poles to a state in the south edge of  
the stage road with pointers thence north 47 1/2 poles to  
a state with black oak and Spanish oak  
pointers thence north 73 1/2 poles to a state with pointers  
thence east 184 1/4 poles to the beginning containing  
138 acres more or less. I also bequeath the last named  
children they being the children by my first wife Lucy  
the following tract of land lying in the 6<sup>th</sup> civil dist  
of Carroll County Tennessee bounded as follows  
Beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> poles east of the north east corner of Lot  
No 3 of the George Smith lands and known as lot  
No 4 of the said Smith lands on a state with pointers  
thence north 63 1/2 poles to a state with pointers

thence west 43° poles west to a stake with pointers  
thence south 63° poles to a stake with pointers, thence  
east 43° poles to the beginning.

Also the following tract of land in the 6<sup>th</sup> Dist  
of Carroll County, Tennessee, beginning on a stake  
with pointers the north west corner of a 196 acre  
entry in the name of A. B. Christian commonly  
known as the Carlton occupant, thence east 66 poles  
to a stake with pointers in Twp. 6. Spains north bound  
any line thence south 90 poles to a stake with pointers  
thence west 18 poles to a black oak with pointers  
Spains north bound any line, thence south 70 poles  
to a stake with pointers, thence west 46 poles to a  
stake with pointers in the west bound any line of the  
original tract, thence north 160 poles to the beginning  
containing 87 acres more or less. The first two de-  
scribed tracts of land I have on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February  
1881 conveyed to my children by my first wife but  
I make this devise of said land ~~in order~~ in order to  
make assurance doubly sure of all of said property  
going to said children at my death without any  
one else claiming or having a right to claim an in-  
terest in any of my real or personal estate except  
as I have herein designated it.

Monthly I hereby constitute and appoint my son William  
H. Pritchard and J. M. Porter the Executors of this  
my will. In testimony whereof I have this day written  
my name this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1884.

Signed & Published in my presence John H. Pritchard  
and we have this day subscribed our  
names in the presence of the testator  
at his request this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1884.

William P. Henderson  
William E. McKinney

State of Tennessee, Carroll County

I, E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said  
County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true  
and perfect copy of the last will and testament  
of John H. Pritchard deceased, as produced at the  
October term 1884 of said Court and duly probated by  
the oaths of William P. Henderson and William  
E. McKinney when the same was declared by the  
Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded.  
This October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1884.

E. Falkner Clerk

State of Tennessee, known all men by these presents  
Carroll County, that I Mary Hall have this day be-  
queathed and given to the children of my daughter Ann  
Smith all my effects both personal and real after  
all my liabilities are discharged, and I further ap-  
point the said A. J. Smith my Executor to this my  
last will and testament and it is my request that  
she enter upon the discharge of her duty without giving  
bond, and that she divide it equally between them  
as she may see fit to do. Given under my hand  
this 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 1881

Just J. P. Bramley  
Henry Chambers

Mary Ann Hall

State of Tennessee, Carroll County.  
I, E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County,  
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and per-  
fect copy of the last will and testament of Mary  
Hall deceased, as produced at the October term  
1884 of said Court and duly probated by the oaths  
of J. P. Bramley and Henry Chambers, where  
the same was declared by the Court duly probated  
and ordered to be recorded this October 6<sup>th</sup> 1884.  
E. Falkner Clerk

## Richard Nuckolls Will

In the name of God Amen.

I Richard Nuckolls  
being sorely afflicted and expecting death, proceed  
to here put of record my will which is the result  
of my "last wishes". For many years as follows  
First, I wish my soul to God next as to my estate.  
I devise all just debts to be paid by my Executors  
who are Howell Smith of Callaway County and Nelson  
Owens & Moses Riley of Marshall County Kentucky.  
First I bequeath to said Howell Smith of my estate  
one thousand dollars, and to Nelson Owens five  
hundred dollars and to Moses Riley five hun-  
dred dollars. Secondly I bequeath that my Executors  
take care of, raise up to mature age and if possi-  
ble, educate out of the proceeds of my estate  
the boy Bob and the girl Fannie and the boy Ned,  
and give them as I hereby do at their maturity  
and send them off to some foreign free country  
as required by the laws of Kentucky and furnish  
them with five hundred dollars each to settle them  
before in the new country. My Executors to have  
the discretion how to sell my move and land



except the tract lying here on Blanks River three miles south east of Wadesboro at which place I wish is their houses to be put up and a farm cleared, the negroes put at and upon said farm and managed and controlled by my executors, particularly by Howell Smith till after the maturity of the free children, Fobe, Fannie & Ned when it is the farm and the negroes may be sold and the balance of every thing distributed among my brothers and sisters equally allowing my two sisters Tabitha Foot and Eleanor McKelly, Long and my beloved brother Starling Muckolls ten percent over their distributable proportion of my estate, this I do owing to sterling misfortunes and my sisters with them being poorer than the rest. The following portions of my will is intended to be more directive to my Executors than otherwise I have a tract of land of four hundred acres lying in Carroll County, Tennessee eight miles south of McMinnsville or near it which my Executors should attend to immediately as their discretion may point out and prevent depredation and make such disposition of it as they think proper. I have a tract of land in Marshall County Kentucky lying three miles east of Briantburg which they (my Executors) may dispose of if it becomes necessary to carry into effect my foregoing bequest. I have a law suit now depending in the Grand Circuit Court between Laman & Horton and my self in which suit they are urging an unjust claim against me which suit I desire my Executors to defend the utmost extremity. I owed Camillus Witherspoon on some notes for the hire of my boy Allan leaving out the last years hire and a judgment for near One Hundred Dollars against him to pay his tavern bill against me then not being secured to me by security, and found being well secured to me by good security, he by falsely making it appear that there had been a contract between us that the hire of the negro was to go in payment of the tavern bill, he succeeded in pleading an account for set off on account that much of it was unjust owing to my extreme sickness and my messenger failing to perform his duty, I cannot be at the trial nor my executor

lawyer get word from me whether I could be there or not which enabled at Kission to do me great personal wrong in that suit. I have an interest in a claim now undergoing adjudication in Columbia Arkansas with C. Bird & Co against a man by the name of Witherspoon amounting to about two thousand dollars to my part which I desire to be strictly attended to. That soon my books irrespective of date are just. In relation to settling my accounts, that my Executors have full discession in adjusting & compromising as they may think proper, my Executors is not to be required to give security unless good cause is shown by interested parties. Given under my hand & seal this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1860

Wm. D. Grayham  
J. G. Gardner  
Caml. A. Barry

Richard Muckolls (seal)

I Doris M. Ellison Clerk of the Callaway County Court in the State of Kentucky do certify that at a county court begun and held for said County at the Court house in Miranda on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> instant the foregoing last will and testament of Richard Muckolls deceased was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of J. G. Gardner & C. A. Barry two of the subscribing witnesses thereto as required by law and ordered to be recorded. In testimony of which and that the same together with this certificate stands truly recorded in my office I hereunto set my hand, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October A.D. 1860

D. M. Ellison Clerk  
by C. H. Brington D.C.

Callaway County Court, October 22<sup>nd</sup> A.D. 1860 presiding J. M. Jones Judge

Aunting purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard Muckolls deceased was this day produced in Court and proven by the oaths of J. G. Gardner & C. A. Barry two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

State of Kentucky  
Callaway County Clerk

I J. J. McLean Clerk of the Callaway County Court in the State of Kentucky do certify that the foregoing pages contain a true and correct copy of the last will and

and testament of Richard Nichols deceased the order probating and admitting same to record and the clerk's certificate reading same as appears from the records of my office

[L.S.]

Given under my hand and seal of office this July 11<sup>th</sup> 1881

J. N. Williams Clerk

State of Kentucky, Callaway County,

J. B. G. Oury, Presiding Judge of the Callaway County Court do certify that J. N. Williams whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing the same the duly elected and qualified Clerk of said court that all his acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit this 11<sup>th</sup> July 1881

J. B. G. Oury J. C. C.

State of Kentucky,  
Callaway County,

J. N. Williams Clerk

of the Callaway County Court do certify that J. B. G. Oury whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing the same Presiding Judge of the Callaway County Court duly commissioned & qualified as such and that all his acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit Given under my hand & seal of office this

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1881

[L.S.]

State of Tennessee, Carroll County,

J. E. Falkner Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the last will and testament of Richard Nichols deceased as produced at the July Term 1881 of said Court and duly proven by the oaths of J. V. Gardner & J. N. Tarry wherein the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded this Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1882

J. E. Falkner Clerk

# John J. Hugua's Will

In the name of God, Amen

I John J. Hugua of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do then for make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say, after all my lawful and just debts are paid, then all the remainder of my real and personal estate I bequeath give and bequeath as follows to wit:

I give to my dear beloved wife Martha Ann Hugua the following described tract of land in fee simple to do as she pleases with at her death, said land lying in Carroll County near the old town of Christmansville and bounded as follows: Beginning on the south west corner of my Cooper tract, thence running up Plum Creek poles, thence west poles to R. Youngs land, thence with his line passing his corner then with wingos line so far that by running east so far that running back to the beginning will include one hundred acres. I also give to my wife one two horse wagon and two choice mules, also two choice milk cows and calves and all of my household & kitchen furniture except two feather beds and one Spring mattress, +

The remainder of my real and personal property I wish equally divided between my son Wm. J. Hugua and my daughter Mary M. Aden and share alike during their natural lives and at their death to be divided between their children that is Wm. J.'s children to have one half and Mary M. Aden to have the other half. But in the event that my son Wm. J. or my daughter Mary M. and her husband shall think it best to sell this other part and invest the money in other property for the benefit of their children, I do hereby empower and constitute them as trustee, (that is Wm. J. Hugua for his children, and Clinton Aden for his children) to dispose of said land and invest the proceeds as above directed. I make this will so that there may not be any advancements made by me during my life, mine brought up against either of my children after my death but that what I may give at my death may be equally divided between them. I also give my son William J. One feather bed



one feather bed and covering, the spring mattress, give to my grand daughter Elizabeth Hugua. I give my gold watch to my son Wm. J. during his life and then to his son Charlie.

I give one third of all the balance of my personal property and money not otherwise disposed of at my death to my beloved wife. I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend B. J. Kilman to be my executor to this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of November 1880.

John J. Hugua  
The above instrument was subscribed by the said John J. Hugua in our presence and acknowledged by him to be his last will and testament and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto. Said will being written on three half sheets of paper.

H. K. Coleman

J. W. Hugua

Codified

The amount of land I give to my beloved wife Martha Ann Hugua in 1st Clause I desire to increase to the full amount of the remainder left unsold to John Cooper. Said land is known as the Jones or Cobb land supposed to contain one hundred and twenty five or one hundred and thirty acres. As the same more or less, I give the above mentioned land in fee simple to be disposed of as she may wish. I wish land I give in lieu of and instead of Dower & Homestead in any other lands I may be possessed of at my death. This Jan 21st 1881

Attest S. J. Williams

Jno J. Hugua

John R. Kilman

State of Tennessee Carroll County  
J. C. Haekner Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the last will and testament with codicil attached of John J. Hugua dec. and probated in open court at the October Term 1880 and duly probated by the oath of the witnesses thereto attached when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded. This October 11th 1880

C. Haekner Clerk

Mrs Ann P. Doherty's Will

I Ann P. Doherty of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all other wills by me at any time made, and make the following dispositions of my property after the paying of my just debts if any as soon after my death as possible.

1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann E. Doherty one half of all my real and personal estate of every class and character including money choses in action &c.

2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Laura D. Doherty the other one half of my real and personal estate of every class and character including money choses in action &c.

3rd I desire and request my said two daughters Ann E. and Laura D. not to sell or dispose of any part or interest in the property devised in the second and first clauses or devise of this will only by their joint consent & their joint conveyance.

4th If either of my said two daughters shall die leaving no child or children then and in that event I devise & direct as my intention that the interest of such deceased one of said daughters shall pass to the survivor of the said two daughters of the property devised in this will.

5th The real estate herein bequeathed in this will includes the town lots I involve upon and occupy in the town of Huntsington in Carroll County Tennessee and my undivided interest in the lands of my deceased Father Estate Benjamin Howard lying in Perry County Tennessee and my interest in five town lots in Decaturville Decatur County Tennessee the same being Lots No. 31, 32, 34, 35 and three fourths of Lot No. 36 as known and designated on the plan of said town of Decaturville Tenn. And a bill being now filed in Chancery at Decaturville Tenn. to partition a part of said town lots in Decaturville. It is my intention that the proceeds of said lots if sold, shall pass under this will as if the same had not been sold.

6th I nominate and appoint my daughter Ann E. Doherty executrix to this will, and direct that she be authorized to in all things execute this will without being required by the County Court to give or execute any bond of any character whatever. Given under my hand this 30th day of January A. D. 1880.

Ann P. Doherty Decd.

The foregoing paper writing or will was signed & acknowledged by Mrs Ann P. Doherty the Testatrix in our presence and we at her request and in her presence affix our names hereto as witnesses to the fact. This 30th day of January A. D. 1880.

H. D. Baldwin

J. W. Doherty

State of Tennessee } I E Falkner Clerk of the County  
Carroll County } Court of said County do hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a true and  
perfect copy of the last Will and Testament of Mrs.  
John P. Doherty as produced in open Court at the Sep-  
tember Term 1882 and duly probated by the oath of H. Doherty  
well and J. M. Doherty witnesses thereto attached, when the same  
was declared by the Court duly probated and ordered to be recorded.  
This Dec. 14. 1882.

E Falkner Clerk

### John A. Pritchards Will

I John A. Pritchard having the proper exercise  
of my mind and believing that my earthly ex-  
istence will soon come to an end do make and  
publish this as my last will and testament here-  
by revoking, recalling and making void all and  
every other which I may have heretofore made.  
I wish and direct that my executor herein  
after named shall as soon after my death as possi-  
ble pay my burial expenses and all debts that may  
be outstanding against me out of the first money  
that may come to his hands.

First  
Second  
G. W.

### John A. Gray's Will

The last will and testament of John Henry Gray  
of Carroll County Tenn.

I John Henry Gray in the name of God Amen  
being now of sound mind and memory and well  
knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death  
do make & publish this my last will and testament  
as follows, To wit:

I will and bequeath that my two most valued  
by the names of Kate & Beek aged about ten years each  
be sold by my Executors on a short time after my  
death upon such terms as they deem best and the  
proceeds thereof appropriated to the benefit of my  
five children Willheller Johnson Gray & Kate Gray.  
I will & bequeath to my bodily heirs my beneficial  
policy on the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of  
United Workmen of Lexington Tennessee, said  
policy No 31 & Lodge No 32. Said Policy is for  
Two Thousand Dollars & made payable to my bodily  
heirs. It is my desire that my Executors

collect the money due on said policy and appropriate  
the same as follows To wit: I want the annual interest  
ing from said money or so much thereof as is necessary ap-  
plied for schooling and clothing of my said bodily heirs  
and should it become necessary for their support in that  
event I direct my Executors to appropriate the principal  
five percent of the same for their annual support.  
At the marriage or maturity of my said heirs I direct  
my Executors to pay to my said heirs their respective  
shares of said money as they may become of age or  
marry.

Third I further will to my daughter Willheller Johnson  
Gray one brass one bedstead one feather bed & covering  
& one one day clock and it is my request that my  
Executors take in the custody & possession of my daughter  
Willheller Johnson said brass bedstead bed & bed-  
clothing & clock.

Fourth I hereby constitute & appoint O. H. Williams &  
W. A. Carson my Executors to carry out & execute this  
my last will & testament here giving bond as required  
by law. Done at my residence in Carroll County  
Tennessee on this the first day of November 1882.

Witness my hand &c  
Attending witnesses  
E. M. Backer ditto  
Jno. J. Smith

John Henry Gray

State of Tennessee Carroll County  
I E Falkner Clerk of the County Court do hereby certify  
that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the last will  
and testament of John A. Gray as produced in open Court  
at the Term 1883 and duly probated by the oath  
of E. M. Backer ditto & Jno. J. Smith witnesses thereto attached  
when the same was declared by the Court duly probated and  
ordered to be recorded, this March 16. 1883.  
E. Falkner clerk

### Catherine Taylors Will

I Catherine Taylor being of sound mind and disposing  
memory and knowing that it is appointed unto all  
mortals once to die, do make and publish this my last  
will and testament hereby revoking all others by me  
at any time made.

I be-  
I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body  
which I desire may be decently buried I resign to  
its mother earth.

2d I wish all my just debts to be paid as soon





## Martha M Johnson Will

- I Martha M Johnson do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor
2. Secondly I give and bequeath to L. O. Gooch all the property both personal and real whether consisting of bonds notes mortgages moneys or any property of any description whatsoever that may be in my possession at the time of death Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint J. M. Wood my executor In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November One Thousand Eight hundred and Eighty One

Martha M Johnson  
Mar 12

Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator This the fifth day of November Eighteen hundred and Eighty One

Wm Moore  
L. C. Kyle

## Mary A. Heartman Will

I Mary A. Heartman of the 19<sup>th</sup> Civil district of Carroll County & State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made First I give and bequeath to my beloved husband W. H. Heartman all of my property which I may die possessed of both real & personal and also all the property that may be coming to me from my Father's Estate Except

my Gold watch which I will & bequeath to my Sister Mary Elizabeth Harris

2. I desire all the property that my beloved husband may die possessed of that coming to me through this will or otherwise I desire my beloved Sister Mary Elizabeth Harris to have I therefore give & bequeath it to her In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1883

Lest  
J. H. Howard  
J. C. Wilder

Mary A. Heartman (Seal)

## John S. Massey Will

I John S. Massey being feeble in body but strong in mind and disposing of my property do make this my last will and testament I commit my spirit to the god that gave it and my body to my friends to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner

1. First I give and bequeath to my son John S. Massey all of my estate both Real and personal I give and bequeath to John S. Massey my home tract of land and on which I reside being in the County of Carroll Tennessee containing 44 Acres also a mother tract known as the Meadors tract containing 88 Acres also House hold an Kitchen furniture Stock of all kinds and wheat crop and a grain may be on the lands at my decease and all the Farming appurtenances I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth who has since intermarried with James Meadors five dollars I appoint W. H. Massey my executor to this my last will and testament Signed and Sealed in the presence of this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 1882

A. L. Rice  
L. G. Coover

John S. Massey

State of Tennessee I E. J. Adams Clerk of said County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the will of John S. Massey as shown to the jury from 1883 of said County Court & proven by the oaths of A. L. Rice & L. G. Coover & declared to be the last will & testament of John S. Massey ordered to be read and the same on June 11<sup>th</sup> 1883



## Joseph Rodgers Will

I Joseph Rodgers of the State of Tennessee Carroll County being in perfect mind and memory and in good health calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the Estate with which it has pleased God to bless me with shall be disposed of after my decease while I have strength and capacity to do so make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all ~~other~~ last will and testaments by me heretofore made And first I ~~commend~~ <sup>commend</sup> my immortal being to him who gave it and my body to this Earth to be buried with little expense or ostentation by my Executors herein after named And as to my worldly Estate and all the property Real Personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease.

I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following (To wit)

First My Will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall by Executors herein after named be paid out of my Estate as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient

Item I will and bequeath unto my son Philip S Rodgers fifty acres land of the West Corner of my tract beginning in or on Mike Broomans East line my North West corner and running East a sufficient number of poles cornering in or on my North line and thence running South to my South line cornering in or on said South line and thence West with said line to my South West corner thence North with my West line to the Beginning making fifty acres of Land of the West Corner of said tract

Item I will and bequeath unto my two Daughters Martha Payne and Margaret McCreackin the Balance of my Tract of Land the East End of said Tract to be equally divided Between them Both

Item It is my will that my Executors shall sell as soon after my death the Balance of my property that I may have on hand and the proceeds of said sale and what money and notes that I may have on hand to be divided equally Between all three of my Children P S Rodgers and Martha Payne and Margaret McCreackin Share and Share alike after my first two Bequests

Lastly I do nominate my said son P S Rodgers to be the Executor of this my last will and Testament without having to give security

In Testimony where of I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 12 day of January 1871

Test  
David McDonald } Joseph Rodgers (Seal)  
W J Huguenot }

## William P Sharp Will

In the name of God Amen

I William P Sharp being of sound mind & memory but feeble in body & knowing the uncertainty of humane life do make & publish this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me on a

First I direct all my just debts paid out of my Estate by my Executors and my body to be decently buried

Second I have heretofore sold to my son W H Sharp my home tract of Land of some 210 acres and I desire here to permit my beloved wife to live with him on said Land during her natural life in accordance with the terms of said deed

And I desire my beloved wife to have all my personal property of every kind except what I may hereinafter dispose of differently

Fourth I owe a debt of some one hundred dollars to Henry Gairns for a horse I bought of him and I desire said debt by my Executors out of the proceeds they may realize from the sale of said horse and I hereby direct them to sell said horse as soon as they can do so either privately or publicly and pay said debt

Fifth I give unto my Grand son Barnabas M Gairns an undivided One half interest in my Gaff tract of Land of 100 acres to be his absolutely the other half of said Tract I give unto my daughter Sallie Ridley for & during her natural life and in the event of her death before my Grandson Barnabas M then I wish him to have all of said Land and in the event of his death first then I wish my daughter Sallie to have all of said Land and in the event of their said parties desiring it then I wish my Executors (who are created Trustees for that purpose) to have the power to sell said tract of Land & make title thereof to the purchaser and reinvest the proceeds in other Land which the said Sallie & Barnabas M shall own as aforesaid

Sixth I have heretofore given to my daughter Rebecca J wife of B J Clayton & to my daughter Judith W wife of F W Meadows their part or proportion of my Estate

Seventh There is a suit now pending against me or a judgment against me in the Supreme Court or Chancery Court for my purchase of the Traff Land a portion of which judgment has been paid by me Now I have several hundred dollars in Term money and I desire my Executors to pay said Term money on said judgment if in their judgment they ought to do so This is a matter I leave to their discretion taking into consideration all the circumstances of the case

Eighth I have a claim against the U. S. Government for property taken during the War In the event said claim is collected I desire my daughter Rebecca F. Clayton to have the one third thereof My daughter Judith W. Meadow one third & my daughter Sallie Ridley & her son Bernard M. Gains to have the other third jointly

Ninth I hereby nominate and appoint my friends W. M. Carson & George W. Rodgers as my Executors to execute this Will and I wish them to be released from giving any Bonds if they desire to do so trusting the matter to their fidelity & integrity

Given under my hand and acknowledge in the presence of the witnesses hereunto subscribed

This 17<sup>th</sup> of July 1863

Test

H. G. Jones  
P. H. Oliver

W. F. Thaspe

David Bell Will

In the name of God Amen  
I David Bell of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee being in feeble health but of sound mind and memory calling to mind the uncertainty of life and that it is appointed unto men once to die do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others

Item 1 I assign my soul to God who gave it and who doth all things well and my body to be decently buried in the earth from whence it came

Item 2 I desire that all my just debts shall be paid as soon after my death as may be practicable

Item 3 I desire that my Executors hereinafter named shall as soon after my death as they may deem expedient remove the incumbrance off of my real Estate and sell publicly or privately upon such terms and in such tracts as they may deem best all the lands belonging to my Estate except a Homestead for my dear wife and children to live on And I would suggest that they lay it off for sale in the following manner One tract to include the Green Moore improvements Beginning on Gordons South Boundary line on a small black gum marked pole and off in a deep hollow just above a gate on the road side running South to a crop fence that runs East and West through the farm thence East to the road leading to Macedonia and with said road to Gordons South boundary line thence with said line to the beginning containing about fifty five or sixty acres And I further suggest that they begin at the crop fences on the S. E. corner of the above described tract and runs west to T. P. Canallys ones line and with said line down the branch to D. C. Bell line thence East with his line to a corner thence North forty poles to a corner thence East to Osborn Russ line thence North with his line to a crop fence thence West to the beginning well contain I think Seventy five or a hundred acres further that the best place over by the Gin be sold separate Also the eighty acre tract adjoining Mrs. Butlers be sold alone The remainder to go with my old home place and in like manner to sell all my personal property except such portion thereof as my beloved wife Mary may desire to keep

Item 4 I wish all of my beloved children to be thoroughly educated and to be suitably provided for and supported out of the bulk of my estate until they may marry or shall arrive at twenty one years of age and they shall not be charged with the cost of such education in the final





# Lurinda Harrell Will

In the name of God Amen I Lurinda Harrell of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make Codicils publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say first after all my lawful debts paid and discharged the residue of my Estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit to my beloved Son James H Harrell all the Land I have or may have at the time of my decease Since I am now lying and being in the fifth civil district of Jefferson County and State of Tennessee I make constitute and appoint J. S. Bigger to be executor of this my will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal the fourth day of February in the Year of Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Eighty four

Lurinda Harrell  
Married

The above written instrument was Subscribed and acknowledged by her to each of us and here at the same time published and declare the above instrument so Subscribed to be her last will and testament and we at the testators request and in her presence have signed our names as witnesses here to and written opposite our names our respective places of residence

J. J. House Carroll Co. Tennessee  
J. H. Hairs Carroll Co. Tennessee  
J. L. Campion Carroll Co. Tennessee

# William McCullough Will

I William McCullough being in sound mind and memory do make this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made

1<sup>st</sup> I desire that all my debts and burial Expenses be paid out of any moneys on hand or that may first come in to the hands of my Executor

2<sup>nd</sup> I Give to my beloved wife M. McCullough all of my property both real and personal to have and to hold during her life and at her death to descend to my two daughters Mary E. McCullough and Margaret S. McCullough to have and to hold the same while they the two remain single if one should marry the property shall go to the other if they both marry then the property to be divided I desire that my two daughters Maria above shall take care of my younger daughter Ada King and give to her if she should marry one bid & furniture

I Give to sons J. J. McCullough and William McCullough and daughter Rebecca above one dollar each I make and appoint my Son in Law Jesse S. Davis my Executor to collect or sell a sufficient of property to pay my debts if any there be

In testimony whereof I set my hand and Seal the 9<sup>th</sup> 1884

Wm McCullough

Wm McCullough



# Nancy Norman's Will

In the name of God amen  
I Nancy Norman being of sound mind and  
memory and knowing the uncertainty of Life  
Make this my last will and testament revoking  
all former wills by me made (To wit)

I appoint R H Carter my Executor who shall  
immediately after my demise take into his pos-  
session and control all the property which I may  
have or claim at the time of my death consisting  
of Household & Kitchen furniture Books &c also an  
claim allowed me in the will of my deceased  
husband to wit John Norman amount Two  
thousand Dollars I further authorize and instau-  
-t my Executor to sell all my property at as early  
a day as convenient after my death & to apply the  
proceeds of said property as follows.

I direct that my incumbrance debts be paid out  
of the first money collected including my burial  
expenses. Secondly I direct my Executor to settle  
(if not paid before) the liabilities of my deceased son  
-ghter Sarah A. Brewer with Charles Forrest includ-  
ing the burial expenses of the same should there  
be any money left I direct my Executor to divide  
the balance between the following: Maria Heirs  
to wit Cynthia Duchoit Margaret Coleman Harriet  
Coleman Mary Hartman Charles Jacques John  
B. Norman and the Heirs of Josephine Carter Equally  
except ten Dollars which I direct said Executor to  
pay to the heirs of Sarah Brewer to wit Mortimer M  
+ Lucie which will be one dollar each

In Testimony I hereunto set my hand & seal  
Signed in the presence of J. F. Rodgers & E. F. Bagley  
This Febry 24<sup>th</sup> 1892

At Witness  
J. F. Rodgers  
& E. F. Bagley

Nancy Norman Seal  
mark

# Joshua A. G. Rodgers Will

Know all men by these presents that I Joshua A. G.  
Rodgers in the County of Carroll and State of  
Tennessee being in good health and of  
sound disposing mind and memory do make and  
publish this my last will and testament hereby  
revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore  
made. First I hereby constitute and appoint my  
Wife Susanah to be sole Executor of this my last  
will directing my said executor to pay all my  
just debts and funeral expenses and the legacies here-  
inafter given out of my estate. Second after the payment  
of my said debts and funeral expenses I give and  
bequeath to my beloved wife Susanah all my said  
home tract of land containing one hundred and  
eleven acres with all the remainder of my personal prop-  
erty during her lifetime or Widdow hood and after her  
death or Marriage again then the same to belong to my  
son Joshua A. Rodgers as the balance of my said heirs  
have received these portions of land of my said real  
estate and the remainder of said personal estate to  
be sold and equally divided amongst all my children  
and their heirs respectively share and share alike.  
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal  
and publish and declare this to be my last will and  
testament in the presence of this March the 7<sup>th</sup> 1877

At Witness  
James A. Chandler  
James W. Chandler

Joshua A. G. Rodgers Seal

## Will of George T. King

I George T. King of the County of Carroll and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me any times heretofore made.

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that may come in to the hands of my Executor from any portion of my Estate.

2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife Nancy W. King all of my personal property that I may die possessed of of every character the same to be hers absolutely to use consume and dispose of the same in manner and form as she may think best.

3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife Nancy W. King the tract of Land upon which I now reside lying in the 15<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Carroll County Tennessee containing Seventy two acres and bounded on the North by a tract of Land owned by the heirs of Joseph Hamilton dead on the East and South by the lands of E. J. Wyle and on the West by a tract of Land owned by the heirs of Brewster Oliver. To have hold and Control the same for and during her natural life.

4<sup>th</sup> At the death of my wife the tract of Land herein bequeathed to her by the 3<sup>d</sup> clause of this my will I give devise and bequeath the same to my son John King which I do in consideration of Services heretofore rendered me during my affliction and declining years provided he shall continue to take care of my wife after my death and during her lifetime furnish her with such support and maintenance as she may need or demand.

5<sup>th</sup> Should my son John King die before the death of my wife or should he fail to provide for my wife as provided in the 4<sup>th</sup> clause of this my will then upon the happening of either of said events the Land herein bequeathed to him the said John King shall be divided between all of my children and heirs at law equally share and share alike.

6<sup>th</sup> I make nominate and appoint my wife Nancy W. King executrix of this my last will and testament and having full confidence in her honesty and integrity I hereby excuse her from giving any bond for the faithful performance of said trust and testimony whereof have hereunto set my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1884.

George T. King

Subscribed in the presence of us

who have subscribed to the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and of each other on the day the same were

Thompson Moore  
Parkman Smith

## Will of Jacob Humble

I Jacob Humble do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any times heretofore made.

1<sup>st</sup> I wish all of my just debts and funeral expenses paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate real or personal.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife Lucinda her bed that she had when we were married together with all of the bed clothing of her own make.

3<sup>rd</sup> As to the remainder of my personal property I wish the same to be sold as soon after my death as may seem most practicable and the proceeds to be equally divided between my wife Lucinda and my two sons N. C. Humble and J. W. Humble share and share alike.

4<sup>th</sup> I wish my real estate to be sold by my Executor either publicly or privately and upon such terms and time as may seem to the best interest of my estate and have full power to execute a deed or deeds to any persons who may purchase the same and the proceeds when collected to be equally divided between my wife Lucinda and my two sons N. C. Humble and J. W. Humble share and share alike.

5<sup>th</sup> I wish my Executor in making sale of my Land to reserve One and a half acres of Land <sup>embodied</sup> in the Old family Grave Yard to be laid off immediately South of the Old Roper Road where said Grave Yard is now situated.



I hereby make nominate and appoint my son  
G W Humble Executor of this my Last Will and  
Testament and having full confidence in his  
faithfulness I hereby excuse him from giving any  
bond for the performance of the duties and trusts  
herein imposed in testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1881

Being called on we have Jacob Humble  
hereunto subscribed our names  
as Witnesses in the presence of the testator and  
of each other  
W. B. Kesbitt  
H. G. Worrell

## Isaac Harlan Will

In the Name of God Amen I Isaac Harlan of Carroll  
County do hereby make and publish this my Last Will  
and Testament I give my sole to God from Whence it Came  
and my body I desire to be decently buried

1<sup>st</sup> I desire all my personal estate of every character Over and  
above that which is exempt from execution solely by my Executor  
herein after named and the proceeds applied to the payment  
of my just debts

2<sup>nd</sup> I hereby devise to my beloved Wife Eliza for life the tract  
of Land on which I now reside containing about 67 acres  
situated in the 11<sup>th</sup> Civil district of Carroll County

3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby devise said tract of Land encumbered with the life  
estate of my said Wife Harlan and share alike to my three  
children to wit Harriet I John H and Sarah Fortune Harlan

4<sup>th</sup> I hereby bequeath to the four children of my deceased daughter  
Polly Ann McBride Five Dollars each the same to be paid  
out of my personally if sufficient if not then to be a charge  
on the Land heretofore devised to my children

5<sup>th</sup> I desire my executor herein after named to pay my burial  
expenses out of my estate and that the same be a proper  
charge against the same

6<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint my friend W. G. Hawk-  
kins as my executor and hereby request that he be  
relieved from giving bond as such

Witness my hand this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1882

Signed and acknowledged in Isaac Harlan  
our presence and in the presence of  
each other This 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1882

Conrad Hawkins  
George Hawkins

## George S Moore Will

I George S Moore do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of. Second I Give and bequeath to my wife Danni Moore Sixty acres of Land a deed made to me by Hudson Allen with the house and all that appertaineth thereto also the following tract of land commencing at the South East corner of the above named tract running South to Anthony Cornell's line Thence west to Jas H McKinnys line Thence North to the above named Sixty acre tract to have and to hold during her life time and at her death to be divided equally with my sons also my mules and Cow also all the corn Wheat and meat that I may die possessed of and all the property she brought with her when she came to live with me and all she has made since she came here and her money and notes to have and to hold and to do as she pleases with. Third The balance of my Land and property to be equally divided between my children according to what they have received I have kept a schedule of the amount of the money and property that each one has received and the value of it at the time it was given on a separate piece of paper so you can each of you see what has been given. Now You are all of age and can divide it without going to Court with it. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this the Twentieth Second day of January One thousand Eight hundred and Eighty One

George S Moore

Signed and published in our presence and we have Subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator

Witness A H Moore  
Witness J C Jones

## William McCollough Will

I William McCollough being in sound mind and memory do make this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

1<sup>st</sup> I desire that all of my debts and burial Expenses be paid Out of any moneys on hand or that may first come in to the hands of my Executors.

2<sup>nd</sup> I Give to my beloved Wife A McCollough all of my property both real and personal to have and to hold during her life and at her death to divide to my two daughters Mary E McCollough and Margaret S McCollough to have and to hold the same While they the two remain single if one should marry the property shall go to the other if they both marry then the property to be divided. I desire that my two daughters named above shall take care of my Grand daughter Adda King and give to her if she should marry one bed & furniture I give to Sons of J McCollough and William McCollough and daughter Rebecca Davis one dollar each make and appoint my son in law Jerry S Reaves my Executor to collect or sell a sufficient of property to pay my debts if any there be.

In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal this April 9<sup>th</sup> 1884.

Witness  
W P York  
B H Stillin

Wm McCollough



# Newton P. Berry Will

State of Tennessee I Newton P. Berry do  
Carroll County I make and Publish this as  
my last will and testament hereby revoking  
and making void all others by me at any time  
made

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all of my  
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible  
out of any moneys that I may die possessed of  
or may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary  
Ann All of the house hold and kitchen furniture  
that I may die possessed of to have the use and  
benefit of the same during her natural life I  
also will and bequeath to my beloved wife the land  
that I may die possessed of during her natural life  
to have the benefit and use of the same while she  
lives and do said land bounded as follows viz. con-  
taining fifteen Acres Situation and Lying in the  
County of Carroll and in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Civil District  
commencing on the South East corner of Rob McChes-  
land of Baamila Springs here ~~commencing~~ commencing  
at a Holly Bush Running West 72 poles to a Stake  
Thence North 33 1/2 poles to a Stake Thence East 72  
poles to a Stake Thence South to the Beginning 33 1/2  
poles

Thirdly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann as  
much of the stock on hand as shall be sufficient for her a support  
and carry on the Farm if she should choose to farm

Fourthly At the death of my beloved wife Mary Ann  
I will and bequeath to my Brother M. S. Berry my tract  
of land of fifteen Acres which has been mentioned and the Bound-  
as Given in the foregoing of this will I also will and bequeath  
to my Brother M. S. Berry all of the personal property that  
my beloved may die possessed of Lastly I do hereby  
appoint and nominate M. S. Berry my Executor  
In witness whereof I do this my will &c my hand this the 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of September One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy Nine

N. P. Berry

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed  
our names hereto in the presence of the testator this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1879

B. P. Gilbert

Daniel H. Patton

# Isaac Lawhon Will

I Isaac Lawhon do make and publish this my Last Will and testament here by revoking & making void all other Wills by me at any time made

I do hereby give & bequeath to my Son McLawhon all my Estate both real & personal consisting of the place on which I now reside about 60 Acres all Household & Kitchen furniture all Stock and in fact all worldly possessions that I may be possessed of

I desire that my said son McLawhon settle as soon as possible after my death all my funeral expenses & all just debts that I may owe at my death. Now it is my desire that said property herein before mentioned be for the sole use & benefit of my said son McLawhon & his heirs & should I die first but if he should die first & leave heirs then said property to go to his heirs but should he die before me without issue then said property is desired to go to my legal heir or heirs

Should I die before my wife Mary Lawhon I desire that my son the said McLawhon maintain & take care of my said wife during her natural life should she so desire & should he the said McLawhon die before my said wife then I desire that she be maintained out of my Estate here in bequeathed

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 1878.

Isaac Lawhon

Signed in the presence of us who have Subscribed as witnesses in of this testator and of each other and on this day the same bears Date

E. J. Redgley  
E. J. Kener



## James M Wood's Will

State of Tennessee I James M Wood of the aforesaid State  
Carroll County

and County, knowing the uncertainty of human  
life and being in my right mind I feel desirous  
to direct the disposition of my property. I do make  
thus my last will and testament.

1<sup>st</sup> Commit my soul to God who gave it and my body  
to my friends and request that they bury it decent  
and place a tomb stone at my grave. I direct that  
my just debts be paid if any at my death for which  
purpose together with my burying and tomb stone  
expenses I direct that my Executor collect all claims  
coming to me and all the following personal prop-  
erty to the highest bidder, to wit: 1<sup>st</sup> My horse saddle  
bridle if any at my death, two feather beds four pil-  
lows, two bolsters, two figured counterpane, two cov-  
ers, three or four quilts one bed blanket two bed  
steads, one looking glass, one bureau, a looking glass  
one folding leaf table, one leg chair, one axe, one shat-  
gun. I direct that my family Bible together with all  
other books belonging to me be given to James Wood  
my nephew Robert Woods son after my death burial  
& tomb stone expenses is paid out of the proceeds  
of the sale of my personal property if any should be  
left. I direct that it be divided equal between those  
therein after named. Should there not be a sufficiency  
to settle my just debts paying my burial expenses  
& tomb stone I direct my Executor to pay the  
balance out of the proceeds of the sale of my lands  
therein after mentioned. I direct that my Executor  
sell my land as soon after my death as would be  
expedient. Terms one half of the money down the  
balance one and two years credit retaining a lien  
on the land for the purchase money if J. M. Williams  
has a growing crop or a matured crop on my land at  
my death that he be permitted to gather it without  
paying any rent. I direct after all money coming to  
me or my claims the sale of my personal property  
and land have been collected by my Executor that  
he pay to my Brothers Tomlin Wood, Allen Wood,  
George Wood, Robert Wood, sisters Francis Mason  
Mary Mitchel, Evelyn Brown or their legal heirs and  
James M. Williams equal parts. The part that I direct  
to be paid to James M. Williams shall remain in the  
Executor's hands until he is twenty one years old.  
he James M. Williams.

I James M Wood appoint my friend John W. Vines

my Executor and I direct that he be permitted to  
execute this my last will without giving bond.  
In testimony whereof I have this day and date here-  
unto set my hand and seal June 1<sup>st</sup> day 1881  
James M Wood (Seal)

Attest  
Thomas Robinson  
Wm J Edwards

## M. J. Warbritton's Will

I M. J. Warbritton do make and publish this  
my last will and testament hereby revoking all  
wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that all of my just debts and funeral  
expenses be paid as soon after my death as possi-  
ble. I especially provide and so request that my  
medical bill due J. W. McCall be paid and also  
a small bill I am owing Dr. W. M. Wright. I am  
also under obligation to pay a small debt due F.  
M. Moon from my former husband amounting  
to about twenty three dollars and I desire the same  
to be settled by my Executor.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my husband B. F. Warbritton  
all of my real and personal property for and dur-  
ing his natural life. Said real estate consists of  
the tract of land upon which we now reside lying  
in Carroll County Tennessee and bounded on the  
North by the land of G. M. Humble on the East by  
the land of E. J. Kile on the South by the land of  
Whitehorn and Crocks and on the West by the land  
of J. J. Crocks containing about sixty acres.  
At the death of my said husband the said land