

Will of W. G. Bratton

I W. G. Bratton do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby recording and making void all others by me at any time made.

1st I direct that my personal funeral expenses and all of my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may have on hand at my decease or may come into the hands of my executor.

2dly I give and bequeath to my wife Martha all of my property both real and personal during her life and at her death I direct that her four children, Annette, Nathaniel, Geneva and Minnie, shall have set apart to them Twenty five hundred dollars in land or money at their choice the same to be set apart by competent men should any of them die before they come in possession of said land or money I direct that the survivor or survivors shall have the full amount of Twenty five hundred dollars the same being set apart to compensate the above named heirs for twelve hundred dollars of their mother's money that I used in raising the heirs of my first wife Eliza H. Bratton. Nancy L. Allen, wife of James Allen, and mother of John Allen I further direct that the remainder of my estate be sold and equally divided between my four children above named, and my son, Thos. H. Bratton, and John Allen, son of my daughter Nancy L. Allen. I further direct that should John Allen die before he reaches his majority, his interest shall be equally divided between my other children.

Lastly I do now nominate and appoint my wife Martha Bratton as my executor, and certify a true and correct copy of this my last will out my hand, this Oct 22d 1887.

W. G. Bratton

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed as witnesses
Thurs Oct 22d 1887.

J. H. Squires
J. J. Jackson

Samuel Marler's Will

I Samuel Marler in view of the
 uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do
 make and publish this my last Will and Testament
 hereby revoking and making void all other Wills
 by me at any time made.

- Item 1 I will and direct that my burial expenses and
 all my just debts be first paid out of my estate.
- Item 2d I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca
 Marler all the balance of my property whether it
 be real personal or mixed for her to have use
 Control and dispose of as she may think proper
 during her natural life with full power and authority
 to sell convey any or all of said property as she may choose.
- Item 3d I will and direct that my said wife Rebecca Marler
 may give to Estelle Eaton who we are raising such of
 my said property as she may think proper and
 her gift shall be as valid as if it had in this will
 provided out and designated the same.
- Item 4th I will and direct that whatever of my property may
 remain undisposed of by my said wife at her
 death shall one half go to her lawful heirs and
 the other half go to my lawful heirs.
- Item 5 I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Rebecca
 Marler my Executor to execute and carry out this my
 last Will and Testament, and do hereby expressly direct
 that she be permitted to execute the same without bond
 in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
 in presence of Joseph Leland & R. B. May Jr. whom I have
 called on to witness the same, This 7th day of February
 1883.

his
 Samuel X Marler
 mark

Entered and published in our
 presence this 7th February 1883.

Joseph Leland
 R. B. May Jr.

E. Turner's Will.

I, E. Turner, make and publish this as my last will and testament fully revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

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

Secondly,

I give and bequeath to my wife E. O. Turner, all of my personal property including many notes, three trunks & kitchen furniture & all else that comes under the head of personal property that I may be possessed of, and all other property that would be by right mine from any source whatever hereafter. Also I give and bequeath to my wife E. O. Turner, my house and lot in the town of Absondin occupied by me as a residence and my farm known as the James Gooden farm containing $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres more or less lying east of and adjoining the town Absondin Tenn. purchased by me of J. M. Baird.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to Lizzie Fisher and L. J. Everett his Bastard jointly all of my right title & interest in a tract of land purchased of Jacob Vantruce, it being a portion of the Peter Vantruce land lying in Smith County Tenn. Containing 24 acres more or less adjoining the lands of R. G. Davis, Pendleton Jones & others.

Lastly I do hereby nominate H. M. Goff my Executor and appoint him as such.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand this 13 day of June 1889.

E. Turner.

Signed and published in our presence & signed by us in the presence of each other in the presence of the Testator this June 13, 1889

J. P. Goff
L. E. Simpson

C. C. Johnson's Will

I, C. C. Johnson being in ill health physically, but of sound mind and memory, and being desirous of securing to my three children living with me, good care and education, and to all of my children an equal share in my estate to make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1st It is my will and desire, that if I do not recover from my present sickness, at my death that my brother Thomas S. Johnson take charge, care and custody of all my real estate, and of my three children living with me, viz, Kiziah S. Johnson, born Dec. 3, 1879 James W. Johnson, born 15 March 1882 and Saul Johnson born Aug. 28, 1884 and keep them with him on my said farm until the youngest one of said children living to be 21 years old arrives at that age, and that he said Thos. S. Johnson, have the use, rents, and profits of said farm and real estate until then, rent free, in consideration that he keeps said farm and real estate in good repair as it is in a good husbandly manner without permitting waste thereon, and that he take good care of my said children as he should of his own, will clothe, fit and medically attended and sheltered and to send them to school until each one is furnished a good English Education as contemplated in the last Act of the Legislature of this State in regard to Public Schools. The boys by this time they are 19 years of age, and Kiziah S. Johnson by the time she is 16 years of age, and to furnish and give to each of said 3 children, at their arriving at the age of 21 years or marrying, One good horse, saddle, and bridle, and keep the taxes paid on said lands, without expense to my children, he said T. S. Johnson not being chargeable for the labor and services of my said children. And it is my desire that each one, and all of my said children be obedient and agreeable to said Thos. S. Johnson, and instructions in their business and studies.

2nd. It is my will and desire that all my lands be kept together not divided nor sold until my youngest child shall become 21 years of age but that should if my children do not otherwise agree my said lands be sold to the best advantage and the proceeds divided all my children equally including my daughter Mary A. Fisher, with the three then above named.

E. Turner - Will.

I E. Turner give and publish this as my last will and Testament fully meeting and meeting void all others by me at any time made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may find within the hands of my Executor.

Secondly,

I give and bequeath to my wife E. O. Turner, all of my personal property including many notes, some black & kitchen furniture & all else that comes under the head of personal property that I may be possessed of, and all other property that would be by right mine from any source whatever hereafter. Also I give and bequeath to my wife E. O. Turner, my house and lot in the town of Albion and occupied by me as a residence and my farm known as the James Goodwin farm containing 5 1/2 acres more or less lying east of and adjoining the town Albion farm, purchased by me of J. M. Davis.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to Lizzie Fisher and L. J. Everett two Brothers jointly all of my right title & interest in a tract of land purchased of Jacob Vantruce, it being a portion of the 1st of Vantruce land lying in Dutchess County, Tenn. Containing 24 acres more or less adjoining the lands of R. F. Davis, Pendley Jones & others.

Lastly I do hereby nominate H. W. Croft my Executor and appoint him as such, In Witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand this 13 day of June 1889.

E. Turner.

Signed and published in our presence & signed by us in the presence of each other in the presence of the Witnesses this June 13, 1889.

J. P. Egan,
L. E. Johnson

E. O. Johnson's Will.

I E. O. Johnson being in ill health physically but of sound mind and memory, and being desirous of securing to my three children living with me, good care and education, and to all of my children an equal share in my estate do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1st. It is my will and desire, that if I do not recover from my present sickness, at my death that my brother Thomas S. Johnson take charge care and custody of all my real estate, and of my three children living with me, viz, Kiziah F. Johnson, born Dec. 3, 1870, Lammie M. Johnson, born 15 March, 1882, and Saml. Johnson born Aug. 28, 1884 and keep them living with him on my said farm until the youngest one of said children living to be 21 years old arrives at that age, and that he said Thos. S. Johnson, have the use, rents, and profits of said farm and real estate until then, rent free, in consideration that he keeps said farm and real estate in good repair as it is in a good husband like manner without permitting waste thereon, and that he take good care of my said children as he should of his own, well clothed, fed and medically attended, and sheltered and to send them to school until each one is furnished a good English Education as contemplated in the last Act of the Legislature of this State in regard to Public Schools. The boys by the time they are 19 years of age, and Kiziah F. Johnson by the time she is 16 years of age, and to furnish and give to each of said 3 children at their arriving at the age of 21 years or marrying, One good horse, saddle, and bridle, and keep the taxes paid on said lands, without expense to my children, he said T. S. Johnson not being chargeable for the labor and services of my said children. And it is my desire that each one, and all of my said children be obedient and agreeable to said Thos. S. Johnson, and industrious in their business and studies.

2nd. It is my will and desire that all my lands be kept together not divided nor sold until my youngest child shall become 21 years of age but that then, if my children do not otherwise agree, my said lands be sold to the best advantage and the proceeds divided all my children equally including my daughter Mary A. Fisher, with the three

257) Said land and Real Estate being the Farm in Rount Bottom on Caney Fork River in which I now reside, and about thirty acres adjoining it purchased of R. Malone by J. Phillips and myself for which I have said Phillips Debt also, and also about thirty acres of land I bought of Thomas and James Bennett and others adjoining said Rount Bottom Farm, all in Dist. No. 8, Putnam County Tennessee, in all about 285 Acres

3rd It is my will and desire that enough of my personal property be sold for and the proceeds applied to the payment of the balance about \$1000 due on the purchase of the Thomas Bennett and others land aforesaid, provided I do not pay it myself

4th If Thomas Johnson should die before this will and contract is carried out, then I desire that a guardian be appointed for my said children to keep them and said real estate together, to secure their support & education & to carry out the same, as near as may be

5th It is my desire that brother T. S. Johnson agree to the foregoing and as our witnesses thereof, that he sign the same making the same a contract between us, and my wife as to the disposition of the subject matters therein named, provided I do not recover my health, but if I do recover then this is to be void and of no effect. But if I do not recover then I desire that said Thomas S. Johnson take possession of said lands and the custody and care of my said children, and carry out this my will faithfully especially as to the care and education of my said children. The words "Medically attended" were interlined before this May 27th 1891

Witness my hand and seal at Rount Bottom, Tenn. this 27th day of May 1891

Witness my hand and seal at Rount Bottom, Tenn. this 27th day of May 1891

- 1 L. D. Crowder
- 2 E. H. Hallum
- 3 David Malone

Elizabeth Parish's Will.

I Elizabeth Parish of the State of Tennessee and County of
Davidson do make this my last Will and Testament
1st. I desire and request that after I have departed this life that
my remains be buried at the Graveyard known as the
Old Solomon Redman Graveyard.
2nd. I desire and request that I have departed this life that
all of my just debts and expences be paid and settled.
3rd. I desire and request that my children by my last hus-
band Galton Parish, namely
G. A. Parish, C. C. Parish, J. C. Parish, Della Payson, Lorea
Russell, Nat Turner have all of my estate, both real and
personal and to be equally divided among them. I desire
that my Executor make the division, if he can make
it satisfactorily. But if he cannot then I desire that
they select three good citizens to make the division for
them. If I should be possessor of any property that could
be satisfactorily divided, then I request that my
Executor advertise and sell the same publicly or pri-
vately as he may think best and divide the proceeds
equally among them all. I hereby appoint and request
that my son, G. A. Parish executor of this my last Will and
Testament and I further request and desire that he
shall not be required to give bond for the same.

This April 13, 1891.

Elizabeth ^{his} Parish.
mark

Witnesses

M. G. Jenkins, L. H. Cantrell.

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W. B. Preston's Will.

I W. B. Preston do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses, and what few debts I may owe be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any monies that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executrix hereinafter named. I do not want anything extravagant in the way of funeral expenses. I want my remains buried in a neat but plain way.

Secondly After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Fannie M. Preston, absolutely and unconditionally all my property and estate both real and personal of every kind and description to dispose of as she may see proper. If it shall be necessary or thought proper to sell any of the property to meet funeral expenses or any liability that may come against my estate I direct that it be sold privately as I want no public sale after my death. The real estate to which I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Fannie M. is bounded on the North by the lands of Martha Paratten and J. H. Loggin, on the East by the lands of Henry Givan and Clear Fork, on the South by the lands of J. B. and J. B. Stark and on the West by the lands of J. B. Stark and J. H. Loggin being the farm on which we now live. I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Fannie M. Preston, my Executrix and excuse her from giving any bond and request that none be required of her. And I desire that she consult and advise with my esteemed friend C. H. L. Hale in winding up the estate. In witness whereof I do to this my last will and testament set my hand on this 16 day of December 1891.

W. B. Preston.

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator at his request on this 16 day of December 1891.

C. H. L. Hale.
J. H. Loggin.

Smith Henley's Will

Be it known to all men that I Smith Henley have this day made constituted the following my last Will and Testament as follows:
 For the love and affection I have for my wife Jessie Henley and our little child, Corley Smith Henley, I give and bequeath unto them the following described property to wit: One piece of land where I now live in the 13th Dist De Kalb County Tennessee.

Beginning on my line Dear Sam Henley's water Gaff in the lane where the cross fence runs I run a Spring, and running thence South East with the fence 33 yards to a stake thence South East with the fence to Bird Henley's West Gravel, and thence in the same direction to Bird Henley's Corner in John Bell Henley's line, and thence South West with my line as it runs between myself and John Bell Henley to the top of the mountain to the Myerson my Corley's thence with my line to the South West corner thence north with my line to the beginning containing 136 1/2 Acres more or less be the same to them to have and to hold and to line upon.

I give the described land to my wife and child jointly because I desire that they may have a home to live and that my wife may be enabled to raise and support our little child in a respectful manner.

At the death of my wife Jessie Henley, I want my daughter Corley S. Henley to have all the land described in this will, to her or her heirs forever.

As to my personal property that I may have, I desire that my wife and child be provided for as the law directs or to that. This day the 4th 1890.

Smith ^{his} Henley

Witness to make
 W. B. Bridges
 J. E. Garrison

George H. Cantrell Will.

I George H. Cantrell make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made

Item 1st I desire after my decease that all of my just debts be paid including my funeral expenses out of the first money coming on to the hands of my Executor.

Item 2^d I will bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Cantrell all of my estate both real and personal including all monies left after the payment of the liabilities mentioned in item 1st of this will less all debts that may be due me and any and all lands estate of which I may be the owner with legal or equitable at the time of my death to her absolutely without any restriction or limitation.

Item 3^d I hereby nominate & appoint W. G. Crowley my Executor to this my last will and Testament. This July 7th 1871.

George H. Cantrell.

Interpined with the word be before signed and sales the name of W. G. Crowley as Executor signed and acknowledged in our presence with the day and date above.

Witness
W. G. Crowley.
J. G. Hagler.

James Alexander Will

I James A. Alexander do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my wife Elizabeth Alexander.

Secondly,

I give and bequeath to her all my land and all my personal property.

Lastly,

I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth Alexander my sole and true executor of my last will and testament. I do this my will set my hand and seal this 11th day of January 1868.

James Alexander (Seal)

Signed Sealed & Published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here in the presence of the testator, this 11th day of January 1868.

J. H. Smith (Seal)
J. F. Stacy (Seal)

James R. Bennett's Will.

I, James R. Bennett of the town of Burton in the County of Putnam and State of Tennessee declare this to be my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my wife Susan J. Bennett of my full and entire farm in which includes the N. W. Corner of said land and the N. E. Corner of said land on Carey fork river in said Putnam County Tennessee to have and to hold the same during her natural life, then said land to go to my heirs. I also bequeath to Asberry Dunn the other half of said farm at the death of my mother Elizabeth Bennett. Should said Asberry Dunn die without heirs the property bequeathed in said will shall revert back to the heirs of J. R. Bennett. The said Asberry Dunn is to stay on the said farm and see to it, cultivate it or have it done, and the said Asberry Dunn is to use the personal property that I now own for the use and benefit of the said Susan J. Bennett and Elizabeth Bennett to pay the rents of the second half of said land or enough of said rents for her support during her natural life. My burial expenses to be paid out of my personal property and also my debts. My mother's burial expenses to be paid for out of my personal property. The said Asberry Dunn or Elizabeth Bennett may have at her death the said Asberry Dunn is to keep the said farm in good repair and under good fence and make any improvements therein as he may see fit. In witness whereof I, the said James R. Bennett have to this my last will and testament consisting of one sheet of paper subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 23 day of Jan in the year of our Lord the thousand eight hundred and ninety three.

Signed, sealed and declared by the said James R. Bennett as for his last and will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Signature of witnesses.
J. S. [illegible]
[illegible]

Asa Driver's Will.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Asa Driver, now being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will & Testament.

- 1st. I direct that all my just debts and expenses be first paid out of my effects.
- 2nd. After all my expenses and just liabilities are paid I direct that whatever remains of my effects be equally divided between my son A. D. Driver and A. D. Catehart or their children but that portion of my property hereby willed to A. D. Catehart or her children is to revert to be beyond the control of her present or any future husband she may have but is for the exclusive benefit of her if she be living or to her children if she should die before my estate is finally settled and I direct my Executor to control and invest her part of my estate as he thinks best for her benefit or for her children free from my control, rights or liabilities of her husband and to carry out this will my executor is thereby empowered after my death to sell and make a clear title to any or all of my property Real personal mixed either privately or publicly as he thinks to the best advantage and make deeds to the purchaser or at his option he may file a petition for said sale and after paying my expenses and just liabilities to distribute the remainder as herein directed.

3rd. I hereby nominate and appoint John R. Cooley to execute this my last Will & Testament.

Witness my hand - May 24th 1892.

Asa Driver.

Signed in our presence and acknowledged May 24, 1892.

at the special instance and request of the Testator and we have no objection under this Will.

This May 24 1892.

Witnesses
R. J. McSmiths
W. J. Dunsen

S. B. Seltars Will.

I S. B. Seltars do make and publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking and making void any and all wills heretofore made by me.

First: I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses, to be paid by my executor as soon after my death as practicable out of any monies that I may be seized and possessed of and that first comes into the hands of my executor.

Secondly. I hereby give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Seltars during her natural life the farm on which we now live known as the C. C. Beck land containing two hundred and forty acres more or less, lying in the third civil district of Latah Co. Idaho on the waters of Smith Fork and to remain on the north by the land of the widow Willie Lile South by the land of Thomas Bass East by the land of J. H. Bratten East and West by Francis Turner & his heirs and at the death of my said wife the aforesaid land by this the second article in this the will disposed I direct shall be disposed of and decreed as my other real estate as herein after directed.

I also give and bequeath unto my said wife all the growing crops and rents for this year on the aforesaid lands herein bequeath to her as aforesaid. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife the following personal property viz: All my live stock consisting of one yellow mare, one gray mare, three work mules, one bay mare male and the other two dark Brown mare mules & one suckling mule colt, two mule cows & 2 calves and two yearlings, all my sheep and lambs consisting of about twenty-two head twenty-four head of stock hogs, including pigs &c, my turkey, all the corn, wheat, hay fodder, hay &c on hand, also all my household and kitchen furniture, tools &c, except one bed, bed clothing, bedstead &c which is reserved & is herein after to be bequeathed to my daughter Lula J. Seltars. All my gear & harness &c and one cider mill, and all the poultry on hand including chickens geese &c.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lula J. Seltars five hundred & twenty-five dollars, and one bed, bed clothing & bedstead. This special bequest is for the purpose of making my daughter equal with my other living children, as I have advanced to each of them the sum of four hundred dollars, as will be

267. seen by reference to my book of advancement, and also to each of them and also to my son W. L. Sellars dead. I gave to each bedclothing, bedstead &c. one horse, cow, and calf, hogs, sheep &c. Therefore not hundred twenty, four dollars of this legacy is in lieu of one horse, cow, calf, hogs, sheep &c. given to my other children.

Fourthly, I hereby give and bequeath to my grand daughter Prudis Sellars, daughter of W. L. Sellars dead, to be paid into the hands of a trustee, herein after to be appointed with the proviso and conditions, herein after to be set forth in this will, the sum of four hundred dollars, which will make my said grand child equal with my other children.

Fifthly, I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter Helen Hale wife of H. L. Hale, one fifth of all the balance of my entire estate both real and personal after the payment of the special legacies herein before set forth in this will.

Sixthly, I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter Mable Elledge, wife of J. F. Elledge, one fifth of the balance of my entire estate both real and personal after the payment of the special legacies heretofore mentioned.

Seventhly, I hereby give and bequeath unto my son J. H. Sellars one fifth of my entire estate both real and personal after the payment of the special legacies heretofore mentioned.

Eighthly, I hereby give and bequeath unto my daughter Julia Sellars, in addition to the special legacy herein before given to her as shown by article third of this will one fifth of my ^{entire} estate both real and personal, after the payment of the special legacies herein before set forth in this will.

Ninthly, I hereby give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Prudis Sellars, daughter of W. L. Sellars, dead, in trust in addition to the special legacy given to her in trust as set forth in article 4th of this will, one fifth of my entire estate both real and personal, after the payment of the special legacies herein before mentioned. Provided my said grand daughter shall live to arrive to the full age of twenty one years, but not otherwise, but in case she dies before her majority, in that event the entire amount

herein bequeathed to her, is to revert to my estate, and ^{be} ~~is~~ equally divided between my children then living, or to the legal heirs of any that may be dead, will take the share that would have been coming to their parents if living. Now in order to carry out this article of my will, I hereby nominate and appoint my son J. H. Sellars, trustee for my grand daughter Prudis Sellars, to manage and take care of the legacies herein bequeathed to my said grand daughter, and that said trustee be allowed to pay the maintenance, education &c. of said Prudis, the accrued interest on the funds coming into his hands, after discharging all necessary expenses of the trusteeship if necessary for her support, education &c.

Tenthly, It is my will, and I do direct that my executor or executors is hereby authorized, empowered and invested with full power and authority to sell all the lands to make deeds &c. for the selling of and out all my real estate with out aid of Court, including the home place herein bequeathed to my wife for life (but the sale of said home place is forbidden during the life of my said wife) also the land lying on Seymour Fork on which my son J. H. Sellars now lives containing about three hundred & thirty four acres and thirty acres adjoining the home place. It being the land I bought of Thomas Groom. Said lands to be sold on one and two years after thirty days advertisement requiring notice and approved security.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my son-in-law J. F. Elledge my executor to execute this my last will and Testament.

This April. 25-1892

W. L. Sellars.

Witnesses

J. L. Hollanderworth
B. L. Hale.

I W. L. Sellars hereby add a codical to my last will and Testament for the purpose of making my son J. H. Sellars joint and Equal Executor with my son-in-law J. F. Elledge to the foregoing instrument my last will and Testament. Therefore I hereby nominate and appoint my son J. H. Sellars as one of my executors giving him full and equal power and authority with my other executor J. F. Elledge to carry out and execute my last will and Testament. This August 5. 1892. W. L. Sellars.
Witnesses J. L. Hollanderworth. B. L. Hale.

Thomas J. Baine Will

Sept 8, 1892.

Bequeathed on his death bed for his wife Elizabeth Baine to have every thing at her death and for her to see that all of his debts were paid, and at her death for the land to be divided between the two boys Harrison and Samuel, and for Harrison to get the land up above his Grand Ma's and the house to, and when all the girls become of age, and twelve months after her death, Harrison and Samuel to pay to each girl \$75.00 And if of his children he died for their money to go to the heirs, if there be any.

Witnessed by J. B. and J. M. B.
Jim Balling Minnie Ballings

R. V. Gilbert's Will.

I, R. V. Gilbert being weak in body but sound in mind, and knowing the certainty of death, make this my last will and testament revoking all other wills by me made at any time said.

First

I will all of my just debts and burial expenses to be paid as soon after my death as possible.

Second

I give Ellen Raymond my Daughter twenty acres of land including the place where we now live, it being the twenty acre tract of land sold to Richard Dunham by James L. Barnes and registered in book C, page 50 in the Register's office of DeKalb County, Tenn.

Third

I direct the remainder of my land sold by my "Adm" or "Exor" on such terms as he may think best, either private or public, it being about 73 Acres.

Fourth

I direct and desire that Ellen Raymond retain possession of the Mares and Wagons until the first day of December 1892, and then my executor sell all my personal property I may have at my death or a credit eight months.

Fifth

I direct after all my debts are paid & expense of Administration that all I have left be equally divided between the following named children to wit: My daughter Ellen Raymond,

Joseph H. Gilbert, George W. Gilbert, William Gilbert, Levisa Sophia Shaw two children, Dug & Ellen, the last two named Capshaw children only one entitled to one share between them.

I have heretofore given J. M. Gilbert, Martha my daughter & Mary Hedger all I intend to give them, also Charley Gilbert, J. H. Gilbert whose births are not known, and should he not come and get his share in three years, then I direct that my said executor to pay it to my daughter Ellen Raymond.

Lastly

I nominate and appoint J. L. Culbert my executor to carry out this my last will and testament. This May 25, 1892.

R. V. Gilbert

The above will was written at the request of the testator R. V. Gilbert, and as he directed, and read over to him in our presence, and he approved and signed it in our presence, and we think he is in his right mind this May the 25, 1892.

J. L. Culbert
R. B. Dunham

Attest
Written by J. L. Culbert.

Allen Watson's Will

I Allen Watson of the County of DeKalb and State of New York make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret, I give unto her all of my real estate, and also all of my personal property together with household and kitchen furniture to have and to hold the same during her natural life with the privilege of selling and conveying all of said real estate or any part thereof and making title to same for her use & benefit and support, and at the death of my wife I want all my estate equally divided among all my heirs, and that my daughter Mary C. Watson have two hundred Dollars advantage in the division unless my wife gives my daughter Mary C. Watson the sum of two hundred Dollars her life time. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Margaret Watson my "executor" and that she is not required to give bond, in witness whereof I do this my Will my hand and seal this 4th day of Feb. 1895.

Allen Watson Seal.

Thomas Driver
Ch. D. Prichard

James George

I James George make and publish this my last will and testament.

I direct my just debts and expenses first paid out of my property, after that is done I give Mary Hale her sole separate use one share of my estate free from the liabilities of her husband. The remainder of this I direct to go to the sisters of Mary Hale or their children and the children of H. A. George, born in Ireland red rock each to take a full share or sixth I give Sarah Hale, Jane Keels, & Arella Bass and Martha Martin one share each of my estate to their separate use free from the liabilities of their husbands with remainder to their children respectively jointly to the children of my son H. A. George born in Ireland red rock one share of my estate, given jointly to the children of my dead daughter Rebecca Etridge, one share of my estate. Mary Hale, Benjamin Jane Keels, and Arella Bass, are my living children & Martha Martin is the only child of my dead daughter Frankie Child. My property is mostly land, where I reside, on King Creek, Adirondack Co. N.Y. I direct to my depts & title papers for location & boundaries, I authorize my executor in his discretion to divide said land in kind among the parties herein named & make deeds accordingly or sell the same if he thinks best either publically or privately on such terms as he thinks best to divide or sell it, as he may see proper. I nominate R. C. Nesmith to execute this my will.

Witness my hand July 23, 1892

James George

Signed acknowledged in our presence & in the presence of the testator's request, under this being interested
July 1892

Isaac L. Thompson
J. D. Thompson Witnesses

J. T. Trapp's Will

I, J. T. Trapp, being of sound mind & of disposing memory, & knowing the certainty of death do make and publish this as my last will & Testament hereby revoking & making void all other wills by me at any time made

1. I direct as soon after my death as possible that my funeral expenses & all my just debts be paid out of any money I may die seized or possessed of, or may come into the hands of my Executors & in the sale of or note of my estate

2. Out of my personal estate I give & bequeath to my wife Virginia Trapp, in she should outlive me one maid, one horse or cow, one cart, one cow, one sow & pigs or hogs to make her meat for one year, after my death 5 head of sheep, all the poultry on hand, household & kitchen furniture sufficient for her comfort, a plenty of corn, wheat and pork or bacon & hard to do her for 12 months after my death. Also one set of farming tools for one team or one hand

3. The remainder of all my personal effects or property of every kind, I desire sold on a credit of 12 months by my Executors, money collected by them & after paying any and all my liabilities I divide the remainder if any after paying expenses between my children as follows, Mary A. E. Canthell, Nancy J. Hale, Madelon H. Taylor, Oskia Patten, John G. & C. A. Trapp equally.

4. I have deeded and give to my wife Mary A. E. Canthell, Nancy J. Hale, Oskia Patten, John G. & C. A. Trapp all my real estate except 25 acres of land lying adjoining the lands of R. F. Taylor & should die before I dispose of the same by any way I name my Executors, to sell & convey title to the Purchaser according to the form and in as full & ample a manner as if I was living and doing the same on a credit of 12 + 24 months out of the sale of the same pay my daughter Madelon H. Taylor or her heirs the sum of 200 in money to make her equal to what I give my other children

for said land after paying expenses of sale to be divided amongst all my children Mary A. E. Canthell, Nancy J. Hale, Oskia Patten, Madelon H. Taylor, John G. & C. A. Trapp and after the death of my wife Virginia Trapp my executors will sell the lands deeded to her on the same term and in the same way, and divide the proceeds to all my heirs or children as set out in this will.

Witness I, Annominate and appoint R. D. Thorne, Nathan & my son C. A. Trapp my Executors, to this my last will and Testament, which shall be as I wish to carry out this will without bond or court's expense
This Aug. 9th 1892

J. T. Trapp

Attest

T. D. Thorne

G. W. Bond

Signed and delivered in our presence and at the testator's request we have subscribed our names, as witnesses to this will Aug. 9th 1892.

T. D. Thorne
G. W. Bond

N. Chambers' Will

I Nicholas Chambers, being of disposing memory, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all others 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 practicable out of any money that I may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my "Executor".

Secondly,

I give and bequeath to my wife Erann Chambers her house and lot in Smithville DeKalb County Tennessee, where she now resides as her absolute property, to be disposed of as she may deem best at her death.

Thirdly,

I give and bequeath to my wife Erann Chambers a certain lot in the town of Smithville DeKalb County Tennessee, known as the Kott lot bounded as follows: On East by Street, on South by Apparta and Nashville Stage road on West by the old Smithville hotel, on North by Street.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my wife Erann Chambers all the personal property that I may die single or possessed of including any claims in action that I may have at my death to be her absolute property, free from the control of any one.

Lastly:

I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Erann Chambers & W. S. Dozier Executors and Executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand

This October 3rd 1888,

Nicholas Chambers

Signed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto, in the presence of the testator This October, 3rd 1888.

P. J. Shores
D. G. Lee

Elizabeth Gilbert's Will

State of Tennessee DeKalb County.

Know all men by these presents that I Elizabeth Gilbert here set forth my last will and Testament which is as follows:

I direct that the land or real estate which stands undivided, but has been ~~staggered~~ conveyed in said conditions by some of the heirs to others as can be shown by Deed the heirs now entitled to claim in said real estate is Mary Gay, Wm Underwood Jr. R. S. Reams, N. A. Underwood. Now I direct Mary Gays lot or share of said land be layed off to her on the East side of the tract adjoining where she now lives, her share being one third of the whole tract.

That Willy Underwood's share which is five tenths of the whole be layed off so as to adjoin that of Marys, running the line North and South, That of R. S. Reams which is $\frac{1}{10}$ next to Wm Underwood's running the lines the same way then next and last that of N. A. Underwood's which is three tenths of the whole on the West side of said land.

Said land is situated in the 5th Civil District of the aforesaid County, on or near the waters of Sink Creek.

Now I further direct that as to the personalty that I have, or may have that enough of the same be sold by agreement if such can be to pay all indebtedness that justly stands against me, and in case the heirs cannot agree as above set forth, then that my executor proceed to sell to the highest bidder as above directed a sufficient amount for said purpose, and that the remainder of my property be divided as nearly equally as possible among all my legal heirs entitled to distribution.

Now as my liabilities is small and my property and means limited, I direct that my heirs jointly agree and join in the carrying out this my last will without any legal process further than here by me given.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 6th day of Nov. 1893, Elizabeth Gilbert

James G. Terry's Will.

I James G. Terry being a Citizen of DeKalb County, and of the State of Tennessee, 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 and published.

First I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money I may die seized and possessed the same first come into the hands of my executor from the sale of my effects.

Second I direct that all my personal property of every kind be sold after my death on a Credit of 12 months, and when the money is collected, and the money and any notes or accounts due me at my death is collected I direct that all my liabilities of every kind be settled out of said personal effects by my executor together with the expenses of winding up my said estate, then I direct there be anything left from said personal effects I direct the same equally divided between Sarah Smith, Mary Lee, and Margaret D. Murrett, the wives of F. H. Smith, A. V. Lee and B. H. Murrett, or their heirs after them.

Third I direct that all my land or real estate that I own at my death and residue on the Camp Fork River be legally advertised and sold by my executor on a Credit of 12 or 18 months in equal payments, and a lien retained on said land until the purchase money is paid, and out of the proceeds of the sale of my lands, I direct my executor to pay my Grand daughter Martha Jane Goodline of the State of Kansas the sum of one hundred and thirty seven dollars, and to my Grand daughter Mary C. Miller of the State of Kansas, one hundred and thirty seven Dollars in money, and to my Grand daughter Loriden Terry, the sum of thirty Dollars which is the full amount I want them to have out of my estate. The other "grand heir" of my son John Terry having been paid their share in money, and they are to receive nothing more from my estate after the three Grand daughters above named is paid.

I direct that my executor pay to the Administrator, or to the Estate of my son J. C. Terry enough of my land fund to finish out paying his estate of all its liabilities that is not paid and settled out of the effects of his property coming into the hands of his Administrator on settlement of his estate. Then all the remainder of the money existing from the sale of my lands, after paying expenses, I direct equally divided between my three living daughters and their bodily heirs after them, Sarah Smith, Mary Lee & Margaret D. Murrett after the purchase money is all paid on my lands. I

authorize and empower my executor to make to the purchaser a general Warranty deed to the same according to the boundaries set out in my land deeds.

Lastly I "revoke" and appoint my son in law F. H. Smith my Executor to this my last will and testament to which I have hereunto set my seal and subscribed my name. This August 31st 1889.

James G. Terry

Signed, Sealed and delivered in our presence, day and date above written

J. T. Traff, Jr.
Virginia Traff

William T. Haskins.

State of Tennessee DeKalb County =

Know all men by these presents that William T. Haskins of the County and State aforesaid, being of sound mind, and knowing the certainty of death and uncertainties of life make this my last will and testament revoking all others by me made.

First: It is my will that all my just debts including my funeral expenses be paid out of my property the remainder to my beloved wife M. J. Haskins during her natural life or widowhood, then to be equally divided between my children — "A. B. now A. B. Smith's wife" "E. L. N. now dead" leaving three children Paul, Maria, and Daisy; Lulu L. now the wife of J. H. Turner Ed. Reaser now the wife of J. B. Fuson, Michie Haskins it is my will that Nela, wife of D. H. Hill have an equal share with the rest of my children, less the security paid for her husband D. H. Hill. It is my will that C. W. L. Hill be my executor to mind up my estate with the ~~provision~~ provisions of this will.

This December 29, 1892.

Attest.

W. T. Robinson
Samuel Vanatta.

W. T. Haskins.

J. L. Holladayworth.

I, J. L. Holladayworth being in feeble health but of sound mind and being desirous of expressing a disposition of my property do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby disposing of my property & directing its disposition as I desire.

First: I direct that after my death all my legal and just debts be first paid out of any money or effects of any kind except such property as the law exempteth my wife from execution and her reasonable support as provided by Statute.

Second: After my debts are paid including my funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my wife Mary A. Holladayworth to be held absolutely and unconditionally to do with and dispose of as she pleases all the residue of my property Real, Personal and mixed of every kind and description and particularly my entire title and all interest I have in and to a tract of land in District 13 DeKalb County Tennessee on which Joseph Leback now resides bounded and described by a Deed from H. S. Gill Sheriff of DeKalb County Tennessee to Mary A. Holladayworth dated March 19, 1888. Said Deed only giving generally boundaries of said land.

Included in said general boundaries and hereby excluded is a tract of land conveyed by me and my wife to Edgar Clark my 1874 governmenting at a rock on the south side of the E. S. Jones property road and running south to the center of Smith Fork Creek. Thence down and with the meanders of said Creek to said Turnpike. Thence north with the original line to Jacobs line. Thence West with his line to a fence. Thence with the fence South to said Turnpike on its South side. Thence with the same to the beginning all as shown by one deed mentioned by Joseph Leback if also entitled to a homestead where he is living including the dwelling, barn and lot as shown by our agreement relative thereto during his natural life and with this exception said land is unincumbered.

Third: I appoint my wife Mary A. Holladayworth executrix of this will and direct that she shall not execute oath or Bond as such and should it become necessary to sell any of my property to pay my debts that she sell it in such manner and on such terms as she thinks best and if it becomes necessary to sell any of the land she is fully authorized to execute Deeds to the purchasers. I give her full and unrestricted power and title to said property for the purpose and

in the manner herein before mentioned. In testimony
whereof I hereunto sign my name May 11, 1894

Signed and acknowledged in
our presence and at the request
of the Testator and not interested.

We sign this Will as witnesses

This May 11, 1894.

J. L. Dick.

W. L. Bright.

William P. Grindstaffs Will

I W^m P. Grindstaff do make and ~~publish~~ ^{publish} this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may just come into the hands of my Exrs. Secondly I give and bequeath to my two daughters Rebecca and Mary Grindstaff to have and to hold during each one of their ~~lives~~ ^{lives} and at their death to their heirs a part of my land which include my residence on the land containing fifty acres be the same more or less in Deshler County Tennessee Dist. No 1 and bounded as follows. Beginning on a Rock in E Catons land running thence North East to a rock in a branch running from John Jones Spring thence up a gulch to a Rock in a branch Northward in Wm Jones line thence Westward to a rock in Maj Tardes line thence Southward to a rock in a branch thence west to a rock in Louis Simpsons line thence South to a rock to the beginning corner. Thence by I want the remainder of my land sold and the proceeds of the lands to be collected and all of my notes be collected except some that I have advanced as a gift to my sons.

Further I want all of my accounts to be collected and put with the proceeds of my notes for distribution.

Thirdly I have advanced to all of my heirs one horse saddle and bridle and I also have an account on a book showing what I have advanced to all of my heirs that have left me towards house keeping and I want my two daughters that is each one to be made equal with them Rebecca and Mary and I want them to have all of their property that they have made since they have been twenty one years of age not to be connected with my property and I want all of my personal property to be sold according to law and the proceeds to be collected and put with the proceeds of my real estate and all of my property to be equally

divided between all of my heirs and also I have given to my son Eli Grindstaff a note that I hold against him to the amount of One hundred and sixty Dollars dated Dec. 1872 with Int. from date and I have three notes on William P. Grindstaff Jr. to the amount of One hundred and seventy seven Dollars with Int. from date and I have three notes on J. D. Grindstaff to the amount of Eighty and two Dollars with Int. from date and I have one note on my daughter Sarah Bratten to the amount of One hundred Dollars with Int. from date and I have one note on N. H. Grindstaff to the amount of Thirty one Dollars with Int. from date. I have given to each one of my three heirs the note I hold against them in advance that I have here mentioned not to be collected but to be equally divided and my other heirs made equal with them. I do hereby nominated and appoint Wm B. Grindstaff N. H. Grindstaff and M. Howland my Exrs. with giving security on which this I do to this my will set my hand and seal this Dec 22nd 1896.

Signed sealed published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator.

Witness This Dec. 22nd 1896.
J. G. Eaton
J. H. G. Eaton

Elizabeth C. Grace will

I Elizabeth C. Grace a citizen of DeKalb County Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory am knowing the certain of death do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking any making void all others well made by me at any other time.

First

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expence be paid out of the first money that comes into the hands of my executors I also direct that my executors to buy Tombstones and place over mine Mothers and S. E. Ferrell graves out of the proceeds of my estate as soon as possible after my death.

Second

I direct that ~~my~~ my niece Helen F. Conger shall have all of my house hold and kitchen furniture to use her life time and if any of it left at her death it to belong to her lawful heirs.

Third

I direct that after my death that my executors take possession of all of my money notes and accounts and collect the same and take possession of all my personal property and sell as they think to the best advantage and collect the same.

Fourth

I direct that when all of the proceeds of my estate has been collected and expence been paid that my executors shall take what is left and purchase a tract of the best they can for said money but shall use their own judgment in selecting said land. I direct that my executors make as cause to be made the deed to said land so as my niece Helen F. Conger can have the use and control of it her natural life time then to Betty Conger and the rest of her lawful heirs I further direct that my executors shall have five years to sell and collect and purchase said land from my death.

Fifth

I nominate and appoint my brothers A. B. Cheatham and J. C. Allen my executors to this my last will and testament this the 4th of Feb. 1890

Witness

W. H. Rhody
P. G. Magness

Elizabeth C. Grace

I W. S. Turney this day make and annature this my last will and testament. First I want all of my funeral and burial expence paid and then all of my just and honest debts paid out of my personal effects and then second I bequeath and give to my son L. R. Harcum all the rest of my personal effects consisting of stock notes money house hold and kitchen furniture and again Farming tools and in fact all that I own and also all of my real estate land I give and bequeath to my son L. R. Harcum the following described tracts of land tract to 1 lying and beginning in the State of Tennessee DeKalb County District to 8 and on Clearfork Creek and bounded as follows on the south by L. E. Hancock north by Betty Overall and Martin Stark's west by George Turney east by M. C. David which my deeds will give all the boundaries round said land containing one hundred and thirty five acres more or less and tract to 2 lying in the State of Tennessee DeKalb County and District to 8 and bounded as follows on the south by Joe Rich on the north by Rich and on the south by east by Shoko and Hale and on the west by said Rich containing by estimation thirty five acres more or less which my deeds will show the bounds around now for the love and affection I have for my only son which is known and goes by the name of L. R. Harcum which is my only heir I give and bequeath the above described property both personal and real and after my death I want this my last will and testament probated and the said L. R. Harcum my son to enter in as executor of my will without given any bond as all will be his after paying my funeral and burial expence and just and honest and debts as herein above stated where unto I have this day set my hand and seal.

Witness

L. S. Melton
L. E. Hancock

Apr the 15th 1890
W. S. Turney

Mary Ortner Will

Mary Ortner of Casaway County of
DeKalb and State of Tenn being of sound mind and memory do
make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament
to wit

- (1) All my debts and funeral expense shall first be fully paid (2) I give
devise and bequeath all the rest of the residuum and the remainder
of my estate both real and personal to my beloved daughter Micie
Ann Hicks to have and to hold to her my said daughter and to
her heirs and assigns forever (3) I nominate and appoint my
said daughter Micie Ann Hicks to be the Exr of this my last
will and testament here by revoking all former wills by me
made in writing where of I have hereunto set my hand and
seal This mch 16 1894.

Mary Ortner
Jm Ortner

Seal

Signed sealed and published and declared as for her last will
and testament by the above named testator in our presence
who here at her request and in her presence and each other
presence signed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. A. Cull
W. B. Wal.

Anna Wright's Will

Know all persons by these presents that Anna Wright of the County of DeKalb
and State of Tennessee being in health and of sound and disposing mind
and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament
as to my worldly estate and all the property which I shall die seized
and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my
decease. I devise bequeath and assign thereof in the manner follow-
ing to wit (1) My will is that all of my just debts and funeral ex-
penses be paid by my Exrs hereinafter named as soon after my decease
as shall be by their joint consent. All the rest and residue
of my property of which I shall die seized and possessed or which I
shall be entitled at my decease I give devise and bequeath to be equally
divided between my said daughters and sons. Quasimodo Cook, Frank
Adcock, Allen James America Jones Laura Fisher Fira Sanders
Caterina Cantrell Francis Cantrell and O. C. Wright and M. P.
Wright The property to be advertised and sold to the highest bidder
for cash on all terms under for dollars and sums of 500 dollars
and up to 200 months with note and two approved securities
and lastly I do nominate and appoint M. P. Wright and
O. C. Wright to be the Exrs of this my last will and testament
In testimony whereof I the said Anna Wright have to this my
last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed
my seal this the 6 day of July 1895

Anna Wright Seal

Signed sealed and published and declared by the said Anna Wright
as and for her last will and testament in the presence of
us who at her request and in her presence and in the
presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses
thereto

A. Cook
J. E. Arnold

Lord Starnes Will

I Lord Starnes now living on the waters of Long Branch 16th dist. of Vekall County Tenn. am assuming some real estate and now being of sound mind do this day make this my last will, all in testimony I reduce it to written proof for the benefit of all my heirs at law & yet I provide for all my funeral expense as my first creditor.

3rd I bequeath to my daughter Martha L. Brock one dollar
 3rd I bequeath to my eldest son J. H. Starnes or heirs one dollar
 4th I bequeath to my son Peter Starnes one dollar
 5th I also bequeath to my son Joseph Starnes one dollar
 6th is as I have a very small daughter Maggie L. Starnes and my wife Susan Starnes as I now provide. First Susan Starnes I bequeath to her all for the support and a reasonable education to Maggie my real estate during her widowhood. After her widowhood there to be long to my daughter Maggie L. Starnes. Which I am now seized and possessed of with good title and bound as follows, by my on the waters of Long Branch 16th dist. of Vekall Co. Beginning bounded on the west by Susan Starnes and H. F. Winfrey south by Caroline Martine and Chas. Anderson and the widow Bloom east by Jord. Watson north by Susan Starnes these boundaries is the boundary on first real estate that I bequeath to my wife and Maggie L. Starnes

6th I own one other place of land in same dist. as above said and bounded as follows by Susan Starnes on the south on the east by David Hall on the north by Harrison Berry on the west by J. B. Moss. This the second tract I direct that my executor after filing bond at the discretion of the court all after advertising for 30 days in 6 conspicuous places on a credit of twelve and twenty one and apply the same to my just debts and heirs as above said.

7th I direct my executor should be sure that it would be best to sell the above land privately I authorize him to do so
 8th I direct that he shall collect all debts due me within by note, appt. or judgment and after paying him self rationally and I mean as far as practical. to apply them all to my just debts, and should there be a residue I direct him to pay the same to my daughter Maggie L. Starnes at any time during her minority should she need it. If not then to retain in his hands until Maggie arrives to her majority then I direct it paid to Maggie.

9th I direct should there not be a sufficient property that

I have intention to pay all my debts and executor I direct my executor to run the field until my debts are all paid the return is to my widow or daughter Maggie L. Starnes as before provided for in this will.

10th I direct that all wills made prior to this, will be null and void. I also direct that my daughter Maggie and wife Susan Starnes retain all my house hold and kitchen furniture except between them so long as they remain together then to divide them giving my daughter Maggie all of my own and my wife Susan Starnes retain all that is hers there being her share or parcels of our house hold and kitchen furniture.
 11th I this the 7th day of Oct. 1893 appoint H. F. Winfrey as my executor and ask of him that he apply this will according to its face hoping he will except as a friend this is my will to justice and all intents and purposes.

Attest
 J. H. Starnes

Lord Starnes
 W. L. Starnes

John A. Cantrell's Will

I John A. Cantrell being a citizen of the County of De Kalb and 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 revoking and making void all others made by me at any time published.

1. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expense be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die seized and possessed of or may just come into the hands of my executors from any of my effects.
2. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Cantrell my home place or all the real estate I may die seized and possessed of containing 100 acres more or less during her natural life to be at her control and disposal and to be sold at her death by my executors by advertising the same and on such time and in any way that they think best and after collecting the money for said land divide the same equally among my children as follows Elizabeth Judkins, Irene Judkins, Mary C. Avery, Martha J. Cantrell, Sarah C. Somell, my daughters, and Isaac S. Julius A. and Jas. B. Cantrell, my sons and I hereby authorize my executors to make and convey title to the said lands to the purchaser or purchasers of the same with the boundaries of said land as will be found in my title papers for the same.
- 3rd I have heretofore given and deeded to all my children and grandchildren all the rest of my real estate which is about in the boundaries of their deeds which I have done and divided as near equal as I possibly could in the premises and they have all accepted these deeds to the same but my daughter Martha Cantrell and husband A. C. Cantrell and should they not accept the deed and land as set forth in the same to them during my natural life or within one month after my death then in that event I direct that my executors advertise and sell that portion of my lands and convey title to the purchaser for the same according to the deed I made to them and divide the money equally between all the other of my children

as herein named except the Redmon heirs, my grandchildren. They are not to inherit anything more from my estate neither real nor personal as I have heretofore given them personal property and deeded to them a certain portion of my real estate and they have sold the same and received the money for the same together with \$3000 that I have paid them in gold of my hard earnings which is all I intend for them to have it being over a full share in my effects in every way, their names being Mary Aldcock, Nancy Arnold, and Lidora Webb, my granddaughters and John Redmon my grandson being the only heirs of my daughter Eliza Redmon deceased.

#4 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Cantrell one choice horse or mare, one cow and calf, plenty of the bags on hand for her support with corn and wheat plenty to be assigned her by my executors out of my personal effects together with plenty of my household and kitchen furniture and \$500 dollars in money for her support. After this is done out of my personal effects then the remainder of my personal effects in every way including any money on hand and notes and accounts collected and balance personal property sold by my executors on such time and in such way as they think best and the effects equally divided between all my children as heretofore stated in their names in this will except the Redmon heirs they having had their unless some of my own children should dissent and not be satisfied with this my last will and testament and in that event should any of them do so I want my executors to use their part of the effects both real and personal in paying the expense incurred by any lawsuit brought by any of my children to break on set aside this my will.

Sadly,

I hereby nominate and appoint W. J. Judkins and Isaac S. Cantrell my executors to this my last will and testament and that they act and wind up the same without bond to which I have heretofore set my hand and seal. This Jan'y 23, 1886
John A. Cantrell
Signed, Sealed and delivered in our presence and we have subscribed our names as witnesses here.

Attest
This Jan'y 23, 1886
J. S. Drapp
W. N. Adcock
John H. Adcock
John M. Meggerson
mark

J. S. Drapp
W. N. Adcock
J. H. Adcock
John M. Meggerson
mark

Henry Adcock's Will

I Henry Adcock of the State of Tennessee Dekalb County do make this my last Will and Testament
1st I desire and request that all of my just debts and contracts shall be paid and settled
2nd I also request that my mortal body be decently interred in the grave yard at Jefferson Meeting House.
3rd After my just debts and burial expense are all paid if there is any of my effects left I request that my Creek farm be divided as more equal in value as may be and I request that my daughter Margaret Anderson shall have the lower end of said farm
4th I also desire and request that Catherine M. Adcock shall have a portion of the farm that I now live upon and bounded as follows to wit. On the west by John Pinney East by Boston Linsom on the South by Henry Adcock, and on the North by James Mills heirs containing by estimation fifty or sixty acres more or less
5th I request that the remainder of my land of soil made use of in my life time be for my widow if she and live on during her natural life and at the expiration of either her life then it shall be for my children by her and no other
6th I also request that all of my personal property be for the use and benefit of my widow and children by her I mean by this that Margaret and Catherine shall have no interest in my personal property at all
7th I request and appoint W. S. Graham executor of this my last will and Testament I request and desire that he have full power and authority to make and lay off said divides as I have requested and to make deeds of said lands to said heirs and that the same shall be as good and valid as if done by me in my life time this April 30th 1877
Test { J. S. Drapp
J. H. Adcock
J. M. Meggerson
I Henry Adcock have this day made & executed deeds to the lands I intended they shall have of my effects Feb. 17. 1880
Henry Adcock

Eliza Sellers will

I Eliza Sellers of the town of Alexandria Tenn do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

First I direct that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible out of any money that may come into my executors hands

Second, I hereby give bequeath and devise to W. H. Allen Col. all my property of whatever kind or description including my house and lot in the town of Alexandria Tenn. Dist. no 1. DeKalb Co. together with all my personal property which I now own with the express understanding that the said W. H. Allen is to pay all my just debts if any including my doctors bills and funeral expenses and to erect over my grave and that of my first husband Leon Baird dec. each a marble slab as a monument and also to erect a nice stone fence around our said grounds, and in that event then the property is to belong to the said W. H. Allen in fee and absolutely. But if he fails to do this I then direct that my executor proceed to sell my said property including my house and lot of one said and carry out the provisions of this will.

Said tomb-stone and fence is to be erected as soon as possible after my death. I hereby nominate and appoint Ben B. Daniel my executor, to carry out the provisions of this will and he is further empowered to employ said atty to assist him if necessary. Witness my hand this 15th day of March 1896 =

Witness to signature R. H. Johnson
Eliza ^{my} Sellers
Witness to will who signed the same in the presence of the testator and who in our presence declared the same to be her last will and testament this 15th day of March 1896

Cont. 15th day of March 1896

J. E. B. B. B. B.

J. D. Baird
Ben Williams

W. L. Driver will

I W. L. Driver a citizen of DeKalb County Tenn, being of sound mind and disposing memory make this my last will and testament I give devise and bequeath my estate and property real & personal as follows that is to say,

I direct that my above wife Rebecca Driver have all of my real estate consisting of five acres of land with all improvements thereon it being the same land upon which me and my wife Rebecca now live, bounded as follows on the North by — Lewis on the south by Waynes River, on the east by Waynes River on the west by the McMinnville road for her sole and separate use. I direct that she have the right to transfer sell and convey title to said land if she should see fit or it should become necessary for her support or support.

I further direct that my wife Rebecca Driver have all of my personal of what ever nature or kind I may be seized or possessed of.

I hereby direct that Milas Driver, Henderson Driver, Alice Calvert, Ophelia Johnson, and H. K. Driver being heirs of my body are not to have any share in my estate as I have already given each of them all that I allow them to have.

I further direct that if my wife Rebecca shall die leaving any of the property herein bequeathed or devised that said property be sold according to law and the proceeds applied to the payment of both mine and her funeral expense first and whatever may be left after paying said funeral expense and cost of administration be applied to the payment of any and all debts that may be left due and owing by either or both of us in witness where of I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at home on this 17th day of March 1896

W. L. Driver (and)

The said W. L. Driver at his home on the 17th day of March 1896 signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as, and for his last will and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses

J. A. Briggs
J. H. B. B.

Elizabeth Winchester will

I Elizabeth Winchester do make & publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all others & making said all other wills by me at any time made.

I direct that my husband W.V. Winchester pay my funeral expenses & I want all of the property that came by me both real and personal I give it to my said husband W.V. Winchester to do with it & control it as he pleases lastly I do hereby appoint & nominate my husband W.V. Winchester my Executor in witness where of I do to this my will. At my hand & seal this the 6th day of May 1896.

Elizabeth Winchester

Signed sealed & published in our presence & we have subscribed our names here to in the presence of Testator this the 6th day of May 1896

Witness
J.H. Smith
J.B. Plunkett

Wm C Odum's will

I Wm C Odum of my own free will and accord make this my last will and testament. I will and direct that I be decently buried and that my funeral expense be paid out of the first money that comes in to the hands of my Executor and Executor. I will and direct that all of my just debt be paid as soon as practical after my death. 3rd I will and bequeath to my wife L.B. Odum all the remainder of my estate both real and personal during her life and that she have full control of the same as much so I owned of the same have myself and after the death of my wife all of her estate shall be divided equally between my children 4th I hereby appoint my wife L.B. Odum executrix and my son John C Odum executor in case of the provision of this my will this August the 27th 1896.

Witness
Wm Dick
B.P. Odum

Wm Odum

B.J. Lawrence will

Know all men by these presents that I B.J. Lawrence of DeKalb County State of Tennessee and civil district no 12 being in full health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

And as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which shall be entitled to at the time of my death I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit: First my will is that all of my just debt and funeral expenses, shall by my Executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient. Second I give devise & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Lawrence all of my home hold furniture and stock of all kinds also I give devise and bequeath to my said wife Nancy all and every part of my real estate consisting of one tract of land situated & lying in the County of DeKalb County State of Tennessee and civil district no 12 containing by survey one hundred thirty Acres and 86 poles the same that was made a deed of gift to me by my father Lewis Lawrence including twenty Acres given off of the tract of land given by deed to John Lawrence his son by his father Lewis Lawrence and one half acre near the buttment of Mr Bates Mill given him by the same. And is the same upon which I now reside My said wife Nancy in connection with my son Eli is to have full and complete control of said land before my decease provided she should remain single but in case she should remarry then all of her right title and interest to said tract of land as set part here of shall cease, and I will & bequeath to my said son Eli all of the right title or claim in and to said land that I am possessed of to him and to his heirs and assigns forever provided that I have complete control of said tract of land and all of said personal property until after my decease, which I devise will and bequeath to my daughter Betty Payne and her husband David Payne Five dollar one cash to be paid to her by my Executor here in after named or by any one having authority to pay the same out of any money that may come into the hands of my executor or representative after my decease and lastly I do nominate and appoint Thomas D Oakley my executor of this my last will and testament in testimony where of I B.J. Lawrence have to this my last will and testament there of subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this the 25th day of August 1884

B.J. Lawrence

Test: Thos D Oakley Sworn and subscribed to before me on this the

J.D. Oakley 25th day of August 1884

Wm Bratten

Notary Public in for said County

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I John Willoughby do hereby make & publish this my last will and testament hereby naming and making void all others by me at any time made.

1st

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executor out of any monies first coming into my hands as soon after my death as possible.

2nd

I hereby will and bequeath and devise to my sons Wm. J. Willoughby, J. B. Willoughby and J. S. Willoughby the following described parcel or tract of land, lying in the 11th Dist. of DeKalb County, Tennessee, and containing by estimation about two hundred & fifty acres more or less, and bounded on the north by Lindy Adkins, on the west by Jilpha Malone and Capt. Fautsch, south by John Brook and the Johnson & J. L. Fautsch, and east by Albia Jones heirs & J. M. Willoughby and Betsey Allen said land including the tract purchased from Jesse D. Mullis & Co. and from John Washer and from Elizabeth White, and a part of the tract purchased from Jason White. Said heirs to hold said land share and share alike.

3rd

I hereby will, bequeath and devise to my son R. L. Willoughby the following described tract or parcel of land to wit, situated in the 11th Dist. DeKalb Co. Tenn. and bounded on the north by Jacobson Malone and Isaac Malone on the east by Wm. Malone, south by Catherine Malone, and west by William Malone Jr. containing by estimation about six acres more or less said land known as the Elizabeth Malone tract and sold by order court of DeKalb County Tenn.

4th

I hereby will, bequeath and devise to my daughter Victoria wife of David Maynard and to her heirs forever the following described tract or parcel of land to wit, lying in the 1st civil district of DeKalb County Tennessee, and bounded as follows on the north by James Griffith and the west by the Malley tract and on the south by Hule Turner, and the east by John Schamun & Sparta Turnerpike containing nearly three acres more or less, said lands purchased by me from H. H. Halling.

5th

I having given to my daughter Sarah wife of Braach Watt the sum of Four Hundred Dollars in the purchase of a tract of land, and said daughter being now dead, I charge same amount to her as an advancement and I further give to her children share and share alike the sum of Six hundred dollars to be paid at my death by my executor, out of the proceeds of my personal property said amount of six hundred dollars to be equally divided among said children.

6th

I have heretofore devised to my son J. M. Willoughby a tract or parcel of land lying in the 11th civil district of DeKalb County and I now settle debts against him for a part of the

purchase money. I direct that in case I do not deliver to my said son the said notes notes that my executor cancel and deliver up to him said notes without further payment which is to be in full of his share of my real estate.

7th

I hereby ratify and confirm as my executor to carry out the provision of this my last will & testament my son W. J. Willoughby in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and declared this to be my last will & testament and in the presence of my witnesses to this will on this the 8th day of January 1897
John E. Willoughby
Witness & Signature Wm. Williams

Witnesses of the above will who signed the same in the presence of and at the request of the testator whose name is above signed and who declared the same to be his last will & testament in our presence are this the 8th day of Jan'y 1897.

Wm. Williams
A. L. Reynolds

I, Mattie N. Hood of the town of Alexandria County of D. C. State of Tenn. do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

- 1st I direct that all my just debts be first paid out of any monies that may come into the hands of my executor
 - 2nd I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Bertie Borue her heirs and assigns forever the house and lot situate in the town of Alexandria Dist No. 1. District County Tenn known as the Davis property and bounded on the north by Hickman Creek, South by the Lebanon and Shorta Turnpike, West by Dan Williams and J. C. Ford, East by the Nalley Batts property. The value of said house and lot I fix at six hundred dollars.
 - 3rd I also give to my daughter Bertie Borue all the household and kitchen furniture I may be possessed of at the time of my death.
 - 4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Maggie Oak the sum of six hundred dollars to be paid out of any monies notes or other effects I may have at the time of my death not otherwise disposed of at the time of this Will and testament to be paid to her by my said executor as soon thereafter as practicable and if I do not die seized and possessed of enough property to amount to the said sum of six hundred dollars then my said executor is to pay her whatever sum not in excess of said amount of six hundred dollars as I may have at the time of my death.
 - 5th I direct that all the rest and residue of my property of whatever kind I may have at my death to be equally divided between my two daughters Bertie Borue and Maggie Oak
 - 6th I hereby nominate and appoint without bond my said daughter Bertie Borue, my executrix. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and publish this my last will and testament on this the 7th day of Nov. 1896
- M. N. Hood
- Witnesses: Dan Williams
Mrs. Carrie Raelius

Simon W. Nickman

Aug. 23rd 1897

This is to certify that I Simon Wade Nickman this day make my will. I further say that this my last will I further state that I am of full age and I am in my right mind. I am about fifty five years of age I do not see my age — the best I can be got at the above is correct. I give bequeath and divide my estate and property as follows that is to say first I want all my just debts paid further I want my son Simon Wade Nickman go to have all my property both personal and real estate further I want the grass yard field. The blue grass lot including the the house and garden to be set apart for the purpose of supporting Simon Wade Nickman and Jane Stoke my half sister who is to take care of my son this grass yard field being north of the dwelling house blue running where the fence was in that run up the right hand hollow above the house I further in trust in my executors the title to sell any personal property on said premises and I want the executors paid for this title I further want the parcel of land that I have ordered where claimed as paid out of the office which is to be paid out of my effects where paid the executors or to have the deed made to my son Simon Wade Nickman go. For this I want M. M. Allen and W. B. Taylor my executors to be paid a reasonable price for all their labors in transacting the business of this my last will it to be taken out of the proceeds of the farm as that is the remainder of the farm after taking that part away to wit the grass field the house yard stable and garden blue grass lot and if any remainder it to go to Simon Wade Nickman I further want my executors to go on bond for the faithful performance of all the business coming into their hands and for the proper application of all property and money coming into their hands if my estate I further want Jack Stokes my half sister to have a home here her life time further I want my executors to wit M. M. Allen & W. B. Taylor to have full control of the State farm now in the hands signed of the above will witness that this is his will made in our presence and at his request and in the presence of each other

Simon Wade Nickman

Attest W. L. Evans
W. B. Coplinger

John James Will

I John James of the County of Schuylk, State of Penn. do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all others 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.
- 2nd I give devise and bequeath all the net residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to my beloved Grand Children legally heirs of my son W. J. James to have and to hold to them my said Grand-Children, their heirs and assigns forever.
- 3rd My son W. J. James during his and his wife Jane James during her widowhood is to have the control of and proceeds of all my real estate, except as hereinafter provided. When the remainder to go to my said Grand-Children as above stated.
- 4th I hereby empower and authorize my executors to see any portion of or all of my said real estate, either at private or public sale, provided my personal estate is not sufficient to pay off and satisfy all debts either as principal, or for which I am bound as surety, I may be owing.
- 5th I nominate and appoint J. P. Walker & W. J. James to be the executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 9th day of June, 1897.

Signed and published and declared as, and for his last will and testament, by the above named testator in our presence, who here at his request and in his presence, signed our names as witnesses hereunto on this the 9th day of June, 1897.

Witness
Dr. Henry McMillen
Sam Williams

John James

E. C. Turners Will

I E. C. Turner of Alexandria Tennessee, make this my last will. I give, devise bequeath my estate, real and personal, as follows, that is to say:

I order and direct that all my just debts shall be paid with current specie. I give unto Jane L. Cross my brother Shree Howard Dollars, I give unto Ann Single Two Hundred Dollars. All the residue of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wheresoever it may be found and of what soever it may consist, I give unto devise unto my brother, W. L. Cross to have to him and his heirs forever. I appoint W. L. Cross my Executor without bond in witness whereof I the above named testator hereunto set my hand and seal this the 20th day of June, 1897.

E. C. Turner

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Then and there signed, sealed and published by E. C. Turner the testator as and for his last will in the presence of us who at his request in her presence and in the presence of each other here have set our names as witnesses.

J. P. Roy
R. B. Floyd

James G. Pullum's Will

Do it remembered that I James G. Pullum of Lawrence here
do hereby make this my last will and testament
in manner following:

That is to say, I direct that all my just debts be paid
with all convenient speed. To my wife Elizabeth I give
full control of the farm, houses, barn, and all appurtenances
there to just as I now hold, thus until her death.

I give now to J. C. Pullum one black horse age 4 years and
past and all my farming implements, To Malissa and
James I give each one Hundred Dollars in cash and

each to have one horse, if there be any to give at my
death and if not to have the value of one each in
money. To my wife I give all my personal property

remaining after the above mentioned, all notes due
me, all money on hand after Two Hundred Dollars

are given to Malissa and James and all my just debts
are paid; and after the death of my wife the remaining

personal property to be divided equally with all my
children are sold and the proceeds divided equally.

I hereby appoint as my Executor to carry out this will
J. C. Pullum with direction to pay for same out of the
personal property. Signed This Sept. 3, 1898

Witness J. L. Fisher

" J. M. Malone

J. G. Pullum

W. C. Bennett's Will

I William C. Bennett near Liberty Detall Parity Census
being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and
declare this to be my last will and testament to wit:

1st First, all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first
fully paid

2nd Second, I give devise and bequeath all the rest, residue,
and remainder of my estate both real and personal
to my beloved wife, her life time then at her death to
Versa, Noda Blythe and her father Elijah Blythe and
at their death to Fanny C. Blythe and her heirs

3rd I nominate and appoint my said wife Mary Anna Bennett
to be the executor of this my last will and testament.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this Oct. 20th 1898.

William C. Bennett

Signed, sealed, published in my presence Oct. 20th 1898

John J. Georgins

M. B. Scott