

William B Moore's will,

I William B Moore do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby recalling all other wills by me at any time made first I direct all my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I die in possession of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor, Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife malinda all my house hold and kitchen furniture and all my personal property, after paying my debts Thirdly, I devise all my perishable property except my house hold property sold on a credit of twelve months, Fourthly, I give my wife all my interest in my land whereon her mother now resides Fifthly I give and bequeath to my son Melvin B Moore all my interest to my landed estate whereon I now live after the death of my mother Sixthly I will that my interest in the tract of land bought by me and Jacob E Moore be sold and the proceeds to go to my wife Seventhly, I give to Jacob E Moore all my farming tools, Lastly, I do nominate Samuel Moore my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this 9 day of December 1854.

W B Moore (at)

Signed sealed and published in our presence,

Robert W. Gargain

William D Evans,

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State of Tennessee

County Court for DeKalb County January Term 1855.

On motion a paper purporting purporting to be the last will and testament of William B Moore deceased late of the county of DeKalb Tennessee was this day presented in open court for probate was duly proven in open court by the oaths of Robert W. Gargain and William D Evans, subscribing witnesses to said Will of paper writing which being first duly shown in open court a purpose and say that they was personally acquainted with William B Moore the testator and assignor to said will or paper writing and that he signed the same in their presence and acknowledged the due execution of the same and stated in our presence that the same was truly his last will and showed and at the same time called upon us to witness the same and to sign our names thereunto as such witnesses which we did in his presence at his own dwelling house in the county of DeKalb and State of Tennessee and that he was in his right mind and capable of making the same and that he died in DeKalb County Tennessee ordered by court that said will be recorded.

And it further appearing to the court that Samuel Moore was nominated and appointed Executor of said will or paper writing and by the same whereupon the said Samuel Moore came into court and entered into bond in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars condition as the law directs with Lewis B Moore and Jacob E Moore his securities approved by the court which bond was duly acknowledged.

in open court and ordered to be filed whereupon said
Lemuel Moore was duly sworn in open court and deposed that
Sellers Testimony is true to him which is done in
open court the 1st day of January 1855. W. J. Seale clerk of
De Kalb County Court

Letters
State of Tennessee De Kalb County
To Lemuel Moore of De Kalb County. It appearing to the court
that William B. Moore has died leaving a will in
which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proven
in open court and you having given bond and qualified according
to law, and it having been ordered by the said court that
letters testamentary issue to you;

There are therefore to your power on the said Lemuel
Moore to enter upon the execution of said will and take into
your possession all the property and to make to the next term
of the county a perfect inventory thereof and make due
collection of all debts and after paying all the just ones and
against the testator and settle up the business, according to law
you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that
may remain in your hands, and do all other things that may
be required according to the provision of said will and the
laws of the land Metwice W. J. Seale clerk at office the 10th
morning in January 1855, and the year of American
Independence the 75th year, W. J. Seale clerk of
De Kalb County Court

Thomas Reives will, W. E. Cantrell
Administrator with the will annexed.

I Thomas Reives of the
County of De Kalb 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 lie decently in said
County in a manner suitable to my condition in life; and to such
worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dispose
of the same as follows, First I direct that all my debts and funeral
expenses 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 from any portion of my estate real or personal
Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally all my
personal property house hold and kitchen furniture and the
dwelling house and plantation during her natural life or
widowhood. Thirdly I will that my daughter Mary Bullard
have five dollars in addition to what I have already given
her. Fourthly I will that my daughter Sally Johnson have five
dollars in addition to what I have given her.
Fifthly I will that my daughter Elizabeth have twenty dollars
which my sons may pay five dollars each namely John William

Burnel & James. Sixthly I will that my son John Reives have fifty
acres of land out of the two hundred acre tract and pay to Elizabeth five
dollars. Seventhly I will that my son William Reives have fifty acres of
land out of the two hundred acre tract and pay to Elizabeth five dollars.
Eighthly I will that my daughter Rebecca have twenty dollars which my
four sons may pay five dollars each namely as above John William
Burnel & James. Ninthly I will that my son Burnell Reives have fifty
acres of land out of the two hundred acre tract and pay to Elizabeth five
dollars. Tenthly I will that my son James M. Reives have fifty acres of
land out of the two hundred acre tract and pay to Elizabeth five dollars.
Eleventhly I will that my daughter Susan Ann, Reives, have twenty dollars
which my four sons may pay five dollars each namely as above John
William Burnel & James. Twelfthly I will that my son David Reives have
the dwelling house and plantation twenty three acres of land therewith
and six shares out of a twenty acre tract of land adjoining the farm
I do hereby make, Ordain and appoint my esteemed neighbor and
friend Enock Jones son, Executor of this my last will and testament
Inwitness whereof I Thomas Reives the said testator have to this my
will written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this tenth day
of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty three signed sealed and published in the presence of
us who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and of
each other
Thomas Reives (and
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E. Ruelker,
W. E. Cantrell,
S. B. Bittel,

State of Tennessee County Court for said county February Term 1855
De Kalb County On motion of a paper writing purporting to be the
last will and testament of Thomas Reives deceased, filed of De Kalb County and
State of Tennessee was on the 5th day of February A.D. 1855 presented in
open court for probate and was duly proven in open court by the oaths
of E. Ruelker, and Sampson Bittel two of the subscribing witnesses who
being being first duly sworn in open court depose and say that they were
personally acquainted with Thomas Reives the testator, and that he signed
said will or paper writing in their presence and acknowledged the
same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained
on the day the same purports to be her date and at his own
dwelling house and that they signed said will as such witnesses
in his presence and by his request and that he was in his
right mind and capable of making his will or deed that said
will be admitted to record when it appeared to the court that
Enoch Jones as appointed the Executor by said will or paper
writing being the said Enock Jones be found to come as such
Executor owing to old age and infirmity and tendered to the
court his written resignation which was received by the court
whereupon same with court W. E. Cantrell and intended to be
with Isaac Cantrell and William L. Martin his sworn
approved by the court in the sum of five hundred

conditions as the law here to which he and we do hereby acknowledge
in open court and ordered to be filed or deed that letters of
administration were to him which is done he being duly
sworn in open court, Attest
McCallum Clerk.

Stewart Doss's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I Stewart Doss of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee
being of sound mind do constitute make and declare this
my last will and testament in manner and form following (N^y)

1st My will and desire is that all of my just debts be paid
out of my estate by my Executors and I lend to my beloved
wife Mary Doss during her natural life the tract of land
I now live on containing one hundred and sixty five
Acres more or less, also one Negro man named Joe, One
Negro woman named Judy, and one Girl named
Caroline, also five beds, five bedsteads and furniture one
Cupboard and furniture, one bureau one china
press, four tables one patent Clock eight or ten chairs with
all my house hold and kitchen furniture her share of three best
horses, three best cows and calves, my stock of sheep, twenty head
of stock hogs, twenty head of pork hogs my stock of geese, and be-
cause two hundred dollars in money if on hand if not to come
out of first money collected also all my farming utensils and
sufficient of the crop of every description for one years provision
from the time of my decease, my desire is, that all my property left
in the hands of my wife, shall at her death be distributed, as
follows, the household and kitchen furniture, the horses hogs
cattle and all and all the other stock shall be equally divided
between my five children Elizabeth Wallace Jonathan Le Doss
Mary Wright Martha Daniel Caroline Daniel and Martha
Grady, my wish and desire is that the Negros left her shall
be distributed between my five children, Elizabeth Wallace, Jonathan
Le Doss, Mary Wright Martha Daniel and Caroline Daniel in case
my wife should leave any of the two hundred dollars, I
leave her, I want it equally divided between the above five
heirs.

2nd I give my daughter Elizabeth Wallace one Negro boy named
Dick and one Negro Girl named Mary, together with all the
property I have heretofore given her, I give these to her and
her heirs forever, the boy Dick is now in her possession.

3rd I Give to my Son Jonathan Le Doss, one Negro Girl named
Emily and one Negro boy named Anderson, together with
all the property I have heretofore given him, I give this to him
and his heirs forever, the Girl Emily is now in his possession,
5th I Give to my Daughter Mary Wright one Negro woman
named Rose, and one Negro boy named George together

All other property, I have heretofore given her, I give this to her and
her heirs forever, the woman Rose is now in her possession,
6th I Give to my Daughter Fennella Wright one Negro Girl
named Lucy, two bonds should on her husband's feet, Wright one of
said bonds made payable to me for two hundred and twenty one
dollars by Jas. Wright, due the 31st February Eighteen hundred and
twenty nine, the other for one hundred and ten dollars more or less
made payable to said Jas. Wright by Asberry James, and assigned
to me by said Wright, due about the same time of the first, together
with all the property I have heretofore given her, and three hundred
and fifty dollars in money, all the above named property
money &c. She has now in her possession this I Give to her and
her heirs forever, it being the proportionable part of my estate
intended for her.

7th I Give to my Daughter Martha Daniel one Negro boy named
London and one Negro Girl named Sarah to father with all the
other property heretofore given her, I Give this to her and her heirs
forever, the boy London she has now in possession &c.

8th I Give to my Daughter Caroline Daniel one Negro Girl
named Harriette, and one Negro Girl named Julia together
with all other property heretofore given her, this I Give to her and
her heirs forever, the girl Harriet she has now in her possession.
9th I Give to my Daughter Martha Williams three Negros one
woman named Penny and her two children Malissa and
Julia, together with all other property heretofore given her, this
I Give to her and her heirs forever, said Negros now in her
possession.

My wish and desire is that all the Land I now have in possession
shall at my wife's death be sold on one and two years credit &
the proceeds of said Land be equally divided between the
children of my two Daughters, Rebecca Annsett, and
Martha Terry, viz, William Terry, Jas. Terry, Jonathan &
Terry, Nathan Terry, and Caroline Terry, and all other
Garrison, Meridow Patterson, and Harry Annsett, Mary
Ann, Reuben, &c. all exposed for selling and dividing said
Land is to come out of the proceeds of said Land I except
my family Gracegood from all claims, my wish and
desire is the remaining negros not given away to be equally
divided between my five children, Elizabeth Wallace, Jonathan
Le Doss, Martha Daniel Caroline Daniel and Mary Wright
said Negros to be valued by two or three disinterested persons the
greater to pay to the lessor in order they shall be equal, my
desire is that said I shall go to Caroline Daniel, at her value-
ation in order that she may not be carried to far from
her children my wish and desire is that if either of the
negros dies before the heirs gets them in possession said
heirs are entitled to the value of said negros may come out
desire is that said negros that to be valued shall be

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death. I do hereby appoint Jonathan C. Doss and Francis
Dunell, to execute this my last will and testament thus making
all others void in testimony whereof I have unto set my hand
and affix my seal this 11th May 1853. Stewart Doss, (Seal)
Witness. Isaac Jones,
J. T. Wood.

I Stewart Doss having heretofore made &
published my last will and testament, do make and declare
this as a codicil thereto, to wit: First. I give and bequeath to
my Daughter, Barthula Williams one Negro girl named
Marina aged about thirty years and her child James aged
one year, to her separate use and benefit, during her natural
life and at her death to descend to her bodily heirs the above named
negro woman I had bequeathed in my will to who at this is
deceased given to Caroline Danell.

I hereby my will and desire is that the sum remaining negroes not
named in my will who I have heretofore made to wit, J. C.
Caroline Major, Francis, Candio, & William, shall be disposed
of in the following manner, to wit, I give and bequeath to
Jonathan C. Doss, one Negro Girl named Frances, valued at
Haver hundred & fifty dollars, by the said Jonathan C. Doss
paying to Mary Wright & Elizabeth Wallace two hundred and
ten dollars for which the said J. C. Doss has executed his note
to his father Stewart Doss, for the benefit of the said Mary
Wright and Elizabeth Wallace in the 25th day of December
1853. And I bequeath to my daughter Caroline Danell, my
Negro girl Candace, valued at four hundred dollars by
her paying to the above named heirs, Mary Wright and Elizabeth
Wallace one hundred and sixty dollars, for which she has
executed her note to her father Stewart Doss due the 25th
day of December 1853, for their benefit.

And I bequeath to my daughter Martha Baird formerly Martha
Dunell, my Negro boy William valued at three hundred and
fifty dollars by her paying the same and him to wit,
Mary Wright & Elizabeth Wallace one hundred and ten
dollars, for which for which she has executed her note to
her father, due the 25th day of December 1853 for their benefit.

There are yet three negroes remaining in my possession
to wit, Jo, Caroline and Major, which I desire keeping
during my natural life and at my death my will is that
the three above negroes named, now in my possession
be valued, and that Jonathan C. Doss, Caroline Danell,
and Martha Baird each have one negro, by paying to
Mary Wright, & Elizabeth Wallace each one fifth of their
value, I make this disposition of my negroes as I do not
intend they shall go south, the amount due Elizabeth
Wallace & Mary Wright, arising out of the sale of the
the three negroes in my possession above named shall be

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paid by the above named J. C. Doss, Caroline Danell & Martha
Baird, within twelve months after my decease, the above named
negroes which I have willed in this codicil I gave to my children
as above specified during their natural life and at their death
to descend to their bodily heirs. The three negroes willed to J. C. Doss
Caroline Danell & Martha Baird are of the following age Francis
aged 5 years & six months, Candace aged four years six months
& William two years & 9 months, in witness whereof I have set
my hand and seal this 28th day of November 1854.

Stewart Doss, (Seal)
Signed sealed and published in our presence & we have subscribed
our names here to, in the presence of the testator this 28th day of
November 1854,
Wm. B. Lawrence
M. J. Wood.

Codicil No. 2. I Stewart Doss having heretofore made and
published my last will and testament do make and declare
this as a codicil thereto, to wit, It is my wish and desire that
the land of which I am now possessed and remain as my home
farm which I have willed in the body of my will to the children
of Rebecca Ammonitt & Mariah Perry, shall be disposed of in
the manner directed, in the body of will, and so much as to
give as great an amount of the proceeds thereof to the four heirs
of Rebecca Ammonitt, as is given to the five heirs of Mariah Perry.
Or in other language it is my wish and desire that the heirs of one
daughter be they more or less shall receive as great an amount
of the proceeds of said land as that of the other, in witness
whereof I have unto set my hand and seal this 27th day of
December 1854.

Stewart Doss, (Seal)
Signed sealed & published in our presence & we have subscribed
our names here to, in the presence of the testator, this 27th day of
December 1854,
John H. Moore
M. A. Wood.

Codicil No. 3. I Stewart Doss having heretofore made and published
my last will & testament do make and declare this as a codicil
thereto, to wit, It is my wish and desire that negro boy George
willed in the body of my will to my daughter Mary Wright be
taken by Francis Danell and sold as soon as practicable to the
best advantage with a view giving a sound bill of sale as to
is by some considered around and send the proceeds thereof
to my daughter Mary Wright, this I do because she or her
husband A. Wright has refused to receive said negro
boy George according to my wish and desire as it forth in
the body of my last will and testament, to which this is
a codicil instead thereof returned & sent back after he
had been delivered with instructions that he did not want
or had no use for him as he believed him to be unsound.
And it is my wish and desire that execute set to this
my last will and testament be so amended as to give

Daughter Martha Williams the illegit and privileged
 of selling and disposing of in any manner she may thing best
 of giving a good title to the said the Negro woman named
 Sarah, and with in said codicil to her, & her bodily heirs
 this I do because said Negro is refractory and cannot be
 easily governed, lastly it is my desire that this codicil be
 attached and constitute a part of my will to all intents and
 purpose in matters whereof I have hereto set my hand &
 Seal, this 6th day of February 1855. Stewart Doss, (Seal)
 Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have
 Subscribed our name here to in the presence of the testator
 February 6th 1855.
 John H. Moore
 M. A. Wood,

State of Tennessee County Court of said County
 De Kalb County, April Term 1855

On motion a paper writing purporting to be the
 last will and testament of Stewart Doss late of the County of
 De Kalb deceased, was on this the second day of April A.D. 1855,
 presented in open court for probate, whereupon the same was
 duly proven in open court, by Jesse H. Wood, one of the Subscribing
 witnesses, to said will or paper writing without any sworn
 in open court depose and say that he was personally acquainted
 with Stewart Doss the testator, and that he signed and acknowledged to
 said will or paper writing in his presence on or about the time
 the same purports to be dated, and that he the said Stewart Doss,
 requested him to sign his name as a subscribing witness to said
 will or paper writing which he did in his presence and in the
 presence of Isaac Jones the other subscribing witness and that the
 same was done in De Kalb County Tennessee, and that the said
 testator appeared to be of sound mind at the signing of the
 same, and at the same time M. A. Wood one of the subscribing
 witnesses to the first codicil to said will or paper writing of
 the said Stewart Doss deceased and J. H. Wood was duly sworn in
 open court depose and say that he was personally acquainted
 with the said testator and that he signed said codicil to said will
 and acknowledged the same in his presence to be his will and desire
 for the purposes therein contained on or about the time the
 same purports to be dated and that he requested him to sign the
 same as a subscribing witness to said codicil to said will or
 paper writing which he did in his presence in the County and
 State aforesaid and that the said testator appeared to be of
 sound mind and also in open court as aforesaid John H. Moore
 and M. A. Wood subscribing witnesses to the said codicil made
 to said will or paper writing, of Stewart Doss, whereupon
 the said John H. Moore & M. A. Wood subscribing witnesses as
 aforesaid being duly sworn in open court, depose and
 say that they were personally acquainted with Stewart Doss
 the testator deceased and that he signed and acknowledged

the second codicil to said will or paper writing in their
 presence to be his will and desire on or about the time the same
 purports to be dated, and that he the said testator requested the said
 John H. Moore and M. A. Wood, to subscribe their names to said codicil
 to said will or paper writing which they did in his presence in the
 County and State aforesaid and that the said testator appeared
 to be of sound mind, and also in open court as aforesaid the
 said John H. Moore and M. A. Wood, subscribing witnesses to the
 third and last codicil to the will or paper writing and codicils
 being first duly sworn in open court depose and say that they
 were personally acquainted with the said Stewart the assignor
 and testator to the third and last codicil to said will or paper
 writing and that he signed and acknowledged the same in
 their presence to be his will and desire for the purposes therein
 contained on or about the time the same purports to be dated
 that he requested them to become subscribing witnesses to said
 third and last codicil to said will or paper writing which
 they did in his presence in the County and State aforesaid
 and that the said testator and at the late residence of go. cotton
 he Doss deceased, in the County and State aforesaid and that
 at the time of signing the same the said said testator appeared
 to be of sound mind and there being no exceptions to said
 will or paper writing, nor to any the codicils thereto made
 ordered that said will or paper writing, together with
 all the codicils be recorded.

And it further appearing to the court that John Doss and
 Francis Daniel had appointed Executors to execute said
 said will or paper writing by the testator and that since the date of
 their appointment Jonathan Doss departed this life, and where
 as the said Francis Daniel, named the court to be appointed
 Executor to said will or paper writing and all the codicils thereto
 annexed, and there being no exceptions shown why the said
 Francis Daniel should not qualify as such Executor, where
 upon the said Francis Daniel came in to court and entered
 in to bond in the sum of Five thousand dollars conditioned
 as the law directs for the John H. Goodner, & James F. Doss be
 sureties approved by the court which bond was duly acknowledged
 in open court and ordered to be filed, whereupon the
 said Francis Daniel was duly sworn in open court, ordered
 that letters testamentary is and to be issued to him as such.

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State of Tennessee De Kalb County.
 To Francis Dossell a citizen of Wilson County, appearing to the
 County Court of De Kalb County, that Stewart Doss, has died leaving
 a written will in which you are appointed Executor, which has
 been duly proven in open court, and you having given bond and
 unqualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the
 said Court letters testamentary issue to you. There are therefore

These are therefore to empower you the said Francis to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the next court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just debts and demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands, and do all other things that may be required according to the provision of said will and the laws of the land, witnesses W. J. Webb clerk of our said County Court at office in Smithville the 1st Monday in April 1853 and of the Independence of the United States the 77th year.

Mary Lawrence's Will.

W. J. Webb clerk of
DeKalb County Court

State of Tennessee
DeKalb County

November the 20th day 1853

I, William & Mary Lawrence of the above named State and County being old but of a sound mind and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and Testament in the words and figures following to wit,

In the Name of God Amen

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

2nd I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary West after my death all my money, goods and chattels

3rd As the rest of my children have had an equal share I do, John Lawrence Heirs Lewis Lawrence Heirs Edward Lawrence Heirs Marks & wife Elizabeth William Lawrence Heirs Joseph Lawrence Heirs Simon M. Lawrence and Thomas Phillips and wife Sarah and I therefore will them no more

4th And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas E. West my executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal the day and date above written

Testified before assigned

Test Andrew Pickens

Mary Lawrence (Seal)
Wife

Thomas E. West

State of Tennessee

DeKalb County

April the 7th 1856

On motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mary Lawrence late of the County of DeKalb deceased was this day offered in open Court for probate and was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Andrew Pickens and Thomas E. West subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing who being first

1st duly sworn in open Court depose and say that they were personally acquainted with Mary Lawrence the Testator and that she signed and acknowledged said will or paper writing to be her act and deed with and desire and that the same was done in our presence and that we signed said will or paper writing as such witnesses in her presence and by her request in the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee and that she was in her right mind and capable of making and executing said will or paper writing. Ordered that said will be probated & recorded. And it appearing to the Court that Francis said will that Thomas E. West was appointed and nominated the executor of said will or paper writing whereupon the said Thomas E. West came into Court and entered into bond with Gibson R. West and Robert Canfield his securities approved by the Court in the sum of seven hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs which bond was duly acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be filed whereupon the said Thomas E. West was duly sworn in open Court as such executor and ordered that letters testamentary issue to him which is done April the 7th 1856

W. J. Webb Clerk of
DeKalb County Court

State of Tennessee

DeKalb County

To Thomas E. West a citizen of Wilson County It appearing to the County Court of DeKalb County that Mary Lawrence has died leaving a widow with in which you are appointed executor which has been duly proven in open Court and you having given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by the said Court letters testamentary issue to you these are therefore to empower you the said Thomas E. West to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just debts & demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the law of the land Witness W. J. Webb clerk of our said County Court at office in Smithville the 1st Monday in April 1856 and of the Independence of the United States the 80th year

W. J. Webb Clerk of
DeKalb County Court

Richard Mc Guinness will.

August 3rd 1855.

I know all men by their presents, that is the last will and testament of Richard Mc Guinness, son, as made by him on the day and date aforesaid.

1st after paying all my just debts and all my lawful expenses I do give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Mc Guinness, the wife of Isaac Mc Guinness deceased, of all that tract or parcel of land of all that I claim lying west of the cross fence enclosing between J. J. Trapp, and Alfred Allen, then with the same tract to J. J. Trapp's line to — and to hold as her own during her widowhood at her death or marriage to be equally divided between Elisha L. Mc Guinness and Richard W. Mc Guinness the heirs of the said Elizabeth Mc Guinness, and to have and to hold as their own.

2nd I do further bequeath and give Richard Mc Guinness, first all the balance of that land lying south of the crop fence between the said Richard Mc Guinness and the said Elizabeth Mc Guinness running with the said afore said fence with half of the use of the crop fence to the said Mc Guinness, side a stradd fence out to the back line thence to Blakelys Afters line to Holens Creek thence to Commence at the beginning of the crop fence at the line and run with said line an East Course to the Spring then dividing the Spring equally never to be divided of the use of said Spring running a straight line to the Creek with all the land that I hold on the east side of Holens Creek to have and to hold as his own for ever.

3rd Then to sell on a Twelve months credit all the land that I own in the Buckeye Hollow lying in District No 2, DeKalb County Tennessee and all the balance that I own in District No 10 with half the crop fence between myself and John E. Stump with all the balance of my personal property be sold on the same terms the land is sold on then when collected I want one hundred & ten dollars paid to my son J. J. Mc Guinness less what I have heretofore paid him as his equal share of my estate pay to my son Abraham Mc Guinness twenty five dollars with the land I give him as his equal share of my estate all the balance of the money to be equally divided between Mary Trapp the wife of John Trapp & Susan Trapp the wife of John Trapp & Rebecca Bondham the wife of Mr J. Bondham deceased and one part of

the funds to be equally divided between the three heirs of Elizabeth Hayes namely Lucinda Page and Richard Hayes & Elizabeth Hayes the son & daughters of Isaac Hayes

I hereby appoint at my death James J. Trapp and Richard Mc Guinness Executors to this will which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

First
John E. Stump
Isaac Hill Hayes
Richard W. Mc Guinness (and)

I Richard Mc Guinness do make this as a Codicil to that within which is my last will & testament I do give to my son Richard, nineteen Barrels of Corn which is the rent corn coming from Elisha Mc Guinness and Elizabeth Mc Guinness his mother also all the wheat that is not sold on the floor in my dwelling house and the sheaf Oats in my Barn this the 3rd day of April 1855 —
J. E. Cheatham
Isaac Hill Hayes
State of Tennessee
DeKalb County

Monday May the 5th 1856

On Motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard Mc Guinness deceased late of the County of DeKalb was offered in open Court for probate and was duly proven in open Court by the Oaths of Isaac H. Hayes & John E. Stump subscribers witnesses who being first duly sworn in open Court depose & say that they were personally acquainted with Richard Mc Guinness the testator and that he died in DeKalb County and that he requested them to subscribe their names as witnesses and that he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his act and testament for the purposes therein contained and also Isaac H. Hayes one of the subscribing witnesses to the last Codicil to said will or paper writing & that the said testator acknowledged the due execution of said Codicil in his presence and also at the same time the said testator requested him the said Hayes to sign his name as a subscribing witness to said Codicil to said will. Orders by Court that will or paper writing be admitted to record and it further appeared to the Court that Jas J. Trapp & Richard Mc Guinness was nominated and appointed the Executors by said will or paper writing whereupon the said James J. Trapp and Richard Mc Guinness came into Court and entered into bond with Green T. McKim and Robert Cantrell their securities approved by the Court in the penal sum of two thousand dollars Condition as the law directs whereupon the

said James T. Tripp & Richard M. Guinness was duly sworn in open court and that letter testamentary is issued to them which is done by the clerk of said court at office in Smithville 5th day of May 1856 W. J. Shill et al

State of Tennessee Do James T. Tripp & Richard M. Guinness Citizens of DeKalb County At appearing to the County Court of DeKalb County that Richard M. Guinness has died leaving in written will in which you are appointed Executors which will has been duly proven in open court and you have given bond and qualified accordingly and it having been ordered by the court that letters issue to you

These are therefore to empower you the said James T. Tripp & Richard M. Guinness to enter upon the due execution of said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to our said County Court an inventory thereof within the time prescribed by law and to make due collection of all debts and after paying all just debts and demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the land Witness W. J. Shill clerk of our said County Court at office in Smithville the first Monday in May 1856 and of the Independence of the United States the 50th year W. J. Shill clerk of DeKalb County Court

Levi Bazarth Will.

State of Tennessee DeKalb County I Levi Bazarth do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me at any other time made, 1st I direct that all my personal expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executors, 2nd It is my wish and desire that my beloved wife Sarah Bazarth have the use of all the rents and profits of the land that I may be seized and possessed of during her natural life or so long as she may live a widow for the purpose of raising supporting and educating my four children Lewis Jesse D. Bazarth Prudence A. Bazarth Angelina Bazarth and George R. Bazarth the same to be applied as follows

to all any part of said lands without any portions for orders or Decrees of any of the Courts, 3rd It is my will and desire that my wife have her choice of one of my two mans that I may desire also one year old calf or the calf that is younger whichever she may choose also one yoke of brindle steers and one of my ox carts and one logskain, also two Cows and calves and one head of pig and fifteen head of choice pork hogs, also two choice sows and pigs, and all the sheep that range on the home side of the creek and all the poultry on the farm, also all the wheat on hand and all the crop growing or so much of it as she may think sufficient to do her and her family and her and her children, one year, the same to be given to her and set apart by my Executors also all of my house hold and kitchen furniture, also a sufficiency of the Bacon children untill the new crop matures, also as many of my choice Beestings as she may desire also her saddle and

4th It is my will and desire that my Executors proceed to make sale of all my personal property that I may be seized and possessed of of not here mentioned in my will and otherwise disposed of at such time as they may think proper, after my death and on such day as they may think best all to be sold at public sale except my Bacon which may be sold by them either public or private either for cash or on credit,

Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my trustworth friends John S. Doornan and Abraham Norton my Executors to this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this 10th day of April 1856.

Levi Bazarth Seal
Signed and acknowledged in our presence and by the request of the testator we do hereunto sign our names as subscribing witnesses, in his presence, day and date as aforesaid,
Wm. J. Maguire,
J. S. Whalley.

Codicle

I Levi Bazarth being yet of sound mind and under standing do hereby alter and change that part of my will which provides that my that my mother Sarah Bazarth be provided for and maintained of my Estate or the rents of my land alones do this because the laws of my mother agree to tentalling care of her, and it main is my will and desire that that part of my will which provided the support of my mother the said Sarah Bazarth be stricken out and I hereby declare the same void and of no effect.

Said James T Trapp & Richard M Guinness was duly sworn in open court ordered that letters testamentary be issued to them which is done Witness W J Shelle clerk of said court at office in Smithville 3rd day of May 1856

State of Tennessee = Do James T Trapp & Richard M Guinness Citizens of DeKalb County It appearing to the County Court of DeKalb County that Richard M Guinness has died leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executors which will has been duly proven in open court and you have given bond and qualified accordingly and it having been ordered by the court that letters issue to you

These are therefore to empower you the said James T Trapp & Richard M Guinness to enter upon the due execution of said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to our said County Court an inventory thereof within the time prescribed by law and to receive collection of all debts and after paying all debts and demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law you will give and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the land Witness W J Shelle clerk of our said court at office in Smithville the first Monday of May 1856 and of the Independence of the State the 80th year W J Shelle clerk of DeKalb County Court

Levi Bogarth Will.

I Levi Bogarth do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby recalling and annulling and all other wills by me at any other time made.

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

2nd It is my wish and desire that my beloved wife Sarah Bogarth have the use of all the rents and profits of the land that I may be seized and possessed of during her natural life or so long as she may live a widow for the purpose of raising supporting and educating my four children Lewis B Bogarth Rebecca A Bogarth Angelina Bogarth and George R Bogarth the same to be expended as follows

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to all any part of said lands without any partitions for orders or Decrees of any of the Courts.

3rd It is my will and desire that my wife have her choice of one of my two mans that I have owned also one year old cow, or the cow that is younger whichever she may choose also one yoke of bowdeshers and one of my ox carts and one log chain, also two Cows and calves and one head beef and piggs, and all the sheep that range on the home place of the estate and all the poultry on the farm, also all the wheat on hand and all the crop growing or so much of it as she may think sufficient to do her and her family and her and her children, one year, the same to be given to her and set apart by my Executors also all of my house hold and kitchen furniture, also a sufficiency of the Bacon children until the new crop matures, also as many of my choice Berstandas she may desire also her saddle and

4th It is my will and desire that my Executors proceed to make sale of all my personal property that I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executors and otherwise disposed of at such time as they may think best all to be sold at public sale except my Bacon which may be sold at private sale public or private either for cash or on credit.

5th I do here by nominate constitute and appoint my trust worthy friends John S Dourman and Abraham Norton my Executors to this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this 16th day of April 1856.

Levi Bogarth (Seal)
Signed and acknowledged in our presence and by the request of the testator we do hereunto sign our names as subscribing witnesses, in his presence day and date as aforesaid.

Wm Magness,
J B Whaley,
Codicele
I Levi Bogarth being of sound mind and understanding do hereby alter and change that part of my will which provides that my wife Sarah Bogarth be provided for and maintained by my Estate or the rents of my land alone to this because the laws of my mother agree to ten taking care of her, and it now is my will and desire that that part of my will which provides the support of my mother be said Sarah Bogarth be stricken out and I here by declare that and make it my

I direct that my mother Sarah Bazarth have a reasonable use and use of the rents of my land and that she be permitted to stay or live with my wife on the farm as one of my family if she desire to do if she should desire to live with any other person. It is my will and desire that my Executors act in the capacity of a Guardian, for my said mother seems to have been taken care of and provided for out of the rents of my real Estate as before mentioned, my said mother having sold to me her Dower interest in said lands and all the balance of the rents and profits of said lands after taking a reasonable support for mother to go to my wife and to the raising and educating of my four children as above stated and should my wife die before my mother it is still my will and desire that my children still have the proceeds of the rents and profits of my lands as before mentioned.

3rd, It is my desire that at the death of my mother that all the lands be sold according to the provisions made in my father's Levi Bazarth's will, which will remain on record in DeKalb County, that is all of the lands mentioned in his said will, my undivided part in said land being two thirds of all that my father died seized and possessed of and that said lands together with all the balance of lands that I have acquiring the lands mentioned in my father's will, all lying and being in DeKalb County in Civil District No 14, and State of Tennessee, on Harboring water, and for particular butts and bounds of all of said lands see all the title papers and the use of my father in my possession and the most of a record, in the Register's office of DeKalb County.

4th It is my will and desire that when the Sale of the lands mentioned in my father's will is made, that my Executors hereinafter named have the right of bidding for and purchasing all of said lands mentioned in my father's will for my children provided that my Executors may think it would be most to the advantage of my said children or what of them may be living at the time of the Sale, It is my will and desire that should my wife have another infant child born to me after my death that it be made equal in in all things, and provided by this will, Equally as one of my children before named and her Shearance Shear also it with my other children as above named.

5 Should my Executors not purchase the land as in my father's will accordingly as before stated then my will and desire that my Executors proceed to sell all the lands that I may die seized and possessed of and that they are hereby authorized and empowered to sell said lands either public or private sale and

same sold, and in trust thereof, It is my will and desire that my mother stay a part of her time at my house with my wife and children, free of any charge, that is to say whenever my mother may choose so to do, this 26th of August 1850.

Levi Bazarth (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged, in our presence, and in the presence of the testator and by his request, the day and date as above, Attest, L. G. Patton

Simon Bethel,

State of Tennessee County Court for DeKalb County October Term A.D. 1850, The Honorable William H. Maguire, Judge presiding, on motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Levi Bazarth late of the County of DeKalb deceased was presented in open court for Prolocute, and was duly proven by the oath of Wm H. Maguire, and L. B. Whaley, Subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing, who being first duly sworn in open court, says that they were personally acquainted with the said Levi Bazarth, the testator, and that he signed Executed and, acknowledged said will or paper writing to be his act and deed as there in contained in their presence, in the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee, on the day the same purports to bear date and that affiants witnessed said will or paper writing by the request of said testator in his presence,

Also Simon Bethel and Lemuel G. Patton Subscribing witnesses to the codicil to said will or paper writing of the said testator came into open court and was duly sworn depose and says that they were personally acquainted with Levi Bazarth, late of the County of DeKalb deceased and that he signed Executed and acknowledged the Execution of the codicil to said will or paper writing in their presence to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained on the day the same purports to bear date, and that affiants subscribed their names, as such witnesses to said codicil to said will or paper writing at the request and in the presence of the said testator in the County and State aforesaid or order that said will or paper writing together with the codicil be recorded.

When upon came John S. Dearmon and Abraham Martin, Executors appointed and nominated in said will or paper writing and entered into bond in open court in the sum of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs with the William Bazarth and Dabner M. Philips these Securities approved by the court which Bond was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered to be filed, whereupon the said John S.

Dearman, and Abraham Martin reads duly sworn in open court and ordered that letters testamentary issue to them which was done, witness done in open court the 6th day of October 1856, Wm. Spieckler clerk of
 State of Tennessee DeKalb County.

To John E. Dearman and Abraham Martin of DeKalb County, It appearing to the court that Seneca Bizarth has died leaving a will then well in which you are appointed Executors, which has been duly proven in open court, and you having given bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the said court that letters testamentary issue to you,

There are then given to empower you the said Executors to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the next court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts, and after paying off the just demands, against the testator and settling up the accounts, according to law, you well pay over and deliver the property and effects, that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the land.

Witness my self clerk at office the 6th day of October 1856, and the American Independence 81st
 Wm. Spieckler clerk
 DeKalb County Court.

James Robinson's will. State of Tennessee DeKalb County District No. 15.

I James Robinson do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby recalling and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Fanny Robinson the lands that I be possessed of during her widow hood.

Thirdly I give unto Fanny Robinson my wife a Sorell Mare mare, and one plough and gear and ten head of the Chaise for 16 hogs belonging to me and ten head of the Chaise Stock hogs, and five head of the Chaise Sheep, and my Bunkle case and all my interest in the present growing crop name as my farm and my interest in the wheat now on hand, and sufficient supply of the Bacon on hand to do her for the year of one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

and my gills of corn, and my log chain and all the fowls and gear belonging to me, and all the house hold and kitchen furniture, all the wats and store room on hand, and all of the Chaise horses belonging to me this is to be set apart for Fanny Robinson's support during her widow hood or if in case she should not marry again it is to be during her life time, further I direct my Executors to lay in a sufficient supply of Coffee and salt and sugar for the present year of 1856.

Fourthly I empower and appoint my Executors hereafter mentioned to make a division of all the property that I have heretofore given to Heralan Hayse, and Malissa Hestithens and James Robinson and that they stand charged with it as so much revenue of my Estate as the heirs of mine.

Fifthly that all the remainder of my property be sold by my Executors and that after the above mentioned debts and demands be paid then the remainder be equally divided amongst my heirs to wit namely, Heralan Hayse, and Malissa Hestithens and James Robinson and Elizabeth Robinson, and Mary Robinson son, and Francis Robinson.

Sixthly that my Executors take in hand my notes to wit namely one note on Samaster & Lee, for fifty one dollars and 43 cents due the 30th of May 1856, with a credit of two dollars, the 29th of May 1856, and a note on Thomas Shurt for one hundred and ten dollars, due the 25th of December 1855, to be paid in silver and one note of W. Harris for sixteen dollars, due the 25th of December 1855, and sixty two dollars, and fifty cents in money and also I authorize my Executors to take in hand at any time it may come to their knowledge any claims, that may belong to me

Seventhly that if my widow should marry again then the said and property that I have given to her during her widow hood, shall immediately fall into the hands of my Executors and be sold for the benefit and equal distribution among the heirs, as are mentioned to wit Heralan Hayse and Malissa Hestithens and James Robinson and Elizabeth Robinson and Mary Robinson and Francis Robinson.

Eighthly if she should remain a widow this property and lands to be hers, until her death and then fall into the hands of my Executors and be sold and equally divided among the heirs as before mentioned, further this is to be my last will and testament waiving all defects here to be pleaded.

Lastly I do hereby authorize and empower and appoint Abraham Robinson and S. P. Robinson my Executors in witness whereof I have ordered to this my will set my hand and seal this 1st day of

September one thousand Eight hundred and fifty six
 Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have
 subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the testator
 this 1st day of September one thousand Eight hundred and
 fifty six
 Benjamin Sebastian
 J. H. Hitts.

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
 County Court for DeKalb County October
 Term A.D. 1856, The Honorable H. H. Magnus, Judge
 Presiding, On motion a paper writing purporting to be
 to be the last will and testament of James Robinson
 late of the County of DeKalb deceased was on this the 6th
 day of October 1856, propounded in open court
 by the oaths of Benjamin Sebastian and Sundry W.
 Hitts, Subscribing witnesses, who being first duly
 sworn in open court depose as follows and says that
 they were personally acquainted with the said James
 Robinson deceased and that he signed the declaration
 of said will or paper writing in their presence and
 acknowledged the same to be his last will and
 testament for the purposes therein contained and
 that the same was done at the time said will
 purports to bear date and that they said will in
 his presence by his request as such witnesses in the
 County and State of Tennessee and that affiants
 state that he was in his right mind, ordered that
 said will or paper writing be recorded, and it
 appearing from said will or paper writing that
 Ambrose Robinson and S. W. Maxwell had
 been nominated Executors and it appearing to
 the Court, that the said S. W. Maxwell had declined to
 serve as such Executor to said will or paper writing and
 whereupon the said Ambrose Robinson entered into
 bond in the sum of two thousand dollars conditioned as
 the law directs with Sundry W. Hitts, James T. Grapp, and
 Henry Frayor, his securities approved by the Court which
 bond was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered
 to be filed whereupon the said Ambrose Robinson
 was duly sworn in open Court ordered that letters
 testamentary issue to him which is done, done in
 open Court this 6th of October 1856,
 M. J. Sobell clerk of DeKalb
 County Court.

Letters.
 State of Tennessee DeKalb County
 To Ambrose Robinson of DeKalb County
 It appearing to the Court that James Robinson had died

leaving a sister well in which you are appointed
 Executor, which has been duly proven in open court and
 you having given bond and qualified according to law
 and it having been ordered by the said Court that letters
 testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said J. Robinson
 to enter upon the Execution of said will and take into
 your possession all the property, and to make to the next
 Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection
 of all debts and after paying all the just demands against
 the testator and settling up the business according to law
 you will pay over, and deliver the property and effects
 that may remain in your hands and do all other things
 that may be required of you according to the provision
 of said will and the laws of the State, Witness my hand
 clerk of office the 6th day of October 1856, in the year of
 American Independence 51st, M. J. Sobell clerk of
 DeKalb County Court.

Bartlett James, well
 I Bartlett James do make and publish this as my last will
 and testament hereby revoke and make void all other wills leg
 me at any time made.
 First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just
 debts be paid out of my moneys, notes or credits that I
 may be possessed of. Secondly I give and bequeath to my
 wife Elizabeth James, during her natural life for the
 purpose of raising and educating my small children
 all of my property both real and personal of every
 description whatever, to wit, my house and lot in
 Alexandria, wagon horses, cattle, house hold and kitchen
 furniture, &c. &c. and at the death of my said wife my
 will is that all my estate be equally divided between my three
 youngest children (namely) Lemuel H. James, Mary E. James
 and Bartlett James. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
 John B. James, my Executor In witness whereof I do to this
 my will set my hand and seal this 25th day of March 1854.
 B. James (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we
 have subscribed our names here to in presence of the testator
 this 25th day of March 1854.
 J. B. Reese
 William Wright

State of Tennessee
 County Court for DeKalb County March Term A.D. 1857
 the Honorable William H. Magnus County Judge pres
 ding, On motion a paper writing purporting to be
 the last will and testament of Bartlett James late of
 the County of DeKalb deceased was on this 2nd day

of March 1857, offered in open court for probate and that the same not being contested by any person whereupon the same was duly proven in open court by the oath of William Wright one of the subscribing witnesses who being first duly sworn in open court depose and say, that he was personally acquainted with Bartlet James the testator and that he signed and acknowledged said will or paper purporting to be his last will and testament in his presence in said County and at the same time and place requested him the said Wright to witness said will or paper writing which he did in his presence and affiant further states that J. S. Peerce the other subscribing witness was called upon and did witness said will or paper writing and sign his name thereto at the same time and place.

Also William D. Bone came into court and was duly sworn in open court and depose and say that he was acquainted with the handwriting of J. S. Peerce purporting to be one of the subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing and that he supposed the same to be the genuine signature of the said J. S. Peerce affiant further states that that he called at the residence of the said Peerce, and talked with him and found him clearly unable to attend court to prove said will when it was further ordered by court that said will or paper writing be probated.

And it further appearing to the court by said will or paper writing that John R. James had been appointed executor by said will or paper writing and it further appeared to the court from the written marginalian of John R. James, and that the said James refused to serve as such executor when Thomas J. Sneed was duly appointed and qualified administrator with the will annexed of Bartlet James deceased whereupon the said Thomas J. Sneed entered into bond with Joseph Clarke and William D. Bone his securities approved by the court in the sum of four hundred dollars, condition as the law directs which bond was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered to be filed whereupon the said Thomas J. Sneed was duly sworn in open court ordered by court letters of administration with the will annexed annexed of Bartlet James deceased issue.

attest done in open court, day and date as above
 Letters
 State of Tennessee DeKalb County
 Whereas on this 3rd day of March A.D. 1857 the death of

Bartlet James late of the County of DeKalb deceased was suggested in open court and that he departed this life leaving a will, whereupon Thomas J. Sneed was appointed and qualified administrator and with the will annexed of Bartlet James deceased These are therefore to empower the said administrator and with the will annexed to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattles rights and credit of the said deceased and turn into your possession take whatsoever the said may be found in this state and an Inventory to return into this court within the time limited by law and all the just debts of the said deceased to pay, so far as the said estate will extend or amount to witness my hand and office in and through the 1st Monday of March 1857, and in the 81st year of American Independence
 W. J. Sneed, clerk

Henry Stoner's Will

I Henry Stoner do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses be paid and all my just debts, as soon after my death as possible out out of my monies that I may be possessed of, or may first come in to the hands of my Executor.

I finally I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Stoner Two feather beds, bedsteads and furniture I further give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Stoner all the House hold and kitchen furniture, and I give unto her one Cow and heifer, my mare, and five head of Hogs, the balance of my property to be sold, I do hereby nominate and appoint John Stoner my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 25th day of May 1857

Henry Stoner Seal
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Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator the 25th day of May 1857. James W. Dodd

James W. Dodd

State of Tennessee County Court for DeKalb County
August Term 1857. Honorable William H. Mayne,
County Judge presiding.

On motion a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Stoner late of the county of DeKalb deceased was of first in open court for probate and was duly proven in open court by the oaths of James W. Dodd one of the subscribing witnesses who being first duly sworn in open court depose and says, that he was personally acquainted with Henry Stoner the testator and that he acknowledged the due execution of the said will or paper writing and that he signed the same in his presence to be his last will or paper writing and that he requested said witnesses to sign the same as subscribing and that he was in his proper mind and order by court that said will or paper writing be recorded.

Whereupon John Stoner Executor appointed by said will or paper writing came into court and was duly qualified as such executor whereupon the said John Stoner entered in to bond with James W. Dodd and James F. Stoner his securities approved by the Court in the sum of three hundred and fifteen dollars as the law directs which bond was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered to be filed whereupon the said John Stoner

was duly sworn in open court ordered that letters testamentary issue to him which is done without W. F. Schell clerk of said court the 28th, Monday, in August A. D. 1857 W. F. Schell clerk

State of Tennessee DeKalb County

To John Stoner of DeKalb County It appearing to the court that Henry Stoner the said having a written will, in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proven in open court and you having given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by the said court that letters testamentary issue to you, These are therefore to empower you the said John Stoner, to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the said court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts, and after paying all the just debts, and demands against the testator and settle up the business, according to law you will pay and deliver the property, and effects that may remain in your hands, and do all other things that may be required according to the promission of said will and the laws of the land, Witness W. F. Schell clerk of said court the 28th day of August 1857 and the year of American independence the 68th.

W. F. Schell clerk of
DeKalb County Court

I Aaron Batts of the county of DeKalb and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory forebich I am thankful to acknowledge God best being at this time afflicted with disease of which I may never recover for the sake of preventing confusion and any misunderstanding among the members of my family after my death with regard to my little property and effects and in order to provide so far as I can be done with my little estate for the comfort of my dear wife Sally W. Batts I do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament

First I direct that all my just debts be paid in and including my funeral expenses as soon after my death as convenient can be done by my executor and to raise money for the purpose, I direct that he sell such property as I may be the owner of as well be of least use and benefit to my said wife and the comfort of her, and her less children, who have been with her, to wit: Martha Elizabeth & Harriett Janice Batts, secondly after the payment of all my debts I give the balance of my personal estate to my wife Sally W. Batts to be by her kept as long as she may desire to do so and then to divide among our children

Equitable we have heretofore given them.

Thirdly, I give to my son John M. Botto the rent of the house and lot where John S. Ray now lives in Alexandria for the year 1857. He will attend to the renting of it, that much more being Equitable due him for building said house in addition to the use & occupation he had had of the same and for which he must never be charged one cent.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to all my real estate to my dear wife Sally M. Botto for and during her natural life. If she dies to live on it to do so and if not to be by my son William H. Botto, united out and the proceeds to be applied to her support and my two daughters afore mentioned but should either of my said daughters marry then the proceeds of the renting of my real estate to remain to the other or her mother & should both marry then all to go to the support of my dear wife.

Fifthly, I further hereby appoint my son William H. Botto, a trustee to take charge of my real estate and and direct at any time when he may think it meet to the support and convenience of his mother to sell the same & use the proceeds in other real estate to be used and occupied by her if she wish to do so and if not to be rented and the proceeds applied as heretofore directed and I further give my said son power to sell my real estate and have out the funds for the support of my said wife if circumstances should show to him that that would best promote her happiness & comfort.

Sixthly, I should require the whole of my estate to support my wife during her life and the single daughters until they marry. I want my executor to so use it but should any thing be left after the death of my wife and the marriage of my two daughters then the remainder to be divided among my children or their legal representatives.

Seventhly, I nominate and appoint my son William H. Botto executor of this my last will and testament and direct him as such in the use of such of my means as may come to his hands for the support of my wife and daughters afore mentioned to have regard to their condition in life & the amount of means to be applied. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of May 1856 signed sealed and published. Aaron Botto in our presence the day and date above written.

Peter Davis
John D. Wheeler

State of Tennessee. County Court for DeKalb County September Term A.D. 1857, the Honorable Wm. H. Magnus, County Judge presiding on motion a paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Aaron Botto late of the County of DeKalb deceased was on this the 10th day of September 1857 presented in open court for probate and was duly procured in open court by the oath of Peter Davis one of the subscribing witnesses who being first duly sworn in open court depose and says that he was personally acquainted with Aaron Botto the testator and that he signed and acknowledged said will or paper purporting to be his last will and testament in his presence and that the said testator requested him to sign the same as such witness which he did and that he was in his proper mind and ordered that the same be admitted to record and it further appearing to the court that John D. Wheeler was the other subscribing witness to said will or paper purporting to be his last will and testament ordered by the court that the said John D. Wheeler be summoned to appear at the next term of the court to prove said will or paper purporting, on motion Wm. H. Botto the executor appointed by the last will and testament of the said Aaron Botto deceased came into court and entered into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs with John A. Faison his security which bond was duly acknowledged in open court and approved by the court whereupon the said Wm. H. Botto was duly sworn in open court ordered that letters testamentary issue to him which is done.

State of Tennessee County Court for DeKalb County October Term 1857 the Honorable Wm. H. Magnus County Judge presiding on motion the paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Aaron Botto deceased was again offered in open court for probate on this 5th day of October 1857 and was duly procured in open court by the oath of John D. Wheeler one of the subscribing witnesses who being first sworn in open court depose and says that he was personally acquainted with the said testator and that he acknowledged the due execution of said will or paper purporting to be his last will and testament and that he requested him to become a subscribing witness which he did in the presence of the testator and that he appeared to be in his full mind and ordered that the same be recorded attested a correct copy.

W. H. Botto clerk
DeKalb County Court

Liters.
State of Tennessee DeKalb County.
To William H. Botto of Jackson County it appearing to

the court that Aaron Batts has died leaving a written will in which you are appointed executor which has been duly proved in open court and you having given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by the said court that letters testamentary issue to you. These are therefore to empower you the said Aaron Batts to enter upon the execution of said will and to take in to your possession all the property and to make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the said Missouri.

Witness my hand at office the 7th day of September 1857,
and the year of American Independence the 82nd.

W. S. Lieble Clerk
Circuit Court.

I gave Allen Birney weak in body but sound in mind do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1st I have heretofore given to all my sons and Daughters one Negro which I intend to be equal in value and to stand as such between them except Nancy Lynn she has had two Negroes, one of which I have charged her with four hundred Dollars in my second Division with my children and my son Jesse of Allen having received no Negro in my first division but I gave to him an amount equal to the value of either of said Negroes given to my sons & Daughters in money and property the same being in my first division. It is my will I desire that the same stand as my first distribution among all my children. Item the 1st I give and bequeath to the heirs of William H. Allen Deceased one Eleventh part of all my Estate that I may die seized and possessed of after first deducting the sum of Eight Hundred and Twenty five Dollars, an amount already received on their part in my second division the same having been given to them by me in Land.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Allen one Eleventh part of my Estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting from his share the sum of Seven Hundred and fifty Dollars he having received the same from me in Land and money, this is also in my second Division.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Ann Eastman, and to her heirs one Eleventh part of my Estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting from her share five hundred and Ninety one Dollars, an amount she has already received in Money and Land the said she is now living on. I have heretofore appointed her a Trustee in whose name the Deed is made to said Land and all that may be due her is to remain in the hands of said Trustee and go to the use and benefit of her and the heirs of her body according to the trust reposed in said Trustee.

as she may need the same. This is also in my second division.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son George M. Allen one Eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting from his share four hundred and seventy Dollars the amount.

I heretofore gave him in my second division Item 5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Hughes one Eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting four hundred and eight Dollars from her share she having received the same in money in my second division and as I wish the same to go to her, and the heirs of her body, I do hereby appoint W. J. Cobell her trustee to receive and receipt for what ever amount may be due her the same to go to her use according to the trust expressed in said trustee as he may think proper.

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my son Cornelius Allen one Eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting one thousand Dollars from his share, he having heretofore received the same in the sale of five Negroes by him sold. The same being in my second division.

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto John Allen one eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of and to his heirs deducting from his share three hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy cents amount he has already received in my second division.

Item 8th I will and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Margaret Colvint Daughter and only surviving heir of Susan M. Farlow deceased the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars and that the sum of twenty five dollars be deducted from the said two hundred and twenty five dollars I having paid the same to her in my second division.

Item 9th I will and bequeath to my Grand Son named not known, the son of my son Jesse Allen deceased the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars out of my estate this is on condition that is to say if he is living and further when satisfactory evidence is adduced that he was born to my son the said Jesse Allen in lawful wedlock otherwise to be divided between my said legacies mentioned in this will except Margaret Colvint she is not to have any of it.

Item 10 I will and bequeath to my Daughter Nancy

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I give one eleventh of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting the sum of four hundred dollars the price of one negro mentioned in my first division also after deducting the sum of two hundred and seventeen dollars making in all to be deducted from her share six hundred and seventeen dollars this is also in my second division.

Item 11th I give and bequeath to my son James M. Allen one eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed after deducting from his part the sum of three hundred and seven dollars and also the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars (for mill) making all the sum of four hundred and thirty seven dollars this is also in the second division.

Item 12th It is my will and desire that the several amounts named in the foregoing items of this will be added together together with the amount of my estate that I may die seized and possessed of then divided into eleven parts then deducting the amounts mentioned in the eleven items willed to each of said Legacies and the amount of two elevenths remaining after deducting the amount willed to Margaret Colvint and to my Grand son named not known as aforesaid two eleven the balance of said two elevenths to be equally divided between my other nine legacies before mentioned.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint James M. Allen my executor to this my will and testament Intestimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 30th August 1857 Jesse Allen and

Signed and acknowledged in our presence and we have hereunto set our names as subscribing witnesses in the presence of said testator this the 30th day of August 1857

J. Stewart
D. J. Duke

State of Tennessee DeKalb County February Term 1858
on motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will or paper writing of Jesse Allen late of the county of DeKalb deceased was this day offered in open court for probate and was duly proven in open court by the oaths of J. J. Stewart one of the subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing who being first duly sworn in open court depose and says that he was personally acquainted with Jesse Allen the testator and that he signed said will or paper writing in his presence and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, for the purposes therein contained and that the said testator requested the said J. J. Stewart to write the said will or paper writing which he did in

his person and that said testator appeared to be in his right mind. Ordered that said will be recorded and that J. D. Duff & the other subscribing witnesses be summoned to appear at the next Term of the court to prove said will whereupon James M. Allen the Executor appointed by said will or paper writing came into court and entered into bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, Condition as the law directs with Henry Gray & William H. Butler & John M. Sone his securities approved by the court which bond was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered to be filed, ordered that letters testamentary issue to him which is done given under my hand and done in open court the 1st day of February 1838
W. J. Shell clerk

State of Tennessee DeKalb County

To James M. Allen of DeKalb County. It appearing to the court that James Allen has died leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executors which has been duly proven in open court and you having given bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the said court that letters testamentary issue to you.

There are therefore to empower you the said James M. Allen to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to the next term court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the land. Witness W. J. Shell clerk at office the 1st day of February 1838, and the year of American Independence the 88.
W. J. Shell clerk of
DeKalb County court

State of Tennessee County court for DeKalb County

March 1st. 1838

On motion David Duff & the other subscribing witnesses to the last will or paper writing of James Allen late of the County of DeKalb declared whereupon the said David Duff was duly sworn in open court, to pose and say that he was personally acquainted with James Allen

the testator and that he signed and acknowledged said will or paper writing in his presence on the day the same was put to be read and that said testator appeared to be in his right mind and that he the said subscribed his name as such in the presence of the testator and by his request, ordered that said will be recorded that a correct copy.

W. J. Shell clerk of
DeKalb County court

Benjamin Lewis will

I Benjamin Lewis of the county of Delalle and State of Tennessee being with a sound body but of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby declare the words of Almighty God, and give my body to the dust from whence it came to be heartily my friends in a decent Christian manner and I give unto my daughter Lucinda one dollar

2nd I give to Alfred one dollar.

4. I give unto David one dollar.

I give to William R one dollar.

I give to Gure W one dollar.

6. I give to Thomas J. one dollar, having given to all my sons heretofore a certain portion as the treason is by I have thus given them the sum of one dollar each.

7th I give unto my daughter Elizabeth one bed and furniture also one cow and calf.

8 I give to my daughter Sarah Ann, one bed and furniture also one cow and calf I give to my beloved wife Charity one bed and furniture also the useful utensils for house keeping to be laid off by my missionaries.

10. I also wish my administrators after my death to take charge of all my notes and accounts and to sell off all my stock and pay off all debts and put the balance at interest and that my wife should be maintained of the proceeds and at her death all the proceeds to be given to my daughters Elizabeth and Sarah to be equally divided to them. In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal this 28th of August 1858

B. Lewis

B. Lewis

W. O. Brews, mark

For Prostate see minute Book C,

August & September Term 1858.

Letter 8.

State of Tennessee Delalle County
whereas on this the 10th day of September A.D. 1858 the death of Benjamin Lewis late of the county of Delalle deceased was ascertained in open court and that he departed this life leaving a will and that he deposited this will with a will and qualified administrator with the will annexed of the said deceased and given bond which will having been duly proven in open court and it having been or done that letters of administration of administration is due to you with the will annexed.

There are therefore to empower you the said David Rogers to enter upon your administration

according to said will and settle into your possession all the property and to make to our said county court a perfect inventory when you shall be thereat called on and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just debts against the estate and settling up all the other business according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the behest of the said court of said Delalle County at office in Smiths road the 10th day of September 1858. and of the independence of the United States the 82 year.

W. J. Shell Clerk of
Delalle County Court

John Sumner's will.

I John Sumner of the County of Delalle and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament here by husbanding and making void all other wills by me at any other time made.

1st. It is my will and desire that my funeral expenses be paid out of any money I may have on hand at my death or that may come into the hands of my executor after my death and also all my just debts and I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catherine Sumner all my estate both real and personal not otherwise bequeathed in this will for her to have and receive the full free and proper use and enjoyment of the same during her natural life or widowhood, and at her death or in marriage to be equally divided among my seven heirs. Except it is my will and desire that that portion of the above which should fall to Mary Sumner, widow of my son William Sumner, and their infant child William A. Sumner, shall be paid at two hundred and fifty dollars, instead of one seventh part, and that fifty dollars of the same shall be given to my said daughter in law Mary Sumner and two hundred dollars of the same to my said Grand son William A. Sumner and should it occur that he should die before he arrives of age and without an heir of his body then the said two hundred with its interest or so much of them as shall not be necessary for his maintenance or education to be equally divided between my other six children.

3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved son George Sumner five dollars in addition to the property I have heretofore given him which I have estimated to him at one hundred and thirty dollars.

4th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Catherine Allen five dollars in addition to the property heretofore given her, which has been estimated to her at one hundred and thirty dollars.

5th. I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Francis
 Turner five dollars and a half to be paid to him the property hereof to be
 given him and his heirs at one hundred and thirty dollars
 6th. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Susan
 Turner five dollars and a half to be paid to her the property hereof to be
 given her and her heirs at one hundred and thirty dollars to be equally divided between
 them which is a balance of the proceeds of the property intended
 for my deceased Son William Turner after paying his debts
 7th. I give and bequeath to my beloved Son John Turner
 my beloved daughter Susan Turner and to my beloved
 daughter Elizabeth Turner each to have a horse saddle
 bridle, bed, bedstead, and furniture one cow and calf worth
 one hundred and thirty five dollars to be given severally
 to him as they may marry or need the same and should I give
 any portion thereof to them either of them before my death
 in that event the amount so given to be ~~deducted~~ deducted from
 the portion of the one to whom given

8th. It is my will and desire and I hereby appoint and
 constitute my Son George Turner, executor and guardian to William
 Turner of my deceased Son William Turner to
 manage and control the legacy herein given to him
 9th. I do hereby nominate and appoint my Son George Turner
 my executor and desire that he be permitted to settle my estate
 without giving security I testamentary whereof I have to
 this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this
 1st day of January 1836. John Turner (decd)

The foregoing will was signed sealed and published in our
 presence and we were satisfied over names here to in the presence
 of the testator at his usual residence on the 1st day of
 January 1836. Joseph Clarke
 Clerk

Testimony of John Turner to said will
 See Will of John Turner to said will
 Letter Testamentary

State of Tennessee DeKalb County ss. George Turner of DeKalb
 County. It appearing to the Court that John Turner has died leaving a
 written will in which he has appointed Executor, which has been
 duly proven in open Court, and your having given and qualified
 according to law, and it having been ordered by said Court that letters
 testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said George Turner
 to enter into and upon the execution of said will and take into
 your possession all the property, and to make to the next Court
 a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and
 after paying all the just demands against the testator and settling
 up the business according to law you will pay over and deliver
 the property and effects that may remain in your hands
 and do all other things that may be required according to the

provision of said will and the laws of the said State of Tennessee
 Court at office in Nashville the 15th day of September 1838, and the year of
 our Independence 53rd
 J. H. Hull Clerk
 DeKalb County Court

Matthew Hunt's will
 of DeKalb Know all men that I Matthew Hunt of the county
 of DeKalb in the State of Tennessee do make ordain
 and publish this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking and making void all other wills by
 me at any other time made I first direct that
 my body be buried in a decent and christian
 manner and 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 be
 possessed of or that may come unto the hands of
 my Executors and I give and bequeath to my
 beloved wife Margaret after paying my debts
 and funeral expenses all the cash notes debts
 accounts and money that I may have paid or
 claiming at the time of my death and of father
 will and bequeath to her all the property of
 every kind and description which was hers at the
 time of our marriage and which shall
 remain ours at the time of my death I also
 give my beloved wife Margaret one bay colt
 one yoke of oxen and waggons two feather beds
 and furniture one cow and calf one bureau
 one small table the above articles now in our
 possession at the house which she lived at the time
 of our marriage and which we now live I also
 give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret
 six head of sheep and all the property real and
 personal which I may hereafter acquire and
 possess at the time of my death

3rd of give and bequeath
 to my daughter Susan Hunt and her daughter
 Caroline Hunt a certain tract or boundary of land
 surveyed at my request by Thomas Durham about
 the 15th of March 1834 which he estimated to contain
 one hundred and eight acres but which I estimated
 at sixty acres more or less and bounded as follows
 to wit Beginning on a sugar tree the north east corner
 of a survey in the name of Joseph Payne running
 thence south 41° E - 15 poles to sycamores inside of
 the fence thence south 25° E - 15 poles to a sugar tree
 in the south boundary line of a sixty acre
 survey thence west with the same 21 poles

to a popular the north East corner of a one hundred
acre tract in the name of Epic Stanford thence
south with the line of the same 40 poles to a
small sugartree standing near the main hill road
thence south 802 paces to a small sugartree
in Williams line thence N with his line 40 poles to
a stake in Bay's line - thence East with his line
146 poles to the Beginning

4th I give and bequeath to my
daughter Sally Hillard all my land on the East side
of Hodges branch including the place which she now
lives and running up to and adjoining the land
hitherto in this will given and bequeathed to
Susan Hunt and her daughter Caroline Hunt to
have and hold the above bequeathed land to my said
daughter Sally Hillard for and doing her natural life
after her death to go to her lawful heirs except the said
Susan Hunt and the said Caroline Hunt for whom
I have hitherto in this will provided

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Julia Hunt a tract of
land of one hundred and fifty acres which she
now lives to hold the same during her life
after her death to her children and heirs at law

6th I give and bequeath to the children
of Samuel Hunt to wit Margaret Goodwin Nancy
Elly Martha A Hunt Charlotte M. A. J. Hunt
all my land on the west side of Hodges branch
up to the boundary of the land that I have
hitherto bequeathed to Susan Hunt and Caroline
Hunt.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas
Whaley my Executor of this my last will and testament
and state that the lands hereby willed and
devised are situate in Perry Creek in DeKalb
County Tennessee signed sealed and
published in our presence and we have
subscribed our names thereto in the presence
of the testator this the 1st day of June 1835

Witness
John H. Savage
W. H. Hagman

Matthew Hunt
mark

I Mose Hunt since making this my last will as
before written have sold some of the lands therein
mentioned and I do now will and

bequeath to the children of Samuel Hunt to wit
Margaret Goodwin Nancy Elly Martha A Hunt
Charlotte M. A. J. Hunt nine hundred dollars
to be equally divided amongst the four last
named children of Samuel Hunt to wit the same
being a part of the proceeds of the sale of the land
willed to them in this will the said sum of
nine hundred dollars being now in debt on
George Turner and due or bearing interest
It is my will and desired that my Executor
proceed to collect the nine hundred dollars out
of said notes or if I should collect them
before my death then and in that case I will
that my Executor still proceed to pay to said
four last named heirs of Samuel Hunt
the sum of nine hundred dollars respectively
out of the cash or cash notes that I may die
owed and pay of them or if further will
and bequeath that my Executor pay to Sarah Kelly and
out of the proceeds of the above named land the sum
of one hundred dollars or a note on George
Turner for one hundred dollars the said
Turner being the person to whom I have sold
the land the said Sarah having hitherto received
from the said Turner the balance of the
proceeds of the land willed to her in this will
and she is to have the one hundred dollars
in addition to what she has already received

Item I further will and desire that my
Executor after my death proceed to sell and convey
to any person who may purchase the same a tract
or parcel of land lying on Hodges Branch in
said County adjoining the lands that I willed
to Susan & Caroline Hunt containing fifty
acres the same to be sold on time of one
and two years and to advertise and sell the
same to the highest bidder and that the
proceeds arising therefrom be Equally divided
amongst my children respectively and
Samuel Hunt's heirs to have one share divided
amongst them respectively, I testify when
of I hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th
day of March 1835 signed sealed and
acknowledged in our presence by the testator
and we sign our name as witnesses by his
request Wm H. Hagman
J. B. Ellis
W. J. Ellis

Matthew Hunt
mark

Samuel Vanatta will. May the 31st 1851 in the name of God amen I Samuel Vanatta being in sound mind and memory Make this my last will and Testament revoking all other will by me made 1st I Give to my wife Hannah Vanatta the tract of land where on I live during her natural life and at her death to be divided equally between my two sons Lemuel C. and John Vanatta I also give to my wife Hannah all my house hold and kitchen Furniture and her chair two cows & colts and two of my horses and all my entire stock of hogs and Sheep

I and I Give to my son John Vanatta James Vanatta & McAdoo Vanatta my two tracts of Land that I bought of Jonathan Griffith jail West and Thomas West During their natural lives & then to be divided to their heirs for ever my son John to have the East end of the tract of Land where on he now lives commencing on the South East corner of said land running west with the South boundary line to a Sugar tree opposite a crop fence between where he now lives and where David Jenkins now lives thence running with said crop fence a North direction to the North Boundary line of said tract of Land and the balance of said two tracts of Land to be divided between my two sons James & McAdoo James to have the East part & McAdoo the west part I also request that my two sons Daniel C. & John shall have each a horse Bridle & Saddle worth sixty five dollars and my daughter Peggy Gaudlin & Jane Mcmillin and Elizabeth Jenkins to have fifty dollars each if so much be left out of my Estate not otherwise provided for also I Give to my Grand Son McAdoo Vanatta Son of William Vanatta fifty dollars

I also Give the balance of my personal Estate if there be any to my wife Hannah Vanatta I hereby set my hand and affix my seal the day & date above written in presence of us
Jas D & Thomas on

James R Allen

Eli Rowland

Samuel Vanatta (Seal)

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George Barnes Will

I George Barnes of the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee Being by the blessing of God of sound mind. Do make and publish this as my last will and Testament this sixteenth day of October 1849 hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made First I direct that I be decently interred at the family burying ground on the premises whereon I now live I also except and square acre of Land around and including said graveyard to be applied to the purpose of interment as a publick Burying Ground - and of such worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of to some in the following manner First I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Salitha Cuni Turner wife of George Turner the following Lot or parcel of Land herein described namely Beginning on a Mulberry at the crop fence in George Turners South Boundary line of 200 acres since he bought of Robert Forister thence near South forty two poles to a large Elm below the Spring thence north of East along a marked line thirty two poles to a stake in George Barnes East Boundary line of his old Tract thence thence poles north to a Buck the Eastern corner between George Barnes and George Turner thence west eighty eight poles to the Beginning the Land herein described I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Salitha Cuni Turner as aforesaid

~~to my own daughter~~ Second I give and bequeath to my own daughter Mary the following Lot or parcel of Land herein described namely Beginning on a Mulberry in George Turners South Boundary line of his 200 acre tract and the same Beginning of the Lot or parcel given to Salitha Cuni Turner thence west to a Buck the north west corner of my old Tract thence south with my old line to the Spring commonly called the Bell Kelly Spring thence rather East with the meandering of the Hollow down to the creek thence running up the creek thence poles to a Buck thence across the creek and the Big Bottom field rather north east forty eight poles to a Buck near the Branch known as Barnes Branch thence up the Branch with it

meanderings Twenty eight poles to Two Elms
Thence rather north of East up the hill Twenty
four Poles to a Mulberry in the orchard field
Thence rather north of East over hundred Poles to
an Oak and Spruce in the east-Boundary line
of the old Tract Thence north Eighty eight Poles
to a stake Thence along with the south and
west-Boundary lines of the lot or parcel given
to Talitha C. Turner to the Beginning I also give
and bequeath to my daughter Mary all of my right
and Entire Beginning and a segment the south
west corner of the old Tract and lying on the
west of the old Tract and of my Creek and
adjoining the Lands of Henry Hager Boyd and
Robert Forester

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth
Forester and to her son James J. Forester my
grand son all the balance of my old Tract of
Land lying on the East and south of the Day. I
already given to Talitha C. Turner and my daughter
Mary including the residence with all its
appurtenances whereat I now live I also give and
bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Forester and
her son James J. Forester my Twenty acre Entire
lying on the Branch on the East of the old Tract.
I also give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Forester
and her son James J. Forester all of my two
hundred acre Entire lying on the Branch and
on the East of my old Tract and adjoining the
Lands of Henry Hager William Sellers Nathan
Braswell and the heirs of Nathan Sellers &c. I
give and bequeath the three last named lots
or parcels of Land to my daughter Elizabeth Forester
and her son James J. Forester to be equally divided
between them and at the death of my daughter
Elizabeth her descendants should here given
is to descend to her son James J. Forester and
if right belong to him all the Lands herein
named in these several Bequest and lying
on the waters of my Tract of Smiths fork in
the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee the
reasons why I make these various Bequest in the way
they are made is first my children and grand
children herein named have been dutiful and
kind to me and my dear wife in our old age
and expect the same treatment and kindness
from them as long as we live second my
grand son James J. Forester is the only

person upon whom I can rely to do to my farm and business
and provide for my self and dear wife the comfort
and blessings of life whilst we yet live

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my grand son
James J. Forester a certain Bay Filly known as
his colt also I give to James J. Forester my grand son
a certain gotte of axen known as his own

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter
Sarah Ann hundred Dollars in money at my
death sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter
that are yet with me, namely Sarah Elizabeth
and Mary each one a horse bridle and saddle
and each one two Birds and a pair of shoes
I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary
Ten shillings of Cho's sheep.

Seventhly I give and bequeath to my dear wife
all the balance of my property to be used as I
enjoyed by her as long as she lives and at her death
to be sold equally divided among my lawful

Heirs Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint
George Barnes my grand son my executor to
this my Will for witness whereof I do to this my
Will set my hand and seal this 16th day of
October 1849

George Barnes (Sealed)
and we have subscribed our names here to in the
presence of the Testator

this 16th day of October 1849
Richard Forester
Francis M. Turner
George Turner
Robert Forester

State of Tennessee
County Court for DeKalb County July 4th
A.D. 1859

When on motion a paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of George
Barnes late of DeKalb County deceased
was again this day presented in open Court
for probate and I was duly sworn in open
Court by the oath of Francis Turner one
of the subscribing witnesses who being first
duly sworn in open Court depose and
say that he was personally acquainted with
George Barnes the Testator and that he
acknowledged the due execution of the
within will or paper writing to be his act
and will for the purposes therein expressed

and that the said testator requested said affiants to sign his name as such witness to said will or paper writings which he did in his presence and that the said testator appeared to be in his proper mind and sound that said will be recorded when George ~~Barnes~~ The Executor came forward and entered into bond in the sum of two thousand dollars condition as the Law directs with J. J. Ford and J. A. Stearns his securities approved by the Court which bond was duly acknowledged in open Court and approved by the Court and ordered to be filed as and that letters testamentary issue to him which is done & the said Barnes sworn in open Court
W. J. Sobell Clerk
DeKalb County Court

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
To George Turner of DeKalb County it appearing to the Court that George Barnes has died leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executor which has been duly proved in open Court and you having given bond and qualified according to Law and it having been ordered by the said Court that letters testamentary issue to you there and therefore to empower you the said George Turner to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just demands according to Law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the Land
Witness W. J. Sobell Clerk at office the 1st Monday of July 1859 and the year of American Independence the 84th
W. J. Sobell Clerk of
DeKalb County Court

I Randolph Sandlin do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making all other will void by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral Expenses and all of my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may yet possess or may hereafter come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife one horse, one cow and calf ten head of sheep and pork Corn and wheat enough to last the first year and one sow and pigs and all of the house hold and kitchen furniture. Thirdly I request that my farm be rented out every year until my youngest Child becomes of age and the proceeds thereof to help support the Children that is not able to support themselves and my wife to remain on the same during her natural life or widowhood. and when the youngest Child is of age the land to be sold on one and two years credit and the value thereof to be equally divided among my Children. Fourthly I request that what I have now given to some of my Children be so much paid towards their part which is as follows to John W. Sandlin one horse worth one hundred and twenty five dollars and one bed and furniture worth fifteen dollars, to Anne M. Sandlin one horse worth one hundred dollars and to Louisa the wife Carol Bennett one cow and bed and furniture worth thirty dollars. Fifthly that all of my stock not named to my wife to be sold and after paying of my debts the remainder to be put at interest until the land is sold and all that is owing to me the same lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Elijah Georgian my Executor in witness where of I do, to this my will set my hand and seal this the 30th of June 1858

Elijah Georgian
My Executor
Randolph Sandlin
Signed sealed and published in our presence and our home subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator this the 30th June 1858

I Having heretofore made and published my last will and testament do make and declare this as a Codicil thereto to wit It is my desire for my wife to have the old mare as the one allotted to her and that my two youngest Boys Robert and Albert to have the dark gray filly and my saddle as their own property to use on the farm and the increase of said filly if there is any to go for the Education of them and in case this fails to give them as good an education as the other two boys enough to be taken out of my estate to make them Equal in Education Lastly

O'Young's
John Vanatta
Solomon ^{King} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Island} ^{of} ^{the} ^{South} ^{Sea}

State of Tennessee DeKalb County

W. S. Martin Clerk
of Sealbl County Court

February 13th 1860 all my debts paid off
I have Cash in hand this morn in all
I have three negro women & children
I have one Gold Watch
I have in all shaven & unshaven notes of all kinds.
good bad & d. Amount ----- \$600000
But I feel confident that I shall have more and I am
afraid I shall lose money
All my notes before & money after collected I will to my
Brothers Sisters after paying my debts should there be any
I suppose the my property will at this time if there should be
no loss in collecting my Bond that my estate at this time
is worth ten thousand dollars my negro is named as follows
Annie an old woman age 52 years Eliza the two children
Dons Bill & James Bill 4 years Jim a boy 2 months old
Susan and her son Jim, Jim is 8 years L. and then
the women's ages but I suppose Eliza about 33 years
I suppose Susan about 27 years all nothing more
Thorton Christie
February 13th - 1860

April Term 1868!

At a County Court this day began and held its
session, at the Court House in Winchester 2nd day of
April 1860. Present Mr. Justice Joseph Clark Chairman
of the Court and the following Members of the Court
with most of the Justices in the County.
On Motion of David H. Christie by his Attorney
Proper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Thornton Christie deceased Late of the County
of DeKalb and moved the Court to probate the same
and it appearing to the Court that these were not ob-
scuring witnesses to such paper writing when on motion
Wm. Lloyd was duly sworn in open Court, deposed and
said that Thornton Christie died at his house in the
County of DeKalb in the Town of Alexandria and that
his said deceased had been living and residing at
his house for a considerable length of time before his
death and that immediately after his death on
examining his valuable papers and among them and
with his notes and Book of accounts he found this
paper writing purporting to be a will dated the 13th
day of February 1860 and that the said will was
offered in Court for probate as the last will
and paper writing of said Thornton Christie dead
whereupon Alfred Bone John G. Wheeler and
Lemuel O. Dyer were each sworn in open Court

in open Court exposed and say that they were
 formerly acquainted with Thomson Christie who died
 in the town of Alexandria DeHalle County of the
 house of William H. Floyd and that they and each
 of them had been personally acquainted with said
 decedent for eight or ten years and that the said
 Christie had been a citizen of said town and county
 for the term of eight or ten years before his death &
 that they are acquainted with the said writing of William
 Thomson Christie decedent and that his handwriting is
 generally well known by his acquaintances and on looking
 at said paper writing exposed and state the whole of
 said paper writing was with the handwriting of the said Thomson
 Christie decedent and that the signatures purporting to be his
 was genuine and in his proper handwriting together with the
 attes therof when it appeared to the Court from said proof
 that said paper writing was the last will and testament of the
 said Thomson Christie decedent - Ordered that said will
 or paper writing be recorded when it further appearing
 to the Court that there was no executor named in said
 will or paper writing when said Floyd & Christie's brother
 of the said decedent appeared in open Court and waived
 his right as next of kin of the said decedent to the
 administration of said estate of the said decedent and made
 the Court to appoint Wm. H. Floyd with the will annexed
 of the said decedent when upon the said William H. Floyd
 entered into bond in the sum of Twenty five thousand
 dollars conditioned as the law directs with John H.
 Jordan Alfred Bond and James P. Dob his Secutors
 a appeared to the Court where upon the said Floyd
 was only sworn in open Court Ordered that Letters
 of Administration with the will or paper writing of
 said decedent be issued to him which is done
 M. J. Martin Clerk of
 DeHalle County Court

State of Tennessee DeHalle County
 To William H. Floyd a citizen of DeHalle County: It appearing
 to the County Court now in session that Thomson Christie has died
 leaving a written Will. and the Court being satisfied as to
 your claims to the administration with the will annexed and
 you having given bond and qualified as directed by Law and the
 Court having ordered that letters of administration be issued to you
 these are therefore to authorize and empower you to take in to
 your possession and control all the goods chattels claims and
 papers of the said estate and return a true and perfect inventory
 thereof to the next County Court to be called and pay all debts
 and to arrange and transact all the affairs in relation to

said estate which largely involve on you as administrator
 with the will annexed and after having settled up said
 estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who
 are by Law entitled to them M. J. Martin Clerk of
 said Court at office this 2nd day of April 1850 & 34
 year of American Independence M. J. Martin Clerk
 of DeHalle County Court
 Original Will with copy of proceedings filed in the
 Circuit Court M. J. Martin

Elizabeth Smeed Will

I, Elizabeth Smeed 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 that may be possessed of or may
 first come into the hands of my executor
- 2nd I will that the remainder of my Estate be
 equally divided between my grand children
 except Susan Foster formerly Susan Hoads
 and Susan Hoads formerly Susan Hoads

Sally I do hereby nominate and appoint Alfred Bond
 my executor. in witness where of I after this my
 last will set my hand and seal this 3rd day of May
 31st 1853 Elizabeth Smeed
 Signed sealed and published in our presence
 and we have subscribed our names here to
 in the presence of the testator this the 21st day
 of May 1853 J. D. Wheeler
 William D. Bond

I Elizabeth Smeed having heretofore made
 and published my last will and testament as
 made and attested this as a codicil thereto to wit

- 1st I give and bequeath to my Grand daughter
 Nancy Caroline Smeed in addition to the above
 my bed. Bedstead and furniture, also my Bureau
 small Bailer and also carpet & looking glass
- 2nd I give and bequeath to my grandson Dr. John A.
 Faison my double covered made by his mother
- 3rd I will and bequeath to my grandson Thomas J.
 Smeed my small table
- 4th I give and bequeath to my grand daughter
 Elizabeth Smeed my Black Book

Signed sealed and published in our
 presence and we have subscribed our names