

Monday March 10th 1874

Then was the Last Will and Testament of Henry I. Snyder, who lived in a poor, small and much by John W. Dyer, provided by John W. Dyer and Thomas A. Dyer, the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Registered.

Which Will is in words and figure as follows:
I Henry I. Snyder of Elizabethton, Essex County, Tennessee being of sound mind memory and understanding do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner following, hereby directing and making that all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made

First

I give and bequeath to my wife, Kate A. Snyder all my household and personal furniture of every description my law and the sum of one dollar in money to be paid out of my business where as soon as the same may be realized.

Second I give and bequeath to Frank Snyder my house and lot in the township in the county, Dodge and State of Wisconsin and I desire that the Title of this property be used for the education and support of Frank Snyder until he shall be come of legal age to assume control of the same and I further desire that Henry Wilkes Snyder when he shall be come of lawful age shall assume control of the property bequeathed to Frank Snyder and manage the same for said Frank Snyder until he shall be come of age.

Third

I give and bequeath to Henry Wilkes Snyder all the residue of my property of every description including fifteen hundred dollar in the County United States Bonds which are now in the and possession of the firm Green, McBlung & Co of the City of New York and said Bonds I direct shall remain in possession of said firm of Green, McBlung & Co agreeably to the condition of a certain instrument of writing executed by me on or about the 10th of April 1873 the said instrument of writing being filed with said Bonds.

Fourth

I direct that my business be closed up as soon as it can be done without expense and the proceeds (except the bequest to Kate A. Snyder) and the proceeds be invested in such way and manner as will afford the largest income having a special reference to the safety and security and bearing interest payable either monthly or semi-annually.

Fifth

I direct and desire that the interest accruing on the bequest of One thousand dollars heretofore made to Kate A. Snyder and rental of the property heretofore bequeathed to Frank Snyder and the interest accruing on the bonds in the hands of Green, McBlung & Co and heretofore bequeathed to Henry Wilkes Snyder and the interest accruing on all other property now owned by me of every description what ever be used for the support and support of my family and the education and maintenance of Frank and Henry Wilkes Snyder, and in the event it should be

insufficient for the support of Kate A. Snyder, Frank Snyder and Henry Wilkes Snyder then so much of the bequest heretofore made Henry Wilkes Snyder as may be necessary be used for that purpose but no more than is necessary.

Lastly

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Kate A. Snyder, Frank Snyder and John I. Dyer of Elizabethton, Tennessee of this my Last Will and Testament to carry the same into effect according my intentions herein before expressed.

Signed by me on this 20 day of January 1874

Henry I. Snyder

Signed, published and declared by the said Henry I. Snyder as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at the request of the said Henry I. Snyder and in his presence and the presence of each other have this day hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

Witness

Thomas A. Dyer

John W. Dyer

9th I do hereby bequeath to my son H H Range the sum of one hundred Dollars in cash to be paid as provided for in art 11.

10th I do will and bequeath to my daughter Lydia Sumner one hundred Dollars in cash as provided for in the bequest made in Article 2nd and 3rd and 4th.

11th In order to provide for the bequests made in Articles 2nd and 3rd and 4th and 5th of this instrument I require of my son Alfred Range for whom I have made provision in Art 1st of this instrument that he shall pay or cause to be paid to the heirs mentioned in foregoing articles the sum as provided for them in said instrument in the aggregate in the sum one thousand Dollars which several and bequests shall not be due until six months after my death.

But of Alfred Range shall provide and pay from time to time pay being of the legacies and have him before mentioned the sum as herein provided and bequeathed them and shall present to my Executors evidence of such payment in form of Note Receipt or proven Act or record or contracts by the said legatee for the sum due them separately or any portion of it my Executors are hereby required to receive such evidence of payment and release Alfred Range to such extent as the within warrant and upon full payment of same to said transfer in full & convey to Alfred Range the same as mentioned in art 1st who it is hereby further required of my son Alfred that he shall remain with me during my life and take care of myself and myself his mother and of my wife Anne Range should survive me Alfred Range shall take care of her and provide for her during her life time on which he is bound.

Art 13th I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Jacob Rang and Jacob Sumner my Executors in law the Executors of this my last will and Testament in testimony of which I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 13th day of July 1843.

Alfred
J H Cunningham
R B Smalley

Consent. Being of sound mind I Anne Range the maker of the foregoing instrument as my last will and Testament do on this day and date make the following additional arrange ments and Settlement whereas my son Alfred Rang has during my life been provided to me in a fully satisfied way showing that he has fully complied with Article 2nd and 3rd and 4th and 5th of the original and foregoing bequests and satisfied the same in full I do hereby release Alfred Range from all obligations to my heirs mentioned in said Articles and do hereby instruct my Executors to treat the same as fully complied with and I do hereby convey to said Alfred the title in full to the property mentioned from from all restrictions or incumbrances save the care and maintenance of his mother during her natural life.

In testimony whereof I have to set my hand and seal this 13th day of July 1843.

R B Smalley
J H Smalley

Monday Boston June 1848

I Anne S. Store being of sound mind disposing memory knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of that death comes or falls must determine my material existence and being desiring before that event shall happen to me to dispose of what earthly goods and possessions that I have or may be possessed of at that time. I hereby make and publish this as my last will and Testament.

First I will and bequeath my house and lot in the town of Pittsboro Tennessee to my children under the following consideration the issue of the same after paying H. C. Banderant what is due him as will be seen by note executed by me to him. I will to the use of my children with me to be sure for their maintenance and Education until they are of age and as much of the rents as can be spared for this purpose. I desire shall be paid on my note to said H. C. Banderant until it is paid. I further will in a separate this house and lot if my husband P. M. Store wishes to purchase a farm and move with my children to it in that case I will that the house and lot may be sold at a fair valuation. The proceeds of said sale to be divided in lands for the use and benefit of my children and to be sold or divided when then young as one comes of age & the proceeds to be equally divided between all of my children.

In regard to the several large property which I hold off at the time of my husband P. M. Store is now due to me on the same at the expiration of the ten years I will & bequeath to him on the foregoing condition and within a limit on it for the future hundred dollars I paid to James Rogers & Perry for him and require him to pay to my children that amount one of the proceeds of the same as is when the same one is of age. And the same of said of the said several large property the amount of the said \$1000.00 balance due shall be paid in cash in land or other good secured the same shall constitute as part of the said of said and said. I will that this property go to him for his own use & benefit & that it shall not be liable for any debts he may owe as husband or wife. I will that my household and kitchen furniture including bed & bedding shall remain with the family and be divided with them equally.

I further will that should my husband P. M. Store live longer than I I will that he shall be paid out of the rents and proceeds of sale of the before mentioned large property.

I also require my husband P. M. Store to pay out of the before mentioned large property all the balance of the debt - same liable for except such as is due me there I will to him as before expressed.

I hereby constitute and appoint P. M. Store and P. M. Store Executors of this my last will and Testament as my health is so feeble I sign this which is the substance

I the wife I wish to make and if there is any error I
hope the Court will accept the spirit and intention of it.
The witness is signed. I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 13th day of June 1866

Attest
Lettie Clements
William D. Daugherty

Elizabeth C. Miller Seal

Monday October Term 1865.

I Rhoda Miller do make and publish this as my last
will and testament hereby revoking and making void
all other wills by me at any time made.

1st I give and bequeath that my funeral expenses be paid and
my debts as soon after my death as possible out of any money
that I may be possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands
of my executor.

2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter P. A. Miller
and Elizabeth C. Miller Co. B. Miller One half of the land
that we now live upon the other half of the land to be my
beloved husband John Miller.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son David J. Miller
and S. A. Miller and Elizabeth Miller and Joseph B.
Miller and E. Catherine Miller my interest that I have
in a mountain tract of land said to contain three thousand
to five hundred acres One fourth of said land belongs
to me and my desire is that it shall be equally divided
between my five children above named.

4th I give and bequeath to my two daughters P. A. Miller
and Elizabeth C. Miller One third of my land that I now
own in Nathaniel S. C. Cress to be equally divided between
the said P. A. Miller & Elizabeth C. Miller and the other
two for money paid out.

5th I give and bequeath to my beloved husband John
Miller the right to have all the home farm under my
youngest daughter E. C. Miller come of age and after that
it shall be equally divided between my five children P. A.
Elizabeth Saml. S. C. Catherine Miller before named and
himself.

6th and Lastly I nominate and appoint William Clark and
John Miller my Executors.

I am witness hereto. I do to this my will set my hand
and seal this 13th day of June 1866

By my hand and seal this 13th day of June 1866
Rhoda Miller

Attest
James H. Wilson
Henry Bradley

Wife of Margaret Duggar

Know all men by these presents that I Margaret Duggar
of the County of Haver and State of Tennessee being full
in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory
do make and publish this my last will and testament
revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore
made And as to my worldly estate and all the property
real & personal as mine or which I shall hereafter acquire
and possession of to which I shall be entitled at the time
of my death I desire to give and dispose thereof in
the manner following to wit: First my will is that all
my last debts and funeral expenses shall be executed and
paid as shall be paid out of my Estate as soon after my
death as shall be deemed proper and convenient. Second I
give, desire and bequeath to my beloved nephew
Julius D. Place, all the interest in the my wife's mill
including the building & water power together with the
acre of land &c. as to include the mill and the balance
of my farm when I shall live I give and bequeath
to my beloved niece Margaret C. C. Cress and
my nephew William C. Place and Julius D. Place and
the residue of my Estate real personal and mixed
of which I shall hereafter acquire & possession of or to which
I shall be entitled to at my death I give and
bequeath equally to the above named parties to wit
Margaret C. C. Cress, William C. Place and Julius
D. Place to be disposed of by them as they may see
fit. And lastly I do nominate & appoint my
said nephew Julius D. Place to be the Executor of
this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my name and seal this
13th day of July 1865

Margaret Duggar

Signed Seals Published and declared by the
said Margaret Duggar as and for her last
will and testament in the presence of us who at
her request and in her presence and in the
presence of each other have subscribed our names to
attest hereto this 13th day of July 1865

John H. Smith
Thomas C. Ware

acknowledged and sworn to by one of the subscribing
witnesses to wit: John H. Smith on the 13th day of July 1866

James H. Wilson

acknowledged and sworn to by John H. Smith one of the
other above subscribing witnesses before me this 13th day of July 1866

James H. Wilson
Henry Bradley

March Term 1879

The Municipal Will of David

Know all men by these presents that the undersigned announced sickness in the matter hereinafter mentioned as aforesaid and being and bearing the Municipal Will of David Blain announced upon death on the 8th day of January 1879 at his residence in Lewis County he had revised for many years that we were present at or above the moment of his decease as well as continually before that time for many days and on or about the 6th day of said month we (about 10 o'clock P.M.) in the said David Blain after speaking of his impending death saying that he was about to die and wished to dispose of his business affairs especially calling our attention to the fact that he was about to dispose of his property and said, "I call you all witnesses that I give and assign my property to Betty George and deliver her the possession in the presence of you all and with her to take possession for it will soon be gone and I request her not to let Betty suffer by my death and I have lived a long and happy life and I have half married and you all as I have done two lives on it and we further say in this as well as of other considerations with us before and after the above we distinctly understood and declared to give all of this property to said Betty and George and to give her immediate possession of same without hold over and personal Mr. Smith say that a portion of such personal property he gave to her with his own hand at a time to the time of his death in cash and money and valuable papers. Mr. Smith went that at or about the time of his death he begged her to remain on the place and not to go home and take charge of her things.

Witness my hand on this 8th day of March 1879 in the presence of

Attest
J. H. Smalley
R. C. Smith

Charles Blain
Betty George
myself

July Term 1879

The last Will and Testament of Samuel W. Williams of Carter County Tennessee

I Samuel W. Williams of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory but weak in body realizing the uncertainty of this life do make ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made or published.

First It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executors hereinafter to be named, all my personal assets of every kind and description to be used for that purpose if necessary and if my personal effects are found insufficient to pay all my debts, that my Executors be empowered and directed my Executor to sell so much of my lands as may be necessary to raise a fund sufficient for that purpose and execute deeds for the same. They will make sale of such parts of my lands for this purpose and sell the same on such terms as to credit as in their judgment will be best for the interest of my estate.

Secondly the following tracts of land are devised to my brother Geo. D. Williams and myself jointly and are owned jointly and in common by us to wit: The tract of one hundred and forty five acres on Suffrag Creek known as the Mill property conveyed by our Father C. Williams by deed dated Jan'y 11th 1829. A tract of four hundred and twenty eight and a half acres conveyed to us by David Wayne by deed bearing date April 2nd 1852. A tract of two hundred and sixteen acres conveyed to us by William Ellis by deed dated June 19th 1828 being our home place. A tract of four and three eighths acres conveyed to us by William Hugh by deed dated July 8th 1850. A tract of one hundred and sixty seven acres conveyed to us by David Hugh by deed dated Sept 22nd 1852. These tracts are all conveyed to my said brother Geo. D. Williams and myself jointly and belong to us jointly and in common. The following named tracts of land are devised to me individually but are in fact the joint and several property of me and my brother Geo. D. Williams and myself and we expressly admit and recognize his right to one half of each said tract to wit: One tract of four hundred acres granted by the State of Tennessee by Grant 20122 dated Sept 22nd 1856. The balance interest of the Samuel Rowe tract the tract adjoining the town of Elizabethton conveyed to me by John Smith Esq by deed dated January 22nd 1861. A tract of one hundred acres conveyed to me by J. A. Nelson by deed dated Nov 22nd 1863.

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a tract of one hundred acres in Mitchell County Mo conveyed to me by Wd Brown Agt &c by deed dated April 23. 1857. I am all these tracts of land although the title is vested in me individually by the Deeds and conveyances my said brother Geo D. Williams is equally an owner with myself and if necessary to perfect his legal title to the same I hereby will give and desire to have an undivided one half of each of said tracts but this I do only in recognition of his right thereto as aforesaid.

Third I own the legal title of the Low River Forge property of four hundred and eighty acres in Mitchell Co Mo. It is my will and desire that this property be sold by my Executors as soon as it can be done conveniently and on the best terms they can command and that the proceeds thereof be equally divided between Jordan C. Warden Judge Judge my Brother Geo D. Williams and my estate as although the legal title to the whole property is in me, each of said parties named in fact own an interest of one fourth therein.

Fourth The personal property now on hand belongs to my brother Geo. D. Williams and myself jointly and equally. It is my will and desire that a fair and equitable division be made thereof by my Executors and my brother Geo. D. Williams and that my part thereof be sold by my Executors and the proceeds thereof applied to the payments of my debts as provided herein before.

Fifth I will give and desire to Lucinda Williams wife of my brother Geo. D. Williams my undivided interest of one half in the home tract of land of two hundred and sixteen acres upon which we now live to be her to her sole use separate and apart from her husband and with the power on her part to dispose of the same by deed will or otherwise.

Sixth I will give and desire to Luvena Anderson wife of James Anderson the one half of the tract of three hundred twenty five acres of land on Buffalo Creek purchased by me from Daniel Wagners and conveyed to me by him by deed dated April 27. 1846 to her sole use separate and apart from her husband and with the power on her part to dispose of the same as she sees fit. The lands to be divided as nearly into two equal parts as practicable quantity and quality considered and Mrs Anderson to have her choice of the lots.

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Seventh It is my will and desire and I direct that all my lands and property of every description not herein disposed of may be sold by my Executors upon such terms of credit and credit as they may deem best and after the payments of all my debts as herein before provided that any balance remaining be divided equally between all my brothers and sisters the children of those who are dead to take their share of their parents' estate. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint Jordan C. Warden of Washington County Tenn and W. M. Tolson of Carter County Tenn Executors of this my last will and testament and request that they act as such.

Witness my hand this third day of April 1877

John M. Simerly
J. C. Williams

Samuel W. Williams

Acknowledged and proved by
the testimony of the two subscribing witnesses
John M. Simerly and J. C. Williams
July 2nd 1877

J. D. Price Chairman of the County Court of
Carter County

The last Will and Testament of John (John)
of Carter County Tennessee

Thomas Johnson being weak in body
but of sound mind & memory do make & declare
Publish & declare this to be my last Will
Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me
at any time made.

With full faith in Gods
mercy & goodness I give this soul to him
to be disposed of according to His own good
pleasure. The worldly goods with which He
has blessed me I dispose of as follows:
First. It is my Will & desire that my funeral
expences & any just debts I may owe be paid
by my Executor herein after to be named
I give the first available assets that may come
to my hands belonging to my estate.
Second After the payment of my funeral
expences and debts aforesaid provided for
I will give, devise and bequeath my entire estate
real personal & mixed including money
chewer action and every thing of every kind
and description of which I now possess
or in possession to my faithful and beloved
Wife Nancy Johnson for her sole and
absolute use and to be disposed of by her as she
may see proper and I request my children
each and every one of them to bequeath
cheerfully in the disposition and aid and assist
their mother in carrying it into full effect not
doubting that she will do right by them in
her disposition of the same.
Third I do hereby appoint my Wife Nancy
Johnson Executor of my last Will and
Testament and having full faith and
confidence in her ability her power giving
any bonds as Executor on request the
County Court not to require any from her
this November 28. 1878.

Witness
H. W. Johnson

R. T. Johnson

Thomas Johnson

The last Will and Testament of John Davis
of Carter County Tennessee

In the name of God Amen.

I John Davis of the County of Carter and State
of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory
but deeply impressed with the sense of the
life do hereby make and publish & declare this to
be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all former Wills by me at any time made or
published.

First it is my Will and desire that
my funeral expences and any just debts be
paid by my Executor herein after named and in
the interim herein after to be increased.

Second I will give and devise to Lizzie A. Rutledge
daughter of William R. Rutledge & Evaline Rutledge
wider of my home place or farm as the West of a
line to begin on the Kizgum line thence to run a
direct course about North to the upper end of my
and thence a direct course to the back line of my
home tract including my dwelling house then
thence to the back line of my other improvements
and thence to the back line of my water power
and thence to the back line of my mill and as
the chain is now located sufficient to run said
mill and saw mill to be there for her sole
and separate use & separate and apart from
any husband she may ever have should she
ever marry. The meaning of this devise is that
the line above referred to shall run exactly
parallel with the upper end of the saw mill
from Kizgum line thence to the said upper
end of the saw mill to the back line of my
said home farm the said Lizzie A. Rutledge
to have all the lands, mills and other
improvements on the said or below said line
as aforesaid and this devise on the property
embraced in the same is not to be changed
with the payment of any of my debt or
funeral expences but is to be to the said
Lizzie A. Rutledge free and unmolested and
Lizzie's Executor my will and desire that the
proceeds of said mill and other property be used for
the support of the said Lizzie until she reaches the age
of 30 years and that she receive
from said proceeds a liberal education as
I think said property of property managed

Will or ought to yield or sufficient maintenance
for her comfortable support and accomplished
education according to the best instructions
of this class.

I should think the remainder of
my estate I desire that all my just debts
shall be paid as a for-
bearance will after the payment of the same
then I will give and bequeath the
entire residue of my estate real personal
and mixed to my daughter Cora C. Rutledge
Wife William C. Rutledge for and during
the term of her natural life fully to use
and enjoy the same and at her death the
same to be equally divided between her
three children to wit.

My John P. and Samuel
P. Rutledge I would have and
appoint them as Executors of this my
last Will and Testament and earnestly
request that act as such.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed
my name this November 29th 1845.

Attest
J. G. Smith
John C. Sney
A. J. Boy

John Hare

I Philip Davis. Considering the uncertainty
of this natural and being of sound mind
and memory do make and publish this
my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following that is to say First
I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife
P. Davis the Farm I now live on
estimated one hundred and twenty five acres
during her natural life time or until she
dies. I solemnly it is my desire at the death of my
Wife that the land be sold or an equal
distribution between all my children comprising
Bella Pondum who has got her full share
therefore. It is my desire that my daughter
Matie shall have fifteen dollars income a
year the rest of my children of the
distribution but I like third
I solemnly I give and bequeath to my wife
all of my stock including horses cows pigs
&c sheep and also including all the farming
implements including also all the grain forage
now on hand or growing also my Black Smith
tools I would also all my household and
kitchen furniture to have and to have at her
own disposal.
I wish to appoint and request Isaac W.
Brown who my Executor of this my
last Will by his name in witness
whereof I have hereunto signed my name and
Seal this the 7th day of Dec in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty
five

Attest
Philip Davis
Isaac W. Brown.
Isaac W. Brown.

I John Smith do make and publish this
for my last Will and Testament, hereby renouncing
and making void all others by me at any time
made;

Thus I wish that my former expenses
and all my debts be paid as soon after my
death as possible, out of my money, that I
may be released of an heavy great and tedious
burden of my conscience.

2^d I give high praise to my wife during her
natural life, the home place and all the house
hold and kitchen furniture and all the
domestic utensils, Cattle, hogs and sheep, except
one young black mare which I gave to David
and all the estate of my wife the said personal
property to be equally divided between all my heirs
3^d

I am and to make at the death of my wife my
little piece to my son George by him paying
David one hundred dollars to be paid in five
years from my death. To further give to George
one half of the Peacemills. Two old and one half
of the distillery

By the said will bequeath to my son David
all the lands that own on the North side of the
Natauga River and further goes to wit. the young
Black Man and two hundred Dollars are to be
to be paid by John Smith and one hundred
to be paid by Nancy Whitehead and one
half of the Black Smith tools and one half
of the distillery

I give and bequeath to my daughter
Marcy Whitehead Seven hundred Acres of Land
but 36 acres armed, she thing with George
where she now live but I except the Land will
during my longer life time for her use and
for the use of my Children I require Marcy
Whitehead to pay Francis M. Smith one
hundred Dollars and to pay Mary Ann
Smith one hundred Dollars after my death

I give and bequeath to my daughter
Mary Ann Smith and her heirs the Parish
Mill and so acres of land around the same but
except the Grind Mill for the use of my
Wife during her life time and the value
of said land and any hundred
dollars to be paid her by any whitehead

after my death. I do give and bequeath
to my two Daughters, Mary Margaret
Cade & Emily Caroline, I own three hundred acres
of land known as the Schoon Creek Tract of
land to be equally divided between them.

I owe and bequeath to my daughter
Sarah Ann Eight hundred dollars in money
after my death: 9th

After the death of my wife I want the Property Money and effects that may be due her after her death to be equally divided between my Wives 10th and last child.

I do hereby
nominate and appoint James W. Smith
and G. V. Smith your Special Executors in
business entered on to this my Will let
my hand and seal this 27th day of July 1877
Eugene Lunsford and Secretary

John ^{his} Smith Seal

Signed and Published in our presence
and we have Subscribed our names
hereto in the presence of Justice of the
2^d day of July 1877 Signed by the
Judges and Ministers.

Smith Campbell
N. N. Hancock

Accompanied and driven by the Sub-collector
Messrs. Sweet, Campbell & W. W. W. W. W.
this the 7th day of May 1917 J. H. Pica

Chairman of the Court of Claims

I Jane Hathaway of the County of
Cath and State of Tennessee being sound
minded but feeble in body and knowing
the uncertainty of life do make and
publish this my last Will and
Testament. First

Believing in the existence
of a Supreme Being the true and living
God and trusting alone in his mercy
I give to him and seek to be disposed of
according to his just and righteous Will
Second

I desire after my death that my body
shall be buried in a Christian like manner
that my funeral expenses be paid out of any
money or other effects that may belong to me
at my death or that may come into the hands
of my administrators. Third

I desire that
what ever just debts I may owe at my death
or any be paid out of my property.
Fourth

I do give and bequeath to each
of my five children to wit:
Abraham Hathaway, Oliver Hathaway
Mary Ann Williams, Wife of Wm. Williams
William Williams and Bowers, Wife of
Charles Bowers & Nancy Elizabeth Jones Wife
of Robert Jones each the sum of one
dollar & to wit that the said be paid to
each of my estate Fifth

I do give and
bequeath to my daughter Mary P. Hathaway
the residue of my estate of every description
wherein consisting is the land and lot of 4
acres more or less said where I now live
purchased by me from Wm. P. Jones the deed
to which was taken in the name of John P. Smith
away One note for five hundred dollars for
money loaned to C. P. Penney & the note
for which is executed in her name and dated
Aug 26th A.D. 1879 also all other effects either
real or personal that may be in hand at my
death in consideration of which she is to stay
with me and take care of me during my natural
life and at my death all my property as
specified or any other I may name is to be hers.
Given under my hand this 27th day of Aug 1879
Jane Hathaway

Signed in the presence of
J. C. Smith
James P. Burrows

In the name of God - Amen We John M.
McKee and Nancy McKee being of sound
mind and sober and publish this our last Will &
Testament. First We give our souls to God
We give them 2nd We give and bequeath
to our daughter Jane P. the sum of one
dollar She having received her part of our
property before 3rd We give and bequeath
to our son Robert McKee the sum of one
dollar. He having his share of our property
before 4th We give and bequeath to our
son Jackson McKee all of our land and
household furniture of every kind viz one bureau
one chest one cupboard 3 tables all the
bedding and headstade of every kind and also
the cooking vessel
And We give what ever may be due from
John McKee to our son Jackson and we give
all other property of what ever kind or sort
to our son Jackson. In testimony whereof
We hereunto set our hands and seal
This the 30th day of June 1879
John McKee
Nancy McKee Seal

Signed in our presence
J. C. Smith
Samuel McKee

This is to remain with J. C. Smith
Acknowledged in open Court by the
Minors this the 3rd of Oct 1879

J. C. Price
Clerk

I William P. Wengam do hereby certify and
 certify of Carter County Tennessee being that of body
 from mind and present illness but of sound disposing
 mind and memory and realizing the uncertainty of this
 life and the position certainly that death under any
 circumstances its close cannot be far in the future
 do make ordain publish and declare this to be my
 last will and testament hereby appointing all former
 wills to be null at any time made or executed.

Having implicit confidence in the being and
 existence of God and trusting in his goodness and mercy
 I commend my soul to him and leaving cheerfully
 to his will and providence, I now let continue
 blessing upon those of my friends who may stand me
 in life. My estate I dispose of in the following manner.

First I desire that my funeral expenses and any just
 debts that I may owe at the time of my death
 may be paid by Executors to be hereafter
 named as soon after my death as may be convenient
 to him and my family friends. That may come to his
 hands as my Executor.

Second I will give and bequeath to my faithful
 and beloved wife Martha Elizabeth Wengam all
 the personal property of which I may die possessed
 including household and kitchen furniture
 farming tools and implements of every kind, stock
 grain hay and without further enumeration of
 specific articles all my personal property of every
 kind and description to be freely used and enjoyed by
 her with the income and profits thereof during
 her life and to be disposed of by her by will
 or otherwise as she may deem proper and right.
 Provided however that this bequest shall
 not be held to include money in hands or accounts
 notes judgments or other claims in action and is
 not intended to include them in the term
 "personal property" as above used.

I also will give bequeath and desire to my
 said wife Martha Elizabeth a permanent home
 and comfortable support on and from the
 proceeds of the land now occupy in the
 9th District of Carter County Tennessee for and
 during the remainder of her natural life and I
 appoint upon my son Wm. P. Wengam Jr to see
 that my wishes in this regard are carried out
 carefully and in good faith in the proper
 maintenance and support of his mother so

long as she may live. Thus.

It is my desire and
 intention to obtain absolute and perfect equality
 in the distribution of my estate between my first
 children W. P. Wengam, Caroline, I. Rudy wife of
 J. M. Rudy, Rebecca, I. Snugway wife of C. J. Snugway
 Jane Martha P. Vauloy wife of J. M. Vauloy and
 Mary C. Wengam. To share their estate and
 decedent's wife's estate and survivors as to the
 manner in which it shall be done.

I will give devise my home farm situated in the
 District of Carter County Tennessee and which consists
 of the same tract proper containing about one
 hundred and thirty eight acres and the place
 known as the "Big" supposed to contain
 about fifty four acres to my son Wm. P. Wengam
 or certificate that he go forth to me. I want
 estate for the same at the valuation of Seven
 thousand dollars as has been agreed upon between
 him and myself. To this is to be added the further
 sum of One thousand dollars which I have
 heretofore advanced to him in cash upon which
 however he is not to be charged with interest.
 These two amounts making together the sum of Eight
 thousand dollars to be paid or accounted for by
 my said son Wm. P. Wengam or one to constitute
 one in the hands of my Executor, subject to the
 bequests hereafter to be made in accordance with
 my expressed intention of obtaining equality
 among my children in the disposition of my estate.
 It is to be distinctly understood that the valuation
 of said home farm to my son Wm. P. Wengam Jr
 at the said price of Seven thousand dollars is
 to be regarded as the full value of the same and
 it is my will and desire and I do hereby will and
 bequeath to him a full share of one eighth
 part of the same as well as of the entire
 residue of my estate after the payment
 of the special bequests hereinafter to be
 made. **Fourth**

I will give and devise to my
 daughter Caroline I. Rudy the tract of land upon which
 she and her husband I. M. Rudy now reside containing
 about one hundred and six acres, she to account to my
 estate for the same at the valuation of Two thousand
 dollars of the original Three thousand dollars that
 I gave for said land. The said sum of Two thousand
 dollars is to be received as assets of my estate
 and charged as an advance must I make and

such I further will give and bequeath, to my said daughter Mrs. Plumb, an additional sum sufficient to make her equal to my other children in the settlement of my estate, to be paid to her by my Executor as soon after decease as he may find it practicable to do so.

Fifth. I will give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca C. Conger, wife of (C. Conger) a sum equal to the One fifth part of my estate after the settlement and payment of the special bequests herein made, and to be made and in estimating the amount of this bequest she shall not be charged with any advancements I may have made to her.

Sixth. I will give and bequeath to my daughter Martha D. Vanhook, wife of W. H. Vanhook, a sum equal to the One fifth part of my estate after the payment of special bequests, and without charging her with any advancements here to you made by me to her and in consideration of her long and serious sickness, it is my will further and I so direct that all charges for medical attention and all other and all other expenses incurred during the illness of my said daughter Mrs. Vanhook and on her account be paid from my estate and without any and without charge to her in the settlement of the same and that this provision be her dower continued during her sickness. Seventh.

I W. Vanhook, her husband of my daughter Martha D. has devoted his entire time for a year past to patient and affectionate attention to his sick and helpless wife and under the circumstances of her condition and affliction may be required to contribute to her for some considerable time to come. Because of this as well as of his great kindness to my self during my own sickness, I am not willing to withhold my acknowledgments of his father care and goodness and I therefore direct and wish that he be paid from my estate a just and fair compensation for his services on these accounts already performed and still to be performed by him.

Eighth. I will give and bequeath to my daughter Mary C. Conger a sum equal to the One fifth part of my estate after the settlement and payment of special bequests, and she is not to be charged with any advancements here to you made to her as to her share under this bequest. It is

my will further and I direct that the same remain in the hands of my Executor as trustee of my said daughter Mary, so long as she may remain unmarried and continue to be a member of my family as at present the legal interest in the same to be paid to her quarterly or as she may direct.

Ninth. George Wolfe man about twenty years old has been a member of my family since he was about eight or ten years of age, but is not related to my self or family and has no personal claim on me. It is expedient however that he shall remain with the family until he attains his majority. If he should choose to do this and remain faithful as in the past it is my will and I direct that he be sent to school three months or four months in the summer or each year and that upon the attainment of his majority he be paid on or given from my estate a sum of \$1000 and shall be worth in the aggregate \$10000 and I direct that he be given a good suit of clothing and the sum of fifty dollars in money.

Tenth. With reference to the bequests made by the Fourth clause of this will to Mrs. A. C. Conger and the bequest made by the Sixth clause of this will to Mrs. Martha D. Vanhook and the bequest made by the Eighth clause to Mary C. Conger, it is my will and I direct that the amounts bequeathed to them respectively when the same shall come to the hands of my Executor, shall be made by him in land for them. No selection of the lands to be so purchased to be made by said parties respectively, but each to be made to them by my Executor and the title to be made to them for their sole and separate use, separate to each from any husband's, they may now or hereafter have. And the said Eighth clause in favor of Mary C. Conger is so worded as to accede with this provision as to her and any of the said parties for whose lands are so purchased shall have the right and authority to sell and convey the same at any time subject to the consent and approval of my Executor. The proceeds to be reinvested in other lands under the same and instruction above set out.

Eleventh. The title of the tract of land conveyed by the Fourth clause of this will to Mrs. Mary

Shall in like manner vest in her to the extent of the Two Thousand Dollars advanced by me for its purchase, for her sole and separate use separate and apart from her present or any other husband, she may hereafter have, with the same authority to sell it as is given to her before by the preceding clause, and under the same restrictions.

Fifthly For the protection of my Executors their Will and I direct that the receipts of either or of my Executors herein named as legatee and executor for the amounts to be paid to them respectively by my Executor shall be good vouchers in his hands and upon his settlements and their validity shall in no case be affected by the fact of their being married women and subject to the disabilities growing out of their condition. And it is my desire further and I so will and direct that my said Executor shall not be liable for the unavailability of any funds that may come to his hands belonging to my Estate, such as the balance of any Bank balance by him to be retained in which he may have deposited such funds in good faith.

Sixthly In explanation of the term Special bequest as the same appears in the Will it is declared it is only intended to apply to the provisions herein made in favor of the said George W. H. and is nowhere to be construed as giving any priority or advantage to either one of my devisees over any other one.

Seventhly I nominate, constitute, appoint my Son John H. H. as Executor of this my last Will and Testament and having full confidence in his honesty and integrity excuse him from giving as Executor a receipt that none be required of him on his qualification as such Executor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 13th day of July 1880

Attest H. M. Wilson,
H. F. Wilson.

W. D. Horgan & Son

I, William Peck do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and changing void all others by me at any time made.

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

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Helen Peck One year support and the usual house rent apart for widows. I finally I will give and bequeath to my son George Peck Rachael Peck Sarah Isaacson M. Peck Maryanna Peck Marie Peck Emma M. Peck and David Peck an equal share in all my lands after the widow's dower is laid off and after her death an equal disposition to be made between all the legates above named.

Thirdly I will and bequeath to each one of the above named legates an equal share of all my Personalty after the widow's year support is paid out.

Lastly I hereby appoint Jas. P. Price my Executor in witness whereof I do set my hand this the 1st day of May 1880.

Wm. Peck
Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the Testator this the 1st day of May, 1880

Attest

J. J. Wright,
J. S. Wright.

I, Henry Vanhous, do make and publish this my last will and testament, being of sound mind and memory 1st I give my soul to Almighty God and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried by my Executors in the grave years near my husband and my children.

2nd I give and bequeath to Daniel S. Vanhous and Joseph P. Vanhous my sons my lot of land where I now live so that my son Daniel shall have the dwelling in which I live.

3rd I also give and bequeath to my sons Daniel S. Vanhous and Joseph P. Vanhous my brass kettle 4th

I give and bequeath to my son Daniel S. Vanhous one bedstead and bed and bed clothing 8th

I give and bequeath to my daughter Rhodie Elizabeth one bedstead and bed clothing, one old cow and calf and one bounding swine also one little bureau and one pallet.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine Elizabeth one small table.

7th I require my sons Daniel S. Vanhous, and Joseph P. Vanhous to pay three hundred dollars to the following named persons to wit: Fifty dollars to Elizabeth Vanhous, Fifty dollars to Henry C. Vanhous, Fifty dollars to Catherine Martin, Fifty dollars Abigail H. Ware and Fifty dollars Rhodie Elizabeth Vanhous.

8th It is my will that if at my death there should be residuary balance it shall be sold and divided between my sons and daughters to wit:

Voluntine V. Vanhous, Thomas H. Vanhous, Henry C. Vanhous, Catherine Martin, Abigail H. Ware and Rhodie E. Vanhous.

9th I appoint my sons Daniel S. Vanhous and Joseph P. Vanhous my Executors to this my last will and testament.

This 1st day of August 1860

Done and sealed in our presence.

J. H. H. H.
Thomas C. H. H.

Henry Vanhous Seal

I, William Lewis, do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

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

Secondly I give and bequeath my two tracts of land lying at the Walnut Mountain one containing three hundred and the other tract one hundred acres of land. To be equally divided between the following named heirs: William Lewis, J. G. Lewis, Julia Ann Lewis, Martha S. Smith and Mary J. Lewis my heirs and Nam to Sam James A. Lewis, Mary J. Lewis heirs.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to S. Lewis a lot of land lying west of C. Smiths Mill and joining the land of C. Smith Rhoda Matheson and Nancy C. Overhous said lot is supposed to contain about fifteen acres. Fourthly. The note that S. Lewis executed to me for one hundred and fifty dollars.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary J. Lewis. Fifty dollars which were executed to me by Rhoda E. Matheson for one hundred dollars the other by H. C. Matheson for fifty dollars making an aggregate of one hundred and fifty dollars inclusive of the two notes. I give and bequeath the same to Mary J. Lewis two heirs Daniel H. Lewis and James A. Lewis which is to be equally divided between them.

Sixthly What if the other debts are owing to me when collector may be given to my wife Mary Lewis for her use. I also desire her to have the sheep and cattle to dispose of at her own discretion. Also other loose property may be sold and the proceeds divided equally amongst the heirs in moneys where I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 1st day of April 1859.

Wm Lewis Seal
Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here in the presence of the testator. This 1st day of April 1859.

Jacob A. Smith and Mary J. Lewis
N. W. Smith

In the name of God Amen,
 I, Ruth C. Hatcher, in the County of Carter
 State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory
 and considering the uncertainty of this frail and
 transitory life, do hereby make, ordain, publish
 and declare this to be my last Will and Testament
 that is to say: First,

After all my lawful
 debts are paid and discharged, the residue of
 my estate real and personal, I give bequeath
 and dispose as follows: to wit,
 to my beloved sister Mrs. J. Selton to have all
 of her bees and her clothing, her one Cow to have
 outright. Also my Silver Box ornaments and all my
 currency and also all my corn, oats, wheat, rye, my
 spunk and saddle and all notes.
 and I also bequeath to Mrs. J. Selton all of my
 undivided interest in the land known as the
 "Hickory Hill" farm to hold and at her own expense
 and should she sell the land, Ruth C. Hatcher
 is to have fifty dollars to school her and Esther
 Selton to have fifty dollars to school their
 and Martha C. Hatcher to have ten dollars.
 Likewise I name and appoint John H. Selton
 to be my Executor and Trustee and I give him
 of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking
 all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
 name and affix my seal.
 The 26th day of August in the year of our Lord
 One thousand eight hundred and seventy five.

Attest

J. C. H. Hatcher
 Isaac H. Brown

Presented, Read and acknowledged
 on the part of the subscribing witnesses
 J. C. H. Hatcher and Isaac H. Brown this the
 5th day of July 1875 in open Court

S. A. Cunningham
 Clerk

State of Tennessee
 Carter County

I, Mary Saylor of the County of
 Carter and State of Tennessee
 being fully of body, of sound mind and disposing
 memory, do hereby make and publish this my last
 Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making
 void and void all other Will and Testament by me
 at any other time made.

And first I commit my soul
 to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried
 in the family burying ground.

And I will and bequeath
 to my beloved wife, Susannah Saylor with my property
 that I may be and possess of in it and
 personal property to have and to hold during her
 natural life and at the death of my wife Susannah
 Saylor if she should die first me, I will and bequeath
 to my son Noah H. Saylor all my Real Estate that
 I may die, give and possess of to him and his
 lawful heirs forever and also I give to my son
 Noah H. Saylor my large corner cupboard that is
 in the hall and the Corrodine and utensils belonging
 there to and one bed bedstead and her clothing
 belonging to it.

And I will and bequeath to my
 four Daughters to wit Martha Warner, Mary
 McFarlane, Elizabeth Warner, Eliza Jane Williams
 the remaining portion of my personal property
 including household and kitchen furniture and
 farming utensils, to be equally divided
 between them and I order that the Justices of the
 Peace or their Executors to sell the property or the
 remaining portion of the should agree on any
 part or the whole to the highest bidder and
 divide the money when collected equally between
 my four Daughters to wit: Martha Warner,
 Mary McFarlane, Elizabeth Warner, and Eliza
 Jane Williams.

I hereby appoint Noah H. Saylor
 and Allen Warner my Executors to this my
 last Will and Testament and I hereby sign my
 name in the presence of two witnesses this the
 27th day of July 1875

Mary Saylor

R. J. Crispin
 S. J. McDaniel

I John Fitchman 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 desire that my
funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as
soon after my death as possible out of any money
that I may be possessed of, or may first come
into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I give
and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan
Fitchman all my real and personal property
during her natural life for her maintenance

Thirdly After her death it is my will that my
daughter Annasa J. Fitch and the heirs of her
have all my personal and real property
it is distinctly understood that Annasa J.
Fitch has no right to dispose of said estate
after her death said estate to revert to her heirs.

Fourthly The whole intention of this my last
will and testament is that my daughter
Annasa J. Fitch have a home during her
natural life and that no one shall have the
power to dispossess her during the same.

Fifthly I do hereby recommend
John Slagle Jr. my Executor in witness
whereof I do to this my will set my hand and
seal.

November 1st 1870

John Fitchman Seal

Sequel states and Publisher
in our presence we have
subscribed our names here in the
presence of the testator

J. H. Fitch
J. H. Fitchman

Attestes before me
this Aug 8th 1871

J. H. Fitch
Ch. C.

I Elizabeth Quigley do make and publish this
my last Will and testament being of sound mind
and memory First I give and bequeath my body to the
earth from whence it came and my soul to God who
care it I leave I leave and bequeath to my children
Benjamin S. Vanhook and Joseph P. Vanhook all my
estate of land lying on Wabanga River now containing
by survey or they will soon be the same and I
require the said Vanhook S. Vanhook and Joseph
P. Vanhook to pay to Thomas S. Vanhook my
wages and be being the two brothers Secondly I do
bequeath to the said Vanhook S. Vanhook and Joseph
P. Vanhook shall have the same several and I do
leave after my death.

Third I give to my wife A. Vanhook
and her heirs and her heirs all my property
belonging to the same. Fourth I do hereby
declare this to be my last Will and testament
hereby revoking all other and appoint the said
Benjamin S. Vanhook and Joseph P. Vanhook my executor
and require them to pay my funeral expenses

This 22 day of Nov 1866 Elizabeth Quigley Seal

J. H. Fitch
John S. Fitchman

Carlin County
State of Minnesota I Sarah M. Stover being of
sound mind and disposing
memory do make and publish this my last
only Will and testament.

First I give and bequeath
to my Grand daughter Sallie Cora Stover my gold
watch to my son S. M. Stover I give all my Silver
spoons and my bed and bedding to my Grand son
Charles Wm Stover I give my quilt bed and bedding
to my Grand son Wm Miller Stover I give his Grand
father's double barrel gun. To my Grand daughter
Auntia Liner Stover I give my heavy looking glass
bust and have button my coat and other
furniture and bedding. I will have gone to be buried
between my son S. M. Stover children which are now
with him and whereas my son S. M. Stover shall
no something for my child support on what I
have taken up that I will give to my
daughter in law Carrie Stover to go to
education of her and my children S. M. Stover

I Right Moreland do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling and all 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 money I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Polly Moreland all the lands I may die possessed of together with all the household and kitchen furniture with all the live stock farming utensils tools Book accounts and money during her natural life time and after the death of my wife I give and bequeath to the three children of William Moreland deceased the home tract of land where I now live to wit Jas R Moreland Thomas Moreland Martha E Moreland the said that the three heirs of William Moreland is to have include the mill and millinery house and land on both sides of Doe River together with a fifty acre tract adjoining the home tract on the south side of the river known as the Martin tract and I also give and bequeath to the above named heirs of William Moreland deceased namely Jas R Moreland Thomas Moreland and Martha E Moreland all the live stock farming utensils and household and kitchen furniture that may be left at the death of my wife and lastly I appoint Nathl P. Sumner my executor in witness whereof I do to this my last Will set my hand and seal this 23^d of January 1869.

Signed and Sealed Right Moreland and
in our presence and
we have signed our
names in the presence
of the testator
Jacob Perkins
Le P. Heyder

The last Will and Testament of Albert J. Tipton of Barton County Tennessee

I Albert J. Tipton being of sound mind and memory and realizing the uncertainty of this life do make and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made or executed.

First
It is my Will and desire that all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter to be named from any money notes or other chose in action I may have or become at the time of my death.

I will give and bequeath to my daughter Martha J. Jones wife of John W. Jones for her sole and separate and apart from her husband the following note to wit: One note on Ray J. T. Moreland of \$1000 dated April 1st 1871 due on or before January 1st 1875 for the sum of Eight Hundred dollars, bearing interest from date and one other note on said Moreland executed the same day and due January 1st 1876 for One Thousand dollars bearing interest from date. But this bequest is upon condition that my said daughter Martha J. Jones pay to my wife Catherine S. Tipton interest on said funds at the rate of six per cent per annum for and during her natural life or widowhood the said funds to go to my said daughter Martha absolutely upon the death or marriage of my wife Catherine.

Second
I will give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine S. Tipton the said interest on the fund mentioned in the preceding clause of this Will to be freely used and enjoyed by her for and during her natural life or widowhood but no longer.

Third
I will give and bequeath to John W. Jones my son-in-law in trust for two wife Martha J. Jones the sum of Twenty five Hundred dollars in Cash which I have already paid to him and for which I hold his receipt dated Febry 13 1873 and which is to be regarded as an advancement in full payment of this bequest.

Fourth
I will give and devise to my son John W. Tipton the lot or parcel of land I own in the town of Elizabethton adjoining the store house lots of H. H. Angier and the lots of H. W. Holcomb and for which I have a deed of record in the Register's Office of Barton County. Also I leave P. Tipton is indebted to me by note for the sum of Five Hundred dollars.

David P. Wiley in the sum of about Seven Hundred dollars and Charles Combs by judgment in about the sum of Eight Hundred dollars. Thus debts or as much of them as may be due owing and uncollected at the time of my death I will give and bequeath to my son John W. Tipton to be paid to him by my executor.

Fifth
I will give and bequeath to my wife Catherine S. Tipton a United States Bond for Five Hundred dollars now in my possession.

also call of my household and kitchen furniture, grain and household goods, cattle, hogs, sheep, bacon &c. and if, after the payment of my debts from the inventory and other choses in action that may come to the hands of my executor, as provided in the final clause of this Will, there should remain any surplus from said sources such as aforesaid I will and give to my said wife Catherine South.

I will give and bequeath to my brother-in-law Thomas Wright in trust for the purposes herein to be named, the proceeds of a judgment I have in the Circuit Court of Carter County against R. L. H. H. H. for something over six hundred dollars. My Will is that the interest of said judgment until paid and the fund afterwards be applied to the payment of the taxes on my real estate in Carter County, hereafter to be disposed of, until the youngest son of mine becomes twenty-one years of age. And to this end I will and direct that when said judgment is collected the fund arising therefrom be invested in United States Bonds and the same held for the purposes indicated until the expiration of the trust herein created. And at the termination of said trust, I will give and bequeath the principal of said fund to my grand-sons Albert Henry Dipton son of John W. Dipton and William Albert Jones, son of John W. Dipton and Martha J. Jones to be equally divided between them, share and share alike.

English.

I will give and devise to my brother-in-law Thomas Wright, in trust for the purposes herein to be named, all the lands owned and possessed by me in the 6th and 7th districts of Carter County, Tennessee, including the former reported school lot as lots in the town of Elizabethton already devised by the fifth clause of this Will to my son John W. Dipton. These lands to be held by the said Thomas Wright ^{and} ~~as~~ ⁱⁿ trust for the use and benefit of my wife Catherine D. Dipton during her natural life or widowhood, to be exclusively held, possessed and enjoyed by her during her life or as long as she remains my widow. And upon the death or remarriage of my said wife then in trust for the use and benefit of my son John W. Dipton and his present wife Mary D. Dipton for life to be and, possessed and enjoyed by them jointly during their joint lives and by the survivors of them during the life of the said said survivor.

And upon the death of the said John W. Dipton and his wife Mary D. Dipton then the title to said lands to and in fee in the children of the said John W. Dipton and Mary D. Dipton his present wife to wit Albert Henry Dipton, Flora Catherine Dipton and John Banks Dipton and any other children born hereafter

of the said John W. Dipton and his present wife Mary D. Dipton to be shared by them equally share and share alike.

I will give and devise to Rachel Brewer, my former colored servant, the small piece of land upon which she now lives containing about four acres, for and during her natural life, upon condition, however, that she continue to reside upon the same to the time of her death without transferring the estate for life hereby given to her. If she should at any time remove from said land then estate therein created and the same interest and rights in the devise provided for by former clauses of this Will. And the disposition heretofore made of my lands shall not be held to affect this devise. I also grant to said Rachel the right to use wood for fire from the ridge back of her house during the continuance of the estate herein given to her.

I hereby nominate and appoint my brother-in-law Thomas Wright and my son-in-law John William Breckenridge of this my last Will and Testament and require them to act as such.

I attest.

W. M. Polson

A John

A. J. Dipton

Given under my hand this 5th day of March 1877

In the name of God

I W. W. Henderson of the town of Hampton Carter County Tennessee

Being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and desiring how the estate which it has pleased God to bless me with shall be disposed of after my decease. While I have strength and capacity so to do. Do make and publish this my Will to wit: My will is to give to my daughter Elizabeth Henderson my residence in the place above mentioned one house & lot and all the appurtenances adjoining the lot of W. L. Cacy. He Presnell & others not as a gift, but to satisfy a debt due her for waiting on me for the last 18 years.

And I do also bequeath to Andrew McCracken one lot or parcel of land lying on the top of the dividing ridge between the 1st and 2nd District and adjoining the lands of Thomas Henderson & in testimony whereof I the said W. W. Henderson have affixed my hand this 26th day of September 1886.

W. W. Henderson

The above instrument was now then subscribed by W. W. Henderson the testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his will and testament and we at his request sign our names here to as attesting witnesses.

Alvin Lane
J. W. Williams

Hampton Tenn

In the name of God amen, I Nathaniel L. Taylor of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee Being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and desiring how the estate which it has pleased God to bless me with shall be disposed of. I bequeath to my sons D. M. Taylor & John A. Taylor a tract of land in which I live containing One hundred and twenty eight acres adjoining the lands of Alfred & George Ringer on the North & North West and on the West by Martin Brown and east & South East by the lands of D. M. Taylor and South by Watauga River.

I give and bequeath to my five married daughters Mary Harns Ann Encinson Fella Williams Evon Anderson and Peter Taylor One hundred dollars each in cash to be paid by my two sons D. M. & John Alfred

Taylor within two years from my death I also bequeath and set aside into the aforesaid five daughters One hundred dollars in cash which I have on hand.

J. L. Taylor

I also bequeath and set aside unto the aforesaid five married daughters to be equally divided a lot of Four hundred and twenty eight acres of land and interest which I hold on E. J. G. and J. G. I also give and set apart unto my daughter Sallie Taylor half of lot on E. J. and John Alfred Taylor the balance of said lot being Six hundred and twenty dollars. I also give unto my daughter Sallie the balance of money I have on hand, the amount being about Two hundred dollars.

My horse Cattle and hogs I give to my wife. I further set apart unto my wife and daughter Sallie two thirds of all the crops on my land, that is rented out to my sons John Alfred & D. M. Taylor and also the rents of two other parties to wit Jim Riggs and River Brummet. My farming tools I give to my two sons D. M. & John Alfred Taylor.

I request that if my son Alfred and my daughter Sallie should not marry that they live in the house with their mother and still live together after the death of their

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mother. Further I nominate and appoint my son D. M. Taylor and my wife to carry out my requests as expressed in this my last will and testament and it is my desire that they have one burial deeply but not extravagantly.

Further more I request that Twenty dollars be sent to my brother Alfred L. Taylor of Still River, this town is near Chongton Tennessee. This Aug. 10th 1886.

J. L. Taylor

Witness
C. E. Kunkin
C. M. Emmert

The last will and testament of Pinkney P. Williams

Pinkney P. Williams of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee Being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby in body do make, ordain, and publish this my last will and testament, to wit: I will by me at any time make.

I command my soul to God who gave it and express my humble thanks to him for his goodness and mercy towards me.

It is my will and desire that my body have a Christian burial according to the rites of the Christian Church. It is my will that all my just debts be paid including any funeral expenses as soon as practicable after my death out of any money that may come into the hands of my executors.

IVth I will that all my personal property be sold as soon as practicable after my death including household and kitchen furniture, by my executors hereinafter named, on such time as they may think best and that they collect all debts due me, and apply the proceeds of the sale of my personalty and of debts due me to the payment of my just debts and the surplus of any remaining to be divided equally between my heirs.

Vth I will and bequeath to my four daughters Mary, Edla, Rebecca Emma and to my son Madison and Sarah A. Renshaw one bed and bedding and stead each, to make them equal with my other children who have received that amount heretofore.

VIth I will and devise to my four daughters Mary L. Nancy Edla, Rebecca B. Emma equally my little bay mare called Loni also one large brace of hounds.

7th Whereas by the felicity of Almighty God I have accumulated some landed estate which I now dispose of as follows to wit. I will, devise, and bequeath to my six daughters Mary L. Nancy E. Rebecca and Emma E. Williams and Loucretia Hauptman & Alice J. Summley one equal and exact share, my home place on which I now live consisting of acres together with the improvements thereon, and bounded as follows: East by the Martin farm West by the land of Warden & Layton and of M. Williams North by the original line between Archibald and J. L. Williams South by the original line of John L. Williams to David Haynes by me in the 5th District Carter Co. and I further will that if at any time any of the above named heirs shall desire to get their share in said lands they shall give the remaining heirs the refusal of buying the same.

8th I will devise and bequeath to my son Madison L. Williams my two tracts of Land known as the Martin & Perry farms lying on Toll Branch, and bounded as follows: East by the lands of Hoyer & others West by the Hauer place North by the lands of

South by the lands of

9th This bequest is made under following conditions, that is Madison L. is to pay Louisa Penland and Sarah A. Renshaw the sum of Two Hundred Dollars each to make them equal with the other heirs, and this amount is to be a lien on the lands devised to Madison in their respective shares.

Whereas I own a 1/4 interest in a House and lot in the town of Burrowsville State of North Carolina, as co-tenant in common with my Brother Joshua Williams & others and whereas my said Brother agrees to pay me the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for

my interest - therefore will and direct that my said Brother Joshua pay to my daughter Jane Lovell the said sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to make her equal with the other heirs in the distribution of my Estate.

10th Whereas I have heretofore sold to my son James M. Williams a tract of Land lying on the West side of Buffalo Creek containing about and thereon in the sale of said tract of Land I gave my son James M. a sum sufficient to make him equal with my other heirs, and whereas he so did on the sale of Two Hundred Dollars purchase money on said land, I will devise and bequeath that he pay said amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) to the heirs of my daughter Rachael Penland deceased and that said amount be a lien on their favor on said land. And I hold my son James M. two notes for the above amount and he holds my bond for the same it is my will, and I so direct that when he pays to said heirs the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) that my Executors will make him a deed for said land.

11th I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Brothers Joshua Williams and J. M. Summley my Executors of this my last will and testament. To all of which I do subscribe my name on this the 11th day of August A.D. 1886.

Signed and acknowledged
in my presence. This Aug. 11th 1886
J. L. Williams
W. D. Minton

I J. H. Hester being of sound mind but weak in body do solemnly and publish this my last will and testament

12th I declare my body to be weak and my spirit to the Lord who gave it

I do hereby appoint my two sons Lawson D. & Andrew A. Hester Executors of this my last will & testament and I do hereby expressly direct and order that my affairs & Executions shall annually and during her natural life my wife Elizabeth shall have a comfortable and of my whole estate both personal & real for her support and comfort and this is made incumbent upon my Executors.

It is my will that my son Willie B. Hester, Daniel Hester, Rudolph Hester and my daughter Emily Josephine Hester & my son John R. Hester & my daughter Emily shall receive an education & that of my four oldest children to-wit Lawson D. Andrew A. & Cordelia & Amanda Jane Hester, and in order to carry this provision into effect my said Executors are hereby ordered to use all the surplus proceeds arising from my cultivated lands to the education of my aforesaid children, and what is allowed my wife Elizabeth at the discretion of this my last will

and Testament and if this is not sufficient to educate the aforesaid children, as expressed before my said aforesaid Executors are fully directed and empowered to sell a sufficient amount of my Mountain lands to educate the aforesaid children equal to the amount of aforesaid my Stony Creek lands shall be sold first. If it is necessary to do so in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

It is my desire and will that my Real & personal property after the payment of all my just and honest debts shall be equally divided among all my children to-wit: Samuel & Andrew J. R. Ann Cordelia Amanda I am William R. Daniel Lafayette Pendleton Howard R. and Emily Josephine Hyden after the expiration of five years from my death. Should any one or more of the aforesaid children desire a distribution of my real estate they shall notify my aforesaid Executors of their intention and it shall be the duty of my aforesaid Executors to procure the services of a competent Surveyor who shall with two other good men who shall proceed to lay off lots of equal value among my aforesaid children said lots so divided shall be drawn by the aforesaid children and assigned to each according to the drawing. Said Surveyor and aforesaid free holders shall make a report of their proceedings to the County Court of Carter County Tennessee at the Term of said Court following the result of their proceedings and it is my request that Court to confirm the report of said aforesaid Surveyor freeholders and upon application to the Clerk of the said County Court aforesaid it is my request that he make to each of my aforesaid children a deed for the lot and parcel of land assigned them. It is my desire that Henderson Presnell of Jonesboro Tenn be selected as Surveyor to lay off the aforesaid lands of his services due be obtained, yet it is to be distinctly understood that it is my said and will that my wife Elizabeth shall hold her own and control the house or houses out buildings and garden grounds attached thereto even of said estate is divided, leaving her natural life.

It is my desire that my said Executors in making out an Inventory of my said Real Estate leave out all notes accounts & judgments that are uncollectable. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my name to this my last will and Testament on this the 30th day of August 1870. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
J. H. Hyden (Seal)
F. S. Simpkins
Elihu C. Collins
Samuel W. Tamm

I know all men by this present that I Charles Blum of Sullivan County and State of Tennessee person last known living as Charles Blum being of full mind and memory and publishing this my last will and Testament hereby proving all my former will by me at any time heretofore made and as to my whole estate and all the same real and personal or mixed of which whiter I shall be seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled to at the time of my decease I devise or bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner as follows to-wit:

My will is that all my just debts be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient. I give in devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah D. Blum including fifty two Acres of my land upon which she now lives including dwelling house and barn half the Orchard then now used to dry Apples and to include kind timber to and for fire wood to support her part of farm for her lifetime then to go to Charles Brownlow Blum at her death & also I saw and give pigs and for her to have all the year crop and one of Brownlow Blum to have and hold unto his possession the value of my farm and at the death of Sarah D. Blum. I want all of the hole farm to go the said Brownlow Blum and for him to have my waggon & gearings plow and harrow and two pigs and of Red and black footed and safe and one long & crash bottle three chains and wife Cook and the stock is raising for him to have it at her death and the note my wife holds on Noah Howard to be

use for to pay the balance of the purchase money that I owe the widow Lieke heirs and my land and for J.W. Blewins to have One Hog & Chaselia Thomas to have one pig, and the all to remainder to rest of the James Brown land to be equally divided between William Blewins my son and Nancy Simms and my daughter have the following tract-land Beginning Intertin House and run near South to strike at out side fence where Benfield cleared the field and then to make a corner, thence to come near East to River near east. Peter Denny line thence with said line to the creek thence down said creek with the meanders said creek to the Beginning, and for Nancy Simms to have upper end next to Peter Denny and William Blewins have Baker of the Thomas Brown land and all is the Charles Ingram land to provided he will pay cash to the balance of the sum of Four Hundred dollars to be paid over to Mary Campbell one hundred dollars and John Blewins fifty dollars and the balance of one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid over to J.W. Wright. I have appointed him to settle my debts and if any of this money be left after my debts is paid to be equally divided between my sons daughter balance of my children, I have made them deed to them, as there are my sons and daughters to make them equal and for said William Blewins to pay over this money within six months from the date of this will or the Ingram land to be sold to pay over this money within same time and thing I have subscribed my name and put my seal this on 23rd day of November 1886.

Signed sealed and published declared by the said Charles Blewins for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in the presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

Jonathan Head
J.W. Wright
J.C. Blewins

Charles Blewins (Seal)

In the name of God Amen.
I, L.C. Taylor senior of Benton County Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, do make this my last will and testament: revoking all wills heretofore made by me. My body I consign to its mother earth, and will that it be decently interred my soul I commend to the God who created it and the blessed Saviour who redeemed it.

First I will and ordain that all my debts of any and all my funeral expenses be paid. In regard to my last will Martha A. Taylor, I will set forth the following facts: when I married her all her property real and personal fell into my hands. In a short time however we entered into a mutual agreement by the terms of which I gave to her certain stock among step children at my suggestion we agreed that she should not bring anything to my house except that that she should be wear out which was done. In a short time thereafter I made a will to William Strain my wife and to all the property real and personal she then possessed and which the said Mrs. Strain now occupies and holds. It was mutually agreed that I should not continue for any of my property in the in mine being left to our children except fully which has been completed with the exception of the Railroad stock to one thousand dollars that she sold for thirty cents on the dollar and disposed of at her own option.

I will and bequeath to my son Lewis heirs of his body and my son Caswell my home place divided between the heirs of said Isaac and Caswell, as follows, all the home place with the exception of one hundred and forty acres more or less adjoining the lands of James Hutton, George D. Williams others which I occupied buildings and lands by Thomas Snodgrass that I now bequeath to the heirs of the said Isaac, the dividing line having been previously run and marked out and corners set with stone the remainder to the said Caswell.

I also will and bequeath to my son Isaac's heirs and Caswell to be equally divided between said Isaac and Caswell my Blacksmith tools cross cut saw, Lumber, my Encyclopedia books and corn sheller, I will that my son Caswell retain in himself all the plows, hammers and one rifle. Gun and musket, I also will that the heirs of said Isaac have one rifle gun and shot-gun which they have had in possession for some time.

I will to my daughter Jane a certain tract of land in Washington County Tennessee joining Vincent Brown Robert & others and known as the Berry tract a portion of it by the knots containing 55 acres bounded and lighted five acres bright of Vincent Brown joining on the road leading to Johnson City joining the Berry and Robert Tracts I also bequeath to my daughter Jane one half acre lot at Johnson City joining Alfred Branch & others

I will to my daughter Jane one Bureau and
Sage and two pair of bedsteads and one small table
which she had her share in possession and left in my
care when she went West.

I also will to her my Bureau and cupboard and
two half round tables, also two pair Bed Steads beds
and bedding and folding leaf table, chest and large
dressing and looking glass also one third of the
Kitchen furniture and water vessels, also one third
of the balance of my books, the remainder two thirds
of said books to be equally divided between the heirs
of my son Isaac and his wife.

I will that my son Caswell Isaac's heirs and daughter
Jane have one third each of the remainder of my house
hold and Kitchen furniture, I will to my daughter Jane
the land now on hand, if not disposed of before my
death, two thirds of the cattle she has now in hand
in the property of C. C. Gayles Jr. I will that the balance
be divided equally between the heirs of Isaac my son
Caswell and daughter Jane. I will to my son Isaac's
heirs one third of my mountain lands, my son Caswell
one third of same, and my daughter Jane one third,
amounting to something over five thousand acres all
joining the Valley of Limb Stone Cove and Brothers Mountain
in Seitha and any other mountain lands I own.

I also will to the above named heirs jointly my
interest in the copper mine in Watauga County North
Carolina and all other mineral interest that I may
hold in Tenn. or North Carolina also jointly as above
stated all the remaining lands of the Western place
fifty acres more or less lying in Washington County
Tennessee adjoining meadows and Saw Wolf & others.

I will to Isaac's heirs one third Caswell one third
and daughter Jane one third of all money on hand
& notes if any, also accs, and a claim I have laid in
before Congress for services I rendered by myself called
on by Gen Sam Carter to keep him posted in regard to
the strength of the rebels forces and their movements
in this County during the rebellion.

Also another claim against the U States Government
which I have made out against legally and sent
up to Congress for corn tax, and rails, if this
claim be paid I will it to my daughter Jane
with the exception of what is to be paid to Isaac
Barn for his part of the corn and the further sum
of thirteen dollars of expenses that I have already
paid, which must be deducted out of Isaac's
part. (as the amount was curtailed from what sent
up) My will is that my daughter Jane have one

third of my Arkansas lands that will be on hand at
the division of said land. All of the property real & personal
between her bodily heirs.

I will to my son in law Doctor John B. Price one third of my
Arkansas lands that is on hand at the division of the same
for his services in taking charge of them and selling the same
and paying taxes.

I will the remaining one third to the heirs of my son Isaac
and son Caswell of the said Arkansas lands that is on hand
at the division of the same, also to the Caswell's heirs of Isaac.
One acre lot at Johnson City divided equally between the said
heirs and Caswell adjoining the lands of Seitha and others.
It is my will if I have neglected anything in & I may have
after accumulating anything, that it be equally divided between
the heirs of my son Isaac & Gayles, son Caswell & Gayles
and daughter Jane Willard.

I forbid them going to law with or without for property I have
I have made and given them, it is my will that they divide
the property without suit as far as suitable to do so and the
balance sell and divide the proceeds.

Finally I appoint my sons Isaac & Caswell of Logan County
& State of Tennessee, Caswell & Gayles of Carter County Tenn
and Samuel H. Willard my son in law of Washington County
Tennessee my Executors in testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 22nd day of Feb. 1870 Isaac and
intimations made before signing. I also appoint Isaac
& Gayles Guardian for his heirs.

Witness
J. B. Hamilton
N. J. Williams

Caswell C. Gayles son (Seal)

