

running along the dividing ridge in a South Eastward direction to the Academy Branch thence with the Branch to the Stage Road thence with the said Road to the corner of the field lying South of the dwelling house thence with said field in a Southwesterly direction to the Watters' line and thence with his line running in Northern direction to the Creek thence up said Creek to the Beginning including all the dwelling and its houses on said land with all the house hold and Kitchen furniture & Douttry &c. She is also to Select for her own use Six Muleh Cow, That she ad of stock
~~say~~ Fiftey head of Stock hogs, Pigs & Pigs &c.
 The Buggy and Buggy Horse and three Mules, or horses, one Wagon and harness and farming Utensil sufficient for the farm and all the wheat crop and all the oats in the Wheat field all the corn of Rye and a sufficient quantity of Hay and Fodder two hundred Barrels of corn four thousand pounds of Pork one or two small Beers, and a sum of One hundred dollars in cash She is also to Select three Negro men to cultivate her farm and two more women and boy and one girl If then is anything left over that she does not wish to be took with her May hand it over to the Executrix.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son William Ba
 tract of land containing acres as already deeded to him which he is to have measured and account for at Eighteen dollars, per acre as a part of his interest in the estate after deducting one thousand dollars, the amount paid the other heirs to make them equal I also give him my Negro boy George to make him equal with the other children who have already received a Negro apiece

Fourthly I give and bequeath to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Beech Grove five hundred dollars in Stock in the A & C Rail Road the interest arising ~~from~~ from which is to be appropriated by my Executrix for the purpose of sustaining the Ministry and other expenses necessary to help said Church And Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Andrew Maxwell and William B. Watters or My Executors who are authorized to sell neither to divide any land I now have or that may hereafter come to me and also to buy or sell the slaves on hand not otherwise disposed of I wish them also to sell a sufficiency of my perishable property for each to pay my debts of neccessity It is also my will that whatever of my estate may fail to my son Mr. Watters be retained in the hands of my executors until I am released from any and all liability as security or endorser for him It is also my will that whatever portion I may fail to my daughter Mary Ann Buckhannon ensue to the benefit of all her children to have equal share and share alike It is also my will that my executors be not required to give security In witness whereof I set my will set my hand and seal this day of July 1851

Wm. Watters Esq;
 Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of this testator
 A. S. Bratton
 Bob. Mason

State of Tennessee
Coffee County 3

At a County Court began and held for the County of Coffee at the Courthouse in the Town of Manchester on the 4th day of August 1851 being the 1st Monday of said Month the foregoing Last Will and Testament of William Patterson deceased was presented to Court and proven by the Oath of James A. Brantley one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and at a County Court began and held for the County of Coffee at the Courthouse in the Town of Manchester on the 1st day of September 1851 being the 1st Monday in said Month, the same was proven by the Oath of B. F. Moore the other Subscribing Witness thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done.

Witness my hand at Office this 1st day of September 1851

James Darnell Clark

In the Name of God Amen

I John Farrar of the County of Coffee and State of Tennessee being on the decline of life but of sound and perfect mind and memory thank be to God for the same and knowing that it is proper for all people to do make and ordain their Last Will and Testament I do therefore make and ordain my last Will and Testament that I do communicate my soul to Almighty God and my body to be decently buried and as touching my worldly Estate wherein with it has pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in the following manner After all my just debts is paid I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Anna Farrar all my lands and property debts judgment

and Executions and all that belongs to my estate during her natural life time and after her death I wish all my property equally divided between all my children.

My beloved son Thos. C. Farrar his and Penney Dow Farrar his by a deduction of forty five dollars off his part and also to Anna his by a deduction of fifty seven dollars off of his part and Madelin Calgate and the sum of her body and thirty six dollars over my Sons part as my Sons have not had horses and my daughter Selina Holmes and the sum of her body and Janie Hawke and the sum of her body both to have thirty six dollars a piece in lieu of their beasts and Mary McRae his to have their Mother's share together with thirty six dollars in lieu of a beast and my Son John D. Farrar by a deduction of forty six dollars and girls fees etc and my beloved wife shall have the liberty to dispose of her bed and bed clothes as she may think proper and I herein appoint my beloved Son John D. A. Farrar Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do revoke all Wills by me heretofore made and do by these presents acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament Signed Sealed and Acknowledged this 21st day of April Eighteen hundred and forty nine

John J. Farrar Esq.

In presence of us

Albert

E. A. Putney

W. H. Atkinson

Watson P. Tracy

Mark

State of Tennessee
Coffee County 3

At a County Court began and held for Coffee County at the Courthouse in the Town of Manchester on the 6th day of January 1852
The foregoing last Will & Testament of John Ham
duly was produced to Court and proven by the oath
of Matthew Briney and C. A. Rutherford two of his Subscribing
Witnesses Chests and Orders to be recorded
Which is accordingly done

Attest My hand this 10th day of January 1852
James Barnes

In the Name of God Amen

I David J. Hickerson do make and publish this
as my last Will & Testament hereby revoking
all Wills by me at any time heretofore made
Item 1st My Will is that my bottom Plantation
be sold that is beginning at the Crop fence between
Powers & one near the Road thence with that to
the River then up the River to where the Shoun
Spring branch runs into the River thence
with that to the Spring then in a straight line
to where the Road leading to Holstenbake leaves
the Road coming from my bottom plantation
to my house then with said Road that lead to
Holstenbake to the line between me and
Holstenbake thence with Holstenbake to
to Mrs. Nancy Hickerson's line and with that
to Thomas Powers line and with that to the
beginning 2nd My boy Jim I desire to be buried
out at Shellyville for the year 1852 at the end
of that time I desire him sold

3rd The balance of my land house hold and

Kitchen furniture hog cattle sheep and farming
instruments and a brown mare I give to my wife
Martha the land during her life or widowhood
and the other property in this item absolutely
the aforesaid land and Negro to be sold by my
Executor here after mentioned upon a credit
of one thousand dollars the money to be
paid in a series of 12 months retaining
a lien on each until the purchase money is
collected I desire my Executor to put the same
at interest in good hands and to pay over the
interest arising therefrom to my said wife
as she may need it

4th At the death of my wife I desire the
aforesaid money together with the proceeds
of the balance of my lands hereby given to my
wife during her life and which I desire sold
also by my Executor at her death I desire the
same to be equally divided between my children
and should any of them die their children to take
the share their deceased parent would have been
entitled to if living each one first accounting
for what I have heretofore given them

5th My saddle horse and such other things
as are not herein devised or my wife may
not need I desire my Executor to sell to pay
whatever debts I may owe

6th I hereby nominate constitute and
appoint Charles Hickerson Executor of this
my last Will & Testament this 10th day of
October 1851

David J. Hickerson
Signed and sealed in our presence

Mark
by the testator & subscribed by us in the presence of each
other and in the presence of his Testator this 10th day of
Oct 1851
W. P. Hickerson
L. D. Hickerson

State of Tennessee

Coffee County 3 At a County Court began
and held for Coffee County at the Courthouse in
the Town of Manchester on the 2^d day of February
1852 the foregoing Last Will & Testament of David
Hickerson was produced to Court and proven by
the Oaths of William P. Hickerson and
Little D. Hickerson the Subscribing Testifiers
thereto and ordered to be recorded
& which is accordingly done witness my hand
at Office this 5th day of February 1852

James Darnell Clerk

I Simon Gilley do make and publish this as
My last Will and Testament hereby revoking and
making void all other Wills, by me at any time
made. First I direct that My funeral expenses
and all My debts be paid as soon after My
death as possible out of any Money that
I may die possessed of or may first come into
the hands of My Executor. Secondly I give and
bequeath to My beloved wife Sarah Gilley
to have all My Personal Property and Real
Estate for the use of raising the children
thereof equally amongst them
I do hereby nominate and appoint John
Bryant My Executor in writing which
I do to this My last Will set My hand on
Seal this the 12th day Sept 1851

Signed Sealed and Simon Gilley
Published in our presence and we have
Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the
Testator this 12th day of Sept 1851

J H Whitemore
Wm. D. Bryant

State of Tennessee
Coffee County 3

At a County Court began and held for Coffee County
at the Courthouse in the Town of Manchester
on the 2^d day of February 1852 the foregoing last
Will & Testament of Simon Gilley, deceased was produced
to Court and proven by the Oaths of J H Whitemore
and A Ferguson the Subscribing Testifiers
thereto and ordered to be recorded
which is accordingly done witness my hand
at Office this 5th day of February 1852

James Darnell Clerk

State of Tennessee

Coffee County 3

I James McCullough do make and
publish this as My last Will & Testament
hereby revoking and making void all others
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 die possessed
of or may first come into the hands of My
Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to My
wife Rhoda McCullough all My Corn & Pork
& all hog and that is in the house and one barrel of
Lard one Mans Saddle and at her death all
the above named articles left to belong to James R.
McCullough also the said James R. McCullough
is to have one hundred dollars over and equal
share of the rest of My heirs out of the proceeds
of My land when sold. Also wish My land re
nted so long as My wife Rhoda McCullough
lives and Richard Robins to have the benefit

of the Rent by Supporting of her as long as
she lives and taking care of her and at her
death I wish my land all to be sold
and equally divided between all my heirs
except the above £as R. McCullough which
is to have one hundred dollars over & went
on say how I have sold to pay my debts and
to the benefit of my wife I do hereby nominate
and appoint Gilbert T. B. McPhee my
Executor in Writing whereof I do to this
My Will set my hand and seal this 25th
day of December A.D. 1851 his
Signed Sealed and S. James X. McCullough
Published in our mark.

Witness and we have subscribed our names
hence in the presence of the Testator the
day and date above written.

S. J.
R. H. Lawrence

Sepe Jemian

State of Tennessee

Coffee County 3rd At a County Court began
and held for Coffee County at the Courthouse
in the Town of Manchester on the 3rd day of
February 1852 and present the foregoing
last Will and Testament of James McCullough
was produced to Court and sworn by the
oath of S. H. Lawrence and J. F. Jemian
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and
certified to be recorded which is accordingly
done by my hand at Coffey this 5th day
of February 1852

James Darrell Clark

I Charles Moore of the County of Coffee,
and State of Tennessee being weak of body but
of sound and disposing mind and memory
do make and Ordain this my last Will and
Testament in manner and form following to wit
to it is my will and desire that my Executors
pay my funeral expences and all my just
debts out of any money that may be or have
at the time of my death or out of the sum of money
that may be collected from the sale of my property
or of my Will and bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary Moore during her natural life my
land on which I now live Negro (servt)
Charles Mariah Samuel Matty and her
child Ann and their future increase two
choice horses three feather beds steady and
furniture and twenty choice Stock hogs four
Cows and Calves my Oxen and team all my
poultry a years provision one hundred dollars
in money my table chair bureau cupboard and
kitchen furniture and twenty choice Stock hogs
I give to my daughter Sarah D. Franklin during
her natural life and then to her children a Negro
girl named Rachel and her future increase
said Negro to be valued to her by disinterested
men in part her portion of my estate and which
is not to be subject to the payment of her husband's
debts and should a share amount to more
than the value of said Negro the amount
above that to be placed in the hand of a Trustee
and for him to draw annually the interest thereon
to her and at my wife's death that the share
of my daughter Sarah D. Franklin be placed
also in the hand of a Trustee and for to receive

annually the interest to me
 4th I will and desire that the balance of my
 Negroes not named above be valued by
 disinterested men and put into lots and drawn
 for and decided as follows (to wit) that
 William Moore Benjamin Moore Sophia
 Finch Jane Scruggs Susan Moore and
 Eliza Thomas each draw a share to make
 them equal with Sarah H. Shanks and that
 the two children of my son Robert Moore
 deceased draw only a half share between
 them and that Martha A. Moore daughter
 of my daughter Martha Moore deceased
 draw a half share.

5th I will and desire that the balance of my
 property not heretofore named that may be on
 hand at the time of my death be sold to the
 higher bidder on twelve months credit and
 the proceeds divided as above named and that
 those named to draw full shares draw them
 and those named to draw half shares draw
 them also. 6th At the death of my wife
 I will that the money she may have
 and divided as above specified and the land
 stock crop &c be sold on the same terms as
 above mentioned and the proceeds divided
 as before named and that William Moore
 Benjamin Moore Sophia Finch Jane Scruggs
 Susan Moore Sarah H. Shanks and Eliza
 Thomas each draw a full share and that
 the two children of my son Robert Moore
 deceased draw only a half share between
 them and that Martha A. Moore daughter
 of Martha Moore deceased draw a half

share of I appoint my son Benjamin Moore
 guardian of Martha A. Moore and if she
 should die before she marries or becomes of full
 age that her portion shall return as a part
 of my estate and be divided among my other
 heirs as above specified.

7th I appoint John E. Scruggs and Benjamin
 Moore as executors to this my last Will and
 Testament revoking all others hitherto made.
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed my seal this 31st December
 1850.

Attest
 G. G. Osborne
 A. Maxwell

Charles Moore Esq.
 his
 mark

State of Tennessee
 Coffee County

That a County began and held for Coffee
 County at the Courthouse in the Town of
 Manchester on the 1st Monday in June 1852
 the foregoing last Will and Testament of
 Charles Moore deceased was produced
 to Court by J. E. Scruggs and Benjamin
 Moore the executors therin named and
 sworn by the oaths of G. G. Osborne and
 A. Maxwell the subscribing witnesses
 made and ordered to be recorded which
 is according to law. Witness my hand at
 Office this 8th day of June 1852

A. McPherson Clerk

I Mary Silmon do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills made by me at any time or more. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may now possess of or may hereafter come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter Siddy Silmon forty acres of land to her and her bodily heirs to be taken off of the north end of the land adjoining Freeman's, and also one acre and one-half acre Coffee Mill. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Smith forty acres of land adjoining Silman, forty acres to include the improvement to her and her bodily heirs and donee's little child. Fourthly I have given to my daughter Louisa and her bodily heirs her portion of land to wit forty acres to come to the Spring Branch land I give her my largest plot one acre being situated and one distance.

Fifthly I give to my daughter Jane Beale three children and Savannah Grimes four children the balance of the land whereupon after the death of three girls gets thirty-four acres each and then the children is to have the hundred acres that lies in Warren County all that to be sold and the money arising from it to be equally divided between them seven children.

Sixthly I leave my Cow and Calf to be sold and the money divided between my five daughters children.

Seventhly I leave the balance of my little stuff in my house to Siddy Silmon and Polly Smith and for them to get two hundred dollars to come to divide it between them equally with out any grumbling.

In witness whereof I do to this my last Will setting my hand and seal the 21st day of August 1849

Dighted Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names, hirto in the presence of the testator.

At 13 I do appoint Siddy Silmon my Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

After John Brandon
Jonathan G. Davis
State of Tennessee
Coffee County

At a County Court began and held for Coffee County, at the Courthouse in the Town of Manchester on the 5th day of July 1852 The foregoing last Will and Testament of Mary Silmon did bear production to court and proven by the oath of Jonathan G. Davis one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and declared to be re^{due} and valid which is accordingly witness my hand at Coffey the 5th day of July 1852

A. M. Shortle Clerk

I Smith Blanton being of sound mind
disposing more bat & able in body domain
and able to this my last Will and Testament
to write and desire my funeral expenses and
all my just debts to be paid as soon as possible
after my death out of any means I may have
bequeathed proposed or

After all my debts shall have been paid and
I bequeath all the residue of my property
of every kind and description to my wife
Fancy for her sole undivided portion.

It is further my will and desire that my
executors whom I now name at a point may
be permitted to execute this will without
binding into bond and security and that they
proceed to the execution hereof by disposing
of any of my property that they may deem
necessary either at public or private sale
for the satisfaction of my just and lawful
debts. I do hereby constitute and appoint
my wife Fancy my executrix and my brother
Willis Blanton my executor to this my last
will &c In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affix my seal

the 12th day of August 1852
Signed in our presence { Smith Blanton (Signature)
this 12th day August 1852 }

Sent.

P. H. Price

John Willis

State of Tennessee Et al County Court began
Coffee County. Land held for Coffee County &
the same to be in the town of Manchester on the
6th day of September 1852 the foregoing last will &

Testament of Smith Blanton deceased was
produced to Court by the Executor & Executrix
herein named and proven by the Clerk
of Allen G. Hillman the Subscribing witness
thereon and ordered to be Recorded
which is accordingly done Attest my hand
at Office this 16th day of September 1852

A. H. Hart Clerk

April the 21 1852

This will does away all others this is my
last will and testament. I will my wife after
paying all funeral expense and all debts that may
occur which money to be paid out of the first
money coming to the hand of my administrator
and then my wife to have \$100 and Clark and
Mahala three negroes big and a girl and
the tract of land that I lie on and the tract of land
that I bought of John Eoff the two tracts to contain
three hundred and two acres and the furnish
tools and as much stock of every kind as she
may need for her use and one year provision
and the house hold and kitchen furniture
laid off for her use during her life at her death
my son Robert Carden, ^{and together} to have the three
hundred and two acres that is above mentioned
and a Negro boy named Peter and a girl that
named Martha which I thought of the two
Aston and Harris and ^{as} the property that his father
have except Clark and Mahala two
negroes William L Carden to have a Negro
boy name Jerry and Martha L Carden
to have a Negro boy call Clark and

Lucinda Jackson to have Matilda and
the Child she now have and William and
Martin McGuire & Sons that is above mentioned
to have all the land that I bought of Thom.
Kile and George Powers which land lies
on the West side of Dick River
A Will My Son James Alarden One dollar
and all the balance of the property to be
sold and divided between William Clark
and Martin Alarden and Lucinda J.
Jackson and Robert Alarden at my
death In witness whereof I have set my
hand and seal in the presence of us
this 21st of April 1852

Robert McGuire
Eliza J McGuire

Reuben Corden Esq

State of Tennessee

Coffee County, 3 At a County Court held
and held for said County at the Court house
in the Town of Manchester on the 4th day
of October 1852 being the first Monday
in said Month the foregoing Last Will
and Testament of Reuben Corden deceased
was produced to Court and pronounced
by the Oaths of Robert McGuire one of
the subscribing witnesses thereto and
Ordered to be recorded which is accordingly
done witness my hand at Office
this 1st day of October 1852

A McPhat Clerk

I Andrew Franklin do make and Publish
this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
and making over all other Wills by me at any time
made first I direct that my funeral expenses and all
my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible
out of any Money that I may die possessed of or
may first come into the hands of my Executor
Secondly I give and bequeath to Pamela Franklin
my wife One Cart and Hens, House hold and
Kitchen furniture and also all the effects that
is coming to me by Thomas Lynn Will
I do hereby nominate and appoint William
Early my Executor In witness whereof I do
this my will setting my hand and seal this
24th day of June 1851

Attest

Andrew Franklin

A Ferguson

Mastor H C Earle,

State of Tennessee

Coffee County, 3

At a County Court began and held for
Coffee County at the Court house in the Town
of Manchester on the 7th day of March
1853 being the first Monday in said Month
therefore going was produced to Court by William
Earle the Executor herein named and sworn
by the Oaths of A Ferguson and Martin Clark
the Subscribing witness thereto and Ordered to be
recorded which is accordingly done
witness my hand at Office of Clerk of said
Court this day of March 1853

A McPhat Clerk

Charlotte Thompson doth make and publish this as my last Will and Testament
hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by
me at any time made First I direct that my funeral
expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after
death as possible out of any Money that I may
die possessed of or may first come into the hands
of my Executor Secondly I give and bequeath
to my son Berwell J. Thompson one Negro man
Henry aged about thirty five one Negro boy
named John six or seven years old one Negro girl
named Amanda eleven years old and all other
property that I may die possessed of
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter
Jane B. Maupin Twenty five dollars to be paid
to her by my Executor or Executors when she shall
above named Jane B. Maupin shall be twenty
one years old, Lastly I do hereby nominate
and appoint Berwell J. Thompson and Isaac
McMillion my Executors, In witness whereof
I do to this my Will set my hand and seal
this 17th day of May 1853 Charlotte Thompson
Signed sealed and published

In our presence and we have subscribed our
names hereto in the presence of the Testator
this 17th day of May 1853

Philip

R. R. Price

F. C. Price

State of Tennessee At a County Court began
Coffey County and held for said County at
the County in the Town of Manchester on
the 6th day of June 1853 The foregoing last
will and Testament of Charlotte Thompson

deceased was presented to Court by Isaac McMillion
and Berwell J. Thompson the executors thereon
named and proven by the oath of R. R. Price one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto and found to be
recorded which is accordingly done
Notch my hand at Office this 7th day of June
1853

S. M. Short Clerk

I John D. Peay do make and publish this my last
Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void
all other Wills by me at any time made
First It is my will that all my funeral expenses and
all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as
possible out of any Money I may die possessed of or
that may first come into the hands of my Executors
Second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife during
all my property both real and personal during her
natural life or widowhood

And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
James Gibson my Executor, In witness whereof
I do to this my Will set my hand affix my seal
this 2nd day of November A.D. 1853

executed signed and sealed in

our presence this day and date

above written (Wm. Shley)

William Shley

J. D. Peay Seal

At a County Court began and held for Coffey County at the
Court house in the Town of Manchester on the 7th day of November
1853 being the first Monday in said Month, the last Will
and Testament of John D. Peay deceased was produced
Court examined and approved by the Executrix thereon
named and proven by the oath the subscribing witnesses
thereto and found to be recorded which is accordingly
done present S. M. Short Clerk of said Court at Office this
7th day of November 1853

S. M. Short Clerk

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I James Usser of the County of
Belle and State of Tennessee being of an
mind and memory and at the present
enjoying good health but knowing the want
of time allotted to man and having been
promised a better life than left your godly family
lived with a large family of children as
well with a portion of worldly goods, and also
knowing that the laws of my country make
equitable distribution of Intestates estate
but to save my heirs of the trouble as well
the expense I do therefore this 17th day of Sept
eighteen hundred and fifty nine and publish
this my last will and Testament to all
In the first place I desire my body to be
buried in a decent manner where ever my
family may think proper after my
decease It is also my desire that all my
debts and funeral expenses be speedily and
justly paid, and what worldly goods I may
die possessed of I desire and dispose of in the
following manner to wit To my loving
wife Mary Usser I will and bequeath all
my property both real & personal together with
what ready money I may have at my death
to dispose of in the following manner in the
first place to our remaining children equal
with those that have married and left us
at the time when they arrive at lawful
age or marry and ~~having~~ middle all equal
to each one hundred and twenty ^{nine} dollars
and as near the like kind of property
which stand in a book shop or that purpose
& not in property termed money I and
my wife agreed to see our young
child of lawfull age then I desire her to

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My old tract together with my entry
containing in all 140 acres in one lot
and also my tract purchased from father
including seventeen acres of Brother Elijah
Green making One hundred and sixteen
acres in one lot sold on one two & three years credit
taking bonds with good security for the purchase
money also retaining a lean on the lands
until the same is paid and at the same time
to dispose of all the personal property that she
may not want or need on such time as she
may think best And after having made all
the children equal as before stated I desire
the proceeds of the sales before stated equally
divided among all of our children if living
if not their children respectively to receive
their parents part except my daughter
Malinda May and her part I desire kept
specifically for her benefit of Circumstances
may require it used for the sustinance of the
children under and the time of their
arriving at age never if not I desire it
to be kept at interest for the benefit of the
children who are and at the time of the
arriving at age never and under no
circumstances to be placed in the hands
of her husband David May nor to be
used either directly or indirectly for his
use or benefit I do further will and
desire that after the death of my wife
my Execution will succeed to dispose of
my remaining Lands together with all
the personal property remaining on the
land above directed and divide the proceeds

122 the same as above directed, and provide
my wife does not live to make the disposal
of my property as above directed then I do
my executors at their death to proceed and
act under the same direction given above
doing equal justice to all and in the manner
above specified, Having disposed and directed
the disposition of all my worldly good.

I do now constitute and appoint my
sons John Mitchell Green & William Mart
Green my executors and I desire they
son John Mitchell to become the guardian
of his brother Willis Henderson Green and
provide for him and take charge of this part
of my estate after or before his mother's
death. Also I desire Willis Henderson to
live with his mother during her lifetime
also I request David K. Vance to assist my
sons in the discharge of their duties as
executors.

In witness whereof I have unto signed
my name and affix my seal the day
and date above written:

Attest James Green
Willis Blanton
Robert Green Codicil

I certify Green hath made and
published this my first codicil to my will
as set out in foregoing language to wit I
desire that when the sales take place as
directed in my will of the lands
therin specified that the lands purchased
of my father the subscriber and including
any land on the north side of the road

in others words I desire and attach a small
strip say 40 acres of said tract to the tract
I now live on all of which is now under
fence and further, since the making
and publishing of my will aforesaid my
son John M. Green both departed this life
I do therefore appoint David K. Vance my
executor with my son Willis Blanton Green
and desire them to qualify as such Green
under my hand seal this 28th day of
October 1853.

Attest

James Green

Willis Blanton

Robert Green

State of Tennessee

Coffee County, 3d. At a County Court began and
held for said County at the Courthouse in the Town
of Hawxton on the 1st day of December 1853

The foregoing will & was produced to Court
and sworn to by the Oaths of Willis Blanton
and R. C. Green the subscribing witnesses
thereunto and ordered to be recorded

which is accordingly done Attest, my hand
at Office this 6th day of December 1853

Giram Morrison Clerk

I Daniel H. Court of Justice the County
of Coffee and State of Tennessee Being of
mind and memory do hereby make
and publish this as my last will and
testament hereby revoking and making
void all former wills by me made
knowing full well that all my just debts be
paid

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my beloved Nancy all my plantation upon which I now live with all the buildings and appurtenances thereto belonging with the rent and profits thereof for and during her natural life.

Item 3^d I also give my beloved wife Nancy array 2 of any horses or mares that she may select with a wagon and one yoke of oxen & cows & calves of her own choosing 20 head of hogs to be selected by herself out of my stock 10 head of sheep which are also to be chosen by herself.

Item 4^d I also give my beloved wife Nancy all my house hold and kitchen furniture with the following tools or as much thereof as she may choose to keep also also all the pottery of every kind.

Item 5^d I give and bequeath to my son Caleb Gaul two hundred and seventy five dollars in stock & stock in the Nashville & Chattanooga Rail Road with all the interest and dividends now or that may arise from the same over and above what he has also had which rises a horse and a saddle worth eighty dollars a bed and furniture & eight head of cattle worth forty dollars already had.

Item 6^d I have already given to my son Eleazar A Gaul one horse and saddle worth seventy dollars and four hundred dollars in land by value estimated

Item 7^d I have already given to my son James H. Gaul one horse and saddle

worth seventy dollars and four hundred dollars in land by value estimated

Item 8^d I have given to my daughter Martha A Clay books one cow and calf & one bed & furniture & one dressing table all worth thirty five dollars and four hundred dollars in land by value estimated

Item 9^d I give to my son Hiram H. Gaul one horse & saddle and one hundred acres of land worth four hundred dollars in value as specified in a deed to him made by me made already

Item 10^d I give to my son Andrew G. Gaul one horse and saddle and at the death of his mother one hundred and seventeen acres of land on which I now live which is bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a bush of Elder bushes on the west branch of Bradley creek in George Miller's south Boundary line and running west with his line four hundred poles to a stake said Miller's S.W. corner there and south 53 poles to a stake and chestnut and apple tree thence East 140 poles to a stake thence North 8 poles to opposite the end of a crop fence 144 poles to a stake thence South 42° East of five poles to 2 bushes at the head of the big spring thence down the spring branch to Bradley's Creek and up the with its meanders to the beginning

Item 11^d I give to and bequeath to my daughter Phoebe H. Gaul one hundred and twelve acres of land lying James H. Gaul's land and the above described tract and bounded as follows to wit Beginning on Black Oak James H. Gaul's N.E. corner and running

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South 89th & 289th poles to a stake and
James H. Gault at N.E. corner thence N 53°
poles to a stone chestnut posters at S. E. Gault
S. W. corner thence E. with the south boundary
of his land to the head of the Big and down
the same and the meanders of Broadly are
to the beginning.

But the above tract of land is to belong to my
wife so long as she lives or resided in 2^d item
of this will.

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint
Eleanor H. Gault and James H. Gault my
sons my executors of ~~my last will~~ will
and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have theretounto
set my hand and affixed my seal this
22nd day of May A.D. 1852

Signed sealed and acknowledge
and declared by the testator
to be his last will and
Testament in ~~witnesses~~

Daniel H. Gault Esq

Attest J. T. Roberts
J. C. Wilkinson

A County Court began and held for Coffee County
at the Court house in the Town of Manchester on
the 2^d day of January 1854 being the first Monday
in said Month. The foregoing last Will and Testament
of Daniel H. Gault was produced to Court by Eleanor
Gault and James H. Gault the executors herein named
and proven by the oaths of A. T. Roberts and J. C. Wilkinson
the subscribing witnesses thereto and cause to be recorded
which is accordingly done witness my hand at Official
days of January 1854

Elijah Gugg of the County of Coffee and State
of Tennessee being afflicted and in great bodily debility
though of sound mind and memory do make and constitute
this my last will and Testament First I give my soul to the
Lord from whom I received it hoping he will take it in his
merciful keeping but that he has in reservation for his people
and Secondly I give my body to my friends that they may
bury it decently and it is my request that my funeral
expenses shall be paid out of my estate and when this
shall have been done it is my will and wish that all
my remaining portion of my estate of living Cardin
should be disposed in the following manner to wit
First that all my just debts and legal debts before paid
and Secondly it is my will and wish that my brother
Franklin Gugg and my sister Anna Gugg take into
their care and immediate possession at my departure
all my real and personal estate and effects
of every kind upon the condition that they do decently
support my father and mother whilst they live in
this world and if it is the will of God to take my
father and mother away from the world first
before my brother Franklin Gugg and Anna
that they do still hold possession to their own proper
use and like of them and their heirs of my all of my
real and personal property Cardin to be equally
divided between except my Rail Road Stock
in the McMinnville and Manchester that
gives and bequeath to my Brother Franklin Gugg to
have for his own special benefit These expenses
above stated constitute my dying wishes so far
as my will is known to myself giving therefore my
hand & My seal this 1st day of April in the
year of our Lord 1854

Official
McMinn County
Tennessee

Elijah Gugg *Seal*

State of Tennessee
 Coffee County. I. At a County Court began and held for Coffee County at the Courthouse in the Town of Manchester on the 5th day of July 1854
 The foregoing Last Will and Testament of Elijah Wilson deceased was this day produced to Court and proven by the oaths of P W Marbury and Simpson Swell the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done. Attest My hand as Clerk of said Court at Office this 5th day of July 1854.

John Emerson Clark

I John Wilson do make and publish this as my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that may be possessed of or may just come into the hands of my Executrix.

Second I give and bequeath to my Sister Jane C. Wilson the Land I now live on for her support in lifetime and also my Negro woman Mary and one other child named John Bell during her life time and also all the household and kitchen furniture except what will be needed hereafter also all of my farming tools also one Gray Mare and two Choice Cows & Calves and all my hogs and Sheep and all of the Bacon and lard & & Corn and fodder. Third I give and bequeath to my Niece Fannie, also one Negro girl named Phoebe to her and the heirs of her body also one Bed and furniture. Fourth I wish my bay horse to be sold and saddle, Bridle and the balance of my cattle

fifth and last I do hereby nominate and appoint my Sister Jane C. Wilson Executrix in this place whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 29th day of April 1854

John Wilson

Attest

Abner Bryan

J P Howard

State of Tennessee Coffee County

The above County Court began and held for said County at the Courthouse in the Town of Manchester on the 5th day of August 1854. The foregoing Last Will and Testament of John Wilson deceased was produced to Court and proven by the oaths of Abner Bryan and J P Howard the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done Attest my hand at Office this 5th day of August 1854

John Emerson Clark

Respectful relatives of Anna Garrison Elizabeth Walker & Horatio Howard being duly sworn deposed & say that they were at the house of Anne Fane & son a few days before her death the precise number of days not recollect said deceased called to them and said she was very sick & hardly thought she ever strongly got up again and after her death she said she wanted her three children John C. & Horatio Walker & Anna Holman to have her Bed & Bed clothes to be equally divided except the quilt that she had made & she wanted them given to her grand

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saw witnesses to see such articles above
mention'd divided the above premises
this corner, or was at the house of
the Deceased & occurred during her last
sickness

I witness & subscribe Elizabeth Walker
in open Court the 7th day of August
day of August 1854 Dorcas & Howard
Hiram Emerson Atk mark
~~Pray that Mr. Hiram did between 5th & 10th of July
1854~~

State of Tennessee
Coffee County On the County Court began
and sat for Coffee County at the Courthouse in
the Town of Manchester the 7th day of August
1854 The foregoing instrument witnessed
of Jane Harran was produced to Court and
proven in open Court by Elizabeth Walker
wife Dorcas Howard and ordered to be
recited which is accordingly done
Witness my hand at Cefee the 8th day of
August 1854 Hiram Emerson Atk

In the name of God Amen. 137
I William Cunningham a Citizen of Coffee County
State of Tennessee do here by make and publish this
following as and for my last will and Testament
that is to say first as I am desirous in making
provisions for my wife I do here by bequeath to
her during her life or widowhood all of lands &
Negroes & and all other property of every species that
I may possess together with all notes money &c including
every thing that I may possess Should she marry then
one share only & after her death or marries the same
One share to my son James W Cunningham & I give
One share to John W Cunningham & I give unto my
daughter Elisabeth Ann Cunningham one share to her
sole and separate use & should she marry then have
it entirely free from her husband and under her own
control & I give one share to my daughter Virginia
Caroline Cunningham one share to her sole and
separate use in case she should marry to have it
entirely free from her husband and under her
control & I give to my daughter Mary A. Cunningham
one share to her sole and separate use
in case she should marry to have it entirely
free from her husband and under her own
control Now if any of my children should
marry and my wife should make any advance
ments so to make them all equal in
day that the devise may be made the true
intent and meaning of the 1st Clause is for the
Estate not to be wasted but to have the use
and benefit during life time or widowhood
of all my Estate after her paying all of my just

130. The remainder then to be divided among Children I ^{will} give them to select each of them their representative some good dissententee to make the division and should anyone get more than another then in that case he is to pay to do as to make them equally all the estate that my daughters are entitled under this will should die then their interest if there is no bodily heir to inherit the estate of them then it is to be divided amongst my surviving children or their children if need there should be any minors

This June 1st 1833 signed and sealed in the presence of

Test

Asel McKee
James M Cunningham

William Cunningham

Here I add more to the above will that is if my wife should increase the family which I expect the will then in that case to share as above state if a daughter to have to their sole disposal should any of my sons or daughters die and leave no heir that or lawful then in that the estate that they inherited by birth right shall return to the rest of my surviving children and their heirs this 3rd day of November 1833

William Cunningham

State of Tennessee
Coffee County) At a County Court

began and held for Coffee County at the town of Manchester on the 6th day of November 1834 the foregoing Last will and Testament of Robert Stevens was produced court and sworn by the oaths of myself William Gray and William Carroll the subscriber witness thereto and ordered to be recorded which is done this 1st day of November 1834

and proven in Open Court by James Mc
Cormick Esq. Justice of the Peace for the County of
Cunningham, and Order to be recorded to follow
singly alone witness my hand and office this
4th day of October 1834

Hiram P. Emmons Esq.

State of Tennessee Coffee County September 7th 1834

I Rachel Stevens do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby reciting and making all other wills by me at any time made ~~first~~ I ^{do} now make this my ^{second} will that my funeral expenses and my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible so far as may be proper of or may first come into the hands of my executors Secondly I give and bequeath that all my personal and real estate be sold and after all my debts paid and my Mother to be supported out of the balance so long as she may live and it may please Almighty God to remove her I grant the remainder if any to be divided with Peter Clark and Addison and Elizur my two brothers and sister equally, Fourth and lastly to the rest then conceive lastly conclude I do hereby nominate and appoint John Anthony my Executor, In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal the 10th of September 1834

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names
unto the present of the Testator this the

10th of Sept 1834

Joseph Gray

Wm. Carroll

State of Tennessee Coffee County

At a County Court began and held for Coffee County at the town of Manchester on the 6th day of November 1834 the foregoing Last will and Testament of Robert Stevens was produced court and sworn by the oaths of myself William Gray and William Carroll the subscriber witness thereto and ordered to be recorded which is done this 1st day of November 1834 Hiram P. Emmons Clerk

Wm B Gibson and D M Robinson do state that
the noncupative Will of Charles Hickerson was made
by him on the 24th day of October 1854 in presence
to which we were specially required to bear witness
by the Testator himself in the presence of such others that
was made in his last sickness in his own habitation or
dwelling house and the same is as follows (To wit)
that after his debts should be paid what so ever he
be left of his Estate (not more than one dollar) that
his Doctor Eliza Hickerson shall be one of his heirs
he also wanted Williams Hickerson and Wiley
Hickerson to raise his children Made out and
Signed by us this 6th day of November 1854

Wm B Gibson Swn
D M Robinson Swn

State of Tennessee
Coffey County 3 At the County Court house and
for Coffey County at the Courthouse in the Town of
Manchester on the 6th day of November 1854 being
the first Monday in said Month the foregoing
Noncupative Will of Charles Hickerson deceased
proceeded to Court and proved by the oaths of Wm B Gibson
and D M Robinson whom deacons are substituted with
same And ordered to be recorded which is accordingly
done Put up my hand at Coffey this 10th day of November
1854

Chas C. Conner Clerk

In the name of God Amen
I Sarah Howard of the County of Coffey and State of
Tennessee being on the decline of life but of sound mind proper
mild and memory thanks be to God for the same and
knowing that it is appointed for all people to die Do make
and Ordain this my last Will and Testament first I recommend
my soul to Almighty God and my body to decently buried
and as touching my worldly estate wherewithal it hath pleased
God to bless me with I give and bequeath unto my
son James Howard and his heirs Two hundred dollars on
account of the deficiency in his lot or tract of land
I give and bequeath unto my son John P Howard
and his heirs two hundred dollars on account of deficiency
in his lot or tract of land also the crop that was made
or on hand except a sufficient quantity left to cover the
Stock until they are otherwise disposed of
I give and bequeath to my grandson Joseph
William Howard son of my son William Howard
Two hundred dollars which may be paid to him when
he becomes Twenty one years of age in the sum a
Bridle and saddle on account of the deficiency of the
Father William Howard Lot or tract of land And then
after all my just debts are paid off and the above
legacies are paid off My will and desire is that
the balance of my testated whatsoever may be
equally divided between my son James Howard
and his heirs my son John P Howard and his heirs my
grandson Joseph William Howard to be paid to him
and Twenty one years of age and my two grandsons
William H. Conner and Richard G. Conner And I
appoint my brother John Boyce Conner and my son
John P Howard executors of this my last Will and
Testament and I do revoke all wills by me heretofore
made and duly ther present acknowledged

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This to be my last Will and Testament
 This the 20th day of December
 Signed, sealed and acknowledged before
 the year of our Lord One thousand Eighty
 Hundred and fifty three signed sealed and
 acknowledged in the presence of

Sarah Howard

Abel M. Sturtev.

John P. Henderson

State of Tennessee

Coffee County, 3 At a County Court began and
 held for the County aforesaid at the Courthouse
 in the Town of Manchester on the 1st day of
 December 1854 being the first Monday in said
 Month the foregoing will of Sarah Howard
 was produced to Court and pronounced by the Clerk,
 of Manchester, Sturtev. and John P. Henderson
 the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered
 to be recorded & doth hereby accordingly done
 this 13th day of December 1854.

Hiram Emerson Clark

I John A. Jacobs do this day make and publish
 this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all
 making void all other Wills by me at anytime made
 First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my
 debts be paid out of the first money that may come
 into the hands of my executors

Second I direct that all my property shall be
 sold and that after my debts and expenses are paid
 the remainder shall go to Joseph A. Howard to be
 appropriated to his education and I direct that
 the same shall remain in the hands of my Execut. to
 be used for that purpose Third I do hereby

nominate and appoint E. H. Whitney Executor and wish
 the Court at the expiration of his term to appoint him Guardian
 for the above named Joseph A. Howard In Witness whereof
 I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th day of February
 1856

John A. Jacobs Seal

Signed sealed and delivered
 in my presence the day and date
 above named

Richard Neffick

Lilburn Butler

State of Tennessee

Coffee County, 3 At a County Court began and
 held for Coffee County at the Courthouse in the Town
 of Manchester on the 5th day of March 1856
 the foregoing will of John A. Jacobs aforesaid was
 produced to Court by E. H. Whitney the Executor thereto
 named and sworn by the Clerk of Richard Neffick
 and Lilburn Butler the subscribing Witnesses thereto
 in open Court and ordered to be recorded which is
 accordingly done Hiram Emerson Clark
 of said Court at Office the 5th day of March 1856

Hiram Emerson Clark

I J. C. Jenkins, of the County of Coffee State of Tennessee
 do make & publish this my last Will & Testament hereby
 revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any
 time heretofore made And first I direct that my body
 be decently interred in a manner suitable to my condition
 in life & as to such worldly estate as it has pleased
 God to intrust me with I do dispose of the same as
 follows First I direct that all my debts & funeral
 Expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible
 out of any Money that I may die possessed of

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May first come into the hands of my Executors
from any portion of my Estate Real or personal
Secondly I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife
Nancy Jenkins fifty acres of land including the
Mansion house where we now live to be laid off
in any way that she may wish it to be done
to a sufficiency of timber from any portion
of my lands for its support also bequeath unto
my said wife two Negroes Viz Peter & Phoebe
also all my household & Kitchen furniture
together with my farming utensils and as
much of the stock of different kinds as may
be necessary for her support all the above
property my said wife to have the whole
and sole control of during her natural life or
then to descend to my three Sons Viz William
G. Benjamin & James T. Jenkins and the
children of my said three sons that is the legal
legitimate heirs of their bodies the said parents
to have the use and benefit of said estate during
their natural lives & then to be possessed by their
said children my Negro woman Kelly who is
now in life & one of the mothers in the family
has been a faithful servant to me during the
protection & control of my dear wife & said Negro
should be th. longest live I direct that she be under
the protection of my said three sons but not to be
confined in the capacity of a slave also leave
to leave to my said wife Kelly money & may be property
of at my death Thirdly I give & bequeath unto
my beloved son William G. Jenkins my Negro boy
Samuel that is to say he is to have the use or labor of
said boy during his natural life and then to descend
to be possessed by the legal legitimate

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heirs of his body where my said son William G. has lived
far from me several years which has put it out of my
power to afford him help to do his labor as I have done
for my other two sons therefore when there shall be a
proper calculation & account made of what each one
of my said three sons has hitherto Received & given them
what ever balance or lack there may be of making said
William G. an equal ten to his other two brothers
I direct that it be made up to him out of my said
estate for the use of himself and his said heirs
Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin
G. my Negro boy ~~George~~ Fifthly I give and
bequeath unto my said son James G. my negro
boy George both the latter boys Viz George
and George to be under the same regulations and
restrictions that Samuel the former is under
Lastly I direct that all the balance or residue
of my estate both Real and personal after my
death be equally divided amongst my said
three sons If at any time it should be practicable
or really necessary to sell all the land & my property
at my written direction and the land by me given
to my said wife after her death I direct that
the proceeds of the sale of the said land be
appropriated to the use of the said legal
heirs of my said three sons in educating them
debt of the Negroes to be equally divided amongst
my said three sons as may be but none of them to
be sold under any circumstances whatever
except such if it should be desirable or become
really necessary that it should be done from
some source or other the proceeds to be applied as
above directed if the said debt has to be
sold my earnest wish is that he may be sold

into as good hands as possible of my said my
woman Kelly should become unable to labor
this is to be supported from my said estate
In Conclusion I ~~do~~ ^{hereby} say that
this my last Will & Testament ^{to estab.} is to my
above named three sons and their children
the legitimate & legal issue of them bothas
I do hereby make Ordain & appoint my
belov'd three Sons viz, William F Jenkins
Benjamin F Jenkins, and James F Jenkins
or any two of them Executors of this my
last Will and Testament. Dr. Wm. M. Whiting
the said Testator having herunto set my
hand & seal this Twenty sixth day of July
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & forty five.

Signed sealed & published Jeppe Jenkins
in the presence of us who
have subscribed to the
presence of the testator and
in the presence of each other

Ben F Collins

Lewison Wilman

Peter F Collins

Since written, the month whereas my
last will & Testament the Negro girl therin
by me bequeathed to my beloved wife Nancy
Jenkins has died which made it necessary
for the benefit of my said wife to so far alter
the other will that instead of Peter F Collins
as bequeathed to her in the said last will
she quath and giveth to her a share of any
that negroes that I may die possessed of

to be & belong to her during her natural life and then to
go and be disposed as directed, also to have the care of
benefit of my farm or as much as may be necessary
for her support during seventeen years one hundred days
including the Mannum house say one hundred days
interlaced by me Dr. Wm. M. Whiting when of I have herunto
set my hand & seal December 10th 1847

Jeppe Jenkins (S)

State of Dennis Coffee County

~~At a County Court~~ began and held for
Coffee County at the Courthouse in the Town of
Manchester on the 7th day of April ~~1856~~
The foregoing Last Will and Testament of Jeppe Jenkins
deceased and Codicil thereto therin was presented
to Court and proven by the oaths of Benjamin
F Collins and Lewison Wilman ^{two of the} subscribing
Witnesses and ordered to be recorded
which is according to me Wm. M. Whiting my hand at
Office the 15th day of April 1856

Clerk Hiram G. Morrison Clerk

I Martha Stree do make this my last will and
Testament being weak in body but of sound minde
After being nothing my body to the worth from whence
it was taken and my soul to God who gave it
and after all my just debts are paidd I then
beginneth as follows. I give and bequeath
unto my belov'd daughter Melinda Allen
One dollar 3^{ly} I give and bequeath unto my son
John Stree One full and equal share. If my Father
give and bequeath unto my son Alexander
Stree One full and equal share. On Alexander
Stree One dollar 3^{ly} I also give and bequeath

to my daughter Sarah H. Grimes one full and equal share to also give and bequeath to my daughter S. Felkner one dollar & 50 cents to also give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Atwood one dollar & 50 cents to also give and bequeath to my daughter Emily H. Holland one full and equal share to also give and bequeath unto Mary Ann one full and equal share to also give and bequeath to my son J. W. Hall one dollar to also give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan of Burks one dollar to also give and bequeath to my son Beverly E. Hall one full and equal share of my estate and lastly if my lands and house hold is not sold in my lifetime at my death my will is that the said land and property be sold and the proceeds thereof applied as required in the above will and testament given under my hand and seal as my last will and testament thy 15th day of January 1856

Givn in the presence of
us first Martha Hall

Henry Bluffey
John Hawkins

State of Tennessee Coffee County
At a County Court began and held for Coffee County at the Courthouse in the Town of Manchester on the 3rd day of May 1856
The foregoing last will and testament of Martha Hall was produced to court and proven by the oath of John Hawkins one of the subscribers thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done this day of May 1856

I James Shad of the County of Coffee and State of Tennessee being of a sound and disposing mind do hereby make and publish this my last will & Testament hereby reciting and making void all former wills by me made at any time heretofore and first I direct that my body be decently interred in a manner suitable to my condition in life as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with herespace of the same as follows - First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible and of my money that I do possess or may first come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate real or personal
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Debbie Shad fifty acres of land including the main house and all out houses and timber from any other part of my land for its support convenient to her and bequeath unto my said wife the following negroes viz., Becca & Martin and Dick & Sarah to be protected by my wife the said negroes to be my wife during her natural life or widowhood and then to descend to and be equally divided among my four sons Henry, William, J. P. & Jeff Shad former Methodist and Henry J. Shad the above named land and improvements to be possessed by my wife during her natural life or widowhood then to go to and descend to my said son Henry J. Shad I give and bequeath to my said son Henry J. Shad all the balances of which lands I now possess and may possess at my decease and also to possess the above fifty acres at the decease of my wife and the said Henry J. Shad is to pay to his brother Jeff Shad this hundred dollars Agnes and bequeath to the children of my daughter Nancy

McLearl deceased, Elizabeth James Mc
William Meansen Bartly & Thomas P. Fife
for one hundred dollars each to be paid out
of my said estate as early as possible after
they come of age. All the balance and residue of
my estate I desire to be equally divided among
my above named four sons and for them to
have the use and benefit of the same during
their natural lives and at their decease to go to
and be possessed by their natural and legal
heirs of their bodies. It is also to be understood
that I direct the sum bequeathed to my son Henry
McLearl to be held by him possessed during his natural life
then to descend to the natural and legal heirs of his
body. I do hereby appoint make and appoint
my beloved Sons Joseph Shure and James McShane
executors of this my last Will and Testament
In witness whereof James Shure the said
testator has hereunto set my hand and seal
this 19th day of June A.D. in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty
three, being sealed and published
in presence of us who have
subscribed in the presence of James Shure
of the testator Attest

John P. Walker

J. L. Fares

State of New Hampshire County of Belknap County Court
began and held for said County at the Court house in the
Town of Manchester on the 2^d day of June 1856
The foregoing Last Will and Testament of James Shure
deceased was produced to Court and proven by
each of J. L. Fares one of the subscribers thereto
that is to be received the aforesaid subscribers

Wm. H. having runned from this State and the same
as according to my record before Hiram H. Hinman
Clerk of said Court at office this 4th day of June
1856 Hiram Hinman Clerk

A. Elias Seal do make and publish this my last
Will and Testament hereby reciting and making void
all other Wills by me at any time made. And it is
my desire that my funeral expenses and all my just
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out
of any Money I may die possessed of so that my estate
comes into the hands of my Executor Secondly I give and
bequeath to my two children Langston and Lucy
Ann all my real and personal property to be equally
divided between them share and share alike when the
youngest shall become of age Thirdly I wish both of
said children die before they come of age leaving no
heirs of their body. And it is my will
that all my slaves to wit Sarah Rice for Jane
Peter Tracy, Celestine Flannery, Martha Mary
& Mariah Rebecca Betsy & Hector be set free
and sent to Liberia on the Coast of Africa
and that all my property real & personal
be sold and the proceeds thereof be used by
my executors to remove said slaves as above
named & that the balance of the funds over and
above defraying their expenses be equally distri-
buted among them by my said executors share and share
alike Fourthly I give and bequeath one acre of
land including the graves of my father & mother
to be laid off by my executors for a burying
ground and should I die before I have it done
it is my desire that my executors build a suitable

Rock Wall and said graves so as
to include my sister's grave & large enough for
myself & children. Also give and bequeath to me
a Baptist Church all that portion of the tract
of land bought of the Bee Estate lying South
of the New River Road & Manchester Road.
I do nominate and appoint Mr. McFadden of
the County of Rutherford the Guardian of my
said children & desire him when they become
old enough to start to school and soon if
necessary to take them & train them and attend
to their education. Also should my executors
think proper they may let my slave Martha
attend him to wait on them. And Lastly
I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. McF.
L. & Maxwells my executors and it is my
will that all my property except what
personal property not included in the will
between Robert Seal & myself and the
property which came by first wife be kept
together till my children become of age
and that my said executors have power to employ
some suitable person to carry on my farm and
if after Robert Seal's present engagement expires
and he wishes it and they can agree upon him
he shall continue at least until my son
Langston becomes old enough to manage the
farm. & then if my executors think it would
be proper I desire him to be employed. I also
desire my slaves well fed & clothed & suitably attended
in sickness should my children die before
they come of age I want my executors to give
the beds & furniture that come by first wife

wife to her sisters in Atting. Whereof I do to this my
~~will~~ will set my hand & seal this March 6th 1836
Signed sealed and published in Elias Seal's
presence and we have set our names hereto in
the presence of the testator this March 6th 1836

JAMES A. BRANTLEY

At the request of Elias Seal I sign my name as witness
to this will this Sept 10th 1836 J. Burnum

Attest,

As the partnership that existed between my brother
Robert Seal & myself when I made my will as above
has been dissolved by mutual consent. It is now
my desire that my said will be changed in the
following particulars but I desire now that
instead of keeping up the farm my executors
shall hire out all my horses except the one to go
with the children & rent out the farm annually
or for a longer time of years in their discretion
It is also my express will that my executors shall
not rent the farm or hire any of the negroes
either directly or indirectly to any of my
relatives. In Atting. Whereof I do set my name
to this original to this will this Sept 10th 1836

Signed sealed & published in Elias Seal
his presence & we have set our names hereto
in the presence of the testator Sept 10th 1836

J. A. Brantley

State of Tennessee J. Burnum

Benton County 3. At a County Court began and held
Benton County at the Courthouse in the town of
Manchester on the 1st day of December 1836 the foregoing
will and instrument of Elias Seal deceased was
read to the court and proven by the oaths of J.
Brantley and J. Burnum the subscribing witnesses

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shorts and the ~~dead~~ dead shorts carried and
Ordered to be ~~recycled~~ which is accordingly
done witness my hand at Coffey this 2^d day
of December 1856 Hiram Emerson Clerk

On the 24th day of November 1856 Mary Learny
wife of Joseph Learny deceased and of the State
of Tennessee and County of Coffee in her test
Sickly lying with Smith Learny ~~dead~~ and
the above day called her grandson Smith until
her while she was lying in bed and told her gran-
son Smith Learny to settle with Legrand who
is her grandson also the said Legrand Learny
for the hire of a Negro man by the name
of Monday and the said Smith Learny
asked her his grand Mother Mary Learny
did she want him to have that money and
she said that she wanted Smith Learny
to have it all she did on the next day being
the 25th day of November 1856 Tuesday morning
the conversation above spoken is took place
on Monday the day before her death
Sworn to and Subscribed ^{her} Rhoda Coffey Q
this 2^d day of March 1857 mark
before me Delta Watson S
Hiram Emerson Clerk mark

State of Tennessee

Coffee County. 3 At a County Court began and
held for Coffee County at the Courthouse in the
Town of Manchester the 2^d day of March 1857
therefore going Uncapatative wife of Mary
Learny was produced to Court and proven by
Cathy of Rhoda Coffey and Delta Watson

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and Ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done
Witness my hand at Coffey this 4th day of March 1857.

Hiram Emerson Clerk

The Uncapatative wife of William Farns deceased late
of the County of Coffee State of Tennessee deceased at the
Residence of J. P. Farns in said County with whom
the deceased was living at the time of his death
agreable to statement made by him during his last
sicknes about one week before his death which
death was the 24th of August 1856. Court that
it was his will and wish that a note for one
hundred dollar, on Samuel R. Farns due the 25th day
of December 1857 should be delivered to James R. Farns
a grandson of said deceased and that the
J. P. Farns and Anna Farns were called
upon to bear witness that it was his will that the
above mentioned note was to go to his grandson
James R. Farns for which reason the heirs affiant
during the last sickness of the said William Farns
and affiant believe that he possessed at the
time a sound disposing mind and memory
Witness our hands this 4th day of September 1856
Sworn to and Subscribed J. P. Farns,
to an Open Court this Anna Farns
1st day of September 1856

Hiram Emerson Clerk

State of Tennessee

Coffee County. 3 At a County Court begun and
held for Coffee County at the Courthouse in the Town
of Manchester on the 5th day of May 1857
the foregoing Uncapatative wife of William Farns
deceased was proven by the heirs of J. P. Farns
and Ordered to be recorded which is accordingly
done this 7th May 1857 Hiram Emerson Clerk

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James Stevens being of sound mind and body
menting but feeble in body doth make and publish his
my last will and testimony to rest

1^o I desire that my funeral expenses and all my due
debt to be paid out any money or means I may de-
sire and possessed of and as soon as practicable

2^o To my beloved wife Barbara Stevens give and bequeath
all my personalty of all kinds whatever as well as
my real estate for and during her natural life
to enable to raise and educate my children not
however in nowise to interfere with the Joseph
I have my son William B Stevens to hold the same
as he may chose to live on it say the Thirty acres
3^o After the death of my said wife It is my will
and desire that the remainder of the property
be equally divided amongst my heirs of a division
can be made including the real estate but a division
cannot be made without prejuice some one of
Heirs Then desire a sale and the proceeds to be
equally divided

4^o Having asked and obtained the consent of my
children to become my executors do therefore constitute
him my trustees to carry out my will as set out above

Given under my hand seal this 25 day of July
1854

James Stevens

Attest

J J Kennedy
J B Smith

State of Tennessee At a County Court begu - and
Coffee County Blount for Coffee County at the Court
harrow in the Town of Manchester on the 26 day of July
1854 The foregoing Last Will and Testament of James
Stevens deceased was produced to Court and proved
in open Court by the oath of J J Kennedy and

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the subscriber witness thereto and ordered to be recorded
which is accordingly done Attest my hand at Office this 13th
day of July 1854

Howard Stevenson Clerk

Recd in New Will Doct 8/15/54

Recorded in New Will Doct 8/15/54

Franklin Sugg of the County of Coffee and State of
Tennessee Plaintiff Doth make and publish this my last
will and Testament hereby reciting and making record
of former wills by me at any time heretofore made
And first I direct that my body be decently interred at the
graveyard at home by the side of Brother Elijah Sugg
in said County in a manner suitable to my condition
in life and as to such mortuary estate as I have pleased
God to entrust me with I purpose of the same as follows

First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses
be paid as soon after my death as is possible out of
any Money that I may die possessed of for my friends
into the hands of my executors from any portion of my
Estate Real or Personal. Secondly I give and bequeath
to my Sister Lavinia Sugg a certain tract of land
of land containing a tract twenty five acres and also
to my Sister Lavinia Sugg my interest in a tract
of Land fifteen to me and Lavinia Sugg by Elijah
Sugg deceased. And thirdly I give and bequeath
to my Sister Lavinia Sugg for her kindnes to me in
my afflictions and to Father Waller my horses and
interest in horses on the farm and all my hogs and
sheep and all my cattle and enlarging the oxen
and wagon and one Mans saddle and bridle and one
other saddle of Elijah Sugg. And fourthly I give
and bequeath to my sister Lavinia Sugg a complexion
and house hold furniture and also my Library of books
and also a Set of Blacksmith Tools and Cabinet
Tools and all my farming utensils &c.