

Henry Gotliber Will

In the presence of God Amen
I Henry Gotliber of the State of Pennsylvania
County of Berks do make and publish this my
last will and testament hereby appointing and
making void all other wills by me at any
time made:

1st I direct that my funeral expenses
and all my debts be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of my money.
I may die possessed of a land which first
come into the hands of my executor.

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Susanna her household and luxury her deli-
cious being the command of money hereditarily
and her own by words contained herein
into by us previous to our intermarriage was
to remain given to her my beloved wife Susanna
of the House of the same name, and also two
beds and furniture and one stand and
good dividers some trace of her own
choosing from my closet, no table and
books. My one clock one chest and one to
be her one held during her natural life
time and dispose of the same as she may
seem good to her provided it be to any one
or all of my heirs.

3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter
Nancy Dancour two dollars.

4th I give and bequeath to my brother
Grandson Elias and H. Weston for and in
consideration of the maternal love and and
affection and for the accumulation he has
done and may pay to me in my old
age and afflicted state, the balance of what
would be a lawful distribution should of all
my estate to my beloved daughter Nancy
Dancour.

5th The balance of my heirs I wish
to have in my estate as the laws of my native
Country hath provided.

Lastly I make and appoint my ex-

lorer son Jeps Gotliber the sole executor of this
my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do to this my will
set my hand and seal this 10th day of January
1843.

Signed sealed and de-
clared in our presence and
we have subscribed our names
herein in the presence of the
testator and this 24th day of Jan 1843.

George Roberts
James Roberts

Henry Gotliber

I Henry Gotliber having made and pub-
lished my last will and testament do make
and declare this as a Codicil thereto.

Read - That my beloved wife Susanna shall have
during her life a widowhood full provision of the
household and a small life with as much land as
being as well be sufficient for her support
and one choir now and one cow and a pig
and one and lamb lastly it is my desire that
this Codicil be attached to some book which a part
of my wife to all intents and purposes this
10th day of January A.D. 1843.

Signed sealed and published
in our presence and we have
subscribed our names hereunto in
the presence of the testator the 10th
day of Jan 1843.

George Roberts
H. B. Gotliber

Henry Gotliber

Eliabets Douglass will

In the presence of God Amen

I Eliabets Douglass wife of Miss Douglass
aged about 56 years old and small and being
in infirm health but sound mind do make
this my last will and testament, thus is to say

In the first place I desire all my land

to be paid

2^d On the consideration of my son Benjamin Douglas having taken care of me since my husband's death I give and bequeath to him all my personal property now in my possession consisting of a Negro woman Laid and a girl Catharine. Also all my personal property on this place and elsewhere.

Also I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin all my own clothes interspersed in both the personal and real estate of Bartholomew Wood late of Kentucky which property is in the possession of my mother residing near Nashville Kentucky and I do desire my son to see and take possession of my property in Kentucky as soon as my mother may die.

I do hereby appoint my son Benjamin my executor to carry into effect this will as to the other children I am proper not to give one cent as they have been fully advanced herebefore.

In testimony whereof I do hereunto affix my hand and seal, I am the owner of a child's part of the tract of land on which I now reside that I do give to my son Benjamin but should I only have a right of dower then I cannot give it after my death.

This 9th day of February 1839

In presence of us

J. D. Thompson

Joseph Harrington

Elizabeth Douglas

February 9th 1839

State of Tennessee Coffee County
The last will and testament of Joseph Mills
I Joseph Mills of the State and County aforesaid being of sound mind and disposing mind

and memory and knowing that all men are born to die and after death to judgment and as touching my worldly estate I do please God to bless me with I dispose of the same in the following manner that is to say I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Mills all the lands belonging to me with all my negroes horses cattle crops sheep farming utensils with my wagon also all of my house hold and kitchen furniture all of the above named property is to belong to my beloved wife during her natural life thus for my land to be devised equally by her between my three sons the best of the estate to be to devolve as to make my daughter equal status with the sons in that all the children have their proportionate part of my estate.

Item 2^d It is my wish and desire that should it be the will of God that my wife should die before the little children are married and receive their portion of schooling that the children should spend their disinterested portion where they shall be to see that they have a sufficient part of the estate for their raising and schooling to make them equal to the other children that when they are all of age all both sons and daughters have their portion of the estate that thus to equality.

Also it is my wish that my executor should demand and collect all debts and claims justly due to my estate and that they settle all just claims against the estate.

One lastly I do hereby nominate and constitute and appoint my beloved wife and my son John C. Mills Executors to this my last will and testament and it is my wish and desire that any two of the aforesaid living witnesses making oath in open court shall be sufficient evidence to prove this my last will and testament truly speaking all other wills by me heretofore made.

Witness my hand this 9th day of February 1839

by the above named
Joseph Willis to be his
last will and testament
in the presence of us
who have here subscribed our names as
witnesses in the presence of each other and
the testator on the 8th day of May, 1843

Witnesses
David Willis
John P. Willis

State of Tennessee Coffee County
The following is the last will and testament
of John Nelson deceased as proven by the
oaths of the subscribing witnesses taken on
the 4th day of September 1843 before the
Honorable County Court of Coffee County, Tenn.

I John Nelson of the County of Coffee
and State of Tennessee do make and pub-
lish this as my last will and testament
here by writing and making void all
other wills by me at any other time made
1st I direct that my funeral ex-
penses and my debts paid as soon after
my death as possible out of any monies
that I may be possessed of in first com-
ing into the hands of my executors

2^d I give and bequeath unto my
wife Lucy, my gray mare, Morgan
and lady saddle on a bridle and bow
called rose and her calf with all the
house hold furniture and kitchen furni-
ture and all my bones and other last of
the iron with the mauls of the mill
with what little stock of hay I have
during her natural life also one ax and
two iron wedges and two iron gimlets
and one large red turpentine oil drum and
two spinning wheels two barrels and four
boxes and pair of jeans and one pair of

one pair of saddle bags during her natural life
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
James M. Vaughan and Lucy my wife and
my daughter Mary Keatons my exors
On witness Whereof I John Nelson the ad-
testator have to this my will written one and
that of paper at my home and read this
1st day of August 1843
Signed sealed and
published in the presence of
each of the testator and of each other

William Casey
M. D. Duncan
James Winger
W. L. Duncan

Witnesses

State of Tennessee Coffee County
The following is the last will and testament
of John Stiles deceased as proven by the oaths
of Robert Fletcher subscribing witness taken
and the same writing by J. S. Miles the
other subscribing witness before the Honorable
County Court of Coffee County on the 2nd day of
March 1844

I John Stiles of the County of Coffee and
State of Tennessee do make and publish this
my last will and testament hereby making
and making void all former wills by me
at any time heretofore made

Item 1st I direct that my body be
decently buried at Mary E. Kentles in said
County in a manner suitable to my condi-
tion in life and as to such worldly estate
as it may please the Lord to trust me with
I dispose of the same as follows

1st I direct that all my debts and
funeral expenses be paid as soon after my
death as possible out of any monies that
I may be possessed of in first com-
ing into the hands of my executors

from any portion of my estate Real or personal

4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary E. Davis two beds and furniture one bay mare & team of cattle and one stile

3rd I give and bequeath to my son John Stiles the sum of five dollars in money

4th I give and bequeath to my son Leroy Stiles five dollars in money

And I do hereby make and declare appoint my daughter Mary E. Davis executrix of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I John Stiles the said testator has to this my wife & my home and had this 6th day of November 1884 one thousand eight hundred and forty one signed sealed and published by John Stiles Testator in the presence of us who have subscribed and in the presence of the testator and each other

Joseph Fletcher

Lyle D. Smith

Witnesses

The following is the last will and testament of James Sutton deceased as proved by the oaths of E. J. Doty and John M. Doty subscribing witnesses State of Oregon the Washington County Court of both County on the 6th day of May 1884

J. H. Anderson Clerk

I James Sutton do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby knowing and understanding all that I do by me at any time to be void

1st I direct that my home and furniture and all my debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money and I may die possessed of or

may first come into the hands of my executor

2nd I give unto my beloved wife Mary Sutton the farm whereon I now live with all the house hold and kitchen furniture and farming tools and all of my stock of all kinds during her life or widowhood and of her death the said farm where I now live on my wife is that my son Hugh Sutton shall have it or to the amount of two hundred and fifty acres including the improvements at the age of twenty one that is if my wife is dead or single. She is not to be disappointed of the dwelling house and as much of the land as will be sufficient for her support

3rd My wife is that all my heirs shall be made equal as near as possible and in order to show my intention I give my daughter Elizabeth Davis one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf one sow and pigs one ear and lamb one bed and furniture one trace of land worth two hundred dollars which she has received

I will to my son John Stiles one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf one sow and pigs one ear and lamb one bed and furniture one trace of land worth two hundred dollars which he has received

I will to my son William Sutton one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf one sow and pigs one ear and lamb one bed and furniture one trace of land worth two hundred and fifty dollars all of which he has received

I will to my son Jacob Sutton one horse saddle and bridle one trace of land worth two hundred dollars which he has received

I will to my daughter Catherine M. Sutton one horse saddle and bridle one cow and calf one sow and pigs one bed and furniture all of which she has received

I will to my son Samuel H. Sutton one horse and bridle one trace of land worth

I wish to my daughter Mary Jane Sutton
one saddle and bridle which is all the things
received.

My son Hugh James has not received
any thing my wife is due the balance
to my wife's will - Jacob Sutton Cashier
Moses Ames Samedt Sutton and Mary Jane
Sutton Hugh James Sutton be made equal
land and in every respect with John
Sutton Elizabeth Jane and William Sutton
Ames at the death of my wife if this
should be any remainder after all
are made equal the balance to be equally
divided among all the heirs

Lastly I do hereby nominate and
appoint my son Wood Sutton my executor

In witness whereof I do to this my
last will at my home and at the
10th day of April 1844

Signature of Elias and
subscribed in our
presence and we
do subscribe our
names here in the presence of James Sutton Seal
and of the witness this 10th
day of April 1844

Eli Petty
J. M. Petty

A Copy of the Non-Compliance of John
Peterson declared as proven by the oaths
of Elias Neal and David D. Smith with-
drawing witnesses that in open court on
the 11th day of June 1844

J. M. Anderson Clerk

The last will and testament of John
Peterson deceased

My wife is as follows Monday

1st that my debts are to be paid and
in relation to the contents of this my will
and David Smith have made in relation

to carrying my farm and raising to be contin-
ued until the time expires or until Mr Smith
wishes to give it up and that my son John
Peterson should in my place to raise and
own as the separation of said contract with Mr
Smith I wish my son John to proceed to all
my property with my land and divide
the proceeds equally between all of my
children namely John, Sue and Mary James
Elizabeth and Abraham after returning to him-
self the necessary expenses of having this be-
nef all attended to

Done on the 20th day of April 1844

Signed in presence of
Elias Neal and
David D. Smith. J. M. Anderson

The last will and testament of Louis Payton
as proven by the oaths of Michael Stephens
and Broomer James in the County Court of
Coffey County on Monday the first day of
July 1844

J. M. Anderson Clerk

I Louis Payton of Coffey County and State
of Kansas being seized of body and of sound
mind and disposing memory being of
to give for his more or less of the contents
of my body and that it is appointed with
all men one to die, do make and declare
this my last will and testament hereby
naming and making void all other wills
by me made

1st and finally of and I bequeath
my land to give who gave it and my
body to the church, to be buried in a special
and buried at the discretion of my executor

And as to such liability given as it has
please give to give me I give Charles and
assign it in the following manner and form
viz

1st I request and desire that all my

decease as soon after my death as possible
Come into the hands of my executor should
be paid

2nd I give and bequeath my gray
horse to my dearly beloved daughter
Eazy Collins wife of Mr William Collins

3rd I give and bequeath to my
dearly beloved daughter Nancy Perry
wife of Jordan Perry one bay horse.

4th I give and bequeath unto my good
children Louis Taylor and Rhodus Taylor
the son and daughter of my dearly beloved
son James Taylor and my bay mare
and colt which I desire after my death my
said son James take possession of and care

5th I give and bequeath to my dearly
beloved daughter Anby Taylor and my
valued chair

6th I give and bequeath my beloved
son in law William Collins my mule
in a two horse wagon and breeding and
we are jointly concerned in

7th I give and bequeath to my
beloved daughter Ed Ringer (Barton) wife
of James Barton my future slave

8th I give to my dearly beloved son
George Taylor my bed and furniture
which I desire to remain at William Collins
after my death unless it is applied for
by said George Taylor or his authorized
attorney

9th I give and bequeath to my
beloved son John C Taylor one wagon
worth one hundred dollars and one
note on W. A. and W. H. Williams for ten
hundred and thirty dollars which has
already had. As to any other goods that

I may die and be possessed of I
give to my executor for the benefit
he may see necessary in carrying my will
effect the my last will and testament

10th And lastly I do hereby devise

into and of John William Collins Sr. executor of
the my last will and testament, made and
published by me this 18th day of May in the
year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four
Signed in presence of us
Nathaniel Stephens
Samuel Jones
Lewis Taylor (Seal)

Copies of the last will and testament of
Jacob Hoover as proven by the oaths of Mathias
Hoover and Martin Hoover subscribers & witnesses
Shute in Coffer County, Court of Coffer County
4th October 1844

I Jacob Hoover do make and publish this
as my last will and testament hereby revoking
and making void all other wills before or after
me made

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

2nd I give and bequeath unto my son
Mathias Hoover one negro boy about five years
old named Leahy

3rd I give and bequeath to my son Min-
er Hoover one negro man named Jacob about
eighteen years old

4th I give and bequeath to my son Eubias
Hoover one negro girl about eighteen years old
named Sarah and her maid

5th I give and bequeath to my son Martin
Hoover one negro man about twenty four years
old named David

6th I give and bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth Sowings and her husband Louis L.
Sowings one negro man named Joe about
forty years old. Do

7th I give and bequeath to my wife Polly
Hoover one negro boy about 6 years old named
John

8th I give and bequeath to my son Henry Hoover one negro woman named Clara about fifty years old.

9th I give and bequeath to my wife Polly Hoover my part of a tract of land myself and Matthew Hoover bought of the heirs of William Dowling.

10th All my household and kitchen furniture stock and farming tools I wish to be equally divided between my wife Polly Hoover and my son Julius Hoover.

11th I give and bequeath all the land I am now possessed of or may be possessed of at my death after paying my just debts to Julius Hoover and

Levity I do nominate and appoint John S. McGraw and Lewis Bonds executors.

In witness whereof I do this day at my home and read this 24th May 1843
 Matthew Hoover
 Martin Hoover. Jacob Hoover.

The following is the last will and testament of C. S. Roach deceased as shown in open court 2^d Decr 1844.

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

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors.

2^d I give and bequeath to his mother Elizabeth Roach a Slave Woman now in her custody her part of the same his sister her expenses and at his mother's death a certain negro slave girl by the name of Martha.

I give the said girl to my sister

Phoebe Brown. And to her brother's heirs I give the said girl to wait as much or one of them as the father until my mother's death. After after all my just debts are paid I want my lands sold and equally divided between Phoebe Brown George her brother William her brother also.

In witness whereof I do this my last will and testament at my home and read this 28th day of October 1844.

Signed sealed and published and witnessed Charles S. Roach
 his subscribers

our names hereunto in the presence of his testator this 28th day of October 1844.

Henry Brown
 John Brown

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

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors.

2^d It is my desire that my property of whatever kind remain in the hands of my beloved wife during her widowhood or natural life for the purpose of raising and educating my children.

3^d It is my desire that whenever any of my children marry or become of age that my executors distribute to them such portion of property or money as to them may seem proper keeping a common account so that each child may receive an equitable share.

4th It is my desire that I should my beloved wife even after my death receive a child's part of all my property both real

and funeral and at her death to be
turn to my heirs

5th It is my desire that should my
beloved wife die leaving her intestate
that my personal property be sold and
equally distributed among my heirs
and that my land and Slaves be either
devised or sold as my executor may
think best for the interest of the heirs
and the proceeds equally divided
among them

6th It is my desire that my
desire that should my beloved wife
my slave Eliza remain in the family
and should she at any time become a
chattel I want her maintenance of
of the estate

7th And lastly I nominate and
appoint my beloved wife Mary with
Adam Rayburn and Andrew Maxwells
my executor and executor in case of
whom are required to enter into bond and
security until the end of marriage or death
of my wife

In witness whereof I do to this
my last will and testament set my hand
and seal this 30th day of December 1845
Virginia sealed and
and published in the
our presence and we
have subscribed our names here in the presence
of the testator the date above written

W. H. Watson

Witnesses

The above is a true copy of the last will
and testament of R. S. Rayburn dec'd as
proven 7th day of April 1845

Witnesses
of Circuit Court

Copy of the last will and testament of
Elizabeth Wallace as proven by Mary 6th 1845
I Elizabeth Wallace do make and publish
this as my last will and testament hereby re-
voking and making void all other wills of
me at any time made

1st I desire that my funeral expenses
and all my debts be paid as soon after my
death as possible out of my money and I
may be possessed of or may first come
into the hands of my executor

2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter
Mary three negroes Ruby Alexander and Mary
3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth Lambert and her heirs three negroes
Robert Martin and Jim

4th I desire that the remainder of
my personal property be sold the executor
and the proceeds to be equally divided as above

5th I further desire my land to be
equally divided between my two daughters
or sold by the executor and the proceeds
to be equally divided as above

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
Thomas H. Maxwells my executor this 9th day
of April 1845
Signed sealed and
published in our
presence and we have subscribed our names
herein in presence of the testator this 9th day
of April 1845

James McMichael

William McMichael

Witnesses

State of Tennessee

Pleas At a Circuit Court
begun and held for the County of Coffee
at the Court house in the town of Murfreesboro
Chas. on the 11th Monday the 20th
being the 27th day of June 1842

Present the Hon. Andrew J. Merchants
Judge of the 13th Judicial District Cir-
cuit of said State

And afterwards went on Friday
the 5th day of said term the same be-
ing the 1st day of July 1872 the Hon.
Andrew J. Merchants Judge to pre-
sent the following proceedings were then
writ:

In the name of God Amen,
I Duncan Neil of the County
of Coffee and State of Tennessee being
weak in body but of sound and firm
mind and memory, considering
the uncertainty of this mortal and be-
ing of sound mind I do hereby solemnly
give for the same do make and publish
this my last will and testament in
witness whereof I do hereby say
Thus I do give and bequeath my
said will and bequeath it

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto
my beloved wife Betty the sum of one
hundred and fifty dollars with her bed
and bedding.

Item 2nd I do also give and be-
queath unto my son James Neil the
plantation where I now live on with all
my lands on the south side of said River
running to John Carrolls Spring Branch

I also will and bequeath to my
beloved wife Betty her life estate on the
land where she remains a widow or as
cause to stay on the land thus making
that care the profits arising from the
land shall be to her and the profits
arising from the land to go to my two
youngest James Neil and Angelina Neil
and they are to be educated on the farm
during their lives.

I also will and bequeath unto Elizabeth
Neil her life estate on the land where I now
live with wood and water and lands for cul-
tivation the same proper so long as she remains
single and dies proper to live on the land
thus and in that case her claim or claims
to cease on said land.

And all my moveable property to be sold
and the proceeds divided among the following
his expressing my reward from who shall
not be sold under six years after my decease
but shall remain as a slave on the planta-
tion for the benefit of the family who resides
there and then to be sold and to be divided
of as the balance of the property.

I do also make Elizabeth Neil my
lawful heir to her part of the property thus
is to be sold, likewise Thomas Neil Ellen
Campbell Alexander Neil Mary Oldfield
Nancy Oldfield Susan Hardaway Rachel
Yell Angelina Neil all my lawful heirs
as for William Neil and James Neil they have
received their part excepting five dollars
each.

I appoint my son Alexander Neil
Administrator of this my last will and to the
same hereby revoking all former wills by me
made.

In writing whereof I have subscribed
my name and seal the 20th day of March
1870.

Signes sealed and
published by the

Duncan Neil
above named Duncan Neil to be his last
will and testament in the presence of us
who have hereunto subscribed our names
as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Daniel Hardaway
John Seaton
Witnesses

State of Tennessee
Coffee County

Please

In a County Court Organ-
ized for the County of Coffee at the
Court House in the town of Manchester on
the 27th day of June A.D. 1842 before
the Hon Andrew & Marchbanks Judges
of the 13th Judicial Circuit of said
State,

And afterwards came on Friday the 5th
day of said term the same being the 1st
day of July 1842 The Hon Andrew &
Marchbanks present when the following
proceedings were held to wit:

Mr. Neil Esq of Duncan Hill &

vs.

John

Hardaway and Susan his wife
Moses V. and Rachael his wife David
Olfield and Mary his wife and John
Campbell and Ellen his wife Charles
Olfield and Nancy his wife and Mrs
Neil his at law of Duncan Hill deceased
his day came into Court with the fol-
lowing by their attorneys and champions came
a party of good and lawful men to wit
Ala M. Collier John Kennedy Thomas Lewis
W. C. Phillips Lewis M. E. Em-
mich David Meier Joseph Patton James
A. Willis William Kerley Rott Corbitt
and Geo. W. Chapman who being
duly tried and sworn well and truly
to try the cause did between the parties
and to render a true verdict ac-
cording to the evidence upon their oaths
do say that they find so much of
the paper writing purporting to be the
last will and testament of Duncan Hill
deceased in the pleadings in this
case as mentioned as a witness to devise
the lands therein mentioned not to
be the last will and testament of

Duncan Hill deceased but the jury further
say that they find so much of said paper as
they as witnesses to dispose of the personal property
of Duncan Hill deceased to be the last will and
testament of said Duncan Hill deceased.

Whereupon it is considered by the Court that
the same be certified upon said will to the end
that it may be recorded in the proper office
and that the defendants recover against the
plaintiff their costs about their suit in this
Cause expended, for which let execution
issue.

State of Tennessee
Coffee County I Willis Blanton Clerk
of the Circuit Court for said County do
certify that the foregoing is a true and
perfect transcript of the record of said
Court in said Cause all of
which remain of record in my office.

Given under my hand and private
seal (there being no seal of said Court)
at Office this 17th day of September A.D.
1845 - And the 70 year of American Inde-
pendence

Willis Blanton Clerk
Recorded 19th September 1845

W. Anderson Clerk
of the County Court of Coffee

State of Tennessee
Coffee County

The following is the
last will and testament of John Heiser
deceased as shown in open Court on the
3rd day of November 1845 by the oaths
of W. M. Hall and D. D. Davidson testifying
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
W. Anderson Clerk.

I John Heiser do make and
publish this as my last will and testa-
ment hereby revoking all former wills
by me at any time made

Item 1st I wish my executors here-
in after named to pay all my just
debts as soon after my death as possible

Item 2nd I wish my wife to have my
Haze Patch land which includes all
the lands that a claim the old Haze
Patch place during her life and at
her death my wife is that they be
equally divided between my two young
est sons John W. and Little Hester
which I value to them as four thousand
and dollars in the distribution of my
estate

Item 3rd My further will and wish
is that all my negroes and other prop-
erty with my wife during her life be
subject to her control and that the labor
of my negroes and other above that
may be necessary to the support of
my wife go to the payment of what
debts I may owe at my death of
howsoever what debts are coming to me
and the proceeds of the labor of my
negroes are not sufficient to pay my
debts by the time my executors be com-
pelled to meet them that they are di-
rected to sell such of the negroes or
other property as may be necessary
for such purpose and my executors
are directed to take all such steps
and do all such things as may be
necessary to promote the comfort of
my said wife and enhance the value
of the estate

Item 4th My will is that after
the death of my wife (or during her
life she and my executors Cunniff
Shurt) the balance of whatever prop-
erty real or personal that I may
die seized and possessed of be equally
divided between the following persons (as
and first accounting for as follows)

advancements they may have received
heretofore and my two youngest sons first
accounting for the sum of two thousand
dollars each the value of the same divided
to them in this order, Lewis Effie Purn
Delphia Powers Eyneth Bowden William P.
Hester John Hester John W. Hester
and Little Hester Lucy Simmons wife of
Ambrose Simmons her portion & give to her for
her own separate use free from the constraints
of her said husband and for the support
of herself and children also the portion of
Eliza Aldridge to be for her support and
for her own separate use free from the
influence and control of her husband John
Aldridge the two last named devise are
also first to account for any advancements
heretofore made to them or their husbands

Item 5th I do hereby nominate and
appoint Thomas Powers and W. Hester
executors of this my last will and testa-
ment. Given and sealed this 16th day
of July 1845
Wm. Cunniff sealed } John Hester
by the testator }
in the presence of us and subscribed by
us in the presence of the testator and
in presence of each other this 17th day of
July 1845
at W. Hester } Witnesses
W. D. Anderson }

The following is the last will and
testament of John Cunniff from decess
as proven in the County Court of Effie
County on the 1st Monday in December
1845 and ordered by said Court to be
recorded

J. W. Anderson Clerk
In the name of God Amen
I James Cunningham a Citizen of Effie

County and State of Tennessee do hereby
make and publish this my last will
and testament that is to say

1st Whereas previous to the intermar-
riage of myself and wife Anne Polly
or Mary Hollisworth widow of James
Hollisworth deceased, we entered into
a marriage contract in and by which
among other things it was stipulated
that my said wife at and after my death
should have the power to dispose of her
land and the following negroes by will
to wit: Alfred Ancton, Matilda and
Jincy and their increase being at present
then in custody to wit: Adam and
Preston sons of Matilda and George
son of Jincy.

The said contract and meaning of
which contract require and declare the
parties but not registered was that I was
only to have a life estate in the lands
and negroes and that upon my de-
cease all the right and title to said
land and negroes was to revert to my
said wife or her lawful heirs.

Now I do hereby ratify and con-
firm said contract to all intents and
purposes and I do hereby relinquish
all my said wife and her heirs debts
and claims which I may have to
said lands and the negroes aforesaid
with full power to my said wife to
dispose of the same by will or otherwise
in such a manner as she may
think proper, and being desirous to
make other provisions for the comfort
and independent support of my said
wife during her life or widowhood
which she so well deserves at my
hands for the very faithful and ten-
der discharge of her conjugal duties
as well as those of the adopted mother

of my children I do hereby give and bequeath
to her during her life or widowhood all the
arable or inclosed lands on my two hundred
acre occupant claim on the south side of
the creek with the exception of the corner
field which contains about fifteen acres
together with all the buildings thereon.

Also my threshing machine and cotton
gin on the north side of the creek with
a sufficiency of timber for all useful pur-
poses.

I also give and bequeath to my said
wife the use of the following property during
the term aforesaid to wit: one spinny wagon
and graining, four horses to be selected by
her out of my stock one half of my
stock of cattle and hogs the whole of my
stock of sheep, the graining to my daughter
Sara Harris one third of the stock of said
sheep after the same should be divided
to the sole and separate use of my said
daughter and her children, three choice
bras bedsteads and furniture, as much
of the household and kitchen furniture
as she may need, one choice brazen
my loom and family spinning wheel
and the articles belonging to the same
my family bible and testament a
sufficiency of the farming tools to carry
on the farm together with such part
of the shop tools as may be necessary pro-
vided however that it is the true intent
and meaning of my devise in this bequest
in relation to the use of the lands that
her right thereof is to continue so long
only as she it may be the pleasure
to remain thereon. I should the same
therefrom that the same is to vest in her
in remainder as hereafter provided.

I also give and bequeath to my
said wife apart by my executor a suf-
ficiency of corn wheat oats or other grain

buy or founder for the support of her family and stock one year

Item 2^d the several tracts of land on which I now reside containing near six hundred acres I desire to my son Rowley Cunningham and my daughter Sinai Morris and her children to be divided between them as follows to wit

beginning at the South East corner of my two hundred acre occupation claim or tract running with the South boundary line of the same forty poles thence north parallel with the Eastern boundary line of the same to the North boundary line of said tract thence east said line thirty poles thence north westerly parallel with Henry Holches west boundary line through a tract of land I purchased of Anderson & Brother to the North boundary line of the same thence east with said line to Henry Holches north west corner thence west with said Holches west boundary line to the North boundary line of my two hundred acre occupation tract thence east with said line to the North East corner of said occupation tract thence north with Holches and other lines to the beginning including the Thompson tract, all the land included in said lines I give and bequeath to my said son Rowley Cunningham

I estimate the value of said land at thirteen hundred dollars together with four hundred and fifty one dollars already advanced makes the sum of seventeen hundred and fifty one dollars

I also give and bequeath to my said son Rowley Cunningham one negro man now in his possession

named Simon which said negro I give him over and above an equal share on account of his being deaf and dumb from his birth

I also give and bequeath to my said son Rowley Cunningham my remaining one or two cows of which on account is to be taken and if one should should amount to more than twenty hundred and fifty one dollars then and in that case he is to be made equal with the rest of my legacies

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Sinai Morris all the lands west of the West boundary line of the lands devised to my son Rowley to the sole and separate use and for the support of herself and family during her life and at her death I give and bequeath the remainder in fee simple to the children of my said daughter and their heirs forever I estimate the value of said lands to my daughter and her children at two hundred and dollars if the value of said lands should not be equal to one share then she is to be made equal but if it or the property advanced to Rowley should amount to more than one I have they are not to pay any thing, but to the rest of the legacies

And whereas upon the marriage of my said daughter I gave her a negro girl named Emily who has been lately sold under execution to satisfy the debts of her husband at which date I became the purchaser and have again given her to my said daughter over and above the rest of the legacies on account of her being deaf and dumb and in my decision of my estate neither her nor her heirs are to be charged with said girl (now a woman) upon the first or second gift

Item 4th the balance of my estate to be

real and personal I give and bequeath
to my children and grand children their
after named to be equally divided among
them that is to say to the widow and
children of my deceased son Wiley Cum-
mington. I give one share. Mosto
Cummington one share, my son John
Cummington one share, my son William
Cummington one share my daughter Eliza-
beth Crocker one share. My son Henry
Cummington one share provided that in
the division of the slaves I expressly
enjoin upon my executor as well
as my children not to separate the men
and their wives without their consent
but if necessary in the allotment and
division to require a legated a legated
getting a man and wife if more than
their share to pay the surplus to the others
and provided further that in making
the division of the property each legated
is to bring with him his portion the amount
of many and property therefore ad-
vanced to him of which I have re-
ceived with a view to do equal and
impartial justice among my children
to put an account up to this date
they have received as follows and
are to be charged accordingly to wit-
My son Wiley Cummington one hundred
and seventy five dollars including
a note I hold on him for one hun-
dred dollars and ninety four dollars
for which no interest is to be charged
and also including one hundred
dollars sent his wife and his child
by her son James. My son Mosto
Cummington five hundred and eighty
eight dollars. My son John Cum-
mington nine hundred and twenty five
dollars. My son William Cummington
and eight dollars. My son Henry Cum-

mington seven hundred and twenty five
dollars. to my daughter Elizabeth Crocker
I have advanced a negro girl Ann Miller
at the price of one hundred and twenty five
dollars also six hundred dollars in other
advancements to me

Item 5th. So enable my executor to
make a division of my estate, he is hereby
fully authorized and empowered
to make sale of such of my real estate as
may not be especially devised to him as
well as now necessary consist only of a tract
of land of fifty acres or more the head
of the river one other tract of twenty four acres
in civil justice no 8, also one other tract of
eighty acres in justice no 8.

Lastly I appoint my son William Cum-
mington executor of this my last will
and testament hereby confirming all former
wills.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day
of August 1845
James Cummington
testes and declared
by the testator as competent for his last will
and testament in our personal collocation
and as witnesses in his presence
Daniel McClean
Benj. A. Hollins
William B. Williams
Witnesses

State of Maryland
Baltimore County
At a County Court begun
and held for Baltimore County on the 1st Monday
of December 1845 - The last will and tes-
tament of James Cummington deceased
was produced in open court by the executor
therein named and sworn by the oaths of Daniel
McClean and Benj. A. Hollins subscribing witnesses
therein and ordered to be recorded
J. Anderson Clerk

I Jacob Hoover do make and pub-
lish this as my last will and testamon-
tary, trusting and trusting that all
other wills by me at any time made
1st I desire that my funeral ex-
penses and all my debts be paid as
soon after my death as possible out
of any money that I may die possessed
of or that may first come into the
hands of my executor.

2nd I give and bequeath to my son
Martin Hoover one negro boy about five
years old named Dab.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son
Julius Hoover one negro girl about eight-
een years old named Dink and
her increase.

4th I give and bequeath to my
son Wilson Hoover one negro man
named Jacob about twenty two years old.

5th I give and bequeath to my
son Martin Hoover one negro man
about twenty five years old named Tom
Frank.

6th I give and bequeath to my
daughter Elizabeth Hoover one negro
man named Joe about forty years old.

7th I give and bequeath to my
wife Polly Hoover one negro boy about
two years old named Jim.

8th I give and bequeath to my
son Henry Hoover one negro woman
named Clara about fifty years old.

9th I give and bequeath to my
wife Polly Hoover my part of a tract
of land myself and Martin Hoover
bought of the heirs of William Kellogg.

10th all my house hold and kitchen
en furniture floor and farming
tools I wish to be equally divided be-
tween my wife Polly Hoover and my
son Julius Hoover.

Nov 11th I give and bequeath all the land
I am now possessed of or may be possessed
of at my death after paying my just
debts to Julius Hoover.

And Lastly I do nominate and appoint
John S. McGinnis and Lewis Kearney executors.

On witness whereof I do to this day
at my hand and seal this 24th day of
May 1848

Martin Hoover
Julius Hoover
Wilson Hoover
Elizabeth Hoover
Polly Hoover
Henry Hoover

Jacob Hoover

State of Tennessee

Plas, at a Circuit Court, to be
and filed for Jefferson County at the Court house
in the town of Manchester on the fourth Mon-
day the same being the 27th day of October
A.D. 1848 and the 70th year of American
Independence.

Present The Hon. Saml Anderson
Judge of the said County in and in charge of riding
court Hon. Anderson J. Marchant, Clerk
of the 13th Judicial Circuit of said State.

And afterwards took at the same time
the same being on the 3rd day of November
1848 The Hon. Saml Anderson Judge of
the said County.

The following proceedings were had
to wit:

Julius Hoover vs. David Davis, John S. McGinnis, Henry Hoover, Ephraim Hoover, Samuel Brigham and wife Ann, William S. Brigham and wife Mary, Christopher Hoover and Amos Hoover.

This day came the parties by their attor-
neys and counsel came a Jury of good
and lawful men to wit.

Att. McGinnis Henry Hoover S. McGinnis
Thomas Allison Thomas Anderson Henry Hoover

William Brown Davis Ralph Davis Simp-
son James C. Davis John Benjamin and
John Thompson who being elected trial
and sworn the truth to speak upon
this issue again upon their oaths do
say that the paper containing in the plead-
ings mentioned purporting to be the last
will and testament of Jacob Hovorn de-
ceased is his last will and testament
in far as it ~~relates~~ relates to the per-
sonally which were of the said Jacob
Hovorn deceased, but it is not the last
will and testament of said Jacob Hovorn
deceased so far as it relates to the real
estate.

It is therefore considered by the
Court that it is certified to the County
Court for probate so far as it relates
to the personally and no further and
that the plaintiff recover against the
defendants his costs up to him his suit
in this behalf expended and time ex-
ecution issues.

State of Vermont
Coffey County. I Willis B. Clinton
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Coffey
County do certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of
the record and judgment in the case
of Julius C. Hovorn against Henry Hovorn
and others determined in said Court
all of which remain of record in my
office.

Given under my hand and private
seal (this being no seal of said Court)
on 21st day of Decr in the year of our Lord and thousand
eight hundred and forty five and
the 70 year of American Independence
Willis B. Clinton Clerk

In the name of God Amen
I Eliza Ann Hark of the County of Coffey and
State of Kansas being weak in body but of
sound mind and disposing memory knowing
the mortality of my body and that it is of
pointed unto all men once to die do make and
ordain this my last will and testament hereby
revoking and making void all other wills by me
at any other time made.

And principally of all I recommend
my soul to God who gave it and my body
to the dust to be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner at the direction of
my executor, and ask to meet me very soon
with which it has pleased God to bless me. I
give and bequeath in the following manner
and form,

Item 1st It is my will and desire
that all my just debts shall be paid after
my death out of any money that may
come to the hands of my executor.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my
dearly beloved wife Celia Hark all the estate
I may die seized and possessed of both
real and personal (after paying my debts
as aforesaid) during her natural life
or widowhood.

Item 3rd It is my desire and will
after the marriage or death of my said wife
as the case may be that my estate if any
there be, be equally divided between my
grand children legitimate children of Alex-
ander Hark and Nancy Howard except Celia Ann
Elizabeth daughter of Alexander Hark who
I desire to have over and above an equal
share, no further tree and furniture nor
cow and calf.

Item 4th I do hereby constitute and
appoint my wife Celia Hark executrix
of this my last will and testament
and whosoever whom I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 27th

day of January A.D. 1846

Witnessed by us
in the presence
of the testator
Michael Stephens
Moses M. Cook

Clayburn ^{his} Mark ^{and} Seal

State of Tennessee
Coffey County, ⁱⁿ a County Court be-
gan and held for the County of Coffey on
the 1st Monday the 2^d day of February
1846 this last will and testament of
Clayburn Mark was produced to the Court
and by the executor therein named and
known by the oaths of Michael Stephens
and Moses M. Cook subscribing witnesses
therein and ordered to be recorded
J. H. Anderson Clerk

I John Harris Garrito do make and
publish this my last will and testament
1st I direct that my funeral ex-
penses and also my debts be paid as soon
after my death as possible out of my
money that I may die possessed of or
my first come into the hands of my
Executors

2^d I give and bequeath to my
dear wife Belinda the lands with all
appurtenances that I am possessed of
that is the Martin tract with one other
tract of known by the Brown place, the
deed for the tract is not registered for
a further description of the lands here
refer to the Register's office of Bedford
County, with all the household and
kitchen furniture, with all the tools
and stationery including clothing
as well as my stock of horses cattle
hogs and sheep with all our standing
debts, and with all the notes of goods

and forage now on hand with the whole
crop of Bacon that I am sown or at my death
possession of with all my farming utensils and
my blacksmith tools that it will be prudent
shortly after my death to see off so much
of my stock with the blacks men tools as
will be sufficient to pay all my liabilities
the residue of my property I wish to remain
as found to rear cloth and educate my children
and recommend my wife under all circum-
stances that may be her lot to invest the
residue in her own possession a sufficient sum
for the above purpose until they are raised and
educated, after that she is or after her death
to make an equal division of what of my estate
may remain among our children, in the event
of her death, before the children are raised
and until the property be sold and the proceeds
to be placed in the hands of a guardian to be
appointed for that purpose, in the event of
her marriage it is my wish for her to
retain the care of the property and the chil-
dren.

But I will that she reserve the little
estate for the above purposes by her, and
sufficient security before said intended
marriage. I also desire that my wife
may use the Brown place and the proceeds
be reserved in her hands for the support
of the family.

And Lastly I do hereby nominate and
appoint my wife Belinda my executor to
this my last will and testament with her
brother Clark Nelson as executor

Witnessed sealed and
published in our
presence and we
have subscribed our names here in the
presence of the testator this 8th day of Feb^r
J. Mallon
Thomas Parris

after his debts were paid and what
 soever he was bound for, that he have
 given his other children some help and
 now wished his home daughters that
 were unmarried to know the balance in
 his possession after the debts there have
 been paid as above stated and on his
 late illness of which he died he stated
 in presence and stated in the hearing
 of Margaret Bromfield and Caroline
 that that he would have been glad
 to have lived and settled his affairs
 more satisfactory but that now he be-
 lieve his days were numbered and
 must leave the world, but it was his
 wish first to have all his debts paid
 and what was then stated to be left
 of his substance that it be equally
 divided between my three female
 children living with me at home
 which I understood to be Cynthia
 and Ester and Susan Montgomery
 and it being requested and deemed
 most fit, first that William Montgo-
 mery be appointed Administrator and
 Susan Montgomery Administratrix to the
 foregoing.

I Testimony whereof we have
 signed our names this day and
 year above written

Attest:
 Sandyville, Montgomery
 Margaret Bromfield
 Caroline & Mark
 1846

State of Tennessee
 Coffee County, at a County Court
 Organ and held for the County of
 Coffee at the Court House in the town
 of Manchester the foregoing last
 will and Testaments of David Montgo-

my deceased was produced in open Court
 and proven by the oaths of Margaret Bromfield
 and Caroline Stark, Subscribing witnesses
 present and ordered to be recorded which is
 accordingly done

Witness my hand and office this 7th day
 of December 1846
 Matthewson Clerk
 Of the County of Coffee

I Thomas Blair of the County of Coffee and
 State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing
 mind and memory and desiring to remove the
 uncertainty of life and the certainty of death
 do make and publish this my last will
 and testament here, nothing and making
 void all other wills by me at any time
 made,

1st I direct that my funeral expenses
 and all my just debts be paid as soon after
 my death as possible out of my money and
 I may die possessed of or that may hereafter
 come into the hands of my executor

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Eleanor my negro man by about
 forty years old of age, one of the best horses
 belonging to me at my death a good saddle
 and bridle and beautiful red chaise box and
 calico and two of the best beds and bed-
 linen and furniture as she may wish to
 keep -

3rd I give and bequeath to my son
 Alexander M. Blair one my seven year
 Martin Hancock in trust for the use and
 benefit of my daughter Amanda I Son-
 dexter and his children the tract of land
 whereon the now resides bounded as follows
 beginning on a cross the head of the Spring
 thence North 33° 18' poles to a stake and
 then back thence North 67° 11' 76 poles
 to a white walnut, thence N 94° poles
 to two ticklines on the ridge thence
 S 34° E 26 poles to a stake and thence

thence South 14 E 35 poles to a stake and
 pointed, thence north 81° E 40 poles to a
 stake, thence South 62° E 20 poles to a stake
 thence S 38° E 22 poles to a stake thence
 South 11° E 22 poles to a stake and pile
 thence South 60° E 60 poles to an Elm and
 sugar tree, thence north with thence so
 line 20 poles continuing in the same
 direction 51 poles to a white Walnut on
 the bluff, thence North 57° N 4 poles to
 the beginning.

In addition to the above tract or
 parcels of land I give and bequeath
 to said Blain and Hancock for the
 use and benefit of Amanda Montcastle
 one eight day clock and bureau one
 bed and bedstead and furniture,

The above tract of land also one
 new bed and furniture being of the
 value of five hundred dollars. The trust-
 ees aforesaid are hereby vested with full
 power and authority to sell said land
 and other property in just a way
 and manner and purchase elsewhere
 and dispose of and add in every respect
 said land and other property in said
 a way and manner as shall be by the
 deemed best calculated to effect the ob-
 ject of just trust. and I hereby require
 it upon said trustees at any time they may
 think the safety of said property or the
 interest of the aforesaid trust require it
 to take into their possession said land
 and rent on for mortgage said land
 and other property and apply the
 proceeds in just a manner as may best
 promote the interest of my said daughter
 and her children during her lifetime
 and at her death I desire that what
 may remain of the trust above decided
 to my daughter be equally divided
 between her heirs of her body or be

jointly conveyed to them

I desire that the balance of my land
 negroes and other property be sold and the pro-
 ceeds thereof be equally divided among my
 other children (wits) Cynthia Dillards Mary
 Hancock Chas. Blair William Roman Thomas
 Blair, Geo. Blair Ed Blair Martha A. Hudson
 or their heirs of such as may be dead suc-
 ceding a child or children living, each of the heirs
 above named accounting for money or other
 property they may have received and also
 a horse saddle bed and furniture and some
 stock as turning, but the last named ar-
 ticles of about equal value.

I hereby request and nominate a Mr
 A. Maxwell my executor.

In testimony whereof I have here-
 unto set my hand and seal this Decem-
 ber 24th in the year of our Lord 1845

Leopoldy Mepick

Sam Hancock

Thomas Blair

State of Tennessee

Coffey County Clerk a Court Case be-
 gan and held for the Court of Coffey at
 the Court house in the town of Marion on the 14th day of January 1846 the
 foregoing will of Thomas Blair deceased
 was produced in open Court by the ex-
 ecutor therein named and proven by
 the oaths of Leopoldy Mepick, and Saml
 Hancock both subscribing witnesses thereto
 and ordered to be recorded

Witness my hand at Coffey this 6th
 day of January 1846

J. W. Anderson Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I Abner Duncanson of the County of Jefferson and State of Tennessee being of sound mind but weak of body 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 desire that my be-
cently entered in a marriage suitable
to my condition in life, and as to
such worldly goods as it has pleased
God to bestow upon me, I dispose of
the same as follows,

1st I desire that all my debts
and funeral expenses be paid as soon
after my decease as possible out of my
money, that I may die possessed of
or that my first wife take the benefit
of my executor from any portion of
my estate real or personal.

2^d I leave to my beloved wife Anna
the undisturbed possession of the house
and plantation wherein I now reside
with the house hold and kitchen furni-
ture, with the exception of one bed and
stock as it now stands during her
natural life or widowhood.

I also leave to her during the
same time my said son's young-
est children, that is Martin, Eliza
Roseanna with the privilege of staying
down as long as she can manage to
or until her death or marriage for the
purpose of helping raise her children -
and whenever she becomes unmanageable
it is my desire she should then come
to my executor to live out.

3rd The balance of my negroes
with the exception of Leroy and her
child, viz. that is David Dick and Jacob

I desire my executor may have

and being persuaded to have them well treated
4th Having have in contemplation for some
time to sell my said son's child for the pur-
pose of paying my debts. It is my desire
that my executor sell them for the best price
he can get at private sale, for such purpose
Colley Cunningham is wanting to purchase
and the same decision to go there it is my
will that my executor get him if he will give as good
a price as any one else.

5th I wish the clothes belonging to my
former wife and one bed, given to my two
children by her viz. Catharine and Daniel

6th I give and bequeath to my wife
Anna Duncanson my negro girl Rebecca
to dispose of as she wishes.

7th It is my wish that my executor
out of the proceeds of the hire of my servants
and any other money that may come into
his hands belonging to my estate raise
and educate my children in a genteel
manner and when they are of mature
age to divide the property and money
belonging to my estate among my chil-
dren equally.

I do hereby constitute and ap-
point my esteemed neighbor and friend
Thomas Cole executor of this my last will
and testament in which I Abner
Duncanson have my home and res-
ide the 3rd day of January 1847

In presence of us
W. R. Bixey
Joseph Gentry
Nelson Bixey

Abner Duncanson



State of Tennessee
Jefferson County, ss. I, the County Clerk,
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the last will and testament of
said Abner Duncanson as the same was
presented to me on the first Monday
being the first day of January 1847.

the foregoing last will and testament of John Dawson deceased was produced to Court in open Court and proven by the subscribing witnesses thereto and in due order of law.

Witness my hand at Office this 1st day of February 1844

W. Anderson Clerk

State of Tennessee
Coffey County

At a County Court begun and held for the County of Coffey at the Court House in the town of Manchester on the 1st Monday of June 1844 the last will and testament of Joseph Gentry was produced in Court and by the executor thereof named and proven by the oaths of W. L. Briley and Anthony Leas subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

W. Anderson Clerk

In the name of God Amen.

I John Gentry of the County of Coffey and State of Tennessee being weak of body but perfectly sound in mind and believing from the knowledge I have of my situation I cannot survive this life long I therefore feel the necessity of making and publishing this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me at any time heretofore made

1st I direct that my body be decently interred in said County in a manner suitable to my situation in life and as to such worldly estate as it shall please God to intrust me with I bequeath to my sons as follows

1st I direct that all my personal

debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of my money that I may die peaceful of or that my first come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate real or personal.

2^d I give and bequeath to my son Hugh one cow one hen and barnyard and all the balance of my property both personal and real. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife during her natural and life and at her death of ~~the~~ the whole of ~~the~~ my my unfortunate children to wit Geo. Nicholas Sarah Angelina and Eliza. I direct that my estate remain in the hands of my executor or so much thereof as will support and keep them from being chargeable so long as they live.

I do hereby make and appoint my beloved sons James and Hugh executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof. I Joseph Gentry the said testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper at my home and read this 7th day of April 1844 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven

negues sealed and

published here in the presence of us who have subscribed our names in the presence of the testator and of each other

W. L. Briley
Thos. L. Kame
Thomas Heile
Anthony Leas

Witnesses

Joseph Gentry

I Sarah Nichols do hereby make come
publish this my last will and testament
hereby revoking and making void all other
wills by me at any time heretofore made
1st I give and bequeath to my niece
Cynthia Nichols my negro woman
Phyllis aged about fifty years

2^d I also give and bequeath to said
Cynthia Nichols all my interest in the
tract of land on which I now reside
I also give the said Cynthia Nichols as
promising note under seal dated the 10th
day of December 1844 and due to me on
day after date for twenty nine hundred
and ninety dollars payable to me by
said Cynthia Nichols being the consid-
eration in a deed for a family of negroes
sold by me to the said Cynthia Nichols
the names and description of which
negroes will more fully appear re-
ference being had to the bill of sale made
by me of this date.

3rd I give to Rachel James the old son
of William Hare my two and per-
sonal

4th I give and bequeath to said
Cynthia Nichols all my interest in the
estate of my brother Jacob Nichols dec'd
both real and personal

5th Finally I give and bequeath to
the said Cynthia Nichols all the real
and personal estate I may die seized and
possessed of. I also give to her all cases
in action and debts that may be due
me in any and every form

Lastly I nominate and appoint
the said Cynthia Nichols executrix of
this my last will and testament
and hereby request and desire her
to conduct the execution of the same
governed under my Power and

read this 13th day of December 1845
Signed in the presence
of each other this 13th
day of June 1845
M. B. Hickman
Dated M. C. Lean

Sarah Nichols



State of Tennessee
Coffee County 3rd A County Court be-
gan and held for Coffee County on the 1st
Monday in September 1845 this last will
and testament of Sarah Nichols deceased was
produced to court by M. B. Hickman Attorney
at Law and proven by the oaths of M. B. Hick-
man and Daniel McLean subscribing
witnesses whose names are ordered to be recorded
J. H. Anderson Clerk
By James Larnell etc

State of Tennessee
Coffee County 3rd A County Court began
and held for the County aforesaid on the 1st
Monday of November 1845 this last will and
testament of Learkin Ford Sr. deceased was
produced in open court by M. B. Ford executor
and proven by the oaths of Daniel McLean
and William McLean subscribing witnesses
whose names are ordered to be recorded
J. H. Anderson Clerk
By James Larnell etc

State of Tennessee
Coffee County 3rd I Learkin Ford Senr being
of sound mind and perfect memory do
make and publish this my last will and
testament in manner and form following
1st I give and bequeath to my son
Edmond I do and all my animals tools
and working utensils
2nd I give and bequeath to my
daughter Elizabeth the Ford one cotton

what come come and one chuck seat
and one old small table and one dan-
ner pot and two and one oven and
lid

3rd I give and bequeath to my
grand daughter Rachel some furniture
of my son Mr. A. Ford forty one
dollars

4th I give and bequeath to my
daughter Jane Cropley one dollar to a
fur portion

5th All table ware house hold and
kitchen furniture which are not here
in named I desire to be divided between
my son Edmund & Jane and my two
daughters namely Elizabeth and Eliza-
beth as they may find proper

6th All the right and title I
have in and to one hundred acres of
land lying on the headwaters of Don
River I desire to be sold to the high-
est bidder at twelve months and six
days

Also my beds and saddle gun house
closet and large chest to be sold on
a twelve months and six days
bidder and when that and all debts
that are then owing to me and all
the money I then have in collection
and my debts paid I desire the
same among part to be equally divided
among my seven sons and four daugh-
ters namely Matthew G. Matsum B.
Simon T. Rankin S. Stephen H. Thomas
S. Edmund & Peter Henry Rowena Fan-
nie Elizabeth and Elizabeth and Jane
Cropley children and the said Jane
Cropley children to have an equal
portion then to be appropriated to the
support of said children and the
said Jane Cropley except that be
gone

7th And lastly it is my desire that

my son Edmund & Jane should hold possession
of all the lands which I have on the head-
waters of Noack River part of Decatur
County he will in a term of four years after
the date of my deceased pay four hundred
and fifty dollars to be equally divided a-
mong my other six children sons and four
daughters and Jane Cropley ^{children} as above de-
scribed, but if Edmund don't choose to hold
the land as above described it shall be
sold to the highest bidder pay must be
made in three equal annual payments and
when concluded Edmund shall have one e-
qual portion as first described in other money
and also the crop then on the ground and
shall make his choice in three months after
my death.

I hereby appoint Matthew B. Rankin
S. Rankin and Edmund & Jane Executors of this
my last will and testament hereby appointing
and making void all other wills by me
made and no claim to come
against any of the children except as above
in writing

The witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal this 29th
day of June 1842 (24 dollars in full
before assigned)

Witness
Daniel Meier
William Meier
Moro

Rankin Ford



Signed sealed delivered and delivered by
the testator above named Rankin Ford to be
his last will and testament in presence
of us who have here subscribed our names
as witnesses in the presence of the testator

Daniel Meier
William Meier
Moro

State of Tennessee Coffee County March
1st 1847

In the name of our Amen
Knowing that it is appointed for all
men once to die I Johnathan Phil-
lips being in my right mind cla-
rely and publish this my last
will and Testament

1st I give my body to return to its
Maker Count in a decent manner my
soul to God who gave it

2nd I give and bequeath to my
wife Sarah Phillips the house and all
the land lying on the South west side
of the new road leading from Mem-
phis to Nashville and one mulatto
man named Fancis, and she is to
have choice of all the horses on the plan-
tation and her saddle and bridle &
two cows four head of sheep three hogs
and pigs and stock hogs sufficient
for one year provision two beds and
furniture, two turned Cherry Chests
one Cabinet and small bureau and
all the things that belong to the Cat-
herine, such as plates dishes cups, sauc-
ers knives forks and glasses &c.

All these things belong to her during
her widowhood if she marries again
all goes to the benefit of my children
If, then she is also to have one half the
Geeze and one half five two plows and
set of plow gears one Cart and Cows
one wash box one dinner fork and iron
and Hells one wheel and Cows Clock
and Glap.

3rd The balance of my estate to
be equally divided among my four
children or sept Giles Richardson &
give him one horse that is all he
is to have, and is to say & four co-
rners given are some horse would satisfy

State of Tennessee Coffee County March 1st 1847
In the name of God Amen

Knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, I
Johnathan Phillips being in my right mind
and of sound mind and memory do hereby
publish this my last will and Testament

or forty dollars

4th I appoint my son William Y. Phillips
and Thomas H. Aspool my executors

Revolving disannulling all other Testaments
or wills by me made

Witness my hand &c in presence of

Michael Stephens

W. M. Beach

Robert Hop

Johnston Phillips

State of Tennessee
Coffee County 3rd A County Court begun
and held for Coffee County on the 1st Moni-
day in January 1847 This last will and
Testament of Johnathan Phillips deceased was
presented in open Court by William Y. Phil-
lips one of the executors and proven by the
oaths of Michael Stephens and Robert Hop
subscribing witnesses thereof and ordered
to be recorded

J. M. Anderson Clerk

By James Somers &c

State of Tennessee
Coffee County 3rd A County Court begun
and held for the County, on Monday the
first Monday of February 1847 This last
will and Testament of William Y. Phillips
deceased was presented in open Court by James
Phillips the executor and proven by the oaths
of William Young and Elizabeth Robinson
subscribing witnesses thereof and ordered to
be recorded. Witness my hand at office
this 7th day of Feb 1847 J. M. Anderson Clerk

By James Somers &c

I William Rust do make and pub-
lish this my last will and testa-
ment hereby revoking and making
void all other will of me at any time
made

1st I direct that my funeral
expenses and all my debts be paid as
soon after my death as possible out
of any money that I may die possessed
of or that may first come into the
hands of my executor

2nd I give and bequeath to my be-
loved wife Sally Rust the tract of land
where I now live all the household
and kitchen furniture all the money
and notes that may be in my pos-
session at my death. Two head of horses
two cows and calves and some some pigs
and stock of hogs sufficient to make
the second year after my death, two
head of sheep all the poultry and the
first year provision

3rd I give and bequeath to my
beloved children, Sally Morgan James
G. Rust, Joseph Rust with Phillips
and the heirs of my daughter Eliza-
beth Bechum as one heir all my es-
tate to be equally divided between them

Lastly I do hereby nominate and
appoint James Phillips my executor
to this I witness signing and to this
my will set my hand and seal
this 15th day of December 1847.

Signed sealed and
published in our presence and we having

Subscribed our names here in the presence
of the testator this 15th day of December
1847

William Rust
Elizabeth Bechum
James Phillips
Joseph Rust
Phillips

State of Tennessee
Coffey County At a County Court begun
and held for the County of Coffey in the
town of Manchester on the first Monday
of February it being the 2nd day of
month 1848 this last will and testament
of Howell Hatcher deceased late of said
County was presented in open court by
Mary Hatcher the executrix thereof named
and proven by the oaths of John Bowers
and Alex. Under Eney subscribing wit-
nesses present and advised to be recorded
Witness my hand at Office this 4th
day of February 1848.

J. H. Anderson Clerk
By James Darrell & Co

'On the memo of God Amos
I Howell Hatcher of the County of Coffey
and State of Tennessee Farmer being in
usual health of body and of sound mind
and disposing memory and calling
to mind the uncertainty of this life
and the certainty of death do come
it proper to make and declare this my
last will and testament in the man-
ner and form following

Item 1st I give my body to the
deity from whence it came and send
to God who gave it having strong and
unshaken confidence of his forgiveness
of the resurrection morn to dwell eternally
with God and the angels in Heaven

Item 2nd I give and bequeath
to my beloved wife Mary all of my
household and goods and furniture
logiter with all my effects debts dues
and demands to be at her will and dis-
posal together with my dwelling
house and plantation to live on and
enjoy during her natural life

Item 3rd I give and bequeath