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Lastly In this my will I have given
my Brother Robert a greater portion of my
estate than my other Brothers and Sisters
In this I have done because of this Brother's
Birthens which he has had and will necessa-
rily have in raising and educating the balance
of the family & in attending to their interests
and because my mother gave her younger
children more property than her older ones

I do hereby appoint my Brother Robert
Love Executor of this my last will and
Testament & request the Court not to
require security ^{of him} for the administration of
my estate as witness my hand & seal this
16th day of July 1846

signed sealed and
acknowledged in our
presence

Sarahphina Love (Seal)

Wathaniel J. Laylor
Alf M. C. Laylor

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November Term 1847

The Last Will and Testament was
exhibited and proven in open Court by David
A. Laylor and John M. Laylor the Subscribing wit-
nesses thereto in words and signatures tenent

In the name of God amen I Andrew Laylor
being of sound mind and knowing the mortal-
ity of the body and that it is once appointed for
all men once to die I have and do make this my
Last will and Testament in the following manner
that is to say Suching such worldly Estate as
it hath pleased God to Bless me with in this life
After all my Last Debts Being paid out of my
personal property By my Executors my will is
that at the death of myself and my wife Elizabeth
-a Laylor that my Daughter Elizabeth Gosper
widow of Joseph Gosper deceased have my home
part or parcel of Land on which my house now
stands and which I now live in Bounded By the
Creeks of the Land I have heretofore made Gift of
Gift to - that is to say my son Andrew Laylor my
son Jonathan Laylor now dead my son Wathaniel
Laylor and my Grand son Daniel A. Laylor
all and every part or parcel of Land not hereto-
fore conveyed by me in my home tract with an
exception of a Bargain of a few acres heretofore
with Allen Lyles Between the Lays I purchased
of divorce it fall to be and remain app Lawfull
Right of inheritance to her wife simple during
her Natural Life - my will is that at her death
the before intimated part or parcel of Land
be and do remain and remain in my Three
Grand Daughters - that is to say
Patience Gosper debet Gosper and Mary Gosper
and their Lawfull heirs as a share

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and on defeasible Right of inheritance in
fee simple My will is that my Daughter
Sarah A. Saylor who inter married with
Amos H. Anderson have one dollar to be
paid out of my Estate in full of what
I do allow her My will is that after my
death and the death of my wife Elizabeth
Saylor My Executors make a sale and
sell all of that part of my property not
by me willed as within mentioned and
the money accruing from said sale both
of Real and personal Estate to be Equally
divided Between my two Daughters that is to
say Mary S. wife of Noah Daniels
and Egnie Buck wife of Ephraim Buck &
nulling all other wills or wills heretofore
by me made touching my Estate - at any
time &c Lastly I do hereby nominate and
appoint Alfred W. Saylor Senr and Nathaniel
& Saylor my Executors in witness to this
my will but my hand and seal this first
day of April Eighteen hundred and forty
four signed sealed and acknowledged in the
presence of
John M. Saylor
David A. Saylor

Recorded the 3rd of November 1849
At L. B. Bradley clerk

January the 3rd 1844 was the following will of Mr
Saylor exhibited in open court for probate
I Nathaniel H. Saylor being of sound mind
and memory and at present in good health
but calling to mind the uncertainty of her
man life and being desirous to dispose of
my property real and personal property in
such manner as I desire - do make and pub-
lish this as my Last will and Testament, hereby
revoking and making void all others well by
me at any time made except I direct that my
funeral expenses and my debts be paid as soon
after my death as possible, out of any moneys
that I may be possessed of or may first come
into the hands of my Executors - it is my will
and desire if I should die in a reasonable dis-
tance of the place where I now live that my body
be buried as near the side of my father as may
be practicable

Secondly I give and bequeath to my neph-
ew Robert Love my Negro man Lewis
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved
brother Alfred W. Saylor my Negro man Simon
and my Negro woman Syle (ex Selila) and I also
give and bequeath to my said Brother Alfred W.
Saylor all the personal property of which I may
die possessed of whether negroes Stock corn or any
other kind grain hay fodder or other provisions
kitchen hold and kitchen furniture and in fine every
article of property in its character personal

Fourthly I also give and bequeath to my said
brother Alfred W. Saylor one piece of Land which
I purchased of Alfred Jackson containing seven
or seventy five acres it being a part of the original
tract of Land on which my mother now lives
which I inherit at her death containing about

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Three hundred and twenty acres including
the Spirit mill mansion house and all the im-
provements and improvements thereon situated.

Fifthly Whereas I have contracted with
Nathaniel L. Dayton and Alfred L. Dayton for their
Interest in what is called the Rogers tract of land
lying on the Gap creek and also their Interest in
the tract of land on which my which my mother now
lives their Interest in both being sixty three acres
and have agreed to convey to the said Nathaniel
L. Dayton and Alfred L. Dayton my Interest in a
tract of land lying in DeSoto County (Georgia)
my interest being one hundred in said tract of
land for and in consideration of the afore said
sixty three acres to be conveyed to me by the said
Nathaniel L. Dayton and Alfred L. Dayton now if
they should to me in my lifetime then also said
Interest of sixty three acres and I should convey
my said interest of one hundred acres in said
County of DeSoto to the said Nathaniel L. Dayton
and Alfred L. Dayton as above stated then it is my
will that my said Brother Alfred W. Dayton shall
have the said sixty three acres and of the tract
shall not be completed during my lifetime and
the said Nathaniel L. Dayton and the said Alfred
L. Dayton shall agree that the same shall be con-
sidered that he it is my will that my said Brother
Alfred W. Dayton to whom I give and bequeath
the said one hundred acres of land in DeSoto County
in the event I die before said tract is consummated
- that he make the trade and execute and receive the
same the same as specified.

Sixthly In the event that my mother or any
other person should die and will me any prop-
erty I give and bequeath the same to my said
Brother Alfred W. Dayton.

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(In as much as I anticipate that my mother has made
a will and left me certain Negroes - if I should
be the case it is my said brother that I desire should
have them - and all the title that I may have
acquire by said will)

Seventhly I give and bequeath to my said Brother
Alfred W. Dayton all my undivided Interest in all
the Negroes which have been in the possession of my
mother and descended from my father.

Eighthly I also give and
bequeath to my Brother Alfred W. Dayton fifty
acres of land which is an entry bought of Samuel
McGee. Ninthly If there is any property which
I have not specifically mentioned in this will - I give
and bequeath same to my said Brother Alfred W.
Dayton whether the same be real or personal or
mixed not otherwise disposed of.

Tenth In the event that my said Brother Alfred
W. Dayton should die before me it is my will and
desire that his children (to wit) William B. Dayton
Nathaniel W. Dayton George Dayton James P. Dayton
Alfred W. Dayton May E. Dayton and Henry P. Dayton
shall inherit all the property both real and
personal herein bequeathed to the said father.
Alfred W. Dayton

Eleventh As I have an Negro man who is one
of the undivided Negroes of my father's estate
has also been extremely kind to me it is my will
and desire that my said Brother Alfred W. Dayton
should purchase him at my mother's death if he
can be bought for a reasonable price and that he
keep him and try and make said Negro behave
himself and act correctly.

Twelfth It is my will and desire that my said
Brother Alfred W. Dayton maintain my mother
decently during her lifetime.

106 Thirteenth I give and bequeath to my said
brother Alfred W. Taylor all the debts and accounts
that may be due me or owing to me at the time
of my death.

Lastly it is my ~~will~~^{desire} that my nephew Robert
Love assist my brother Alfred W. Taylor whom
I hereby nominate and appoint my executor
in the settlement of my estate not incurring the
same Robert Love to pay any ^{part} of my debts

In witness whereof I have here to this my
will set my hand and affixed
my seal this 24th day of February 1844

Signed sealed and Published A. W. Taylor
in our presence and we have
subscribed our names hereto in
the presence of the testator
this 24th day of February 1844

Samuel Nelson Just of the Peace
C. W. Nelson

107 I James D. Dpton being of sound mind and memory
knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death
do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be
my Last Will and Testament

First I surrender my soul to god who gave it to
be disposed of according to his righteous laws and laws
mind and my body to the earth from which it was
made, to await the General Resurrection

As it respects my goods and chattels and real estate
with which god has been pleased to ^{favor} me with it is my
will that they be disposed of in the following manner
(Trust) It is my will that all my just debts be paid ^{first} including
my funeral expenses and that my executor do so my personal
property as can be best spared for the purpose of raising a fund
sufficient for the discharge of my debts the negroes are
not to be sold under the foregoing provision of my
will It is my will further that all the balance of my
personal property of every ~~kind~~^{kind} including my negroes
Robt Anthony and Mary ~~with~~^{with} my beloved wife
Susanna during her natural life provided she remains
a lucid subject to her order and man her control so
far as is necessary to support her & my single sons Samuel
& John & my daughter Peggy during their minority or
while they may live with her It is my will further
that at my wife's death (she continuing a lucid one)
that all the personal property then remaining including
my negroes be sold and the issue of any be
sold by my executors and the proceeds thereof
be divided equally among my children (to wit)
James D. Dpton Abraham Dpton Isaac Dpton Samuel
Dpton John B. Dpton John Boya who inter married
with Peggy Dpton George Lacy who inter married

with Elizabeth Depton John Swilley who intermarries
with Catharine Depton & Peggy Depton but in case
my wife Susanna should hereafter at any time
marry it is my will that my executors forthwith
sell all my personal property including my negro
with them in case and that the proceeds thereof be divid-
ed equally between my wife Susanna and the
before named persons my heirs and representatives
their and their heirs alike

As it respects my Land estate I do dispose of it in
following manner (to wit) I give and bequeath to my
daughter Peggy the following Lot or parcel of ground inclu-
ding my new Grist Mill (to wit) Beginning on a stake on
water street on the east Bank of Doe River near John Stuart
Stable running Thence a crop Doe River so as to include
the dam to the south ^{west} Bank of the ~~stake~~ Mill Race running
thence on said south west Bank of the race to the land that lies
to James & Depton's house then running through the middle
of the land to a white dwelling on the Bank above the town
race near the Road then running a crop the land race
above James & Depton's house ~~where~~ where house adjoins
line to Daylors line in the middle of Doe river then
with James & Daylors line up Doe River to James
& Daylors Corner a stake in the middle of Doe river
at the lower end of the corner of Elizabeth's near the
Corner of the Church Lot - Thence with the ~~to~~ Daylors
line to water street & then up water street with its
various meanders to the place of Beginning so as to include
the mill dam, race mill & the lands in said barres
of which said Land mill &c it is my will that said
Peggy shall have possession of at her coming of age or
marriage or at her mother's death should she die before
said Peggy comes of age or marries
The balance of the tract of Land on which I live
according to the bulk and barres of the original

Grant from North Carolina (that is to say that part
which is undivided) including the land I bought of Thomas
Depton where my old mill stood I dispose of in the fol-
lowing manner (to wit) I give and bequeath said tract to
my sons Abraham John & James to be divided so as to
give each an equal quantity of acres as near as may
be so Abraham that part of said place which includes the
said mill to extend down Doe River not lower than
two furlongs in the Potatoe patch then to run such course
towards the back of the tract as may be necessary so as to leave John
& James an equal quantity of acres (to wit) Two thirds of said
tract all the Land above said line when established in said
tract I give and bequeath to the said Abraham Depton & his heirs
for ever So John Depton that part of said plantation
which includes my dwelling house and extends to be borne
and by the line hereafter to be established as Abraham James &
& James Depton severally which tracts are to be so near as to
have each his share and an equal quantity of acres as
near as may be said Land according to the lines that may
be established I give and bequeath to my son John B
Depton & his heirs for ever So James Depton that part
of said plantation which includes his dwelling house out corner
to be bounded as follows on the lower side by Boundary line
including the part I bought of Thomas Depton including the
place where my old mill stood also by the line of the lot by
this will bequeathed to my daughter Peggy and the lower
line of John B Depton when established which several dividing
lines between Abraham John & James shall be so near as to
have each his share and an equal quantity of acres as
near as may be as herein before stated which Land so divid-
ed for the said James & his heirs I give and bequeath to
the said James Depton and his heirs for ever It is fur-
ther my will that my wife Susanna live on the place all-
otted to my son John during her natural life or widowhood
and to have the sole benefit thereof for the support of herself
& my minor children during their minority and to have the
strict benefit arising from said place with John should the

Come of age or many during her life or widow hood
 I further more give and bequeath to my wife Susanna the use
 and benefit of my Mill and the Log of Lignum connected there
 with hereby given my daughter Peggy during my said daughter's
 minority or until she should marry and no other until the
 same shall be surmised to Peggy and then after inure to her
 use and benefit. It is my will further that the Mill be
 finished in case the execution of my last will by my wife
 Susanna or by the him of the Negroes I do further more
 give and bequeath to my sons Abraham John & James all
 that part of two tracts of Land including the sugar hollow
 ridge the one tract containing one hundred and forty seven
 acres and the other ninety seven acres which lies north of
 the top of said ridge to be divided equally ^{in quantity} between them so as
 to give ~~each~~ equal shares I desire I desire in his part his
 meadow in the sugar hollow and to enable each of said sons
 to get a said back land without crossing the lines of each
 other home tracts. I do give and bequeath to my son
 the tract of Land on which he lives according to the following
 boundaries (Count) Beginning on the south west side of Doe
 River in a large poplar running and a small one for
 and off line on Abraham Dexton upon line running with
 said Abraham upon line to Abraham Dexton corner black oak
 then with Abraham Dexton until it intersects with Headricks line
 then with Headricks line to the top of the ridge opposite George
 Lacy crop fence then with the top of the ridge to a white oak at
 the foot of the ridge near the crop fence then a direct line
 from the white oak to a sticking in Isaac Dexton field near the
 crop fence then said course continued to Doe river and thence
 down Doe river to the beginning so him and his heirs
 for ever. I do give and bequeath to my son Isaac Dexton
 the tract on which he lives according to the following boundaries
 (Count) Beginning on the Bank of Doe River where George Lacy
 upon line as above described strikes the same running thence
 with Lacy line to a sticking in Isaac Dexton field near the
 crop fence between him and George Lacy thence to the white oak
 corner at the foot of the ridge opposite the crop fence
 then up the ridge with Lacy line until it intersects with Head
 ricks line thence upon the top of the sugar hollow ridge until
 at Headricks corner near James Dextons Spring by his

meadow thence east to a Spanish Oak and thence north to the middle of the well near
 near the top of a ridge then a straight line to the middle of the well near
 the old place passing then a straight line to Doe River thence down Doe
 River to the beginning to him and his heirs forever
 I have and bequeath to my son Samuel Dexton the following de-
 scribed tract of Land (Count) Beginning on the bank of Doe river
 where Isaac Dextons Mill is as a line described strikes Doe river
 running thence with said line to the middle of the well and from
 thence north line to the Spanish Oak and thence come above
 mentioned near the top of the ridge then with said line as
 above described into a hollow to a corner ^{then south to a corner} ^{then to a black al the}
 foot of a ridge a corner of Headricks line ^{then south to a corner} ^{then to a black al the}
 to Doe river to a stone put up as a corner by said Headricks
 and myself then down Doe river to the beginning to him and his
 heirs for ever. I give and bequeath to my son
 children sons and daughters of my daughter wife of
 John Dexton Rebecca Boya Samuel Boya Abraham Boya James
 Boya Susanna Boya John Boya Elizabeth Boya James
 Boya and such other children or children as my said
 daughter may bear the following described property
 (Count) My undivided three part of an Iron works on
 Doe river land by James Lacy Thomas Dexton and my
 self including my third part of all the land con-
 tained therein with also my interest in all the land banks
 and Ceded Land secured by me for the use of said
 works to be and remain the joint property of said
 heirs forever which said work and Land connected
 therewith it is my will shall remain the joint pro-
 perty of said heirs until the youngest child comes of
 age and the proceeds thereof to be for the use and benefit
 of the mother unless my executor can sell said works and
 use in that event I will that they dispose of the money as
 herein after directed I do further give and bequeath to the above
 named Grand children &c the tract of Land on which they
 farther John Boya now lives the title to which I acquired by
 purchase at Sheriff sale it having been sold as the property of
 the said John Boya the said Grand children farther to be and
 remain the joint property of said children for ever subject ^{subject}
 -thly to remain undivided until the youngest of the
 heirs of the said John Boya shall come of age

and the benefit thereof to come to the benefit of their mother during the infancy of her last & youngest child unless my executors can sell said land and if so I will that they pay the money to John Boyce father of said children

I do further give and bequeath to my son James Depton a tract of land in Cedar Creek Blount County containing one hundred and fifty acres which land I bought of John Sherman and on whom I hold a title bond the full and entire benefit of which bond and land therein mentioned is under this bequest to remain the property of James Depton and his heirs for ever

It is further my will that my Executors sell a tract of land of twenty acres including John Oliver's improvement in Carter County and appropriate the proceeds of the sale to the payment of my debts

I do further give and bequeath to my son Abraham Depton and his heirs for ever a certain town lot lying in Elizabethton on the Bank of the river immediately below John Stewart's stable I do further give my Executors power to sell my iron works & land & make there with the tract John Boyce lives and dispose of the money as follows: The money arising from the sale of the iron works can be used to be put out at interest until the youngest child comes of age & then to be divided equally amongst the children of John Boyce and my daughter Polly Shivers share alike and the interest arising on said money to be collected annually & paid over to my daughter Polly Boyce - the money arising from the sale of the land John Boyce now lives on to be collected over to John Boyce the father of said children

I do hereby appoint Isaac Depton son of James Depton and John Smith Executors of this my last will and Testament Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of August 1822

Samuel Depton

Signed and sealed in presence

J. P. Depton

Isaac Depton

Ordered by the court that Samuel L. Bradley clerk

be and the last will and Testament of

Samuel Depton do and 31st March 1823

In the name of God Amen, I George Smith of
 Carter County Tennessee being of sound mind and
 memory but weak in body do make and ordain
 and fully confirm this my last will and testament
 it is my will that my James Carson Smith
 have one hundred acres of land off of the east end
 of the farm on which I live on Watauga River one
 mile below Elizabethton the lower line to commencing
 on the river near his house, so as to include his old
 long house on his own land (about agreeable to pre-
 vious agreement) Give to him thirty but square of my
 farm after it is divided (or one of the two pieces with
 the attached sheds) The balance of the above said farm it
 is my will shall be equally divided between my Daugh-
 ters to wit Anna Smith Eliza ~~Smith~~ formerly Eliza
 Smith Sarah Smith Elizabeth Smith & Sonora Smith
 The first part next the river, on which the dwelling
 house stands shall be given to Elizabeth going
 to her an equal proportion of ^{and} land and she is to
 pay the sum of fifty dollars to the other being Smith
 the giving the house to Elizabeth is provided she
 should survive me & my wife Mary Smith, who
 is to live it so long as she lives after my death at
 the death of my wife all my personal property
 money if any left shall be divided equally be-
 tween all my children - James Carson and John
 Smith excepted In testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand acknowledging the foregoing to be correct
 and true will and testament - not allowing any
 advantage to be taken of any informality in the same
 this 1st day of May 1850 In testimony before signing
 signed and acknowledged ^{in presence of}
 George Smith
 Mark

State of Tennessee
 Carter County, Tennessee County Court Clerk's Office
 There was the last will and testament of Rebecca
 Bowers read exhibited and proved in open court
 by Joseph Bower and Mark W. Hamlin the subse-
 ring witnesses which are in words and figures
 as follows (to wit) The last will and testament of Rebecca
 Bowers In the name of God Almighty God Amen
 I Rebecca Bowers of sound mind and memory but
 of advanced age with much bodily affliction and
 feeling sensible that according to the ordinary dis-
 position of an all-wise Providence my days on earth
 are well nigh numbered, do hereby of my own free
 will and accord make this my last will and
 testament revoking any and all others heretofore made

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Carter County, County Court Clerk's office

Then was the last will and testament exhibited
and proven in open Court by Isaac S. Depton and Peter L. Ginn
must the attesting witnesses thereto and ordered to be registered.

Which is in words and figures as following

I Senara Heart of sound and perfect mind & memory
do make & publish this my last will and testament in man-
ner and form following

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe
Heart the following, described property, to-wit: all my Cupboards
were on Bureau in kitchen Cupboard two small cooking pots
one large oven & lid one deep skillett one pot hamol one fire
shovel one small dropping table two leather bedsteads & clothing
thereto belonging to be divide a double wood covered two come bed
of which after the death of my wife to be sold & the proceeds
divided among my several children together with the following
property my will is should be sold at my death & the proceeds
divided as a true state, to-wit: one leather bedstead & clothing
for the same to include one double wood covered one clock
one corner Cupboard all my shop tools such as are used for
Darning one crop cut & saws saw two servant saws two
Darning plains together with two beading plains two sets and
some, one arvie and vice one sledge hammer & hammer
one pair of tongs and to be sold at my death and the pro-
ceeds to divided among my several children my wife Phoebe
Heart is not to be disturbed but to have peaceful possession
of the Dwelling House & all the furniture both in house &
kitchen during her life time but at her death or her removal
from said residence then the said furniture not herein before
said to her is to be sold & proceeds applied as herein before stated.

I do give and bequeath to my Sons Solomon Heart & Abraham
Heart the tract of Land on which they now live lying in
Carter County State of Tennessee District No 8 & forming the lands
of John Bishop Parker & Co. & others containing by estimate or
has hundred acres more or less to equally divided between them
but I require of (said) Solomon Heart & Abraham Heart the main-
tenance of such my wife Phoebe during our lives to consist
of two hundred pounds of Pork thirty Bushels of Wheat & one
hundred Bushels of corn annually but at the death of my
wife one of us then they are required to pay one half the other

Sum during the lifetime of the other & further at my death
they are required to bury me in a decent Manner & further
more my will is that my Son Solomon Heart & Abraham Heart
Jointly and severally pay to my daughter Susanna Hendrix
Wife of Solomon Hendrix to my daughter Catharine Hendrix wife
of William Hendrix to my daughter Polly Nichols wife of John
Nichols each the sum of one hundred & twenty four dollars in
good trade within three years after my death also to William
Heart my Grand Son the sum of one hundred dollars to my
Daughter Jane Corns wife of Jonathan Corns the sum of
twenty five dollars to my Daughter Sarah Mottom wife
of John Mottom the sum of twenty dollars all of which pay-
ments to be made within three years after my death in good
trade also to my Daughter Elizabeth Corn wife of George L.
Corns the sum of fifteen dollars in cash to be paid as soon
as they can or in a reasonable time & Lastly to this end

I constitute and appoint Henry Little my sole Executor of
this my last will and testament hereby revoking all
former will by me made In Witness Whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th
day of February 1852

Senara Heart
Mark

done & executed in our
Presence this 7th day, 1852

I. S. Depton

P. L. Ginn.

12th State of Tennessee

Decr 18

Carters County & County Court Clarks Office

Then was the last will and Testament of George Lacy exhibited and sworn in open Court by Sarah W. Nelson

the attesting witnesses thereto and ordered to be Registered

which is in words and figures as following (to wit)

I George W. Lacy being of mind and disposing memory and having Volunteered to go to the Army in Mexico and calling to mind the Great uncertainty of life and having some little property am desirous of disposing of the same according to my own desire do make and publish this as my Last will and Testament

It is my will that my only and dearly beloved Sister Eliza C. Lacy inherit all the property which I now have or may hereafter have or be lawfully entitled to (except) my half of four Slaves (to wit) Harriett and her three children Dave Isabella and Ann and any other increase which said Negro woman have and the part in the Chancery Court my Uncle Sarah W. Nelson has and others against Thomas J. Powell & others in which I am interested as one of the heirs of John Drake deceased should be gained. I also give and bequeath my said interest in said suit at Salisbury to my said sister Eliza C. Lacy. It is my will and desire that my said sister Eliza C. Lacy have and enjoy my interest in said Slaves and suit to own free and separate use, and the same shall not be subject to Control of any husband she may hereafter have or marry - and to give I hereby appoint Seth J. W. Lusk Judge of the Circuit Court and his Successors in office, a Trustee or Trustees to see that this part of my will is faithfully executed - I further nominate and appoint my said sister Eliza C. Lacy my executrix and it is my will that no security be required of her for the performance of her executrixship she testifies and subscribes

I hereunto set my hand and seal January 4th 1838
signed sealed and
subscribed in our presence
and in the presence of the
Notary the day and year above
written
Seth J. W. Lusk
to W. Nelson

George Lacy
Mark

State of Tennessee June Term 1850
 Carter County, Tenn. Circuit Court Office 3 June 1850
 Then was the Last Will and Testament of Alfred
 M. Carter, dec'd exhibited and proven in open Court
 by the Subscribing Witnesses Thos (Thos) Wm O Carter
 William L. Murphy and Appella More.

Which is in words and figures as follows
 Elizabeth Carter County Tennessee

January 31st 18 1845

In the name of God Amen I Alfred M. Carter of the County
 of Carter, and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory
 but weak of body; knowing that it is appointed unto all
 men once to die, do make and appoint this to be my
 Last Will and Testament

I give my Soul to God who gave it to be disposed of
 according to the good pleasure of his will

I do hereby nominate and appoint Cordia B. Carter
 Samuel B. Carter, Wm O. Carter & James P. Carter, to be
 my Executors and Co-Executors

Trusting such worldly estate as it hath pleased
 God to bless favour me with I dispose of it in the fol-
 lowing manner

1. all my just debts I request to be paid by my
 Executors and Co-Executors. In order that they may be able
 to do this, I desire that they shall have full power and
 authority to sell and dispose of any part or all of my personal
 at or real property at private sale, and at the best advan-
 tage. However should my Executors and Co-Executors believe
 that continuing my business as it was conducted before
 my decease, they will be able to pay all my debts, without
 disposing of any part of my personal property, or real
 estate I do hereby give them the entire Control

of the whole of my estate both personal and real, for the space
 of five years if so much be necessary, in order to accomplish
 this object, allowing to them a fair and reasonable com-
 pensation for their labours. But should they be unable to
 =ever that my Executors and Co-Executors, either jointly or
 separately, shall not be accountable to any of my heirs
 for any misfortune arising from bad trading or from
 any other source of loss which is beyond their Control.

2. after my debts are paid I wish that my wife
 Cordia B. Carter, shall enjoy the use of my farm which
 lies in the Watanga River, (being a part of a tract of
 land containing 1000 human and forty acres which
 was originally granted to Samuel B. Carter) together with
 my dwelling house, lots of ground in and about Colza
 Station, with the forge and mill, and all the machinery
 attached thereto, and also that she shall the entire Con-
 trol and use of all my Slaves; during her natural life.

3. I wish that my property of whatever kind which
 remains after the payment of my debts be equally
 divided between the following persons (To wit) Daniel W.
 Carter, the heirs of my Daughter Elizabeth & Abigail
 O. Carter Samuel B. Carter, Wm O. Carter & James P.
 Carter with the following exceptions To wit Daniel
 W. Carter to receive four thousand dollars & Lef. Samuel
 O. Carter three thousand & Lef. I share either of my
 other Children in as much as formerly gave to them
 the sum of attached to each of their names above

The heirs of Elizabeth & Abigail & Wm. on sixth part
 of my estate after the debts I owe have been paid
 =gd 4. I desire at the final division of my estate
 (that is after the decease of my wife) all my Slaves
 shall form a portion of the property that shall

fall to the lot of Samuel P. Carter, Wm. B. Carter and
 Saml P. Carter as wish to prevent them being thrown
 in narrow hands - witness my hand and seal
 Vinton 1st day 1845 S. M. Carter

Wm. B. Carter
 Wm. P. Carter
 Agula Moore

There was the last will and Testament of
 Jonathan Taylor, well exhibited and proven
 in open Court by the subscribing witnesses
 thereto, to wit: Maria Taylor and Andrew M.
 Taylor 5th December 1842.

In the name of God Amen I Jonathan
 Taylor being a sober body, but of sound mind
 and memory, and knowing that it is appointed
 for all men to die, do make and publish this my
 last will and Testament, to be in the following
 manner touching such worldly estate as I am
 possessor of after all just debts being paid - My Will
 is that my Wife Barabara Taylor have during
 her widowhood State, have, occupy, possess and
 enjoy for her use, and for the use of the minor heirs
 all that tract or parcel of land whereon I now live
 and my youngest ^{son} William Brownlow
 Taylor come to the age of twenty one - Further my
 will is that my Wife Barabara Taylor should
 she be living, have, occupy, possess and enjoy

her dower, for her benefit and use as she may think
 proper to have it laid off during her life out of said
 home tract - My Will is that if my sons, to wit
 Henry Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Saml Taylor
 Clarence D. Taylor, John M. Taylor, and William
 Brownlow Taylor do mutually agree within three
 days and one, or any of them pay over to each other
 what they may agree upon touching the value of the
 above said home tract, then and in that case to be
 used remain a title in fee simple to the purchaser
 from all and every of my heirs, legatees or claiming
 the same both in Law and Equity - Further my Will
 is that if my before named sons, do not agree touching
 touching the same then and in that case to be sold to
 the highest bidder at the instance of my Executors and
 Executor and the proceeds of said sale, to be equally
 divided amongst my before named sons - My Will is
 that my Executors and Executor sell a fifty acre
 of what is called School Land, and put the Consideration
 sold for to the home family use, for schooling the chil-
 dren or for any other purpose for family use - My Will
 is that the home now called John's be his lawful right
 My Will is that my Daughter Isabel Taylor have when
 required by her out of my stock and other wise equal
 with my Daughters now named - Further my Will is
 that all and every of my Children or our Minors, have
 when raised by these heirs, a home as near equal as may
 be - That is to say, each Mary and Margaret provide a
 the continue together and help raise them - My Will is
 that my Wife Barabara Taylor have all my stock of
 every kind with my farming utensils of every description
 to enable her to raise the minor Children that continue
 with her, and for her own support - My Will is that should
 my Wife live until the contents of this my will is com-
 pleted with and be in possession of any property

that she may dispose of the same as she may think proper with the consent of my Executor &c. and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarahaba Taylor my Executor and Noah Hume my Executor, without requiring security. In Witness whereof I do to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal this first day of March 1848 - Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of

Teste

Jonathan Taylor (Seal)

David A. Taylor
 Andrew W. Taylor

Postscript Before Signed my will is that the Burging become on my land whereon I now live be and remain free and clear of all debt whatsoever during time now and always hereafter. In Witness my hand and seal the day and year above Written

David A. Taylor
 Andrew W. Taylor

Jonathan Taylor (Seal)

This was the last will and Testament of Leonard Heart which was exhibited and proven in open Court by the subscribing Witnesses thereto

I Leonard Heart of Sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Phoebe Heart the following described property to wit All my Sheepbarns &c one Bureau One Kitchen Cupboard, two small cooking pots One large Oven &c one deep skillet one pot &c one small One fine shawl One small dressing table, two Feather Beds Blanket & clothing thereto belonging to me &c

a double linen Covered Can bed, one of which after the death of my wife to be sold and the proceeds remain among my several children together with the following property My will is should be sold at my death and the proceeds divided as above stated to wit one Feather Bedstead belonging for the same to include one double wire covered one black one brown Cupboard, all my Sheepbarns such as are now standing, one Crop cut and Hance Saw, two Tenant Saws, two Joining planes, together with two bedding plates, two Sifts and Sifts One Sewing and Rice One Sley Hammer & one hand hammer One pair of tongs, all to be sold at my death and the proceeds to be divided among my several children My wife Phoebe Heart is not to be disturbed but to have peaceable possession of the Dwelling House and all the furniture both in House and Kitchen during her life time but at her death or removal from said residence then the said furniture not herein bequeathed to her to be sold and proceeds applied as herein before stated I do give and bequeath to my son Solomon Heart & Abraham Heart the tract of Land on which they now live lying in Carter County State of Tennessee District No 8 Joining the lands of Wm Bishop, Peter W. Eganert and others containing by estimation two hundred and more Acs to be equally divided between them but I require of them to wit Solomon Heart and Abraham Heart, the maintenance of me and my wife Phoebe during our lives, to consist of two hundred pounds of pork, thirty Bushels of Wheat & One hundred and ten Bushels of Corn annually, but at the death of one of us then they are required to pay one half of the above sum during the life time of the other, and further at my death, they are required to bury me in a decent manner and further my will is that my son Solomon Heart & Abraham Heart jointly and severally pay to my daughter Susannah Heart wife of Solomon

Hereby, to my daughter Catharine Henshaw wife of William Henshaw, to my daughter Polly Nichols, wife of John Nichols, each the sum of One hundred and twenty five dollars, in good trade within three years after my death also to William Hart, my grand son the sum of One hundred dollars, to my daughter Jane Leconte, wife of Jonathan Combs the sum of Twenty five dollars, to my daughter Sarah Mathewson wife of John Mathewson the sum of seventy dollars, all of which payments to be made within three years after my death, in good trade, also to my daughter Elizabeth Cooper wife of Isaac S. Cooper the sum of fifteen dollars in cash to be paid as soon as they can or in a reasonable time & lastly, to this end I constitute and appoint Henry Little 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 7th day of February 1849 done & executed in Leonard ^{his} heart mark

one witness this 7th Feb. 1849

J. P. Lupton

P. H. Conner

Then was the last will and testament of Andrew Taylor exhibited and proved in open Court by the subscribing witnesses thereto.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Andrew Taylor senr. being of sound mind and knowing the mortality of the body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, have and do make this my last will and testament in the following manner, that is to say - I leaving

such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, after all just debts being paid out of my personal property by my executors. My Will is at the death of myself and my wife Isabella Taylor, that my daughter Elizabeth Cooper widow of Joseph Cooper Dec^d have my home part or parcel of land on which my house now stands, and which I now live in - Bound by the lines of the land I have heretofore made deeds of gift for to: that is to say my son Andrew Taylor - my son Jonathan Taylor now dead - my sons, Nathaniel Taylor, and my Grandson David A. Taylor all and every part and parcel of land not heretofore conveyed by me in my home tract with an exception of a bargain of a few acres heretofore with Allan Taylor between the land I purchased of Francis McFall to be and remain a lawful right of inheritance to her in fee simple during her natural life - My will is that at her death the before situated part or parcel of land be and do and remain in my three Grand daughters - that is to say, Patience Cooper, Isabel Cooper, and Mary Cooper and their lawful heirs as a sure and indefeasible right of inheritance in fee simple - My will is that my daughter Sarah P. Taylor who is married with Ansonius Fairbank have one dollar to be paid out of my estate in full of what I do allow her. My will is that after my death and the death of my wife Isabella, Taylor my executors make a sale and sell all that part of my property not by me willed as within mentioned and the money, according to

said sale both of real and personal estate to be equally divided between my two daughters, that is to say Mary Daniel wife of Noah Daniel and Agnes Buck wife of Ephraim Buck: nullifying all other will or wills heretofore by me made touching my estate at any time &c. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Alfred H. Taylor Sen. and Nathaniel S. Taylor my Executors, in witness to this my will at my hand and seal this first day of April Eighteen Hundred and forty four Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of

Andrew Taylor

John D. Taylor
David C. Taylor

June Term 1847

Then was the last will and Testament exhibited and proved by A. W. Taylor in open Court and proved by A. W. Taylor and William H. Conner subscribing witnesses thereto.

State of Tennessee }
County of Sumner }
I, John H. Williams, Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the within and last will and Testament of the said John H. Williams, deceased, was proved and established in my Court as my best and lawful will and Testament. First - I gave my said will to the said John H. Williams to dispose of as he may see proper. My Body I require my Executors hereinafter named to have buried in a Christian

Securly - I require my Executors hereinafter named to pay all my honest debts and to raise a fence for that purpose by collecting the debts due me, and after discharging the same should there be a balance of debt against me, they are hereby required to sell enough of my personal estate property to affect that object or should they shunke since it necessary they can at any time sell enough of my personal property to pay my debts. Thirdly - I give and bequeath to my Son John G. Williams all the tract of Land that I purchased of Samuel E. Patton, agreeably to the conveyance made to me by said Patton, except a small portion next to my old Tract of Land supposed to be two or three Acre - to begin on the bank of Buffalo Creek, some two rods or thereabout from the line, running thence so as to strike the Spring on the Hill Side near where James Goetzley lived and out of which he got his water for family purposes, running thence from the Spring through a ledge of rocks in the wheat field to the corner of the fence thence along that fence to the main road thence along the road to Nathaniel Taylor's line to be his heirs heirs and assigns forever. Fourthly - I give and bequeath to my Wife Joannice Williams during her life the plantation conveyed to me by Charles Peters including my present residence at her death, I give and bequeath the said Tract of Land with the reservation made by me as before stated off of the Patton tract, to my Son Francis Marion Williams his heirs and assigns forever, the same reservation above mentioned also to be my Wife's during life. Fifthly - To my Son Albert Gallatin Williams I heretofore give a Tract of Land on Banks Branch where he now lives, together with some personal

property which is in full of his part of my Estate believing that he has a full share. Sixth I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah C. Williams, two Bays and four mares, two heifers, calves, hogs, and my Bay Mare, puggle cost.

Seventh I give and bequeath to my Daughter Selina Hyde, wife of Michael Hyde, Angella King wife of George King, Rebecca Roe wife of Gellatell Roe, Virry Hyde wife of John Hyde, Louisa Fair wife of David Fair, and to my grand daughter Ann Maria Fair wife of Morgan Fairway.

Fifteen Dollars a piece, to be paid to them in any good trade notes against I am at their death, per person, within two years from their death, which bequest to my said Daughter I do hereby require my son John G. & Francis, Marion Williams to pay them. Eighth I give and bequeath to my son Francis, Marion Williams, the little Broom horse he rides about bought by one of David Fair.

Ninth After the payment of my debts and the above legacies, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucretia Williams all my stock of every kind farming utensils, debts due me money on hand house hold and kitchen furniture in short all my personal estate of every kind and description to be and remain her own property and to be disposed of as she may proper. Lastly I do here by appoint my son John G. Williams, and my son in law John Hyde Executors of this my last will and Testament. Furthermore believing that my son Gellatell ought to aid his Brother in the payment of the legacy above named to his Sister and Niece, I therefore require him to pay Fifteen Dollars of the legacy in the same way that they were required to do. At witness my hand and seal this 20 day of April 1847
Signed sealed and acknowledged John Williams, (Seal)
in our presence

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