

In The name of God Amen

I Jonathan Huggins do make & publish this my last will and Testament here by revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me I direct that all my just debts be paid

1<sup>st</sup>

I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sarah Huggins during her Widow hood the House I do here mention as the Barrer property embracing all the property do hereon this I value at 1000 dollars also two stone house on the public square in Manchester now occupied as a drug store and also also valued at 1000 dollars also the lot across the Street from the Tavern and in Manchester that I purchased from James Everett this property contains about 3 acres of land & is susceptible of division into three lots I value it at 1500 dollars the above property my said Wife is to own and have the use of so long as she may remain a Widow & at her decease or if she should not marry at her death the same is to go in fee to my two children by her Jonathan & Abollie Huggins I also hold a note of about 3000 dollars on W. S. Huggins due in in years for with said note interest to be paid annually the Content on said note not paid before my death my said Wife is to have out of which to raise and educate the above named children Jonathan & Abollie I mean all accruing interest to the maturity of said note also sell the debts due me in Coffee County I mean all moneys due me in this county except the principal of the above note on W. S. Huggins

2<sup>d</sup>

my house & lot in Manchester known as my family lot near the square now occupied by Mrs Dady I give to my daughter Ellen Burger Wife of Doctor Burger to her sole & separate use free from the debts or contracts of her husband she is to have and hold the same as above during her natural life & at her death to go to her heirs in fee this I value at five thousand dollars

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I own an undivided third (W. S. Huggins & Cornelius Huggins own two thirds) in other houses & lots in Manchester this property I give to all my children by my first Thora & Abollie (the) except W. S. Huggins & Ellen Burger I also give to my said children by my first Wife except W. S. Huggins & Ellen Burger twenty thousand dollars out of the proceeds of the principal of a note of about 23000 dollars I hold on W. S. Huggins said note was given to me by said W. S. Huggins for my part of the Manchester mill property & some ten years after the date thereof this twenty thousand to be also equally divided between the said children as directed this closes as to the real estate

- 5 Out of the balance of the principal of the M. S. Higgins note I give to my grand son Harry Finch five hundred dollars.
- 6 I give to Ellen Burger in addition to the real estate above named fifteen hundred dollars out of the balance of the M. S. Higgins note this to her self to separate use & upon which to raise and educate her children.
- 7 The balance of the principal of the M. S. Higgins note I give to my wife Josiah Higgins I also give to her all the house hold & Kitchen furniture to any other property owned in me at my death not herein otherwise disposed of but this last bequest is charged with the payment of an amount due to John S. Parsons for money furnished by him to my son George which is herein believed to be about one or two hundred dollars.
- 8 I hereby nominate M. D. Kirkwood of Co. Stone Executor of this my last will & testament either one or both of which has full power to execute this Will signed & sealed by the testator in our presence, which and in record of each the 10th. 1842 and the here Subscribed the same in presence of three or more attests.
- D. P. Rathbone M. Moore W. B. Kirkwood  
Co. Stone.

State of Tennessee }  
Coffee County } at a county court began and held for the county of Coffee at the court house in the town of Manchester on the 7 day of November 1840. The following last will and Testament of J. Higgins Decedent was produced to the court by Oraby G. Stone the Executor, and passed by the oaths of D. P. Rathbone A. M. Moore & W. B. Kirkwood subscribing Witnesses there to and ordered to be Recorded which was accordingly done Witness my hand at office this 7 day of November 1840.

James Parrell clk.

I James Taylor of Coffee County and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and Testament and of such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows: First, I direct that all my past debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible convenient out of any money that I may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executors, hereafter named. Second, I give and bequeath unto my wife Eveline J. & three of my sons David Sains Elijah and Elisha the home tract of land that I now live on and all the land that I own that joins it. Eveline J. shall have her part embracing the buildings and shall have liberty of using timber if necessary on David's & Elisha's parts she shall have fifty acres also Elijah fifty acres joining his mothers where he has built his house, also Elisha shall have his portion joining Elijah's his shall also be fifty acres joining the portion of said David's which begins on a small Hickory & pines on the east side of Campbells Creek thence south up the middle of said creek with the meanders to a white oak and fronters the North West Corner of W. J. Gaylors tract of land thence east with said said line to a small black Walnut which is the South East corner thence North sixty poles to a small cypress the North East corner thence west one hundred poles to the beginning After it is all run off After the others get their portions David S. shall have the balance all the land to be rated at twenty dollars per acre & the three aforesaid sons shall take care of their mother they shall be bound to make up to the rest of my children if there is not enough to make them equal and if there is more than enough they shall have an equal part of the surplus they shall not be called on till it is fully needed Elijah and Elisha if they shall make acceptable preachers shall try to keep up the Concord Church and have five hundred between them more than the rest of the children They nor their mother nor David S. shall sell their parts of the land to any person except their brother or sister John & Hannah may live with the mother John & Hannah shall have out of the property & sufficiency to make them equal with the married children one large Bible one horse saddle saddle one cow and calf one sow and pig two sheep one bedstead bed & furniture some household and kitchen furniture Eveline J. shall have two horses and one pigon & gear the working tools one cow and calf four sheep one sow and

of work and corn sufficient for the first year the stove  
 clock is hers two bed steady beds and furniture all the  
 hold and kitchen furniture by furnishing to the unmarried  
 dren their proportionable part of the said property my interest  
 the Logan land to be sold to pay debts & the land in the  
 County to be sold it may be sold in one hundred acres tract  
 or less if it is thought best on a credit of one two three  
 by retaining a lien on said land and interest till paid  
 selling fifty acres of cleared land on the east side of the  
 land and timber sufficient to support it for the purpose  
 of renting out to pay Mr. Basswell thirty dollars for year  
 so long as she lives & Eveline J. to have the balance & after  
 their death to be sold and equally divided or if any should  
 lacking they shall have it. Thirdly I give and bequeath unto  
 my son William James and my daughters Nancy Jane Mar  
 & Eliza John & Hannah each of them one thousand dollars if  
 there shall be a sufficiency & if there should be more it  
 shall be equally divided between all my children. Fourthly I  
 hereby make ordain & appoint my two Sons Mr James &  
 Elisha Executors of this my last will and Testament in  
 case whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
 19th day of Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand  
 eight hundred and seventy. James Taylor Seal

Signed, sealed and published  
 in the presence of us who  
 have subscribed in the  
 presence of the testator &  
 each other.

Attest. W. P. Petty  
 S. D. Hickerson  
 B. B. Yell  
 Jas. Anderson.

State of Tenn  
 Coffee County

In a county Court begun and held  
 for the County of Coffee at the Court house in the town  
 of Manchester on the 7th day of Nov. 1870 the foregoing  
 will and Testament of James ~~Taylor~~ Taylor deceased  
 was produced to the Court by W. J. Taylor & Elisha Taylor  
 the Executors and proven by the oaths of W. P. Petty S.  
 Hickerson B. B. Yell & Jas. Anderson subscribing witnesses  
 thereto and ordered to be Recorded which was accordingly

done Witness my hand & seal at office this 7th day of Novem-  
 ber 1870. James Darnell Clerk

I G. W. Chapman do make and publish this my  
 last will and Testament.

First, I desire that my funeral expenses and just debts  
 be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any mon-  
 ey that I may die possessed of or may come first into the  
 hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my  
 wife Nancy Chapman during her natural life & widowhood all  
 my property both real and personal for her use benefit and  
 support and if there and if there should be a surplus or more  
 of the personal property than she should think necessary for  
 her use and benefit then I desire that by the assistance and  
 advice of my son G. W. Chapman it shall be sold and the proceeds  
 divided between my children that have not received anything

Thirdly I desire that if my wife should intermarry again then  
 and in that case that she should take her dower in my real  
 estate and the balance to be sold on (1) one and (2) two years  
 credit and the proceeds divided between my heirs.

Fourthly, I desire that should my wife never marry again  
 that at her death all the property both real and personal shall  
 be sold the personal property on twelve months credit and the  
 real estate on one and two years time and for the purpose of carry-  
 ing the foregoing into effect I hereby nominate and appoint my  
 son G. W. Chapman Trustee with the power to collect sell and  
 pay over the proceeds thereof to the balance of my heirs and I  
 do not desire him to give security to balance of the heirs

Fifthly I desire that all my heirs should be made equal  
 in the division of my estate my sons G. W. Chapman and J. W. Cha-  
 pman have had two hundred and fifty dollars each advanced to  
 them and my son Wm. J. Chapman one hundred on which  
 sums I do not desire that they should pay any interest my  
 other heirs I desire should be made equal with them before  
 they shall draw any thing more I do further desire that the  
 portion of any estate that may be due to my daughters shall be  
 vested in them and their bodily heirs and should any of them  
 die without children then their interest to revert to their brother  
 ers and sisters or their heirs. Lastly I do hereby nominate &  
 appoint my son G. W. Chapman my Executor and that he  
 shall have a reasonable compensation for his services and

I Samuel L Davidson being in feeble health but of sound and dispo-  
sition do make and publish this as my last will and Testament as follows  
1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that my funeral expenses be paid out of the first monies  
may come into the hands of my executor, and also that all my just debts be  
paid so soon as practical.

2<sup>d</sup> I will and direct that all my personal property of every description  
consisting of horses cattle sheep and pigs, wagons and farming utensils  
and also the of house hold and kitchen furniture (except such articles  
of furniture as belong to my present wife Mary Ann Davidson  
at the time of our matrimony, which I excepted properly I treat as her  
own) to keep and dispose of as she thinks best by executor at public  
sale after the usual notice by advertisement or written public notice.

3<sup>d</sup> I have my stock shorn to in the last item I have a boy filly  
two years old and a young sorrel mare with some white feet that I  
do not desire sold, but I give and bequeath the boy filly to my  
son Samuel L Davidson and the little sorrel mare and bequeath to  
my little daughter Henrietta Rachel Davidson and it is my wish  
that my Executors shall permit my nephew M D Britton to take possession  
of said colts and manage them for the benefit of two little  
children as above stated in such manner as he may think best and  
most judicious, 11<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that my tract

of land in Coffee County containing about one hundred & forty two acres on  
which is situated my orchard, and about two miles from Tulla home  
and adjoining the lands of Simpson Saml Thoms Colly and My D  
McQuiddy and bounded on the East by the Northville and Chattanooga  
land tracts be sold by my Executors upon such terms and time as he  
may deem best, either fully or partially at any time within twelve  
months after my decease, 12<sup>th</sup> out of the proceeds of the sale of said  
land I am directed to direct that three hundred dollars be paid to my  
wife Mary Ann Davidson which I give and bequeath to her,  
and I give and bequeath to each of my two children Samuel L  
and Henrietta the above named part of the said land proceeds the  
sum of five hundred dollars, and out of any balance of said  
land sale, over and above the three last items aggregated, I  
give the sum of one hundred dollars to my son H L Davidson  
and the sum to my daughter Jane M Marshall but of  
said land should not bring enough after paying the items to my  
wife and the two little children H L and Samuel L then I  
give to each of the other two H L Davidson and J M Marshall  
one half of such balance subject out of the proceeds of sale  
of personal property I desire the sum of 500 dollars to be  
paid over to my wife and I also desire that she shall have  
the use and benefit of all my present supplies of provisions

including my pork salted and lard salted and it is my wish that said  
pork and lard be not sold, but my wife have all such family supplies  
as I now have on hand for the benefit of herself and family while she may reas-  
sonably 7<sup>th</sup> Owing to the uncertain and feeble health of my beloved wife  
Mary Ann it is my will and request that my two little children Samuel L  
Davidson and Henrietta M shall be given to and taken charge of by my  
nephew M D Britton and his wife Nancy Britton to be of them raised  
and cared for as long as I do the fullest confidence in the kindness and  
goodness of my nephew and niece but said children are not to be taken out  
of the possession of my wife until she has had time and opportunity to make such  
adjustments of their stand about clothing as she deems necessary for them  
If there should be any residuum out of the proceeds of said stock property  
I wish it equally divided between my two little children Samuel L and H L  
Davidson and it is my wish that my nephew M D Britton when become  
in the possession as guardian of any lands going to them from my bequest  
that he shall have the privilege to use such lands as may be necessary for  
their education and savings, lastly I recommend and appoint my friends  
Barclay W Tillman and Mitchell D Britton as my executors of this will  
signed and acknowledged Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1870.

before us by the testator and our names  
as witnesses here subscribed at his request  
and in his presence Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 1870.

Attest as W. H. Roy  
Joseph D Holt

State of Tennessee Coffee County

At a County Court began and held for the County of Coffee at the Court  
Room in the Town of Macon on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of January 1871  
the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Samuel L Davidson deceased  
was presented to Court and proven by the oaths of A. S. Newell, W. H. Roy  
Joseph D Holt, Dušanburg Ministers their do and sworn to be recorded  
which is accordingly done Witness my hand at office this 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
January 1871  
James D. Russell, Clerk

I, G. W. Chapman, do make and publish this my will and Testament

First, I desire that my funeral expenses and all just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of monies that I may be possessed of or may come first into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Jane Chapman during her natural life or widowhood all my personal, real and personal for her use benefit and support and if there should be a surplus or more of the personal property than she should think necessary for her use and benefit then I desire that the assistance and advice of my son G. C. Chapman it shall be and the proceeds divided between my children that have not received anything.

Thirdly I desire that if my wife should intermarry again then and in that case that she should take her dower in my real estate and the balance to be sold on one and two years credit and the proceeds divided between my heirs.

Fourthly, I desire that should my wife never marry again that at her death all the property both real and personal should be sold the personal property on twelve months credit and the real estate on one and two years time and for the purpose of carrying the foregoing into effect I hereby nominate and appoint my son G. C. Chapman Trustee with the power to sell collect and pay over the proceeds thereof to the balance of my heirs and I do not require him to give security to the Court but that he should give security to balance of the heirs. Fifthly I desire that all my debts should be made equal in the division of my estate my sons G. C. Chapman and J. N. Chapman have had two hundred and fifty dollars each advanced to them and my son Wm. J. Chapman one hundred on which sums I do not desire that they should pay any interest my other heirs I desire should be made equal to them before they shall draw anything more. I do further desire that the portion of my estate due to my daughters should be vested in them and their bodily heirs and should amount to them without children then their interest to revert to their brothers and sisters or their heirs. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son G. C. Chapman my Executor and that he shall have a reasonable compensation for his services and trouble.

In Witness whereof I have this day set my hand and seal this June 14th 1870

G. W. Chapman (real)

Signed, sealed, and acknowledged  
in our presence June 14th 1870  
J. P. Hinesman  
W. B. Holand.

State of Tennessee  
Deeffer County

At a county Court begun and held for the County of Coffee at the Court house in the town of Brainerd on the 3rd day of October 1870 the foregoing last will and Testament of George W. Chapman deceased was produced to the Court by G. C. Chapman the Executor and proved by the oaths of J. P. Hinesman and W. B. Holand subscribing Witnesses thereof and ordered to be recorded which was accordingly done. Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of October 1870.

James Darnell Clk

In the Name of God Amen!

I, William Cross, being of sound mind and disposing Judgment, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

Being to the ravages of War taking from me much that was by the laws of my Country considered and held as property - at which I designed at a former period of my life to divide among my children, compels me at an advanced age to revoke all former Wills making and establishing this as my last Will and Testament setting forth the advancements of personalty and conveyance of realty that I may have made to my children and grandchildren directing the balance of my property to be divided equally among my children requiring each one to account for the advancements made to them except my daughter Virginia who is not to account for the value of the house and lot and furniture conveyed to her for the reasons stated both in the conveyance and in this will.

1st

I Will my body to the earth and my soul to God who gave it

2nd

I Will that all my just debts be paid.

3rd

I Will the following disposition of all my property among my children and their heirs.

1st

To my deceased daughter Elizabeth W. Dickel I have given in money and furniture two hundred dollars and in her lifetime with her three brothers wish I exchanged a negro girl named Lydia for a negro girl named Biddy the former being a girl whose business qualities and habits of industry suited my daughter the latter girl had

my being ungovernable and unpromising and to my deceased daughter Elizabeth's children to wit Elanora Jenkins I have given a Negro Girl worth Six hundred dollars. To Martha Jane Nicks a Negro Girl worth Rhodea worth seven hundred dollars. To H. B. Nicks a tract of 80 acres of land on Pea Ridge Lincoln County Tenn district No 21 worth five hundred dollars and a lot in the town of Lullahoma No 6 in section 12 worth two hundred dollars also to same lot No 1 fronting on Grundy St 80 feet and running back to Bogans land worth one hundred and fifty dollars and to Col. A. S. Nicks husband of my daughter Elizabeth I give a debt of fourteen hundred dollars which I paid as security for him and James Holman, to G. B. Miller less five hundred dollars the price of the Pea Ridge tract of land which I have by deed conveyed to H. B. Nicks making in all given to my daughter Elizabeth her children and husband (32 50¢) thirty two hundred and fifty dollars which I design as their entire portion of my estate.

I have advanced to my deceased daughter Ann S. Pearson and her husband Meredith Pearson in Cash furniture and stock one thousand dollars and to their daughter Elizabeth Delaney also a girl named Martha and money paid her expenses and account of said Ann J. Meredith Pearson I have advanced on their education and expense accounts three hundred dollars making in all advanced to Pearson and family twenty one hundred dollars.

To my deceased daughter Jane B. Holman and her husband I have advanced in furniture stock money and a Negro Girl named Harriet thirteen hundred dollars.

To my daughter Elvira S. Montgomery I have advanced in money and a negro girl named Hager Eight hundred dollars.

To my daughter Olivia G. Montgomery I have advanced a Bonnet and other gifts to the amount of Eight hundred dollars.

To my daughter Minnie B. Gill I have advanced a Negro Girl Caroline and other gifts including a lot in the town of Lullahoma amounting in all to One thousand Dollars.

To my son Wm S. Moss I have given a dog named A Fred valued at \$500 and in cash \$100 in all twelve hundred Dollars.

To my daughter Margaret B. Strong I have advanced a Negro Woman Harriet and child Charles at \$1200 and a lot in the town of Lullahoma valued at \$200 in all Fifteen hundred Dollars.

I have advanced to my daughter Sallie Polk Negro Girl

Receipts valued at Eight hundred Dollars.

I have given to my daughter Virginia Moore a negro girl named Amanda at Eight hundred dollars also a Piano valued at Three hundred Dollars. I have also by deed conveyed to my said daughter Virginia the house and lot in the town of Lullahoma now occupied by A. M. Holt M.D. and the furniture therein and now on hand. I wish it distinctly understood and so well that the enjoyment of my daughter or Virginia of the house and lot above named be considered as a gift over and above an equal share in the balance of my estate arising from the fact that I am indebted to her for her services attention and kind near to me for many years in my sickness and old age. Said Virginia is not required to account for the value of said house and lot in a final settlement of my estate.

I will and desire that all my property both personal and real not disposed of shall be sold by my Executors and that they after appropriating the sum of Five hundred Dollars toward enclosing the family burial ground and furnishing suitable fixtures of head and foot pieces to the graves proceed to divide the remainder amongst my children above named except the Nicks family having due regard to the advancements already made to make all equal and share alike.

To carry out the foregoing my last will and Testament I appoint my friend and son in law W. M. Gill Executor and my daughter Virginia Moore Executrix and I give them full power to make sale and conveyance of my whole estate real and personal and distribute the proceeds according to the provisions hereof. Executed signed, sealed and published January 12<sup>th</sup> 1867 in Coffee County Tennessee.

William Moore

Subscribing Witness

Hugh Francis

Wm. H. Hickerson

Joel B. Smith

State of Tenn At a county Court  
Coffee County begun and held

for the County of Coffee at the Court House in the town of Manchester on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1867 the foregoing last will and Testament of William Moore Deed was produced to the Court by W. M. Gill & Virginia Moore the Executor and Executrix and promissory the votes of W. H. Hickerson & Joel B. Smith subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which was accordingly done.

Witness my hand at Office this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1867.

James Darwell, Clerk

In the Name of God Amen.

I, Peter Willis of the County of Smith and the State of Mississippi being of sound mind and memory considering the uncertainty of life do therefore make ordain and declare this my last will and Testament

Item 1st This is my will that all my just debts be paid in order thereto I hereby appoint my Brother Joseph H. Willis my Executor and Trustee for my children Andrew B. Willis, John H. Willis and John K. Willis who is to qualify as Executor and Trustee for my small children without going bond and security as he is to act as Executor to my Will and Trust for my children as same may be having such confidence in him any thing in the Law the contrary notwithstanding

Item 2nd My Executor is immediately after my death to take in possession all my effects is first to sell all my perishable property unless he thinks best to sell surplus only and have one of the one in Mississippi and the one in this state (Tennessee) and all my debts are paid or do as he thinks proper under the circumstances about the whole matter but if he sells either farm all that in Mississippi first or as much of it as he sees proper to pay debts or for the benefit of my children and after all my debts are off then the residue of my real and personal is to go to my children made and subscribed in the presence of us this 24th Oct: 1871  
Isaac M. Wilkinson }  
W. C. Wilkinson } Peter Willis (seal)

State of Tenn }  
Coffee County } At a County Court begun and held for the County of Coffee at the Court House in the town of Manchester on the 2nd day of April 1871 the foregoing last Will and Testament of Peter Willis Dead was produced to the Court by the Executor J. B. Willis and proven by the oaths of Isaac M. Wilkinson and W. C. Wilkinson subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of April 1871 James Darnell Clerk

I, John H. Beckman, being in full health of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament.

1st. I will and direct that all my just debts be paid out of any moneys that I may die seized or possessed of, or which may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2nd. I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca all my real and personal estate of every kind and description for and during her natural life, or so long as she remains a widow, to be kept and controlled and managed by her for the support and maintenance and education of our children. My lands hereby bequeathed consists of the tract I now reside on in the 6th Civil District of Coffee County Tennessee of One hundred and forty five acres bounded on the North by Lewis Garden, on East by Lewis Garden and William Garden, on the South by William St. Garden and the W. low, on the West by Wiley Hickman and Mr. B. Garden; and another tract of fifty acres in same district about Gunter's North West of the Home tract bounded as described in deed from Isaac St. Crocker dated Nov. 17th 1862 and Recorded in Register's Office of said County in Book E. page 204; my personal estate spoken of in this deed is intended to embrace all my debts of every kind, my moneys, and debts due and owing to me, and all loose property of any kind, in the event my wife Rebecca should again marry then it is my will that all my personal property which may then be in hand, save what may be necessary for house keeping, shall be sold and the money the proceeds thereof shall be paid out of it to be set for the benefit equally of all my children who may then be living and the representatives of any who may have died and my wife though she may marry is still to have the use and control of my lands for the benefit of herself and all of our children, as long as she lives and at her death it is my Will that my lands together with any loose property then in hand, at all all be sold and equally divided among my children and the representatives of any who may have died.

3rd I do hereby nominate and appoint and request Capt. J. B. Stone to act as my Executor for the purpose of closing up my unsettled business and carrying out my Will and directing also that my oldest son Henry H. who is now a minor may also be associated with Capt. Stone as Executor for carrying out the provisions of my Will after he attains his majority. In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 24th day of March A.D. 1871 in the presence of Witnesses

Signed and Acknowledged by John H. Beckman (seal)  
the Testator in our presence and we subscribe our names as Witnesses at his request and in his presence, date above written  
Robert G. Garden  
J. H. Powers

State of Tenn Coffee County } At a county Court begun and held for the County of Coffee at the Court House in the town of Manchester on the 1st day of May 1871 the foregoing last Will and Testament of John H. Beckman Dead was produced to the Court by the Executor J. B. Stone and proven by the oaths of Robert G. Garden and J. H. Powers subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done Witness my hand at office this 1st day of May 1871 James Darnell Clerk

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I, Stephen Jennings 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 I direct that my funeral expenses and all of my debts be paid as soon after death as possible, out of any moneys I may be possessed of, or that may first come to the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife M. Weston all my estate both personal and real consisting of one Negro boy named Adam track of Land & now lying and containing one hundred acres my stock of horses cattle Hogs and what debts I have owing to me and my farming tools household and kitchen furniture &c &c. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Weston my Executor in Witness whereof I do this my Will at my hands and seal the day of May 1847.

Stephen X Jennings & seal

Signed sealed and published in our presence, We have subscribed our names here in the presence of the Testator this 31st day of May 1847.  
 A. Maxwell  
 J. W. Bromley  
 B. G. Moore

State of New York  
 Coffee County }  
 As a County Court begun and held for the Coffee County at Court House in the Town of Manchester on the 5th day of Sept 1870 the foregoing last Will and Testament of Stephen Jennings Deed was produced to its Court by the Jennings the Executors therein named and proved by the oath of St. Maxwell J. Bromley and B. G. Moore the subscribing witnesses thereof and ordered to be recorded it is accordingly done, this day of Sept 1870. H. W. S. Emerson Clerk

I David V. Davidson do make the following my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any former Wills by me heretofore made.  
 1st. I desire all of my debts to be paid as soon after my death as practicable.  
 2nd. I desire that the place whereon my son Alexander V. Davidson now lives shall be sold for the purpose of paying my debts the land directed to be sold by this clause bounded as follows: Beginning at the North at the branch a ridge at to the fence on the East side of the Orchard belonging to that place and thence with that fence a North Eastern direction as far as they cleared land extends up the side of the Hill to road. Thence with said Road to a field on the ridge thence so as to include said field not as my Executor may deem advisable to my Northern boundary and thence across my land so as to include the place whereon my said son now lives to the beginning of road. All the balance of my land except the piece heretofore annexed to my daughter Eliza P. Adams I will to my wife Sarah Davidson for and during her natural life.

4th. At the death of my said wife I desire that my Executor shall sell the land here by Willed to her during her life and divide the proceeds among my four sons and two daughters deducting from the share of my son Alexander V. Davidson the debts which I so have already have been compelled to pay for him and are now liable to pay for him and which I or my Executor may be hereafter compelled to pay for him, - And deducting from the share of my daughter Eliza so much of the value of the land as before conveyed to her and exposed in said to be a gift to her.

5th. I desire that my wife shall select from my stock of Horses cattle Hogs and Sheep such portion of them as she shall deem necessary for her purposes and the balance of said stock my Executor shall sell for the purpose of paying debts and expenses of my Estate. I give authority to my wife the stock as selected by her together with the stock and residue of my personal estate.

6th. After the sale of the land herein directed to be made my Executor shall collect from the proceeds my payment and liabilities for my son Alexander V. Davidson as of land.

7th. And give the share of my son Alexander V. Davidson, I desire that all the balance to R. B. Davidson for payments of which have been made by shall be paid with interest to the said R. B. Davidson.

8th. In the final distribution of my Estate I desire that my sons and daughters shall be made equal as near as possible.

9th. If it should happen that the land herein directed to be sold for the payment of debts is insufficient for that purpose my Executor is to do my utmost to sell or a other portion of my land for that purpose.

10th. I hereby nominate and appoint my brother R. B. Davidson (Executor) this Will with power to make the same and perform other things necessary or necessary to give full effect hereunto to perform.

11th. From whatever may hereafter be received from the Estate of my father or my sons thereof I desire that my said Executor shall give it to my wife and daughter Eliza Jane Davidson for their sole and joint benefit.

Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of Oct 1847.  
 D. V. Davidson

Signed and acknowledged in our presence.  
 John D. Davidson  
 L. W. Hall  
 J. E. Hough  
 Wm. Coffey

In addition to the bequests made in the above Will I also will that Charlotte a Woman of Color raised by me and still living with her as before and remains unemancipated of the proceeds of my real Estate and thereby request my Executor above named to see that this part of my will is fully executed.  
 Witness J. E. Hough Wm. Coffey D. V. Davidson

do make and from my wife for four years and that each of them on the 1st of the month of Nov 1847 I do give and sell to the said my last Will let my Seal) to for of months last Will Court Wilson said 1847 Wm

State of Tenn }  
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 Last Will and Testament of David W. Dandson Deed was produced to the  
 by R.B. Dandson the Exor therein named and proved by the oaths of Wm Coffey and  
 J. E. Wright subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is ac-  
 cordingly done. Witness my hand at office this day of Sept Dec. 1870

Thomas S. Emerson Clerk

I, George Miller, do hereby seal and publish this my last Will and Test  
 a copy of the same and make and seal this Will by me at any time made.

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

2nd. I give and bequeath to my sons, G. W. Miller, R. J. Miller & S. B. Miller  
 whose Estates with the exception and transfer of Divines to wit: I desire S. B.  
 Miller to have \$2000.00 that amount of property and allow as toward S. B.'s share  
 of income at my death. The balance after S. B. Miller gets two thousand to be di-  
 vided equally between my three sons whose names are to wit: S. P. Miller, R. J. Miller, &  
 G. W. Miller. Sealed & delivered in my presence & signed: S. B. Miller my Executor. In W.  
 through & seal of my hand & seal this 17th Feb. 1868.

George Miller (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in our presence  
 and we have subscribed our names here

in the presence of the Testator

This 17th Feb. 1868

Witness

E. R. Williams

C. B. Call

State of Tenn }  
 Coffee County } At a County Court begun and held for the County of  
 at the Court House in the Town of Manchester on the 6th Dec 1868. the foregoing Last  
 and Testament of George Miller Deed was produced to the Court by S. B. Miller  
 Executor therein named and proved by the oaths of C. B. Call one of the subscribing  
 near the Court and ordered to be recorded - which is accordingly done this day of Dec  
 1870.

Thomas S. Emerson, Clerk

I, Roberts of the County of Coffee and State of Tenn, being weak  
 of body, but of sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last  
 Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit: Resolving all former wills by  
 me made.

1st I will and do bestow all my just debts and general expenses be paid out of  
 any moneys that may be on hand at my death or out of the first money that may come  
 to the hands of my Executors after my death.

2nd. I will to my beloved wife R. B. all my real estate during her life and all  
 money that may be on hand at my death, after paying the expenses mentioned in the first  
 article.

3rd. I will my son J. C. Roberts the sum of what he has already received with  
 my other married children

4th. I will that my three single daughters, Rachel, Nancy and Rebecca S. Roberts  
 have a support out of the proceeds or products of any real and personal estate which I may  
 the property and that they be equal with my other children who have had advances  
 made by me as they may need off, and that they be received out of the proceeds of my real  
 or personal estate at my death.

5th. I will that my wife keep all the real estate of my land, and all the stock and pro-  
 duce thereof, in and about the place of my land and give receipt as aforesaid that make any one  
 G. C. Roberts my wife's single daughter equal in advances with my other children.

6th. All my debts I will that my Executors settle my land or moneys of land, two  
 and three years after my death and all my personal property in a credit of ~~the~~  
 months taking bond with of proved security to be returned on the land until all the pur-  
 chase money be paid.

7th. I will that my daughter Rachel make a support have \$150.00 out of the proceeds  
 of my land and my other daughter's each fifty dollars out of the proceeds of my land and  
 I have never given my daughter a horse and have given each of my sons a horse as they ar-  
 rived at 17 years of age and after making the above named children and the por-  
 tions mentioned in the 7th article that the balance be equally divided between all my chil-  
 dren, and should either of my sons or daughters die before my death or children that  
 the child or children receive the portion their father or mother would receive if his  
 or her child or children were living.

8th. I nominate and appoint my sons Wm R. & Joseph Jr. my Executors  
 to this my last Will and Testament. As Witness I have hereunto set my hand &  
 seal this 15th day of Nov. 1868.

Jephiah Holts (seal)

Signed & acknowledged in the presence of me by the Testator and  
 furnished in request of the Court by the Testator at the Court House in the Town of Manchester 7th Dec 1868. the foregoing  
 Deed and Testament of J. Roberts was produced to the Court by the Exor  
 John A. Howard named and proved by the oaths of R. B. Williams and J. H. Moore two of the subscribing  
 S. B. Miller being witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done  
 my hand at office this day of Dec. 1870 Thomas S. Emerson, Clerk

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I G. M. Turner do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling 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 money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my personal representative secondly I give and bequeath to my mother Rebecca G. Turner all my personal and real estate absolutely to dispose of as she may see proper by will or otherwise. Thirdly I nominate and appoint my executor  
In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal the February the 1870

G. M. Turner (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the Subscribes and at his request this Feb the 4 1870

J. P. Kennedy  
G. M. Turner

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County. In a county court be an and held for the County of Coffee at the Court Room in the Town of Manchester on the 21 day of September 1871 the foregoing last will and Testament of G. M. Turner was produced to the Court and proven by the oaths of J. P. Kennedy and J. P. Kennedy two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done this 21 day of September 1871

James Russell Clerk

I Cary Jernigan being of sound mind and memory do make and publish my last will and testament in words and form following. First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah and my son Eliza Jernigan and my daughter Mary Jernigan and daughter Thibe Jernigan and my daughter Sarah Jernigan one hundred acres of the tract of land that I now live on. Bound as follows Beginning on a lease myne and A Jernigan corner thence East to White Oak thence north to a Slatter thence East to a hickory and Black gum thence north for anuff to make the one hundred acies and the death of the Mother ~~Richardson~~ so these ten heirs all ready ~~named~~ for the consideration of taking me of ten one my daughter Cooney Ogden and a my daughter Elizabeth Cothran and to my daughter Mary Jacobs and to my daughter Mary Thibe I give I bequeath the balance of the tract of land that I live on approping to be about one hundred and twelve acies also and I bequeath to the four first ~~mentioned~~ in the will bequeath and be holding on the balance of land and property to ~~be~~ I do and divided equally amongst the heirs to them and to their heirs I hold I have appointed Eliza Jernigan my son my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament here by revoking all former wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this July 29 1871

attest  
J. M. Wilson  
W. J. Wilson

Cary Jernigan (Seal)

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County. In a county court be an and held for the County of Coffee at the Court House in the Town of Manchester on the 21 day of September 1871 the foregoing last will and Testament of Cary Jernigan was produced to the Court and proven by the oaths of J. M. Wilson and W. J. Wilson subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done this 21 day of September 1871

James Russell Clerk

In the name of God Amen I John J. Hammond of the County of Coffee State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this life and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Abby J. Hammond my entire tract of land when on I now live during her natural life or widow hood In the event she dies or marries then the above tract of land to go to my children when my youngest child comes to the age of twenty one years then to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my children that may then be living if dead to their heirs if any provided my wife Abby J. Hammond be still living when the youngest child becomes of age so that event otherwise to still retain possession during her widow hood or widowhood In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 6 day of April Eighteen hundred and seventy two

John J. Hammond

Witness my hand and seal  
Margaret Wayne  
John H. Humming

At the County Court of Coffee County Tennessee at a County Court held and held in the County of Coffee at the Court House in the town of Coffeeville on the 18th day of November 1872 the foregoing last will and testament of John J. Hammond was read and proved by the oaths of Joseph D. Wayne Sr and John H. Humming Subscribing Witnesses thereof and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done at this my place at office this 18th day of November 1872

James Ramey, Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Benedick Adams Sault of the State of Tennessee Coffee County being in all health but of sound mind do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and as to my worldly estate and all the property real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be

entitled at the time of my decease I bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit first my will is that all my last debts and funeral expenses shall of my Executors herein after named be paid of my estate as done after my decease as they may be found convenient I then give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth J. Sault all my personal and real estate and all to hold during her widowhood and if she dies or marries then I bequeath it to my daughter Mary J. Sault and if she dies or marries then I bequeath it to my son William J. Sault my Executor to be the same for all my last debts further more my will is when my daughter Mary J. Sault shall have become of age that a division of all my property both real and personal be made with all my children both as provided by my will Elizabeth J. Sault, John H. Sault, Sarah J. Sault, Mary J. Sault, William J. Sault, further more in case Mary J. Sault shall die or die the division above named shall take place as in case my widow Elizabeth J. Sault should die the above named division to be made further more that my daughter Elizabeth J. Sault pay to the other heirs twenty four dollars without any interest at the time of division and further more my son John H. Sault pay the sum of nine dollars without interest further more my will is that my land be equally divided and drawn for to my children both as provided by my will Elizabeth J. Sault, John H. Sault, Sarah J. Sault, Mary J. Sault, William J. Sault further more my will is as done as is convenient after my death that my son William J. Sault have a horse given to him and my daughter Mary J. Sault have a saddle given to her to make them equal with my other heirs further more my will is that when a division of my property is made that a dower be taken off for the benefit of my widow Elizabeth J. Sault during her widowhood further more at the death of my wife Elizabeth J. Sault that an equal division of her dowry be made as with my other lands In testimony whereof I the said Benedick Adams Sault have to this my last will and testament set my name and seal this November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1872

Benedick J. Sault

Signed and delivered by the said Benedick A. Sault as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us and at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto J. T. Ferguson, Adam Nelson, Robert Queen

State of Tennessee

Coffee County } At a county court began and held for the  
County of Coffee at the Court House in the town of Manchester on  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1873 The foregoing Last Will and Testament of  
J. A. Spauld made produced to the Court and proven by the  
oaths of Adams, Nelson and Robert Dean Subscribing Witnesses,  
then it was ordered to be recorded which is accordingly  
done with my hand at office this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1873.  
James Kemell, Clerk.

I James Byram of the County of Coffee State of Tennessee  
do hereby and lawfully make my last will and Testament hereby  
revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time  
made here before. That I do not, that my body be directly  
buried at any place, and I do not, by my Brother Isaac  
in Coffee County, in a manner suitable to my condition in life  
with friends and as to such worldly estate, as it hath pleased  
God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows.

That I do not that all my debts and financial concerns be paid  
as soon after my decease, as possible out of any monies  
that may be received of, or may first come into the hands  
of my Executors from any portion of my Estate real or personal.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my Beloved Wife Francis  
Byram, all my Estate Both real and personal, during her  
life time and at her death, I will all my real estate as  
follows. My Land beginning at an old corner near a  
horn ran on my east boundary line of joining the Lands  
of E. Boyd and running N 1/2 to a Post Oak in the North  
west corner of my new ground, thence West to James Smith  
(to my west boundary line) thence I give and bequeath all  
North of said line to my Niece Tennessee B. Brown.

Secondly I give and bequeath all Lands South of said  
line to my Nephew Thos. P. Byram, of my personal  
property I will and bequeath to my Sister-in-law  
Elmer Byram widow of my Brother Marcus Byram  
one good horse, one Chaise and a Basket and the Chaise  
Broom, the remainder of my personal property, I will  
and bequeath to my Niece Tennessee B. Brown, my Nephew  
Abner P. Byram will pay to my Brother Joseph H. Byram  
\$300.00 Three hundred dollars, and my Niece Tennessee B. Brown  
will pay to my Brother Joseph H. Byram the sum of  
dollars, Lastly I do hereby make and ordain and appoint

James A. Clark and John E. Howard Executors of this my last  
will and Testament, in witness whereof I have signed the above  
Testator have to this my last will and Testament and seal.  
This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1873.

James Byram

Attest

James A. Clark  
John E. Howard

State of Tennessee } At a county court began and  
Coffee County } held for the County of Coffee  
at the Court House in the town of Manchester  
on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1873. The last will and Testament  
of James Byram of the County of Coffee State of Tennessee  
made and proven by the oaths of  
James A. Clark and John E. Howard Subscribing  
Witnesses, then it was ordered to be recorded which  
is accordingly done, with my hand at office this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1873.

James Kemell, Clerk.

In the name of God Amen I, James Byram do hereby make  
and ordain and appoint and bequeath to my Niece Tennessee B. Brown  
all my real estate as follows. My Land beginning at an old corner near a  
horn ran on my east boundary line of joining the Lands  
of E. Boyd and running N 1/2 to a Post Oak in the North  
west corner of my new ground, thence West to James Smith  
(to my west boundary line) thence I give and bequeath all  
North of said line to my Niece Tennessee B. Brown.

Secondly I give and bequeath all Lands South of said  
line to my Nephew Thos. P. Byram, of my personal  
property I will and bequeath to my Sister-in-law  
Elmer Byram widow of my Brother Marcus Byram  
one good horse, one Chaise and a Basket and the Chaise  
Broom, the remainder of my personal property, I will  
and bequeath to my Niece Tennessee B. Brown, my Nephew  
Abner P. Byram will pay to my Brother Joseph H. Byram  
\$300.00 Three hundred dollars, and my Niece Tennessee B. Brown  
will pay to my Brother Joseph H. Byram the sum of  
dollars, Lastly I do hereby make and ordain and appoint

James A. Clark and John E. Howard Executors of this my last  
will and Testament, in witness whereof I have signed the above  
Testator have to this my last will and Testament and seal.  
This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1873.

146 poles to a stake with black walnut painter  
 thence north 100 poles to an old stump near L. L.  
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 poplar stump thence N 75° west 13 poles to a stake  
 thence north 76 poles to a stake thence north 84 1/2 East.  
 101 1/4 poles to a small red oak thence north 123 poles  
 to a stake in the Section line thence north 84 1/2 & 107  
 poles to the beginning being the tract on which said  
 Smartt & wife now live It is the true intent of this  
 bequest that Namie Smartt should have & hold the  
 aforesaid tract of land during her natural life & at  
 her death the fee to go to her heirs But should said  
 a son Smartt survive his said wife he is to have  
 the use & enjoy the rents & profits thereof during his  
 natural life

Item the 3<sup>rd</sup> the balance of my estate of every name  
 and kind after the payment of my Just debts  
 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha  
 Davis to dispose of as she thinks proper  
 Item 4<sup>th</sup> For reasons satisfactory to me I do not  
 give anything to my son George

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate & appoint my wife  
 Martha Davis & my friend & son in law E. M.  
 Smartt executor & executrix of this my will  
 A. S. Davis

Signed Sealed & published as  
 the last will & Testament of  
 A. S. Davis by him in company  
 & by us subscribed as witnesses  
 thence in presence of the Testator  
 & in presence of each other  
 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1872  
 Michael Hoover  
 E. H. Rives

State of Tennessee At a county court began and  
 held for the county of Coffee at the  
 Court House in the Town of Manchester on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
 April 1873. The foregoing last will and Testament of A. S.  
 Davis was produced to court and proven by the oaths of Michael  
 Hoover and E. H. Rives subscribing witnesses thence and orders to be  
 recorded March is accordingly done Witness my hand at office this 7<sup>th</sup>  
 day of April 1873.  
 James Parnell, C. C.

The last will and Testament of  
 Samuel Cox.

I Samuel Cox, considering the  
 uncertainty of this mortal life and being of  
 sound mind and memory do make and  
 publish this my last will and Testament in  
 manner and form as follows to wit:

That I desire that all of my property both personal  
 and real should be sold.

Second I desire that all of my debts be paid out of  
 The proceeds and the remainder to be equally  
 divided among my heirs, and lastly, I hereby  
 appoint, G. M. Townsman, my sole executor of  
 this my last will and Testament and that he  
 shall execute the same without any legal require-  
 ments, also I want my estate sold on a credit of  
 one, two and three years, and he is hereby empow-  
 ered to do the same without filing any bill in  
 Court as I want my estate wound up without  
 such expense and he is hereby empowered  
 to make legal title to the same.

My witness whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
 April, 1872.  
 Samuel Cox.

Witness: J. C. Crabtree,  
 James Relyne,

State of Tennessee At a county court began  
 and held for Coffee County at the Court House  
 in the Town of Manchester on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
 July 1873. The foregoing last will and Testament  
 of Samuel Cox was presented to the court and  
 proven by the Oaths of J. C. Crabtree, and  
 James Relyne, subscribing witnesses thereto  
 and ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly  
 done this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1873.

James Parnell, C. C.

Alfred B. Cook of the County of Coffee and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory and in good health, and in view of the uncertainty of human life and the certainty of death, and being desirous that all my matters shall be settled before my death, do hereby make, declare and publish this my Last will and Testament here by revoking and making void all wills heretofore made by me,

1<sup>st</sup> I desire all my funeral expenses and just debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money or amount or fund that shall first come to the hands of my Executor,

2<sup>nd</sup> If there is not sufficient money on hand at my death to pay my said debts and funeral expenses then my executor is to sell a sufficiency of my personal property to pay the same,

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Cook for and during the term of her natural life to have and to hold for herself and in trust for my four unmarried daughters Eliza J. Lyell, Mary C. and Alice C. all my personal property not necessary to be sold as before stated for the payment of debts, and also my tract of land lying in the 10<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist. of Coffee County, bounded on the north by John Richardson, and on the east by John Richardson and Thomas Hester, on the south by Thomas Hester, on the west by the survey and lands and estimate to contain 16 ACRES and being the tract of land on which I now live, with land and personal property to be held by my said wife during her natural life in trust for the purpose of securing to her and my unmarried daughters a comfortable home, if my said wife should die before the said daughters are all married, then the title to said property to pass to the eldest of said daughters then unmarried in trust for herself and unmarried sisters and to pass perpetually with said trust in behalf of my unmarried daughters during their lives or until they shall be married,

4<sup>th</sup> If now all my daughters are married and after the termination of the estate for life in my wife as above stated, I bequeath all my property both land and personally as above stated to my children and their issue to be partitioned under the Statute of descent and distribution expressly I mean to include in this last bequest my daughters above named and my

son Samuel L. Cook, I hereby nominate and appoint D. C. Rathbone, Executor to carry out my wishes as herein expressed and cloth him with full power to effect the same and carry out my wishes as herein before expressed.

Given under my hand this 30. day of January 1871

Signed and acknowledged in

our presence this 30. day of January, 1871.  
W. H. Shackelton,  
James Heger,

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County, I, A. J. County Court, do hereby certify and hold for Coffee County at the Court House in the Union of Anderson on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Feb 1873. The foregoing last will and Testament of A. B. Cook was produced in the Court and proven by the oath of W. H. Shackelton one of the subscribing witnesses, and as to the truth and signing of the other witness James Heger and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done, this 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 1873.

James Garrett, Clk.

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County, I, D. C. Rathbone of this day make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that may be first received of or may first come into the hands of my executor. I secondly give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Hawks all the property and money I die seized and possessed of <sup>to be equally divided between</sup> my children except 3<sup>rd</sup> Donalda Bell is to have one bed and bedstead and the necessary bed clothes and five dollars in money and one cow and three head of sheep  
4<sup>th</sup> Hannah Martha Colmentine is to have one bed and bedstead and the necessary bed clothing one cow three head of sheep

and five dollar in money

- 6<sup>th</sup> Fifth James F is to have five dollars in money
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sixth Isaac J is to have five dollars in money
- 7<sup>th</sup> South Brat G is to have five dollars in money
- 8<sup>th</sup> Eighth Mary G is to have five dollars in money
- 7<sup>th</sup> Lucia A is to have five dollars in money
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ninth Elizabeth & Harriet G is to have five dollars

I do hereby nominate and appoint Robert E. Foster my executor in which whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1873

Thomas Hawks Seal  
Robert Foster, Heir  
Isaac Brewer, Heir

Attest  
At a County Court begun and held for Coffee County at the Court House in the Town of Manchester on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1873  
The record and Testament of Thomas Hawks and the testament to the Court and proven by the attestation of Isaac Brewer and Isaac Brewer subscribing before them and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1873  
James Russell, Clerk

I do hereby 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 just debts such as I am liable to pay be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of the first moneys that may come into the hands of the Executor. Secondly, I do not want any of my land sold until my last child become of age. Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my son W. J. Bailey and my five daughters two thirds of my entire estate remaining after all lawful claims are paid, and the other one third I give and bequeath to my brother, G. H. Bailey. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint G. H. Bailey my Executor to settle up all my business without his giving any security, requiring only his own bond. In witness

whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal, This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1873.

W. J. Bailey,  
Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto, in the presence of the Testator this Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 1873  
Attest  
D. Yell  
W. H. Wilson

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County At a County Court begun and held for Coffee County at the Court House in the Town of Manchester on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1874 the foregoing last Will and Testament of W. J. Bailey deceased was produced to the Court and proven by the oaths of D. Yell and W. H. Wilson subscribing witnesses, there and ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1874  
James Russell, Clerk

Widow and executrix of the last Will and Testament of William Clewman,  
I do hereby 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 just debts such as I am liable to pay be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of the first moneys that may come into the hands of the Executor. Secondly, I do not want any of my land sold until my last child become of age. Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my son W. J. Bailey and my five daughters two thirds of my entire estate remaining after all lawful claims are paid, and the other one third I give and bequeath to my brother, G. H. Bailey. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint G. H. Bailey my Executor to settle up all my business without his giving any security, requiring only his own bond. In witness

William S. Martin, Executor,  
Attest: James C. Cunningham,  
Andreas V. Garwood,

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County At a County Court begun and held for Coffee County at the Court House in the Town of Manchester on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1874 the within last Will and Testament of William Clewman, deceased, was produced to the Court and proven by the oaths of Joseph Lewis and Martin W. Thompson subscribing witnesses there and ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly done, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1874  
James Russell, Clerk

I Collins Epps Stephens, do make and publish this my last will and Testament. First I direct that my funeral expenses, and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any moneys that I may die possessed of, or my first coming to the hands of my Executor; secondly, I give to my daughter Elizer Caroline Kelton one dollar, also I give to my daughter Frances Louetta Sublette one dollar, also I give to my daughter Lovine Virginia James one dollar.

Thirdly, I give to my son William Howard Stephens, to Sarah Ferrisora Petty, to Reuben Percival Stephens, to Thomas Eppie Stephens, to Ethelinda Angeline Riddle, to Henry Clay Stephens, the balance of my Estate to be equally divided between the above named Children, under the third clause; except one dollar, which I give to the heirs of my son Jeremiah Wesley Stephens.

Fourthly, I direct and empower my Executor to sell my house & lot in Tullahoma, and make title to the same, after consulting my daughter Sarah T. Petty and my son Henry Clay Stephens, relative to the price, &c.

Fifthly, I do hereby nominate and appoint John Whitwood my Executor, in witness whereof I do to this my will, set my hand and seal, this the 6 day of December 1874.

Collins Epps Stephens *C.E.S.*

Witness by  
 M. P. Marbury  
 A. B. McElroy

State of Tennessee  
 Coffee County  
 A County Court began and held for Coffee County at the Court House in the town of Manchester, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1874, the within last will and Testament of Collins Epps Stephens deceased, was produced to the Court and proven by the oaths of M. P. Marbury & A. B. McElroy subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1874.

James Danneil Clerk

I, Coleman G. Ford make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills heretofore at any time made and executed by me

1<sup>st</sup> It is my wish and desire and I hereby do direct that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor after my death

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my wish and desire after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses that all the balance of my property real personal mixed and choses in action of every kind and description whatever go to and belong to my beloved wife Virginia G. Ford absolutely as her own property and estate to have and dispose of at her own will and pleasure without let or hindrance

3<sup>rd</sup> And I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Miss Virginia G. Ford my sole executrix of this my last will and testament who will act as such executrix without giving bond and qualification as required by law

Signed in our presence June 19 1874

M. Isbell

R. B. Isbell

State of Tennessee  
 Coffee County  
 A County Court began and held for Coffee County at the Court House in the town of Manchester on the first Monday in August the same being the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of said month when the foregoing last will and Testament of C. G. Ford was presented to the Court and proven by the oaths of M. Isbell and R. B. Isbell subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done, witness James Danneil Clerk of said Court at office this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1874

James Danneil Clerk

In the name of God amen. I, John  
 Crockett of the County of Coffee and  
 State of Tennessee do hereby make  
 and Publish this my last will and test-  
 ament hereby revoking and making  
 void all other wills by me at any time  
 heretofore made. Item 1<sup>st</sup> my will is  
 that all my just debts be paid by my ex-  
 ecutors hereinafter named out of  
 any money I may have or have or that  
 shall first come into their hands in-  
 cluding of course my burial and funer-  
 al expenses. Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give to my  
 daughter Sally Leasnight to her sole  
 and separate use free from the debts or  
 contract of her husband Eight hundred  
 dollars worth of land with timber &  
 water &c. off of the tract of land on  
 which I now reside the same to be laid  
 off to her by Executors hereinafter mentioned  
 Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give to my Grandson William  
 & Rankins son of my daughter Nancy Ran-  
 kin, Sect<sup>d</sup>, two hundred dollars in cash  
 to be paid to him by my Executors as soon  
 as may be after my death; I should wish  
 in my lifetime his portion to go to  
 the devise hereinafter recited -  
 4<sup>th</sup> Item The balance of whatever  
 property real and personal and  
 mixed of which I am or may be dispossessed  
 and possessed I bequeath to the fol-  
 lowing children William C. Crockett  
 John D. Crockett Eliza C. Cunningham  
 Polly Harris & Samuel J. Crockett to  
 be equally divided between them share  
 and share alike 3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby nomi-  
 nate and appoint John T. Crockett  
 and William W. Harris Executors  
 of this my last will and Testament  
 Signed sealed and witnessed  
 by us in the presence of said John Crockett (Sey)  
 Thos and in the presence of the Testator

Witness  
 Uriah Sherrill  
 W. P. Hickinson

State of Tennessee  
 Coffee County At a county court  
 began and held for Coffee County at the  
 Court house in the town of Manchester  
 the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1839. The foregoing last  
 will and testament of John Crockett  
 deceased was produced to court by the  
 Executors therein named and proven by  
 the oaths of William P. Hickinson Uriah  
 Sherrill the subscribing witnesses thereto  
 and ordered to be recorded which is ac-  
 cordingly done witness my hand and  
 seal at Office the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1839  
 Bernard Emerson  
 Clerk

I, John P. Howard of the County of  
 Coffee and State of Tennessee do make  
 and publish this my last will and  
 testament hereby revoking and making  
 void all former wills by me at any time hereto-  
 fore made and first direct that my body  
 be decently entred at the grave yard on the  
 premises that I now live in said county in  
 a manner suitable to my condition in life  
 and as to such worldly Estates as it hath  
 pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of  
 the same as follows. First; I direct that all  
 my debts be paid as soon after my decease as  
 possible out of any money I may die possessed  
 of or that may come into the hands of my  
 Executors. Secondly; I give and bequeath all  
 my Estate to my beloved wife Sarah D. Howard  
 both personal and Real during her natu-  
 ral life to dispose among my children  
 equally as she may think fit with the excep-  
 tion of my son William M. Howard. I direct  
 that he shall have two hundred dollars  
 more on account of him being a cripple

In the name of God amen. I John  
 Crockett of the County of Coffee and  
 State of Tennessee do hereby make  
 and Publish this my last will and test-  
 ament hereby revoking and making  
 void all other wills by me at any time  
 heretofore made. Item 1<sup>st</sup> my will is  
 that all my just debts be paid by my ex-  
 ecutors hereinafter named out of  
 any money I may have on hand or that  
 shall first come into their hands in-  
 cluding of course my burial and funer-  
 al expenses. Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give to my  
 daughter Sally Carnright to her sole  
 and separate use free from the debts or  
 claims of her husband Eight hundred  
 dollars worth of land with timber &  
 water &c. off of the tract of land on  
 which I now reside the same to be laid  
 off to her by Executors herein after mentioned  
 Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give to my Grandson William  
 Rankins, son of my daughter Nancy Ran-  
 kins, two hundred dollars in cash  
 to be paid to him by my Executors as soon  
 as may be after my death. I should wish  
 in my lifetime his portion to go to  
 the division hereinafter named -  
 4<sup>th</sup> Item The balance of whatever  
 property real and personal and  
 mixed of which I may be seized  
 and possessed I bequeath to the fol-  
 lowing children William B. Crockett  
 John D. Crockett Eliza C. Cunningham  
 Sally Harris & Samuel J. Crockett to  
 be equally divided between them share  
 and share alike 5<sup>th</sup> I hereby nomi-  
 nate and appoint John T. Crockett  
 and William W. Harris Executors  
 of this my last will and Testament  
 Signed sealed and witnessed  
 by us in the presence of such John Crockett (Seal)  
 John and in the presence of the Testator

Witness  
 Uriah Sherrill  
 W. B. Hickerson

State of Tennessee  
 Coffee County At a county court  
 began and held for Coffee County at the  
 Court house in the town of Manchester  
 the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1839. the foregoing last  
 will and testament of John Crockett  
 Deceased was produced to court by the  
 Executors therein named and proved by  
 the oaths of William B. Hickerson Uriah  
 Sherrill the subscribing witnesses thereto  
 and ordered to be recorded which is ac-  
 cordingly done witness my hand and  
 seal at Office this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1839  
 Bernard S. Emerson  
 Clerk

I John P. Howard of the County of  
 Coffee and State of Tennessee do make  
 and publish this my last will and  
 testament hereby revoking and making  
 void all former wills by me at any time hereto-  
 fore made and first direct that my body  
 be decently entred at the grave yard on the  
 premises that I now live in said county in  
 a manner suitable to my condition in life  
 and as to such worldly Estate as it hath  
 pleased God to abstract me with I dispose of  
 the same as follows. First; I direct that all  
 my debts be paid as soon after my decease as  
 possible out of any money I may die possessed  
 of or that may come into the hands of my  
 Executors. Secondly; I give and bequeath all  
 my Estate to my beloved wife Sarah P. Howard  
 both personal and Real during his natu-  
 ral life to dispose among my children  
 equally as she may think fit with the excep-  
 tion of my son William M. Howard. I direct  
 that he shall have two hundred dollars  
 more on account of him being a cripple

I also direct the portion of property that may fall to my daughter shall be for them and their bodily heirs forever to be intimately to them and their bodily heirs. I do hereby make order and appoint my beloved wife Sarah J. Howard executrix of the my last will and testament. In witness whereof I, John P. Howard the said testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven. *Stephens*

In public sealed and published in the presence of the Testator and each other

John R. Hindman

Esq. Notary

J. L. Haynes

Notary

At a County Court begun and held for Coffee County at the Court house in the town of Milledgeville on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July 1859. The foregoing last will and testament of J. P. Howard deceased was produced to Court and proved by the oaths of Esq. Notary and J. L. Haynes subscribing witnesses thereto with orders to be recorded which is accordingly done this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1859

Thomas S. Emerson Clerk

Non-competitive will of William Gilliam of Coffee County Tennessee made in the presence of Thomas P. Stephenson and J. W. Gentry at the house of his Brother A. Gilliam who was sick and where the said William Gilliam had gone to for the purpose of visiting and waiting upon his Brother and while

there at his Brother he was taken sick and died on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1857 during which last sickness he made the following statement about the disposition of his property to-wit: He said he wanted his sister Mary Gilliam to have all his property both personal and real after paying his debts, and said that he wanted her to wind up his business for him the same way he would if living, and he wanted her to see for and collect his debts the same he would if alive. These statements were made before said Stephenson on or the 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1857 and before J. W. Gentry on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1857 and reduced to writing upon the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1857

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County  
This day Thomas P. Stephenson and J. W. Gentry personally appeared before me the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of Coffee County in open Court and made oath according to law that they were present at the time and place as mentioned in the foregoing non-competitive will of William Gilliam and heard him make the statement as above set forth and that they were made during his last illness and he had a sound and disposing mind at the time

Subscribed to and sworn before me on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1859

Thomas P. Stephenson  
J. W. Gentry

Thomas S. Emerson  
Clerk

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County  
This day P. A. Burger personally appeared before me the undersigned Clerk of the County Court for said County and made oath according to law that the within non-competitive will of William Gilliam was reduced to writing by him on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March the time as mentioned in said will

by and at the request of said Thomas  
P. Stephenson and Jurneth Gentry  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1859  
Subscribed and S. N. Burger  
sworn to before me  
the day and date above  
written  
Wm. S. Emerson  
Clerk.

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County At a County Court  
begun and held for Coffee County at  
the Court house in the town of Manchester  
the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1859. The foregoing  
Some part of well of William A. Gilliam  
deceased was produced to court and  
proven by the oaths of Thomas P. Stephenson  
and Jurneth Gentry and ordered to be  
recorded which is accordingly done  
Witness my hand at office this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1859

Wm. S. Emerson  
Clerk.

In view of the uncertainty of life being  
fickle as body but calm in mind and  
anxious while the power is my own so to  
arrange settle and dispose of my little  
temporal affairs, with which this gracious  
Ruler and wise disposer of all events  
has blessed me so as to prevent any strife  
coalition or litigation after I am gone  
the way of all the earth. I do request  
and will that the full wing disposition  
of said Estate be made, I will and  
request that my body be decently buried  
yet without pomp or display the expen-  
ses of which first to be paid 2<sup>d</sup>. I will  
and desire that my dear wife Lucretia  
do receive and hold undisturbed for  
life and forever at her own disposal  
the sum in cash of said Estate \$3600 as her  
own personal Estate 3<sup>d</sup>. I will and de-  
-sire that six hundred Dollars be

paid over to the Ten annual Conference  
to be disposed of as follows. Three hundred  
dollars to the Ten annual Conf. Missionary Society  
The Interest of which only ever to be used  
The other three hundred to be added to the Preachers  
with fund to belong to that society The Interest  
of which only to be used. The balance of cash  
Estate (save learn all and horses, Books, house-  
-hold Furniture Building &c. to be my wife's)  
To be thus disposed of, two hundred dollars  
to each of my living Brothers and Sisters  
also two hundred dollars to the heirs of my  
Brother George deceased and should there  
be a surplus to be proportioned among the above  
mentioned heirs my brother and sisters &c. I do  
hereby authorize and appoint my Dear beloved  
wife Lucretia my Administrator to execute and  
carry out this my last will and testament In  
the name of God Amen. Signed by me this 26<sup>th</sup>

July 1852

Witness  
Edward Cago

A. D. Cago

Wm. P. Nichols

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County At a County Court  
begun and held for Coffee County at the  
Court house in the town of Manchester 1859 on  
the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1859 the foregoing last  
will and testament of William P. Nichols  
deceased was produced to court by Lucretia  
Nichols the executrix therein named and  
proven by the oath of A. D. Cago one of the  
subscribing witnesses thereto, and the other  
witness Edward Cago being dead the said  
A. D. Cago states that he was well acquainted  
with the handwriting of the said Edward  
Cago, and the same was ordered to be re-  
-corded which is accordingly done. Witness  
my hand at office this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September  
1859

Wm. S. Emerson  
Clerk

I, George D Hancock 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 I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Adeline five thousand dollars out of my Estate to be here absolutely and forever I also give her the use of <sup>all</sup> my Estate real and Personal together with all the rents and profits thereof during her natural life, Thirdly, should my said wife hereafter have any natural born child or children I want it to my desire that all the maintenance of my property, except the five thousand dollars as above given her shall go to such child or children absolutely and forever - But Fourthly I desire that all my property Real and Personal except the five thousand dollars shall go in equal halves to my own or there and sisters of my said wife and their heirs. And lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my said wife Adeline my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> 1859

Signed sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names here in the presence of the Testator  
 This Oct. the 12<sup>th</sup> day 1859  
 J. A. Brambley  
 A. Maxwell

G. D. Hancock (Seal)

State of Tennessee  
 Coffee County At a county court begun and held for Coffee County at the Court house in the town of Manchester on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of April 1860, the foregoing last will and testament of George D Hancock deceased was produced to court and proven in open Court by the oaths of J. A. Brambley and A. Maxwell all the subscribing witnesses thereto and orients to be recorded which is accordingly done. Witness my hand at Office this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1860

Hermon S. Emerson  
 Clerk

I B B Dickens do make and publish this my last will and Testament. 1<sup>st</sup> I will that my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that comes to the hands of my Executor 2<sup>d</sup> I will and bequeath to my children (Wife) to the heirs of Caroline Hally as one heir, James Dickens Elizabeth Gluy, J. F. Dickens Fanny Gotcher and Jane English W. P. Dickens and Nancy M. A. Giff all my Estate to be equally divided between them embracing what has been advanced and that acquired hereafter so as to make them all equal on a final settlement - 3<sup>d</sup> I give the sum of which I owe to Wm. B. Dickens for fifteen hundred dollars of he wants it. If not said sum to be sold on a credit of one two and three years drawing Interest from the date of sale with a Lien on the same until the purchase money is paid Bonds & good security required - 4<sup>th</sup> I will all my personal Estate be sold on a credit of twelve of months - 5<sup>th</sup> I appoint my son J. F. Dickens my Executor

Wm. B. Dickens (Seal)  
 J. F. Dickens  
 R. J. Price  
 P. J. Thomas

State of Tennessee  
 Coffee County At a county Court begun and held for Coffee County at the Court house in the town of Manchester

on the third 3<sup>d</sup> day of September 1860.  
 The foregoing last will and testament  
 of B. B. Dickens deceased was produced  
 to court by J. W. Useltor the executor therein  
 named and proved by the oaths of B.  
 J. Price and P. J. Thomas the subscribing  
 witnesses thereto and ordered to be re-  
 corded which is accordingly done  
 Witness my hand at office this 20<sup>th</sup> day  
 of September 1860.

Horace S. Emerson  
 Clerk

State of Tennessee Coffey County.  
 I, Ebenezer Useltor have this day willed  
 and hereby convey to Alfred J. Useltor  
 one eighth part of the tract of land be-  
 long to John Useltor deceased in district  
 No. 8 on the waters of Kauls Creek a  
 branch of Whites fork of Duck River  
 the same being the land on which  
 the said Ebenezer Useltor now lives and  
 bounded as follows: beginning on a bush  
 standing on the North bank of Kauls Creek  
 three running East crossing some Rin-  
 ges two hundred and twenty poles to  
 an ash and dogwood thence south  
 one hundred and twenty poles to a white  
 oak thence west crossing a tract of  
 44 poles - 54 poles in all two hundred  
 poles to a chestnut oak, and Hickory thence  
 north one hundred and twenty poles  
 to the beginning containing one hundred  
 and fifty acres & the same more or  
 less to have and to hold the same to the  
 only proper use of the said Alfred J.  
 Useltor the share I bought from  
 Samuel Useltor and Sarah Kule  
 and it is my will that the said Useltor  
 have this one eighth part of this land  
 at my death. I reserve this until my  
 death

Ebenezer <sup>his</sup> Useltor  
 maker

attest  
 W. B. M. Williams  
 of W. Useltor  
 maker

J. W. Useltor  
 Thos. W. Useltor  
 maker

State of Tennessee  
 Coffey County At a county court begun  
 and held for Coffey County at the court house  
 in the town of Manchester on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
 August 1860 the instrument of writing was  
 produced to court and proved in open court  
 by the oaths of W. B. M. Williams and J. W.  
 Useltor the subscribing witnesses thereto  
 and ordered to be recorded which is ac-  
 cordingly done Witness my hand at office  
 this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1860

Horace S. Emerson  
 Clerk

I, B. J. Ray do make and publish this as  
 my last will and testament being of sound  
 mind. 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 die peace of or may first  
 come into the hands of my executor I direct  
 my wife Nancy the same and let  
 upon which I now reside to have and to hold  
 if provided there is an amount sufficient  
 out side to pay all my just debts said property  
 will be subject to her disposal at any time  
 Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint  
 J. Melmore my executor to take into hands  
 all my books & papers and carry out this my will  
 and testament given under my hand and  
 seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1860

R. R. Ewens  
 John Alexander

B. J. Ray

State of Tennessee  
 Coffey County At a county court  
 begun and held for Coffey County at the  
 courthouse in the town of Manchester on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 day of Dec. 1860 The foregoing last will and  
 testament of B. J. Ray deceased was produced  
 to court and proved by the oaths of

R. R. Enochs and John Alexander the  
 subscribing witnesses thereto and order-  
 ed to be recorded which is accordingly done  
 witness my hand at office this 6<sup>th</sup>  
 day of December 1860

Wm. S. Emerson  
 Clerk

I A. P. Pico do make and publish  
 this my last will and testament hereby  
 revoke all other wills by me previously  
 made. First I direct that my funeral  
 expenses and all my debts be paid as soon  
 after my death as possible out of any moneys  
 that I may die possessed of or that may first  
 come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly  
 I give and bequeath to Lucy W. Price fifty  
 dollars. Thirdly I will and bequeath to  
 Elizabeth Ewell C. Martha J. Thomas R.  
 Richard J. Charles F. Mary C. and  
 I appoint Pico the ballances of my estate  
 both real and ~~personal~~ be equally divided  
 among them. Fourthly I will and request  
 my Executor to sell property privately if there  
 be not money enough in hand and pay  
 my debts and let my heirs remain on  
 the farm and hold all the personal prop-  
 erty (except what is necessary to pay the debts)  
 until it becomes necessary and proper to  
 divide the same. Provided however that  
 if it be the opinion of my Executors that  
 it would be to the interest of my heirs  
 my heirs have over the slaves until said  
 division. Sell any portion of the estate  
 which cannot be divided and  
 distribution needs so as to make the  
 shares of the last named heirs equal.  
 Fifthly I appoint P. H. Price and W. B.  
 Dickens my Executors in witness where-  
 of I do to this my last will and  
 testament set my hand & seal this 24<sup>th</sup>  
 day of 1860

Subscribed to in our R. J. Pico's death  
 presence / G. P. 26th  
 Thos. P. Stephens

State of Tennessee  
 Coffee County at a County Court  
 begun and held for Coffee County at  
 the Court House in the town of Manchester  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1861 the foregoing will  
 and testament was proven to the court  
 by the oath of G. B. Kepp and Thos. P. Stephens  
 the subscribing witnesses thereto and order-  
 ed to be recorded which is accordingly done  
 witness my hand at office this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
 July 1861

Wm. S. Emerson  
 Clerk

I Jacob Kile do make and publish this  
 my last will and testament hereby revoke  
 my 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  
 or as soon as possible out of any moneys I may  
 die possessed of or that may first come into  
 the hands of my Executors. Secondly I give  
 and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna during her  
 natural life or widow have all my property of  
 every description of which I may die seised or  
 possessed. Thirdly I direct that at the death of  
 my said wife all my property except the slaves  
 be sold the land on a credit of one and two years  
 and the proceeds equally divided amongst my  
 children. Fourthly I bequeath to my beloved  
 daughter Mary Sparks and the heirs of her body  
 my negro girl Eliza said slave to be valued  
 also I give to my beloved daughter Sarah  
 and the heirs of her body my negro girl  
 Nancy said slave also to be valued. I further  
 direct that the ballances of my slaves be valued  
 by disinterested men and divided by lot among  
 get all my other children except Mary Sparks  
 and Sarah so that in the division of my  
 slave property each child shall receive  
 an equal share, and lastly I nominate and  
 appoint John G. Walker my executor. It is my  
 will that if the said slaves Eliza and Nancy  
 or either of them should die before the

division of my other slave property that  
my daughter Mary and Sarah shall have  
equal shares with the other children of  
said slaves. In witness whereof I do to  
this my will set my hand and seal this  
the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1852

Joest. x Keele (seal)  
mark

Signed sealed and published in our  
presence and have subscribed our  
names hereto in the presence of the Testi-  
-tories this 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1852

J. A. Brounley  
William Tarrant

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County At a County Court  
begun and held for Coffee County at  
the Court house in the town of Manchester  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1861 the foregoing  
last will and testament of Jacob  
Keele deceased was produced to court  
and proven by the oaths of James A.  
Brounley, one of the subscribing witnesses  
thereto and ordered to record  
which is according to some witnesses  
hand at office this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Oct  
1861.

Hiram S. Emerson Clerk

I, the undersigned, I John M. Smith  
being weak in strength but sound in  
mind & memory, thank be to God for the  
same do now make and publish this  
my last will and testament - First I  
desire all my debts owing includ-  
-ing any funeral expenses to be paid  
out of the earliest means arising out  
of any collections of debts due me or  
out of such personal property as my ex-  
-ecutor may deem most prudent  
to sell and dispose of for such object  
I wish my most beloved wife, Lydia  
S. Smith to such dear and comfort-  
-able support from the hire of our

negro slaves and rents arising from  
any lands as she may in her wisdom  
deem fit & proper and to have for  
her own use forever to dispose of as she  
may think all our slaves but should  
she prefer to marry again then I reserve  
her right to the slaves with all their  
increase only giving her no other  
portion of my estate & gift all our hom-  
-hold furniture of every kind which  
together with the slaves I give to her  
forever to do with and dispose of as she  
may think proper at her death. I wish  
my executor to sell or rent my land  
and to so manage with the produce  
of the personal property now herein before  
mentioned to the best of his skill and  
judgement give paying all my debts and  
providing for my wife as above. I also  
- desire my executor that I give one hundred dollars  
to my beloved young relative, Lafayette R. Logan  
either in cash out of my personal property, or  
otherwise disposed of that may suit him, then I  
wish my dear brother James O. Smith to have the  
balance of all my estate that may then remain  
and not above divided. Lastly I do hereby nominate  
Constitution and appoint my said brother James  
& Smith my executor of this my last will and tes-  
-tament requesting him to act for me without  
going security. In testimony whereof I have this 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of November A. D. 1861 hereunto set my hand  
and fixed my seal done in presence of Lafayette R.  
Logan and M. Bell who at my request became  
subscribing witnesses to this my last will and tes-  
-tament

M. Bell

L. B. Logan

J. M. Smith seal

State of Tennessee  
Coffee County At a County Court  
begun and held for Coffee County at the Court  
- house in the town of Manchester the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
December 1861 the foregoing last will and tes-  
-tament of J. M. Smith deceased was

produced to the Court by James O. Smith  
the Executor therein mentioned named and  
proved by the oaths of M. Hill and L. R.  
Joyce the subscribing witnesses thereto and  
ordered to be recorded which is accor-  
dingly done. Witness my hand at office  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1861

Wiram S. Emerson Clerk

I Thomas Kindall of the County of Coffee  
and State of Tennessee planter do make  
and publish this my last will and  
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 the grave-  
yard at home where I now live in said  
County in a manner suitable to my con-  
science in life and to such worldly estate as  
it hath pleased God to intrust me with  
I dispose of the same as follows: First:  
I direct that all my just debts and funeral  
expenses be paid as soon after my decease as  
possible out of any money I may die pos-  
sessed of or that may first come into the  
hands of my executor from any portion of  
my estate real or personal. Secondly. I  
give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah  
and the heirs of her body forever to have  
the forty acres of land including all  
the houses and buildings where the said  
Thomas Kindall now lives which is left  
to my widow during her life or widow-  
hood. Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my  
two sons Wm. A. Avery Coffee Kindall and  
James Kindall to have the Balance of the  
land divided equally between them  
and that all three of the children have  
an equal privilege to fire wood and  
saw timber on any portion of the place  
I do hereby make, ordain and appoint  
my esteemed neighbors and friends A.  
Maxwell and Wm. Farrar Executors of this  
my last will and testament. Further

I do hereby direct that each of these nine five  
dollar pieces to the children of Thomas Kindall  
-dollar piece as said piece whenever they become  
of age to know how to make care of them-  
selves - I witness whereof I Thomas Kindall  
the testator have to this my last will written  
on one sheet of paper. Put my hand and seal  
this twenty fourth of may one thousand eight  
hundred and forty nine  
signed sealed and  
published in the presence of us the testator  
and in the presence of each other  
signed in our presence  
-ence Sept the 15<sup>th</sup>  
1857. Test

B. F. Moore

J. A. Brantley

State of Tennessee,  
Coffee County. At a Court  
Court convened held for Coffee County  
at the Court house in the town of Mem-  
-chester on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1862 The  
-proceeding last will and testament  
of Thomas Kindall deceased was pro-  
-duced to Court and proved by the oaths of  
B. F. Moore and J. A. Brantley the sub-  
-scribing witnesses thereto and ordered  
to be recorded which is accordingly  
done witness my hand at office this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 1862

Wiram S. Emerson  
Clerk

I Jacob Kile do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby declaring 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 as possible out of any money I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anne during her natural life or widowhood all my property of every description of which I may die seized and possessed of.

Thirdly - I direct that at the death of my said wife all my property except the slaves be sold, the funds on a credit of one and two years, and the proceeds equally divided among my children.

Fourthly - I bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Sparks and the heirs of her body, my negro girl Eliza, said slave to be retained. Also I give to my beloved daughter Sarah and the heirs of her body, my negro girl Nancy, said slave to be also retained.

I further direct that the balances of my slaves be valued by December next and divided by lot among all my other children except Mary Sparks and Sarah. No child in this division of my slave property each child shall receive an equal share and lastly I nominate and appoint Jno. S. Walker my executor. It is my will that the said slaves Eliza and Nancy, or either of them should be before the division of my other slaves and property, that my daughters Mary and Sarah shall have equal shares with the other children of said slaves.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November 1852

Jacob Kile {Seal}

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have hereunto subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the testator this 26<sup>th</sup> 1852

J. A. Draught {Seal's}  
William Foster {Seal's}

State of Tennessee }  
Coffee County } We a County Court Organized  
and held for Coffee County at the Court House in the town of Manchester in the 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1861 the foregoing Last will and Testament of Jacob Kile deceased was produced to the Court and proven by the oath of Jno. A. Draught, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, which is accordingly, Attest my hand as officer this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1861

Herbert S. Craven Clerk

Of the name of his name I James N. Watson long of flesh heart but of sorrow and despair, mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God for his mercies do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows viz -

First - I will that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid and that the residue I now hold on my estate William Watson be given to him -

Secondly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann Watson all the remainder of my estate both real and personal to use live upon and enjoy during her natural life and further to have now the absolute right to my negro girl Elvora to sell or dispose of her as she may think proper - And at the death of my said wife she has the right to dispose of the one half of the remainder of my estate after the payment of all the expenses of administration &c. as she may think proper among her own children and either or two children

and the other remaining half I desire shall be equally divided between my brothers and sisters and their children, such the children of my brother Norman who died in North Carolina. Whom I desire shall have but one dollar each out of my estate.

Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved wife executrix and M. H. H. executor of this my last will and testament

The testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1862

one in presence of	} At a County Court began and held for Coffee County on the 6 <sup>th</sup> day of October 1862. the foregoing Last Will and Testament of D. H. Williams deceased was produced to the Court by M. H. H. the executor therein named and proven by the oath of D. W. Anderson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be recorded which is accordingly done
D. H. Williams	
M. H. H.	
State of Tennessee	
Coffee County	

Witness my hand at Coffee this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1862  
Norman S. Emerson Clerk

— This the 3<sup>o</sup> day of July 1862 —

In the name of God amen I D. H. Williams of the County of Coffee and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament: And is to say—

First after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged. The residue of my estate Real and personal. I give bequest and dispose of as follows to wit

to my son Wm. B. Williams, Negroe John and Margaret his wife. to my son D. H. Williams or his a negro girl Wiley, and the forty five acre tract on which I live, and the four hundred and one acre tract, to be sold if need be to pay my debts and if it don't take all the money to satisfy the debts then the balance of my property to be divided between W. B. Williams and D. H. Williams or to be sold and the money equally divided between them, this is to be done at my death

I appoint my son Wm. B. Williams or my executor to carry out my will giving

Witness	} At a County Court began and held for Coffee County at the Court House in the town of Manchester on the 6 <sup>th</sup> day of October 1862. the foregoing Last Will and Testament of David H. Williams dec'd was produced to Court by W. B. Williams the executor therein named and proven by the oath of N. A. Morgan and S. Jolly, the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded which is accordingly done
Ret. Morgan	
S. Jolly	
State of Tennessee	
Coffee County	

Witness my hand at Coffee this 9<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1862  
Norman S. Emerson Clerk

Manchester Junction August 9<sup>th</sup> 1861  
Mrs W. C. Cunningham Dear Love —

I bequeath to you all my notes accounts, all my stocks of all kind and all my interest in my father's estate after first paying, all my just debts and funeral expenses, which you are to have during ~~your~~ your natural life time or widowhood and then in case of those above named care it is to go to my daughter W. B. Cunningham