

Henry office in North Hampton the 23^d June 1853

Leek

N^o 90

Richard H Weaver Clerk
State of North Carolina North Hampton County. I Samuel Calvert
Sheriff of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County do
hereby certify that Richard H. Weaver whose name is affixed to
the above certificate is and was at the time of signing the same
acting Clerk of our said County Court duly elected and qualified
that due faith and credit are due to his attestations as such
and that the same is in due form of law. Given under
my hand at the Court house in the town of Dickson
this 23^d day of June 1853 Samuel Calvert C. C. P. & Q. R. S.
State of Tennessee I M. Book Clerk of Stewart County Court
Stewart County do certify the foregoing to be a true
copy as the same remains on record in my office
Given under my hand at office in the town of Dover
this 15th day of October 1851. M Book Clerk

State of Tennessee I William Hightower Clerk of the County Court
Dickson County do hereby certify that the
foregoing is a true copy of an attested copy of Henry
Leek's Will which was ordered by the County Court of said
County to be recorded at the Nov. Term of said Court 1841
Given under my hand at office this 2^d day of November 1841
W Hightower Clerk

W Hightower Clerk

By his Deputy Tho Kelly

Joshua

White

N^o 91

In the name of God Amen I Joshua White 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 all my debts be paid
as soon after my death as possible out of any money that
I may dispose of or my feet come into the hands
of my Executors.

Secondly I Will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha
White during her natural life or widowhood all my land
Negroes, Crops, Halls, household and kitchen furniture and
the property of every description that I may die seized or
disposed of except such as are otherwise bequeathed

Thirdly I Will and bequeath unto my son David one two year
old coll which I value at forty dollars.

Fourthly I Will and bequeath unto my son Benjamin a coll two

Joshua

White

N^o 91

years old which I also value at forty dollars
Fifthly I desire that all my other sons and daughters
namely Elizabeth, Saviour, Nancy, Seph, Roney and
Daniel when they arrive to or as near the age of 18 years
as practicable to be furnished with a coll about two
years old and to be worth about forty dollars and
if either of these children should not be furnished
with a coll of the value above directed it shall be
made up to such child or children in a final division
I also desire that my negro woman by the name
of Rachael should be sold by my Executors within the
limits of two years after my death having regard
to a suitable time for the sale of such property.
I wish to be understood that I desire an equal divi-
sion among my children. Lastly I do hereby nomi-
nate and appoint my wife Martha White and Owen
Sullivan my Executors. In Witness whereof I do to this
my Will set my hand and seal. This 5th day of
October 1851. Joshua White

Benjamin Sperry

John Porter

State of Tennessee I William Hightower Clerk of
Dickson County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy
of the last Will and Testament of Joshua White
deceased which was ordered by the Court at December
term 1851 to be recorded. Given under my hand at
office this 10th day of December 1851.

W Hightower Clerk

By his Deputy Tho Kelly

William

Miley

N^o 92

State of Tennessee Dickson County May the 21st day 1839
In the name of God Amen I William Miley of the State
and County aforesaid being weak in body but sound
in mind memory blessed Almighty God for the
same do make and ordain this my last Will and
testament in manner and form as follows, to wit
First I would wish my just debts paid and then I
bequeath and give unto my son Oriskany Miley the
sum of One dollar then I give and bequeath unto my

William
Miley
No 92

son Jesse Miley here the sum of One dollar, then I give and bequeath the sum of One dollar, to my son in law Griffin Miley then give and bequeath to my son S. Matham Miley here the sum of One dollar, then I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Myatt the sum of One dollar, then I give and bequeath unto my son Ebenezer Miley here the sum of One dollar, then I give and bequeath unto my grandson Jesse Miley the sum of One dollar, then I give and bequeath to my grandson Eli Miley the sum of One dollar, then I would wish the land whereon I now live to be sold at my death and the money put in the hands of my loving wife Anna Miley for her maintenance, then at my wife's death I give and bequeath unto my two grand daughters Rosa and Griffin Edson each Griffin the sum of fifteen dollars apiece provided thiers be much left at my wife's death I would my Executors to pay it to them when they come of age. I also would wish all the balance of my property sold in like manner, and the money put in my wife's hands. I hereby appoint David Gray my Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made the year and day above written in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal signed sealed and delivered declared his last Will and Testament in the presence of us I Thos. Norton
Nathan Landwith

Wm Miley
mark

State of Sumner Dickson County. I William Hightower Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last Will and Testament of William Miley dec'd which was ordered by the Court at February Term 1842 to be recorded Given under my hand at office this 23^d day of February 1842.

Wm Hightower Clerk
By his Deputy, Thos Kelly

Subscribed
White
No 91

William
Hightower
No 93

I William Hightower knowing the uncertainty of life and being desirous that my estate after my death should be distributed somewhat differently from the manner by which the laws of the state would direct the distribution do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and testament revoking all others heretofore made. First. My just debts are to be paid out of what monies I may leave, of which it is believed by me there will be sufficient. It is my wish that my mother have the use and services of my Negro boy Nelson during her life for her support, but at her death it is my desire that the children of my illegitimate daughter Mary wife of Miller Jackson, have said boy Nelson together with all my other property except the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars which I hereby give to my sister Polly Kirk wife of William Kirk. If the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars should not appear to be left in money by me at my death it is my wish that said sum be raised out of my estate and given to my said sister. And in case my daughter Mary aforesaid should die without leaving children it is my desire that the children of my said sister should have all the estate both real and personal which is hereby given to the children of my daughter. So recapitulate - My Mother is to have the use and services of Nelson during her life. The sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be given to my sister Polly. The remainder of my estate both real and personal to be given to the children of my daughter Mary wife of Miller Jackson. - and in case she dies without leaving children the property that would have descended to them is to be given to the children of my sister aforesaid. Altho the word "children" is employed in relation to my said daughter Mary yet the meaning is one child or more than one. In witness whereof I have hereunto

William set my hand and seal this 29th day of November
 1840
 No 93. Signed and sealed in the presence of

J. Voorhis
 Jacob A. Kanner
 Appoint Miller Jackson and William Parks to
 be Executors of the above Will

J. Voorhis
 Jacob A. Kanner.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court August Term 1842
 Shew was the annexed last Will and Testament of
 William Hightower dec^d produced in open Court and
 proved to be such by the oaths of J. Voorhis and
 Jacob A. Kanner subscribing witnesses thereto and
 the same was ordered to be recorded.

J. Kelly Clerk of said Court
 State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Clerk's Office
 August 8th 1842. Shew was the annexed last
 Will and Testament of William Hightower dec^d
 recorded in Book B. Pages 33-34 1835.

J. Kelly Clerk

Asheia Henderson In the name of God Amen I Henderson Adcock
 of the State of Tennessee, Dickson County, being weak
 in body but of sound mind and memory and
 being mindful of my mortality do make and
 constitute this my last Will and Testament.
 1st I resign my body to its mother dust to be
 buried in a decent manner at the discretion of
 my friends and relatives.

2^d I resign my Soul to God who gave it.

3^d after all my just debts are paid I give and
 bequeath unto my beloved wife Dolly M. Adcock
 all singularly and every part of my property
 after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid
 which is to be for her use and benefit during
 her widow hood and should she remain in
 that state its for her use during her natural

and in no manner by no person
 Look out of the estate allotted to her in Intest

Henderson life and should she intestine my wish is that she
 Adcock have and possess a proportionate part with the rest
 No 94. of my heirs at that time. In testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth
 day of September A.D. 1842.

Signed in presence of
 David Gray
 Matthew Myatt

Henderson Adcock

State of Tennessee

Dickson County Court December Term 1842. Shew
 was the within last Will and Testament of Hen-
 -derson Adcock deceased produced in open
 Court and proven to be such by the oaths of
 David Gray and Matthew Myatt subscribing
 witnesses thereto and the same was ordered by
 the Court to be recorded. (Witness my hand at
 Office this 5th day of December 1842.)

J. Kelly Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee Dickson County

County Court Clerk's Office December 7th 1842.
 Shew was the within last Will and Testament
 of Henderson Adcock deceased Recorded
 in Book B. Pages 35 & 36.

J. Kelly Clerk of
 Dickson County Court.

Jacob
 Evans
 No 95

This day being the fifteenth of March 1835 I proceed to
 to make this my last will and Testament. Now in my
 right mind and proper senses I first will my Soul to
 God who gave it and my body to the Earth from whence
 it was taken 2nd I will all my just debts to be paid
 lastly I will all my Estate to my beloved wife Mary
 Evans during her natural life or widowhood at the expiration
 of which this will is declared null and void I further provide
 when at any time it is made appear to the satisfaction
 of a majority of all the Justices of the Peace when sitting
 in a Court capacity for the County that said Mary is ma-
 -naging said Estate lawfully or unreasonably said Court or
 any Court may proceed to grant Letters of Administration

See Jacob
for Evans
N^o 95

without any regard to this will proved it first appear that
at least twenty days notice has been given to said Mary
in writing setting forth to her the cause or causes why letters of
Administration is about to be applied for so I conclude leaving
said Mary sole executrix to this my last my will no security
required of her
Test Allen ^{his} Hunter
A. A. Baker
subscribed in my own hand
Jacob Evans.

State of Tennessee 3 County Court May Term 1843
Dickson County 3 Then was the foregoing last will and Testament
of Jacob Evans dec^d & infirm was proved to be such by the oaths
of Allen Hunter and Charles A. Baker subscribing witnesses
The J. Kelly Clerk and was ordered by the court to be recorded
Midway The J. Kelly Clerk of said County Court at office
the 1st Monday in May in May 1843
The J. Kelly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Clerk Office July 6th 1843
Then was the annexed last will and Testament of Jacob
Evans dec^d & Recorded in Book A Page 155 & 156
The McClellan Clerk

See
White
No 91

Moses Jan 17th A.D. 1843
Street N^o 96 The last will and Testament of Moses Street
1st I Moses Street do now make my last will and
testament being in my proper mind and natural senses
1st I bequeath my spirit to God who gave it & take it
away Amen wishing to be decently laid away and
buried committing my Body to its mother dust & am
2nd I bequeath to my beloved wife Helen for the love
love and respect I have for her the house and farm we
now live on and in with all the appurtenances thereto
annexed as follows Three head of horses & two thirds of my
hens hogs & sheep the other third to my son Ichonias
during his attendance to the same also the house hold
and kitchen furniture two Beds and furniture excepted
also nine Negro Consisting of a woman and children

and to be maintained by said appurtenances
See R out of the estate allotted to her in witness

Moses to have and to hold during her natural lifetime or widowhood
Street for her support at her disease or Marriage the above name
N^o 96 and property is to be divided as follows 1st to my son
David one negro Boy named Relfield 2nd to my son
Ichonias one negro Boy named Edmond 3rd to my son
Abram one negro Boy named Charles 4th to my son
Moses one negro Boy named Henry also one more
negro at the death or marriage of my beloved wife Helen
if there be an increase of Negroes if not he is to have two
hundred and fifty Dollars in proper valued by disburse
I do now give to my Daughter Jemimah Milby one
Negro Girl named Hannah 6th to my Daughter
Susan Self one negro Girl named Mary 7th to my
Daughter Martha two negro Girls named Pettigrew
or Maria & as it respects the house hold and kitchen
furniture and stock at the death or marriage of Beloved wife
Helen if there is any left after my son Moses gets his two hundred
and fifty Dollars in property it is to be equally divided
among my male and female children again 1st to my
son David Street I bequeath the tract of Land on which
he now lives containing seventy two acres also one hundred
and two acres of land lying north east of the seventy two
acre tract 2nd to my son Ichonias Street I bequeath
all the Land lying between David Street south line and the
Creek also a piece off the East part of the tract where I now
live running as follows Commencing at Crooked White
oak at or near the mouth of a hollow next of the
apple orchard running near South to a dead Chestnut in
the field thence with that ridge to the South boundary line
3rd to my son Abram Street I bequeath the mill tract
of Land and mill also one Bed and Clothing for the same
which was excepted in the first part of my will 4th to my
Daughter Martha one Bed and furniture including one of
the two which was excepted as mentioned also one negro
woman Fanny lastly I nominate & appoint David Street
& Ichonias Street my two oldest sons Executors to this my
last will and Testament This signed and sealed in pres
ence of C. C. Dickson
Ichonias Street
Moses Street

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Moses State of Tennessee 3 County Court March Term 1843
Street Dickson County 3 Then was the foregoing last will and
No 96 Testament of Moses Street decd which was proven to be
such by the oaths of George C. Jackson & Jeremiah Thompson
subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be recor-
ded Witness Thos. J. Kelly Clerk of said Court at office
the 1st Monday in March 1843

Thos. J. Kelly Clerk

State of Tennessee 3
Dickson County 3 County Court Clerk's office July the 8th
1843 Then was the annexed last will and Testament of
Moses Street decd recorded in Book A Page 156
157 158 Thos. McKelley Clerk

Mary This is to Certify that I have this day seen and bequeath unto my son
Bathrop's Will Bathrop the Balance of five hundred & ninety nine
No 77 Dollars and 84 cents of the within note for the consideration of
which the said Will Bathrop agrees to maintain the balance
of my time here so long as I should live given under my hand
and seal this 4th day of February 1837

Test

James Daniel

To M. Shyden

Mary Bathrop

State of Tennessee Dickson County July 4 1843 Then
was the above will produced in open Court and proved
by the oaths of Jas. Daniel and W. M. Shyden subscribing
witnesses and ordered to be recorded
Test Thos. McKelley Clerk

State of Tennessee 3 County Court Clerk's office July 8 1843
Dickson County 3 Then was the last will and Testament
of Mary Bathrop recorded in Book A Page 158
Thos. McKelley Clerk

James I. James Joslin being in a low state of health
& Joslin but of sound mind and disposing mind And
No 98 knowing that it is the lot of all men once to die
So make this my last will & Testament making
Leak out of the estate allotted to her in witness

I am Joslin all others heretofore made by me In the first place I
do 98 Recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body
a decent Christian Burial and these things it has
pleased God to give me I divide in the following
manner (To wit) Item 1st It is my will that all
my debts and Burial expens be first paid out of
the first money that comes to the hands of my
Executor 2nd I will & bequeath to my Daughter
Synthia Gardiner Cochran & Children of her body
one fourth of my Estate after her Husband Wm H
Cochran pays up the amount of the Notes I hold
on him Item 3rd I will & Bequeath Mollida
Ann Boyd and Children of her Body one fourth
of my Estate after her Husband James H Boyd
pays up the amount of the notes I hold on him
4th I will and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth
Jane Joslin one fourth of my Estate & I mean
and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Margaret Joslin the
other fourth of my Estate - In the event of either
Daughter's death without a living child of her
Womb then and in that case I wish the above
mentioned Property to be equally divided among my
other Daughters & their lawful Children It is my
will & desire that a trustee be appointed in to whom
hands the property be put & he have the entire control
of that share of my Estate going to my two eldest
Daughters & Children & manage it to best advantage
possible to the promotion of their Interest & welfare
I will and request that my lands be rented out
and all my negroes be hired out annually &
publicly & to the highest Bidder till my Young-
est Daughter becomes of age then my Lands
sold on a Credit of 1-2-3 years and that money
to be divided as the balance at the same time I wish
all my Personal & other property sold on simi-
lar Credits and the money divided as above
It is my will and request that those Notes
which I hold be collected as soon as practicable
and that the money be laid out in Young negroes

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See James to be together with the thus divided equally according
N^o 98 to valuation I have a plain note now in posses-
sion which was given to Mr. H. Cochran for \$200
& some cents executed by Joseph Crockett & others
said note should have been executed to me instead
of Mr. H. Cochran & should said Mr. H. Cochran
contend for said note I wish that amount deducted
from the due proportion which may be given to his
family from my estate And it is my will that
my Executors put my Daughters Elizabeth Jane Joslin
& Mary Margaret Joslin in some respectable
^{Independent} family where they may be taken care of ^{and} leave
to work And I do hereby appoint John R
Hudson & John W. Napier Executors to this my
last will and Testament In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
July 23rd 1843

Attested by
J. W. Barker
J. W. Napier

James Joslin Seal

State of Tennessee Jackson County Court September
Term 1843 Then was the annexed last will and
Testament of James Joslin deceased produced in
open Court and proven to be such by the oaths of
John W. Napier and Jesse W. Barker subscribing wit-
nesses thereto and the same was ordered by the Court
to be recorded

Jest. Tho. McNeilly Clerk

State of Tennessee I Tho. McNeilly Clerk of the County
Jackson County Court of said County do hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and
Testament of James Joslin which is this day recorded in Book
A Pages 158-159-160- September 8th 1843

Tho. McNeilly Clerk

See James to be together with the thus divided equally according
N^o 98 my last will and Testament hereby making
seen out of the same account

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Same and making void all others by will by me at any
good and true made First I direct that my funeral expenses
N^o 99 and all my debts be paid as soon after my death
as possible out of any money that I may die pos-
sessed of or may first come into the hands of my
Executors Secondly I give and bequeath to Norman
J. Barker one tract of land whereon Armstrong
Barker now lives containing fifty acres Thirdly
I give and bequeath to Felix C. Barker one small
slave five years old Fourthly I give and bequeath
to Isaac J. Barker one yellow mare three years
old fifthly I give and bequeath to Augustus
Barker all my hogs consisting of about forty head
Sixthly I give and bequeath to Mary Ann Ba-
ker one head of Cows Seventhly I give and bequeath
to Mary Ann Barker and Jane Simm ten head
of Cows to be equally divided between them eighthly
I give and bequeath again Barker two feather
Beds Ninthly I give and bequeath to Mary Ann
Barker one feather Bed Lastly I do hereby
nominate and appoint Armstrong Barker my
and request of the County Court not to exact
Security in witness whereof I do to this my will
set my hand and this 23 day of August 1843

Sam^l Goodrich

signed sealed ^{and published} in our presence ^{must} and we have subse-
quently our names here to in the presence of the Testators

Jest
G. W. Satom
Samuel Bagg

State of Tennessee Jackson County Court September Term 1843
Then was the annexed last will and Testament of Sam Goodrich
deceased produced in open Court and proven to be such by
the oaths of G. W. Satom and Samuel Bagg subscribing wit-
nesses thereto and the same was ordered by the Court to be
recorded

Jest Tho. McNeilly Clerk

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State of Tennessee Jackson County
County Court Clerk's office September 9th 1843-
There was the last Will and Testament of James
Gordrich Recorded in Book A Pages 160, 161
The M. Kelly Clerk
of Jackson County Court-

Minor Bibb No. 100 In the name of God Amen
I Minor Bibb of the County of Jackson & State of
Tennessee being seriously and nearly afflicted by disease
of body but of sound and legally disposing mind do make
and ordain the following as my last will and Testam-
ent here by reciting and making null and void any &
all Wills & Testaments here to fore made by me
Injunctive. I wish my Body after my decease to be decently
interred by my Executors and I commend my Soul to
my Maker and hope for acceptance by and through
the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ
I then, I wish my Just debts all to be paid and my
Executors hereafter named are fully authorized to sell
a Sufficiency of my Estate either real or personal at
their entire discretion either for cash or on a credit as
the necessities of the case may require to pay and disch-
arge all my debts
I then after the payment of all my debts I leave
to my Wife all the residue of my Estate both real &
personal, except what may be known after other in-
disposition of, to my beloved Wife during her natural life to be
subject to her entire will and controul & not subject to the
let hindrance influence or control of any other person wh-
soever during her life, and at her decease I wish the
same to be equally divided among my four Children Sarah
M Jackson, Susan Stewart John M Bibb and Eliza-
beth Bibb to share and their heirs for ever
I then When as a Copartnership was entered into here to fore
by my self my son John M Bibb and Minor B
Haynes in a distillery in Jackson County Tenn-
essee by a written article of Copartnership which
has expired by limitation & which has since been continued
Leak out of the estate allotted to her in manner

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Minor Bibb No. 100 by Verbal agreement between said Parties and each
of said Parties has an equal Joint-Interest in the
personal Stock belonging to said Distillery (not includ-
ing the Land & Distillery Still tubs &c) which have
heretofore been given by me to my son John M. Bibb
Now it is my will and desire that at my decease
the debts due from said Copartnership shall be
paid out of the proceeds & Stock belonging to said
Establishment and the residue if any, whatever
it may be which may belong to me I hereby give and
bequeath to my son John M. Bibb his heirs and as-
signs for ever My said Executors are hereby vested
with the Power to continue ^{said} Business until
it can be advantageously Closed at their discre-
tion
I then When as I purchased and am the Legal
owner of three contiguous Tracts of or parcels of Land
lying in Jackson County Tenn purchased from
Saml S Porter on which is situated a grist mill
the quantities and Boundaries of which may be seen
by Reference to the Deed from S^d Porter to me -
It is my wish that my son John M Bibb &
Minor B Haynes at my Decease shall
have the Privilege of paying to my Executors the
consideration money and Interest there on paid
by me for said Land in which event my Executors
are hereby authorized to make a deed of con-
veyance to them for said Land with general
warranty
I then and where as I purchased of John Griff-
ith a tract of Land containing 53 acres and of
John Greer a Tract of 50 acres adjoining the
foregoing Mill Tract which two last mention-
ed Tracts sit with the Griffith & Greer Tracts
to make paid for with the Joint-funds of S^d
Copartnership a fore mentioned Now provided
the S^d John M Bibb & M. B Haynes shall elect
to take the Mill Tract or Porter Land I wish them
also to have the privilege of taking the whole of

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 State of Tennessee Jackson County
 County Court Clerk's office September 9th 1843-
 There was the last Will and Testament of James
 Gordonick Recorded in Book A Pages 160, 161
 Wm. M. Kelly Clerk
 of Jackson County Court-

Minor Bibb No. 100 In the name of God Amen
 I Minor Bibb of the County of Jackson & State of
 Tennessee being seriously and nearly afflicted by disease
 of body but of sound and legally disposing mind do make
 and ordain the following as my last will and Testamen-
 cut here by reciting and making null and void any &
 all Wills & Testaments here to fore made by me
 Impurus. I wish my Body after my decease to be decently
 Interred by my Executors and I commend my Soul to
 my Maker and hope for acceptance by and through
 the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ
 Item, I wish my Just debts all to be paid and my
 Executors hereafter named are fully authorized to sell
 a Sufficiency of my Estate either real or personal at
 their entire discretion either for cash or on a credit as
 the necessities of the case may require to pay and disch-
 arge all my debts
 Item After the payment of all my debts I leave
 to my Wife all the residue of my Estate both real &
 personal, except what may be known after other in-
 dispens of, to my beloved Wife during her natural life to be
 Subject to her entire will and Control & not Subject to the
 let hindrance influence or Control of any other person Wh-
 atever during her life, and at her decease I wish the
 same to be equally divided among my four Children Sarah
 M. Jackson, Susan Stewart John M. Bibb and Eliza-
 beth Bibb to have and their heirs for ever
 Item When as a Copartnership was entered into here to fore
 by my self my son John M. Bibb and Minor B.
 Haynes in a distillery in Jackson County Tenn-
 essee by a written article of Copartnership which
 has expired by limitation & which has since been continued
 Leek out of the estate allotted to her in manner

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 Minor Bibb No. 100 by Verbal agreement between said Parties and each
 of said Parties has an equal Joint-Interest in the
 personal Stock belonging to said Distillery (not includ-
 ing the Land & Distillery still tubs &c) which have
 heretofore been given by me to my son John M. Bibb
 Now it is my will and desire that at my decease
 the debts due from said Copartnership shall be
 paid out of the proceeds & Stock belonging to said
 Establishment and the residue if any, whatever
 it may be which may belong to me I hereby give and
 bequeath to my son John M. Bibb his heirs and as-
 signs for ever My said Executors are hereby Voted
 with the Power to continue ^{said} Business until
 it can be advantageously Closed at their discre-
 etion
 Item When as I purchased and am the Legal
 owner of three contiguous Tracts of or parcels of Land
 lying in Jackson County Tenn purchased from
 Simeon Porter on which is situated a grist mill
 the quantities and Boundaries of which may be seen
 by Reference to the Deed from S. Porter to me -
 It is my wish that my son John M. Bibb &
 Minor B. Haynes at my Decease shall
 have the Privilege of paying to my Executors the
 Consideration money and Interest there on paid
 by me for said Land in which event my Executors
 as are hereby authorized to make a deed of con-
 veyance to them for said Land with general
 Warranty
 Item and where as I purchased of John Griff-
 ith a tract of Land containing 53 acres and of
 John Greer a Tract of 50 acres adjoining the
 foregoing Mill Tract which two last mention-
 ed Tracts sit with the Griffith & Greer Tracts
 to make paid for with the Joint-funds of said
 Copartnership a fore mentioned Now provided
 the said John M. Bibb & M. B. Haynes shall elect
 to take the Mill Tract or Porter Land I wish them
 also to have the privilege of taking the whole of

Minor. two Tracts (to wit) the Griffith and Linn Tract
Bitt on paying to my Executors the one third of
No 100 the one third of the purchase money & Interest in
which was my ". Executors are authorized to
Convey all my Interest in said Lands to them &
their heirs

Item. It is my wish that in the disposition
or sale of my Property by my Executors for the
purpose of paying my debts my beloved wife
shall a controlling influence in the selection &
that no sale shall be valid except with her ex-
press consent provided that shall be properly suf-
ficient for that purpose other than the property so
selected by her

Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved
wife my Executrix and my son John M Bitt
& my son in Law Vernon F Bitt my Executors
of this my Last Will and Testament and I hereby
wish and desire that it be distinctly understood &
it is my will that my said Executors and my
Executrix shall not be required by the Court to give
security for the performance of the duties hereby as-
signed of them. I hereby revoking any and all Wills
by me heretofore made and confirming this my last
Will & Testament to which I the said Minor Bitt
have here unto set my hand and seal and declared
and published this as my Last Will & Testament at
Newburg House in Dickson County and State of Tennessee
on this sixteenth day of January, one, ^{in the year of our Lord} Thousand eight
hundred and forty four

Signed sealed published Minor Bitt
& declared in presence
of us and ^{attest} at the sig-
nature of & at the sig-
nature of the Testator
John C. Collin
John Brown
Wiley Davis

and to be maintained by the said Executors
to be out of the estate allotted to her in Intest

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Minor
Bitt
No 100
State of Tennessee
Dickson County
Duly Term 1844 There was the
within Well proven in open
Court by the oaths of John C. Collin John Brown
and Wiley Davis subscribing witnesses and
ordered to be recorded by the Court
Test. Thos McNeillly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County
I Thos McNeillly
Clerk of the County Court do hereby Certify that the within
was last Will and Testament of Minor Bitt was
duly Recorded in the Will Book on pages 162, 3, 4, 5 of
the 18 day of March 1844
Thos McNeillly Clerk

John Brown all men by these Presents that I John Brown
Brewer of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee being of the
No 100 infirm body but of sound & disposing mind & memory do
desire & ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament
First I wish to commend my soul to the care of
my heavenly Father with a full & abiding & perfect
reliance upon his promise of infinite love & mercy
to leave to my relatives & friends the assurance of my near-
est & warmest desire for their future as well as present pros-
perity & happiness and also to offer to the throne of
the almighty a most earnest heart felt & prayer-
ful petition that my God in his supernal good-
ness will vouchsafe to extend to my family his
fatherly protection & mercy
Secondly I will and desire that all my just
debts be paid & all my contracts carried through
honorably & fairly in accordance with the spirit
of the agreement I may have made
Thirdly I will that my Executor be permitted
to sell all or any part of my Land Negroes stock
or other possessions up on such time & in such
manner & this proceeds together with all other
funds of mine which have or may hereafter
come to his hands be vested & applied as he may

John deum most conducive to the Interest of my
 Brewer Family without Restrictions as to time or place
 & I furthermore wish that my Executor be
 himself permitted to bid at my sale of my property
 with the same Conditions & Obligations as other
 Bidders I also will and bequeath to my beloved
 wife Susan a part of all my possessions equal
 to the share of each of the Children to have & hold
 the same during her life Finally I wish that Francis
 Hardman execute this my Last will & Testament
 according to the intent and Meaning thereof & as he
 is not a resident of this County I require no security
 But furthermore ^{desire} to invest him with discretionary
 power to act in all cases in which no specific directions
 are herein given as he may deem best I also will
 that such property may be set apart & hereby directed
 to each of the heirs Namely my wife Susan my Daughter
 Sarah Elizabeth & my Daughter Mary Ann Brewer
 be divided to them upon Demand so soon as they or either
 or of them are permitted by the laws of the Land to dis-
 pose of property or so soon as either of them may mar-
 ry or soon thereafter as the delaying can with propriety
 be made I now establish this Instrument as my last
 will and Testament as containing a fair Expression
 of my wishes Concerning my worldly affairs in Testi-
 mony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and
 affix my seal this the 13th day of July 1844

Acknowledged in the Presence of John Brewer
 J R Hudson
 John H Stone

State of Tennessee Dickson County July Term 1844
 Then was the foregoing last will and Testament of John
 Brewer produced in open Court and proved to be such by
 the oaths of J R Hudson & John H Stone subscribing
 witnesses and ordered to be recorded July 1844

The McNelly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County

I The McNelly Clerk
 of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that

the foregoing is a true Record from the original
 will of John Brewer as filed in my office among
 my hand at office this 13 day of July 1844

The McNelly Clerk

Robert In the Name of God Amen I Robert
 Duke Duke of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee
 No 10 being infirm in Body but of sound mind and Memory
 do make and publish this my last will and Testam-
 -ent in manner and form following that is to say I com-
 -it my soul to God and my body to the dust from
 whence it came to be Buried at the discretion of my
 friends

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
 Charlotte Duke I desire that all my Just debts be paid
 out of the Property I now own after that is done I
 Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Charlotte Duke
 the House and plantation where I now live during her
 natural life and at her death I do Give and bequeath
 the same to my son Green M Duke I also Give and
 bequeath to my beloved wife all the House hold and
 Kitchen furniture together with all my Stock of every
 kind Consisting of Horses cattle Hogs Sheep and with
 all the farming utensils of every description to be at her
 own disposal forever in any way she may think Proper
 Item 2nd I Give and bequeath to my son Green M
 Duke all my Lands lying near the mouth of Harpeth
 with the Exception of that part reserved for my be-
 loved wife during her lifetime and at her death to descend
 to my son Green M Duke as named in Item 1st
 also a certain portion of Land laid off and designed for
 the use of my Grand son William Barker Commencing on
 the Bank of Harpeth River at a White oak and run-
 ning through the old orchard by a Pear tree to a Poplar
 then to Hunter Line and with its several Boundaries to
 the river so as to include all on the east side of said
 Line also one Ball faced Horse and one Cow and calf
 and one Bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever

Robert
Duke
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Item 3rd I Give and bequeath to my Grand son
William L Baker that Portion of Land as named and
described in Item 2nd to him and his heirs forever
also one other Tract of Land containing seventy five acs
lying on the road from the mouth of Harpeth to
Charlotte to him and his heirs forever

It is to be understood that I have Given to my Daughter
Mary P. G. Duke who intermarried with William
Baker her full part and Portion of my Estate and
further will that the said William Baker with whom
she Married is not to have any more of my Estate in
any way what ever

I also Nominate and appoint my wife Charlotte G
Duke & Green M Duke my Executors & Executor
of this my Last Will and Testament revoking
all other wills or will heretofore made by me In
witness where of I have here unto set my hand and seal
this Eleventh day of September 1838

signed & sealed in presence of us
Calab Rooker
Joseph Morris

Dickson County Tennessee September 11th 1838
State of Tennessee Dickson County

March 3rd 1848

Then masterly annexed will produced in open Court and
Proven by the oath of Calab Rooker the other witness
Joseph Morris being dead his hand writing was proven
by the oaths of Washington Hunter and Calab Rooker
whereupon the Court ordered the same to be put on
Record

The McNelly Clerk

State of Tennessee } A Tho McNelly Clerk of the County
Dickson County } Court of said County do hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Last Will
and Testament of Robert Duke deceased as will appear
on file in my office March 14th 1848

The McNelly Clerk

of the County Court of said County

Shadrach
Bell
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In the name of God Amen, I Shadrach Bell of Dickson
County and State of Tennessee being of Body but of
sound mind and memory do make and publish this as my
last will and testament revoking and making void all
other wills by me at any time made. Firstly, I direct
that I shall be decently buried and that my funeral expen-
ces and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as
possible out of any money that I may die possessed of
or that may first come into the hands of my Executors
Secondly, As to my worldly goods I dispose of them of
thru in the following manner

Item 1st I lend to my daughter Mary, Hop the following
Negros (to wit) Nelson Charity, and Charlotte during
her natural life and in the event she dies childless it
is my will that the three Negros above mentioned with
their Increase revert and be divided equally between my
sons Shadrach and Elisha

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Bell that
part of a two hundred acre tract of Land lying on the
East side of Bear Branch which was entered by me also
three Negros (to wit) Jim Mary and Ted likewise a parcel
of land containing by estimation fifty two acres and bounded
as follows to wit, Beginning at a Beech the south west corner
of the tract where on he the said Thomas Bell now lives
running thence west 52 poles to a Stake, thence North 142 poles
to an Elm on the Bank of Cumberland River then up said
River to the mouth of Pond Branch then up said branch
with its meandering to a point where said branch runs
Eastwardly, then leaving said branch and running South
to the Beginning. Also my saw and grind Mill and
it is my will that one acre on the East side and one acre
on the West side of the Creek be reserved for the use of the
said Mills

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son Shadrach Bell
during the following Negros to wit, Quincy Wiley and Vinny
to him and his heirs forever

Item 4th I Give and bequeath to my son Thomas Bell
the remaining part of that tract of Land or parcel of Land

Shadrick

Shadrick Purchased by me of Thomas Williams in the same name
 Bell or left also three Negroes Alston Daniel and Ben, I do
 No 103 Trust however for the following purposes. Which I desire
 to carry out according to my last wishes, to wit: That
 my Daughter Nancy Williams shall enjoy the rents
 profits and emoluments of said land and retain posses-
 sion thereof during her natural life and which life inter-
 est not to be liable for the contracts and debts of her hus-
 band Wesley A. Williams Also that she shall retain the
 possession of and enjoy the hire labour and all other ben-
 efits accruing from the possession of said Negroes Alston
 Daniel and Ben during her Natural Life and which life
 interest is not to be liable for the contracts of and debts of her
 husband Wesley A. Williams and her sole and separate
 Receipt from time to time for the Possession of said land
 and Negroes shall be a sufficient Voucher for the said Thomas
 Bell in the execution of this Trust, And it is my fur-
 rther will that after the death of my Daughter Nancy
 Williams the said Thomas Bell shall sell the afore said
 land and divide the Proceeds equally among her children
 and also divide the abov named Negroes and their increase
 among ~~the children~~ the Children of my said
 Daughter Nancy Williams

Item 5th I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth
 1/2 of the following negroes to wit: Alfred Wilson Parula
 Vile & Hannah to her and her heirs forever
 Item 6th I Give and bequeath to my son Elisha Bell
 the following Negroes to wit: Caroline and her four children
 in Raphael Aggy Vile & Delany also Ben's abov two Beds
 and furniture to him and his heirs forever
 Item 7 I Give and bequeath to my son Elisha Bell
 all the residue of my Land after deducting the Land
 bequeathed in trust for my Daughter Nancy Williams
 as before mentioned and the Land bequeathed heretofore
 to Thomas Bell in this Testament I bequeath all the residue
 of ~~my~~ to my son Elisha because he has Paid Eight Hundred & dollars
 to my son Shadrick for one portion of it I make this as
 an explanation of this Item

Shadrick Item 8th I Give and bequeath to my Grand son Joseph A.
 Bell 103 Dickson one Negro best named Kelly or Bathman to him
 and his heirs forever
 Lastly I do here by nominate and appoint my two sons
 Thomas & Elisha Bell my true and lawful Executors to
 this my last will and testament In Testimony whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of
 June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and forty six
 Signed and sealed in
 presence of us

Sam Finley
 J. P. Bell
 W B Smith

Shadrick his
 mark

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Nov: Term 1846
 Then was the last will and Testament of Shadrick Bell
 dec'd produced in open Court and proven to be such by
 the oath of James Finley one of the subscribing witnesses
 and John P. Bell being dead his hand writing was also
 proven by the hand oath of James Finley when upon the
 Court ordered the same to be recorded Nov: 2nd 1846

Test Tho McNelly Clerk

State of Tennessee, Then was the last will and Testament of
 Dickson County, Shadrick Bell dec'd Recorded in Will
 Book Page 169, 170, 171 Nov: 4th 1846

Thomas McNelly Clerk

Ann Wiley No the Name of God Amen I Ann Wiley of the County
 of Dickson and State of Tennessee being mindful of my
 No 104 Mortality do make and constitute this my last will
 and Testament 1st I wish to be Buried decently at
 the discretion of my Children and surviving friends
 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth
 May all after my funeral Expenses together with any other debts
 Some or may owe are paid one Coffin and one Bed and
 furniture and Head together with all and singular
 every part of House hold stuff that I now possess
 or may have after accumulation and thirdly after the
 will of my deceased husband Ann Wiley is executed

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Robert Ann Wiley to Law Thus should there any money remain unpaid
Dut No 104 I also give that sum more of Life to the above named Elizabeth
Myatt In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 14 day of August 1842 her
Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
David Gray
Fanning Yates

Ann + Wiley Seal
mark

Supplement
I hereby constitute and Nominate and appoint David
Gray my Executor to this my last will and testament

David Gray
Fanning Yates

Ann + Wiley Seal
mark

County Court Clerk's office December Term 1846
This day was produced in open Court the last will and
Testament of Ann Wiley which was proved to be such by
the oaths of David Gray and Fanning Yates subscr-
ing witnesses and ordered to be read and December
the 7th 1846 The McNelly Clerk

County Court Clerk's office January 28 1847
There was the foregoing last will and testament of
Ann Wiley de' recorded in will Book Page 1718.1/2
The McNelly Clerk

The Gentry In the name of God Amen I The Gentry do
No 105 make and publish this as my last will and Testam-
ent hereby revoking and making void all
other wills by me at any time made First
I direct that my Funeral Expenses and all my
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible
out of any money that I may die possessed of
or may first come in to the hands of my executor
Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Ann during her natural life all of the tract of
Land on which I reside House hold and kitchen
furniture Fanning utensils all of my stock of

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Horses sheep cows and sheep and all of my crop
to wit corn wheat oats and tobacco Thirdly having
given my beloved son Anderson Gentry one hundred
red and twenty one & one half acres of land on
which he now resides I charge him ten hundred
dollars for it Having given my beloved son
Benajah a tract of Land lying on the line in
2nd District of Dickson County containing one hundred
and one hundred acres I charge him five hundred
red five hundred dollars for it It is my will that
my beloved daughter Jane Consort of Thomas Brown
shall have all the Land lying in the District of Dickson
County within the following Boundaries to wit
Beginning when the Road called Bell's oar Road
crosses the Franklin Road running East westerly
to where the Columbia Road intersects the Franklin
road thence along the Columbia Road to George
Mitchell North Boundary line thence west with his
line seventy two Poles to a Double Red Oak the
said Mitchell's north west corner thence south
twenty Poles to a double red oak on said Mitchell's
line thence west 73 poles to a hickory thence north to where
the line crosses the said Bell's oar Road thence north
westerly with said Road to the Beginning at one hun-
dred and fifty dollars it is my will that my beloved
Daughter Lucinda shall have after the death of her
mother all of the tract of Land on which I now
reside excepting so much as lies east of the follow-
ing line to wit Beginning when the Road called Bell's
oar Road crosses the road leading from Charlotte
to Franklin running north to my north boundary
line Now it is my will that she have this without
its being considered any portion of her distributive
Share of my Estate it is my will that my beloved
Daughter Lucinda have one horse saddle Bridle
and Blanket one Cow and calf to be worth as
much as the same kind of Property given to my Elder
Children to have it at any time she may call for
it Now it is my will at the death of my beloved

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Robert Hobbs Wife that all of my Children that I have not given
Dull my 20 105 any property to shall be made Equal with those that
I have given property to, to wit, Anderson Benj. &
James and if there should be any after they are ^{all} made
equal it shall be equally divided amongst all
of my Children. It is my will that the Horse
Saddle Bridles and Blanket shall not be consid-
ered, that is named for Lucinda shall not be
considered any portion of the distributive share of
my Estate going to her having given all of my Ch-
ildren the same kind of property. I give her this
to make her equal with the others having given all
of my Children ten dollars in cash except Eliza
James & Lucinda now it is my will that they
have ten dollars in cash and then come in for an
equal share of the Balance of my Estate Lastly I
do hereby nominate and appoint my son Anderson
Gentry and my son in Law Mark Harris my
Executors in respect where of I do to this my will
set my hand and seal this 29 day of September
1846

Thomas Gentry Seal
Signed sealed and published in our presence and
we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence
of the Testator this 29th day of September 1846

V F Bibb
Matthew L Gentry

State of Tennessee
District and County Court March Term 1847
This was the within last will and Testament of
The Gentry duly produced in open Court and pro-
ved to be such by the oath of V F Bibb & Matthew
L Gentry subscribing witnesses thereto and the same was
ordered to be Recorded in my hands at office this
1st day of March 1847

The McClellan Clerk
State of Tennessee This was the last will and
Testament of The Gentry
Recorded 2d day of July 1847
The McClellan Clerk

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Robert I Robert Webb of the County of Dickson and State of
Tennessee being far advanced in life and know-
ing that in the course of nature my frail body
must shortly be consigned to the Grave but
still being of sound and perfect Mind, do make
and publish this my last Will and Testame-
nt, hereby revoking and making void all for-
mer Wills by me at any time heretofore made
First I direct that my body be decently Int-
erred at Allen's Cemetery in the County of Dick-
son and State of Tennessee. Second as to such
Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to
entrust me with, I desire that after my
Death the same be disposed of as follows
to wit,

1st 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 die
possessed of or may first come into the hands
of my Executors from any portion of my Estate
Real or personal.

2nd I direct that all my property of every dis-
cription (except My two Negro Women Lucy
and Mary, and any increase that Mary may
have together with one good feather Bed
and Furniture) be sold by my Executors as
soon after my Death as possible on a Credit
of twelve months, and that the money aris-
ing therefrom together with any money that
may be due me on my possession at my
death, after paying my Debts and Funeral
Expenses, be put out at Interest, except some-
ch as shall be herein after directed to be
paid out and Expended.

3rd I direct that the ~~same~~ ^{same} Services of my
two Negro Women and the Interest on the money
that may be loaned out, go for the Support
of my Son Robert, and I also authorize and
direct my Executors to pay My Bills for

Medeal and that may be necessary for my son Robert, out of the money that I may loan at my death or that may be out at interest;

4th I desire that my son Robert have the Bed and furniture above mentioned for his own use during his lifetime and at his death that he sold and the money disposed of as all the other effects that may remain.

5th I desire that after my death My Nephew Allen Nesbitt (if he is willing, take my son Robert under his care and protection and if he finds it necessary that he build him a comfortable Cabin or House, for which my Executor is authorized and requested to pay him a reasonable price, out of the money loaned out as aforesaid or that may come to his hands and I also desire that my Nephew Allen Nesbitt have the Services of Lucy and Mary together with the Infant that may accrue upon the money loaned out as aforesaid for his care and support of my son Robert during his (Robert's) lifetime.

6th I desire that at the death of my son Robert Mary with her increase if any, be sold and that the proceeds of said sale together with any money that may be in the hands or under the contrall of my Executors, after paying the Funeral Expences of my son Robert be Equally divided among my Children.

7th I direct that after the death of my son Robert if Lucy is still living Then I desire my Beloved Son Samuel who I hereby constitute and appoint my Executor to this my last Will and Testament, to give Lucy a chance to select a person with whom she wishes to live and that if that person should be Allen Nesbitt or any of my Children, then

if they are willing to buy her that the person so selected take her at valuation and the money arising from her sale to be Equally divided among my Children in Wilness Whereof I do to this Will set my hand and seal this 2nd day of February A.D. 1844

Robert Nesbitt (Sd)

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the Testator this 2nd day of February 1844

Robert McNeilly

John McSarkins

Deccason County Court March Term 1847
There was the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Robert Nesbitt Produced in open Court and duly proven by the oath of Robert McNeilly and ordered to be Recorded March 1st 1847

Thos. McNeilly Clerk

State of Tennessee } There was the last Will and Testament of Robert Nesbitt
Deccason County } Recorded 25th July 1847

Thos. McNeilly Clerk

Handwell I Harwell of the County of all Slagden or Deccason and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament

1st I direct that my body be decently interred and as to Such Worldy Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows

1st I direct that my Debt and funeral expences be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money I may die possessed of or may first come in to the hands of my Executor from any portion of my Estate real or personal

- 3rd I direct that each of my Children when grown or marry shall have a Horse Saddle Bridle &c of good quality together with all necessary for horse keeping common also a Negro of Equal Value not exceeding Twenty years old
- 4th I direct that my Companion Jane shall have the balance of my Estate Both Real and personal for life or Widowhood But If she Marries I direct all my Estate Both real and personal be equally divided Jane taking an equal share with my Children or if Jane shall die a widow my Children shall equally have my Estate Should Jane live a widow and there be an increase of the Negroes or be more than she may need I direct them Given to my Children in all cases equal
- 5th I direct that economy be used in Raising my Children and family and that none of the Negroes be sold to pay any debts that may be contracted in Raising my family all the above named property I give to my Children and there here my daughters and there Bodily heirs in all cases it is my desire that my Negroes would not be put up and sold out of the family for a Slavesion
- N.B Provided any of the Negroes become Contrary and ungovernable by my Companion Jane or by any of my Children (viz) Boys who are of age to govern and manage Slaves Such of the Negroes shall be put up and sold to the highest bidder by giving public Notice on a Twelve Months Credit with good and sufficient Security and when the money is Collected put out on Interest by good and undoubted Security till it may be needed on a Slavesion among my Children

I do hereby make ordain and appoint Mr May my Executor of this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I Hartwell M. Slayden the said Testator have to this my will Written on one sheet of paper Set my hand and Seal this 10th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six in presence of

John May Jr Hantwell M. Slayden Seal
Samuel Adams
State of Tennessee

Shannon County Court March Term 1847
There was the last Will and Testament of Hartwell M. Slayden produced in open Court and proven to be such by the oaths of John May Jr and Samuel Adams Subscribing witnesses there to and ordered to be Recorded witnesses my hand at office this 1st day of March 1847

The M. Mully Clerk
State of Tennessee There was the last Will and Testament of Hartwell M. Slayden do Recorded 26th July 1847
The M. Mully Clerk

allanah. In the name of God Amen. A Mary Ann Bell Bell No 108 being Weak in body but of sound mind do declare this as my last Will and Testament viz

Item 1st I give to my brother Montgomery Bell Junior my Negro girl Harriet a slave for life

Item 2nd I give to my sister Jane my Negro girl Kate a slave for life - the balance of my Estate both real and personal I wish to be equally divided among my other brothers and sisters but the whole of my Estate both real and personal is to be charged with the support of my Father John S. Bell during his natural life and I do farther Nominate

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Robert
Duck

and appoint my brother Thomas Lewis Bell
the Executor of this my last Will and Testa-
ment Signed at the County of Harpeth
this 5th day of February 1847
Witness
B. C. Lusk
H. C. Larking

State of Tennessee
Dickson County Court March Term 1847
Then was the within last will and Testam-
ent of Elary A. Bell produced in open Court
and proven to be such by the oaths of B. C.
Lusk and H. C. Larking subscribing thereto
and the same was ordered to be Recorded
Witness my hand at office this 1st March
1847 The M. McNelly Clerk
State of Tennessee Then was the last Will and
Dickson County Testament of Elary A. Bell
Recorded 26th July 1847 The M. McNelly Clerk

Isiah I. Isiah Tidwell do make and publish this
Testament as my last Will and Testament, hereby rev-
oking 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 monies I may die
possessed of or may first come into the hands
of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath
to my beloved Wife Rebecca Tidwell, all any
every of my Estate both real and personal in-
cluding all dues and demands in any manner
belonging to or descending to me from any and
all sources whatever, to have and to use for
her support and maintenance during her
natural life and after her death I direct
that my Executors shall sell to the highest
bidder upon the usual credits any and all

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of my said Estate that may be left at
the death of my said wife Rebecca Tidwell
after deducting all expenses to pay over to
each of my nine Daughters one equal ninth
part of the same. Lastly I do hereby nomina-
te and appoint my Son in law John Porter
my Executor. In witness whereof I do to
this my last Will set my hand and seal this
12th day of March 1848

Isiah Tidwell Seal

Signed sealed and published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names here to
in the presence of the testator this 12 day
of March 1848

D. C. Chamberlain
William E. Pendergrass

April Term 1848 Then was the last Will
and Testament Proven in open Court by the
oaths of Daniel C. Chamberlain and W. E.
Pendergrass subscribing witnesses to the
same and ordered to be Recorded April 3^d
1848 The M. McNelly Clerk

State of Tennessee Then was the last Will and
Dickson County Testament of Isiah Tidwell
Recorded June 1st 1848

The M. McNelly Clerk

I. M. I. James M. Hadson make and publish this
Testament as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
and making void all other Wills by me made
at any time.

First I direct that my funeral Expenses and
all my debts be paid as soon after my death as
possible out of any monies that I may die pos-
sessed of or may first come into the hands of
my Executors.
Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved

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Robert
Duck

Wife Susan provided she remain a widow and
Should not marry again all my Slaves namely
Jack Mamed Adaline & Filled with there in
mean also all of my stock of every description
which may be necessary for her to keep also
my waggon and gear and farming utensils
my house hold and Kitchen furniture of all
kinds and all debts which may be due me at
my death but if she should marry again then
in that case my Will is that she shall have
an equal share with my Children that my
then be living of all my property both real
and personal only.

Thirdly my Will is further that that if my
Wife chose to remain on the place on which
now reside that with my Children have the
use and benefit of it jointly but if she should
become dissatisfied to live on it, it is my
Will that she sell the land with the advice
of my Executors and apply the proceeds of said sale
to the purchase of other lands or Negroes for
the use and benefit of my said wife and chil-
dren jointly it is further my Will that my
Wife keep my Children all with her and give
them as good an Education as she may be able.
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
my Brothers in law Samuel Hammer and
Nicholas P. Hardeman my Executors without
being required to give security in witness where-
of I do to this my Will set my hand and seal
this 14 day of February 1847.

Test
Wm. Garrett
Ezekiel Hickerson
State of Tennessee

James M. Watson

Dickson County Court
Term 1847 Then was the foregoing last Will
and Testament of James M. Watson pro-
duced in open Court and proven to be such

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by the oaths of Wm. Garrett and Ezekiel
Hickerson Subscribing witnesses there to
and ordered to be Recorded April 5th 1847
Thos. McNelly Clerk

State of Tennessee
Dickson County Then was the last Will and Testam-
ent of James M. Watson Recorded June 2nd 1848 in
will Book A. Pages 181-2-3 June 2nd 1848
Thos. McNelly Clerk

E. W. Napier Know all men to whom it may concern that I Elias
W. Napier of the County of Dickson and State of
Tennessee being weak and infirm in body and of
advanced age. But of sound and perfect mind and
memory 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 Item I will my body to the dust of the earth from
whence it came to be decently buried after my death
by my friends and my soul to go to God who gave it
in hopes of a Glorious resurrection beyond the grave
through the Merits of the Lord Jesus Christ and that
my burial and funeral expenses and all my just
debts be paid out of any money that I may die
possessed of or that may first come to the hands of my
Executors or soon after ~~the~~ ^{my} death as practicable

2nd Item I then by Emancipate and set at liberty the fol-
lowing named Slaves to wit Fiedy my ~~daughter~~ ^{granddaughter} (free)
her five Children to wit Fanny, William, Carroll,
James, Monroe, The Bentons, and Andrew Jackson
and also the Children of Fanny to wit Leroy Lott
Malena Lott, Margaret, Arabella Lott, India Adeline
Lott and Mary Jane Lott together with any person
that she the said Fanny may have, Lizzy or Elizabeth
my Cook (a yellow girl) Ammanuel a Forge man and
his wife Cecy Jack a Mulatto man his female child
to wit ~~the~~ ^{the} youngest Tom Keys my Waggon-
ner and over looker and his wife Cecy, Charity
Charity my old Female Cook, Sam. Williams

good and faithful old servant, and also my little
house servant boy named Simon about nine years
old. Daniel an old man who has been a team-
ster for a number of years, and his brother Sam
Brown, and Perry a man of advanced age
a cooling ground hand. Many of these servants
are of advanced age and have with faithfulness
aided me in making what property and money I
have and these yellow female servants, have with
vigilance and fidelity taken care of my property
both by day and by night both in Alabama
and in Tennessee particularly in Alabama watching
and putting out fire places in it to consume it
by incendiaries, and I do also hereby Emancipate
and set at liberty a yellow Boy named Solomon
about six years old the son of a Mulatto Girl called
Angelina. This boy is to be put under the care and
charge of Judy and Lizzy to be subject to their control
under my Executor until he is twenty one years of
age and in case of the death of Judy and Lizzy
then he is to be under the care of one of Judy's children
which ever he may choose. The Emancipation of
these slaves (above named) has been the result of
my deliberations for years passed which I this day
bring to a close while I am in perfect and sound
mind, and as this great Boon under the ex-
isting law of the State of Tennessee cannot be bestowed
only under a strict and minute compliance
with the late of the said State I therefore request
the earnest and direct attention of my friends
Benjamin C. Robertson and Robert McNeill, who
are to be my Executors to see that my will in this as in
all other respects be faithfully and strictly carried
out

3rd Item I will and bequeath to Charlotte Napier the
widow of my deceased Brother Richard C. Napier
one hundred dollars and to her son Madison C. Na-
pier one hundred dollars and to Jerry Napier her
youngest son one hundred dollars and to the two

Female children of Isaac R. Napier dec'd three hun-
dred dollars each and to his youngest son Richard C.
Napier two hundred dollars and to his oldest son Ple-
m R. Napier Five dollars all of which said sums are
to be paid by my Executor after they shall have wound-
up my Estate all the business of my Estate by making
Sales and Collections.

4th Item I will and bequeath to Martha Gould wife
of Isaac Gould two hundred dollars and to Elizabeth
Gilbert wife of Thomas Gilbert one hundred dollars
and to the Heir of the Body of Margaret Garret wife of
Phineas Garret two hundred dollars all of which
sums are to be paid as above directed to be paid to Char-
lotte Napier and others in Item 5th

5th Item I will and bequeath to Jesse Beck Jr son of
Jesse and Judy Beck two hundred dollars and to
David C. Ardane J. and John T. Beck the three you-
ngest sons of Jesse ^{Beck} and Judy Beck to each two hun-
dred dollars, and to Wm S Beck oldest son of Jesse Beck
and his wife Judy Beck Five dollars & to Martha Ann
Johnson daughter of Jesse Beck and his wife Judy Beck
Five dollars and to Jesse Beck Jr & his wife Judy Beck
five dollars each making in all eight hundred
and twenty dollars all of which sums of money are
to be paid as those directed to be paid in this 3rd Item
of this my will, and I give and bequeath to Lucy
Ann Edwards daughter of Jesse & Judy Beck a certain
tract or Parcel of Land ^{or part} for this same more or less known
as the land which I contractually contracted to David
Reed and on which he built a cabin and lived
a while this land I wish to be run out at the expense
of Edwards and my quit claim deed given to the
same as soon after my death as practicable

6th Item I will and bequeath to William S. Sherman and
his wife Elizabeth Five dollars each and to three daughters
Judy Ann Three hundred dollars, & Richard John,
Williams and Sanny Sherman sons of said Wm S. Eliza-
beth Sherman Two hundred dollars each

and to Carter or both youngest son of the said H & Elizabeth Therman Five dollar. These respective sums amounting in all to the sum of Nine hundred and fifteen dollar are to be paid by my Executors as they directed to be paid in the 3rd Item of this my Will
The Item I Will and bequeath to Fountain Luten and his wife Sarah Ann, Five dollar each and to the several Lawful heirs of them Brothers two hundred dollar each to be paid over by my Executors out of the last money collected in winding up my Estate

8th Item I Will and bequeath to Richard Thompson & his wife Lucy Ann Five dollar each and two hundred dollar to the surviving heirs of the said Richard Thompson and wife Lucy Ann if any then be of them yet living to be paid as above

9th Item I Will and bequeath to Benjamin & Robertson and his wife Ann 5 Five dollar each and to their present surviving five children (to wit) Martha H. Edson and A. Christopher W. John H. & Benjamin & Robertson Five hundred dollar each. These seven respective sums in this Item Mentioned amounting in all to the sum of Twenty five hundred and five dollar are to be paid by my Executors as there mentioned in the 3rd Item of this my will

10th Item. I will and bequeath to Mary Olga Wilson an orphan girl at this time living in the family of Wm H or John M. Napier on Barton's Creek three hundred dollars which said is to be paid by my Executors for her support and schooling or so much thereof as shall be deemed necessary by my Executors and the balance (if any) to be paid to her when she becomes of lawful age

11th Item I will and bequeath to James Thadford and his wife during their natural lives and at their death to divide to their Lawful heirs that piece or tract of land on which said James Thadford now lives and a negro woman

named Peggy late the wife of Bob die? whose occupation at present is to make hay in the coaling. This property I wish my Executors to give him the said Thadford my quit Claim title to and to deliver him said negro woman and to hand him over notes which will be found among my papers drawn by him in favour of me to the amount of some five hundred or six hundred dollars now or left for years to paying said notes and negro woman into the possession of said James Thadford or making the quit Claim title to said land by my Executors. the said James Thadford and his wife and to send forward and make a title for four hundred acres of land as James Thadford's mother or Bank said tract of land was and conveyed to me by said Thadford and the said was placed in the hands of William C. Napier for registration as the law requires and was lost or sold by him so that it cannot now be found and consequently the land was not Registered and the said Thadford is to execute a Receipt in full for all claims he may have against my Estate

12th Item. For and in consideration of the sum and money I have and entertain for my friend Robert Mc Mully I give and bequeath to his eldest son James Hugh Mc Mully my negro infant child of my negro woman Fanny said child is a girl and is named Kitty and is now at the breast of its mother the said child Kitty is to be delivered to said Robert Mc Mully as soon as it can be taken from the breast of its mother with the title for the same

13th Item. I give and bequeath to the two

Female Children of John and Eliza
Bettimus whose names are

to each four hundred dollars to be paid
over as three sums specified in the 3^d Item
of this will and it is my will that my Ex-
ecutors hand over to the said John Bet-
timus a note which will be found in my
papers drawn by J. R. Cushman for about
three thousand dollars and payable to me
dated about ten years since this my Executors
are to do after the said John Bettimus Ex-
ecutes his receipt for all claims he has against
my Estate if any he has

14th Item I give and bequeath to P. S. Jones
my Negro woman Lannard about 22 years
old the daughter of Landon & James his wife
and Eliza a Negro woman about 32 years
old whom I bought in Alabama of a man
by the name of Crily and a gay Horse
at this time working in a team at Mt. Etna
this new which I bought of Mr. J. R. Hudson
for which I am to give him one hundred
dollars in cashings. Said property is to be
delivered with bills to the said by my Ex-
ecutors, after he shall have executed his re-
ceipts to my Executors for all demands aga-
inst my Estate for services &c

15th Item I Give and bequeath to Fenton T. Moore
my Negro Man Niah about 20 years of age and
few dollars ~~to~~ paid in money also several
notes which I hold against said Moore and his Father
-er the said Negro man and the notes are to be han-
ded over to said F. T. Moore by my Executors and a
title to the Negro after the said Fenton T. Moore
shall have remained in the service of my Estate
until the same is settled up and after he and
his Father shall have executed their receipts
to my Executors in full of all claims that
they may have against my Estate for services &c

16th Item I Give and bequeath to Samuel M. Holt my Negro
man Burrell his wife Francis (a yellow woman) and
their child Jarretta Negro man about 30 years old and
my brother Cephus and his wife Minna and their two
children named Sam and George, together with few
dollars in money to be paid as the other donations in
this will and a title to said Slave and possession thereof
is to be given by my Executors to said Samuel M. Holt
after he shall have remained in the service of my
Estate until the same is settled up and after the
said Samuel M. Holt shall have executed his receipt
in full of all claims or demands he may have aga-
inst my Estate for services &c up to that date

17th Item I will and bequeath to my kind and affec-
tionate Brother John W. Napier during his Natur-
al life and to descend from him to the lawful heirs
of his daughter Araminta who is unmarried, with
Mr. John R. Hudson the following property to wit
my negro woman Lucy (the only daughter of Chang
and Betty his wife and Patrick Shallow my brother
Angeline and her youngest daughter Collet Linn
and a Coloured female child of Caroline call-
ed Judy. These negroes are to be passed into the service
of my said Brother with title to the same or so
many of them as may be then living or that may
not before that time have been disposed of by my self
at the time my Executors may make a general dis-
tribution of my negro property given to my other lega-
tees

18th Item, I give and bequeath to my kind and affection-
ate Nephew William H. Napier my Negro woman
named Abby and her oldest daughter that is
the her named Nancy and her son named Fred the
Boy is about nine years old and the Girl is about
seven years old and my negro man named Landon &
his son Albert and my negro man (Mark random &
Mark an tramples) and my Negro man Edmundo
Lester a wood hauler

Robert
Dutton

19th Item, I will and bequeath to the lawful heirs of John B Carpenter and his wife Mary my niece and Daughter of my deceased Brother Thomas as Naper & Negro woman named Annica who they now have in their possession and one thousand dollars or Money to be paid by my Executors as the sums directed to be paid in the 3rd Item of this my will to my other Legates

20th Item I will and bequeath to my kind party at and worthy Nephew William C Naper one of my Brother Thomas, Son, Sons Round Tree & Saml McCray, the gift of Saw and her Childs Execution I have caused to be erased at this time which is before the signing of this will and my Executors are to give him my quiet Claim deed to all the Iron property personal and Real Estate belonging to the same that I purchased of Naper & Catron and of Judge Catron on Shoals Creek Chief Creek and the Shoals Creek and their Tributary Streams together with his Note which I hold for about fifteen hundred dollars which is at this time due and unpaid, I desire to any action by my Executors in this particular the said William C Naper is to come forward and file his Receipt in the Clerk's office in full payment and satisfaction of all debts dues and demands that he may have against my Estate by Note Book account or other title the adjustment of this Item will be finished as in the settlement with the other Legates

21st I will and bequeath to the lawful heirs of Benjamin Stones and his wife Mary a Daughter of my deceased Brother Henry A C Naper Five thousand Dollars to be paid over by my Executors to a Trustee selected by a majority of them and in case they cannot agree they are to refer to the Chairman of the County Court to give the Casting Vote, and said Trustee is to give good and sufficient security for the timely and proper disposition of said Money and the Interest arising thereon for the Benefit of said heirs

22nd Item I will and bequeath to the Heirs of Saml B Lee and his wife Amanda the daughter of my Brother John W Naper Six thousand dollars to be paid over by my Executors to a Trustee selected by a majority of them and if they cannot agree they are to refer the Casting Vote to the Chairman of the County Court and said Trustee is to give good and sufficient security for the proper and timely disposition of said Money and the Interest arising thereon for the Benefit of said Heirs

23rd Item It is my will and desire that all my real and personal property in the Counties of Hancock, DeKalb & Dickinson and the real Estate lying in the adjoining Counties to said Counties which has procured for the Benefit of my different Iron Establishments be sold on a credit of one, two, three, four, and five years to be paid in equal installments and that note be taken for the same with good security and a Lien retained on the property until the last payment is made and one of the funds arising from said sale is to be paid the donations of money which I have made in the proceedings Item of this my will and the Balance which may be left on hand I desire to be equally divided between the lawful heirs of my Brother H A C Naper (except Ben^{son} Stone and my Wife for whom I have provided in the 21st Item of this will) and the lawful Heirs of John B Hudson and his wife Araminta the Daughter of my Brother John W Naper each of the Heirs of Dr John B Hudson and wife to receive an equal share with each of the Heirs of H A C Naper my Brother in said remaining fund after retaining the money necessary for the appropriations that I have herein after directed to be retained for the Benefit of Solomon whom I in this will remain and John B Hudson and wife ^{Araminta} are to have each five dollars out of said Remaining fund that otherwise go to their heirs

Robert
Dutcher

24th Item I will and bequeath to several of the Slave
that I have Emancipated certain sums of money
which may be found in their possession at my
death and I desire my Executors to protect them
in the possession and prudent use of the same
and all my House hold and Kitchen furniture
I give to Judy and her four sons and
to Lizzie to be divided between them as they may
Execution may think just and equitable should
them be any dissatisfactions in the division
of said property by themselves but if there is none
then the division made by themselves is to stand
and the yellow Boy Solomon whom I have
set free in the second Slave of this my Will
is to be furnished by my Executors with fifty dol-
lars per annum for his schooling & until he is
fifteen years of age then he is to be put to some
trade which my Executors may select having
due regard to his genius and capacity, and
they are to pay unto his hands when he is twenty one
years of age the sum of Five hundred dollars to
commence his trade on, which sum of money
they are to retain in their hands for said purpose
this donation of five hundred dollars is to be given
to him provided he may be of sober and steady
habits otherwise I leave it with my Executors to
give and treat him as his conduct may
deserve I also wish the Negro which I have
Emancipated to be furnished out of my store
the House and other places with Bacon Corn or
meat Sugar Coffee and Salt sufficient to
last them for provisions for twelve entire
months after my death. Now it is my Will and
desire that should any of those negroes that I have
Emancipated choose to live in Davidson County
or make that their general home then my Executors
are to send an officer ^{or others} after them and take
possession of said Emancipated slave and put
him or her on the Block in the Town of Charlotte

and have him out from month until he may get
it Davidson County and choose some other place for
a home and the money arising from said slave
(if any) is to be equally divided among the other slaves
that I have Emancipated

25th Item I wish it to be understood that the negro child
that I gave to Robert McNeill goldst son in
the 12th Slave of this will I have this day executed
a Bill of sale of said Negro child Kelly to James
H. Thomas & John C. & Robert J. McNeill the
four sons of Robert and Margaret McNeill
which is in full satisfaction of said donation
made in the 12th Slave of this my will

26th Item And Now if I should survive any longer dis-
posing of any of the property devised or donated in this
will before it should be proven in Court I wish
it understood that the bills and transfers that I may
make shall be good both in law and Equity against
the claim to said property so transferring
which may be set up under any of the pro-
visions of this will

27th Item My Executors are to have it to them and
see whether they will give personal account
for the faithful and regular performance of the
duties that will devolve on them in the ex-
ecution of this will or they may give an af-
fideant in the Clerk's office that they will
faithfully timely and vigilantly perform the
duties incumbent on them in the execution of
this will to the best extent of the Estate and
then Concerned in it to the best of their ability
and Knowledge

28th Item Now for and in Consideration of the
Confidence I have in the Probationary and
 sterling integrity of my Executors and Confiden-
tial friends Robert McNeill Benjamin & Robert
-on and William H. Napier who reside in the
immediate neighbourhood of my principal business
I particularly inform it to you that I have

faithfully fully carried out all the requisites necessary to carry out my views and wishes in regard to the several Slaves that I have emancipated in or out of the County of Dickson or State of Tennessee under the circumstances of their cases may require

28th Item Now it is my Will and I do hereby constitute and appoint William C. Napier of Hickman County and Robert McNeill and Benjamin C. Robertson and William C. Napier all three of Dickson County and all four are Citizens of the State of Tennessee my Executors of my last Will and Testament, and it is my Will that all my notes not otherwise disposed of and all my Book accounts and debts of every kind due my Estate be considered a part of my personal Estate and is to be disposed of as directed in the 23rd Item of this my Will and Now before the signing of this Will I will here explain that on the first page of this Will at the end of the 2nd line the words and his wife Caroline are erased and in the 28th line from the top the word two and seven at the end of the word Child and the word Judy and the word and are erased and at the end of said line the words their youngest is interlined and on the 5th page of this Will at the end of Item 11th between the 14th and 15th lines on said page the following words are interlined to wit: Receipt full for all Claims he may have against my Estate and on the 6th page of this Will and in the 14th line from the top of said page between the words Money and in said line the following is interlined to wit: Also several notes which I hold against said Moore and his Father and in the 15th line on said page the words "and the Notes" are interlined and on the 7th page in the 5th and 6th lines from the top the word my House Carpenter is erased and on the 12 page in the 12th line the words to be are interlined, And Now having had this Will written out and having carefully examined and signed and sealed and all of its terms

I do hereby establish and constitute this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of Decr. 1844 in presence of Thomas Overton and Thomas McNeill witnesses by the request of the Testator

The McNeill
The Overton

E. W. Napier

I E. W. Napier having hitherto made and published my last Will and Testament do make and declare this to be a Codicil thereto to wit

I do hereby Emancipate and set at liberty and at my death my negro man Ephraim who has one eye and it is my Will that he be treated in the same manner and be subject to the same restrictions as those Emancipated in the 9th Item of the foregoing Will I Emancipate Ephraim in consequence of his faithful and honest and industrious attendance to my business as a teamster

I hereby give to my faithful Steamship, Siddy and her six children the use and possession of my Farm and Rickland Creek in Hickman County together with the large mill growing on the same and all the Stock of any kind and the Stock and Crops are to be subject to their control and disposition and they are to be in the possession of said Farm until the 1st day of March next and they may quit the possession of the same then and on their leaving said Farm my Executors are to take possession of the same and rent it out or dispose of it as they may think proper until it is sold and at my death Tom Keys and Ephraim are to select my hogs and eight of my best mules and Gear which my Executors are to place in the possession of those Slaves that I have Emancipated for their own use and benefit all of which are to be and remain their property Immediately after my death my Executors are to take all my property and to take all my mules and they are to proceed on the 1st day of March next at the upper end of the Market House in the City of Nashville to sell my farm on Rickland Creek in

Robert
Dutton

Davidson County on the terms specified in the 23rd Item in the Body of will first having advertised the same for two months in the Louisville Journal and in some more popular New Paper in the City of Cincinnati and in the Nashville Whig and then to have all my Iron Works Carried on until the first day of May next when they are immediately thereafter to proceed to sell to the highest bidder at the White Bluff Forge first the ~~Forge~~ White Bluff Forge and next the old Turnbull Forge and the Lands attached to them Respectively and next they are to sell the negro belonging to said Forge and then they are to sell the other Personal property at the Forge, then they are to proceed to Run Furnace and first sell the Furnace and the Lands belonging to the same and next the Negro at said Furnace and then the other Personal property at said Furnace first having advertised the sale of said property for two months in the Louisville Journal and in the most popular New Paper in the City of Cincinnati and in the Nashville Whig all of which property is to be sold on the terms prescribed in the 3rd Item of my Will, and the profits after paying the Necessary Expenses and Charges incident on Carrying on the Works are to constitute a part of my Estate and be disposed of as directed in my Will, and Now having had this Codicil written out and having duly considered its provisions I do hereby Establish and constitute the same as a part of my Will and I desire that the same be so Considered and Carried out by my Executors in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of July 1848 in presence of Robert M. McElly and Jonathan F. Moore Witnesses by them

E. W. Napier (Seal)

Witnesses
Robert M. McElly
Jonathan F. Moore

I hereby Renew the Above Codicil and Emancipate and set at Liberty Caroline and her Child Judy who are to go with Judy and other emancipated Slaves and are to be subject to the Control of Carroll and James and if her Conduct does not satisfy them are to expel her from the Company and send her Back to this Country with her youngest Child, and should Caroline the Emancipated Slave indulge in any way in any kind of a Knave and debauchery she is to be expelled and sent back to this Country by Carroll and James two of my Emancipated Slaves in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 4th day of August 1848 in the presence of Jonathan F. Moore and Joseph Groves at the request of the Testator

Test

J. F. Moore

Joseph Groves

E. W. Napier (Seal)

Now all men whom it may concern that I E. W. Napier having heretofore made my will and being now very weak and infirm do make this as a Codicil thereto I hereby request authorize and enjoin my Executors to set at Liberty my negro boy Smith after he shall have remained in the service of my Estate until after the sale of the same and I wish it understood that I do hereby Emancipate subject to the above Conditions and he is then to stand on the same footing with the others that I have Emancipated in Witness my hand and seal this 6th day of August 1848

Test

Robert McElly

Jesse Beck

E. W. Napier (Seal)

State of Tennessee Davidson County Civil August Term 1848
Then was the foregoing last will and Testament with all its Codicils of E. W. Napier set forth in open Court and proved to be such by the solemn oaths of the McElly, The Abner Robert McElly, Jonathan F. Moore

Joseph Groves and Jesse Reeds subscribing witnesses, then to avoid the same was ordered to be recorded

Test Tho McNeilly clerk of said Court
State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Clerk's office
August the 29th 1848 then was the annexed last will and Testament of O W Napier dec^d Recorded in Will Book Page 188-4-5-6-7 & Cth

Tho McNeilly Clerk

B Harris

No 112

I Buckner Harris of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee do make this my last Will and Testament. I commit my soul to god who made it and my body to be buried in a Christian manner as touching my temporal Estate what it has pleased god to endow me with.

I will that my wife Lucy keep all the property together on the place for the educating and supporting of my children

I will that my wife Lucy to sell my Hogs & cattle enough to pay my debts

if my wife Lucy should marry I wish all of the Personal property sold Except my Negroes

I wish them to be hired out until my youngest child becomes of age. I will that my lands then be sold on the Farm & on a credit of twelve months.

I will that the money the land brings & Personal property brings to be Equally divided between my wife & children

I will that the Negroes & the Hire should be Equally divided between my wife & children when my youngest child becomes of age I appoint my wife Lucy administrator

of my last Will & Testament this 28th Aug^t 1848
Warren Jordan
Burrell Jackson
Buckner Harris

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Oct^r Term 1848 then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Buckner Harris dec^d produced in open Court and proven to be such by the oath of Warren Jordan & Burrell Jackson subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded
Tho McNeilly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Buckner Harris dec^d Recorded in Will Book A. Page 198 & 99 this 25th August 1848

Thomas McNeilly Clerk

A Pullin

No 115

In the name of the Lord Amen
I Archibald Pullin of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life being now in a perfect sound state of mind do make and establish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills made by me.

First It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid as the nature of the case will admit after my death

Secondly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Pullin if she should outlive me my tract of land on which I now reside together with all my household and kitchen furniture farming utensils and stock of all description or so much thereof as she may choose to keep and also two of my slaves that is to say any two that she may make choice of, all of which I wish her to have during her natural life or widowhood

Thirdly I will and bequeath to my son James C. Pullin the tract of land on Nth creek that I purchased from E Bishop together with

the money that I have paid for him which is to make his land equal to the other lands herein given to my other sons

Fourthly I will and bequeath to my son Nelson B. Pullin the two half of my tract of land lying on the waters of Turnellin Creek in Humphreys County State of Tennessee

Fifthly I will and bequeath to son William C. Pullin ~~and~~ ~~and~~ ~~bequeath~~ the other half of my tract of land in Humphreys County the line to be made between my sons Nelson & William equally or in any way they may agree upon

Sixthly I will and bequeath to my Daughter Sophia B. McNeilly, two Slaves to wit, Peter and Addie which I consider to make her Equal to my sons I give her these slaves instead of Land

Seventh I will and bequeath to my son John A. Pullin my tract of land I now live on to take possession at the death of his mother

Eighth It is my desire that my Slaves be equally divided amongst my children and kept by them I do not want them sold or put out of the family I wish my tract of land lying on Naps Creek deced to me by David Pappone to be sold together with all the property to wit, stock household and Kitchen furniture farming utensils &c. should there be more than my wife wants to keep and the money equally divided amongst my children

Ninth If either of the slaves I have given to Sophia B. McNeilly should die before the division I want my Executors to pay to her four hundred dollar in money in lieu of said slave

Tenth At the death of my wife Polly Pullin I wish the two slaves that she gave to be Valued and kept by some of my children they

paying the other their parts thereof and all other property that she may leave to be sold and the money equally divided amongst my children

Eleventh I hereby constitute and appoint my son James C. Pullin & my son-in-law William C. McNeilly my true and lawful Executors to carry out the my last Will and Testament in respect whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 7th day of July 1848

attest Isaac Hile
William Thompson } A. Pullin Seal

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Oct Term 1848
Then was the last Will and Testament of A. Pullin read produced in open Court and proved to be such by the oath of W. Thompson one of the Subscribing Witnesses and the Hand writing of the other witness Isaac Hile was proved by the oath of Nelson White and ordered to be Recorded
Wm. McNeilly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of A. Pullin read Recorded in Will Book A Page 198, 200 & 201 This 24th November 1848
Wm. McNeilly Clerk

Sanatinn State of Tennessee
No 114 Dickson County } I John Sanders 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 debt be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors or executor
Secondly I Will and bequeath to Susan J. Whort