

(John H. Burton's will)

I John H. Burton being a citizen of DeKalb County Georgia and being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the extent of death do this day make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made and published.

First Direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as feasible after my death be paid by my executor or executors out of any money or notes or accounts due me at my death, or on hand or by selling so much of my personal property as will pay my debts and expenses of settling up my estate.

Second After all this is done I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Burton all my property both real and personal consisting of all horses or mules cattle sheep and hogs, household and kitchen furniture and all farming implements and all my lands during her natural life or her widowhood and at her death or marriage I give and bequeath to my affectionate afflicted daughter America Burton all the lands that I own and possess on the ~~estate~~ last side of Mine Dick Creek including my Mansion dwelling to keep and support her upon during her life or her remaining a single life, but at her death or marriage I want the lands that I give her sold or divided between all my children equally and at the death or marriage of my wife Margaret Burton I want all the balance of my lands lying west of Mine Dick Creek to be equally divided among all my children to wit if it can be done and if not let it be sold by my legal representative and the proceeds equally divided between them and the same to be done with the land that I give to my daughter America at her death or marriage, and should there be a sale of the lands I authorize and empower my representatives to make and carry to the said lands to the purchase of the same giving boundaries as my lands are bounded and set up by deeds and grants in my possession and at the death of my wife Margaret Burton let all my personal property and effects be sold by my Executor like my lands on a credit of twelve months and after paying all legal expenses every way directed the proceeds of both real and personal as follows

To Wm. Burton and to the three children of Mary Pickett my eldest daughter, M. B. Burton, S. F. Burton, Martha Jones my daughter America Burton Ann. Rae Burton, Maranda J. Burton and Isaac D. Burton, all my children equally. This Oct. 25th 1880

John H. Burton. (Seal)

Attest
J. T. Trapp
Wm. C. Johnson

Signed Sealed and delivered in our presence and we subscribe our names to the same as subscribing witnesses at the request of the testator this Oct. 25th 1880.

J. T. Trapp
Wm. C. Johnson

Lastly I annul and appoint my son W. H. C. Burton my executor to this my last will and testament. This Oct. 25th 1880.

John H. Burton

Attest
J. T. Trapp
Wm. C. Johnson

The last will and Testament of Mary Johnson concerning the uncertainty of this mortal life and of sound mind and memory. I blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say that I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Wm Johnson all of my estate in every respect after the payment of my just debts. I also make my Brother Thomas Ogden executor of this will by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 10th day of September One thousand eight hundred & eighty four
 Mary Johnson

The above instrument was subscribed by Mary Johnson the Testator in the presence of each of us, and read at the time dictated by her to be her last will & testament. The said witnesses at sign their names hereto as attesting

Witnesses

E R Higgins Residing near Liberty De Kalb County
 Leander Barger " " " "

I Thomas Given being full of age, but of sound mind & memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament Truly seeking and making void all other wills testaments made by me which is to say I here insert the names of all my lawful heirs, Robt J. Given, Nancy E. Starks, Henry L. Given, George B. Given, Mary, P. Faudine J. Given.

My will is that all my just debts with my burial expences be paid out of the first money coming into the hands of my Executor

Second- I give to my lawful & only heirs the graveyard where my beloved wife lies buried, also the grave yard known as the Allen grave yard, with the right of way to the same. The time not limited and in following request in this Will shall affect any rights named in this second clause

Third- I give to my son Robt J. Given the tract of land I bought of John Allen, with the line running with the top of the ridge around and down to the lands of The late Wesley Adamson deceased, containing about one hundred acres. I have also given to the said Robt J. Given Fourteen hundred ^{dollars} in money stock and furniture for which I hold his receipts

Fourth- I give to my daughter Nancy E. Starks the tract of land I bought of Bethel Adamson, containing something over one hundred acres I have also given said Nancy E. Starks Fifteen hundred and seventy five dollars in money stock and furniture for which I hold her ^{own receipt} ~~and~~ her husband's receipt

Fifth- I give the tract of land I bought of L. W. L. Hoole containing one hundred acres to my son Henry L. Given I have also given to Henry L. Given Five hundred and twenty five dollars in money stock & furniture for which I hold his receipt

Sixth- I give to my son Thomas M. Given and to his bodily heirs the tract of land whereon he now lives, containing one hundred and forty two acres described in a deed paper marked exhibit B. which is made a part of this will. I have also given said Thomas M. Given two hundred and twenty five dollars in money stock and furniture for which I hold his receipt

Seventh- I give to my son George B. Given and to his lawful bodily heirs if any, if none to revert back to his nearest blood relatives on his side. The home tract whereon I now live except a strip of land cut off the East side of said tract, and included in the tract willed to my son Thomas M. Given, leading to said George B. Given, the lot of land known as the Still house lot. Beginning at Robt J. Given's North East corner running South, then East, then nearly South to the top of the ridge, then running nearly North to a sugar stump, Thomas M. Given South West corner thence nearly North with said T. M. Given line, to a corner in the Still house

then nearly East with said Thomas M. line to the home tract named above. I also direct my executor to give out of my property to said George B. Given one good horse, ~~one~~ cow and calf, one bed, well furnished with bed covering, and one year support, if not furnished in my life time, should I survive said George B. Given the personal property named above I will receive receipts for the same.

Eighth- I give to my two granddaughters, Mary J. and Fannie J. Measles, and to their bodily heirs, if any to inherit said property, I shall hereafter name if not any said property to revert back to their nearest blood relatives on their mother's side.

The tract of land known as the Pistole tract of land, and described in a paper marked "Exhibit A" which is made a part of this will said tract containing about one hundred and sixty acres. I have given to Jordan and Eliza Angelina Measles, the father and mother of said Mary J. and Fannie J. Measles three hundred and twenty five dollars in money stock and furniture for which I hold their receipts

Ninth- I give to my daughter Nancy Stark and to my granddaughters Mary J. and Fannie J. Measles a small tract of land lying East of the tract willed to said Mary J. and Fannie J. bounded North by Ballenger's land East by Measles' lane, South by the land willed to Nancy Stark, said Nancy to have one half of said tract said Mary and Fannie to have the other half to be divided so as to suit each farm

I also give to Thomas M. and Geo. B. Given all my kindred land lying North of the road that leads to the farm of Robt. Smith and not included in the farms willed to Geo. B. Given, and Mary J. and Fannie J. Measles said land lying on what is known as the Black Orchard point said land to be equally divided between said Thomas M. and Geo. B. Given, I also give the balance of my land not willed to said Thomas M. Given lying and bounded as follows.

On the East by Smith's lands on the South by the top of the ridge on the West by lands willed to Geo. B. Given and Thomas M. Given on the North by the road leading to said Smith named above. Said Thomas M. Given is to pay on one and two years time without interest after my death to the following named persons: To Robt J. Given one hundred dollars, to Nancy Stark one hundred dollars

To Henry C. Givan two hundred dollars. To the Agents
who I shall appoint for the benefit of Mary &
Fannie J. Measles three hundred dollars. My son
George C. Givan is to pay on two and three years
time without interest after my death the following
named persons, Rollit J. Givan one hundred dollars, to
Nancy Stark one hundred dollars. To Henry C. Givan two
hundred dollars. To the Agents who I shall appoint
for the benefit of Mary & Fannie J. Measles two
hundred and fifty dollars.

W. A. Evans

I appoint my sons Rollit J. and Henry C. Givan
Agents to take charge of all the property both real
and personal, willed to Mary & Fannie J.
Measles and so manage the same so that Mary
& Fannie J. Measles shall have all the benefits
accruing from rents and interest after paying
taxes and all necessary expenses for attending to the
same. And further none of my kind shall not
be required to pay back rents or interest on any
advancements made to them during my life time. &
should I make other advancements during my life
time - I will leave receipts for the same, and
further that my Executor take charge of all my personal
property and divide the proceeds equally among all of
my lawful heirs and heirs. I appoint my son
Rollit J. Givan my Executor to carry out the provisions
of this will. Witness and subscribed my name
this 6th day of May, 1894.

Thomas Givan, Testator.

Attest W. A. Evans

J. B. Evans

* Same or less at public sale
to be held at the court
house in the town of the
County of Adams and State of
Illinois.

J. B. Palmer's Will

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I J. B. Palmer, late of Beralk County Tennessee do hereby make this my last will and testament I appoint my guardian C. B. Wright my executor I desire I request my executor to pay my burial expenses I will I B. Palmer one dollar I will my sister Louiza Jones two dollars I will Martha E. Palmer all my real estate consisting of twenty four acres of land lying in Beralk County Tenn. I do not want the remainder of all my personal property after all my expenses paid. This July 25th 1885 - his
J. B. Palmer

Attest
E. L. Bours
J. E. Garrison

C. B. Wright Guardian

State of Tennessee The last will and testament of being
DeKalt County Cassette,

Be it remembered that I being
happened feeling the uncertainty of life and the certainty of
death and being desirous of making some disposition of my
property do make and publish this my last will and
testament.

- 1st I desire that all my just debts and burial expenses be paid as soon as it can be done
- 2nd I desire that my daughter Vera S. Callicutt having my and front room furniture and all my beds and bed clothing except one bedstead and mattress, also kitchen furniture dishes tables and tableware
- 3rd I will desire and bequeath to my said daughter Vera S. Callicutt one-half of all the remainder of my estate after all my just debts are paid.
- 4th I will desire and bequeath to my daughter E. E. Thompson, the remainder of my estate to have to her sole and separate use free from the debts contracts and control of her husband I also give her my bureau and one bedstead and mattress
- 5th I desire that my executors shall have and do hereby give them full power to carry out the provisions made in this will without any orders and decrees of Court, to compromise or settle any debts or demands to or against any estate as if were doing the same myself in person, I hereby give them full power to compromise or settle any lawsuits that may now be pending or shall be brought against my estate in the future which shall be as binding on my estate as if I were doing the same in person I hereby appoint W. Robinson and R. Smith as executors to this my will.

In witness whereof I set my hand and seal this 25th day of Oct, 1885

A. J. Callicutt

Know all men that I, Calvin Parrish, being of sound mind do make and publish this my last Will and testament fully revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First

I direct that after I depart this life, that all my just debts be paid out of any money that I may be possessed of or may justly come into the hands of my Executors.

Second

For the love and affection, and for the kind care my Niece, Jane Rauschorn, Lucinda M. Daniel and her daughter, Deliah, have bestowed upon me, I give to them jointly, a certain tract or parcel of land that lies on the West side of the hollow that runs up from the Creek by their passing Spring with said hollow to the public road in J. M. Redman's North Boundary line and is a portion of the land that I now live upon.

Third

For the love and affection, and for the kind & tender care my Niece, Selena Parrish, has bestowed upon me, I desire and request that she have the remainder of lands and the effects of all my perishable property including every thing that I possess not otherwise disposed of in this Will.

Fourth

I hereby request and "appoint" Wm. H. Parker of Warren County as my Executor of this my Will, and I further direct that the said Wm. H. Parker make such disposition of what surplus perishable property I may be possessed of in such manner as he may see proper, so may be to the best interest of my Niece Selena Parrish, and I further direct and request that the said Wm. H. Parker superintend the cultivation and management of the farm given her and that the said Wm. H. Parker "pledge" to collect all debts due to me. I further direct when this Will is probated that Wm. H. Parker give bond and security in the sum of one hundred dollars for the faithful performance of the trust herein reposed.

This November 3rd 1885.

Witness Wm. H. Parker
N. A. Piggan
Lasswell Cantrell

Calvin Parrish
mark

Thos W. Fites will

I Thomas W. Fites do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me made at any time

Item 1 It is my will and desire that all my just debts if any I may owe be paid first out of the money that may come into the hands of my Executors after defraying the expenses of a decent burial

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah D. Fite all of my estate real and personal or mixed ~~property~~ including debts cash on hand or choses in action during her natural life or widowhood and at her death to be equally divided between all of our children or their bodily heirs if any but if once deceased such share to their living Brothers and Sisters and in the event it is my will and desire that all my remaining estate be equally divided here and all our living children and bodily heirs of any of them who may die leaving such the heirs of either taking the Portion to which their parents would be entitled to if living

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that if in the event my beloved wife should again marry and take under the provisions of this will a portion of my estate as above provided that she shall have the sole and separate use of the same to her exclusive use and benefit during her life, and at her death to be equally divided among our several children above

Item 4th I hereby appoint my Brother Hiram Fite my executor to this my last will and testament which I have hereunto set my hand this the 25th July 1885

Thomas W. Fite

Signed in the presence of
W. B. Evans
W. D. Evans

Thomas J. Lee's Will.

I Thomas J. Lee of the County of DeKalb & State of Georgia (Barren) do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all Wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first I desire my body to be decently buried in a manner suited to my condition in life when my friends see proper. And secondly I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses paid out of any money that I may die seized and possessed of, or may first come to the hands of my Executors. And as to any worldly estate with which it has pleased God to bless me, I dispose of the same as follows to wit:

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth J. Lee all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood and after the happening of either of the above named contingencies for all to be equally divided between my eight heirs and their bodily representations. And do hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth J. Lee and my son Thomas J. Lee my lawful Executors and Executor of this my last Will and testament written on one sheet of paper this the twenty eight day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven.

Signed sealed and published Thomas J. Lee (Seal)
in our presence. Signed in the
presence of the testator & one another
Jas. M. Lee
Philander J. Lee

On the 14th day of June, 1886, Mr. Ador Vannatta deceased in his last illness at his own home in DeKalb County, Georgia in the presence and hearing of the undersigned made the following declaration regarding the disposition he desired made of his property and debts. He said he wanted all his debts paid, and he thought he had enough he had enough to pay them without selling his property except his interest in that machinery. He said he wanted it sold before it was ~~used~~ used. He said he wanted the farm and the stock to remain as it was. He did not want the farm divided nor sold and wanted them to keep the stock and get its growth. He said. This said Mr. Ador Vannatta died June 13th 1886. And the undersigned C. H. L. Keale having to day reduced said declaration to writing we each hereunto affix our hands, being constituted in said Dec. estate. This June 24, 1886.

Witness for Mary Stark
C. H. L. Keale

C. H. L. Keale
Mary Stark

I heard Mr. Ador Vannatta Dec. say substantially the same and C. H. L. Keale and Mary Stark have stated above, but it was on the 20th of June 1886 instead of the 14th of June as I recollect it.

A. B. Keale

Alfred Allen's Will

I Alfred Allen being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made being a citizen of the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee

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

2nd I have given to all my children as they arrived of age on marriage the following personal property which is fully described in my Blank Book of Charges and I having yet living with me two of my beloved children to wit; Rebecca F. Allen & Emie B. Allen, to which I desire that they both have out of my personal effects the following property to which I have now given Rebecca F. Allen one horse, Bridle and saddle worth one hundred dollars and I have also given to her one bedstead and bed clothing worth twenty five dollars and also I have given her one cow and calf worth ten dollars and chest worth five dollars and if I live to the full arrival of her age on marriage I will give her in addition to the above the money on property till she be made equal with all the rest of my children who have left me. If I should not live so to do I want my Executors to assign the balance of said property on money to her till she be made fully equal to the rest of my children which is all Recorded in my Blank Book.

3rd I desire that my son Emie B. Allen have the following property given to him should I not live to give him the same that my other sons have had which may be assigned to him by my Executors if on hands belonging to my Estate if not to be bought and given him to wit; one horse, Bridle and saddle to be worth one hundred & dollars, one cow or calf at ten dollars to bed, bedstead and bedding which is already given him worth fifteen dollars hogs to the amount of thirty five dollars, five head of sheep and one stand farming utensils to be worth five dollars and set of chairs seven I have and also for him to have forty dollars worth of corn, wheat, fodder now I have fully set out what I want both the last named children to have which I much desire for them to have and to be given them as I given to the others and at the time I give them their.

4th Now the remainder of all my personal property I want it to remain at my house and farm until my death and should I drop off or die before my beloved wife then

Allen I want my Executors to come and take charge of said property and if she cannot and they think she cannot safely keep and maintain any surplus property to her disadvantage I want them to take charge of it and sell the same in any way they think best but all household and kitchen furniture to remain here while she or one may live and after both of our deaths all my personal Estate to be sold by my Executors in such way as they see proper and divide the funds equally between all my children but I reserve the right to my self and wife to have the sole use and control of all said property on its effects during our natural lives and if we should grow old and become helpless I desire that my Executors visit us and if they see me or either of us need any thing I desire that they furnish such things as we may need out of my personal effects in any wise.

5th Now I have given in detail what I desire done with my personal Estate I will now set out in full what I want done with my Real Estate which I am going to give and bequeath to my heirs and their from them to their lawful heirs after the death of my children to them belong to their children.

6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha A. Stimp my eldest child and after her death to her heirs the following tract or parcel of land lying in DeKalb County Tennessee District No. 10 containing eighty two acres and bounded as follows to wit; beginning on three sugar trees standing in Echem Maynards west boundary line, thence North to a cross fence between said land and the lands of J. D. Dopp near a Rich manning thence north with said cross fence a north west direction to the fence at the branch thence North with said Dopp's fence and line to Dr. Taylor's line of the lands he purchased from Dr. Mayo thence West with the cross fence between said Dr. Taylor and said land to top of the ridge thence still West with a conditional line marked out by Alfred Allen & I, 1884 up to a Rock corner near Jones fork thence South to a Rock corner thence East with the line of the said land and the land now owned by the heirs of Enoch Stimp and the said Martha A. Stimp known as the Dopp on Williams land ninety two acres to a Sugar tree thence South and East with the lines of said land and the lines of said land owned by the heirs of the said Enoch Stimp and Echem Maynards to the beginning.

7th I have given to my second daughter Nancy Johnson the sum of five hundred dollars in money which I give her to make her equal with all my other children in Real Estate and this is all I want her to have out of my Real Estate but for her not to have to pay back any money or note for the support of myself or wife should we ever need it which amount I have charged to her in my Blank Book.

with the personal property I have given her but should then be any personal effects after the entire time of myself and wife the share equal as to the remainder of personalty.

8th I give and bequeath to my son J. C. Allen and his heirs after him the following described Real Estate to wit: Beginning on a Red Oak on the Top of a Ridge of the lands deeded to me by Henry Frazer by order of the county court of DeKalb County running thence down a divider with a conditional line marked to Boone's Branch to a Buckeye thence with said Branch a North course to Frazer's line to a stake thence East to a large Spanish Oak, to the Beginning corner of the lands I purchased from League Frazer's corner running East with Frazer's South boundary line 58 poles to a Sugar tree his Frazer's corner thence North with his line 54 poles to a stake on the Top of the ridge thence East 34 poles to a Chestnut, thence South 71° East 54 poles to a stake and pointure thence South 56° East 40 poles to a stake and pointure in Davis and Eastham's line thence South 228 poles to a stake to the Branch thence west with the Branch 118 poles to a stake and pointure about 30 feet below a Spring thence North with the line of J. C. Allen's lines and the lines of the said land back to the Beginning at the Red Oak corner containing by estimation one hundred and eighty acres more or less and in addition to the aforesaid lands I give him J. C. Allen two hundred dollars worth of land which he has in his possession by survey which belonged to me which is the full amount of Real Estate I want him to have out of my estate.

9th I give and bequeath to Thomas L. Alfred L. and Cleland A. Allen the only living line of my son M. J. Allen deceased the following lands containing one hundred and thirty five acres of land more or less lying and being in 3 different tracts in District No. 3 of DeKalb County Tennessee which is fully described in Deeds made to me by J. M. Anderson and wife Missouri Anderson and C. M. Anderson & wife M. A. Anderson which is acknowledged by them all and recorded as required by law. Now I give said land to the above named grand children for their use but I am to have the full control of said land at my discretion and to be subject to mine and my Executors J. C. Allen orders and that the same on said land be paid out of the crops or proceeds of the lands and the said land not to be sold or transferred or conveyed by either of them until the youngest son Cleland A. Allen is twenty five years of age.

10th I give and bequeath to my son W. L. Allen and his heirs after him the following tract or parcel of land lying in Dist. No. 9 & 10 DeKalb County Tennessee and con-

taining by estimation two hundred and fifty seven acres more or less and bounded as follows: Beginning on a White Oak the beginning corner of the 200 acre tract and running thence East 46 poles to a Hickory on the Top of the Ridge thence running North 200 poles to a stake in Fisher's line thence 40 poles to the North East corner. The 200 acre survey or tract thence West 60 poles with a conditional line made by John Fish and Benjamin Payton to a stake thence South 200 poles to a stake thence East 160 poles to the Beginning of the 200 acre tract running so as to include the lands known the said W. L. Allen now live to him and his heirs after him.

11th I have given to my son A. Q. Allen the sum of Five hundred dollars in money which I give him instead of any land, which has been paid to him in money and on his just debts by his request to the amount of four hundred and forty dollars, which leaves due him the sum of sixty dollars in money which is to be paid to him by or on my executor in any way that he may see proper or at any time I or they see proper if paid to him by me during my lifetime the same will be charged to him on my Black book of accounts against my children which make for him all that I ever desire for him to out of my real estate and which fully makes him equal with the rest of my children in land but should there be any personal effects after the death of both me and wife then he is to share equal in personally with the rest of my children and he is not bound in any way for the support or maintenance of me or my wife should we grow helpless and come to need any thing from the proceeds or rents of any lands that I have given my children in the order of this age and manner.

12th I have given to my son E. N. Allen and his heirs after him the following tract or parcel of land to wit: lying in District No. 9 DeKalb County Tennessee containing one hundred and thirty seven acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows: Beginning on a small Birch corner of lot No. 1 of my home land surveyed and marked out by J. C. Camaday and running on a ridge running thence South 20° West 86 poles to a Black Oak and Chestnut Oak thence South 80° West 14 poles thence South 82° West 66 poles thence South 47° West 9 poles to a Chestnut Oak Isaac Cantrell's corner thence North 60° West 38 poles to a double Chestnut thence North 84° West 28 poles to a Black Oak thence North 84° West 26 poles to a stake Allen's corner thence North 20 poles to two Chestnuts thence North 10° West 30 poles to corner of lot No. 3 thence East 20 poles to a second road thence South 48° East 16 poles thence South 10° East

22 poles to a chestnut Oak Thence East 8 poles Thence North 75° East 16 poles Thence North 59° East 20 poles to a rock Thence South 55° East 20 poles Thence South 10° East 72 poles to a stake Thence to a rock corner in the lot Thence North to a walnut corner in the line in the lot Thence North West 41° East 40 1/2 poles to a rock corner Thence South 78° East 18 poles to a rock at the branch Thence East 18 poles to a Birch Thence South 50° East 29 poles to an elm Thence South 17° West 21 poles to an ash corner on the ridge Thence South 80° West 40 poles to a poplar Thence South 43° West 18 poles to the beginning I require the said E. S. Allen to keep up the cross fence between the land that I have given him and the land I give to my son E. S. Allen as the lot line now runs between said land now the land that I have given him I think is much more than the lands I have given to my other children and I require him to pay back to me on to approximate the sum of three hundred dollars for which he is to execute his note to me for the sum of three hundred dollars, if these notes is found in my possession at my death they will not be paid if not they are paid.

13 1/2 I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca F. Allen the following tract or parcel of land lying in district to 9 Dec. Kalb county Tennessee containing one hundred and three acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows to wit: beginning on a stake and pointing Albert Fraig's corner running Thence North 66 poles to the fence Thence North 17° East 4 poles Thence South 84° East 14 poles Thence North 12° East 10 poles Thence North 18° West 50 1/2 poles to a stake in the original line Thence with the same North 44 poles to a stake Thence West 69 poles to a stake Thence North 40 poles to a stake Thence West 92 poles a Birch corner of lot No 8 Thence South 44 poles to a large black Oak Thence East 48 poles to a small Hickory Thence South 7 poles to a Sassafras Thence East 36 poles to a small Poplar Thence South 68 poles to a sugar tree and Hornbeam on the back of the branch South 73° West 16 poles to a rock corner Thence South 25 poles to a Birch Thence South 50° East 29 poles to an elm Thence South 17° West 21 poles to an ash corner on the ridge Thence with said line South 30° West 40 poles to a Poplar Thence South South 92° West 18 poles to the beginning now I give this land to my daughter Rebecca F. Allen to her and to her off spring after her but she is yet single and living with me and should she never marry or have no child or children of hers to her this land I want this tract of land that I have given her sold by my executor

on such terms as they may think best and apply the proceeds to the use of myself and wife to keep us up in our old age But after our death then any remainder of said proceeds of her land to be equally divided between all my children first if she marry and leave child or children then this land to be hers and her children after her.

14 I give and bequeath to my son Erving B. Allen Allen and to his heirs after him the following tract or parcel of land known as my home plantation on which I now live containing by estimation two hundred and twenty six acres be the same more or less and bounded as follows beginning on a stake and pointing at North West corner of the lands I give to my son E. S. Allen running Thence North 30° West 23 poles to a maple bush Thence North 10° West 28 poles to a stake and pointing Thence North 48° East 21 poles to a corner of Thence North 85° East 4 poles Thence North 45° East 26 poles to a Hickory Thence North with the line of my land and the lands of Hugh Page to a stake and pointing which is my North West corner of the four hundred and sixty acres of my home lands near Page's fence Thence East with my line to a Birch corner of lot No 1 of the land I give to my daughter Rebecca F. Allen Thence South 44 poles to a large black Oak Thence East 48 poles to a small Hickory Thence South 7 poles to a Sassafras Thence East 36 poles to a small Poplar Thence South 68 poles to a sugar tree and Hornbeam on the back of the branch Thence up the branch South 73° West 16 poles to a rock corner Thence South 25 poles to a Birch Thence West 18 poles a Birch corner near the branch running Thence with the line of the lands I have given to my son E. S. Allen with his various courses and lines back to the beginning corner of this land now I give him this land but he is yet small and under age and should he die leaving no children to him said land then in that case I desire that after my death and my wife that the land be sold and proceeds equally divided among all my heirs But I reserve to myself and wife a home on this tract that I have given him for us and that we have the use and control of the dwelling house so long as we desire to live in them but when he arrives of full age I will give him the use of part of said lands for his benefit and after mine and my wife's death he will then take control and have all the land that I have set out the boundaries to him.

15 1/2

I have now divided and give to my children all real estate except eighty five acres of land lying near

of the lands I have given my son Wm. Allen which if not sold and disposed of by me during my life time I want my Executors to sell said eighty acres of land and make title there in any way that they may think best either on time or for cash and apply the money to the benefit of my beloved wife to help her in her old age but after her death the money for the same to be equally divided among all my children

16th I have now set forth in this will and given to each one of my children to whom I have given land and to their children after them but I reserve to myself and to my Executors after me the following rights and privileges that is to say should I desire to sell or till any part of the lands I have given to any of them I am to do so unmolested and should myself or wife need or become in need and want any rents from any of said lands for our support we are to have them and further more the timber on said lands is not to be removed sold and destroyed should either J. C. Allen Wm. Allen or H. Allen or Martha A. Strip ever want to sell or chop their lands that I have given them for other lands it is not to be done without my consent during my life time and the consent of my Executors after me should they think to sell the lands and buy other lands would be better for either of them than to keep the lands I have given them they may make the sale and convey the title to them and have the title made to them and their heirs after them as I have set out in this will and in no other way but the lands that I have given to E. N. Allen Rebecca F. Allen and Emma B. Allen to always be as I have set out to them and to their heirs after them and never to change hands except the two last named are having no issue then in that case to be carried out as I have herein set forth but a free pass may over any of the said lands belonging to the three last named here and a free pass to any and all matter on either of these tracts is to be free and I am to have a free pass my over the lands towards Holm's Creek and to there being on the upper place after me.

17 Now my son Wm. Allen and Ewing B. Allen is both sickly or unwell and if they should die and leave their children or they become in need I want my Executors to see after them and if they need it to apply the rents of their lands to the benefit of their children until the youngest child becomes of age

18 Now every word that is written here in this will was done before I assigned the same and want it to be understood

19 Lastly I appoint my three sons H. H. & E. N. Allen to this my last will and Testament and desire that they carry out this will verbatim as I have set forth herein to which I have hereunto set my hand and seal the August 29th 1874.

Alfred Allen
J. D. Grapp
J. B. Bantrell
P. G. Taylor
W. H. McKinzie

Signed sealed and delivered in our presence and by request of said Testator we have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto and we further state that the said Alfred Allen at the time of making and assigning the same was of sound mind and disposing memory to which we have this day subscribed our names as witnesses hereto this August 29th 1874.

J. D. Grapp
J. B. Bantrell
P. G. Taylor
W. H. McKinzie

Codicil

1st I Alfred Allen make the following as an addition or Codicil to my last will and Testament being still of sound mind and disposing memory having first to see my two youngest children Rebecca F. and E. B. Allen at full age and I have given them the full amount of their personal property out of my Estate equally with all my other children so my Executors will not be put to any trouble in assigning or purchasing any personal property for them as the same is done by me in my lifetime.

2 I give to my daughter Martha A. Strip in her lifetime and to her children after her 82 acres of land and she now being dead I declare that her sons H. H. & E. N. Strip her only heirs shall not sell or dispose of their shares or interests in and to the said 82 acres of land except they sell and convey to each other their shares in said 82 acres of land during mine or my wife's lives or lifetime but they may if they see proper sell their shares to each other

3rd In addition to the lands I have set out and given to my son E. N. Allen which is striken off of the lands that I give to E. B. Allen twenty acres which is surveyed and located as follows beginning on a Bench on a dry Branch running thence North 72° East 20 poles to a stake thence North 75° West to a stake on top of a ridge thence South 75°

East 10 poles to a stake Thence South 8¹/₂ East 4 poles to a stake Thence East 8¹/₂ 12 poles to a stake Thence East 13 poles to a small Poplar Thence South 55 poles to a water creek in the branch Thence up the branch South 75¹/₂ West 14 poles to a large rock in the branch Thence South 24 poles to a creek Thence West 30 poles to the beginning to have and to hold the same to him and his children after him as stipulated in the will to him hereofon, I give this to said E. B. Allen for his good attention and help to me and my wife in our old age.

4th In addition to the lands I have heretofore given my daughter Rebecca F. Mullican formerly Allen ten acres more land which is deeded to her and the deed is ready for her if not in her possession now it can be this land together with the 103 acres heretofore set out to her in this will is solely for her and for her body hereon and her child or children at her death to have full control of said land and not her husband J. F. Mullican.

5th The lands that I have given to my son E. B. Allen I desire to say that he is to have the use of half the home farm and the other half for the sole use of myself and wife Anna Allen, including the mansion house for us during our natural lives and after we are done with the same and come to our deaths then all of the home lands is to go to my son E. B. Allen his heirs after him and should he die leaving no issue and his wife is still living she is to have half of the use of said home lands during her natural life or widowhood. But should she have child or children by said E. B. Allen my son Thence after myself and wife is both dead then her children is to have the whole of the home lands but should said E. B. Allen die without issue then said lands to go to his wife during her widowhood one half and the other as long as we and my wife live and at our death and her marriage or death without issue then the whole of said lands belonging to said E. B. Allen is to be sold and effects divided between all.

His brothers and sisters & said E. B. Allen is to keep up the cross fence on the West side of the branch between said E. B. Allen & E. B. Allen so long as he farms fence. I give out of my personal effects after my death to my beloved wife Anna Allen one horse saddle & Paddle one cow, one calf and as many hogs as is needed for her Thence head of sheep together with all the farming tools implements &c. on my

farm and all the house hold and kitchen furniture of every kind is to remain and belong to her and not to be removed from my home during her lifetime with 50⁰⁰ in money \$20⁰⁰ the 1st year \$15⁰⁰ the 2nd \$15⁰⁰ the 3rd year and after her death and decent burial then all the property that is left her or as much as remains on hand is to be sold by my Executors & equally divided of in paying all expenses with all my children and their heirs.

6th All the balance of my personal effects and property of every kind is to be sold and after paying all just debts and funeral expenses after my death to be equally divided among all my children, but I desire for my Executors out of my personal effects to put Cornelius at mill and my wife grave.

This May 29th 1884
Alfred L. Allen
Mark

Attest
J. F. Grapp
Notary Public

Penelope J. Smith's Will

State of Tennessee,
DeKalb County.

Be it remembered that I, Penelope J. Smith being of sound mind and desirous of making some disposition of my property in my lifetime do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made.

1st I desire that all my just debts be paid as soon as convenient, out of my personal property I may be seized and possessed of.

2nd I hereby will devise and bequeath my property in the following manner that is to say I will and bequeath to my son Alfred P. Smith who has cared for and protected me in my old age all of my real estate consisting of one half interest in the tract of land upon which we now live and one half interest in a piece of timbered land of about 18 acres known as lot no. 9 of J. Smiths home tract as sold by Commissioner Smith.

3rd I will to my son Alfred all of my parlor furniture and carpet, consisting of one sideboard, one sideboard, one set chairs, also my bookcase, Sugar chest safe, dining table and wardrobe, also the mattress and bed and bedclothing belonging to my parlor bed.

4th I will back of my daughters, Jane Reynolds and Catherine Robinson ten hundred dollars to be paid to them in two years after my death.

5th I will to my daughter Jane Reynolds my furniture and home and its contents.

6th I will to the children of my daughter Cornelia Russell Dorr two hundred dollars to be paid to them on their guardian in three years after my death.

7th I desire that all of my bedclothing not hitherto disposed of be divided equally between my children.

8th I hereby appoint my son-in-law Wm Robinson and Alfred Smith executors to my will.

Given under my hand and seal this the 12th day, May 1882.

P. J. Smith Seal

Attest:
J. F. Tuson
C. W. Martin

Emeline S. Lambersons - will

I Emeline S. Lambersons do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other will by me at any time made.

Item 1st I will and direct that all of my just debts and my burial expense be paid out of my effects of which I may die seized and possessed.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved brother William B. Preston and my beloved sister Mary A. Hollandsmith my sewing machine.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Helen Lamberson all the remainder of my estate whether it be real or personal or mixed and in as much as she is not physically able to look after and take charge of the same I will and direct that my executor hereinafter appointed shall immediately after my death take all of said estate of whatever kind into his possession and control and rent the lots or sell them or any personally which he may deem best for her interest and apply the proceeds thereof to the comfort and support of my said daughter and finally at her death, I will and direct that any balance of my estate that may be in the hands of my said executor shall be equally divided between Wm B. Preston and Mary A. Hollandsmith, my brother and sister.

Item 4th I hereby appoint my brother William B. Preston, my executor to execute and carry out this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 3rd day of September 1886.

Emeline S. Lamberson

Attest:
Wm Vick
D. E. Vick

John Morrill Will

I John Morrill of the County of Pettib, and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time hitherto made.

And first I direct that my body be decently interred at my family burying ground 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 funeral expenses be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come to the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate, real or personal.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary, my home farm, where I now live to have full control of the same during her natural life, also all the money that may die possessed of, also all the debts that are owing me, at my death, for her own use and benefit, also as much other of my personal estate as she may see proper to keep, but after her decease for all and every part thereof, that may remain to be equally divided between our children.

Thirdly - I here state that I have already given my three sons, William H. Albert V. and Benjamin M. Morrill, five hundred dollars worth of land, and have executed to each of them, my deed which deeds I desire to stand. I have also given each of my four daughters viz: Mary Healy, Elizabeth Gagner, Sarah Gurner, and Josephine Moton, from time to time certain property for which I charged them in a deed - I have also given my daughter Jane Johnson some property which is also charged. I now give and bequeath to her the said Jane Johnson and her bodily heirs, a certain tract of land adjoining the land whereon John Johnson now lives, beginning on a bush in a low gap on my line, running a north course to Johnsons line, thence up a bush to the mouth of a small hollow, thence a west course to Wm Morrills corner, a bush and sugar tree, thence South East with said line to two beeches, thence South to a stake in A. D. Morrills line, thence a South East course with a conditional line between John Morrill & A. D. Morrill to the beginning, containing thirty acres more or less, for which I charge her three hundred and fifty dollars. I also held a certain note on her husband that I want her to have for which she is to be charged, but she is not to have

interest on the same.

I now further direct that my tract of land adjoining Mr. Merritt, with all my personal estate except what my wife wishes to keep, be sold to the highest bidder, on such time as will be to the best interest to the heirs, out of which I want a settlement made according to my will, with my five daughters, & each of them half, or be made up equal to five hundred dollars each. Then at the decease of my wife Agnes, I desire the land on which I now live, to be sold in like manner and all & every part of my estate according to this my last will and Testament equally divided among my eight children. I further desire and direct that my real estate be sold by my executors without any delay of court, and that my heirs all join in making the title to the purchaser or purchasers, as the case may be.

I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my two beloved sons, William H. and Rufus M. Merritt Executors of this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I John Merritt the said testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand & seal, this twenty fourth day of January A.D. 1876

John Merritt Seal

Signed sealed & published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the Testator & of each other.

Witness

Gas. M. Lee
J. C. Banton
J. P. Lee

James S. Palmer. Will

I James S. Palmer do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time made, first I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or that I may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my three young children Mary R. Columbus P. and Martha J. Palmer all of my personal property of every description in the house and out of doors after my debts are paid, to be used by my Executor for their use in raising them. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my five youngest children to wit, Luke H. John S. Mary R. Columbus P. and Martha J. Palmer all of my real property consisting of about one hundred and forty acres to remain together or not to be divided until my youngest child becomes of age then to be divided or sold and the proceeds to be equally between them divided. Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint George M. Palmer Esq. my Executor to this my last will and Testament, given under my hand this the 2nd day of Aug. 1887.

James S. Palmer.

At the request of the Testator, Mr. Kirby sign our names as witnesses to the within, This the 2nd day of August 1887.
C. Ashburn
Manuel Herron.

John L. Ayers - Will

State of Tennessee,
DeKalb County

Know all men by these presents that I John L. Ayers knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and being in my right mind do make and constitute this my last will and testament revoking all others by me made 1st. I will that my Executor sell sell so much of my personal property to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and the remainder I will to my beloved wife Delila all my realty and personal property consisting of a farm where I now live on in the 19th District of said County and State, bounded forth by Johnsons and Stevens met by James Malone South by Stokes and Rice, East by Smiths Fork and Rice, containing fifty five acres more or less, and all my stock grain and hay all my household and kitchen furniture during her natural life or widowhood and then to be equally divided between all my children except James Milas the cripple and he to have one thousand dollars more than the rest to wit: Liza nor the wife of William Malone Lucy Ann, Mary Elizabeth, Ada Catharine, Dela Tennessee, and M. Mattie Letta. I further will that my beloved wife Delila be my Executor to have all power to settle collect and wind up my business as I now have it is my will that neither my son nor my wife have any thing to do with my property whatever except as herein provided. I further will and request that the Court permit my wife Delila to enter upon the duties of her office without giving bond.

Aug 20th. 1887.

Attest

W. S. Robinson

John L. Ayers

I further will that if my wife should die before my youngest child should arrive at its majority the land to be retained for the use of such minor or minors when the youngest child is of lawful age the land to be sold and divided as then in set forth.

Aug. 20th. 1887.

at W. S. Robinson
W. S. Robinson

John L. Ayers

Isaac Hays will

I Isaac Hays, a citizen of DeKalb County and of the State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the certainty of death do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby making and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

1st - I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may be seized or possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor and should I die not leaving money enough on notes or accounts on hand to pay said debts and expenses, then I desire that so much of my personal property or effects be sold by my Executor as will pay the same and all the balance of my personal effects and property to belong to my wife Helen Hays to raise my children that may be living with me at my death and after they are of age I want each one of them that is with me at my death to be made equal out of my personal effects with those that are married off that is to say give them each a bed and bedding and one cow and calf when each of them is made equal in this respect, then the remainder of all my property to belong to my wife Helen Hays during her natural life or widowhood then at her death or marriage I want all my personal effects and property of every kind sold by my Executor on such time and in the way that he may think best and divide the money that may be realized from it among all girls by my last wife and my grand son Maxon Page.

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Jas. R. Hays to my son R. H. Hays and Isaac Hays my three sons all of my real estate or lands which myself and them will divide and establish the lines and corners and set out the boundaries of each ones tract or parcels of lands and will leave with them my tillage property, property, records and this my will shall be this will for each ones land by it to have title out of me and all my other children and must the title of each tract in my three sons by them paying the following amount of money to the three last of my girl children by my wife Helen Hays Jas. R. to have the lower place on which tract

the sum of three hundred dollars at the time she is twenty one years of age and R. H. Hays is to have the middle or middle farm or as I may fix the line between him and John R. Hays by him paying to my daughter Mary Hays the sum of three hundred dollars at time she arrives to twenty one years of age and to Isaac R. Hays my home or Berry farm by him paying to Eliza H. Hays my youngest daughter the sum of three hundred dollars at the time she arrives at the age of twenty one years and for a home on Isaac Hays part of said land for myself and wife during our natural lives or the marriage of my wife after my death and I have paid to my two daughters that have married off and left my Kinship Phylus & Rebecca Stames the sum of three hundred dollars each for their share in my said land or real estate and have given them their personal part out of my estate until after the death of myself and wife. I have heretofore given and done for my grand children and their families all that is due them from my estate in any way to wit Elizabeth J. Agee and the heirs of Elizabeth Taylor my daughter who married Joel Taylor.

Lastly I annunciate and appoint W. A. Porter to this my last will and testament signed sealed and delivered in our names as witnesses my witnesses Linton This May 17th 1883.

Isaac Hays

Attest J. J. Drapp
J. J. Drapp

W. H. Davis Will

Be it Remembered That I W. H. Davis of the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee. Do make this my last will and testament in manner following.

That is to say

I order and direct that all my just debts shall be paid with convenient speed. I give unto my two daughters Hannah and Mary Davis for coxter troubles they had with their grand mother mother and me my home tract of land lying on the waters of Snake Creek in the 5th District of DeKalb County Tennessee and bounded as follows Beginning at the South East Corner of J. M. Cantrell's Garden Thence round said Garden to the fence Thence West with said Cantrell's fence to a post oak in said Cantrell's line of a tract of thirty acres bought of W. H. Davis Thence South to a mulberry tree in A. C. Gird's corner Thence with the meanders of the branch to a cross-fence between W. G. Cantrell and W. H. Davis Thence East with said cross-fence to the well branch Thence North with the meanders of the said branch to the corner of J. B. Davis fence Thence East to the Mt. Minnerville and Smithville road Thence North with said road to the beginning corner at the garden I W. H. Davis retain the right to govern and control said land until my death after my death said girls are to have the right and title to all the house hold furniture. I hereby nominate and appoint J. B. Davis and J. J. Potter the executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 20th day of August one thousand eight hundred and eighty seven W. H. Davis (J) Signed Sealed delivered and published by the said W. H. Davis for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto W. A. Potter Bear Branch Tennessee J. H. Potter Bear Branch Tennessee

W. B. C. Burtons Will.

In the name of God &c. I W. B. C. Burton of DeKalb County Tennessee being of lawful age and in full possession of my proper mind and all my reasoning faculties do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

I bequeath my soul to God and my body to the earth from which it came.

I direct that all of my debts and funeral expenses be paid with speed, after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid. Then for the love and consideration that I have for my second wife Amanda Green Burton, I do give and bequeath unto her all of my personal property, such as mules horses cattle hogs & sheep, and the wagon and farming utensils, for her and the sole use of our children, or so much of the personal property as she may need, and that to be left of my property with my wife Amanda Green. After my death as to the kind and amount of personal property that I may die lawfully seized and possessed, then after she has selected the kind and amount of the property as above stated as will be sufficient to meet her and our six little children's demands, I then direct that the balance of the remainder of said property, such as may be left of wagons, horses, mules cattle hogs and sheep after my wife has made her selection for her and the children use out of said above stated property, then the remainder is to be sold by my Executor on a credit of twelve months.

I give and devise all of my real estate to my beloved wife as follows: That is to say, that I will unto her, all of my home tract of land during her natural life or widowhood, and then if she should ~~be~~ to be my widow and again marry then I direct and devise that she have one hundred acres cut off to her sole use and benefit of the home tract of land which shall include the mansion house, and all of the orchard and other fixtures thereto that may be on said hundred acres, it being a part of the entire tract or parcel of the home tract of land which includes by survey and grant and deed about 480 acres which grant and deed to said home tract of land is hereby referred to and made a part of the will for reference as to no. of acres.

boundaries &c. I further direct and devise that in the event my wife shall marry again then said hundred acres herein set out shall not be subject to the debts of her future husband, and at her death then the said one hundred acres shall revert in my body heirs and that without the hindrance of my own estate.

I further devise and direct that if my wife shall not marry again that she have the entire control of all the home tract of land subject to her control and use during her natural life and at her death I further direct and devise that all of my home tract of land herein described be equally divided between all of my bodily heirs. I further direct and devise that in any event that my wife shall marry again that after taking out the one hundred acres as above stated to her use during her natural life, then she is not to have any further control of the remainder interest in said home tract of land but said remainder interest shall revert in my bodily heirs and I further direct that said remainder interest in said home tract of land be equally divided by my Executor between each and every one of them so as to earn their best interest and each one of the heirs shall draw, through some disinterested person, a ticket, which ticket shall contain the number of the lot of land said heir is to have in said division.

I also further direct and devise that at my wife's death that the one hundred acres herein set out, be equally divided between each and every one of my bodily heirs, as herein set out for the division of the other lands to be divided. I further direct and devise that after said lands as herein described are equally divided according to the no. of heirs entitled, that my Executor make an order to be made a good and sufficient deed to each and all of the heirs to their respective lots of land drawn by them. The above tract of land is situated in Putnam County and DeKalb County Tennessee.

I further will direct and devise that my tract of land which is all together in Putnam County known as the Martin tract of land and containing 173 acres and lying on the head waters of mud tick creek be under the immediate control of my wife and remain unaltered until the period of her own demise of the will then the same

of the sale of said land is to be equally divided between all of my bodily heirs.

I further will devise and devise that said land be sold on one and no more time at public sale I further direct that my Executor shall after my wife has received all of the personal property that she may need to the use of herself and children, sell the remainder on a credit of twelve months.

I further direct that when my surplus property shall have been sold as directed and the proceeds collected and all notes, due bills, accounts, judgments collected that are now owing and due me I then further direct and will that the money be put at interest, only what is necessary to be spent for the educating of the children and other legal expenses and that the same is to be under the immediate control and management of my wife Amanda Ellen Burton I further generally will and direct that my wife keep and retain all of the household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils of every kind and description that is now on hand and the Blacksmith tools for the five boys as follows, Jno. D. Burton, George D. Burton, Newton Clara Burton, Wm. D. Burton and D. Burton.

I further direct, bequeath and devise that my will be carried out in every particular as to the things mentioned herein, put out at the time and place as herein described put out to the sale use and benefit of my beloved wife and six little children, viz: John D. Burton, boy, George D. Burton, boy, Newton Clara Burton, boy, William D. Burton, boy, Minnie Nell a girl, Manson Bird a boy.

I further will bequeath, and devise that the children herein mentioned at the death or marriage of their mother Amanda Ellen Burton that each and every one of them shall share equally and all alike as herein put out, and after the death of their mother any and all of the personal effects that may here come by me either personal real or mixed shall be equally divided among each and every one of them so all are provided for in this will alike.

I hereby make all wills by me heretofore made and constitute me as Burton Burton.

this my last will and testament without fraud. In witness whereof I the above named testator have this day set my hand and seal this 1st day of January 1888.

W.D.C. Burton

Then and then signed and sealed and published by W.D.C. Burton the testator as and for his last will in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in presence of each other have here set our names as witnesses.

Witness
Witness
Witness

D. E. Puckett (Read)
Wm. Goodman (Read)
L. F. Puckett (Read)

G. W. Null
will

I George Null of G. W. Null for the love and affection, I have for my wife Mary Ann V. M. Null. I do hereby give transfer and convey unto her all of my lands that I am seized and possessed of containing one hundred and thirty acres more or less lying in DeKalb Co. Tennessee known and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at the mouth of Nulls Branch on a ditch running up the river to Mitchell's place, thence south to Naylor's place line to a stake, thence East to said Naylor's line to a Rock, thence South to a Peach Social corner, thence North direction with the said Naylor's line to a maple, thence North direction with Joseph Winchester's line to a Black Oak, thence West with Joseph Winchester's line to a Pine Oak, thence North direction with said Winchester's line to a Peach Walnut stump, thence East of North down the river to the beginning, also two acres or half where I now live bounded as follows, commencing on a Rock South direction to a Rock corner, thence running East direction with said Joseph Winchester's line to an Oak, thence West with same Williams line to the beginning, with all its pertaining acres, Estate title and interest I have in said lands after my death or so long as the Mary Ann V. M. Null should remain a widow and at the expiration of the above statement the said lands is to be equally divided between my three living children, G. W. Null, Sarah Elizabeth Null, and John Null.

will. I also want my three grand children Eliza
Hull, Missouri Francis Hull and Ida Washington Hull
to have three dollars each out of my personal effects
and at the my death I want my wife Mary Ann
H. M. Hull and three living children W. P. Hull Sa-
rah Elizabeth Hull, Van Cleveland Hull to have and
hold my perishable property, notes and accounts and
all other assets in hand at that date, and this
to be equally divided. I further claim the right
and the control of transferring, selling or conveying
such above named lands & property, so long as
I live or any part thereof described in said
will.

I warrant and forever defend the title to
the said lands in every part thereof to my wife
Mary Ann H. M. Hull and three living children
W. P. Hull & Sarah Elizabeth Hull, Van Cleveland Hull
and assigns against any claim to be made by
me or any other person claiming through or under
me or otherwise. I also warrant the title of
all my perishable property, notes or money to
my said wife and three living children in
witness whereof I hereunto affix my signature, this
the 7th day of August 1887 (H. W. Hull)

Witnesses

W. V. Winchester
J. S. Gadd
J. M. Dullin
R. S. Allcorn

For Order Probating above see min. book N. Page 91.

Andrew Williams
Hill

I Andrew Williams do make and Publish this as my
last will and Testament.

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

Secondly - I give and bequeath all my real
and personal property to my wife Mervilla Williams
as long as she remains my widow.

Third - I give and bequeath at the death of her
Mervilla all my real and personal property that may

be left to my son Lycurgus Williams.
Lastly - I do hereby nominate and appoint my
son Lycurgus Williams my Executor in witness
whereof I do this 17th day of August 1887
Feb. The 17 day 1888 Andrew Williams

Witness J. P. Robey
H. R. Lawrence

Signed and published in our
presence and we have subscribed our
names hereto in the presence of the De-
fendant the day and date above written.

Joseph Morion Pullum's Will

I Joseph Morion Pullum living near Laurel Hill De Kalb County Tenn a former master this my last will I give and bequeath my estate & property real and personal as follows (that is to say I give unto my wife Pershing C Pullum all my household & kitchen furniture and my horse cows hog and all my agricultural implements to have sell and convey in any manner that she may deem and appropriate all the proceeds to her own use.

It is further my will that all my debts be paid as early as possible I further will to my wife Pershing C Pullum all my lands with all its appurtenances to have hold rent and sell or will the same to her & her heirs and assigns forever said lands being on a tributary of Wolf Creek District No 16 County of De Kalb and State of Tennessee bounded as follows North by W. V. Menckert East by James Schell's line South by Putnam County line & Charles Huddleston's South & West by S. H. Smith reference is here made to my deeds for further description of aforesaid lands and lies.

It is my will that my wife Pershing C Pullum by this my last will have complete title to above described lands and it is to descend to her & her heirs or assigns or to whomsoever she may by a last will give the same forever I hereby exclude my heirs on and all persons who may claim a part of my estate real or personal by reason of kinship they may claim to me It is further my will that my executor with the advice & consent of my wife may sell any or all my personal property for the purpose of paying my debts on they may need aforesaid lands and apply the moneys to payments of my debts and the cost of administration on my executor with the advice and consent of my wife Pershing C Pullum may sell a part of aforesaid lands sufficient to pay all my debts & cost of administration all money left over from said sales to pay to my wife for her sole use & benefit I appoint W. L. Woodville of said Hill a physician executor of this my will

I am witnesses whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at home on the tenth day of December 1888

Joseph Morion Pullum
Signed sealed and published in the presence of

W. L. Woodville
L. J. Corner

Samantha P. Neal Will
State of Tenn.

De Kalb County } So all who it may concern
I Samantha P. Neal being of said County and low full age, and influenced only by love and relationship do hereby make this my last will and testament, after all just debts are paid and all moneys in possession, acquirement or interest are met I hereby bequeath and give to Mrs S. Hooker, Pendleton one third of my person property and third of the same to J. H. Moore and one third of the same to the two boys of my father, Jettan Dea, Blue Jettan and John Jettan I father, well and bequeath all my real estate to J. H. Moore which consists of our house and lot in the town of Alexandria De Kalb Co, Tenn, on Church St, containing one acre more or less fronting Church St, about 190 ft. bounded on the North by the alley from Church St, to High Street and out to the cemetery By the east C. & D. Road running 190 ft. to a stone thence West with S. A. Swireness line 128 ft. to Church Street thence North 190 ft. to said Alley and running with said Alley 158 ft.

I also appoint J. H. Moore and Jas. B. Pendleton executors of this my last will and testament to take effect after my death

Witnesses } J. H. Moore
J. B. Pendleton
Samantha P. Neal

244 A B Hicks Will

I A B Hicks being of sound mind and disposing memory make this my last will and testament revoking all other wills heretofore by me at any time made

1st I give and bequeath to my wife Matilda Hicks my entire fortune now vested I now live to be hers during her natural life or widowhood with all the crop on hand either growing or otherwise

2nd I also give to my wife all my farming tools of every description including wagon buggy and persey all that the store that I may have at my death of every description all the house hold & kitchen furniture with all the money notes & accounts that I may be seized and possessed of.

3rd I give to my son George D Hicks at the death or marriage of my wife all the lands that I bequeathed to my wife Matilda to have and to hold for his use & benefit.

4th I give to my daughter Mary Ann Vacatta the farm she formerly lived on known as the Allen Nelson farm

5th I give to my grand son Asa Griffith my house and lot in the town of Alexandria that I bought of Mr. Simpson

Attest A D Morley A B Hicks more M C Kauloud

M C Kauloud Will 244

I M C Kauloud wife of G W Kauloud being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the certainty of death do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all and making void all other wills by me at any time made

1 I direct that all my just debts and funeral debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be seized or possessed of or may forth come into the hands of my Exr.

2 After this is done that is all my debts and funeral expenses paid I give and bequeath to my beloved husband all my property of every kind both real and personal which during his natural life and I die before he is put into and getting out on nursing who shall be a sole Proprietor after his death and he may see proper to give said property to any person or persons then to whom he may wish that after my death it shall belong to whom he may say in this will or an addition or codicil to his will this I do give more and fulfill he but he is that is my husband is to be the sole owner & have full control of all my property both real & personal for his sole use during his natural life known under my hand this July 25th 1885 M C Kauloud (w)

Lastly I am to nominate and appoint J P Propp my Exr. to this my last will signed sealed & delivered in our presence & at the request of the testator we have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto This July 25th 1885

Attest J P Propp M C Kauloud Jane Propp more

Wm Sellors Will

I Wm Sellors make this as my last will & testament hereby revoking all wills made by me.

- 1st It is my will that all of my just debts be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor (including my funeral & burials -)
- 2nd It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Malvina Sellors have and my property both real & personal during her natural life & she is vested with the right to dispose of any of my personal property or the rents and profits of the land for her support & maintenance during her life.
- 3rd It is my will that after the death of my wife that all my real estate & all the personal property on hand be equally divided between my children & grand children here named: R. T. Sellors, C. B. Sellors, Mollie Seagraves, Corilee Turner, Laura Williams, Maggie Sellors, ^{fully possessing & free from mortgage} Victor ^{fully possessing & free from mortgage} Sellors, the late Louis and the children of my dead daughter Lissa Jennings & they one to represent one share in said division.
- 4th It is my will & desire that all the property given to my daughter Corilee Turner, Mollie Seagraves, Laura Williams and my grand daughter Maggie Jennings be given to them ^{fully possessing & free from mortgage} their sole & separate use, free from the debts, contracts or control of their husbands in which they now live or may here after live.
- 5th The property herein willed to my son R. T. Sellors is given to C. B. Sellors trustee for him & he is to hold the same & control it for the said R. T. Sellors & it is not to be liable for any debt now owing by my said son R. T. but in case he should become thrifty and free from any business and no more able to manage & does said property then he is to become his own master.

Having confidence in the fidelity of C. B. Sellors, he will not be required to execute any bond for the faithful performance of his trust. I hereby nominate and appoint R. T. Sellors as my Executor to execute this will.

I execute in my name in the presence of C. B. Sellors & M. Chapman who are subscribing witnesses & my request.

This 20 day of Jan'y 1890 Wm Sellors

Witness

Thos. Chapman
M. Chapman

Johnathan Deadman's Will 243

State of Tenn

De Kalb County

August 10, 1881

- I Johnathan Deadman being of sound mind & memory do make and constitute this my last will & testament.
- 1st I will that after my death that my burial expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any money or property that may be on hand at my death.
 - 2nd I will to my beloved wife Elizabeth all the property on hand after my burial expenses and just debts are paid.
 - 3rd I will to Martha D. Deadman a part of my tract of land on which he now lives. I have executed to him a deed for the same about sixty acres.
 - 4th I will to Patterson Deadman a part of my tract of land on which he now lives I have executed to him a deed for the same about sixty acres.
 - 5th I will to Wm Deadman all the land that I had on the north side of Hackers creek and the upper orchard about sixty acres in all on which he and myself now live for which I have executed to him a deed.
 - 6th I will to Martha D. Deadman my Grand daughter now the wife of C. B. Fisher alone to her and her children apart of my tract of land known as the place that I bought from Wm Sales and about eleven acres joining it on the west making about forty one acres for which I have executed to her a deed. Further I will that a passway be to her tract of land from the N.E. and N.W. & S.W. corners road through Wm Deadman's land near the branch three gates or dray ways.
 - 7th I will that Mary Pauls children have nothing more of my estate for they have had their full share in land & cash & other advances made.
 - 8th I will that after my decease & the decease of my wife if she should survive me if there be any remains either money notes or other property on hand that my Executor or executors collect & see the same & divide it equally between my three sons.
 - 9th I will that if any of the parties mentioned in this will or any one else should desert from this will they should not be entitled to any thing mentioned in this will & shall for said all the right & title to all the benefits of this will. In further will those deeds mentioned in this will be delivered to each one after my death.

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says not before

I for this will that when Deadman my son has appointed my Executor by this my will I am situated as here of. I hereunto set my hand & seal in the presence of the witnesses and on this day and date thereof

This the 14th of May 1885

Johnathan Deadman

Attest G.W. Gragon
J.B. Dubb

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Sullivan Adcock Will

I Sullivan Adcock of the county of DeKalb & State of Ga., do make this my last Will,

1st I desire and request that after my death my body shall be decently and respectfully buried in the good & good where my wife was buried.

2nd I desire and request that all my personal and just debts be paid and I desire that my executors pay them out of my Life Insurance Policy or to sell my fine house and apply the proceeds of said to my debt as they may deem best to the interest of all the children and I also desire that the remainder of my Life Insurance Policy be divided equally among all my children.

3rd I desire and request that my four youngest children be made equal in stock and have had property with my other children.

4th I request that my minor children have the use and benefit of my house including dwelling house, stables & barns until they desire to make other arrangements. I also desire that they have the present growing and that the three youngest children have the use of the farming tools & land can also use them if he stops with them. I desire that they use them so as not to conflict with one another's work.

5th I leave my son John and my son in law John Martin are security for my son in law John Martin in a sum or sums amounting to about one hundred & thirty or Dollars, now if one or either of us should have to pay said amount or any part thereof I request and desire that my executors deduct the same amount that they should pay for him out of the amount of my estate that he owes or otherwise be entitled to.

6th I request and also appoint John Martin my son in law and my son Robert, D.C. Adcock of this my Will & be binding.

This Feb. 26th 1890
Witnessed L.E. Jenkins
L.A. Beardslee
Sullivan Adcock

Sarah Webb Will

I Sarah Webb of said mind & disposing men ory & hereby make & publish this my last Will & testament hereby making & making void all former Wills.

It is my will that after my death that I be decently buried & all my little debts be paid. I hereby will that all of my real & personal & affable estate that I have at my death be & the same is hereby bequeathed unto L. W. Webb & his wife Jennie Webb except or to the one that may survive the other & this is intended to include the tract of land on which I now live among other things.

Said land is situated in the 15th civil dist of Harrow & Shaw containing 180 acres more or less & bounded E by the land of J. G. McKim, the Vanhouse & land & N by the land of J. G. McKim, the Savage & Butterbaugh lands & W by the land of J. G. McKim.

But I reserve a decent support & maintenance out of said lands & such other property as I may have at my death for my son Daniel.

I desire that my daughter Jennie Webb & her husband or the survivor take charge of my said son Daniel Webb or have the care, control, tuition & education & provide him with suitable diet & comfortable and respectable clothing & lodging during his life & give him such medical aid & other attention as his condition may require & should they fail to do so then I hereby appoint my son B. M. Webb to take charge of him & his lands & personal property & see that he gets the above mentioned support & maintenance out of the said property in which event said Webb & wife will fully take such as may remain after my son Daniel's said support & maintenance.

This Nov 3rd 1884

Witness
B. M. Webb
J. G. Moore

Sarah Webb
my

W. W. Wade Will

I W. W. Wade of said mind and disposing memory and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

1st I bequeath my soul to the God who gave it and direct that my funeral expenses may be paid out of any money of which I may die possessed or it at which may come to the hands of my executor arriving from the sale of any of my property.

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Bettie Wade my home place situated in the town of Smithville, DeKalb County, Tennessee. This bequest however is for and during her natural life with the remainder in trust to my beloved children W. W. & Ida B. Wade it being my will and desire to provide my family with a comfortable home & I will and bequeath all my household goods to my said children, my said wife however to use and enjoy the same during her natural life.

4th I will and bequeath to my said wife and children jointly all the residue of my estate whether it be real, personal, choses in action or of whatever character.

5th I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother J. M. Wade my executor to carry into effect this my last Will and Testament with authority to enter upon the discharge of his duty without the requirement of bond and I empower and authorize to sell & dispose of any and all my said property by or with consent of my said wife applying the proceeds thereof to the satisfaction of the balance of purchase money due and during any my home place herein before mentioned. This power is given unto my said executor for the express purpose of avoiding the necessity of Court and litigation &c.

6th After the payment of the purchase money due on my said home place and providing a years support for my said family then all money arriving from the sale of any of my property the collection of claims due and an otherwise I will and direct that they be applied in payment of all my just debts and the balance of any monies be equally divided between my said wife and children. Done in the City of Nashville July 18th 1890.

Witness W. W. Wade

W. W. Wade

The foregoing will was read over to testator and
signed by him in our presence with request of
him to us to witness the same
This July 18th 1890

Wm. Brown
Mallie Eastman

Elizabeth Webb Will

I Elizabeth Webb wife of E. H. Webb of the State of Penna.
Rockhill County do make this my last Will and
testament. I request that and bequeath & do hereby make
my husband & his heirs by his first wife my lawful
& equitable heirs and that they shall have and
possess all my real & personal estate
I also request that my husband should continue to
use the same to his benefit of all my property so
long as he lives & if he should die before me then
the same shall be for the above named heirs

This Apr 13th 1890
Elizabeth Webb
monk

H. J. Jenkins } Witnesses
D. H. Webb }

J. N. Parrish^{sr} Will
 J. N. Parrish of the County
 of Suffolk & State of Minnesota do make this my
 last will & testament,

1st I desire & request that my beloved
 wife Nancy, Parrish, have all of my personal & Real
 Estate & the full Control of the same & dispose of the
 same for her personal benefit during her natural
 life. 2d, I desire & request that after the death of
 my beloved wife what property she leaves shall
 be disposed of in such manner as my executor may
 think best, either to sell privately or publicly, but I
 desire & request that the proceeds of such
 sale shall be divided equally between my children
 J. B. Parrish & D. H. Alcock by their legal representatives
 3d, I hereby appoint J. B. Parrish my executor,
 This 7th day of March 1886.

J. N. Parrish.

Test:

N. J. Judkins

D. S. Cantrell

W. L. ~~Parrish~~ Cantrell