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William B Moore will.

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

Signed sealed and published in our presence,

Robert W. Yeargain

William D Evans.

Probate,

State of Tennessee

County Court for DeKalb County January Term 1855.

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

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in open court and ordered to be filed whereupon said Samuel Moore was duly sworn in open court and deposed that Sellers Testamentary came to him which is done as before done in open court the 1st day of January 1855. W. J. Selwell clerk of De Kalb County Court

Letters
State of Tennessee De Kalb County.
To Samuel Moore of De Kalb County. It appearing to the court that William B Moore has died leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proven in open court and you having given bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the said court that letters testamen in large issue to you.
These are therefore to inform you, on the said Samuel Moore to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to the next term of the county a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just debts and against the testator and settle up the business, according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands, and do all other things that may be required according to the provision of said will and the laws of the land Metwice W. J. Selwell clerk at office the 1st Monday in January 1855, and the year of Annamoon Independence the 75th year.
W. J. Selwell clerk of De Kalb County Court

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

I Thomas Reives of the County of De Kalb State of Tennessee planter, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made = And first I direct that my body lie decently interred in said County in a manner suitable to my condition in life; and to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows, First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate real or personal Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally all my personal property house hold and kitchen furniture and the dwelling house and plantation during her natural life or until she dies. Thirdly I will that my daughter Mary Beeland have five dollars in addition to what I have already given her = Fourthly I will that my daughter Sally Johnson have five dollars in addition to what I have given her. Fifthly I will that my daughter Elizabeth have twenty dollars which my said sons may pay five dollars each namely John William

Bumel & James = Sixthly I will that my son John Reives have fifty acres of land out of the two hundred acre tract, and pay to Elizabeth five dollars = Seventhly I will that my son William Reives have fifty acres of land out of the two hundred acre tract and pay to Elizabeth five dollars = Eighthly I will that my daughter Rebecca have twenty dollars which my said four sons may pay five dollars each namely as above John, William, Bumel & James = Ninthly I will that my son Beumel Reives have fifty acres of land out of the two hundred acre tract and pay to Elizabeth five dollars = Tenthly I will that my son James B Reives have fifty acres of land out of the two hundred acre tract and pay to Elizabeth five dollars = Eleventhly I will that my daughter Susan Ann Reives have twenty dollars which my four sons may pay five dollars each namely as above, John, William, Bumel & James = Twelfthly I will that my son, David Reives have the dwelling house and plantation twenty three acres of land there with and six shares out of a twenty acre tract of land adjoining the former I do hereby make, declare and appoint my esteemed nephew and friend Enoch Jones Senr; Executor of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I Thomas Reives the said testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this tenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and of each other
Thomas Reives (and mark)

E. Tucker,
W. E. Cantrell,
S. Bettel,

State of Tennessee County Court for said county February Term 1855
De Kalb County On Motion of a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas Reives deceased, late of De Kalb County State of Tennessee was on this the 5th day of February A.D. 1855 presented in open court for probate and was duly proven in open court by the oath of E. Tucker, and Sampson Bettel two of the subscribing witnesses who having being first duly sworn in open court depose and say that they were personally acquainted with Thomas Reives the testator, and that he signed said will or paper purporting in their presence and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained on the day the same purports to bear date and at his own dwelling house and that they signed said will as such witnesses in his presence and by his request and that he was in his right mind and capable of making his will or deed that said will be admitted to record when it appeared to the court that Enoch Jones Senr was appointed the Executor by said will or paper purporting when the said Enoch Jones refused to swear as such Executor owing to old age and infirmity and declared to the court his written resignation which was received by the court whose report came into court be E. Cantrell and returned to him with said will and William B. Martin his secretary approved by the court in the sum of five hundred

condition as the law directs which bond was duly acknowledged
in open court and ordered to be filed and that letters of
administration were to him which is done he being duly
sworn in open court, attest
M^{rs} Schell clerk,

Stewart Doss's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I Stewart Doss of the county of Smith and State of Tennessee
being of sound mind do constitute make and ordain this
my last will and testament in manner and form following
1st My will and desire is that all of my just debts be paid
out of my estate by my Executors and I lend to my beloved
wife Mary Doss during her natural life the tract of land
I have laid on containing one hundred and seventy five
Acres more or less, also one Negro man named Joe. One
Negro woman named Judy, and one German
boy named John, also five beds, five beds and furniture one
Cupboard and furniture, one leather one China
press, four tables one patent Clock eight or ten chairs with
all my house hold and kitchen furniture her choice of three
horses, three best Cows and calves, my stock of sheep, twenty head
of stock hogs, twenty head of pork hogs my stock of geese, and bees
also two hundred dollars in money if on hand if not to come
out of first money collected also all my farming utensils and
sufficient of the crop of every description for one years provision
from the time of my decease, my desire is, that all my property left
in the hands of my wife, shall at her death be distributed, as
follows, the house hold and kitchen furniture, the horses hogs
cattle and all and all the other stock shall be equally divided
between my six children Elizabeth Wallace Jonathan Doss
Mary Wright Martha Daniel Caroline Daniel and Martha
Gray, my wish once done is that the Negro left her shall
be distributed between my five children, Elizabeth Wallace, Jonathan
Doss, Mary Wright Martha Daniel and Caroline Daniel in case
my wife should should leave any of the two hundred dollars. I
have her, I want it equally divided between the above five
heirs;

3rd I give my daughter Elizabeth Wallace one negro boy named
Jesse and one Negro Girl named Mary, together with all the
property I have heretofore given her, I give these to her and
her heirs forever, the boy David is now in her possession
4th I Give to my son Jonathan Doss, one Negro Girl named
Emily, and one Negro boy named Anderson, together with all the
property I have heretofore given him, I give this to him
and his heirs forever, the Girl Emily is now in his possession,
5th I Give to my Daughter Mary Wright one Negro woman
named Pessie, and one Negro boy named George, together

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

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

8th I Give to my Daughter Caroline Daniel one Negro Girl
named Harriette, and one Negro Girl named Julia together
with all other property heretofore given her, this I give to her and
her heirs forever, the girl Harriette she has now in her possession

9th I Give to my Daughter, Martha Williams three Negroes one
woman named Pompey and her two children Malissa and
Julia, together with all other property heretofore given her, this
I give to her and her heirs forever, said Negroes now in her
possession.

My wish and desire is that all the Land I now have in possession
shall at my wife's death be sold on one and two years credit &
the proceeds of said Land be equally divided between the
children of my two Daughters, Rebecca Amosett, and
Mariah Terry, (deceased), William Terry, Jacob Terry, Jonathan
Terry, Nathan Terry, and Caroline Terry, and Mariah
Garrison, Merdon Patterson, and Henry Amosett. My
wish, Reason, or vow, all expenses for selling and dividing said
Land is to come out of the proceeds of said Land I except
my family Graciously, from all claims, my wish and
desire is the remaining negroes not given away to be equally
divided between my five children, Elizabeth Wallace, Jonathan
Doss, Martha Daniel Caroline Daniel and Mary Wright
said Negroes to be valued by two or three disinterested persons the
greater to pay to the lessor in order they shall be equal, my
desire is that said I shall go to Caroline Daniel, at her value
ation in order that she may not be carried to far from
her children my wish and desire is that if either of the
negroes dies before the heirs gets them in possession said
heirs are entitled to the value of said negroes may conside
desire is that said Negroes that to be value shall be

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death. I do hereby appoint Jonathan C. Doss and Francis
Dawell, to Execute this my last will and testament this making
All others void in testimony whereof I have set my hand
and affix my seal this 11th May 1858. Stewart Doss. (Seal)
Witness. Isaac Jones.

J. F. Hall is.

I Stewart Doss having heretofore made &
published my last will and testament, do make and declare
this as a codicil thereto, to wit, First: I give and bequeath to
my daughter, Martha Baine one Negro girl named
Vivian aged about forty years and her child James aged
one year, to her separate use and benefit, during her natural
life and at her death to descend to her bodily heirs the above named
negro woman I had heretofore in my will to which this is
seconded given to Caroline Dawell.

I only my will and desire is that the one remaining negroes not
named in my will which I have heretofore made, to wit, Jo.
Caroline Major, Francis, Candice, & William, shall be disposed
of in the following manner, to wit, I give and bequeath to
Jonathan C. Doss, one Negro Girl named Frances, valued at
thirty pounds & fifty dollars, by the said Jonathan C. Doss
paying to Mary Wright & Elizabeth Wallace two hundred and
ten dollars for which the said J. C. Doss has executed his note
to his father Stewart Doss, for the benefit of the said Mary
Wright and Elizabeth Wallace due the 25th day of December
1858. And I bequeath to my daughter Caroline Dawell, my
Negro girl Candice, valued at four hundred dollars by
her paying to the above named heirs, Mary Wright and Elizabeth
Wallace one hundred and sixty dollars, for which she has
executed her note to her father Stewart Doss due the 25th
day of December 1858. for their benefit.

And I bequeath to my daughter Martha Baine formerly Martha
Dawell, my Negro boy William valued at three hundred and
fifty dollars by her paying the aforesaid heirs to wit,
Mary Wright & Elizabeth Wallace one hundred and ten
dollars, for which she has executed her note to
her father, due the 25th day of December 1858 for their benefit.

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

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

Stewart Doss. (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence & we have subscribed
our names here to, in the presence of the testator this 28th day of
November 1854.

Wm. P. Sammons

Wm. P. Wood

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

Stewart Doss. (Seal)

Signed sealed & published in our presence & we have subscribed
our names here to, in the presence of the testator, this 27th day of
December 1854.

John T. Moore

W. A. Wood

Codicil No. 3 I Stewart Doss having heretofore made and published
my last will & testament do make and declare this as a codicil
No. 3, thereto, to wit, It is my will and desire that negro boy George
willed in the body of my will to my daughter Mary Wright be
taken by Francis Dawell and sold as soon as practicable to the
best advantage with and giving a sound bill of sale as true
is by some considered and send the proceeds thereof
to my daughter Mary Wright, this I do because she or her
husband A. Wright has refused to receive said negro
boy George according to my wish and desire as it forth in
the body of my last will and testament, to which this is
a codicil but instead thereof returned & sent back after he
had been delivered with instance from that he did not want
or had no use for him as he refused him to be unseparated
from his mother and desire that come No. 1 to this
my last will and testament be so amended as to give

Daughter Martha Williams the weight and privilege
 of selling and disposing of, in any manner she may thing last
 of giving ago a bill to the same the Negro woman named
 John, as well with in said codicil to her, & her bodily heirs
 this I do because said Negro is refractory and cannot be
 easily Governed, lastly it is my desire that this codicil be
 attached and constitute a part of my will to all intence and
 purpose in which I have herunto set my hand &
 Seal, this 6th day of February 1856. Stewart Doss, (Read)
 Signed Sealed and published in our presence and in face
 Subscribed our name her to in the presence of the testator
 February 6th 1856,
 John H. Moore
 M. A. Wood,

State of Tennessee, County Court of said County
 & State County, April Term 1856

On motion a paper writing purporting to be the
 last will and testament of Stewart Doss, late of the County of
 DeKalb deceased, was on this the 21st day of April A.D. 1856,
 presented in open court for probate, whereupon the same was
 read & perused in open court, by Judge H. G. Collins, one of the Subscribing
 Justices, to said will or paper writing in his being duly sworn
 in open court depose and say that he was personally acquainted
 with Stewart Doss the testator, and that he signed and acknowledged
 said will or paper writing in his presence and about the time
 the same purports to be made, and that he the said Stewart Doss,
 requested him to sign his name as a subscribing witness to said
 will or paper writing which he did in his presence and in the
 presence of Isaac Jones, the other subscribing witness and that the
 same was done in DeKalb County Tennessee, and that the said
 testator appeared to be of sound mind at the signing of the
 same, and at the same time M. A. Wood one of the Subscribing
 witnesses to the first codicil to said will or paper writing of
 the said Stewart Doss deceased and there was duly sworn in
 open court depose and say that he was personally acquainted
 with the said testator and that he signed said codicil to said will
 and acknowledged the same in his presence to be his will and desire
 for the the purposes therein contained on or about the time the
 same purports to be made and that he requested him to sign the
 same as a subscribing witness to said codicil to said will or
 paper writing which he did in his presence in the County and
 State aforesaid and that the said testator appeared to be of
 sound mind and also in open court as aforesaid John H. Moore
 and M. A. Wood Subscribing witnesses to the said codicil made
 to said will or paper writing, of Stewart Doss, in his presence
 the said John H. Moore & M. A. Wood Subscribing witnesses as
 aforesaid being duly sworn in open court, depose and
 say that they were personally acquainted Stewart Doss
 the testator deceased and that he signed and acknowledged

the second codicil to said will or paper writing in their
 presence to be his will and desire on or about the time the same
 purports to be made, and that he the said testator requested the said
 John H. Moore and M. A. Wood, to Subscribe their names to said codicil
 to said will or paper writing which they did in his presence in the
 County and State aforesaid and that the said testator appeared
 to be of sound mind, and also in open court as aforesaid the
 said John H. Moore and M. A. Wood, Subscribing witnesses to the
 third and last codicil to the will or paper writing and codicils
 being first duly sworn in open court depose and say that they
 were personally acquainted with the said Stewart the testator
 and testator to the third and last codicil to said will or paper
 writing and that he signed and acknowledged the same in
 their presence to be his will and desire for the purposes therein
 contained on or about the time the same purports to be made
 that he requested them to become Subscribing witnesses to said
 third and last codicil to said will or paper writing which
 they did in his presence in the County and State aforesaid
 and that the said testator and at the late residence of go. Cotton
 Le Doss deceased, in the County and State aforesaid and that
 at the time of signing the same the said said testator appeared
 to be of sound mind and also there being no objections to said
 will or paper writing, as to any the codicils therein made
 ordered that said will or paper writing, together with the
 all the codicils be recorded.

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

Letters.

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

These are therefore to empower you the said Francis to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the next court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just debts and demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands, and do all other things that may be required according to the provision of said will and the laws of the land, with this Myself clerk of our said county court at office in and under the 1st Monday in April 1853 and of the Independence of the United States the 7th year.

Mary Laurence, Will

W. S. Bell clerk of
DeKalb County

State of Tennessee
DeKalb County
November the 26th day 1855

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

In the name of God Amen

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

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

3rd As the rest of my children have had an equal share I do, John Laurence heirs Lewis Laurence heirs Edward Laurence heirs Marko & wife Elizabeth Williams Laurence heirs Joseph Laurence heirs Sumner M Laurence and Kansas Phillips and wife Sarah and I therefore will them no more

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

Subscribed before assigned

Test Andrew Picket

Mary Laurence (Seal)
Johns

Thomas W. West

State of Tennessee
DeKalb County
April the 7th 1856

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

12 duly sworn in open Court depose and say that they were personally acquainted with Mary Laurence the testator and that she signed and acknowledge said will or paper writing to be her act and deed will and desire and that the same was done in our presence and that we signed said will or paper writing as such witnesses in her presence and by her request in the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee and that she was in her right mind and capable of making and executing said will or paper writing. Ordered that said will be probated & recorded

And it appearing to the Court that from said will that Thomas E West was appointed and nominated the executor of said will or paper writing whereupon the said Thomas E West came into Court and entered into bond with Gibson R West and Robert Campbell his securities appeared by the Court in the sum of seven hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs which bond was duly acknowledged in open Court and ordered to be filed whereupon the said Thomas E West was duly sworn in open Court as such executor and ordered that letters testamentary issue to him which is done April the 7th 1856

W. S. Bell clerk of
DeKalb County Court

State of Tennessee
DeKalb County
To Thomas E West a citizen of Wilson County

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

W. S. Bell clerk of
DeKalb County Court

Richard McGinnis will.

August 3rd 1855.

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

1st after paying all my just debts and all my burial expenses I do give and bequeath unto Elizabeth McGinnis, the wife of Isaac McGinnis deceased, of all that tract or parcel of land of all that I claim lying west of the cross fence including between J. T. Trapp, and Alfred Allen, then with the same tract to J. T. Trapp's line to - and to hold as her own during her widowhood at her death or marriage to be equally divided between Elisha L. McGinnis and Richard McGinnis the heirs of the said Elizabeth McGinnis, and to have and to hold as their own,

2nd I do further bequeath and give Richard McGinnis, son all the balance of that land lying south of the crop fence between the said Richard McGinnis and the said Elizabeth McGinnis running with the said spring fence with half of the use of the crop fence to the said McGinnis, side a straight line and to the back line thence to Blakelys Creek line to Holmes Creek thence to commence at the beginning of the crop fence at the line and run with said line an East course to the Spring then dividing the Spring equally never to be debarred of the use of said Spring running a straight line to the Creek with all the land that I hold on the east side of Holmes Creek to have and to hold as his own for ever.

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

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

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

Test
John E. Stump
Isaac Hill Hayes
Richard McGinnis

I, Richard McGinnis do make this as a Codicil to that within which is my last will & testament I do give to my son Richard Maxwell Garrels of corn which is the best corn coming from Elisha McGinnis and Elizabeth McGinnis his Mother also all the wheat that is not sold on the floor in my dwelling house, all the sheep & oats in my Barn this the 3rd day of November 1855
J. E. Chatham
Isaac Hill Hayes
State of Tennessee
DeKalb County

Monday May the 5th 1856

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

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

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

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

Levi Bogarth Will.

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

1st To all any part of said lands without any partition for order or division of any of the Courts,
2th It is my will and desire that my wife have her choice of one of my two mans that I have owned also one year old colt, or the colt that is younger which ever she may choose also one yoke of small steers and one of my or carts and one log cabin, also two Cans and calico and one head beef and piggs, and all the sheep that range on the home side of the creek and all the poultry on the farm, also all the wheat on hand and all the crop growing or so much of it as she may think sufficient to do her and her family and her and her children, one year, the same to be given to her and set apart by my Executors also all of my house hold and kitchen furniture, also a sufficiency of the Bacon children until the new crop matures, also as many of my choice Berstands as she may desire also her saddle and bridle, - 3th It is my will and desire that my Executors proceed to make Sale of all my personal property that I may be seized and possessed of of not here mentioned in my will and otherwise disposed of at such time as they may think proper, after my death and on such day as they may think best all to be sold at public sale except my Bacon which may be sold by them either public or private either for cash or on credit,
Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my trust worthy friends John S Doorman and Abraham Harten my Executors to this my last will and testament given under my hand and seal this 16th day of April 1856,
Signed and acknowledged in our presence and by the request of the testator we do hereunto sign our names as subscribing witnesses, in his presence day and date as aforesaid,
Levi Bogarth Seal
Maggie Mag neps,
J B Whalley,

Codicile

I Levi Bogarth being yet of sound mind and under standing do hereby alter and change that part of my will which provides that my that my mother Sarah Bogarth be provided for and maintained out of my Estate or the rents of my land alone, so that because the laws of my mother agree to, I in taking care of her, and it now is my will and desire that, that, part of my will which do provide the support of my mother the said Sarah Bogarth be struck out and I have by declare the same to be null and void.

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 said James T Trapp & Richard M Guinness was duly sworn in open court before that letter testamentary be issued to them which is done Witness W J Shible clerk of our said court at office in Smithville 3rd day of May 1856 W J Shible et al

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

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

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Lewis Bazarth Will.

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

to all any part of said lands without any partitions for
 orders or Dues, of any of the courts.
 3rd It is my wish and desire, that my wife have her choice
 of one of my two manses that I may own also one year
 old calf or the calf that is younger whichever she may
 choose also one year old of brood steers and one of my ox carts
 and one log chain, also two Cows and calves, and one head beef
 and piggs, and all the sheep that range on the home side
 of the creek and all the poultry on the farm, also all the
 wheat on hand and all the crop growing or so much of it
 as she may think sufficient to do her and her family and
 a sufficiency of the crop to be made this year to support
 her and her children, one year, the same to be given to her
 and set apart by my Executors also all of my household
 and kitchen furniture, also a sufficiency of the Bacon
 on hand and coin on hand to support her and her
 children until the new crop matures, also as many of my
 choice Bests as she may desire also her saddle and
 bridle, - 4th It is my wish and desire that my Executors
 proceed to make sale of all my personal property that I
 may be seized and possessed of of not herein mentioned
 my wish and otherwise disposed of at such time as
 they may think proper, after my death and on such
 except my Bacon which may be sold at public sale
 public or private either for cash or on credit.
 Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint
 my trustworthy friends John S Doorman and Abraham
 Norton my Executors to this my last will and testament
 given under my hand and seal this 16th day of
 April 1856.
 Signed and acknowledged in our presence and by the
 request of the testator we do hereunto sign our names as
 witnesses, this 16th day and date
 Wm M Magrath,
 J B Whalley.

Notice

I Lewis Bazarth being of sound mind and under
 standing do hereby utter and change that part of my
 will which provides that my that my mother
 Sarah Bazarth be provided for and maintained
 out of my Estate or the rents of my land alone
 to this because the rents of my mother agree to
 in taking care of her, and it now is my wish
 and desire that, that, part of my will, which provided
 the support of my mother the said Sarah
 Bazarth be stricken out and I hereby declare that
 and intend to say

105. I direct that my mother Sarah Boyerth have a reasonable part out of the rents of my land and that she be permitted to stay or live with my wife on the farm as one of my family if she desire to do, if she should desire to live with any other person. It is my will and desire that my Executors act in the capacity of a Guardian, for my said mother seems to have undertaken care of and provided for out of the rents of my Real Estate as before mentioned, my said mother having sold to me her share interest in said lands and all the balance of the rents and profits of said land after taking a reasonable support for mother to go to my wife and to the raising and educating of my four children as above stated and should my wife die before my mother it is still my will and desire that my children still have the proceeds of the rents and profits of my lands as before mentioned. And, It is my desire that at the death of my mother that all the lands be sold according to the provisions made in my father's Levi Boyerth will, which will remain on record in DeKalb County, that is all of the lands mentioned in his said will, my undivided part in said lands be in two thirds of all that my father died seized and possessed of and that said lands together with all the balance of lands that I have acquiring the lands mentioned in my father's will, all lying and being in DeKalb County in Civil District No 14, and State of Tennessee, on Hauling water, and for particular buts and bounds of all of said lands see all the title papers and the use of my father in my possession and the most of recorded, in the Register's office of DeKalb County.

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

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

same used, and instead thereof. It is my will and desire that my mother have part of her time at my house with my wife and children, free of any charge, that is to say whenever my mother may choose to do, this 26th of August 1856.

Levi Boyerth (Seal)

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

Elman Bethel,

State of Tennessee County Court for DeKalb County October Term A.D. 1856. The Honorable William H. Magnus, Judge presiding, on motion a paper, writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Levi Boyerth late of the County of DeKalb deceased was presented in open court for Prolecte, and was duly procured by the oath of Wm. Magnus, and S. B. Whaley, subscribing witnesses to said will or paper writing, who being first duly sworn in open court, says that they were personally acquainted with the said Levi Boyerth, the testator, and that he signed Executed and acknowledged said will or paper writing to be his act and deed as therein contained in their presence, in the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee, on the day the same purports to bear date and that affiants deputed said will or paper writing by the request of said testator in his presence.

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

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

Deamon, and Abraham Martin was duly sworn in open court and ordered that letters testamentary issue to them which is done, which done in open court the 6th day of October 1856, W. J. Seale clerk of
Letters, DeHalle County Court

State of Tennessee DeHalle County,

To John L. Deamon and Abraham Martin of DeHalle County, It appearing to the court that Levi Bogart has died leaving a will in which you are appointed Executors, which has been duly proven in open court, and you having given bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the said court that letters testamentary issue to you,

Then are there fore to empower you the said Executors to enter upon the execution of said will and to receive and possession all the property, and to make due collection of all debts, and after paying all the just demands, against the testator and settling up the business, according to law, you well pay over and deliver the property and effects, that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the law of the land.

Witness W. J. Seale clerk at office the 6th day of October 1856, and the American Independence 81st

W. J. Seale clerk

DeHalle County Court.

James Robinson's will.

State of Tennessee DeHalle County
District No. 15.

I James Robinson 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 just debts be paid as soon after my death as is possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors,

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Fanny Robinson the lands that I am possessed of during her widowhood.

Thirdly I give unto Fanny Robinson my wife a Sorell Mare mare, and one plough and gear and ten head of the chaise for 16 hogs belonging to me and ten head of the chaise stock hogs, and five head of the chaise sheep, and my Brindle cow and all my interest in the present growing crop now on my farm and my interest in the wheat now on hand, and sufficient supply of the Bacon on hand to do her for the year of one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars

and my flock of oxen, and my log cabin with all the furniture and gear belonging to me, and all the house hold and kitchen furniture, all the cotton and corn on hand, and five of the chaise horses belonging to me this is to be set apart for Fanny Robinson's support during her widowhood or if in case she should not marry again it is hers during her life time, further I direct my Executors to lay in a sufficient supply of Coffee and salt and sugar for the present year of 1856,

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

Fifthly that all the remainder of my property be sold by my Executors and that after the above mentioned debts and demands be paid then the remainder be equally divided among my heirs to wit namely, Hezekiah Hays, and Malissa Hitchens and James Robinson and Elizabeth Robinson, and Mary Robinson, and Francis Robinson.

Sixthly that my Executors take in hand my notes to wit namely one note on Lancaster & Co. for fifty one dollars and 43 cents due the 30th of May 1856, with a credit of two dollars, the 29th of May 1856, and a note on Thomas Shurt for one hundred and ten dollars, due the 25th of December 1853, to be paid in silver and one note of W. Harris for sixteen dollars, due the 25th of December 1854, and set by two dollars, and fifty cents in money and also I authorize my Executors to take in hand at any time it may come to their knowledge any claims, that may belong to me.

Seventhly That if my widow should marry again then the Land and property that I have given to her during her widowhood, shall immediately fall into the hands of my Executors and be sold for the benefit and equal distribution among the heirs, as are hereinbefore named Hezekiah Hays and Malissa Hitchens and James Robinson and Elizabeth Robinson and Mary Robinson and Francis Robinson.

Eighthly if she should remain a widow this property and lands to be hers, until her death and then fall into the hands, of my Executors and be sold and equally divided among the heirs as before mentioned, Hereafter this will may last will and testament bearing all defects none to be pleaded.

Lastly I do hereby as a strange and alien, name and appoint Amos Robinson and S. P. McQueen my Executors in which when of I have said to this my will sit my hand and Seal this 1st day of

September one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six
Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have
Subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the testator
this 1st day of September one thousand Eight hundred and
fifty Six
Benjamin Johnston
J. W. Gitts

State of Tennessee DeKalb County,
County Court for DeKalb County October
Term A.D. 1856. The Honorable W. H. Magnus, Judge
Presiding. On motion a paper purporting to be
to be the last will and testament of James Robinson
late of the County of DeKalb deceased was on this the 6th
day of October 1856, propounded in open court
by the oaths of Benjamin Johnston and J. W. Gitts, Jurors
in open court depose as follows who says that
they were personally acquainted with the said James
Robinson deceased and that he signed the said Execution
of said will or paper purporting to be his last will and
unacknowledged the same to be his last will and
testament for the purposes therein contained and
that the same was done at the time said will
purports to be date and that they said will in
his presence by his request as such Jurors in the
County and State of Tennessee and that officials
state that he was in his right mind, ordered that
said will or paper purporting to be recorded, and it
appearing from said will or paper purporting that
Ambrose Robinson and J. F. W. Maxwell had
been nominated Executors and it appearing to
the Court, that the said J. F. W. Maxwell had declined to
serve as such Executor to said will or paper purporting and
whereupon the said Ambrose Robinson entered into
bond in the sum of two thousand dollars condition as
the law directs with J. W. Gitts, James J. Grapp, and
Henry Gray, his Securities approved by the Court which
bond was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered
to be filed whereupon the said Ambrose Robinson
was duly sworn in open court ordered that letters
testamentary issue to him which is done, done in
open court this 6th of October 1856,
W. J. Gitts Clerk of DeKalb
County Court.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Liters

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
Whereas on this 2nd day of March A.D. 1857 the death of

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

Henry Stoner's will

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

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Stoner two father beds, bedsteads and furnished I further give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Stoner all the House hold and kitchen furniture, and I give unto her one cow and keeper, my mare, and five head of hogs, the balance of my property to be sold, I do hereby nominate and appoint John Stoner my Executor in and to whose of I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 25th day of May 1857

Henry Stoner
made

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

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

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

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

was duly sworn in open court ordered that letters testamentary issue to him which is done with W. F. Sebell clerk of our said court the 1st, Monday, in August A. D. 1857 W. F. Sebell clerk

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
To John Stoner of DeKalb County. It appearing to the court that Henry Stoner has died leaving a written will, in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proven in open court and you having given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by the said Court that letters testamentary issue to you, These are therefore to empower you the said John Stoner, to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the County Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts, and after paying all the just debts, and demands against the testator and settle up the business, according to law you will pay and deliver the property, and effects that may remain in your hands, and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the land, Witness W. F. Sebell clerk at office the 7th day of August 1857 and the year of American independence the 60th.

W. F. Sebell clerk of
DeKalb County Court

I Aaron Batts of the county of DeKalb in State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory for which I am thankful to almighty God best being at this time afflicted with disease of which I may never recover for the sake of procuring confession and my recollection standing among the number of my family after my death with regard to my little property and effects and in order to provide so far as can be done with my little estate for the comfort of my dear wife Sally W. Batts I direct my executor my present desires do make and publish this my last will and testament

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

Equitable use have heretofore given them.

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

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

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

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

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

Peter Davis
John D. Wheeler.

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

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

Wm. H. Botto clerk
DeKalb County Court.

Liters.

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

the court that Aaron Butts has died leaving a will then will in which you are appointed executor which has been duly proven in open court and you having your bond and oaths filed according to law and it having been ordered by the said court that letters testamentary issue to you. These are therefore to empower again the said Aaron Butts to enter upon the execution of said will and take in to your possession all the property and to make to the next court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the promise of said will and the laws of the said State.

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

W. J. Bell clerk
District County Court.

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

1st I have heretofore given to all my sons and Daughters one Negro which I intend to be of use in value and to stand as such between them except Nancy Lynn she has had two Negroes, one of which I have charged her with four hundred Dollars in my second Division with my children and my son Jesse of Allen having received no Negro, in my first division but I gave to him an amount equal to the value of either of said Negroes given to my sons & Daughters in money and property the same being in my first division. It is my will I desire that the same stand as my first distribution among all my children. Item the 1st I give and bequeath to the heirs of William H. Allen Decedent one Eleventh part of all my Estate that I may die seized and possessed of, after first deducting the sum of Eight Hundred and Twenty five Dollars; an amount already received on their part, in my second division the same having been given to them by me in Land. Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Allen one Eleventh part of my estate that I may die seized and possessed of, after deducting from his share the sum of Seven Hundred and fifty Dollars he having received the same from me in Land and money. This is also in my second Division. Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Ann Eastburn, and to her heirs one Eleventh part of my Estate that I may die seized and possessed of, after deducting from her share five hundred and Ninety one Dollars, an amount she has already received in Money and Land the land she is now living on. I have heretofore appointed her a Trustee in whose name the Deed is made to said land and all that may be due her is to remain in the hands of said Trustee and go to the use and benefit of her and the heirs of her body according to the trust reposed in said Trustee.

cash may need the same, this is also in my second division.

Item 10th I give and bequeath to my son George M. Allen one Eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting from his share four hundred and seventy Dollars the amount I heretofore gave him in my second division.

Item 11th I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Hughes one Eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting four hundred and eighty Dollars from her share she having received the same in money in my second division and as I wish the same to go to her, and the heirs of her body, I do hereby appoint W. J. Osbell her trustee to receive and receipt for whatever amount may be due her, the same to go to her use according to the trust expressed in said trustee as he may think proper.

Item 12th I give and bequeath unto my son Cornelius Allen one Eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting one thousand Dollars from his share he having heretofore received the same in the sale of five Negroes by him sold the same being in my second division.

Item 13th I give and bequeath unto John Allen one eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of and to his heirs deducting from his share three hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty cents amount he has already received in my second division.

Item 14th I will and Bequeath to my Grand Daughter Margaret Colvart Daughter and only surviving heir of Susan M. Farlow deceased the sum of two hundred and twenty five dollars and that the sum of twenty five dollars be deducted from the said two hundred and twenty five dollars I having paid the same to her in my second division.

Item 15th I will and Bequeath to my Grand Son named not known, the son of my son Jesse I. Allen deceased the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars out of my estate this is on condition that is to say if he is living and further when satisfactory evidence is adduced that he was born to my son the said Jesse I. Allen in lawful wedlock otherwise to be divided between my said legates mentioned in this will except Margaret Colvart she is not to have any of it.

Item 16 I will and Bequeath to my Daughter Nancy

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

Item 17th I give and Bequeath to my son James M. Allen one eleventh part of all my estate that I may die seized and possessed of after deducting from his part the sum of three hundred and seven dollars and also the sum of one hundred and thirty dollars (for mill) making all the sum of four hundred and thirty seven dollars this is also in the second division.

Item 18th It is my will and desire that the several amounts named in the foregoing items of this will be added together together with the amount of my estate that I may die seized and possessed of then divided into eleven parts then deducting the amounts mentioned in the eleven items willed to each of said Legates and the amount of two elevenths remaining after deducting the amount willed to Margaret Colvart and to my Grand son named not known as aforesaid two elevenths the balance of said two elevenths to be equally divided between my other nine legates before mentioned.

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

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

J. Stewart

D. Duke

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

his presence and that said testator appeared to be in his right mind. Ordered that said will be recorded and that J. D. Duple the other subscribing witnesses be summoned to appear at the next Term of the court to prove said will whereupon James M. Allen the Executor appointed by said will or paper writing came into court and entered into bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, condition as the law directs with Henry Frager William H. Butler & John M. Sone his securities approved by the court which bond was duly acknowledged in open court and ordered to be filed, ordered that letters testamentary issue to him which is done given under my hand and done in open court the 1st day of February 1858
 W. J. Schell clerk

State of Tennessee DeKalb County

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

There are therefore to empower you the said James M. Allen to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to the next term court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain your bonds and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the land. Witness W. J. Schell clerk at office the 1st day of February 1858. And the year of our American Independence the 83.
 W. J. Schell clerk of
 DeKalb County Court

State of Tennessee County Court for DeKalb County

March 1st. 1858.

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

the testator and that he signed and acknowledged said will or paper writing in his presence on the day the same purport to be made and that said testator appeared to be in his right mind and that he the said Duple subscribed his name as such in the presence of the testator and by his request, ordered that said will be recorded attested correct copy,

W. J. Schell clerk of
 DeKalb County Court

Benjamin Lewis will

I Benjamin Lewis of the county of Delalle and State of Tennessee being well in body but of sound mind and disposing memory I do hereby declare of my last will and testament that I give my body to the Lord from whence it came to be buried by my friends in a decent Christianlike manner

2nd I give unto my daughter Lucinda one dollar

3rd I give to Alfred one dollar

4. I give unto David one dollar

I give to William R one dollar

I give to Jane W one dollar

6. I give to Thomas one dollar having given to all my sons heretofore a certain portion as the Treason riding I have this given them the sum of one dollar each

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

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

10. I also wish my administrators after my death to take charge of all my notes and accounts and to call off all my stock and pay off all debts and put the balance at interest and that my wife should be maintained of the proceeds and at her death all the proceeds to be given to my daughters Elizabeth and Sarah to be equally divided to them

I sit my hand and seal this 28th day of August 1838

B. Lewis

W. O. Crews, mark

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August & September Term 1838.

Letters

State of Tennessee Delalle County
whereas on this the 10th day of September A.D. 1838 the death of Benjamin Lewis late of the county of Delalle deceased was suggested in open court and that he departed this life leaving a will and that he deposited this will with a certain will whereupon an order was appointed and qualified administrator with the will annexed of the said deceased and given bond which will having been duly procured in open court and it having been or how that letters of administration of administration was given to you with the will annexed.

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

According to said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to our said county court a perfect inventory when you shall be thereat called on and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just debts against the testator and settling up all the estate according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may be returned in your hands, and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the said State of Tennessee

W. J. Bell clerk of our said county court at office in Smiths road the 10th day of September 1838. and of the independence of the United States the 82 year.

W. J. Bell clerk of Delalle County Court

John Sumner's will

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

1st. It is my will and desire that my funeral expenses be paid out of any money I may have in hand at my death or that may come into the hands of my executor after my death and also all my just debts and I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catherine Sumner all my estate both real and personal not otherwise bequeathed in this will for her to have and receive the full free and proper use and enjoyment of the same during her natural life or widowhood, and at her death or in term arrange to be equally divided among my seven heirs, except it is my will and desire that that portion of the above which should fall to Mary Sumner, widow of my son William Sumner, and their infant child William A. Sumner, shall be paid at two hundred and fifty dollars, instead of one seventh part, and that fifty dollars of the same shall be given to my said daughter in law Mary Sumner and two hundred dollars of the same to my said Grand son

William A. Sumner and should it occur that he should die before he arrives of age and without an heir of his body then the said two hundred with its interest or so much thereof as shall not be necessary I spend for his maintenance or education to be equally divided between my other six children.

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

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

5th I do hereby bequeath to my beloved Son Francis Turner one half of the proceeds of the property herebefore granted to me and which I have at one hundred and thirty by dollars with 3 qts of wheat to my beloved daughter-in-law Maria Turner and to my friend Jane Williams a sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars to be equally divided between them which is a balance of the proceeds of the property in order for my beloved Son William Turner after paying his debts 7th I give and bequeath to my beloved Son John Turner to my beloved daughter Mary Turner and to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Turner each to have a horse saddle bridle bit, harness and furniture one cow and calf worth one hundred and thirty five dollars to be given severally to him as they may marry or need the same and should I die in that event the amount so given to be ~~deducted~~ deducted from the portion of the one to whom given.

8th It is my will and desire and I hereby appoint and constitute my Son George Turner, executor and guardian to William Turner and I do hereby give to my beloved Son William Turner to manage and control the legacy herein given to him. 9th I do hereby nominate and appoint my Son George Turner my executor and I direct that he be permitted to settle my estate without giving security I so testemany whereof I have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this 21st day of January 1866.

John Turner (Seal)
Joseph Clarke
Clk, recte

State of Del. Probate Court
In and for the County of Kent
Sept. 1st 1866

Let it be remembered that the State of Delaware, County of Kent, George Turner of Del. County, do hereby certify to the Court, that John Turner has died leaving a will with which he gave an appointment to executor, which has been duly proven in open Court, and gave himing ~~qualified~~ qualified executor, and it having been ordered by said Court that letters testamentary issue to him.

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

provision of said will and the laws of the land, Witness my hand this 1st day of September 1866, and the year of American Independence 82nd
J. P. Hall Clerk
Del. Probate Court.

Matthew Hunts will.

I, Matthew Hunt of the County of Del. in the State of Tennessee do make ordain and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made I first direct that my body be buried in a decent and christian manner and that my funeral expences and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may see fit to pay of or that may come unto the hands of my Executors and I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret after paying my debts and funeral expences all the cash notes debts accounts and moneys that I may have paper or claim at the time of my death and of father well and bequeath to her all the property of every kind and description which was hers at the time of our marriage and which shall remain ours at the time of my death I also give my beloved wife Margaret one bay colt one yoke of oxen and waggon two feather beds and furniture one cow and calf one bureau one small table the above articles now in our possession at the house where she lived at the time of our marriage and which we now live I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret six head of sheep and all the property real and personal which I may hereafter acquire and paper at the time of my death

3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Hunt and her daughter Caroline Hunt a certain tract or boundary of land surveyed at my request by Thomas Shubert about the 15th of March 1834 which he estimated to contain one hundred and eight acres but which I estimated at sixty acres more or less and bounded as follows to wit Beginning on a sugar tree the north East corner of a survey in the name of Joseph Payne running thence south 40° E - 15 poles to sycamore inside of the fence thence south 25° E - 15 poles to a sugar tree in the south boundary line of a sixty acre survey thence west with the same 21 poles

th. a popular the north East corner of a one hundred
acre tract in the name of Espe Stanford thence
south with the line of the same 48 poles to a
small sugar tree standing near the main hill road
thence south 802 feet 121 poles to a small sugar tree
in Williams line thence N with his line 48 poles to
a stake in Bayd. line - thence East with his line
146 poles to the Beginning

5th I give and bequeath to my
daughter Sally Hillard all my land on the East side
of Hodges branch including the place where she now
lives and running up to and adjoining the land
heretofore in this will given and bequeathed to
Susan Hunt and her daughter Caroline Hunt to
have and hold the above bequeathed land to my said
daughter Sally Hillard for and during her natural life
after her death to go to her lawful heirs except the said
Susan Hunt and the said Caroline Hunt for whom
I have heretofore in this will provided

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

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

Witness
John H. Savage
W. H. Magness
Matthew Hunt
mark

I Meathur Hunt since making this my last will as
before written here sold some of the lands therein

bequeath to the children of Samuel Hunt to wit
Margaret Goodwin Nancy Kelly Martha A Hunt
Charlotte M. S. A. J. Hunt nine hundred dollars
to be equally divided amongst the four last
named children of Samuel Hunt to wit the same
being a part of the proceeds of the sale of the land
willed to them in this will the said sum of
nine hundred dollars being now on hand and
George Turner and due or bearing interest
It is my will and desire that my Executor
proceed to collect the nine hundred dollars out
of said notes or off of I should collect them
before my death then and in that case it will
that my Executor still proceed to pay to said
four last named heirs of Samuel Hunt
the sum of nine hundred dollars respectively
out of the cash or cash notes that I may die
seized and possessed of Item 3rd I further will
and bequeath that my Executor pay to Sarah Hillard
out of the proceeds of the above named land the sum
of one hundred dollars or a note on George
Turner for one hundred dollars the said
Turner being the person to whom I have sold
the land the said Sarah having hitherto received
from the said Turner the balance of the
proceeds of the land willed to her in this will
and she is to have the one hundred dollars
in addition to what she has already received

Item 3 I further will and desire that my
Executor after my death proceed to sell and convey
to any person who may purchase the same a tract
or parcel of land lying on Hodges Branch in
said County adjoining the lands that I willed
to Susan & Caroline Hunt containing fifty
acres the same to be sold on time of one
and two years and to advertise and sell the
same to the highest bidder and that the
proceeds arising therefrom be equally divided
amongst my children respectively and
Samuel Hunt's heirs to have one share divided
amongst them respectively. I testamentary when
of I here unto set my hand and seal this 15th
day of March 1835 signed sealed and
acknowledged in our presence by the testator
and we sign our name as witnesses by his
request Wm H. Magness
J. B. Cobb
W. H. Magness
Matthew Hunt
mark

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

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

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

James R Allen
Eli Rowland.
Minutes Book E Page 244. 245. 246. 247.

Samuel Vanatta (Seal)

George Barnes. Will

I George Barnes of the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee Being by the blessing of God of sound mind Do make and publish this as my last will and Testament this sixteenth day of October 1847 hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made First I direct that I be decently interred at the family burying ground on the premises whereon I now live & also except and square acre of Land around and including said gravestone to be applied to the purpose of interment as a publick Burying Ground—and of such worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of to some in the following manner First I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Salitha Sumner wife of George Sumner the following Lot or parcel of Land herein described namely Beginning on a Mulberry at the crop fence in George Turners South Boundary line of 200 acres where he bought of Robert Forester Thence near South Forty two Poles to a large Elm below the Spring thence north of East along a marked line thirty two Poles to a stake in George Barnes East Boundary line of his old Tract Thence Twelve Poles north to a Buck the Eastern corner between George Barnes and George Sumner Thence west Eighty eight Poles to the Beginning The Land herein described I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Salitha Sumner as aforesaid

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

remainings Twenty eight poles to Two Elms
thence rather north of East up the hill Twenty
four poles to a Mulberry in the orchard I feel
thence rather north of East and hundred poles to
an oak in S. Lane in the east-Boundary line
of the old Tract thence north Fifty eight poles
to a stake thence along with the south and
west-Boundary lines of the lot or parcel given
to Salathiel C. Turner to the Beginning I also give
and bequeath to my daughter Mary all of my Fifth
acre Entry Beginning on a segment the south
west corner of the old Tract and lying on the
west of the old Tract and of Dog Creek and
adjoining the Lands of Henry Frayser Boyd and
Robert Forester

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

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

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my grand son
James S. Forester a certain Bay Filly known as
his Colt also I give to James S. Forester my grand son
a certain yoke of oxen known as his oxen

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter
Sarah one hundred Dollars in money at my
death Sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter
that are yet with me namely Sarah Elizabeth
and Mary each one a horse, bridle and saddle
and each one two Beds and furniture apiece
I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary
Ten head of Choic Sheep

Seventhly I give and bequeath to my dear wife
all the balance of my property to be used and
enjoyed by her as long as she lives and at her death
to be sold equally divided among my lawful
Heirs Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint
George Barnes my grand son my executor to
this my Will for witness were of &c to this my
Will all my hand and seal of this 16th day of
October 1849

George Barnes *(Signed)*
Signed sealed and published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names here to in the
presence of the Testator
this 16th day of October 1849
Richard Forester
Francis M. Turner
George Turner
Robert Forester

State of Tennessee
County Court for DeKalb County July 25th
A.D. 1859

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

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

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
To George Turner of DeKalb County it appearing to the court that George Barnes has died leaving a will in which you are appointed Executor which has been duly proved in open court and you having given bond and qualified according to law and having been ordered by the said court that letters testamentary issue to you that you therefore to empower you the said George Turner to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your possession all the property and to make to the next court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just demands against the testator and settling up the business according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of this land
Witness W. J. Sobell Clerk at office the 1st Monday of July 1859 and the year of American Independence the 82nd

W. J. Sobell Clerk of
DeKalb County Court

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

Elijah Georgian
W. J. Chapman

Randolph Sandlin

Signed sealed and published in our presence and have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator this the 30th June 1858

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

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it is my desire that this Council be attached to
and constitute a part of my will to all intents and
purposes

E. Georgian
John Vanatta
Solomon ^{his} ~~mark~~

signed sealed and published in our
presence and we here subscribed our names here to in
the presence of the testator this the 15th August 1859

State of Tennessee DeKalb County

To Eliza Georgian of DeKalb County, It appearing to
the Court that Nathaniel Sanalier has died a intestate will
in which you are appointed Executor which has been
and is proven in open Court and your having given
bond and qualified according to law and it having been
ordered by the said Court that Letters Testamentary issue to
you There are therefore to empower you the said Eliza
Georgian to enter upon the execution of said will and take
into your possession all the property and to make & the next
Court a perfect inventory thereof and make and collecting of all
debts and after paying all the just demands against the
testator and settling up the business according to law you will
pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain
in your hands and all other things that may be required
according to the provision of said will and the laws of the said
Tennessee; M. L. Martin Clerk at office the 5th day of September
1859 and the Year of American Independence 84th

M. L. Martin Clerk
of DeKalb County Court

Thornton Christies Will

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February 13th 1860 all my debts paid off
I have Cash in hand this day in all \$653.70
I have three negro women & children
I have one gold watch
I have in all shaven & unshaven notes of all kinds
good & bad \$0. Amount \$6000.80
But I feel confident that I shall have more and I am
afraid I shall lose money
All my notes before & money after collected I will today
brother's sisters after paying my debts should then be any
I suppose the my property will at this time & there should be
no loss in collecting my bonds that my estate at this time
is worth ten thousand dollars my negro is named as follows
Lucian an old woman say 52 years Eliza her wife
Voss Bill & James Bill 4 years Jim about 2 months old
Susan and her son Jim, Jim is 8 years L. and there
the women are that I suppose Eliza about 33 years
I suppose Susan about 27 years old nothing more
Thornton Christie
February 13th 1860

April Term 1860

At a County Court this day began and held its
session at the Court house in Smithville 2nd day of
April 1860. Present: Mr. Sheriff Joseph Black Chairman
of the DeKalb County Board of Supervisors of the same Court
with most of the Justices in the Court.
On motion of Sanford Christie by his Attorney
proper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Thornton Christie deceased late of the County
of DeKalb and moved the Court to probate the same
and it appearing to the Court that there were no sub-
scribing witnesses to said paper writing when on motion
Wm. Floyd was duly sworn in open Court, deposed and
say that Thornton Christie died at his house in the
County of DeKalb in the Town of Alexandria and that
the said deceased had been living and residing at
his house for a considerable length of time before his
death and that immediately after his death on
examining his valuable papers and among them and
with his notes and Book of accounts he found the
paper writing purporting to be a will dated the 13th
day of February 1860 and that the said and is read
offered in Court for probate as that last will
and paper writing of said Thornton Christie and
whereupon Alfred Bone John D. Wheeler and
James P. Dicks were each sworn in open Court