

- I John Geoghty do make and publish this as my last will and testament.
- 1 I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of.
  - 2 I give and bequeath to my wife Catherine Geoghty all of my property both real and personal which is hereinafter described to her for life and at her death to her Codily Heirs, if she should marry, her husband to have no dominion interest on ~~either~~ <sup>either</sup> coverts or the estate herein bequeathed to her.
  - 3 I give her my house and lot in Danetown bounded South by the Lehigh and Tunkhannock East by J.M. Norton, North by Branch Street by P.B. Taylor, containing three acres more or less, also a tract of land in Danetown bounded East by Street and Matthew Parker lot North by Amy Creek West by Smith York South by Albany Patten Dale and Logan Johnson Dale James Johnson Dale running west to Smith York and West by Smith York it being the same place bought by P. Geoghty from Peter Gurnett, also my other house and lot in Danetown which is bounded North by tunkhannock, East by Thomas Chapman South by Thomas Chapman West by P.C. Simpson containing by estimation  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre more or less, All's my farm on Amy Creek in the 4th Dist of Allegheny County known as the Byford farm and for boundaries reference is ready to deed from P. Geoghty to me John Geoghty containing by estimation 74 acres more or less.
  - 4 I give to the said Catherine Geoghty for her life and then to her Codily Heirs all of my notes accounts judgments Chases in action moneys and all of my personal and real property of whatsoever nature that I may die Seized and possessed of, in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this 27th day of May 1901

John Geoghty  
Signed in my presence and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the testator This the 27th day of May 1901

M.J. Robinson  
H.J. Franklin  
James Raber

# Elijah Allen Will

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

First: I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor.

Second: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Caroline Allen one choice horse or mare, one choice Milch Cow and Calf, five head of Choice hogs, five head of Choice sheep, one set of farming implements and all the household and kitchen furniture that belongs to the said Caroline Allen for her sole use and benefit, and the remainder of my household and kitchen furniture to be divided between my two ~~adult~~ daughters to wit: Martha J. Cantrell and Margarette ~~J.~~ Nichols for their use and benefit.

Third: I direct that the remainder of my personal property be sold by my Executor on a credit of twelve months and when the proceeds is collected together with any money, notes or accounts that I may have on hand at my death be equally divided between my three youngest children, to wit: Michael Harvey, Mary Allen and Webb Allen.

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Caroline Allen so long as she remains my widow my home place where we now live containing 224 acres including mansion and all out houses with full use and control thereof, but she is not to sell or use any timber or lumber except to keep up said farm and I direct after her death or marriage that said be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my three youngest children to wit Michael Harvey, Mary J. Allen and Webb Allen on their bodies heirs.

Fifth: I direct that my executor after my death sell my river farm on a credit of one and two years taking notes with approved personal security and retaining a lien on the land until paid for containing 140 acres more or less, and that said Executor shall have full power to sell and convey said land and when paid for he is directed to make the purchaser a deed to said land, conveying all the right, title, etc. I have in and to said land according to my title papers and said Executor is directed to divide the proceeds of said land after deducting expenses of sale equally between my two eldest girls or their heirs, Martha J. Cantrell

and Margarete C. Nichols

Last: I nominate and appoint my nephew Thomas C. Allen my Executor of this my last will and testament.

May the 25 1894

Elijah Allen

Witnesses

J. M. Webb,  
J. B. Potter.

# Will of W. C. Youngblood

I W. C. Youngblood being of sound mind and being desirous of providing for my beloved wife, Polly Youngblood in the event I die before she does do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

1st: I direct that my body shall be decently buried and that all of my burial expenses and just debts be paid out of any money in the hands of my executor or the just that shall come into her hands.

2d: I will and bequeath to my said wife Polly Youngblood all of my real estate which is located and described as follows to wit:-

One tract of land situated in the 20th Dist. of DeKalb County Tennessee and bounded as follows. On the North by C H L Hale and Thos. Chatman and Lemuel Berger. On the East by Thos. Chatman and Lemuel Berger. On the South by Caroline Berger on the West by the widow Vanatta containing 150 acres, one other tract or body of land situated in the town of Leipers Ino Dist. of DeKalb County Tennessee wheron I now live and bounded as follows, On the North by the Water Roller Mill lot On the East by the Lebanon and Sparta turnpike, on the South by street on the West by Colored Baptist Church containing 1 1/4 acres more or less.

3rd: I will and bequeath to my said wife Polly Youngblood all of the personal property of every kind and description including money notes and every thing else which I shall own at my death.

4th: Last: I nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Polly Youngblood my Executive of this my last will and testament, with full bond, to execute and carry out the same, I especially direct that she act as Executive without bond. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 25th day of January 1898.

Wm C Youngblood  
Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the presence of

John G. Hall, B. L. Hale

# Will of Emma Hale.

I Emma Hale, wife of H L Hale, of Liberty DeKalb County Illinois, being of sound mind, but in failing health do make this and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void any will here before made by me.

First, I will, devise and bequeath unto my beloved children Horner Hale, Floyd Hale, Hallie Hale and Lafayette Hale, my entire estate to be divided among them shall and share alike,

My said estate consists of 6 yearlings, 17 head of hogs, horse and carriage, one set of parlor furniture, consisting of dresser wash stand; bed stand, bed and bed clothing, one sewing machine, one note for \$425<sup>00</sup> and my one half interest in the estate of Julius Tramel died in the 20th Civil District of DeKalb County Illinoian in which \$500<sup>00</sup> of my funds is invested and perhaps other property, also, house and lot in Liberty, wagon, 1 cow, 1 turning plow, horses and household furniture and bacon of 12 hogs and other property.

Second, I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved husband H L Hale as my executor to carry out this my last will and testament and he is to act without bond.

Third, It is my will and desire that my said executor shall manage and control the estate bequeathed to my said children for their support, maintenance and education with power to sell and reinvest any of said property as in his discretion he may deem proper and that he act as administrator guardian for said children until they reach their majority and he will make a settlement of his guardianship for each child when it becomes of age. Witness my hands at Liberty Illinoian this the sixth day of Jan 1907

Emma Hale.

Witness,

W R Bratten  
Edwin Gleason

Filed April 6th 1907 D R Foster Clerk

# Will of Samuel Hathaway

State of Illinois  
DeKalb County

I Samuel Hathaway being of sound mind and aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament.

After my just debts and funeral expenses are paid the remainder of my property of every description both real and personal I give to my beloved wife Jane Hathaway during her natural life with full power and authority to control sell, convey, and reinvest the same as I had in my life time.

After her death and funeral expenses are paid, the remainder of the land or its effects to be equally divided between my children or their heirs.

I further will or make my wife Jane Hathaway, my executors to carry out the provisions of this will and request the court to let her be qualified and enter on the discharge of the duties of her office without giving bond.

This Feb 28, 1907

Witnesses: Beverly M. Robinson

Floyd G. Robinson

Samuel <sup>her</sup> Hathaway  
<sub>word</sub>

Will of W.R. Smith.

I W.R. Smith of the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament,

First. I commit my soul to God who gave it with an abiding faith of its acceptance.

Second. I direct that all my just debts, including my funeral expenses be first paid out of any money or property that I may die possessed of or that may come to the hands of my personal representative,

Third. It is my wish and desire that my business be continued in the future, as it has in the past by my wife Emma Smith and our only child Aubrey J. Smith and to that end that they continue to live together and the business be directed by my said wife; and my said son to be obedient to his said mother; but should the continued living together of my wife and son become disagreeable then in that event they may separate, when my wife shall conduct the business or discontinue the same at her pleasure.

Fourth. I give and bequeath unto my said wife all the property that I may own at my death, whether it be real personal or mixed to be used and consumed absolutely as she may wish, during her natural life, or widowhood, but in the event of her marriage or death then all said property that may remain is to be left to my said son, but this is not to prevent my said wife from selling or disposing of any or all my property for her support and comfort, should it become necessary; or should she desire to discontinue business and sell any of the real estate bequeathed her.

Fifth. All the property that may remain at the death of my wife or marriage of whatsoever kind, I will and bequeath to my son Aubrey J. Smith.

Sixth. I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife Emma Smith my executrix to carry out this my will, and confiding in her in the future as I have in the past she will not be required to execute any bond as my personal representative.

This June 12, 1901

W.R. Smith.

Witnesses at request of testator etc.

J. N. Wade

J. J. Smith

Will of C.W.L. Hale

I C.W.L. Hale being of sound mind and disposing memory and being sixty three years old and desiring to dispose of my property in a way somewhat different from the way in which it would go under the law of descent and distribution do make and publish this as my last will and testament

1<sup>st</sup>. I direct that my remains be decently, but modestly buried and all my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable.

2<sup>nd</sup>. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lizzie L. Hale who is so kind to me absolutely and unconditionally in fee simple, the house and lot in the town of Liberty on which I now live together with all my household and kitchen furniture of every description and also my favorite horse and buggy and harness that I may have at my death. Also one Choice Cow and Calf and one hundred dollars in money a year's provision to be set apart by Commissioners to be selected by the County Court due the further sum here in after mentioned.

3<sup>rd</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son Horace L. Hale the house and lot in Liberty on which he now lives which I value at Eight hundred dollars.

4<sup>th</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son, W. T. Hale the house and lot in Liberty on which he formerly lived which I lived at Eight Hundred Dollars.

5<sup>th</sup>. I have heirs four deeded to my son B. L. Hale my one half interest in the house and lot in Liberty on which he now lives and which half interest I valued at two hundred dollars and I direct my executors herein after mentioned to pay to my said son B. L. Hale six hundred dollars to make his specific legacy equal to the lots herein given to H. L. Hale and W. T. Hale.

6<sup>th</sup>. I direct my Executrix to sell all my other property not herein specifically disposed of both real and personal and after complying with the provisions of this will and paying the expenses of administration they will divide the same equally between my wife Lizzie L. Hale and my three sons, H. L. Hale, W. T. Hale and B. L. Hale share and share alike but each one of my said sons will be required to account for every note or accounts with interest upon the same that I may hold against them.

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my brother Horace M. Hale and my brother-in-law R. B. Field my Executors to carry out this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I do to this my wife set my hand

on this the 11th day of September 1895.

O. W. L. Hale.

Signed and acknowledged in our presence and we here subscribe our names hulks in the presence of the testator at his request on this the 11th day of September 1895.

Wm. Vicks

C. L. Bright.

Wm Griffith's Will

In the name of God Amen.

I William Griffit being of sound mind and memory and thankful to Almighty God and knowing the uncertainty of all earthly things make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others in manner and form following to wit: First I give and bequeath to my wife Eliza J. Griffit a certain portion of my land begining on J. P. Griffit's South East corner running up the branch where my fence crosses the same near J. P. Griffit's barn then running with said fence up the hill 16 poles then run by South East corner to a wild cherry tree in the little lot then to two Hickory trees near the road in said lot, then near by that to a pear tree in the field then ~~comes~~ same course to W. P. Griffit's line, then with his line near by South to a rock corner near the road then with the road to the field, bears then down the gully by the spring to the next West corner of the Apple Orchard then to the north East corner of the grave yard, then 10 poles south then through the field to the Cess fence above where J. P. Griffit's fence joined mine then North with my line and so on to the beginning.

This head of horses two acres, six heads of sheep half of my stock hogs, such of my farming tools and instruments of husbandry as she needs, all of my household and kitchen furniture, except such as I shall give to my son William and daughter Martha also, all the grain and provisions of mine on the place for her and the family, with her which settled property is given her during her life time or widowhood.

2nd I give to my son J. P. Griffit the north part of my land not willed to my wife and at her death or marriage I give to him lot No. 1 begining on his South East corner and a willow tree running up the hollow in the little lot by the springs to the rock fence then through the field up the hill straight line to the north end of the grave fence in the field near by a South West corner to W. P. Griffit's line and mine then with his line and mine to the corner at the spring then down the bank to the beginning at twelve dollars per acre.

3rd I give to my son William P. Griffit the East part of my land not willed to my wife and at her death or marriage I give him lot No. 2, begining on my north East corner, J. P. Griffit's north west corner running South to the top of the ridge in my lot then with the highest part of said ridge to a chestnut tree on the point of the hill, then near by West running to that rock corner near the road, thence north course with his line, J. P. Griffit's corner, then with his line and mine to the beginning at fifteen dollars per acre.

I give to my daughter Martha M Griffith the balance of my land not willed to my sons this lands is given her during her lifetime and then to her heirs at fifteen dollars per acre It is my will that all the personal property <sup>be sold</sup> not willed to my wife, on twelve months credit and the first money that comes to hand to pay my just debts if any and at the death of my wife the balance of the willed property be sold on twelve months credit and be divided between Mary J Henry, Penelia I Traile, Robert M Griffith, Sarah C. Hixson and my grand daughter Nettie Youngblood child of my deceased daughter Elizabeth P Youngblood so as to make them equal one with the other with what I gave them hitherto. Nettie Youngblood County is what I give to her mother and all those indebted to the estate pay what they owe before they receive any more, I have kept a book and have noted down all they have received and if there is not enough of personal property to make them equal one with the other, it will be my will for those that gets the land to pay out of the price of the land so as to make them equal one with the other Having thus disposed of my earthly goods I now commend my soul to God who gave it and do hereby appoint my sons J F Griffith and W D Griffith executors of this my last will and testament, October the 25. 1898

William Griffith

Attest Wm Robinson

J F Gibbs

Filed Aug 18. 1902

Sam H Foote Deputy Clerk

### Will of Mrs J H Walker

I J H Walker Village of Hicks, County of DeKalb and State of Illinois being of sound mind and memory do make public and declare this to be my last will and testament to wit:

- 1 First all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first fully paid
- 2 Second I give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal to my beloved children Claude Walker, Malley and Sam Walker and Clarence Walker and Eliza Walker and Sterling Walker and Monroe Walker and John Walker to have to hold to them my said children as
- 3 Third I nominate and appoint said G H Mullican and W A Trammel Executors and guardians for said Children of this my last will and empower them to manage the best they see fit for the Children and the cheapest for the Children and to save all that I leave behind for my Children. Now I dont want no sale I want all sold that can be - for said Children. I want said G H Mullican and W A Trammel to fix it up in the cheapest and best way to save all for the Children that they can. I want the said Children to keep house if they want to and mind Claude Walker my Elder Son <sup>and</sup> all the said Children to share a like so long as they do right and if any of them gets mad and runs off and wants stay there and work just his clothes is all I want them to have and what he learns is just for them that stay here of this my last will and testament here by revoking all former wills made by me. I am witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal This April 4. 1902

Attest C Walker

J H Walker

Signed sealed published and declared as and for my last will and testament by the above named testator in open presence, hour at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other sign our names as witnesses,

C M Addis - Monroe Taylor

Attest W A Trammel

Filed June 7. 1902.

W H Foote Clerk

Will of Cynthia Johnson.

I Cynthia Johnson being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament as follows:

First: I will and bequeath to my sister Sabell Johnson all my estate both real and personal after all my debts are paid I hereby appoint W.E. Wauford to execute this my last will and testament. This the second day of April in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and two  
Witness, W.E. Wauford. Cynthia Johnson  
W.H. Frame

Dated: Filed Oct 3 1901,  
W.C. Failes Clerk

Will of Nancy E. Fison

I Nancy E. Fison being of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament

1st I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money coming into the hands of my executor

2nd It is my desire that my nephews, L.A. Fison, L.P. Fison, A.J. Fison and J.L. Fison shall share equally in the balance of my estate which is altogether personal, and consists of money, notes, accounts &c and this I so will

3rd Also give and bequeath to my said nephews all my house hold and kitchen furniture, consisting of beds, bed clothing, safe, bureau, clock, dishes &c to be divided between them as near equal as possible

I hereby appoint L.P. Fison my executor with out bond to carry out the provisions of this will

Witness to mark P.C. Crowley. Nancy Fison

We witness this will at the request of audience in the presence of the testatrix. This July 31, 1901

W.C. Patten  
H.A. Robinson

Will of W.D. Beckwith

I W.D. Beckwith of the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory and being desirous of settling all of my affairs while I have the strength of body & mind to make and publish this my last will and testament revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time made,

1st it is my desire and will that after my death my funeral expenses and all of my just and legal expenses be paid,

2nd Second I will devise and bequeath to my wife Laura C. Beckwith and the heirs of her body by me all of my estate of every kind and description personal and real, hereby intending to give to my wife and children all of my estate with full power and authority in my said wife to manage, control in any manner she thinks best for their use and benefit

3rd I nominate and appoint my wife Laura C. Beckwith my Executor with full power and authority to carry this my last will and testament into effect without bond

In witness whereof I have this day set my signature, This July 31st 1902

W.D. Beckwith

Signed by the said W.D. Beckwith as his last will and testament in the presence of each of us and we set our signatures at his request and in his presence and we hereby subscribe our names as witnesses the day and date above,

J.L. Carter,  
P.A. Hale

Isabell Johnson Will

To whom it may concern:

This to certify that I Isabell Johnson  
being of sound mind do make this my last will  
and testament, as follows.

That all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid  
from my personal effects or property to be disposed of  
as my Executor may think best either by public or  
private sale and if my personal property is not sufficient  
to meet all my debts, then my will is that enough of my  
real estate be sold at public auction to furnish paying same,  
But That I will and bequeath to my Nephew (Ellie Nece)  
all of my property either personal or real estate to be sold  
during his natural life that remain after my debts are paid  
and at his death that my real estate go to his brother being  
I hereby appoint H.E. Newford to execute this my last will  
without bond or security! This the 3<sup>rd</sup> day Octo 1902

Isabell Johnson

I sign this at the specific request of Isabell Johnson she stating  
in my presence that this was her will

witnesses } F. M. Hobson  
              } I W. Washer

Julia Page Will

State of Tennessee, DeKalb County  
Village of Weeks Tennessee

I Julia Page of the same does this day make  
my will, the first and last will  
I first all my burial expenses fully paid and balance of all I  
have left I here give will and convey to my beloved Children  
Allie and Alta Page and Bettie Page have and hold of all  
I have left both personal and real estate. First I want Allie and  
Alta Page to have a bed a piece that I have on hand at this  
time, Bettie Page of the same to be made up when she  
need the same with the above mentioned beds, I also want  
Allie to have Sewing machine and Trunk, dont want anything  
sold in house of bed clothing, I want all of the balance  
sold, I also want Alta Page of the same to have my  
saddle and Rocking Chair, I therefore appoint B.Z. Taylor  
Administrator of my Estate and also guardian of the same  
of what I leave and to manage what I leave behind both  
personal and real estate. Also I give Allie Page to S.J.  
Staeken and wife to raise up and manage best they can  
I also give C.C. Eggin and wife Alta Page to raise  
up the best they can, I also give F.M. Deoduan and wife  
Bettie Page to raise up and manage the best they can  
Sept. 24. 1903. Julia Page

Witness the above Atts. On the 24th day of Sept. 1903

I T. Staeken  
F. M. Deoduan

Filed Octo 26 1903.

M.W. Foster Clerk

## J W Eason's Will

I J W Eason do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

Sec 1 I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or that may just come into the hands of my Executor and Executrix.

Sec 2 I direct that my Executrix and Executor take charge of all my real and personal property and I empower them to sell any or all of it at any time they deem it to the best interest of my estate.

Sec 3 I direct that my wife Anna H Eason / Alice Eason and Alice Hill Eason have a reasonable support out of my estate in keeping with the way that I supported them until Anna Hill Eason is twenty one years old provided neither of them marry before that time, and in the event they or any of them marry before that time then their support shall be the one or ones marrying.

I direct that my sons Kirk Eason and Lester Eason be not paid any monies out of my estate until Anna Hill Eason is twenty one years old unless they get sick and said sickness rendering them unable to support themselves and in that event they are to have actual necessary expenses.

Sec 4 I direct that my wife Anna H Eason have a house and lot if she desires it for a home for her during her widowhood.

Sec 5 I direct that when my youngest Child Anna Hill Eason arrives at the age of twenty one that all my estate not otherwise disposed according to the foregoing sections be equally divided between my wife and children and if any of my children now living die leaving heirs then said heirs are to have the dead mother or fathers interest and in the event that when Anna Hill Eason becomes of age of twenty one the family desire to live together and not make a division of the est. they can do so and not make a division until such time as they see fit to their best interest provided the said Anna H Eason has not married and in that event she does not share in the division.

Sec 6 I direct that Anna H Eason moves again that all real and personal property she may have in her possession coming into her hands out of my estate be turned over to my executor Kirk Eason to be disposed of according to the provision for my children in Secs 3 & 6 and that she cease to act as Executrix

see #8 I do hereby nominate and appoint Anna H Eason and Kirk Eason respectively as my Executrix and Executor with out bond due witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this the tenth day of November Nineteen Hundred and Three

J W Eason

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed  
Our names hereto in the presence of the testator this the  
Tenth day of November Nineteen Hundred and Three

J M Ruitaud,  
Hilf Sudd.

Filed Nov 23 1903

W B Foster Clerk

Will of H. A. Hollandsworth

In the name of God Amen.

I, H. A. Hollandsworth, of the town of Liberty in the County of DeKalb and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory but in frail health do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and amending any will by me heretofore at any time made.

First. It is my will that at my death I be buried in the burial clothes which I have already had prepared. Second. It is my will that as soon after my death as practicable my Executor shall advertise and sell my farm near Liberty, Tennessee and my house and lot in the town of Liberty to the highest and best bidder at public outcry on such terms as he may deem to the best advantage of my estate. Provided, if he should deem proper to sell said real estate on a credit he shall not sell on a longer credit than two years and shall take notes under good personal security for the defined payments and retain a lien on the real estate.

If I should die the owner of any other real estate it shall be disposed of in the same manner.

Third. My executor shall ~~not~~ sell all my personal effects on such terms as he may deem best. I opt such articles as he may find tagged in my own handwriting with the names of the persons to whom I desire such articles given and he shall deliver such articles to the persons to whom they are so tagged or named. He shall collect all notes and accounts due me so as to convert my entire estate into cash as early as practicable.

Fourth. I will that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money coming into the hands of my executor.

Fifth. I will and bequeath unto R. L. Clark, Edgerton G. Clark, Charley Evans, Robert S. Evans, Mary E. Hayes, William P. Evans and James J. Evans, each the sum of One Dollar.

Sixth. I will and bequeath unto Helen A. Lamberson Two thousand Dollars for and during her natural life for her support and maintenance and direct my executor to pay over said amount to her guardian whom qualified and I hereby appoint John Bell Stark as her guardian and if necessary for her support and maintenance, said guardian is authorized to encash upon the Corpus of said fund by obtaining permission of Court therefor.

This bequest is in lieu of and in satisfaction

of all demands of what so ever kind on nature either in law or equity which the said Helen A. Lamberson may have against me and if necessary my executor is authorized to apply to the Chancery Court of DeKalb County Tennessee for a ratification of this bequest in satisfaction of all demands which said Helen A. Lamberson may have against my estate. Seventh. I will and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate and also any portion of the fund bequeathed to Helen A. Lamberson which may remain unexpended at her death unto the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the Missionary Baptist Church for the aid, support and maintenance of the missionaries of said church who are actually engaged in Home and Foreign mission work for the spread of the Gospel.

Eighth. I hereby nominate and appoint A. E. Potter Esq. of Liberty, Tennessee executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this the first day of August 1903.

Interlined after 7th line 6th paragraph, and after 8th this page before signing.

H. A. Hollandsworth

The foregoing will was witnessed by me in the presence of the testator and at her request on the first day of August 1903.

J. W. Wade,  
H. A. Robinson.

Will of P.W. Presley.

I P.W. Presley 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 of my debts be paid as soon after death as possible out of any monies I may die possessed of or may first may come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to Nancy A Maxwell my eldest daughter my entire interest in the place at or near Smithville and also Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars in cash out of my estate and Frances M. Mitchell my second eldest daughter has had and uses of my estate to equal the balance of my heirs or over and to a Graph my 3rd daughter has used and wasted enough of my estate to make her equal with the balance of my heirs and I bequeath to my daughters Frances M. Mitchell and to Graph nothing, as I consider they have got their part out of my estate or more.

4th P.W. Presley my eldest son I bequeath to him ~~one~~ of one third of my estate that I may die possessed after my debts and funeral expenses are paid.

5th A.C. Moss I bequeath to her one third of my estate that I may die possessed of after my debts and funeral expenses are paid.

6th J.P. Presley I bequeath to him one third of my estate that I may die possessed of after my debts and funeral expenses are paid. These last three bequests do not interfere with my first bequest that I made with my eldest daughter Nancy A Maxwell.

7th I do hereby nominate as my executors, R.N. Presley and W.A. Moore, my stepson wife is and hereby ordered and appointed that if any difference shall arise or happen concerning any gift or bequest or other things in this will no suit shall be brought concerning the same but the same shall be referred wholly to the ~~of my friends~~ of my friends F.H. Smith W.E. Burton and L.F. Vaughn all of Smithville and State of Tennessee and what they shall order direct or determine therein shall be binding and conclusive on all persons concerned.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said P.W. Presley as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other here subscribed our names as witnesses thereto. This the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1891

Witnesses F.H. Smith  
W.E. Burton

P.W. Presley

Will of Sarah Dearing

I Sarah Dearing being of sound mind this day make and cause this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me at any time made. First I want and all of just debts and funeral expenses paid. And seeing I want the children of John Allen and Elizabeth Dearing, that is Mr. & Mrs. H. Andrew Dillard John Robert Dearing, his wife Sarah, Gertrude and Daisy, there goes making nine in all that I want to have my real estate that is my two undivide interest that is my own shear and the shear that I bought of my brother west Dearing making the two undivide interest the Dearing land which is two thirds of said land for the nine above named to have said land and to make them a home and to make a home for the living on till the gile ground and able to take care of them selves.

And fourth I want my house to ride and and kitchen furniture to go to the ones that I give life too, for I die as I am to give life to the ones that I want to have.

And fifth I want my cows to remain here for the benefit of the children that live here so the three small ones can have milk and butter.

This my last will and testament whereunto I have this day set my hand and request that Obi Bassett and Sam Morris witness my signature to this my last will and testament.

Witnesses July 9th 1891  
Sarah Dearing

In No. 1  
Obi Bassett written by his request to L. M. Weston

## Nice of Seena Parish

I Seena Parish do make and publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made. I direct that after I depart this life that my body be decently buried in the grave yard near my home. First, I direct that my funeral expenses be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of in any way first come into the hands of my Executor. Next that all my just debts be paid. Next, I direct that for the love and affection I have for my niece Liliah McDowell and her brother Crawford Raup home that they have care of my personal property of whatever nature. Also see my real estate to wit, the farm upon which I now live which was given me by my late Uncle Calvin Parish. Also that all the debts and incumbrance of this farm incident to the settlement of the estate of Calvin Parish shall be paid out of said land if not otherwise paid. Lastly I appoint W.W. Parker as my Executor if living if not I appoint Lawson Baugh. The giving of the bond on the part of the Executor is hereby waived & he is directed to immediately after my death to take charge and control all of my affairs & proceed to wind them up in such manner as in his judgment may be to the best interest of Liliah McDowell & Calvin Raup home, signed in the presence of { Seena Parish  
J. D. Cartree  
W.W. Parker

## Nice of S.L. Williams

I S.L. Williams being of sound mind and disposing memory hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any and all other wills by me hitherto made.

I desire that out of the first money occurring into the hands of my Executor that all funeral expenses be paid to gather with all my just liabilities as well. After all these obligations have been paid I then direct the following, viz—

1st that one dollar each be paid to all my living brothers and sisters, viz P.M. Williams, S.C. Williams, Allie Williams, and Mary or Georgia wife of Smith year given. 2nd that all the balance of, of my property both personal and real consisting of the house and lots in the town of Liberty ~~and all County Line~~ for specific location . . . see deeds made in my possession with accounts, choses in action, house hold and kitchen furniture and any other property that I may die seized and possessed of I give to my sisters Gazette Williams, for the love and affection I have for her and for the other consideration of watchful care and attention to my deceased wife and to me during my life since, and my last sickness.

Should she die without leaving issue I direct that this property on any effects arising from it revert to my legal heirs in said. On these representations item living,

I hereby nominate and constitute my brother P.M. Williams Executor without bond with full power and authority to carry out this my last will and testament.

The foregoing disposition of my property uniting my entire and absolute appraise, without constraint or compulsion I hereby make affix my signature in the presence of C.S. Bright and M.C. Nick as witnesses who are next relative and in no wise personally interested. This Nov. 28, 1903

S.L. Williams

Witnesses,  
M.C. Nick  
C.S. Bright

Will of H.A. Overall April 29, 1904

I H.A. Overall of the third civil  
District of DeKalb County Tenn., being of sound  
mind and memory do make and publish  
and declare this to be my last will and  
testament. To wit:

First, All of my just debts, and funeral  
expenses to be fully paid.

Second, I give, devise and bequeath all the  
rest residue and remainder of my estate  
both real and personal to my beloved wife  
Bertha Overall to have to hold to her my said  
wife as widow here-

Third, That at the death of said or widow above  
that all my estate remaining be equally di-  
vided between all my heirs or children,  
Fourth, I nominate and appoint my wife Bertha  
Overall to be the Executor of this my last  
will and testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set  
my hand seal this the ninth day of April  
A.D. 1904

*H.A. Overall*  
his  
mane

Witnesses  
Mrs. Givens  
D.T. Wilson  
C.W. Adamsen

Jane Hathaway Will

State of Tennessee  
DeKalb County

The last will and testament of Jane  
Hathaway, knowing the uncertainty of life &  
being of sound mind made this my last  
will and testament. I will first that all my  
just debts be paid and also my funeral expenses.  
The remainder of my property to be equally  
divided with the church at Asbury where  
I now hold my membership and the mem-  
bership and the missionary society, or  
rather to the trustees of Asbury Church for  
the use of the church, and to the board  
and to the trustees or board of the Missionary  
Society for the use and benefit of said  
missionary work, I direct that said Trustees  
of Asbury Church buy and pay for an Organ  
if there be none.

I will further that Deverly Robinson be made  
my Executor and either see the duties of the  
office without bond and apply such property  
as above may be found as above set forth  
and described. This date 27, 1903

*Wm. J. J. Hathaway*

Witnesses  
W.M. Robinson  
Sallie Robinson  
Ged Scott

Will of Thomas Chapman Made 23 July 1901

I Thomas Chapman of the County of DeKalb  
Davidson State of Tennessee being of sound  
Mind and Memory do make and publish  
this my last Will and Testament in manner  
and form following that is to say.

1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that my mare and buggy  
shall go to my wife Lucinda Chapman and  
that she have one third part of my estate real  
and personal after all my debts are paid,  
2<sup>d</sup> I hold a note of \$100<sup>00</sup> against Wm Coffey  
said note to be counted out of Sally Coffey  
part of the estate

3<sup>rd</sup> I hold one note of \$100<sup>00</sup> against Harriett  
Clegg which I want counted out of her part  
of the estate

4<sup>th</sup> I hold one note against Martha Tennessee  
Turner of \$100<sup>00</sup> which I want counted out of  
her part of the estate.

5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the remainder of my  
estate be equally divided between my heirs to  
wit,

1<sup>st</sup> Lucinda Chapman 2<sup>nd</sup> Sally Coffey 3<sup>rd</sup> Harriett  
Clegg 4<sup>th</sup> Thomas H Chapman 5<sup>th</sup> Sampson Chapman  
6<sup>th</sup> Dennis Turner, 7<sup>th</sup> Fannie Smith, 8<sup>th</sup> Fred Chapman  
9<sup>th</sup> Monroe Malone

6<sup>th</sup> It is my will further that Thomas and Sampson Chapman  
my sons act as my Executor in winding up my  
business. In witness whereof I give my hand this  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1901

Thomas Chapman

Witness C. B. White  
Witness J. F. Turner.

I, A. MacKenzie of Liberty DeKalb County Tennessee do  
make and publish this as my last will and  
testament hereby revoking and making void any  
and all Wills by me at anytime made.

Sec 1<sup>st</sup> I will give some to God who gave it, and wish  
my body to have a decent Christian burial.

Sec 2<sup>nd</sup> I direct that my funeral expenses and all  
my just debts be paid by my Executors out of the  
first money coming into their hands.

Sec 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to Wilson B. MacKenzie  
Two Hundred and fifty Dollars evidenced by note for  
like amount which I now hold amounting also  
the free use and occupancy of the dwelling where  
I now live, and stone house located on same lot

for the period of two years after my death, and if he  
wishes to occupy these houses longer, the Trustees  
shall give him preference to rent it, provided he shall  
live in the dwelling and use the stone house for man-  
cave purposes, keeping the said dwelling, stone  
house and fence around the lot in good repair  
and further conditioned that the said William B.  
MacKenzie pay the premium on an eight hundred  
dollar policy which policy I direct shall be made  
payable to the Trustees of Liberty Church of the M.E.  
Church South Lebanon, Tenn. If the said  
William B. MacKenzie shall fail or refuse to comply  
with the foregoing requirements possession shall  
at once pass to the executors.

4<sup>th</sup> I direct that my Executors collect all notes  
and accounts due me as early as possible and  
upon the expiration of the two years mentioned  
in section (3) above, I direct that my Executors  
shall sell all my property both personal and  
real upon such terms as they may think  
best, the sales to be made privately or pub-  
licly as they may think best.

Sec 5<sup>th</sup> After complying with the foregoing  
directions I will the balance aged residue  
of my estate to the Trustees of Liberty Church  
of the M.E. Church, South Lebanon, West Tennessee  
for a sum of (\$100.) one hundred Dollars which  
I shall provide for in subsequent section of this  
instrument as a permanent endowment  
fund, the interest only upon which fund  
shall be used from year to year in keeping  
to pay salary of Preacher in charge thereof  
of said interest to be going to Liberty M.E. Church  
South and one fourth to Lebanon M.E. Church South.

for the same purpose. In order that this bequest shall be faithfully carried out I do join upon the said Board of Trustees that said fund shall be loaned out upon note or notes with interest payable annually, Said notes must be secured by at least two good persons securities or by Mortgage on real estate, see such notes to be approved in writing by the presiding Elder of the District of which Liberty Church is a part, the pastor in charge of said Liberty Church and also by the President and Cashier of the Bank of Liberty. The interest as collected shall be paid to the Stewards of said Churches for the purposes herein indicated.

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> I direct that my Executress turn over to Ed W. Passup (\$100.) One hundred Dollars, the interest on which is to be used by him to keep the groves of my wife and myself in good repair and at the death of the said Ed W. Passup this fund is to be turned over to the Trustees of Liberty M.E. Church South to be used by them for the purpose herein indicated.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint Jno. H. Nichols, D. G. Vick and C. L. Bright my Executress to carry out the provisions of this my will, in testimony of which I hereby sign my name in the presence of the witnesses whose names are hereto subscribed Feb 27, 1905

A. Macomur

The foregoing will was read and signed in our presence by the testator and at his request and in his presence we have signed our names hereto as witnesses,

I. D. Overace  
E. W. Passup

July 27, 1905

Levi Fautech Will.

I know all persons that I Levi Fautech do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking any or all other wills at any time heretofore made by me.

After the payment of all my debts I desire that the remainder of my estate shall be disposed of in the manner herein after described.

I desire that my Childrens T. L. Fautech, John L. Fautech, Nat. M. Fautech, Eliza A. Fautech, or if yet living at my death, their to the heirs of their bodies each one an set of grand children an equal share of my property left at my death.

To Mary Wooster's children John Wooster Laydays Wooster, Lydia Wooster and Thomas Wooster the shares therein mentioned named have been given by me if she were living, that is to say, an equal share; and in like manner a share divided among my grand children Robert Hease, Pathe Hease, Eva Hease and Ollie Hease they being the children of Dennis Hease deceased.

2. In like manner a share to be divided among Mattie Walker, Gibson Walker, Dave Walker, and John Walker, they being the children of my daughter Louise Walker deceased, and in like manner a share to be divided among Pearl Fautech, Maud Fautech and Dixie Fautech they being the children of my son Thomas Fautech deceased and in the division I desire that Dixie Fautech have added to his one hundred dollars.

And in like manner the children of my daughter Amanda West, namely Leona West, Elmer West, Lannah West and Felix K. West a share to be equally divided among them, And in like manner the children of Willie Done Lee a share to be equally divided among all ten living children, I desire that each one of my children and each set of grand children be made equal in the distribution of my estate except that Dixie Fautech is to have One hundred dollars added as heretofore stated, which my Executors are directed to pay to Dixie Fautech out of the gross amount of my estate before making

distribution as though it was a debt and it  
was to be taken from his equal share with all the  
other grand children, it is my special gift  
to Marie Fautech by me, I desire that my  
executors shall collect interest on my land  
notes that I hold against children or latter  
persons; but I desire that my Executors shall  
not collect any interest on any note or account  
given for anything but land due from my chil-  
dren or grandchildren to me,

I desire that a road fifteen feet wide be  
given to the person who buys the piece of  
land known as the W.B. Bridges land  
said road to run beginning on the Bridges  
piece of land, thence east to the rock fence  
and run right the said rock fence to the  
foot of the hill and intersect the Woodberry  
road, the said road to be the absolute property  
of the person who shall hereafter buy the W.B.  
Bridges piece of land.

I desire to charge the heirs of Tennessee  
Heath fee the sum of One Hundred and thirty  
(\$130<sup>00</sup>) Dollars paid to her by me since the  
death of her husband John R. Heath and that  
my Executors shall deduct said amount  
from the share of the Heath Children  
without any interest thereon.

I desire to charge the heirs of Thomas M. Fautech  
fee with the sum of One Thousand and forty  
dollars which amount I give to him in his  
life time and my Executors will deduct  
said amount from the share of his children  
without interest thereon, I desire to charge  
Felix K. West with the sum of about One  
hundred and eighty eight (\$188<sup>00</sup>) Dollars  
which amount I paid to him for the use and  
benefit of his brother and sister, thinking at  
the time that he was the lawful guardian  
of his minor brother and sister at that time  
and I took the receipt of the said Felix  
K. West at the time of the payment thereof.

I desire to charge the share of Amanda West  
with the sum of One Thousand & Nineteen (\$119<sup>00</sup>)  
Dollars which was paid to her and her hus-  
band in their life time by my son Nat M.  
Fautech by my orders and my Executors are  
hereby directed to deduct the said amount  
from the share of Amanda West fee

I desire to charge Felix K. West with the sum of  
about Sixty Six (\$66<sup>00</sup>) Dollars his individual  
share which I paid to him myself and took  
his receipt for the said amount at the time  
of the payment, and I desire my Executors to  
deduct said amount from his share.

I desire to charge John L. Fautech with the  
sum of two hundred and sixty (\$260<sup>00</sup>) Dollars  
for which I held his note dated Octo 28<sup>th</sup> 1896  
and due one day after, the which amount I prom-  
ised him to pay for his land, and I also desire  
to charge the said John L. Fautech with the additional  
sum of about Eighty (\$80<sup>00</sup>) Dollars, money I paid  
out for him, my Executors are hereby directed  
to deduct the said amounts from the share of the  
said John L. Fautech, I desire to designate and  
appoint the Bank of Altonia to be trustee  
for the children of Eugene Fautech to  
hold their shares from my estate due to the  
said Eugene Fautech after he has given  
bond as required by law.

I desire that suitable tombstones be erected over  
my remains and paid for by my Executors  
out of my estate, I desire that tombstones be  
placed over the remains of my dead children  
by my Executors and paid for out of their  
respective shares due to the one having the tomb-  
stones erected where the same has not already  
been attended to.

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint  
my beloved sons, John L. Fautech, F. L. Fautech  
and Nat M. Fautech to be my Executors  
This 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1903

Felix K. Fautech

Signed and acknowledged in <sup>our</sup> presence  
on the day and date above written,

D. R. Jennings  
J. L. Odem

1/21/08

I G. M. Turner do make this my last will and testament and record this following distribution of my property,  
 2nd All debts to be paid by my Executor or Executrix and of the effects on hand or  
 that may come into their hands.  
 3rd I want my wife to have the use of the  
 remainder of my property for her benefit,  
 4th I appoint Charles H. Strohm my Executor with  
 H. F. Strohm as assistant Executor and if there  
 is not sufficient means to pay the indebtedness  
 they may pay all debts of their own means if they  
 can, and if they are best in condition to pay  
 the indebtedness, they may sell any part of said  
 land or property they make their best and  
 make title to same with out decree of Court or  
 bond, and if they have to pay of their own  
 means they may collect of my estate the  
 amount at the death of my wife, I also give  
 my Executors and Executrix authority to sue  
 and be sued as I the said G. M. Turner  
 named me individually.

G. M. Turner

Attest J. B. Anderson  
 John Danatt

First

I R. G. Neumuth do make and publish  
 this my last will and testament,  
 I desire my funeral & expenses and all  
 my just debts paid as soon after my  
 death as practicable out of any funds or  
 property I may have available to that pur-  
 pose

Second

I give wife and bequeath to my wife  
 Mary J. S. Neumuth during her natural  
 life all the property all the property that  
 I may own or be entitled to of every  
 kind and description real personal and  
 mixed, My present real property con-  
 sisting of the house and lot abt which  
 we now live in Smithville Tenn bounded  
 North by a Street, East by an Alley on the  
 J. B. Robinson lot, South by a Street, Also  
 my law office and lot in Smithville Tenn  
 bounded North by the Masonic Stage lot, East  
 by a Street South by an Alley on the Evans  
 and J. B. Moore lots and West by the R. B.  
 West lot, Also my undivided interest in  
 what is known as the Great farm in  
 the Hunt hollow above the Widow L. C.  
 Turner in the Civil List of Bedford  
 County on day Oct 1st my sole interest  
 therein being the interest formerly owned  
 by Caroline Hunt in said property sup-  
 posed to be a three fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) interest  
 in the entire farm, the other interest then  
 in being owned by Martha Hunt, & off  
 I have had and and to have the benefit of  
 two small parcels of land said to be in  
 close and worth to offer which two small  
 parcels of land are I purely excluded  
 from this conveyance, my title to said land  
 is evidenced by a deed from S. Anderson  
 Beaufort to me which is registered in  
 the Registers Office at Smithville Tenn and  
 which is referred to for more particular  
 boundaries of said land.  
 I also give my wife Mary J. S. Neumuth  
 all the money that I may have on hand  
 or on deposit, and my horse and buggy  
 and harness and also give her all my  
 notes accounts judgments and other evidence  
 of debt due me and all my household and  
 kitchen furniture, my typewriter, iron safe

desk, book rack and all my office furniture  
of every kind and description, together with  
all my law books and all other books owned  
by me including my account books, my wife  
to hold the whole of said property to her own  
exclusive use and benefit during her  
natural life and to the exclusion of any  
equitable rights and liabilities of any future  
husband she may have, I expressly authorize  
my said wife to sell, transfer and convey  
and/or give all of said property, making  
deeds thereto if she desires to do so using  
the proceeds thereof as well as all other  
property hereby conveyed or owned by me  
at my death in any manner she sees  
proper for her sole and separate use  
comfort and support during her natural  
life or if she sees proper to do so she  
may sell and receive the proceeds  
of any of said property or invest said  
funds in other property holding the same  
subject to the restrictions herein mentioned.

It being my intention and desire  
to give her, the un-restricted use and  
control of said property during her natural  
life for her sole and separate comfort  
and support and after her death I desire  
that the residue of said property then  
remaining if any be divided among  
my brother and Sisters or their children  
when any may be dead leaving children  
under age according to the laws of New  
York governing the descent and distribution of  
property.

I hereby nominate and appoint my said  
wife Mary J S Neomish Executrix of this  
will, hereby releasing from giving bond as  
such, and she can make all inventory  
of said property or not as she desires.  
She is authorized to rent and manage  
said property as she sees proper, or manage  
it any other way she thinks is to her best in-  
terest. This 29 day April 1897 R.C. Neomish

Digned and acknowledged in our presence and  
we sign this will as witnesses at the special in-  
stance and request of testator, having no witness  
whereunder our names April 29 1897 W.R. Smith, H.E. Staley

I Daniel Drivé do make and publish  
this as my last will and testament, hereby  
revoking all making said all other wills by me  
at any time made.

I do hereby give and bequeath to Nathan Drivé  
my beloved brother all property both personal  
and real that I may have at my death,  
I do hereby nominate and appoint Nathan  
Drivé my Executor to carry into execution  
this will and testament without it being  
required that he give bond or witness  
whereof I do to this, my will, set my hand  
this the 18th day of July 1905.

Daniel Drivé  
Signed by the said Daniel Drivé as and  
for his last will and testament in the  
presence of us, the undersigned, who at  
his request and in his sight and presence  
and in the presence of each other have  
hereunto set our hands as attesting witness,  
this the 18th day of July 1905

B.W. Robinson  
C.W. Robinson

Kent County, Penn Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 1901

I Thomas Malone, being in my right mind do hereby make my last will and testament, In the first place I give will and bequeath to my wife Alta all my real estate, and personal property as long as she remains my widow and after her death I will and request all my real estate and personal property to my daughter Anna Orestes and her son Sampson, I hereby affix my hand and seal  
 Thomas Malone (Seal)

Witnessed by J.M. Quas  
 J.M. Quas  
 Done on the day and date above written.  
 Fixed Moh 5, 1906 W.W. Foster sealed.

Will of M.L. Peter

I M.L. Peter of the County of Kent State of Penn do make & make this my last will and testament For the love and affection I have for my wife Helen Peter I give to her the following property to wit, I give to her my said wife my home place wherein I now live bounded on the North by Barnard Road or Street on the East by A Gleeson on the South by Street on the West by Street This includes the house I am now building on said lot between my garden and A.J. Gleeson's lawn and garden I also give one acre land north of town place bounded on North and East by G.R. Smith South by A.J. Gleeson and West by Allen's Ferry Road I also give her what live stock or farm and garden tools I may have on hand at my death I also give my <sup>said</sup> wife Helen Peter my Stock \$1000.00 in Farmers and Traders with Dividends and undivided profits also my Stock \$1000.00 in Bank of Liberty with Dividends and undivided profits Said Farmers and Traders Bank located at Smithville Penn and Bank of Liberty located at Liberty Penn I also give my said wife Helen Peter my Store House in Smithville now occupied by W.L. Peter & Son bounded on North by G.B. Moon West by T.E. Hinckley South by F.G. Webb East by Public Square I further give her \$500.00 in money to come out of any other property I have at time of my death I hereby appoint my Son Elmer Peter Executor of this Will and also Trustee for my said wife Helen Peter to wind up Said Estate and to advise direct manager for my wife I authorize Said executor or Trustee if at any time it should become necessary to sell any or all of Said property and invest in other property to do so I further authorize my said wife to use all of the rents & profits of Said property and if that is not enough I want my said trustee to furnish enough of Said principal for her to have a comfortable living I further direct that my unmarried children have the same as my married Children have and further that my two Boys have enough expended on them to make their Education as good as the other Children my said Executor be the Judge of that The balance of my Estates after paying my debts I want sold and divided equally among my Children I hereby appoint my Son as Executor and Trustee to this Will and before taking charge of same want him to make Bond in the sum of \$5000.00 for performance of same I further direct that my wife have all my Household and Kitchen Furniture This Will made This 20<sup>th</sup> of June 1901

Witnessed  
 M.M. Parker  
 A.L. Tyree

Will of B. W. Magness.

For the love and affection I have for my Wife and Children I this day being of sound mind make this my last will and testament to wit: I give devise and bequeath to my Wife M. E. Magness all my property both real and personal to have and to hold during her widowhood and that the transact business in the firm of B. W. Magness & Co. as I am doing my life policies I divide equally among all my children after my funeral expenses are paid off of the same I appoint my Son J. H. Magness without bond executor of this will and at the death of remorragage of my Wife my Executor shall sell and divide equally all my real and personal property without bond I appoint my Wife Guardian for my minor heirs and will that they receive and have their part of the policies until they are of full age. In witness whereof I have Signed and Sealed and published and declared this to be my last Will and Testaments done at Telonburg Tenn Jan 23-1906

Witness

B. W. Magness

J. L. Fisher  
W. J. Cantrell  
E. N. Green  
D. A. Judkins

Will of James Grandstaff

I James Grandstaff being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and publish this my last will and testament disposing of what property a kind providence has bestowed upon me and setting aside all other wills heretofore made by me if any made first it is my desire after my death that all of my just debts be paid Second it is my desire that Sarah Overall Col. have my mare and Puggy & harness & one Bed and Stead and to quit the Bed I give her is the one I now lie on Third I give to Minnie Sned Col one Bed and Stead and to quit the Bed and Stead that is now down stairs and all of my stiff wearing clothes of every kind Fourth give to Bessie Sned Col my Bed and Stead that is upstairs to quitte and all of my wearing clothes of every kind Fifth it is my desire that my executor hereafter named sell up three lots one to my Gran one to my Wifis gran and one to Mary Grandstaff Gran the three not to cost over \$60.00 Dollars Sixth I give the remainder of my estate to minnie Bessie Sned Equally and to be put in the hands of a Guardian for them Seventh it is my desire that my executor sell my land and convey title to the purchaser & give my Executor the right to sell privately or publicly in lots or as a whole as he thinks best Eighth I nominate and appoint J. G. Turney my Executor this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1906

James Grandstaff

Signed on man made in our presence and at the request of Testator

Witness - H. Jennings  
J. B. Dorem

Will of J H Jacobs

I, J H Jacobs, of DeKalb County Tenn  
being of sound mind and memory And Considering  
the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do  
therefore make Ordain Publish and declare this to  
be my last will and testament. First I ordain and  
direct that C L and T L Jacobs my executors of  
this will pay all my just debts and funeral  
expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently  
may be And Said Expenses shall be paid out of  
the effects of my personal property The rest of  
said personal effects then shall be equally divided  
Among all my children when tomb stones are placed  
at the head of my & my wife's grave Second after the  
payments of such funeral expenses and debts I give  
unto: and bequeath to C L and T L Jacobs my  
home consisting of 109 acres of land with all the  
appertaining thereto attached For C L & T L Jacobs  
to have said farm and make their own lines if they  
desire want same divided for the following consideration  
that they C L and T L take care of me during my  
natural life that they furnish me with the necessary  
things such as food clothing and care such as waiting  
in the reasonably of it even becomes necessary Also  
that they take Luea Parker and her two girls keeping  
the girls until they are 21 years old or married and  
Luea for life or until she marries and while Luea  
remains single she has the right to go and come in  
at pleasure Also they C L and T L Jacobs shall pay out  
of their own effects \$1000 to each of the other 7 children  
as their heirs Said personal property to be sold on  
30 days advertisement from the probating of this will  
to be sold on 12 months time except sums under \$500  
Lastly I make constitute and appoint C L Jacobs and  
T L Jacobs to be the executors of this my last will  
and testament Thereby revoking all former Wills or  
Agreements by me made In witness whereof I have  
hereunto subscribed my name This the 6<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1905

J H Jacobs

This instrument was on the day of the date thereof  
Signed published and declared by the said testator  
J H Jacobs to be his last will and testament in the  
presence of us who at his request have subscribed our  
names herein as witnesses in his presence and in the presence  
of each other This Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1905

P G Miers - E. Rieley - J A Summers

Will of Isabella Drivell

I, Isabella Drivell of the County of  
DeKalb State of Tennessee being of sound mind and  
disposing memory but weak in body do make and publish  
this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other  
Wills herefore made by me. First I desire to be decently  
buried and that all my just debts be paid out of any money  
I may have on hand at my death or that may first come  
into the hands of my Executor Second I give and bequeath  
unto each of my Children as may be minors at my death  
all the residue of my personal property money bank accounts  
and Chazey in action to be used and expended for their  
support Education and Maintenance Third I give and devise  
unto my Brother John Kelly in trust all my real Estate which  
I may die owning consisting of One tract of land in 12<sup>th</sup>  
Civil District of DeKalb County Tenn containing 23 acres it  
being the tract bequeathed to me in the partition of my Father  
W<sup>m</sup> Kelly's Estate and described by me by and bounded  
in the decree of partition on Minute Book I Page 297-89  
of the County I cut also a Tract of 37 acres adjoining  
the above tract being the lot drawn by my Brother W<sup>m</sup> Kelly  
in said partition and bought by me from Jas. Hathaway  
and wife Also a one fourth undivided interest in the Caroline  
Kelly's Dever tract which I inherited from my Father  
containing 38 acres and described in said decree of partition  
said land to be held by said W<sup>m</sup> Kelly upon the following  
use and trust and for no other purpose I desire that my  
minor Children shall be permitted to live on the Dever  
tract above mentioned and shall have the free use  
occupation and control of all my said lands for a home  
until they become twenty one years old or shall marry It  
is therefore my Will and desire that said Trustee shall  
permit my said Children to occupy said Dever tract  
and have the free use occupation and control rights  
and profits of all my said lands until they shall be  
free and twenty one years of age or shall marry I intend  
by this will that each of my Children as are under  
age or of age but unmarried shall be entitled to a  
home on said lands and the use of its rents & profits  
Fourth It is my will that when all my said Children  
are of age or married the above mentioned trusts shall  
close and determine and the title in fee to said lands  
shall rest in said Children and the heirs at law  
of such of my Children as may be dead in the same  
manner as if I had died intestate unless some of my  
children or their heirs at law shall have forfeited  
their interest in my Estate by displaying the next  
clause of this will Fifth I am the owner in fee of

of a fourth interest in the said tract above mentioned  
and my children and Grandchildren are the owners of  
the other three fourths by inheritance from their Father.  
A.D. I will & desire that my said children and Grandchildren  
shall permit my minor children to have the use  
occupation and control of any said down tract as  
well as all my other lands free of charge until the  
said minor children shall become of age or marry and  
the above devise is made to my said children and  
Grandchildren as a compensation for the use and occupa-  
tion of said down tract by my said minor children now  
if any of my said children or Grandchildren shall  
bring any suit for partition of said down tract or  
shall otherwise disturb my said minor children in the  
use control and occupation of said down tract  
or other lands then said child or Grandchild shall forfeit  
all the interest in my said lands which they would  
otherwise have under this will and their interest shall vest  
in the other children and Grandchildren as above provided  
Sixth I hereby nominate and appoint my Brother  
John Kelly my Executor to carry out this my last  
Will and Testament witness my hand This April 11<sup>th</sup> 1899  
(No Erasures and interlinings made before signing)

Witness N.C. Robinson  
M.M. Overall

Isabel A. Drury

J.A. Faison a citizen of DeKalb County Tenn-  
essee, being of sound mind and disposing  
memory, and knowing the certainty of death  
do make and publish this as my last and  
true will and testament, revoking all former wills.

1st I bequeath to my three daughters Martha &  
Mary Faison, and Rebecca Hoggard my home  
tract of land about 300 acres and deeded  
in deeds from Johnathan Faison Lewis, John H.  
Savage, Peter Cluney, John Ewing and Stanton  
Williams Lewis to me, I make this bequest  
in order that my three girls may have  
a home, having regard to the matrimonial  
condition of ~~Hoggard~~ Hoggard husband to ~~Rebecca~~  
each of the girls named in this share jointly  
in said tract of land.

2nd I bequeath to my three sons Lee Faison, Leon  
Faison, and Jack Faison the Hoggard Attrip  
tract of land containing about 70.5 acres  
and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the Elizah Allen tract of land  
containing 34.5 acres Lee Faison having  
paid  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the purchase price of said tract  
the three boys named will share jointly the  
one tract and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the ~~second~~ second and named  
tract.

3rd After paying all of my legal debts and de-  
cency and funeral expenses,  
I bequeath all of my personal estate to my  
children named to share equally in the  
same after my estate is settled.  
And lastly I appoint my son L.R. Faison my  
Executor to this my last will and testament.  
Witness under my hand in the presence of  
El Allen and James Alexander whom I  
call as witnesses to this testament. This 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of June 1905

A.J. Faison

Witnessed by

E. Allen  
J. Alexander.

Will of Fannie M Preston

Liberty Tenn Apr 22 1906

I Fannie M Preston being of sound mind and this the 22 day of April write this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to Laura Bass wife of L.D. Bass, her and her heirs all of my personal property audience ester also all of which I die possessed of after my funeral expenses are paid, I don't care a dollar, I want to be put away nice and a nice rock put to my barker, I sign this April 26 1906

Fannie M Preston

Witness

J.C. Groom  
Thomas D. Bass.

I James Compton do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made,

First

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

Second

I give and bequeath to my wife S.A. Compton one thousand dollars in money, all my household and kitchen furniture and goods in the place, one top buggy and harness, One bell tongue or one tuning spear, One one horse wagon, One one year old black faced mare filly, Two milk cows of her and choice, all the tools belonging to me, such as is used in the blacksmith shop and one fourth of the bucking ground at the Horn Hill Cemetery.

Third

I give and bequeath to my daughter (C) there be a remainder after the leases are paid two are canceled and Francis Daisy, Fannie, Mary, Jessie Robinson, Sally Pendleton, Edna Tautress, Bee Faust, and Dolly Hayes, One Thousand Dollars each in money and in the event that any or all of them die before I do their interest is to go to their heirs, and if no heirs, the dead ones interest is to be placed with the remainder of my estate and distributed as provided in clause #5.

Fourth

After the foregoing clauses are completed with and there be a remainder I direct that J.R. Compton be given a credit on what he owes me on my estate of One Thousand Dollars, and in the event he does not owe me on my estate anything, and my est is not bound by being security for him, I direct that my Executor pay him One Thousand Dollars in money.

Fifth

After the foregoing clauses are carried out and there be a remainder I give and bequeath said remainder to all of my children, both sons and daughters to be equally divided among them or these heirs, provided my sons J.B. Compton, J.R. Compton, and Lulu Compton have paid me what they owe me by way of advances and debts I have paid for them, & what I am bound for them.

Will of Fannie M Preston.

Liberty Tenn Apr 22 1906

I Fannie M Preston being of sound mind and this the 22 day of April write this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to Laura Bass wife of C.D. Bass, her and her heirs all of my personal property and real estate and all of which I die possessed of after my funeral expenses are paid, I don't have a dollar, I want to be put away nice and a nice rock put to my grave, I sign this April 26 1906

Fannie M Preston

Witness.

J.C. Groom

Thomas D. Bass.

I Fannie Compton do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

First.

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

Second

I give and bequeath to my wife S.A. Compton One Thousand Dollars in money all my household and kitchen furniture and goods in the place, one top buggy and harness, one bed lounge or one living room, one one horse wagon, one one year old blazed face Sanil fawn two milk cows of her and choice, all the tools belonging to me, such as is used in the blacksmith shop and all fourth of the burying ground at the Green Hill Cemetery.

Third

I give and bequeath to my daughter if there be a remainder after the expenses one and two are paid out to Fannie Bass, Jessie Robinson, Jessie Pendleton, Edna Taintree, Bell Faust, and Daisy Hayes, One Thousand Dollars each in money and in the event that any or all of them die before I do their interest is to go to their heirs, and if no heirs, the dead ones interest is to be divided with the remainder of my estate and distributed as provided in clause # 5.

Fourth

After the foregoing clauses are completed out and there be a remainder, I direct that J.R. Compton be given a credit on what he owes me on my estate of One Thousand Dollars, and in the event he does not owe me on my estate anything, and my est is not bound by being security for him, I direct that my Executor pay him One Thousand Dollars in money.

Fifth

After the foregoing clauses are carried out and there be a remainder, I give and bequeath said remainder to all of my children, both sons and daughters to be equally divided among them or their heirs, provided my sons J.B. Compton, J.R. Compton, and Lulu Compton have paid me what they owe me by way of advances and debts I have paid for them, or what I am bound for them.

and what my Executor may have to pay by reason of me being security for them except as provided in clause #4 for J.R. Compton. In other words after clauses one two three and four are completed with, I want all my children to be made equal, each accounting for what they have heretofore received.

First I direct that at my death my Executor take charge of all my real estate and personal property not otherwise herein or heretofore disposed of and convert the same into money for the purposes heretofore set out as rapidly as possible, I authorize my Executor to sell the real estate privately or publicly, as he may see fit and execute deeds to the purchasers or purchasers,

Second I direct and wish that if any of my heirs should contest this my wife, and release to a side by ~~any~~ the provisions herein made for them, I direct and wish that they not be given anything, and that what I have directed to be given to them be paid with the remainder of my est. and be distributed according to clause #3 excepting the ones contested, and should any of my children, their heirs and representatives contest this my wife, I direct that my Executor pay what has been allotted to them to my wife S.A. Compton for sole support and benefit.

Last I do hereby nominate and appoint B.F. Bee my Executor, in witness whereof I do to this my wife set my hand on this the 23rd day of September Nineteen hundred and seven.

James Compton.

Signed & published in our presence and the testator and the testator acknowledged that he had heard the foregoing will read and we have subscribed our names in this presence of the testator this 23 Sept 1907

H.C. Barry  
James P. MacClellan

Friud Oct 7. 1907

— Will of T.M. Daddler —

I Thomas M. Daddler do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made first I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money or property that I may die possessed of secondly I give to my beloved wife Eliza Ann Daddler all of my property both real and personal that I may die in possession of except Nannie Daddler to have a Colt worth Sixty dollars at my death also Geo Daddler, Irvin Daddler and Alice Daddler is to have a Sixty dollar Colt as they become Twenty one years of age The balance of the above named property both Real and Personal property the said Eliza Ann Daddler is to have during her natural life or widowhood but in the event she should die or cease to be a widow then the above named property not otherwise bequeathed is to be divided Equally among my lawful heirs In witness to this my Will I do set my hand and Seal this the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 1888.

Thomas M. Daddler

Signed and Sealed in our presence Feb 17-1888

John B. Stark  
Robert J. Givan  
Horace A. Overall

Will of Caroline McWhiter.

I, Caroline McWhiter being of sound mind do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making said any other will by me at any time made.

First:

I desire that my Executrix as soon after my death as possible pay out of any effects that I may die Deized and possessed of all the debts that I may be owing including the expense of a decent burial.

Second:

I give and bequeath the remainder of my Estate both Real and personal property to my beloved neice.

Third:

Lizzie Scott except one feather Bed and Frame which I bequeath to my beloved Neice Malissa Hastings.

The Reality that I give to my neice Lizzie Scott is a tract of land situated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Sevier County Tenn and bounded as follows to wit: on the North by Davis, on the South by Lassiter and Byars East by Davis and on the West by McWhiter including and Excluding about two acres of land heretofore conveyed by deed to Watson Lantrie and wife Callina Lantrie and reference is here had to deed from me to them said Tract containing 50 acres more or less.

I hereby nominate and appoint my Neice Lizzie Scott, my sole Executrix to this my last will and testament to act without Bond. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1907.

Caroline McWhiter

Signed by the said Caroline McWhiter as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned, who at her request and in her sight and presence have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses the day and date above written.

P. J. Magness

C. C. McGray

Filed Jan'y 20<sup>th</sup> 1908.

W. B. Foster, Clerk

Will of John Magness:

I know all men by these presents that I John Magness, of the County of Sevier and State of Tenn being in sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made heretofore and as to my worldly Estate and all the property real personal or mixed of which I shall die Deized or possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the following manner to wit:

First my will is that my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors hereafter named out of my estate which consists of a life policy and of notes and accounts as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient after all expenses is paid as above stated and the expense for executing this will I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Florence Magness all of the residue of my property except that my Executor put to my grave a monument not to exceed Thirty five dollars in value. And lastly I do nominate and appoint P. J. Magness my Elder and Beloved Brother to be the Executor of this my last will and testament and without Bond. In testimony whereof I the said John Magness to this my last will and testament I have Subscribed my name this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1907.

J. H. Magness

Assigned published and declared by the said John Magness as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

W. J. Lantrie

W. P. Lantrie

J. C. Jones.

Filed Mar 2-08

W. B. Foster, Clerk

Will of M. F. Allen:-

M. F. Allen, being sound mind and disposing memory but in feeble health, being desirous of disposing of my estate which may be left after my decease in a manner in according to my own will and desire do make and publish this my last will and testament.

I will and desire that all my debts and liabilities against me if any be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my executors after the payment of my general expenses.

2. That my executors have my grave protected in a suitable manner - have neat stones placed at my head and feet. It is my will and desire that for Mrs Magness, John to have my hand. I want Miss Magness to have my watch and jewelry and Mother Magness to choose all my ornaments.

It is my will and desire that Sarah Cartrell, my niece have my trunk of wearing clothing, one bed and pillows, and one half of a dozen quilts.

And also my will and desire that W. B. Allen, my brother, to have one bed and pillows and all the rest of the clothing to the bed. I want all the rest of property said by my executors either privately or publicly either manner they deem best and apply the proceeds as to my funeral expenses and debts. I also have an interest in my father's estate as one of his heirs, which is my will and desire to be divided equally between Mother Cartrell my sister and W. B. Allen, my brother.

I do hereby nominate and appoint S. J. Magness and R. C. Magness executors to this my last will and testament.

This the day of Dec. 22 A.D. 1881.

M. F. Allen

The above instrument was acknowledged before us by M. F. Allen on the day of Dec. A.D. 1881, and was witnessed by us at her request and our names signed in her presence and we are fully satisfied that she is of sound mind and disposing memory this day of Dec. A.D. 1881. John Cartrell  
Geo. A. M. 1908. W. B. Foster, Clerk  
Geo. A. M. 1908. W. B. Foster, Clerk

Will of L. S. Coenot,

For the love and affection I have for my daughter, Harriet P. Coenot, I give her my stone house on the public square in the town of Smithville, DeKalb County, Tenn., joining Edwin Staley beginning on wall with Staley's southeast corner, running north with Staley's house - the mid-all wall of my stone and Staley is a partnership wall, running forty nine feet to the corner of Staley's and my north end of the stone three feet twenty four feet with Staley's line to the street, there North sixteen feet to A. Dratt's line there east with Dratt's line forty eight, there South sixty five feet to the public square, there twenty five feet to the beginning.

I give her this during her life and at her death to her nearest kin, but if it should become necessary for her support to sell the sixteen feet North of Staley's stone she has the right to sell it and make a general warranted, and should the stone house get burned up there is she has the right to sell the ground and make a general warranted deed to all the ground in as full as if there had been no provision not to sell. I warrant and defend the title against all claims of any kind to my daughter Harriet P. Coenot and her assigns in the event it is necessary to sell all or a part of said property if it is necessary for support.

Given under my hand this Dec. 4, 1907.

L. S. Coenot.

My handwriting can be proven by many as it will be necessary up no witness to writing this.

J. S. C.

Tiled April 6, 1908, W. B. Foster, Clerk.