

hereto in the presence of the testator this 25th day
of June 1860
Witness
J D Wheeler
W D Bond

State of Tennessee DeKalb County. At the next
term of said County Court. Present the worshipful Joseph
Clark Chairman with J L Deamen (and Alfred Band
Esq

On motion a paper writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of Mrs Elizabeth Ined Decade of
the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee, was this
day presented in open court for probate and was duly
proven in open court by the oaths of J D Wheeler
and W D Bond subscribing witnesses to said will
or paper writing who being sworn in open court as above
and says that they were personally acquainted with
Mrs Elizabeth Ined the testatrix and that she
signed and acknowledged said will or paper writing
in their presence and the Council thereunto
annexed to be her last will and testament and that
they signed their names as subscribing witnesses
in her presence in the County and State afore-
said and that she died in DeKalb County. Ordered
that said will be admitted to record and if further
appearing to the Court that Alfred Band was appo-
inted Executor of said will and he came into
open court and released his right to the Executor
ship where upon the Court appointed W S Paty
Administrator with the will annexed of the
said Elizabeth Ined Decade and entered into
bond in the sum of six thousand dollars with
William Floyd and J D Wheeler his securities
approved by the Court which bond was duly ket-
tled in open Court and ordered to be filed
where upon the said W S Paty was duly sworn in
open Court. Ordered that Letters of Administration
with the will annexed issue to him which is
done 3rd November 1860 M J Martin Clerk

DeKalb County Court

State of Tennessee - DeKalb County
To W S Paty a citizen of DeKalb County. By appea-
ring to the County Court now in session that Elizabeth
Ined has died leaving a will the Court being
satisfied as to your claims to the administration
with the will annexed and you having given Bond
and qualified as directed by Law and the Court have
ing ordered that Letters of Administration with the will

annexed issue to you. These are therefore to authorize
and empower you to take into your possession
and contrall all the goods Chattels Claims and
profits of the said Estate and return a true
and perfect inventory thereof to our next County
Court to collect and pay all debts and to ad-
just and transact all other duties in relation to
said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as
Administrator with the will annexed and having
settled up said Estate by deliver the residue
thereof to those who are ^{by law} entitled. Witness M J
Martin Clerk of said Court at office the 3rd day
of November 1860 and 85 Year of American
Independence M J Martin Clerk

I Sophia E Linn as make and publish this my last
will and testament hereby revoking and making void
all other Wills by me at any time made

I do amend that my funeral expenses and all my just debts
if any I may owe be paid out of the first money that
shall come into the hands of my Executor belonging to
my estate as soon after my death as possible

I will and amend that each of my ^{living} children and the
children here at law of each of my said children
who left offspring share equally my estate not otherwise
bequeathed in this will except in two instances
herein after expressed that is to say I will and
amend that my son George L Linn receive one seventh
part of all my estate not otherwise bequeathed
in this will. that my son Thomas Linn receive one
seventh part of my estate not otherwise bequeathed in
this will that my daughter Elizabeth Bratten receive
one seventh part of all my estate not otherwise
bequeathed in this will. that my daughter Martha
Grindstaff formerly Martha Linn receive one seventh
part of my estate not otherwise bequeathed in
this will that William S Bratton & Henry H
Bratton Mary H Collins formerly Mary H
Mullins Sarah --- formerly Sarah Mullins
and Joseph Mullins my children and proper
heirs of my said daughter Nancy Mullins who
had previously intermarried with Henry Bratton
receive jointly one seventh part of all my estate
not otherwise bequeathed by this will deducting
however from this last named seventh part the
sum of four dollars that Nancy Linn Caroline
Linn and Virginia S Linn heirs at law of my said
son Robert Linn receive jointly one seventh

part of all my estate not otherwise bequeathed in this will bequeathing them from five dollars as in the case last above mentioned and that Martha E Ford and William S Ford heirs at law of my decess. Daughter Mary A Ford formerly Mary A Queen receive one seventh part of all my estate not otherwise bequeathed in this will.

43 July I will and direct that in the distribution of my estate as above directed that my negro property accumulated since the death of my husband to wit, Sally and her children be divided between my several heirs as above expressed or valuation by ballot to be done by commissioners appointed for that purpose if the same can be done if not then the said commissioners shall value the whole of the slaves and distribute four of them between my four living children to wit, George S. Given, Thomas Given, Elizabeth Brathin and Martha Given to be divided as a bond directed leaving the balance if any to be by my executor sold and the proceeds of the sale applied with the proceeds of the sale of such personal property and cash that I may be possessed of to the benefit of these other heirs above named and as above directed till each set of grand children receive their seventh part except the two reserves of five dollars as above expressed and should it occur that there are still a disparity to make them each equal to the four heirs receiving slaves then those who receive slaves to pay to those who pay both who receive none or who receive a slave or slaves of less value till all are made equal with the above exceptions and should there be a necessity of selling slaves and the sale of slaves when added to cash and other sales for these heirs an equivalent to the slaves distributed any over plus shall be divided equally as provided in the second clause of this will.

44 July I will to Asa Lums and Mullins five dollars and that he have no more of my estate as I have provided as fully for his children by my daughter Mary as any other of my grand children less five dollars. 546 I will to Eliza Given widow of Robert J. Given five dollars and that she have no more of my estate having provided equally for the children of Robert J. Given less five dollars as above. 614 I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Given in trust for the only proper use and benefit of my old negro man Walsu two hundred

and fifty dollars together with a certain old negro lion and a bay pony or whatever said two horses may bring sell for at my death which (sums) my said son Thomas Given is hereby directed and empowered to spend, lay out or in any way for the benefit and comfort of my said negro man Walsu by purchasing him and emancipating him legally or holding him as property or hiring his time or to expend the same in small sums as to him the said Thomas Given may seem just and proper keeping in view all the time the ease and comfort of my said negro man Walsu and after the death of my said son Thomas Given and after the said Thomas Given a reasonable compensation for trouble should there be any of said sums on hand it is my will and desire that what ever balance there should be shall be equally divided between my seven heirs including Asa Lums & Mullins and Eliza Given.

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I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Thomas Given my executor to this my last will and Testament in witness where of I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 31st day of July 1834 Sophia C. Given

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator this 31st of July 1834 Joseph Black

C. W. Hale

State of Tennessee - DeKalb County - November Term of the County Court 1860 With Joseph Black Chairman and J. L. Gorman and Alfred Bond Esqrs

On motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sophia C. Given decess. Late of the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee was this day presented in open court for probate and was duly proven by Joseph Black and C. W. Hale subscribing witnesses who being duly sworn in open court depose and say, that they were personally acquainted with Sophia Given the testatrix and that she died in the County aforesaid and that she acknowledged said will or paper writing in their presence and that they signed their names as subscribing witnesses in her presence in the County aforesaid Ordered that said will be admitted to record on motion of Joseph Black Chairman of the County Court J. L. Gorman

was called to the Chair to preside as one of the Court in the place of said Clark and it appearing from said Will that Thomas Given was appointed the Executor but that he declined serving as said Executor. Where upon the Court appointed Joseph Clark Esqr Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattles rights and (benefits) of the said testatrix with the will annexed where upon the said Joseph Clark entered into Bond into bond in the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs with Thomas Given and William Bratton his securities approved by the Court which bond was duly acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be filed where upon the said Joseph Clark was duly sworn in open Court ordered that letters of Administration with the Will annexed be issued to him which is done
 5th November 1860 M J Martin Clerk
 De Hall County Court

State of Tennessee?

De Hall County ? November

vs Joseph Clark a citizen of De Hall County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Sophia C Given was alive leaving a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration with the Will annexed and you having given Bond and qualified as executor by law and the Court having ordered that letters of Administration with the Will annexed be issued to him

Then ord that you be authorized and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods Chattles Claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to call and pay all debts to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully accrue on you as Administrator with the Will annexed and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by Law entitled Witnesses M J Martin Clerk of said Court at office this fifth day of November 1860 and 55th year of American Independence

M J Martin Clerk
 De Hall County Court

Elizabeth M. Guinness Will =

I Elizabeth M Guinness do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made
 1st I direct that all my General Expenses and all of my Just 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 -

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Richard W M Guinness my Gray Mare and his Saddle and also to him two Bee-stones and I give him 12 lbs feathers and stick to make him a bed 1 sheet and three Bed-quits

3rd I give to Elizabeth M Guinness my Daughter all all of the Corn that is on hand and all the hogs that I have to make pork for the next year which is for her to hold and to be for the use of her and Richard W M Guinness and Annet M Guinness to make their provision for the next year and also to them all the fodder that is on hand to feed Richard Stock to make a crop

4th I give and bequeath to Elizabeth M Guinness one bed tick and 25 lbs of feathers and all the bed clothing that she has made

5th I give and bequeath to Annet M Guinness one bed tick and 25 lbs of feathers and two white Starved Counter pins three Bear quilts and the straw bed that should go with it and one sheet which makes them equal in that respect to my other Girls

6th I give and bequeath to my son Richard W M Guinness all of the farming utensils that I have on hand except the Ox cart and Log-chain

7th Then I want all of the remainder of my Estate to be sold on a credit of twelve months and then pay all Expenses and debts and the remaining fund to be divided Equally among the following named Children Elizabeth L and Elizabeth M Guinness and Ann Pralgo Jones M Guinness Richard W M Annet M Guinness and Elizabeth Ann M Dowell the daughter of Mary E M Dowell Dead

I hereby appoint Jot Graft my Executor to this my last Will and Testament Given under my hand and seal this November 1st 1860
 Elizabeth M Guinness

Lastly

Signed sealed and delivered in our presence which
we have here unto set our names as subscribing
Witnesses here to November 15 1860

Attest
J B Grace
J E Strick

December Term 1860

State of Tennessee DeKalb County Court - Present
Joseph Clark Chairman With A Bone & J B Strickell Esqs

On motion - a paper writing purporting to be the
last Will and Testament of Elizabeth McGinnis Deceased
late of the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee
was this day presented in open Court for probate and
was duly proven in open Court by J B Grace
and J E Strickell subscribing Witnesses. Who being
asked sworn in open Court deposes and says they
were personally acquainted with Elizabeth McGinnis
the testatrix and that she died in DeKalb
County State of Tennessee and that she acknowledged
said Will or paper writing in their presence and
that they signed their names as subscribing Witnesses
in their presence in the Court aforesaid ordered
that said Will or paper writing be admitted to
Record and it appearing from said Will that J E
Strickell is appointed Executor of said Will whereupon
the said J E Strickell entered into bond in the sum
of five hundred Dollars with John Hallum
John E Strickell his security is approved by the
Court whereupon the said J E Strickell was duly
sworn in open Court, ordered that letters tes-
tamentary issue to him which is done
M J Martin Clerk

State of Tennessee - DeKalb County
To J E Strickell a Citizen of DeKalb County
It appearing to the Court now in session that Elizabeth
McGinnis has died leaving a written Will and
the Court being satisfied as to your Claims to this
Executorship, and you having given Bond and
qualified as directed by law and the Court that letters
testamentary be issued to you
Then are therefore to authorize and empower you
to take into your possession and control all the
goods and Chattle claims and papers of the said testatrix
and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to
our next County Court to be called and pay all debts and
to do and transact all the duties in relation to
said estate which lawfully devolved on you as
Executor and after having settled up said

estate to deliver the residue thereof to those
who are by said Will entitled
Witness M J Martin Clerk of said Court at office
this 3rd December 1860 and 85th year of
American Independence M J Martin Clerk
DeKalb County Court

Shornton Christies
Will

I Thornton Christie do make and
publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoke-
ing and making void all other wills by me at any time
made, First I direct that my funeral expenses and all
my debts if any 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 Executors, secondly I give and bequeath to
my Brothers Sisters or where they are dead to their
offspring namely William Christie Sanford I
Christie William Christie Harrison Christie Mary
Thompson formerly Miss Christie Malcolay Brown
formerly Matilda Christie, all my money, notes
and Negroes, Equally between Brothers and Sisters
to have the same as theirs I do hereby nominate
and appoint Churchwell Anderson of Nashville
Tennessee my Executor In witness where of I
have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th
day of June 1858 Thornton Christie

Signed sealed and published in our
presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto
in presence of the testator this the 14th June 1858
Witnesses J E Strickell
J H Anderson
J E Hight

In presence of Court Sec June 1860
Honest Judges M Waring Caruthers & Wright
William Christie &c

Churchwell Anderson Executor

This case was heard on the 10th
day of December 1860 before the Supreme Court of Tennessee
sitting at Nashville upon transcript of a record from
the Circuit Court of DeKalb County on conversation
where of the Court is of opinion that there is no error
in the judgment of the Court below and affirm
the same in all things It is therefore considered
by this Court that said paper writing bearing date the
14 June 1858 be established as the last will and

testament of Thornton Christie aforesaid and that a copy of this judgement together with said original will be transmitted to the Clerk of the County Court of DeKalb County to be recorded. It is further considered by the Court that William W. Holding and Harrison Christie mention Thompson Matthes Brown Indyle Stone security in affidavits from the estate of this and of the Court below and that said same and upon application of counsel it is ordered that the Clerk of this Court deliver the original papers transmitted by order of the Circuit Court to J. McSavage Esq. State of Tennessee

I James O. Clark Clerk of the Supreme Court of Tennessee at Nashville do certify that the above is a full and true copy of the judgement in the case of William Christie vs Churchwell Anderson & others as same appears of record in my office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Nashville this 8th day of December 1860 & 85 J. O. Clark - Clerk

Sup. J. D. Shippin Jured witness Ring duly sworn. I reside in Nashville and I am a Clerk in the Court of Tennessee. I was acquainted with Thornton Christie. I have examined the paper referred to and wrote it at his instance and at his request. He had a will previous in which C. Anderson was Executor. This he wished changed to Churchwell Anderson of Nashville Tennessee. He gave as a reason for this change that he wanted no doubt as to who would execute his will, that there might be an other C. Anderson. I wrote it and made the change as requested by him he signed it and executed it in my presence and I witnessed it at his request and in his presence and in the presence of J. H. Anderson & O. H. Hight who also witnessed it at his request and the day it bears date the 14th day of June 1855. I found it and backed it. Thornton Christie's will. The whole of the will is in my hand writing except Thornton Christie's signature which is his own hand writing which is here referred to as Exhibit A to my Depositions. At the time of the execution of said will by said Thornton Christie as above he was of sound mind and disposing memory. I had been acquainted with him for a number of years I have often heard him say that when he died he wished said Anderson to wind up

his Estate. That upon he said he wanted the said Anderson so soon as he heard of it to come immediately and take his effects in his possession he did not care where it was that he said.

3rd Deposes J. H. Anderson Ring sworn. I have examined the paper referred to as the last will of Thornton Christie. I am a subscribing witness to it. The said Thornton Christie executed it in my presence as his last will and I witnessed it at his request and in his presence and in the presence of J. D. Shippin & O. H. Hight the other two subscribing witnesses on the 14th day of June 1855. I was and had been acquainted with said Christie for a number of years and he was at the time of sound mind. J. H. Anderson

3rd Deposes O. H. Hight - sworn. I have examined the paper referred to which was the will of Thornton Christie and am a subscribing witness thereto. Which said Christie executed in my presence and I witnessed it at his request and in his presence and in the presence of J. D. Shippin & J. H. Anderson the other two subscribing witnesses. I regard said Christie of sound mind. O. H. Hight

The foregoing Depositions were taken before me as stated in the caption and remained to writing by the witnesses themselves and I certify that I am not interested in the case nor of kin or counsel to either of the parties and that I delivered them to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeKalb County without being out of my possession or attend after they were taken given under my hand this 14th day of October 1860 Joseph Clark Justice of the Peace for DeKalb County

January Term 1861
State of Tennessee DeKalb County
Be it Remembered that at a regular session of the County Court of DeKalb County held at the Court house in Smithville the first Monday in January 1861 at 11 o'clock A.M. of said month Present All Board Chairman with a majority of all the Justices in the County The Court being duly organized

William Christie & als

us
Churchwill Anderson Executor

In the case of Churchwill Anderson Executor, of Thomson Christie Deceased this 27th Feb in open Court a copy of the order of the Supreme Court of Tennessee December Term 1860 confirming an order of the Circuit Court of DeKalb County made within cause setting up the will as the last will and testament of Thomson Christie Deceased and declaring Churchwill Anderson the Executor in the same together with the original will & probates of the subscribing witnesses thereto all of which is read by the Court to be recorded, in this Court whereupon came Churchwill Anderson Executor as aforesaid into open Court and entered into Bond in the sum of fifty thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs with W.B. Lawrence & J.D. Lawrence his securities, a spread by the Court which Bond was duly acknowledged in open Court whereupon said Churchwill Anderson was duly sworn in open Court. Ordered That Letters Testamentary together with a copy of the will be together with the actions of this Court be issued to the said Executor Churchwill Anderson which is done Given under my hand and done in open Court 7th January 1861

W.M. Martin Clerk of
the County Court of DeKalb Co

State of Tennessee

DeKalb County } In Churchwill Anderson a citizen of
Davidson County. It appearing to the Court now in
session that Thomson Christie has and leaving a written
Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims
to the Executorship and you having given Bond
and qualified as directed by Law and the Court
having ordered that Letters Testamentary be issued to you
You are therefore, by authority and empower you to
take into your possession and control all the
Goods Chattels Claims and papers of the said Deceased
and return a true and perfect inventory thereof
to our next County Court, to collect and pay all
debts and to do and transact all the duties in
relation to said estate which Lawfully accrue on
you as Executor and after having settled up said
Estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who by
Law entitled Witness W.M. Martin Clerk of said Court at
this the 7th day of January 1861 & 85

Ann Whitlock Will

I Ann Whitlock Widow of George
Whitlock Deceased being now old and sound mind and
perfect memory, do hereby publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking
and making void all other wills by me heretofore made
and especially one made in favor of Hardin Hardcastle
Wife of M. M. Brien Esq. which will is now in the hands
of said Hardcastle, and my will and desire is that
at my death, my Brother Samuel Casey have all the
property both real and personal, money Chases in
action and claims to property to which I have the
right of action that I may and possessed of or have
the right to the possession of, to his sole and separate
use forever, and all the right or interest whether
it be a fee or less than a fee simple interest
that I have in and to Three Several Tracts of Land
lying in Smith County Tennessee Sect No 18 and Tract
of 47 1/2 Acres purchased by George Whitlock from David
Gray on the 31st Decr 1859 which said Tract was taken in
lieu of land that accended to me from the Estate of
my father Samuel Casey Deceased and paid for & claiming
that my late husband made to my (then) Husband
George Whitlock, also two other tracts both adjoining
and adjoining the first mentioned tract, of 30 acres
each, and purchased of Edward Lawrence & son
from Patrick Moore of the said George Whitlock
I being the place where the said George Whitlock
lived at the time of his death and I do hereby
nominate my Brother Samuel Casey my sole
Executor as well as legatee to this my last will
and charge him with the payment of all my
Just debts and funeral Expenses this the 19th
day of April 1859 Ann Whitlock (seal)
mark

Signed sealed in our presence and we Subscribed
our names as witnesses to the same in the
presence of the testator at her request 9th day of
April 1859

Attest
J.D. Hare
A.A. Atwell

State of Tennessee January Term of the
County Court of DeKalb County 1861 Present All Hare
Chairman with J.B. Atwell & Jas. B. Brien Esqs
On motion a paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of Ann
Whitlock Deceased late a resident of DeKalb
County was presented in open Court for

probate, and was duly proven in open Court by the oath of A. A. Atwell one of the subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing who being first duly sworn in open Court deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with Ann Whitlock the testatrix and that she acknowledged said will or paper writing in his presence to be her last will and testament on the day it purports to bear date for all the purposes contained in the same and that the testatrix requested affiant to subscribe his name as a witness to the same which affiant did in her presence and in the presence of J. L. Hare the other subscribing witness to said will or paper writing and that the testatrix was in her proper mind and capable of making and executing said will or paper writing at the date of the execution of the same & that she has since died in DeKalb County Tennessee, ordered that the same be admitted to record and that J. L. Hare the other subscribing witness to said will or paper writing be notified to appear at the next term of this Court and state what he may know relative to the execution of said will or paper writing by the testatrix Ann Whitlock A true copy from the records
 M. J. Martin Clerk
 of DeKalb County Court

Feb Term County Court of DeKalb County 1861
 On motion: The will of Ann Whitlock was again presented before the County Court of DeKalb County and duly proven by the oath of J. L. Hare the other subscribing witness who after being duly sworn in open Court deposes and says that he was acquainted with Ann Whitlock the testatrix to said will or paper writing that he wrote said will or paper writing at the request of the said Ann Whitlock and that he subscribed his name to the said will in her presence and at her request and in the presence of A. A. Atwell the other subscribing witness and that he sealed up said will and backed the same and delivered it to the said Ann Whitlock. And that if the said Ann Whitlock was not of sound mind he did not know it where upon Samuel Hasey the executor to said will appeared in open Court to give evidence qualified &c. But said will or paper writing being contested the same was refused. And Boardin Boardcastle having contested the probate of said will it is ordered by the Court that the record of this Court be certified by the clerk of this Court to the

with said paper writing be filed with the clerk of the Circuit Court of DeKalb County that an issue may be made up in said Court to try the validity of said will &c.
 A true copy from the records of the proceeding had on said will &c. may be taken in the County Court of DeKalb County
 M. J. Martin Clerk

Ann Whitlocks Will

I Ann Whitlock do make and publish this as my last will
 First. I appoint my Executor herein after named to pay my funeral and all other expenses and debts as soon after my death as possible
 secondly I give to my nephew Boardin Boardcastle all the real estate that I may at any time and in any way have seized and possessed of including the residue and all the improvements there upon I now have
 Third I give to Anderson Salor Robert fifty dollars in money, one feather bed, heated and furnished I also give him the further sum of ten dollars in money which I wish to be applied towards the tuition of him to school for one year
 Fourth All the residue of my personal property including money and all debts and all kind of property of any and all descriptions of that I may at any time and in any way have seized and possessed of I give and bequeath to my said nephew Boardin Boardcastle
 Lastly I appoint my neighbor and friend John Ratz my Executor
 In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16th day of August
 1853
 Ann Whitlock (seal)
 Test. Mauson W Brien
 William M Ward

February Term 1861

On motion: a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Ann Whitlock late a citizen of DeKalb County Tennessee was presented in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oath of M. W. Brien &c. who being first duly sworn in open Court deposes and says that he was acquainted with Ann Whitlock the testatrix to said will or paper writing that he wrote the same and that she signed

it in his presence and that she acknowledged said paper writing to be her last will and testament in his presence on the day the same purports to bear date to wit the 16th day of August 1853 & that he subscribed his name to said Will or paper writing at the request of the said testatrix Ann Whitlock and in the presence of Wm M Wade the other subscribing witness and that the said Ann Whitlock was at that time of sound mind and disposing memory also came James M Allen in open court who being duly sworn in open court deposes and says that he is acquainted with the hand writing of Wm M Wade deceased and that the signature of said Wm M Wade as witness to said will or paper writing is genuine and that William M Wade is dead. On motion the Court ordered said will to be admitted to record. Where upon came Samuel Casey by Attorney and contested said will or paper writing of said Ann Whitlock admitted to record of the 16th of August 1853 and gave Bond & security as required by law in such cases and that the Clerk of this Court transmit to said Circuit Court a copy of this record of this Court and said will or paper writing with a copy of the proceedings had in this Court that an issue may be made as to the validity of said paper writing. Attny Copy of the proceedings had on said will or paper writing in the Court of DeKalb County Tenn. February Term 1861

McMurtre Clerk

James Parsley's
Will

I James Parsley of the County of DeKalb 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 heretofore made & I direct that my body be actively interested in said County in a manner suitable to my condition in life. And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows: First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of that may first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my Estate real or personal

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Manerva all my real and personal estate during her Widowhood

I do hereby make ordain and appoint my esteemed and beloved friend John Davis my Executor & my beloved wife Manerva Parsley Executor & executrix of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I James Parsley the said testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper and my hand and seal this 17th day of September 1853

James M. Parsley

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and of each other witnesses
J B Sumner
John W. Underhill
J. Bethel

County Court of DeKalb County March Term 1861 - On motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Parsley late a resident of DeKalb County was presented in open Court for Probate and was duly proven by the oaths of John W. Underhill and J. Bethel two of the subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing who being first duly sworn in open Court deposes and says they were acquainted with James Parsley the testator and that he acknowledged said will or paper writing in their presence to be his last will or testament on the day it purports to bear date and that the testator requested applicants to subscribe their names as witnesses to the same which applicants did in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing and that the said testator was in his proper mind and capable of making and executing said will or paper writing at the date of the execution of the same and that he has since died in DeKalb County Tenn. Or do and that the same be admitted to record and it appearing from said Will that John Davis and Manerva Parsley were appointed Executor & executrix of said will or paper writing where upon the said John Davis and Manerva Parsley entered into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs with W. H. Magnus and Watson Cantrell his securities approved by the Court and ordered to be filed where upon the said John Davis and Manerva Parsley was duly sworn in open Court ordered that letters testamentary issue to them which is done

Begin Mon. Nov. 3, 1868

State of Tennessee

DeKalb County. To John Davis and Manerva Parsley Citizens of DeKalb County

It appears to the County Court now in session that James Parsley has died leaving a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Executorship, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters testamentary be issued to you there are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully (avowal) on you as Administrator Executor & Executor of said will and after having settled up said Estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled - Witness My Hand in Court of said Court at office Court house of March 1861 and 85 year of American Independence

M D Martin Clerk

Andrew Pickett

Will

I, Andrew Pickett do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts to be paid as soon after death as possible out of any money that I may now possess or may hereafter come into the hands of my Executor & Executor I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Pickett all the money & cash notes that I may have on hand at my death, Also all the house hold and kitchen furniture consisting of all things. In getting with all my wheat, Corn & Bacon on hand also all my hogs and sheep, my gray horse and buggy and the Chain Miltch Cow and Heifers. Thirdly I have given and hereby bequeath to my son in law John Allen & Euclius Allen a tract of land in the State of Illinois, Fourthly, I give to my son Joshua W. Pickett a certain tract of Land in the State of Tennessee DeKalb County on which he now lives. Beginning on a Branch the dividing line between O B Wright & Elizabeth Wright his wife and Joshua W. Pickett. Running a north direction to Bottoms Creek on up said Creek with the

meanders a house corner A Bours corner on the original land to Andrew Pickett from William Ventress of said land well shown. The duty of course and that is his proportionable part of said estate. Fifthly, I have given and hereby bequeath to my son Jonathan Pickett a certain tract of land lying in DeKalb County beginning Sugar tree running West his said will show the duty & Bours and that is proportionable part of my Real Estate - Sixthly, I have given and hereby bequeath unto O B Wright and Elizabeth his wife and other tract of land also lying in DeKalb County beginning on a sugar tree running East the said will show the duty and Bours, their proportionable part of my Real Estate - Seventhly, I give and bequeath unto my son James C. Pickett a tract of land lying in DeKalb County beginning on a Sugar tree Francis Thomas corner on the North Bank of a Branch running Thence East to a black thorn trees corner thence North opposite a crop fence between my two fields designation has the Big field & Lower field thence a straight line so as to take in all the piece of ground called the new ground to Jonathan Pickett corner a Sugar tree his proportionable part of my Real Estate Eighthly, I order that my horse Jim Wagon & harness tools and farming tools and all the cattle except what my wife lets be sold on a twelve months credit and when the money is collected pay it over to my wife for her separate special benefit.

The Balance of my Real Estate together with the mansion house to my wife Elizabeth Pickett during her natural life & at her death to be sold on a twelve months credit and the money to be divided in the following manner to wit - Give my Grand daughter Mary Malissa Pickett five hundred dollars James C. Pickett four hundred dollars The Balance if any there should be equally divided between my children as follows Euclius Allen Joshua W. Pickett Jonathan Pickett Elizabeth Wright & James C. Pickett all of the house hold and kitchen furniture that I give my wife to do as she pleases with at her death Lastly I do hereby

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nominate and appointed James E Pickett and O B Wright my Executors In witness where of I as to this my will set my hand and seal this the 17th day of February 1861 Andrew Pickett
Signed sealed in our presence and we have subscribed our names here to, in the presence of the testator Tennessee DeKalb Co. David Griffith Clerk
Tenn DeKalb Co James Vanatta
Tenn DeKalb Co A B Hicks

State of Tennessee
DeKalb County } April Term 1861
Court being duly organized with J B Stowell & Jos T Craft Esqs
When on motion a paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Andrew Pickett a Citizen of DeKalb County, said was presented in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of David Griffith James Vanatta & A B Hicks subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing who being first duly sworn in open Court affirmed and says that were acquainted with Andrew Pickett the testator to said will or paper writing that the said testator acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last will and testament and that he requested them the said witnesses Griffith Vanatta & Hicks to subscribe their names to the said and that they did so at his request and in his presence and the presence of each other the day the said purports to bear date (17th Feb 1861) and that said testator was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of said signing and that he has since died in DeKalb County Tennessee
ordered that said will or paper writing be admitted to record It further appearing from said will that the testator appointed James E Pickett O B Wright Executors of said will where upon the said James E Pickett O B Wright appeared in open Court and entered into bond in the sum of five hundred dollars with James Vanatta & J B Hicks their securities Conditioned as the law directs which bond was duly acknowledged in open Court and approved where upon the said Wright & Hicks was duly sworn in open Court ordered that letters testamentary with a copy of this will issue to them which is done this day of April 1861
M J Martin Clk

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State of Tennessee To James E Pickett and O B Wright Citizens of DeKalb County }
It appearing to the Court now in session that Andrew Pickett has died leaving a written will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Executorship and your being given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters Testamentary issue to you
There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods chattels claims and papers of the said decedent and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next coming Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Executors and after having settled of said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled
Witness M J Martin Clerk of said Court at
offices this first day of April 1861 and 85th year of American Independence
M J Martin Clk

John W Ward
Will I John Ward 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 I first want all my debts paid, then I want the balance of my property all Equally divided between all my children except my lands the yard all to gether included with the balance of the lands I want the lands to remain for the benefit of the children as a home sted until the youngest child becomes of lawful age and after that time I want all the lands sold and the effects Equally divided between my children altho my three youngest children is not had an Education Equally to my three eldest children I want two hundred dollars each to go to the Education of Rufus B Ward & my daughter Mary Keelin and Three hundred dollars I want for the benefit of my daughter Ardely Ann to educate and which would make in all seven hundred dollars in all out of my estate & of the three eldest children I do hereby appoint my son John W Ward my Executor to carry out my will

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as I have some hired hands. I want him to have all the different branches of my business to go on until next fall as to the Cropping & I have a heavy stock of leather and hide on hand I want the Tanyard to be kept in operation until all the hide can be manufactured into leather so all the hide now on hand as for a the effects of the tanyard is concerned I leave that to the judgement of my Executor to dispose of all the leather as he thinks would seem best for the benefit of my Estate Whereas my hand and Seal 7th May 1861.

W B Jones

Samuel Denby

John W Ware

State of Tennessee

DeKalb County

June Term 1866.

Court being duly organized, Present Alf Bane Chairman with J B Crapp & J B Howell Esqs When on motion a paper writing to be the last Will and testament of John W Ware dead late of the County of DeKalb was presented in open Court sealed with three seals. and the same was opened by A Bane Chairman for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of William B James and Samuel Denby subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing who being first duly sworn in open Court as aforesaid and says they were acquainted with John W Ware the testator to said will or paper writing and that he acknowledged the same execution of said will or paper writing in their presence to be his last will & testament on the day it purports to bear date and the Testator John W Ware requested affidavits to subscribe their names as witnesses to said will or paper writing which affidavits are in his John W Ware's presence and at his request on the day it purports to bear date & in the presence of each other the witnesses W B James & Samuel Denby. That said Testator was in his proper mind and capable of making a will at the time of his signing said will or paper writing and that he has since died in DeKalb County for the portion of Cannon County lately attached to DeKalb It being the place where on the said John W Ware has resided for a number of years ordered that said will or paper writing be admitted to record

and it appearing from said will that John W Ware Jr is a prolix Executor of said will & paper writing where upon the said John W Ware Jr entered into Bond in the sum of Eight thousand Dollars Conditioned as the Law directs with William B James & John Jones his securities approved by the Court and ordered to be filed whereupon the said John W Ware Jr was duly sworn in open Court ordered that letters Testamentary issue to him which is done a true copy from the Records. Book 4 Page 14398

M D Martin Clerk
DeKalb County Tenn

State of Tennessee
DeKalb County

To John W Ware Jr a citizen of DeKalb County It appearing to the Court now in session that John W Ware Jr has died leaving a written will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Executorship and you having given bonds and qualified as required by law and the Court having ordered that letters Testamentary be issued to you Then are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods chattels claims and papers of the said dead and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to call and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolved on you as Executor and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled Witness M D Martin Clerk of said Court at office this 14th day of July 1866 & 88 prior of American Independence

M D Martin Clerk

W J. Isbell

Will I. W J Isbell do make and write this my will and testament hereby revoking all wills or paper writing by me at any other time void It is my will and desire that all my just debts and my burial expenses first be paid out of any money notes or accounts or any of my effects such as my Gentry & Executor shall choose to pay them out of

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I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah M. Isbell all of my Estate, consisting of Real & Personal my Town Lots, Lands, houses, Negroes, Stock, horse, hags, and kitchen furniture and all of my effects that I may die seized and possessed of, the above includes my and half of all the Tangard and Leather Mace or that is making together with all the effects of the same this is to her & lawfully & to be disposed of as she may choose

I do hereby appoint my wife Sarah M. Isbell my Executor & her Brother Richard Hoys my Executor to execute this my Will and testament and to do the same without giving bond in any way and to sell and wind up any of the Partnerships in and about the Tangard without any Court orders as the title title claims or interests here by this Will vest in my wife Sarah M. Isbell forever. Lastly I have wrote this will on the day it bears date, no person knows of the writing or signing the same I know the fact that this will can be proven all to be wrote signed by me and for this cause I do not choose to have the same witnessed at this time this 30th day of July 1861

W. J. Isbell Clerk

October Term of the County Court of DeKalb County - Court being duly organized when on motion a proper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of W. J. Isbell at least was presented in open court for probate, which will or paper writing bears date of 30th day of July 1861 whereupon appeared in open court James M. Allen, William A. Dwyer, Alfred Bice & John C. Canady, who being first duly sworn in open court depose and say that W. J. Isbell is dead and that he died in DeKalb County and that they are acquainted with the hand writing of W. J. Isbell, that they have examined said will or paper writing and believe the same to be in the usual hand writing of W. J. Isbell, dead and that the signature to the same is genuine and it appearing to the court that Sarah M. Isbell and her Brother Richard Hoys was appointed Executors & Executor of said will and after appearing from said will that said Executors & Executor should execute said will without giving bond. It is ordered by the Court that said will or paper writing be

admitted to record and that said Sarah M. Isbell & Richard Hoys proceed at once to execute said will with out giving bond when upon the said Sarah M. Isbell & Richard Hoys Executor & Executor as aforesaid was duly sworn in open court ordered that Letter testamentary issue to them which is done

M. W. Martin Clerk

State of Tennessee
DeKalb County

To Sarah M. Isbell and Richard Hoys citizens of DeKalb County: It appearing to the County Court now in session that W. J. Isbell has died leaving a written will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Executorship and you having qualified as directed by Law and the Court having ordered that Letters Testamentary be issued to you. Then are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, Chattels, Claims and papers of the said testator and deliver a true & perfect Inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Executor & Executor and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness M. W. Martin Clerk of said Court at office this 7th day of October 1861 and of the independence of America the 86th year

M. W. Martin Clerk

December Term 1861
DeKalb County Court DeKalb County being organized with A. Bice in the Chair on motion a proper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Leonard Hathaway late of the County of DeKalb was presented in open Court for Probate which will or paper writing was duly proven by the Oath of John S. Dearman & J. Peniger the subscribing Witnesses to said will who being duly sworn in open Court depose & say they were acquainted with Leonard Hathaway late of DeKalb County that he died in DeKalb County, that they subscribed their names to said will as Witnesses at his Request that said will was read in the presence of the Testator, that he signed there his name to the will in their presence and that he acknowledged the same to be his last will & testament & that they believed said Testator to be in a sound state of mind at the signing of said will, whereupon it appeared to the Court from said will that Sarah Hathaway was

appointed Executor of said Will & that she was to Execute the same without giving Bond Whereupon the said Sarah Hathaway was duly sworn as Executor of said Will in open Court Orders that Letters Testamentary Issue to her which is as

M. J. Martin Clerk

In the name of God Amen, Knowing that it is appointed one for all men to die and it is my Desire to make some Disposition of my Property before my Death I do make & Publish this my Last Will & Testament Revoking & Making Void any other will by me heretofore made, First I Direct that my Funeral Expenses be paid Secondly I desire that all my Rent Debts be paid as soon as Possible after my Death out of any money I may receive & proceed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors or Executrix Thirdly I give and Bequeath to my Dear Beloved Wife Sarah all my Real Estate of Land supposed to be about one hundred & thirty acres During her Natural Life.

Fourthly It is my Desire that my Wife keep & have During her Life time all my Real estate household & Kitchen Furniture of Every Kind Fifthly I also give & Bequeath to my Wife my two Mares and all the cattle and Hogs & Sheep & Poultry I may Die seized of Sixth I also give and Bequeath to her my Wagon and ~~two~~ gears Plow gear & all my farming utensils Seventh I also give & Bequeath to my Wife all the grain on hand including the present growing Crop of every Kind Eighth it is my Desire that my Executors as soon after my Death as practicable proceed to sell at Public or private sale on such time as she may think best my Sack & two Mules and all my Machine tools & all the property I may Die seized of not heretofore bequeathed to my Wife It is further my Desire that after all my Debts & Expenses is paid that my Wife have keep & use all the Rent & balance of the money that may come into her hands out of the Proceeds of the sale of the property here bequeathed to be sold or may be collected out of Debts due me During her Life Ninth It is my Will and Desire that in case the Debts due me & the sale of the Property I Direct to be sold should fail & not be enough sufficient to pay my Debts that my Executor or Executrix sell at Public or private sale my party acre tract of Land lying West of my house tract and bounded by the Lands of Chas. L. Lerner J. D. Stewart and Daniel Smith & being part of the success I got of Daniel Smith

Tenth It is further my Will and desire that after all my Debts is paid and satisfied that all my property both Real & personal that the right & title to the same be Vested in my Wife During her Natural Life & that at her Death she is herewith authorized & empowered to Dispose of the whole of it by deed will or otherwise as she may see fit. Including

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the residue of Debts Due me and all Lastly I do nominate & appoint my faithful wife Sarah my Executrix to this my Last will and Testament and Direct and desire that she proceed after my Death to prove my will & obtain Letters Testamentary & to Execute my Will without being Required to give Bond and security in which I do to this my Last will set my hand and seal this 26th day of August 1861 Leonard H. Hathaway Seal

I do Declare

I Pierce

Letters

Testamentary

State of Tennessee To Sarah Hathaway a Citizen of De Kalb County De Kalb County It appearing to the Court, Court now in session that Leonard Hathaway deceased leaving a Will which has been duly proven and the Court being satisfied as to the genuineness of the said Will Directing that you be and be Required to give Bond & give security as directed by Law & the Court having ordered that Letters Testamentary be issued to you These are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods chattels lands & Tenements claims & papers of the said Decedent and return & true and Perfect Inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect & pay all Debts & to do and transact all the duties in Relation to said Estate which I lawfully declare on you as Executrix and after being settled up said Estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by said Will entitled to receive the same, Witness M. J. Martin Clerk of said Court at office this 1st day of December 1861

M. J. Martin Clerk

Moses Griffette

Will December Term of the County Court for De Kalb County 1861 Being duly organized with J. Bane in the Chair On Motion @ paper Writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Moses Griffette deceased Was presented in open Court for probate which paper Writing bears Date the 24th of November 1861 Whereupon appeared in open Court M. J. Griffette one of the subscribing Witnesses to said Will or paper Writing, this being first duly sworn in open Court Depose & say that he was acquainted with Moses Griffette the Testator & that he died in De Kalb County that the said Paper Writing was not toward Moses in his presence & he acknowledged it to be his last will & Testament & that the said Moses Requested him said Witness to subscribe his name to said paper Writing as witness and that he believed said Moses Capable at the time of making said Will

December Term of the County Court for De Kalb County 1861 Being duly organized with J. Bane in the Chair On Motion @ paper Writing purporting to be the Last Will & Testament of Moses Griffette deceased Was presented in open Court for Probate which paper Writing bears Date the 24th of November 1861

Whorapan appeared in open court I A. Fusan one of the subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing. Who being first duly sworn in open court Deposes & says that he was acquainted with Moses Griffiths the Testator & that he saw in Dekalb County & that said paper writing was read to them & said Moses in his presence & that he acknowledged it to be his Last Will & Testament & that the said Moses Griffiths the Testator Requested him to witness the same by subscribing his name to the said I A. Fusan name to said Paper Writing as a witness and that he believed the said Moses Capable at the time of Making said Will

I Therapen said Last Will or paper writing was permitted to probate & ordered to be Recorded

Will

I Moses Griffiths of the County of Dekalb & State of Georgia do make & publish this my Last Will & Testament Herby Revoking and Making void all other Wills by me at any time made

1st It is my Will & desire that my funeral Expenses & all my Last Debts for any be paid out of the first money which may come in to the hands of my Executor after my death

2^d I give & Bequeath to my beloved Wife Sarah Ann Griffiths During her natural Life or widowhood one third in Value of my Tract of Land Including the house where I now Live together with all the Buildings pertaining to my Residence Barns stables Cows &c. Also I give & Bequeath to my said Wife my Negro Bay Bile During her natural Life or widowhood & at her death any one of my heirs is willing to Receive him as a Legacy or part of Legacy then said Bay is to be valued to such one of my heirs as will Except him by disinterested persons to be chosen by all my heirs or in case of a disagreement between them in the selection of persons to value them they are to be appointed by the County Court & in case of more than one of my heirs wishing to take said Bay then the Commissioners chosen or appointed shall after valuing said Bay decide by ballot who of them of my heirs who are willing to Receive him shall have said Bay. I also give & Bequeath to my beloved Wife all my stock & farming tools two Waggons & one cart also my Buggy & harness or so much of them as she may desire to keep And parts of my property as I have willed to my said Wife which she may not desire to keep shall be sold by my Executor & in the event that none of my heirs should choose to Receive my negro boy Bile at the death of my Wife then my Executor may sell him at Public sale without applying for a Decree for that purpose and shall apply the proceeds to the benefit of my heirs to make them all equal in amount

3^d I give & Bequeath to my son Isaac and third

in value of my said tract of Land including the premises where he now Lives 4th I give & Bequeath to the only proper care of my Daughter Daniel Hall During her life and at her death to the heirs of her Body one third in Value of my said tract of Land and I hereby estimate my said tract of Land to be worth three thousand six hundred Dollars or twelve hundred each share & said tract of Land may be ley caused divided or cultivated jointly or communally may be chosen by my Wife & those two children or if they fail to agree then the County Court may appoint on the application of any one of them giving the other two ten days notice in writing of their intention

5th I give & Bequeath to my son Isaac my Claybank filly & in the event she dies before he arrives at the age of twenty one years he is to have a better mare or filly worth one hundred Dollars I also give to my said son Isaac the Remainder in the one third part of my Land willed to my Wife to take effect at the death of my Wife also his saddle & Bridle and furniture & what now in my possession & to him as his also I direct that he have a Cow & calf & pigs & any other stock not wanted to make him equal to that given to my other children

6th I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Dortha my Roan filly her saddle & Bridle and furniture & what one cow & calf & pigs & any other stock to make her equal to my other children

7th I will & Bequeath to each of my Remaining children Sarah Jenkins Martha Ann Scott & Letha Ann Griffiths an amount out of any of my present property notes or cash to make each of them equal to the amount given my other heirs in the event there should not be an amount so laid at my death after paying my debts & other charges to make them equal to those receiving land then those receiving land is to pay to those receiving money till all are made equal & should there be an excess it is to be equally divided between all my said children it being my intention and desire to give to all an equal share if possible And it is my Will that my Executor herein appointed shall sell whatever property I may see occasion of at such time as he may think proper for cash or on time setting apart to my Wife a sufficient amount for her support till she can raise grain &c

Lastly I constitute & appoint Joseph Clark my Executor to this Will In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal & subscribed the 24th 1861 (Moses Griffiths) signed sealed & Published in presence of I A. Fusan & M^{rs} Griffiths

It appearing to the court that Joseph Clark was appointed Executor in said Will & Therapen the said Joseph Clark Executor appointed in said Will appeared in court & entered into Bond together with J. B. Byrne & A. Bruce in the sum of three thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law Directs to

Which being approved by the Court said Joseph Clarke
has thereupon duly qualified as such Executor and said
that Letters Testamentary Issue to him which is done
D. H. Hollis D. C. Clerk

State of Tennessee } DeKalb County Court
Testamentary } In Joseph Clarke a Citizen of DeKalb
County, It appearing to the county court now in session
that Maria Griffith has died leaving a Will, which
has been duly proven & the Court being satisfied as to
your claim to the Executorship & you having given
Bond & qualified as directed by Law There are therefore
to authorize & empower you to take into your possession
& control all the goods chattels claims papers of the
said Testator & Return a true & perfect inventory thereof
to our next county court to collect & pay all Debts
& to do & Transact all the Duties in Relation to said estate
which Lawfully DeValuer are you as Executor & after
having settled up said estate to deliver the Residue
thereof to those who are by law entitled to the said will
entitled to receive the same. Witness My Hand Clerk
of said court at office this the 6th day of January 1862
& first year of the Independence of the Southern Confederacy
D. H. Hollis D. C. Clerk

State of Tennessee } County Court for said county
DeKalb County } March Term 1862

On Motion a paper Writing purporting to be the Last will
& Testament of John W. Reams was presented in open Court for
Probate & thereupon came John M. McKersan one of the subscribing
Witnesses to said will or paper Writing who being first sworn & sworn
& says that he was acquainted with John Reams & that he signed or
acknowledged said paper Writing to be his Last will & Testament
& that he requested him & Wm. B. Robinson & J. M. McKersan to
subscribe their names as witnesses to the same which they did
in his presence & in the presence of each other & that Wm. B. Robinson
was D. C. & that J. M. McKersan is in the Confederate Army that he
believe these signatures were in their own proper hand Writing
& Wm. B. Robinson being next sworn & sworn & says that he thinks
he is acquainted with the hand Writing of Wm. B. Robinson & that
he believe his signature was in his own proper hand Writing
& thereupon said paper Writing was presented to probate and
ordered to be Recorded

John W. Reams } I John W. Reams do make & publish this as my Last will
Will } & Testament hereby Reversing 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 Die
possessed of or may first come in to the hands of my Executors

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Secondly I give & bequeath to my wife Mary Reams all my Lands and
Instruments all my stock and Cattle and all other property that I may
be possessed of at my Death and all Debts that may be owing to me at my
Death to belong to her the said Mary Reams during her natural Life
& then to be sold and divided equally among all my Children after her
Death Lastly I do hereby nominate & designate my said wife as my
sole & my Executor in and to the said my will let my
Hand and seal this September the 10th day February 1846

John W. Reams Seal
Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names
here unto in presence of the Testator this February the 10th day 1846
attest William B. Robinson J. M. McKersan & J. M. McKersan
Recorded March 5th 1862 by me D. H. Hollis D. C. Clerk

State of Tennessee } County Court for said county March Term 1862
DeKalb County } On Motion a paper Writing purporting to be the Last
Will & Testament of Samuel B. King was presented in Court for Probate
& thereupon came John M. McKersan & John P. King subscribing witnesses to said
paper Writing John being first duly sworn in open Court & deposes & says
that they were acquainted with Samuel B. King whose genuine signature
appears to said paper Writing & that he signed or acknowledged it to be
his Last will & Testament & that he requested them to subscribe their
names to the same as witnesses which they did in the presence of the
Testator & that they believe him capable at the time of making
said Will & thereupon said paper Writing was presented to probate
as the Last Will & Testament of the said Samuel B. King & ordered
to be Recorded

Samuel B. King } In the name of God I Samuel B. King of the County of DeKalb
Will } and State of Tennessee aged fifty two years of age of sound mind though
Parched and knowing that is once appointed for men once to die
do make this my Last Will & Testament Reversing all other Wills made
by me at any time. It is my will and Request after my Death first
my funeral expenses be paid Secondly that all my Last Debts be paid
out of any of my effects which I may be possessed of

I give & bequeath unto my Dear wife Mary Jane King all my house
hold and Kitchen furniture and all my Stock Corn & Wheat and all Books
& Bacon I may have on hand also forty Dollars now deposited in the Bank
of Tennessee I give & bequeath unto my wife all money and property
that that may be coming to me except two thirds of my Nashville property
I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Jane Reams two thirds
of my Nashville property which will be in money when the property is
sold It is my will and Request that I do appoint my Executor to sell
& wind up my estate to collect all Debts which may be coming to my
estate also to sell such property as I will name name all my Wm. Reams
tools all the Livestock I have in the back yard and the two boats now
in the hands of Daniel James & sons which is to be landed in
Nashville by the first of March 1862. It is my will and desire
that my Executor I do appoint all the above named property

Publicly or privately as he may think best or any other property he may think to the interest of my Wife It is my will & Request that my Executor sell the property in time or for cash as he may think best give under my hand and seal one thousand eight hundred and sixty two this January the 8th 1862 and sign in our presence this day above written, Just Samuel B. King, Real Mark

John S. Allen, Lpue Petty

Recorded by me this 5th March 1862. W. Hollis Clerk

Thos. Trammell, Will

I Thomas Trammell have this Day made my Last Will and Testament I give Joshua the Black girl Maundy, an Simon I give Joseph the two black girls Jane an ginsan to her for Life time an then to her Bodaly heirs an I give Joshua two thousand Dollars Worth of Land an I give the same Place at twenty five hundred Dollars Net to be ^{Living} her Life time an Living in to her all the Rest of the property her Life time an then to be equally divided between Joshua an Joseph after Joshua get five hundred Dollars to make them Equal in these Lands an a map of the property to be sold to pay all of my Debts an the Executor to sell all of the property that is sold, Joshua Trammell to be my Executor my intention is to Making Children ^{Equal} after my Debts is Paid this the 8th of January, 1862. Thomas Trammell

The foregoing Will was duly shown in open court & presented to probate April 1st 1862 See Court Book E Page 234

Recorded Probation by me April 10th 1862. W. Hollis Clerk

Mary Darnell, Will

State of Tennessee & I Mary Darnell being of sound Mind & Memory De Kalb County I Do Publish this my Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills by me at any time made

First I Bequeath my soul to God Who gave it.

Second I Bequeath my Body to be decently interred

Third I give & Bequeath to my beloved sister Elizabeth Darnell Wife of Adley Darnell one Bed Bedstead & furniture, my Bureau & Book case on it & all my Books I give all my Table ware all my Dining plates & all my Cloth of any kind, One side saddle & 1 Bridle

4th I desire my Executor to collect my credits & pay my Debts as soon as convenient for that purpose I desire him to take all the money I have on hand and a note on Adley Darnell & pay said Debts and then divide the Balance over Expenses herein between all my Brothers & Sisters equally, these heirs living in place of their Deceased Parents (5th I hereby nominate and appoint my executor friend John L. Bond my Executor of this my will & desire that he be permitted to carry it out as I know he will faithfully without giving Bond or security in any manner. I Testimony Whereof I have put my hand and seal this the 11th day of March 1862. Mary Darnell (Real)

The foregoing will was Read to Mary Darnell, the Testatrix signed sealed & delivered by her in our presence & we attested it at her Request March 11th 1862. James H. Bond & witnesses } Mary & order to be recorded April 14th 1862 See Court Book E Page 185

David Fite's Will

I David Fite Do Make & Publish this as my Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills by me at any time made First) I Direct that my Executors pay my funeral expenses and all my Debts out of the first moneys coming to their hands

Second) I Direct that my Executors Proceed as soon as practicable to collect all moneys due my Estate at my Death and to sell all my other Personal Property including my negro Ray, Laurus. &c. all my Real Estate in four separate tracts as there are that number of distinct tracts including my town Lot as auct. (Except such Personal Property as may be hereinafter otherwise Willed) on twelve months term except sums of one Dollar and under at Public Sale on Reasonable notice thereof and without being forced to receive any Decree of any Court to sell my Land and my said slave Provided however my Executors may sell my Lands Privately if by so doing they shall consider they can sell them for more than they could be sold for at Public Sale

Third) I Will unto my son Leonard L. Fite one Bed Bedstead and as much Bed clothing as he may choose for his Bed including two new Coverlets made for him by his mother, 10 Cows & Calf of his own Choice among my cattle 10 shot gun all my Plows and one set of Plow gear of his own selection and one Writing Desk the Value of all which is not more than I have heretofore given to each of my other children which is my Reason for this Bequest & which is not to be taken into the Estimate in what is hereafter given him, as I have given each of my other children as much in Value which is not herein charged against them this is to be no advancement

Fourth) I Will my grand daughter Margaret E. Fitt one Bed Bedstead & suitable Bed clothing for the same including two new Coverlets made for her mother by her grand mother all of which is to be valued to her at twenty Dollars and is to be taken as an advancement to her to that amount & is to be deducted from her part before she receives it

Fifth) I have heretofore advanced to my sons James M. Fite and Thomas B. Fite each three hundred Dollars in Value for which they are to stand charged and are not to have or receive any more from my Estate or the Proceeds thereof after my Death until my son Leonard L. Fite and my grand daughter Margaret E. Fitt are made Equal with them I therefore Will unto my son Leonard L. Fite Three hundred Dollars of the Proceeds of Sales of my Property as provided in item second of this Will and unto my grand daughter Margaret E. Fitt I will of said Proceeds two hundred & Eighty Dollars in addition to what is given her in item fourth of this Will & if from any accident she could not get what is Willed her in item fourth then she shall have the same made up

to her out of said Proceeds But in no other Event
 Sixth) After the foregoing Bequests are satisfied, it is my
 Will & Desire that all the Balance of the Proceeds of my
 Estate from all sources whatever be Equally Divided
 between my three sons Thomas B Fite James M Fite
 Leonard L Fite & my Grand Daughter Margaret E Fite
 leaving to each one fourth thereof.

Seventh) In the event my said Grand Daughter shall die before
 she receives her Legacy & with out issue. Then her Legacy to
 be Equally Divided between my three sons or his or their
 child or children if one or more be dead leaving such child
 or children each child or children taking only his or
 their Father's Interest therein if they were then living.
 Eighth) I hereby nominate & appoint David L Stone and
 my son Leonard L Fite my Executors.

Note (Ninth) I mean by Fifth that James M Fite & Thomas B Fite
 shall not have any Legacy from my Estate Real or
 Personal or any Interest therein as in the Proceeds
 thereof. Tell all the Bequests herein made from the
 first to the fifth inclusive are all fully Paid &
 satisfied out of my Estate Left at my Death.
 I have added this out of great desire to be understood
 & to have my children made Equal Shares in my Estate.

In Testimony Whereof I have here set my hand
 and seal this the 20th day of August 1860
 Signed sealed & Published in our
 Presence and we have subscribed
 our names here in the Presence of
 the Testator August the 20th 1860
 A. P. Eastham
 J. L. Fenton

David Fite Seal

Codacil

For want & Extravagance it is further my will that one
 hundred Dollars be taken from L. L. Fite's advancement
 spoken of in this Will & Be given to J. B. Fite and
 I appoint J. B. Fite my Executor in the Place of
 J. Stone this 10th of March 1862. David Fite Seal

Registered & Verified by me Sept 4th 1862 J. B. Fite Seal

James Vannatta: Will

In the Name of God Amen

I James Vannatta in the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee
 being of sound Mind and Memory and considering the uncertainty
 of this frail & transitory Life do hereby make Publish
 and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament. That is
 to say, First after all my Lawfull Debts are Paid and discharged
 the Residue of my Estate Real & Personal I Give & bequeath and
 Dispose of as follows (twice) to my Beloved Wife Caroline
 Vannatta the Tract of Land that I now live on and the
 appertanances situated thereon Lying in the State of Tennessee
 DeKalb County District No 1. Bounded as follows on the South
 by the Lands of Thomas Pratt on the West by the Lands of
 Andrew Pickett on the North & East by the Lands of O. B. Wright
 During her natural Life and after her Death then to be sent
 to my Beloved heirs to be equally Divided among them.

I also give & bequeath all of the Residue of Personal Estate
 to my Wife to dispose of at her will.

I make constitute and appoint J. B. Fite to be my Executor
 of this my Last Will and Testament in Witness Whereof
 I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal
 this the ninth day of July and thousand Eight hundred and
 sixty one

James Vannatta Seal

Witness before me

Matthew Sellers

Matthew Sellers Will

I Matthew Sellers being of sound Mind and Memory
 do hereby make Publish this my Last Will and Testament.

1st My Will & Desire is that my Executors herein after named and my family have
 my Body decently Buried in such Manner as they may think proper.

2nd I direct my executor to Pay all my Just Debts as soon after my Death as he
 can out of any money I may die Possessed of or may first come to his hands.

3rd My will & Desire is that my Beloved Wife Charlotte who has been with me so
 long & hope we make what we have be well provided for as long as she may live.

I the said Will & bequeath that she have part of my choice slaves such as she
 may choose and select Also two Choice Horses as many cattle hogs
 and sheep as she may choose & think necessary all my household & Kitchen furniture

my Blacksmith Tools Wagon & Ox cart my farm and all my land as I do
 not desire the Land sold or divided as long as she may live said Land &

farm & Personal Property as above named I hereby give to her for life
 at her Death to be disposed of as herein after provided I only intend the use

of the same for her use & support During her natural Life & no longer.

4th all the Balance of my Estate that I may die seised and Possessed of I
 will and bequeath to be disposed of as follows That the same be Equally

Divided among my four living children (to wit) Polly Brannen, Matthew
 Sellers Doorn's Smith, Charity Kithcart & Congdon Williams the balance
 and accounts and Parts of my said Estate and Property that I give

Respect to my said Daughters. I give & bequeath to them for their sole and separate use and at their Death to their children heirs of their Bodies and is not to be liable for the Debts or sale of their said husbands.

5th At the Death of my said Wife if she should be the longest Liver the Property given to her or Devoted to her (for it is to be a part of my Estate & be Devoted as in the 4th clause & bequest of this Will & if she should die first before I do said Bequest is to be as a nullity & all of said Estate be divided as mentioned in said 4th Bequest & clause.

6th I do not desire that any of my grand children or my children that is now Dead shall have any Partion of my Estate Therefore I Will them nothing.

7th Whereas Polly Bramwell now has 6 Negro Boys, named some of which in her Possession worth about one thousand Dollars I Will Buy to her at the Price of 1000⁰⁰ \$ And Whereas my Daughter Demaris Smith has 4 Negro girl in her Possession of mine named Priscilla Jane Wattle about one thousand Dollars I Will & bequeath said Negro girl to her at that Price.

And Whereas my Daughter Canguada Williams has in her Possession a Negro girl named Cynthia I Will her to my said Daughter Canguada at the Price of seven hundred Dollars.

8th Whereas my son William Sellers has in his Possession a Negro Boy named Liron I Will said Boy to him at 800⁰⁰ \$ This I do to make them all Equal And in the Devision of my said Estate as Directed in the 4th clause they be charged said sumes and keep said Property and Charity and all be made Equal before the Devision takes Place & that no other summe to be charged to either of them & the whole Estate be Divided upon the Terms & conditions as above.

9th I Wish & Desire that my said estate be divided among my said 5 children as before named, without a sale by these selves if Possible if not for them to select 5 Disinterested Persons to divide the same according to the Directions of this Will. (A Majority of the same shall be Binding, as I desire my said Estate to be Distributed as I Wish it without any Lawy.

10th Lastly, I Mannerate Constitute and appoint my son William Sellers my Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness I Write set my hand and seal this the 27th April 1837

Just James A. Durham

John L. Grips

Mamam M. Priem

Codicil to Matthew Sellers Will

I Matthew Sellers having heretofore made and Published my last Will & Testament do make & declare this as a codicil and change thereto that is to say I have this day called an Edward Roberson Francis Turner and Joseph Clarke and caused them to Value and Distribute the following named Negroes among my following named children at the Prices at which they the above named gentlemen have Valued them

first in accordance with the Valuation and collecting already Rep'd to I give & bequeath to the separate use of my Daughter Mary Bramwell and to the heirs of her Body at her Death

my Negro woman Algin my Negro Boy, Leonard and my Negro girl Charity Dwy all Valued to her at one thousand seven hundred and fifty Dollars

secondly as above I give & bequeath to my Daughter Demaris Smith during her natural life and to the children of her Body at her Death my Negro woman Charlotte and her infant child Lory & Valued at one thousand seven hundred Dollars

Thirdly as above I give & bequeath to my Daughter Charity Kitchest during her natural life and at her Death to the heirs of her Body my Negro Man Henry my Negro woman Mary and my Negro girl Harriet Valued at one thousand eight hundred and fifty Dollars

Fourthly I give & bequeath to my Daughter Canguada Williams during her natural life and at her Death to her children my Negro Man Murray and my Negro girl Martha & Valued at one thousand six hundred and fifty Dollars

Fifthly I give & bequeath to my son William Sellers my Negro woman Mary & and my Negro girl Jane Valued at one thousand seven hundred and seventy five Dollars and I further Will and Direct that as Equity among my above named five children in this Distribution is my object and one thousand six hundred and eighty five Dollars is one fifth part of the entire Valuation

I therefore Will & Direct that those of my said children who are receiving a Lot of sumes of greater Value shall pay to those receiving a Lot of less Value till all are made equal & take them Receipt for the same which shall be a good Variation in a final adjustment under my Will to which this is a Codicil

Lastly It is my desire that this codicil be attached to and constitute a Part of my Will to all intents and Purposes in matters whereof I have here set my hand and seal I Mannerate Will & Direct that each of my said children take immediately into their Possession and Control the said Negroes Respectfully Respecting with them this 26th September 1860

Matthew Sellers (and)

signed sealed and Published in

Presence of Joseph Clarke

Edward Roberson

Francis Turner

A True Copy of the Original Will & codicil of Matthew Sellers

James Plunkett's Will

In the name of God, I James Plunkett of the County of DeKalb & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life, Do therefore Make Ordain Publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament That is to say,

First after all my lawfull Debts are Paid and Discharged on the Requisition of my Estate Real and Personal I give bequeath and Dispose of as follows (To-wit)

To my wife the Land and appertinances therein known & described as the Tract of Land that James Plunkett now owns known as the farm that I bought of Lemmah Coggeswore disposed to be one hundred and twenty five Acres lying in District (No 16) and in the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee together with six head of Horses and two Mules Two Cows & Calves One gelding twenty head of stock hogs Janitor sheep and all the house hold and Kitchen furniture one Wagon and all the farming utensils and all the corn Hocks and oats on hand and the crop for this year have I devised by me During the Term of her Natural Life or During her Widow hood and after her Death to be Divided Equally Among my heirs To-wit Eliza Jane, Roddy, Nancy Union Plunkett

Likewise I make constitute and appoint Mary Plunkett my wife to be Executor of this my Last Will and Testament Herby Revoking all former Wills by me made In witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 20th day April In the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two

James Plunkett *Real*

The above Written Instrument was subscribed by the said James Plunkett In our Presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time Published and Declared the above Instrument to be his Last Will and Testament and he at the Testator's Request and in his Presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our own names our respective Places of Residence.

J. Thomas District No. 16. J. A. Scudder

Rose Ann Plunkett DeKalb County

(A full True & correct copy of the Original now on file in my office April the 10th 1863

W. H. Harris Clerk of DeKalb County Court

Thodore Staley's Will

I Theodore Staley of the County of DeKalb & State of Tennessee being of sound mind & disposing memory In view of the uncertainty of life & the certainty of Death Do Make & Publish this my Last Will and Testament Herby Revoking & Making Void all former Wills by me at any time made

1st It is my Wish & Desire that after my Death my Remains be Entombed according to the Wish & under the Direction of my family

2nd I Direct that my funeral Expenses & all my Last Debts be paid as soon as convenient out of any Monies I may Die seized & Possessed of

3rd I give & bequeath to my son Osker B. Staley, (two hundred & fifty Dollars (in addition to advancements heretofore made him) to be paid him out of any Monies of which I may Die seized & Possessed or that shall first come into the hands of my Executor hereafter to be appointed

4th I give & bequeath to James Staley my second son two hundred & fifty Dollars (in addition to advancements heretofore made him) to be paid him out of any Monies of which I may Die seized & Possessed or that shall first come into the hands of my Executor to be appointed as aforesaid

5th I give & bequeath to my daughter William B. Staley five hundred Dollars (in addition to advancements heretofore made him) to be paid him out of the most current funds paid in any Monies of which I may Die seized & Possessed

6th I give & bequeath to my Beloved Wife Roddy J. Staley & to my three children by her (Parent) Elmore D. Staley, Ann E. Staley & Mary E. Staley all of my Remaining Estate of what kind & name both Real Personal & Mixed jointly to them & their heirs forever To be Equally Divided between them

And Lastly I nominate & appoint my Beloved Wife Roddy J. Staley my Executor to this my Last Will & Testament Directing that she be permitted to act as such with out giving Bond

I Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of May In the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & Sixty three

W. H. Harris

J. H. Nathan

Real

James
McCormac
Mill

In the name of God Amen
I James McCormac of the county of Trigg and state of
Kentucky being sick in body but sound in mind
Do hereby make and constitute this my Last Will and
Testament in the manner and words following to wit

It is my will that all my just debts be paid
I leave to my beloved wife Phelzy McCormack all my Estate
both Real and Personal During her widowhood or lifetime
and to be by her equally apportioned and divided among my
children Nancy, Lindsay, Mary, Robert, John, Dennis, Salomon,
Julian, Cynthia, William Dale, Elizabeth, Caroline, James, Nathaniel
at such time as she thinks proper

But in the event of the Marriage of my said wife Phelzy
is my will that she will receive one third part of my estate and
the balance to be apportioned or equally divided among my
said children and in the event of her death likewise an
equal Division to be made

It is my Last Will and Desire that my wife Phelzy shall
act as sole Executrix with out giving security

This being my Last Will & Testament

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this 31st day of September 1832

signed in presence of

P. Blount

Robert Hankins

Lindsay McCormack

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Trigg County

I William Cannon Clerk of the County Court for the
County of said do hereby certify that the Last will and
Testament of James McCormac Decd of which the foregoing is a
true and correct copy, was on this day produced in open Court
and proven by the several Oaths of P. Blount and Robert
Hankins two subscribing Witnesses thereto and the same
was ordered by our said Trigg County Court to be Recorded
and hath been duly admitted to Record in my office
given under my hand this 15th day of October 1832

William Cannon C. Sec

Recorded Verbatim Feb the 10th 1865 W. M. Wells Del

begin Nov. 16, 1938
Edward Robinson

Edward
Robinson
Mill

I Edward Robinson of DeKalb County and state of Tennessee
Do make and Publish this my Last will and Testament, hereby Revoking
all other wills by me at any time made

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Robinson During her
natural Life all that Part of my tract of Land whereon I now live
lying and being on the North side of Smiths fork creek together
with all the buildings and improvements thereon

I also give and bequeath to her all my stock of horses
cattle hogs and sheep together with all my house hold and kitchen
furniture all my farming utensils & Buggy and Harrow or so much
thereof as she may desire to keep

I also will and bequeath to my said wife my negro man Sam
and my negro woman Ann and also one hundred bushels of Wheat
and one hundred & fifty Barrels of Corn 700 lbs of Salt 50 lbs coffee
50 lbs of sugar 60 gallons molasses and five hundred Dollars cash
to be paid her by my Executor hereafter appointed out of any
Monies of which I may die seised or possess or may first come to
the hands of my said Executor

I will & bequeath to each of my six youngest and unmarried children
one horse bridle and saddle one can & half fine head of sheep
one saw and five or shute best support for one year support
one bed dressed and furniture one set of plates cups saucers knives
& forks and one chest and each of my said single sons two ploughs
& two sets of Plow gear and one axe and two and to each of my said
single Daughters one cotton wheel and cards all to be furnished by
my executor except so much and such parts thereof as my wife may
furnish them

It is my will & desire that all my negro property not disposed of
in the preceding part of this will including those heretofore given
off to my married children be equally divided between all of my
children but those that have which have been given off to any of
my children by me are to be valued at the same time of the Rest
and to remain with those of my children with whom I have placed them

I will & bequeath I direct that all my lands not disposed of
above be equally divided between all my children except that
one thousand Dollars heretofore given to my son W. T. Robinson
be deducted from his part of my Land and that three hundred
Dollars heretofore given to my Daughter Elizabeth Williams be
deducted from her part in my Land

I will & direct that all property of which I may die seised
not otherwise disposed of be sold and after paying my funeral
Expenses and all my just debts that whatever may be left
shall be equally divided between all my heirs it being my chief
aim that my children shall all share alike of my estate

I do hereby constitute and appoint my said son Robert Robinson
my Executor to this my Last Will and Testament. In witness
Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and
affixed my seal this 26th day of October 1863

signed & sealed in presence of

Joseph Clark
James H. ClarkEdward J. Robinson (Seal)
markRecorded in Probate, Feb 10th 1865 J. H. Collins Del.

Moses Pedigo's Will

Moses Pedigo Do make & Publish this as my Last will and Testament, hereby Revoking and Making Void all other Wills by me at any time made & Direct

I Direct that my funeral expenses and all my Last 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, should I Die not leaving money enough or cash notes in my hands to pay all of my Debts and expense of winding up my estate, then in that case I wish my Executor to sell an @ Twelve months credit as much of my Personal Property as will pay such Debts and expenses, then the Residue to be bequeathed to my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Pedigo During her natural Life or till her Marriage, then I Request that the Property be sold on a credit of Twelve months by my Executor and the money collected and divided between four of my girl children Equally, namely, Eliza I League Martha A Paraley, Catharine E and Mary Ann Pedigo

I wish out of this Property, I set above named that Catharine E and Mary Ann Pedigo my two youngest Daughters to be made Equal and the same given them that was given to Eliza I League and Martha A Paraley, that is to say, given to have Bridle and Saddle to each one of them, one Bed & Bedding @ Piece three saws apiece four saws apiece one set of knives and forks apiece 1 set of chairs each one set of cups and saucers to each and set of Plates each

and if the Property is not Belong - or is not an haul I wish for my Executor to purchase the same and give it to them out out of any money notes or Proceeds that he may have on hand Belonging to my Estate

I Give & Bequeath to my son J. J. Pedigo the following tract of Land to wit, by his paying to me the sum of one hundred Dollars for which he has Executed to me his note for said amount, this note if found in my Possession at my Death is not Paid and if it is not in my Possession it is Paid

This tract contains two hundred Acres by estimation be the same more or less, to be further known as the Land lying on Maricou Creek and same owned and is in Possession of Judge Paraley, he having sold the Land to Paraley, and I have made and conveyed title to said Paraley, and J. J. Pedigo having received the pay for said Land on a part and taken Paraley's notes for the Balance

I Give & Bequeath to my son Greenbury W. Pedigo the following tract of Land to wit, by his paying to me the sum one hundred Dollars for which he has Executed to me his note for the same, this tract containing two hundred Acres be the same more or less and lying in & Dekalb county, Tennessee civil District and known as my Land in gap of the Ridge. I have made to him a Deed for said tract of Land and the Land is fully described thereon, the notes from him if found in my Possession at my Death is not Paid and if not found in my Possession they are Paid

I Give to my two youngest sons W. H. Pedigo and Alexander J. Pedigo all of my home Plantation where I now live in Dekalb county, Tennessee civil District No 8 in the survey fork River, this tract to be Equally divided between them and W. H. is to have the Part Down the River or next to my son J. J. Pedigo's Land and Alexander J. Pedigo to have the Part where my dwelling house now stands and this is to belong to my beloved wife Elizabeth Pedigo During her natural Life or Marriage to have the same to Live upon and to Raze her children upon time at her Death or Marriage to be divided as heretofore named

I Also Want my executor to retain the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars, or seventy five Dollars each to pay towards to have a Piece for my two youngest sons W. H. Pedigo and Alexander J. Pedigo this money to be retained out of any money or proceeds that I may Die Possessed of

I have sold to my son in Law Joshua League a tract of Land that I was going to have sold by my Executor and the money, I divided Equally between my girls to wit Eliza League League the wife of the Purchaser of the said Land and I have deducted from the Payment of the said Land the sum of one hundred Dollars, which I gave for the Benefit of Eliza League League my Daughter and in the said Joshua League has Executed to me his note for the sum of three hundred Dollars which is for the Benefit of Martha J. Paraley, Catharine E Pedigo and Mary Ann Pedigo my two youngest Daughters and if I Die Before I collect the money on said notes and pay the sum of one hundred Dollars to each of the three Last named girls I want my Executor to collect said money and pay it to them & take their Receipts for the same, which will make one hundred Dollars each to my Last four girls

I Give and Bequeath to my son Madeline Pedigo and Elizabeth Ferrell the sum of five Dollars each to whom I want my Executor to pay out of any money that may come into his hands from the Proceeds of my Estate this with what I have heretofore given them makes them fully Equal out of my Estate with all the Rest of my Children

All the Rest of the money and notes that may come

or belong to me at my death after paying every thing that I have Requested to be paid: then if any money remain in the hands of my Executor I want him to pay the same to my wife Elizabeth Pedigo to help her to Raise her family again and if she should die before the money is expended the remainder if there be any I want it divided Equally between my four girls Eliza & Leazer Martha Passley Catherine & and Mary Ann Pedigo If either of my children who has not already Received their Legacy from me or my executor leaving no heirs I want my Executor to pay and divide the amount coming to them between the girls named in this Will. Should either of the last named Boys die and Alexander & Pedigo die before the Division of the Land is made and leaving no heirs I want their Land to be sold by my Executor on such term as he may think proper and the proceeds divided between the girls by my last Wife

Satisfy I do Herby annunciate and appoint James W Trapp my Executor in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this July 3rd 1860

Moses Pedigo *Real*

Signe sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto in the presence of the Testator this July 3rd 1860

A. C. Farrell

Isaac Will Hays

Recorded Verbatim February 10th 1865 B. M. Hollis Delk

Adnah Danell will

Adnah Danell of the county of DeKalb & state of Tennessee In view of the uncertainty of Life & the certainty of death Being weak in Body but of disposing mind & memory Do make & publish this my Last will & Testament hereby Revoking & making void all former wills by me at any time made. (That is to say)

1st It is my wish & desire that after my Decease that my Body be Decently Buried under the Direction of my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Danell & my Executor herein afterwards appointed or either of them

2nd It is my will & desire that all my last debts be paid as soon as convenient after my Decease out of any money of which I may be seized & possessed or my first term into the hands of my Executor herein after appointed

3rd I will & Bequeath to my son in Law Henry & small my Town Lot situated lying & being in the corporate limits of the Town of Smithville DeKalb county Tennessee

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District No 9 & Kentucky in the plan of said Town as lot (No 17) to his sole & separate use provided he Returns in life & Parents no account against my Estate for services heretofore rendered. But should he Mount such account then & in that case it is my will & I do direct that my Executor sell said Lot on such terms as he may think best for the purpose of liquidating said account in the first Place & secondly for the benefit of my grand Daughter Henrietta & small. But if said Henry & small should never Return then it is my will that said Town Lot aforesaid be & the same is herby Bequeathed to my said grand Daughter Henrietta & small

4th I will & bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth & small all the moneys of which I may be seized & possessed after my last debts & funeral Expenses are paid also my living hold & Kitchen furniture of every kind (except my edged Tools hereafter to be disposed of to the sole & separate use of my said Wife for her to dispose of at her pleasure during her natural life & at her death should any thing Residue of my personal Estate then the same to Revert to & go to my said only grand Daughter Henrietta & small

5th I give & Bequeath to my friend John L. Bond Two small tracts of Land (Town Lot) one tract on which I now reside containing fifteen acres more or less & one tract of fifty acres more or less known as the mill tract both lying in the 9th District of DeKalb county Tennessee also my edged Tools of all kinds & good stone & two notes on Alexander Sommers to his sole & separate use all to be Delivered to him at my Decease Herby enjoining upon him to take care of & suitably to support my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life & to provide for the support & Education of my only grand Daughter Henrietta & small

6th I do Herby annunciate & appoint John L. Bond my Executor of this my Last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have here to set my hand this 17th day of May A.D. 1864 in presence of J. M. Hollis Adnah Danell *Real* E. Chandler

Recorded Verbatim February 11th 1865 B. M. Hollis Delk

Sarah M Isbell will

Sarah M Isbell will

I Sarah M Isbell of the County of DeKalb & State of Georgia Do this day make & Do hereby Publish this my last will & Testament hereby Revoking & Making void all former Wills by me at any time made

1st It is my will & Desire that my funeral Expenses & all my last Debts be paid as soon as convenient out of any moneys that I may die seized & possessed of or that shall first come into the hands of my Executor hereinafter appointed

2nd I Will & bequeath to my son Washington I Isbell my gold watch the same that his Father my late husband W I Isbell wore & used in his life time also one bed & furniture & five hundred Dollars in money besides five Dollars in gold all to his ^{sole &} separate use

3rd I will & Bequeath to my son Patrick H Cameron forty one Dollars in gold & one bed & furniture to his ^{sole &} separate use

4th It is my will & Desire that all the balance of my estate both Real Personal & mixed of every kind after being Disposed of as my Executor may think proper with out Expenses of cost & charges be Equally Divided between my two Children & split here to my Estate Above named Patrick H Cameron & Washington I Isbell

5th I hereby nominate & appoint my Brother Richard C. May Jr my Executor to this my last will & Testament without giving Bond in any way hereby authorizing the whole matter of executing this my last will & Testament to him according to the true intent & meaning thereof. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of January A.D. 1865

Witness my hand
J. M. Allen
M. A. Doolan

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Lucinda Mace will

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I Lucinda Mace of the County of DeKalb and State of Georgia being weak in body but of sleeping mind and memory in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of Death do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking & making void all former wills by me at any time made

1st It is my will and desire that after my Death that my remains be decently Entred and all my just debts and funeral expenses paid out of any moneys that I may die seized & possessed of or that shall first come into the hands of my Executor or Executors hereafter to be appointed

2nd It is my Will and desire that the whole of my entire Estate both Real personal and mixed go & the same is hereby Bequeathed to the sole and separate use of my Daughter Garrison including not only my Home tract of Land of one Hundred acres more or less lying in the District of DeKalb County Georgia including the mansion house but also my entire interest in the Estate of my deceased husband J. C. Mace late of DeKalb County Georgia

3rd & Lastly I hereby nominate my Daughter Elizabeth C Garrison my Executor to this my last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the Eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and sixty four

In presence of J. H. Hall's Lucinda Mace Seal mark

Witness to my hand
Gessus C. McF. Jr
Recorded to Volume April 3rd 1865
G. M. Allen Clerk

Sam Whitlock
Will

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I Sam Whitlock well do of George Whitlock Ied being now
old and some what infirmed but in good health and perfect
mind, do make and publish this my last will and Testament
herby Revoking and Making void, all other wills by me
heretofore made, and especially and made in favor of haveler
Burdett, wrote by ell M. Brien Esq which will is now
in the possession of said Burdett and my will and desire is that at my death my
brother Samuel leasy here, all that property both real and personal money choise in
action and claims property to which I have the right of action that I may disbursed
and pass to if or have the right to the possession of to his sole and separate use for
ever and all the right or interest whether it be a fee or life than a fee simple interest
that I have in and to three several tracts of land laying in Smith County Tennessee
District No 19 one tract of 47 1/2 acres purchased by George Whitlock David Gray on the 31st
Dec 1854 which tract was taken in lieu of land that descended to me from
the Estate of my Father Samuel leasy D^o and paid for as above by that way
but the deed made to my then husband George Whitlock also two other
tracts both adjoining and along the first mention tract, of 30 acres each one
purchased of Edward Lawrence & one from Patience Moore by the said
George Whitlock it being the place where the said George Whitlock
lived at the time of his death and I do hereby nominate my brother Samuel
leasy my sole Executor as well as legator to this my last will and charge
him with the payment of all my just debts of and expenses this the
9th day of April 1859

Sam Whitlock

Signed sealed in our presence and we subscribed our
own names as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator & at her
request this 9th day of April 1859

Witness J. L. Fane

Witness A. A. Atwell

Recorded Verbatim 8th July 1865

J. B. Maguire Jr. Clerk

B. W. H. Maguire Clerk

Martin

M S Martin Will

This my last Will and Testament written with my own hand at Port
Hudson La. on this the Twenty fourth day of April 1863 one thousand
Eight hundred and Sixty Three

(1)

First I desire that my body be buried in as decent a manner as others
dying under similar circumstances as my self

(2)

Secondly I desire that all my debts be paid as soon after my death as there
Executing this will can do so with the effects coming into there hands
with out Sacrificing by force sales

(3)

Thirdly I Give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Nancy Martin all my
household and Kitchen furniture of all kind and description all
my farming utensils of all kind also one wagon complete all the stock
on hand of all kind and description also I Give to her my Gold watch
all of which is for her sole use and benefit the cash if any on hands
with notes mortgages &c that I may have I desire she immediately paid on
my debts if there be a surplus this surplus I also give to my wife for her
sole benefit

(4)

Fourthly I Give to my beloved wife Nancy Martin all the lands that I
may die seized or possessed of for the purpose of Raising and Educating
our children and at their the children born to her and my self arriving
at full age or on their Marriage then all of said lands are to be equally
divided between the children that is born to us and them be living or have
my Issue living those are to Represent there parents and Nancy Martin
my wife she to have an Equal share that is she to have a child's part for her
sole use and benefit or to dispose of as she may see proper this clause
is not to interfere with the sale of any of said lands if it is considered
necessary to pay debts by my Representative or those executing this
will in that case such tract or parts of tracts of land that it is
thought best to sell is to be put up at public sale after advertising the
same at the Court house door in Smithville Tenn and at other
places for thirty days before said sale to be sold on a credit or for
cash as may be thought to the interest of my estate my Representative
to make and I Grant the land in the for of of falling water & any
part known as the old Davis place from such sale untill all
the debt be exhausted

(5)

Fifthly I nominate and appoint Nancy Martin my beloved wife
my executrix to this my last will and Testament signed sealed and
acknowledged in the presence of the attesting witness the same day it bears
date

M S Martin

Test Being called on by the testator we subscribe our names
to this instrument as testifying witness M S Hays A M Martin
List of lands property to which I hold title
one half the Davis tract bought from Father heading his bond for title
42 1/2 acres adjoining D M Phillips on the south about 20 acres near the Wash
Shoulders 60 acres near Sigo 32 acres Bryant Place in Smithville and half
the Caroline Made lot 10 acres near north of Smithville sold for taxes as
of Wallings property lying at the mouth of falling water

Bergess Willmouth Will

I Bergess Willmouth have this day made ordained and published this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made First I wish that all of my just debts be paid out of any money or effects I may die seized and possessed of Secondly my wish and desire is that all of my remaining effects moneys &c be given to my nephew John J. Cutler I wish my house and lot in the town of Shaleria to be sold on a twelve months credit this sale to be made at such time as my executor may think fit my Blacksmiths shop and tools &c I want also sold at the time of selling my house and lot I hereby appoint James P. Doss to execute this my last will and testament and to contrale all of the effects moneys &c arising from the sale of said property until my nephew John J. Cutler shall arrive at proper age to receive and contrale it

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of
at test
this May 19th 1864

W. D. Bone
Joseph Clark

Bergess Willmouth

Re corob verbatim sept 6th 1865

W. A. Dumbley Clerk

State of Sumner De Kalb County
I J. J. Ford citizen of De Kalb County appearing with and that Bergess Willmouth has died leaving a will the said being satisfied at his own claim to the administration with the will annexed and having given bond & qualified as directed by law & that being having ordered that said administration with the will annexed be issued & you there are therefore authorized and empowered you to take and you control all the goods chattels and estates claimed in papers of said estate & return a true & perfect inventory thereof & enter said inventory in court & collect & pay all debts to do & transmit all duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolves on you as Administrator with the will annexed & after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are lawfully entitled thereto I W. Eastman Clerk of De Kalb County to wit at office this 6th day of September 1865 of Sumner Independent the 30 year

J. W. Eastman Clerk

William Wright

Will

Alexander De Kalb County Sum

I William Wright becoming sick in body & sound in mind knowing that life is uncertain do make this my last will and testament to wit I give to my beloved wife Polly Wright my negro man Sam & negro woman Emily and child Jane and give her one hundred dollars in money I give to my grand children William F. Wright three one hundred dollars I give to to my sister Nancy Wright fifty dollars I give to my Daughter Sarah Pickett fifty dollars I give to William Griffith and wife Martham Griffith one note of hand on J. M. Baird calling for eight hundred dollars that I have placed in the hands of my son Robert V. Wright my executor is to take this note on the proceeds thereof and offer it to William Griffith and his wife Martham and should they refuse to receive it as a legacy from me I then bequeath it to their children I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Wright all my house hold & kitchen furniture to wit a new Buggy and other stock on hand the property that I give my wife is to be her own absolute property I have placed in the hands of my sons O. B. and R. V. Wright thirty one hundred dollars consisting of the above named slaves valued in at one thousand dollars and twenty one hundred dollars in cash and cash notes the above note of eight hundred dollars which I have bequeathed to William Griffith and wife is not included in the thirty one hundred dollars Bond which which I hold against my sons O. B. and R. V. Wright I desire that my executor or administrator for make a demand for the above named slaves money and notes of my sons O. B. and R. V. Wright they having forfeited their bonds bondholders of the bond as made between as should they refuse to deliver up the above named slaves money and cash notes I desire that my executor or administrator to bring suit for the same and collect the equivalent off of them and apply it according to the above specified legacies and pay all my just debts and they should there be a remainder I wish it equally divided among my named children Martham and stated this 15th day of May 1865

William Wright (died)

Witness

George J. Luckey

J. J. Brown

I William Wright do nominate and appoint Sarah Pickett and J. J. Ford executor to this my last will and testament signed in the presence of and day and date above written

I make this my bequest to my last will and testament I William Wright Will and bequeath to my wife Polly Wright all my growing crop and also all of my interest in her dower in William County Sum this 25th of July 1865 William Wright

William Wright's Last Will and Testament

I have copied the original will of William Wright Sumner this Oct the 5th 1865

M. C. Eastman Clerk