

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 administrators  
Secondly I Will and bequeath to Susan J. Whort

Samuel M. Sanders Marshall Larkins and James McCollum my Negro Woman Mary and her child John, and also fifty acres of land including the place where James McCollum lives ~~lying~~ at my North west Corner running East to Colman's line Thence South & for Conplement the said fifty acres of Land I value at one hundred dollars which James McCollum can take and have if he wishes to do so. If he does not wish to take said Land at the price I have valued it, I give it to Samuel Sanders at the above price of one hundred dollars the above named property to be Equally divided between the above named heirs and should they not agree in the valuation of said Negroes they are to be sold by my Executor and the money equally divided between the above named heirs including the above described Land at one hundred dollars.

Thirdly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan the use and benefit full my lands that I possess except the fifty acres I have disposed of and also all my Household and Kitchen furniture all of my stock of Horses hogs cattle and sheep and all of my farming utensils and every thing else pertaining to said premises during her natural life time or widowhood for the purpose of schooling and raising of the minor children and also my present crop on hand and at her death or marriage all the property then on hand and also all my Land except the fifty acres I have disposed of to be sold and equally divided between my heirs then living except those I have ~~previously~~ provided for in

Item second and my wife Susan should Mary she is to come in as one of the heirs for a child's part.

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 26th day of November 1848

Test  
W. S. Colman  
D. C. Chamberlain

John X Sanders <sup>his</sup> Test  
mark

And I do hereby appoint my wife Susan Sanders and Marshall Larkins Executors and Executor to this my last will and Testament.

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 26th day of November 1848.

Test  
W. S. Colman  
D. C. Chamberlain

John X Sanders <sup>his</sup> Test  
mark

Dickson County Court Jan'y Term 1849  
Then was the last will and Testament of John Sanders deceased produced in open Court and proven to be such by the oaths of W. S. Colman and D. C. Chamberlain and the same was ordered to be Recorded,

Thos. McNeill Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
Then was the foregoing last will and Testament of John Sanders deceased, Recorded in Will Book A Page 24, 25 & 26  
July 1849

Thos. McNeill Clerk

A. North I Andrew North being old and infirm but of sound & disposing mind do make this my last will & Testament Revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that all my just debts & Burial Expenses be paid Out of the first Money that comes to the hands of my Executor.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine North the following property to wit: The following Described part of the tract of Land on which I live, Beginning at a Poplar Standing a little North of the Spring, Running thence East to the Charlotte Road thence North with said Road to Piney River, thence down said river to meanders to the fork thence up the north fork of Piney with its meanders far enough to include the bottom fields next A. C. Hagan, thence a North Course so as to include twelve Acres of enclosed Land Outside of the Plantation, thence to the beginning also my Bay Mare side saddle & Saddle One cow & calf & all the part of my Stock of hogs known by the name of the Brown Stock, one half my Stock of Sheep, all the fowls of every description which I own, One further Bed, Bedsteads & furniture all the cooking utensils Kitchen Ware of Every kind water pail, Washingtub, all my cupboards or Table Drawers, one Table six sitting Chairs, which I expect she is to have and hold during her natural life or widowhood, but if she marry again or die then said property is to be sold by my Executor and the to the highest bidder & the Proceeds of said sale be equally divided amongst my following named Children, Samuel, North.

Andrew North Robert John & North Mary Dickey Nancy Phoebe Jane & Elizabeth & Rebecca & George

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that all the Ballance of my tract of Land together with all the Ballance of my Property not already disposed of be sold to the highest bidder by my Executor and the proceeds of said Sale together with all the debts due me, after paying all my just debts, be Equally divided among my Children before named, & I do hereby nominate & appoint A. C. Hagan my Executor to this my last Will and Testament, in Testimony whereof I have set my hand & Seal 9<sup>th</sup> January 1850  
Witnesses  
Thos Hulme  
William Green

State of Tennessee Dickson County June Term 1850  
Then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Andrew North read produced in open Court and sworn to be such by the oaths of Thomas Hulme and W. Green and the same was ordered to be Recorded  
Thos McNeilly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Andrew North read & Recorded in open Court A. Pages 204 & 5 This 5<sup>th</sup> July 1850  
Thos McNeilly Clerk

R. Richardson I Richard Richardson of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee being in bad health but sound in mind do make this my last Will and Testament I Will that my Brother Cariz Richardson is to pay all of my just debts - and to have all the property I possess both personally and Real Estate

I also give him my interest in my uncle  
John Richards Estate of Montgomery County  
I also appoint my brother Cary Richards  
my administrator with out giving security  
to this my last Will and Testament  
this 18<sup>th</sup> December 1847  
Witness  
Warren Jorran  
Susan Richards  
Richard Richards

State of Tennessee Pickens County Court March Term  
this day was pronounced in open Court the  
following last Will & Testament of Richard  
Richards decd. which was proven to be such  
by the oaths of Warren Jorran and Susan  
Richards subscribing witnesses to the same  
and ordered to be Recorded March 6<sup>th</sup> 1848  
The McNelly, Clk.

State of Tennessee Pickens County then  
was the following last Will and Testament  
of Richard Richards Decd. Recorded in  
Will Book A Pages 205 & 206 this 5<sup>th</sup>  
April 1848 The McNelly, Clk.

Robt. S. Bibb  
No 117

In the name of God Amen this twenty three  
day of February one thousand Eight hundred  
and forty six, I Robt. S. Bibb of Pickens  
County and State of Tennessee Being of sound  
mind and memory, do make this my  
last Will and Testament at the same  
time utterly revoking all former Wills made  
by me declaring this to be my last Will  
and Testament

First I give and bequeath to my loving wife

Nancy Bibb all the property I am possessed  
of of every description whatsoever and  
whenever to her proper and discretionary use  
and benefit during her natural life, at  
her death all my Property to be sold and  
the proceeds of the sale equally divided with  
or among all my children with this power  
or condition to wit, one hundred dollars  
to be charged or deducted from my son  
James Bibb, interest or demand in my  
Estate, thirty from my son Morris Bibb  
interest, and one hundred and eighty  
dollars from my son John G. Bibb interest  
or dividend, the above amount as above  
named on James Bibb Minor Bibb and  
John G. Bibb, is to fall to my other children  
in away to make them all equal or their  
interest or legacies all equal as I have given  
the above named legacies, to wit, James  
Minor and John G. Bibb. At the same  
time I do appoint my wife Nancy Bibb my  
Executrix with full and ample power to sell  
any of the personal property to satisfy the &c. &c.  
that my Estate may be owing if any and do  
to sell any of my personal property for her  
own use and benefit when and as she may  
please and I do further appoint my son  
James Bibb to be an assistant Executor with  
his mother, And I further provide for my  
son John G. Bibb that in the event that I  
should be paid by the Government for the sum  
that my son John G. Bibb lost in the Mexican  
War in my life or in the life of my wife  
Nancy Bibb then and that case my son  
John G. Bibb is to be equited or released  
from one hundred Dollars which he  
is charged with in this my last Will  
and Testament to which I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this Twenty three

day of February one thousand Eight hundred and forty eight signed sealed and delivered in presence of  
 Jesse Beck  
 Oliver Sperry  
 Joseph F. White  
 Robert F. Bibb

Dickson County Court August Term 1850  
 Then was the last Will and Testament of Robert F. Bibb read produced in open Court and proven to be such by the oath of Jesse Beck and Joseph F. White and the same ordered to be Recorded  
 Thos McKelley Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County Then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Robert F. Bibb read Recorded in Will Book A. Pages 206 & 48 this 28<sup>th</sup> September 1850  
 Thos McKelley Clerk

J. D. Bell  
 No 118

Memorandum of the Will and Wishes of Mr. Thomas D. Bell in Reference to such Disposition of his worldly effects as he desires to be made in the event of Death which his present condition indicates Viz: Bequeath 1<sup>st</sup> I give to my beloved sister Marciana my Negs boy William Bond I Bequeath to my Brother Montgomery my negr woman Patsy 3<sup>rd</sup> I Bequeath to Thomas Finley my Nephew, my Negs boy Vergie; 4<sup>th</sup> I Bequeath to my niece Rebecca Finley my Negs girl Tempy 5<sup>th</sup> I Request and injoin it upon my Executor to divide my Land and Estate equally between my Sister Marciana

my Brother Montgomery Bell and my Sister Elizabeth. I do hereby appoint Silvester Finley of Dickson County Tennessee my Executor in order to the fulfillment of the above request in testimony whereof being at present of sound mind and memory but of weak body and infirmity, I have with subscribed my name in presence of three witnesses  
 W. S. Graves  
 C. C. Cobb  
 Thomas D. Bell

Commonwealth of Kentucky Crittenden County Court October Term 1850  
 I Robt. L. Bigham Clerk of said Court hereby certify that at said Term of said Court this writing was produced into Court and proven to be the Last Will and Testament of Thomas D. Bell by the oaths of C. C. Cobb & W. S. Graves subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded whereupon I have duly Recorded the same and this certificate in my office Given under my hand this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 1850  
 R. L. Bigham

A Copy attested in witness of which I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Crittenden County Court this 5<sup>th</sup> December 1850  
 R. L. Bigham Clerk  
 of the Crittenden County Court

Commonwealth of Kentucky Crittenden County Let I Samuel L. Phillips Clerk and presiding Magistrate in and of the Crittenden County Court hereby certify that Rd. Bigham whose name appears subscribed to the above and foregoing certificate is now and was at its date the Clerk of the Crittenden County Court and that his Certificate and attestation is in due form

Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
January 1851 Samuel L. Phillips Sec.

Crittenden County, Mo.

I R. L. Bigham Clerk of the Crittenden County Court Certify that Samuel L. Phillips whose name is subscribed to above and foregoing Certificate is the Oldest and presiding Magistrate of the Crittenden County Court and that his signature is genuine

R. L. Bigham. Clerk

E. Jackson  
No 119

My last Will and wishes is I appoint Thomas Overton James G. Jackson and Samuel D. Bowen my lawful Executors to this my will I wish a Inventory taken forthwith of all my Effects both at the Home place and at Mericore Humphreys County and any where else that I may have any property I wish all kept together till the Crop is made so as to admit a sale of all my effects by the 1<sup>st</sup> of November Next, sell all my share all my real Estate all my household and Kitchen furniture, except ~~these~~ Bed and furniture given to my wife Sarah and the three youngest Children which is by her pay all my debts Just, and the same under to be equally divided into Eleven parts equal such as has had to have nothing left then that has had nothing is brought up even then equal after, I think this is the best way to dispose of my property with my blood family to keep them all sum under 70 dollars Cash all sums over 10 & under 100 dollars 4 months all sum over 100 and under 500 6 months all sum over 500 on 12 24 & 36 months

My Executors to be paid for their trouble is my last as meeting my hand

May 6th 1850

Epps Jackson

N.B The Names of the Children intended is as follows Adeline Allphane James G Jackson W. M. Jackson Mary Ann Bowen Epsy Ann Richard P. Van of the first set My present wife Sarah ~~and~~ and her Children Robert & John & Sarah, Infants, all to be equal in what may be left after all my Just debts is paid as meeting my hand Seal the 6th May 1850 Epps Jackson

Give to James G Jackson Edmundo atty 300 out of his money all the proceeds to give good security and a Lien Retaining on Real Estate E. Jackson

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court 1850  
This day was produced into open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Epps Jackson and which was found carefully kept away among the valuable papers of the said Epps Jackson and by his Executors the Overton S. D. Bowen James G. Jackson where upon Jesse Beck A. M. Hall & Thomas McNeill came into open Court and after being duly qualified depose and say they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Epps Jackson and that they are fully satisfied

that the said will is in the hand  
writing of the said Epps Jackson deceased  
whereupon the court ordered that the  
same be Recorded Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> 1850  
The McNelly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
Then was the foregoing Last Will and  
Testament of Epps Jackson Recorded in  
will Book A Page 210, 114 12 this 5 Oct 1850  
The McNelly Clerk

J. Brown

No 120

I John Brown do make and publish this as  
my last Will and Testament hereby Revoking  
and making void all other wills by me at  
any time made, first I direct that my  
funeral expenses and all my debts be  
paid as soon after my death as possible  
out of any moneys that I may die  
possessed of or may first or may come  
into the hands of my Executor

2<sup>nd</sup>

I give and bequeath to my wife Martha  
Brown the plantation whereon I now live  
Enclusing 100 acres be the same more or  
less during her natural life time also  
my Bruse mare fm. also one milch  
Cow also a sufficient support for one year

3<sup>rd</sup>

I bequeath to my son James Brown  
the aforesaid plantation after the  
death of my wife during his natural  
life time 4<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to my wife all  
my home hold ~~possession~~ during her natural  
life time

5<sup>th</sup>

It is my will that all the Rest of my  
Property be sold and after all my joint  
debts is paid equally divided between  
my children my son Solomon being  
to have a child's part

6<sup>th</sup> It is my will that at the death of my  
wife that my household property be sold and  
Equally divided as aforesaid  
7<sup>th</sup> It is my will that at the death of my  
son James Brown the aforesaid land be  
sold and Equally divided as aforesaid  
lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint  
my sons John Brown and James Brown  
my Executors in witness whereof I set this  
my will set my hand and seal March  
25<sup>th</sup> AP, 1845 John <sup>his</sup> Brown seal  
Signed Sealed and published in our  
presence we have subscribed our names  
herunto in the presence of the testator  
Wiley Davis  
Wm Garton

I John Brown son having heretofore made  
and published my last Will and Testament  
do make and declare this as a codicil  
thereto to wit that part of my will which  
directs that my land which I bequeath  
to my son James to be sold at his death is  
hereby revoked It is my will that at the  
death of my beloved wife that my son  
James Brown have my land and convert  
it to his own use as he may see proper  
forever, Lastly it is my desire that this  
Codicil be attached to and constitute  
a part of my Will & all intents and purp  
-ose this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Feb'y 1849  
John <sup>his</sup> Brown seal  
marth

Signed sealed and published in our  
presence we have subscribed our names  
herunto in the presence of the testator this  
4<sup>th</sup> day February 1849  
W. H. Johnston  
Gideon Davis

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court  
August Term 1850 This day was first  
into open Court a paper writing purport-  
to be the last Will and Testament of  
John Brown decd with a codicil annexed  
which was proven to be such by the  
oath of Wiley Davis and Henry Gaston  
witnesses to the will and H. H. Johnson  
and Gideon Davis witnesses to the codicil  
and ordered to be Recorded

Thos McNelly clk

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
Then was the foregoing last Will and  
Testament Recorded in Will Book  
A Pages 2154 14 October 5th 1850  
Thomas McNelly

C. Strong  
No 129

In the name of God Amen  
Know all men by these presents  
that I Christopher Strong of the County  
of Dickson and State of Tennessee  
being far advanced in age and weak in  
body, but of perfect and sound mind and  
memory, and calling to mind my  
mortality, that I with all other men  
must die, and having by the bless-  
ing of God been permitted to have  
and enjoy & possess a liberal portion  
of this world's goods, I do hereby make  
and publish this my last Will  
and Testament,

And first of all I do give and  
bequeath my soul to God who gave it to me,  
and my body to the dust from whence  
it came to be decently buried in my  
Family Grave Yard. In hope of a glo-  
rious Resurrection through the merits

of Jesus Christ  
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Rosannah Strong, three thousand Dollars in  
money, Fifteen thousand of which is to be her  
own and not subject to any division. The  
other Fifteen thousand Dollars is given her  
during her widowhood or her natural life  
and at her marriage or death it is to be  
equally divided between my heirs and heirs  
or so much of it as may then be remaining,  
that is she is to have three fourths of the whole  
three thousand to be disposed of as she  
may think proper, and the sum of three  
thousand dollars is to be paid to my wife  
out of the first moneys that may come  
to the hands of my Executors and I give  
her five good Feather Beds, five good Bed  
steads, with all the furniture and clothing  
therein belonging, and six cows and calves  
(her choicings) six head of young cattle from  
one to three years old, & one fourth part of  
my stock of hogs & sheep, and as much  
of the household and kitchen furniture as  
she may choose to keep and two mules & one horse  
or more as she may choose & she to have liberty  
of churning, the mules, and my Buggy & Harness  
& two ploughs & four horses, two axes, and one  
mattock, one log chain and one waggon and  
all the gear thereto belonging. She to have her  
choice of the Waggon & gear, and all my  
Carpenter's tools, and her own saddle and  
Bridle and Blanket, and all the fowls & Poultry  
on the place, and one fourth part of all my  
Books except those herein after given to Charles  
Potts and Joseph Dickson; she to have the  
liberty of churning, those that were her  
own before marriage with me as a part  
therof, and my Rifle Gun that was  
mine, and she is to have an year's provision

6<sup>th</sup> Strong I laid off for her by these disinterested men and I give to her the Farm I now live on with all its appurtenances, (the corn crusher to remain on the farm) during her natural life time or widowhood, and she is to have all the above mentioned property during her life or widowhood. But should she marry she will forfeit her right to all the property except three fourths of the money, and the Bess and Bessie and furniture and one Horse or mare as the case may be the Buggy & Harness and trunks & Knives and Blanket and the books that were her own before marriage with me, now should she marry then she will forfeit the whole of the fifteen Hundred Dollars which was above last mentioned which I intended for her support. Instead of the Negro which I have emancipated. But should she have Esplanade any part thereof then she will forfeit what ever may remain. The Residue not Excepted after my wife's marriage or Death is to be sold on a credit of one year, and the proceeds is to be divided as I direct in a subsequent item of this my will for the Residuary portion of my Estate and the property above Excepted is to be her own and subject to her Disposition.

7<sup>th</sup> Item I give to the Heirs of my Daughter Martha Dickson the Negroes named in a deed of Loan from me to Milton Dickson and his wife made and Recorded many years since, and their Increase to be divided among them according to Law.

8<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to John and Neas Brown the Farm on which I now live which includes two Hundred acres Extent from South of and adjoining the old Tracts and also the land I bought at the

9<sup>th</sup> Strong Sale of their Father's lands under a Decree of the Circuit Court of Dickson County which lies West of Jones Creek, and which is the land that I have herein given to my wife during her natural life, all of which they are to have possession of immediately after her Death, and when they get possession of said lands they are to pay into the hands of my Executor (or those who may then represent my Estate) five hundred Dollars each, which sum of one thousand dollars is to constitute a part of my Estate and is to be divided as the Residuary portion is herein after directed to be divided.

10<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to Priscilla Dickson Band Egbert Raworth Five Hundred and twelve acres of land lying in Haywood County in the State of Tennessee in Range one and Section nine to be Equally divided between them.

11<sup>th</sup> Item I do hereby give and bequeath to Charles Bette and Joseph Dickson (my Great Grand sons) Six hundred and forty acres of land lying in Henry County in the State of Tennessee on the Walnut fork of Obion River entered in my name, adjoining Jesse Goodwin on the north, and also two hundred and eighty acres adjoining the same on the West to be equally divided between them and I give them the following Books to wit, Henry's Commentaries on the Bible in 4 Volumes, The Calvinistic Library 5 Vols, Marshman's Church History 12 Vols, Newton on the prophecies 2 Vols, Brown's Bible Dictionary 3 Vols, Breckinridge's Metaph. 1 Volume & Jenkins on Jude 1 Vol. now these Books are to be Equally divided between them and if either of them should die before they complete their course of Education then the other is to have the Books or if either of

Robert Dutcher

Strong them should not become a minister of the Gospel in the Aposiate Reformed Church then the Books to belong to the other, and if neither of them should become a minister of the Gospel in the Aposiate Reformed Church, then the Books to be sold and the proceeds divided among my Grand Children as the other effects of my Estate and I do hereby direct my Executors to Reserve in their hands and pay out for the Education of Charles Betts and Joseph Dickson, and for their boarding and for keeping Books, and for their Traveling Expenses in their Education a sufficient sum of money to give them a liberal Education such as will qualify them for the Gospel Ministry in the Aposiate Reformed Church. It being my intention under God to Educate them for the ministry. But my Executors are not to allow more out of my Estate than at the Rates of one Dollar and fifty cents per week for their Board. Charles Betts is to be kept at the College where he now is or at some other College under the care of the Aposiate Reformed Church until he is Graduate, then he is to be kept at the Study of Theology under the Direction of the Aposiate Reformed Church until he is qualified to enter the Gospel ministry in the Aposiate Reformed Church and Joseph Dickson is to be kept at the preparatory school and college under the control of the Aposiate Reformed Church in like manner until he is qualified for the Gospel ministry in said A.R. Church. Their Expenses as above to be paid by my Executors out of funds retained by them for that purpose and my Executor are to see that they are prudent and

Strong Economical in their Expenses &c

Item I do hereby give donate and bequeath to the Treasurer of Clark and Erskin College situated at Due West, Emory Abberville District South Carolina, and to his Successor in office in Trust forever, the sum of twenty four hundred Dollars, two thousand dollars of said sum is to be held in Trust by said Treasurer and his Successor in office for the endowment of said Clark & Erskin College, to be paid over by said Treasurer so soon after the same may come to his hands, as it may be required for the endowment of said College, and Twenty Two hundred Dollars of said sum is to be held in Trust by said Treasurer, and his Successor in office, for the benefit of Home Missions, which is to remain a perpetual fund the interest of which is to be annually applied under the direction of the Aposiate Reformed Synod of the South for the benefit of Home Missions, and twenty two hundred Dollars of said fund is to be held in like manner and the interest thereon is to be applied in like manner by said Aposiate Reformed Synod of the South for the benefit of Foreign Missions, and the remaining one thousand Dollars is to be held by said Treasurer and his Successor in office in like manner and is to constitute a perpetual fund, and the interest arising thereon is to be annually applied under the Direction of the Aposiate Reformed Synod of the South for the Education of Indigent young men who are preparing for the Gospel ministry in the Aposiate Reformed Church said Synod is to have the Discretion of applying said Interest annually or adding it to the principal as they may deem best, but it is to be applied for the above and no other purpose.

6<sup>th</sup> Item the above missionary funds may be applied to missionary labor or for the publication Purchase or Distribution of Books or in any other way that said Synod may direct for missionary purposes, and I desire that the discretionary power given to the Associate Reformers Synod of the South, in applying the interest arising on said sum of money shall not be so construed either in law or Equity so as to defeat any object, and that no want of form or technicality shall affect this donation of seventy four hundred Dollars. But that the same be applied according to my meaning and intention.

7<sup>th</sup> Item I do hereby Emancipate all the Slaves that I may possess of and my Executors are as soon after my Death as practicable to take the necessary means out of my Estate and send them all to Liberia Except John Westly and Tompfe. But if they or any of them Refuse to go, after they have been fully informed of the benefits of being in Liberia and being free then they who Refuse to go to Liberia are to be sold to the highest Bidder, and the money arising from their sale is to be a part of my Estate and to be distributed as other monies of my Estate and my wife is to keep John Westly and Tompfe, during her life or until they are twenty one years of age then they are to choose whether they will go to Liberia or not, and if they refuse to go then they are to be sold as the others and the money applied in like manner. But should they or any of them be willing to go to Liberia then the funds are to be taken from my Estate and they are to be sent there and I desire if they or any of them should choose to be free and go to Liberia, that my Executors place them under the care

and protection of the American Colonization Society, and it is my will that my wife have these three children John Westly and Tompfe brought to Read the Bible if practicable. I give and bequeath all the balance of my Estate not herein disposed of, to the Heirs of my three Daughters Jane Farrow Sarah Bowen and Martha Dickson, to be divided in three Equal shares among them,

8<sup>th</sup> Item and now it is my will and desire that all my lands that I have not disposed of in this my will, or that may not have been disposed of before my Death, shall be sold to the highest Bidder on a credit of one year and three years the purchasers to give Bond with good security, and a Lien to be retained until upon the land until the last payment is made and immediately after my Death my Executors, are to sell all my property of every description not herein otherwise disposed of to the highest Bidder on a credit of Twelve months, taking notes with good security from the purchasers and they are also to put all my notes and accounts that I may have or may be entitled to at my death in a transfer of collection as soon as practicable, and they are then as soon as collections can be made first to pay my wife the Three thousand dollars, and then they are to pay over the Donations that I have made in trust, to the Treasurer of Clark & Estlin College, and they are to retain the means necessary to carry out all the items of my will, and all the Balances after defraying the Expenses of Executing this Will, as well as that arising from the sale after my wife's Marriage or death, all other sums of money is to be Equally divided between all my Sons and Children Except Christopher.

Christy

Bowen and his Children is to have one share and I do hereby constitute and appoint him trustee to take into his possession and under his control all that I have given to his Children, and he is not to be required to give security for the performance of the trust.

And the three Ransom Children are to have one share jointly, and if either of them should die without heirs of their body then the others are to be their heirs and if all of them should die without heirs of their body, then the brothers of their mother are to be their heirs, so far as both the land and money given them in this will is concerned, and Charles Betts and Joseph Dickson are neither of them to receive any share in said distribution.

10<sup>th</sup> Item I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Rosannah Strong my Executor and John Montgomery Christopher Bowen Christopher W. Dickson and Robt McKully my Executors to this my last Will and Testament and they are not to be required to give security for the performance of the duties devolving upon them in the execution of this will, but they are to make affidavit that they will faithfully honestly and vigilantly execute this will, to the best of their knowledge and ability.

And last of all I do hereby establish this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other Wills or parts of Wills by me at any time here before made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of Robt McKully and John McKully where present my

Strong

request, to this my last Will, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1850

Test

Robt McKully  
John McKully

Christopher Strong

State of Tennessee De Kalb County Court Dec<sup>r</sup> Term 1850 Then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Christopher Strong, read, pronounced in open Court and proven to be such by the oaths of Robert McKully and John McKully subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same then ordered by the Court to be recorded. Then came into open Court Rosannah Strong John Montgomery & Robert McKully three of the Executors mentioned in said Will and qualified as directed in said Will.  
Test Thomas McKully Clk

State of Tennessee De Kalb County  
Then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Christopher Strong, Dec<sup>r</sup>, pronounced in open Court. At Page 214 to 223  
This December 30<sup>th</sup> 1850 Test Robt McKully Clk

D. Glean  
No. 523

I Elizabeth Glean of De Kalb County State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do publish this as my last Will and Testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I do bequeath to my Daughter Isabella Westley my eldest negro Girl Mary to her during her natural life and her bodily heirs forever.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I do bequeath to my son Elijah S. Glean my Negro Woman and her children as follows Martin Violet Emily Joseph and Calise, also all the increase of said Negroes if

E. Glean Oatho Garner Green and a J. W. Simpkins  
 & W. D. Glean where upon said will was ordered  
 to be recorded, where upon C. S. Glean who was  
 appointed Executor by said will came into open  
 Court and executed and acknowledged his Bond  
 as Executor in the sum of four thousand  
 dollars with W. D. Spight and B. W. Bell as  
 his securities and qualified according to laws  
 and the Court ordered that letters Testamentary  
 my Issue to him  
 Thomas McNeilly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County then was  
 the foregoing last Will and Testament of  
 Elizabeth Glean and her said wife Bessie  
 A. Pages 220, 4 & 5 - This 26th July 1852  
 The McNeilly Clerk

J. Groves  
 Wife  
 No 225

I Joseph Groves do make and publish this  
 as my last Will and Testament hereby  
 revoking & making void all other Wills  
 by me at any time made First I direct  
 that my funeral expenses and all my  
 debts be paid as soon after my Death as  
 possible out of any moneys that I may  
 be possessed of or may first come into  
 the hands of my Executor  
 Secondly I give and bequeath unto my step  
 Daughter Lydia Ann Williams one third  
 of all the land that I now possess also  
 one mare horse one Bed & Breakfast one cow  
 Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son  
 John one third of my land one mare colt  
 a Gun and saddle  
 Fourthly I give and bequeath to my  
 daughter Mary Francis one third of  
 my land one horse one Bed and  
 Breakfast two Hens I also give and

E. Glean  
 Item 3<sup>rd</sup>

then be any to him and his heirs forever  
 I do bequeath to my Grand Children as follows  
 to wit the Heirs of my daughter Emaline  
 Bindley Parle Eliza and Ann Maria Morris also  
 also my Grand son William D. Glean the sum  
 of fifty dollars to each to be paid or so soon  
 as the amount can conveniently be made by the  
 hire of the above named Negro, which I have  
 bequeathed in Item 2<sup>nd</sup> to my son Cyril Hill  
 J. Glean.

I do also bequeath to my Daughter Isabelle  
 Namely my Gray mare Buck bridle and saddle  
 Item 4<sup>th</sup> I do appoint my son Cyril Hill  
 Glean Executor of this my last will and  
 Testament signed this 28<sup>th</sup> January A.D. 1851  
 Elizabeth Glean

signed and acknowledged on this 28<sup>th</sup>  
 January A.D. 1852

Garner Green  
 B. W. Simpkins

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court July 1851  
 This day was put into open Court a paper  
 writing purporting to be the last will and  
 Testament of Elizabeth Glean which was  
 presented & read by the Clerk of said Court  
 Green & Ann Simpkins

So much of the within will attorn I give  
 Emily to Isabelle as share of C. S. Glean's  
 the balance of said will to remain in  
 full force and virtue May 28<sup>th</sup> 1852  
 Test  
 Elizabeth Glean

J. W. Simpkins  
 W. D. Glean

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court July 1851  
 This day was put into open Court a paper  
 writing purporting to be the last will  
 and Testament of Elizabeth Glean  
 which was presented to be seen by the

my wife Phoebe & Children and also by Jem to have & to hold for her own use and her heirs during her life & at her death to dispose of them among the Children as she may think proper or should she think proper she can dispose of them among the Children at any time previous to her death. I also give to my wife the Tract of land on which I reside to have and to hold during her life & at her death to be sold on a credit of one two and three years & the proceeds to be equally divided among the Children.

It is my desire that my wife should have & I hereby give unto her whatever articles of household furniture she may want or think proper to reserve. I desire also for her to have her choice in selecting four cows & calves, as many of the farming tools as she may want also I give unto her the entire stock of sheep two of the Chieft mules and the same horse a choice Yoke of Oxen & as many of the stock Hogs as she may think proper to keep & I wish her to have a support for twelve months out of the present growing growing crop & stock also to have a light on cart such as she may desire, purchased and paid for out of the means of the Estate.

I think it is right & I desire that my affectionate daughter Martha Ann Gamett should be charged the sum of one hundred dollars to be deducted out of her distributive share the same having been paid for her Board & Tutoring. As I am desirous of granting my share the privilege of selecting their master I wish my Executors

bequeath to the said Lydia Ann and Mary Francis my waggon & Harness to be Equally divided between them. All the House hold furniture to be Equally divided between the said Lydia Ann & Mary Francis. Lastly I nominate and appoint Lyndell Williams my Executor. In witness whereof I set this my will at my house and read this the 30th of April 1857

Joseph Gamett  
Signed sealed & published in our presence & we have subscribed our names in presence of the Testator  
U. T. Stuart  
M. Colbourne

State of Tennessee DeKalb County Court July term 1857  
This will returned into open Court & proper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Joseph Gamett, which was proven to be such by the oath of William Colbourne, which upon Court ordering this same to be recorded.

State of Tennessee DeKalb County  
This was the foregoing last will and Testament of Joseph Gamett and recorded in Will Book of Page 225 & 6 this 20th July 1857  
Geo McNeill

W. Gamett  
No 224 State of Tennessee DeKalb County July 30 1857  
I William Gamett of the County & State of Tennessee being in feeble health, but of sound mind, do make this my last will and Testament. I give and bequeath unto my affectionate wife Sarah Gamett the following slave (viz) Ben and a his

W. Gamet allow them that privilege and to  
 sell them at private sale, provided  
 they can be sold at full value, otherwise  
 to be sold together with all  
 the remainder of my property not  
 hereto before given to my wife at private  
 sale to the highest Bidder on a credit of  
 Twelve months, and the proceeds, after  
 paying my just debts, to be equally divided  
 among the children.  
 I hereby appoint as my Executor my  
 friend B. H. Collier, and in the event that  
 anything should occur to prevent his acting  
 then I appoint my friend Thos. McKinley  
 as my Executor. In testimony whereof  
 I hereunto set my hand and affixed my  
 seal the day and date above written.  
 Signed in presence of ~~William H. Sensing~~ ~~William Gamet~~  
 W. H. Sensing, William Gamet  
 J. M. Jastline

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Aug Term 1851  
 This day was produced in open Court a paper  
 writing purporting to be the last Will and  
 Testament of Wm. Gamet and which was sworn  
 to be such by the oaths of W. H. Sensing, and J.  
 M. Jastline. Subscribing witnesses thereto &  
 the Will was ordered to be Recorded, where  
 upon Benjamin A. Collier the Executor of said  
 Will came into open Court, and acknowledged  
 and acknowledged his Bond as Executor in the  
 sum of twelve thousand dollars, with  
 B. B. Robertson and William H. Napier as  
 his securities and qualified according  
 to Law, whereupon the Court ordered the  
 letters Testamentary issued to him.

Thos. McKinley, att.

State of Tennessee Dickson County then was  
 the foregoing last Will and Testament of Wm.  
 Gamet and Recorded in Will Book A Page  
 226 & 227 this 12th August 1851.

Thos. McKinley, att.

B. H. Collier

Wife

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I Richard B. Hinton do make and publish  
 this as my last Will and Testament hereby  
 revoking and making void all other wills  
 by me at any time made.

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

Secondly I wish my Executor to carry on and  
 continue business in my name for five years  
 after which time I wish all my property both  
 personal and real, to be equally divided between  
 my two beloved Sisters, Elizabeth Boyd Hinton  
 and Rachael Adaline Hinton.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint  
 My Father John S. Hinton My sole Executor  
 to qualify and act as such without giving  
 security. In witness whereof I do to this my  
 Will set my hand and seal this the  
 20 twentyeth day of October in the year of  
 our Lord one thousand Eight hundred  
 and fifty one (1851).

Richard B. Hinton  
 Vigned sealed and published in our presence  
 and when subscribed our names  
 hereto in the presence of the Testator this  
 20th day of Oct 1851

B. B. Robertson  
 Wm. H. Napier

*R.B. Winton* State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Nov Term  
 This day was put into open Court a paper  
 writing purporting to be the last Will and  
 Testament of Richard B. Winton which was  
 proven to be such by the oaths of C.B. Robertson  
 and Washington Winton and ordered that  
 the same be Recorded whereupon John F. Winton  
 came into open Court and qualified as Ex-  
 ecutor and the Court ordered that Letters  
 Testamentary Issue to him

Thomas McKelley Clk

State of Tennessee Dickson County then was  
 the foregoing last Will and Testament of  
 Richard B. Winton and Recorded in  
 Will Book A. Pages, 227 & 30 this 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 1851  
 Tho McKelley Clk

*R. West*  
 Will  
 No 226

On the Name of God Amen  
 I Robert West of Dickson County and State  
 of Tennessee being of sound mind and  
 memory but of infirm and delicate  
 health do on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July in the  
 Year of our Lord 1850 make and publish  
 this my last Will and Testament hereby  
 revoking all other wills by me made,  
 Inprimis I will and desire that all my  
 just debts be paid by my Executors  
 hereon after named out of any monies  
 which may come to their hands belon-  
 ging to my Estate

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will and desire that my wife  
 Nancy West have & retain my family  
 Residence together with all the lands &  
 appurtenances thereunto belonging  
 embracing the following Tracts of  
 Land (to wit) one Tract containing

three hundred and twenty acres lying on  
 Yellow Creek in Dickson County and State  
 of Tennessee which was granted by the State  
 of Tennessee to Robert Hutton by Grant  
 No 105, one other Tract containing Eighty  
 acres described in Deed of Conveyance from  
 my Brother George West to me in said  
 County, one other tract conveyed to me by  
 Wm. Morrison for twenty five acres, one  
 other tract granted to me by the State of  
 Tennessee for three hundred and eighty six  
 acres No Grant 12600, one other tract for  
 four hundred and twenty acres conveyed to me  
 by Elizabeth Hays and others, one other  
 tract conveyed to me by E. Hays & others for  
 one hundred and fifty acres, one other  
 tract granted to me by the State of Tennes-  
 see for six acres No of Grant 1485, in all  
 making Fourteen hundred and fifty seven  
 Acres, all which lands are in said County  
 of Dickson and constitute the Home  
 Tract the boundaries of which may be seen  
 on Record as contained in the title papers  
 for the same, and my said wife is to have  
 and hold the aforesaid lands & appurtenances  
 for & during her natural life, and at her  
 death I will and desire the same to my  
 two sons Robert J. West and Isaac D. West  
 and at the death of either to the survivor  
 to him and his heirs forever  
 I further give and bequeath to my wife  
 during her life the following Negroes to  
 wit, Bill, Sylvia, Penny, Nancy, Hetty, Sarah,  
 Lydia & all her children, Jack, Porters,  
 Peter Nelson & Tom, and at her death the  
 same to be equally divided among my five  
 children to wit, Louisa McClure, Robert J. West,  
 Isaac D. West, Martha J. Hacker and Sally  
 West, and in the event that any of

My said Children above named shall at the time departed this life leaving Children or Child, the share of s<sup>d</sup> deceased parent to go to said Child or Children, I also give to my said Wife for her use and support during life as much of my stock of every kind as she may want, also as much House hold and Kitchen furniture & of farming utensils as she may desire. I also give to her five hundred dollars to be paid to her by my Executors as she may need or require the same. I also give bequest & desire to her my said wife & her heirs forever all my right & title to the Estate both Real and Personal which was devised to her by the Last Will and Testament of her father Isaac Portch dead, including what has heretofore been received & what may hereafter be coming to her at the death of her Mother Mrs. Martha Portch.

I hereby give and devise to my sons Robt. J. West and Isaac D. West to them and their heirs forever my tract of land on Cumberland River below the mouth of Apple Creek containing one thousand and fifty seven acres more or less which was purchased of the Trustees of the University of North Carolina and also of the death of either without Child or Children surviving then to the survivor of my said two sons.

I give and bequeath to my two Grand Children John Minor and Charles Minor Fifty hundred Dollars each not taking into consideration what was given to their Mother to be paid over to their Guardian or Trustee in two years after the qualification of my Executors to this my will and if either of them should die before arriving at full

West age, and without any Child or Children surviving, then the survivor to take the whole. This is all that I give to the said John & Charles Minor.

I hereby give and devise to my Daughter Louisa McClure & her Children now born and hereafter to be born one Negro Woman named Zali, & one Neg. Girl named Floss heretofore delivered, also the Tract of land on which Robert W. McClure now resides lying in Montgomery County near Clarksville purchased by me from William B. Johnson, containing two hundred & sumana & acres in two tracts purchased by him from Alexander M. Clayton and part of a tract purchased by him from Vance & Dix, also a tract of seventy acres more or less purchased by me of W. B. Johnson, known as the Big Spring tract and being the Balance of said tract purchased by him of said Vance and Dix, which said lands are estimated by me to be of the value of three thousand dollars, & to be accounted for according to the division of my estate, the above described property both Real & Personal is hereby given to my said Daughter & her Children as above for their use and benefit for the said Robt. McClure for & during the life of my said Daughter and not to be subject to the debts or contracts of the said Robt. McClure, & at the death of my said daughter the same to go to her said Children. I have heretofore advanced to Robert McClure the sum of seven hundred dollars, and have taken up two Notes given by him to Isaac Portch dead, which are now in my possession, which money and Notes are to be accounted for, together with the other property in the said

R West Contained, on the general distribution of my  
 Estate as herein after directed as  
 6<sup>th</sup> It is my Will that all the remainder of  
 my Estate both Real & personal of every des-  
 cription not otherwise disposed of shall  
 be equally divided among my five Chil-  
 dren to wit, Louisa McClure, Robert J.  
 West, Isaac D. West, Martha J. West,  
 and Sally D. West, to them and their heirs  
 forever, deducting what has been given  
 hitherto to Louisa McClure & her children  
 & R. McClure in the Item last above men-  
 tioned and it is my meaning that the  
 share arising from the general division  
 of my estate as contained in this Item,  
 which shall be going to my daughter Louisa  
 McClure be for her use and benefit & of her  
 children & husband during her life; and  
 after her death the same to be equally divided  
 among her children now born and hereafter to  
 be born to them and their heirs forever and  
 not to be subject to the debts or contracts  
 of the said Robert McClure in any manner  
 whatever, It is further my meaning & inten-  
 tion that the share given to my said daughter  
 Louisa, in the Negroes given to my wife for life  
 be subject to the same limitation to her for  
 and during her life, & thence to her children  
 as is expressed in relation to the other  
 property in this Item contained.  
 7<sup>th</sup> It is my Will that all the perishable  
 Property belonging to my estate of every  
 description at the Home place and at  
 the Furnace & Forge, except what is given  
 to my wife during her life & excepting also  
 my slaves, be sold by my Executors on a  
 credit of Twelve months taking notes  
 with good and approved security for  
 the same & the proceeds divided as

directed in the sixth Item of this my will  
 8<sup>th</sup> It is my will that five hundred dollars be  
 appropriated to procuring Grave stones for  
 each of my Family as here now, & in fu-  
 ture in and other wise improving the Grave  
 yard at Sailors Rest so far as the above  
 sum will go, which I request shall be at-  
 tended to by my Executors as soon as practicable  
 9<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Robt J. West my new family  
 Bible & my Apple Gun and to my son  
 Isaac D. West I give my Stone Bnale and  
 saddle, my old family Bible and my  
 watch and to give my Library of Books  
 to my said two sons to be divided between  
 them as they may think proper. It is my  
 meaning and intention that none of the  
 property either Real or personal which is  
 specifically bequeathed or divided to my  
 said two sons Robert J. & Isaac D. West is to  
 be taken in to the intestate in the division  
 of my property as contained and directed  
 in the sixth Item of this my Will.  
 Finally and affectionately have my beloved  
 Wife & myself lived and labored together  
 and cheerfully & lovingly do I bequeath my  
 property the result of our joint existence to  
 her and our children, together with the love  
 & blessing of a Husband and Wife.  
 And lastly I hereby nominate and app-  
 oint Jemima C. Atkinson of Mesophris  
 Jeph. C. Ingraham of Dover, Deanele B.  
 Corban of Sailors Rest, and my son  
 Robert J. West & Isaac D. West and John  
 C. Colver of Charlotte Executors of this  
 my last Will and Testament, and  
 they are not required by me to give secur-  
 ity for the performance of their duties  
 as Executors, and the same is expressly  
 dispensed with by me

A Most In testimony whereof I have on the any  
and year after mentioned publish and de-  
clare this to be my last Will and Testament  
and signed the same in the presence of the  
Witnesses called on by me to attest the  
same

A. A. Borman

Nathan Nesbitt

Lewis T. Hughes

N. B. Parrish

O. Nesbitt

Robert West

The following interlineations  
in this my Will were made before the same  
was executed by me to wit: on the third page  
the words "The Trustees of the community of  
North Carolina and on the fifth and  
on the bottom line the word her was in-  
serted

A. A. Borman

Nathan Nesbitt

Lewis T. Hughes

N. B. Parrish

O. Nesbitt

Robert West

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court  
November Term 1851. This day was produced in  
open Court a paper writing purporting to be  
last Will and Testament of Robert West  
and which was proven to be such by  
the oaths of Nathan Nesbitt & Lewis T.  
Hughes and the same was ordered to  
be recorded, whereupon Robert of West  
David O. West, Percece D. Loran & John  
C. Lohier came into open Court and were  
qualified as Executors to said William  
that once that latter Testamentary  
Issue & them

The Whitley Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County then was  
the foregoing last will & Testament of  
Robert West and Received in case Book  
A. Pages 251, 252, 53, 54, 55, 56 & this 20th Nov  
1851. The Whitley Clerk

Robert  
West  
No 32

I William Porter as male and person  
this my last will & Testament hereby  
revoke and making void all other  
wills by me at any time made,  
1<sup>st</sup> I desire that my funeral expenses &  
all my debts be paid as soon after my death  
as possible out of any money that I may  
be possessed of or may first come into the  
hands of my Executor,  
2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife Matie  
as Porter the tract of land on which I now  
live in all these Tracts containing two hundred  
and 27 acre be the same more or less together  
with my negro man Lewis & negro woman  
Nancy with all my stock of Cattle horses  
sheep & hogs with all my household furniture  
& farming tools, all which are to remain  
in her possession during her life or widow  
hood at which time all are to be sold  
& equally divided between my young  
children to wit, Mary C. Porter William  
M. Porter Samuel M. Porter & Matie Ann  
& Porter or to be divided between what  
of them that may remain living at the  
time of the death of my wife,  
3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son J. M.  
Porter the tract of land on which he now  
lives and one dollar in Cash,  
4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my daughter  
Elizabeth Harry five dollars in Cash,  
5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my

W<sup>m</sup> Porter daughter Sarah Harvey five dollars in <sup>Cash</sup>  
 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my daughter  
 Nancy Sullivan five dollars in Cash  
 This amount being as I believe their  
 full share, as they have had all the  
 property that came by my first wife  
 or their mother.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife  
 Matilda Porter all of my crop of Corn  
 Oats & wheat, and every article that  
 I may die possessed of, to be sold at  
 her death & divided as directed in my  
 -will & so on,

8<sup>th</sup> And lastly, I do nominate and  
 appoint B. B. Hale and Matilda Port-  
 er my Executors & Executrix, in witness  
 whereof I do to this my will set my  
 hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
 September 1849,

William Porter

Signed sealed & published in our pres-  
 -ence and we have subscribed our  
 names hereto in the presence of the  
 Judge, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1849

A. N. Wells

A. M. Hale

Jamies & Pullin.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court  
 May Term 1851. This day was produced  
 in open Court a paper writing purporting  
 to be the last Will & Testament of W<sup>m</sup>  
 Porter decd. which was proven to be such  
 by the oaths of W. M. Hale & A. N. Wells  
 which was ordered by the Court to be  
 Recorded. Where upon B. B. Hale & Eliza  
 Porter Executor & Executrix of said Will  
 came into open Court and Executed

their Bond as Executors in the sum of two  
 thousand dollars with James Biss, M. D. Gentry  
 & H. White as their securities and qualified  
 as the law directs, where upon the Court ordered  
 that letters Testamentary Issue to them.  
 Th<sup>o</sup> McNelly Sec<sup>y</sup>

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
 Then was the foregoing last Will & Testament  
 of William Porter Recorded in Will Book A  
 Page 238 & 9. This 20<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1851.  
 Thomas McNelly Clerk

G. Raper The last Will & Testament of Gentious Raper of the  
 Will County of Dickson State of Tennessee,  
 No 238

I Gentious Raper, considering the uncertainty  
 of this mortal life, and being of sound mind  
 and memory do make and publish  
 this my last will and Testament, in  
 manner and following. (That is to say)  
 First I give and bequeath unto my beloved  
 wife Barbara Raper, the tract of land which  
 I purchased of H. Binkley with all of its  
 appurtenances, also I give to my wife Barbara  
 my Negro boy John, two beds and furniture, one  
 horse saddle & bridle worth \$10.00 seventy Dollars, one  
 cow and calf, sugar chest, one table, one Trunk,  
 one Kettle, fifteen head of stock, hogs, also one  
 year provisions (sum) I give and bequeath to  
 William Johnson the sum of one hundred  
 Dollars, And lastly as to all the rest, residue  
 and remainder of my real and personal Estate  
 goods & chattels of what kind and nature soever,  
 I wish sold upon twelve months credit, and to be  
 equally divided between my Son Chisum  
 Raper, Henry Raper, Mark Raper, Peter Raper

G. Rafe. I am the father of Saml Rafe, and the children of my daughter Mary Funderbuck. My daughter Elizabeth Foster. My daughter Mary Miley Hank. My daughter Fanny Quinn, and to my daughter Nancy Thomas, two grand children I am Daniel and Catharine Burns. I hereby appoint Executors of this my last Will and Testament, William Johnson and Benjamin C. Robertson, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight (1848).

Test

William D. Speight  
G. M. Scott

Gustavus Rafe (Seal)  
mark

State of Tennessee Dickson County court March Term 1852  
This day was brought into open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Gustavus Rafe dead, which was proven to be such by the oaths of William D. Speight and G. M. Scott subscribing witnesses then to where upon the Court ordered the same to be Recorded. Where upon William Johnson and B. C. Robertson, the Executors appointed by the Testator, came into open Court and entered into Bond as Executors in the sum of ten thousand dollars with J. A. Mathis or Speight & W. H. Wapner as their securities & they qualified as the Court directs, and then came and read the contents of the Testamentary Seal to them.

Thos McCrory cl.

State of Tennessee Dickson County. Then came the foregoing last will and Testament of Gustavus Rafe dead. Recommended with Book of Pages 392-240 April 27<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Thomas W. McIlwain

W. Miley  
Orator

In the name of God Amen  
I, William Miley, of the State of Tennessee and County of Dickson, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament. And in the first place it is my Will that after my Death my Body be decently Buried, and I commit my Soul to a kind and merciful God in hope of a glorious Resurrection and Reunion of Soul and body on the morning of the Resurrection through the merits of the Lord Jesus Christ.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Immediately after my Death I wish my Executors -  
- to pay all my Just debts out of the first money that come to their hands, after paying my my Funeral Expenses -  
- and after all my Just debts are paid, it is my Will that my beloved wife shall have and retain all my Property of every description, and the use of all my land during her natural life or widowhood. Except at my Death she is to give to Martha Perkins our Daughter, a Horse mare or mule at its valuation & saddle & Bridle, so as to make her equal with the Rest, and she is to give John W. Miley our oldest Son, a Horse and furniture & cow & calf (he having had a Horse saddle & Bridle) worth 50¢ when called for and she is to give to Michael B. Miley our 2<sup>nd</sup> Son, a Horse and furniture & cow & calf when called for (he having had a Horse saddle & Bridle) worth 50¢, and she is to

N. Wiley gave to Maria Carroll Wiley, our youngest son a Horse Saddle and Bridle & Crust calf and Bed and furniture at Valuations when he calls for them, My Two Daughters Martha & Mary have Rec<sup>d</sup> each a Bed & furniture and a cow and calf & some other small articles, and Mary Walter has Rec<sup>d</sup> a Horse saddle & Bridle, worth thirty dollars, and she has also Rec<sup>d</sup> fifty Dollars in Land, now to make my will easy of comprehension I here Explain that it is my desire that all my Children be made equal including what they have Received.

And at the death of my wife my Executor is to sell all my property of every description including my Land to the highest Bidder on a credit of twelve months, and to take Note with good security from the purchaser & to retain five upon the Land until Paid for and after collections are made he is to Equally divide the proceeds among my five Children including the amounts that each have Received. And should any of my Children die before said Distribution, and leave an Heir or Heirs, then said Heir or Heirs are to stand in the place of their parent (I mean a child or children) and not a Husband or wife.

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Polly Wiley, and my son John W. Wiley my Executor & Testator to this my last Will and Testament, and having made this will (which is the only one I ever have had written out) I do hereby establish it to be my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of Robert McNelly and Thomas D. Goings Witnesses at my request this

N. Wiley 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1850  
 Test  
 Robert McNelly  
 Tho. D. Goings

William Wiley (unc)

Dickson County Court June Term 1852  
 This day was presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Willis Wiley and which was sworn to be such by the oath of Robert McNelly & Thomas D. Goings and the same was ordered to be Read  
 (Thomas McNelly)

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
 This was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Willis Wiley and Recor'd in our Book A. Page 248 & 2 the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1852  
 Thomas McNelly cl.

W. Parker  
 Will  
 No 250

I Wm Parker of the State of Tennessee and Dickson County being for advanced in years but in perfect mind and memory, do make ordain constitute and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament. Viz, I wish all my Just debts to be paid. And I wish at my Will and my wife's Will that my servant girl Evaline be set free as the law directs in such cases. 3<sup>d</sup> I wish that my beloved wife should be survive me, to be put in possession of all things that the Law provides for her in such cases. When the above shall have been done, I do wish that all my slaves with the exception above be sold at public sale, together with all my stock & at twelve months credit, and my wish is that my Children agree among themselves

Will. M. Parker and make a Division of my lands equally among themselves, and when the money shall fall due for the property sold, my wish is that an equal division be made among my children, with the following variations viz. My son John Parker having already had twenty one dollar and twenty five cents and my daughter Hulda May having had sixty two dollars, and my daughter Hilda Garton having had seven dollars and also my son William Parker having had one hundred and two dollars. Now my wish is that the above deductions be made, and accounted for in the division, so that there may be equality among them, and the rest of my children. I hereby nominate and appoint my son Daniel Parker my executor to this my will, and further I annul all other wills (should there have been any) by me made now and void.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Test. *Howe* *Clark* *Seal*  
David Gray  
Francis Vanderingham

Sickens Court, Court Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1852  
This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Moses Parker decd. which was proven to be such by the oaths of David Gray, & Francis Vanderingham. Subscribing witnesses to said Will, which was ordered to be Recorded.  
*The McNeely* *Comm.*

State of Tennessee Dickson County.  
Sheweth that the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Moses Parker decd. Recorded in Will Book No. 234 & 244, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1852.  
*The McNeely* *Comm.*

W. G. Amos & Melinda Gardner, Seniors of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee former being in good health of body and of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, at the same time utterly revoking all former wills made by me declaring this to be my last Will and Testament. I desire all my just debts to be paid at the expense of my Estate, and I further desire, that my body be buried and Christian like maintained, in the same manner as I live by the side of my beloved daughter Margaret Amos, Seniors.

Item second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Melinda B. Seniors my negro Boy Richmond, & also my land also stock of all kinds, House hold and kitchen furniture also what money I have notes & accounts, all the named Items to be hers during her life time or widowhood, at her death or marriage all to be equally divided between my three children, John Henry, Seniors, John McNeely Seniors, Wiley, David, Seniors, each one horse, bride and saddle one cow and calf one bed and headboard and furniture.

Item the last, I appoint my worthy friends Allen Nesbitt and William B. Bell my sole and joint Executors to this my last Will and Testament, &

Given under my hand and seal, in the year of our Lord and Saviors one thousand eight hundred and forty seven,

M. G. Sensing signed sealed & in presence of

Test

C. Nickerson  
Gifford Mills

M. G. Sensing Seal

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court October Term 1852  
This day was produced in open Court a paper  
purporting to be the Last Will and  
Testament of M. G. Sensing, dec'd which was  
proven to be such by the oath of Gifford  
Mills one of the subscribing witnesses and  
ordered to be Recorded.

Thos. McNeilly clrk

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
Then was the foregoing Last Will and  
Testament of M. G. Sensing Recorded in  
Will Book G. Pages 245 & 246, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
1852.

Thos. McNeilly clrk

M. G. Sensing says:

Whereas I William C. Sensing do make and publish  
No 232, 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 funeral expenses and all my debts  
be paid as soon after my death as poss-  
ible out of any money that I may have  
papered of or may hereafter come into the  
hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and  
bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary my  
farm on which I reside including my  
two barren fields, my Negro woman Lucy,  
my Gray and Yellow mares, four cows and  
calves, my arrow and cart, my stock of hog  
and sheep, my household and kitchen furni-  
ture with all of my farming tools,

M. G. Sensing during her natural life or widowhood  
at the expiration of either it is my will the property  
bequeathed to her sold and the proceeds equally  
divided between my several Children first deducting  
out of the share all ready and to be given in  
this Will. Viz, I will to my son Wm. Buran the  
cott now sucking my Gray mare and my off-  
spring son William C. to have my negro man with  
whom he becomes of age. I wish said Negro man  
left at interest with whatever of money I may  
have on hand and due to me my youngest child  
and daughter Sarah Elizabeth, becoming of age or  
my wife dies, then to be equally divided between  
among all of my living children. William C.  
except when I have heretofore provided for him  
then Buran to account for the value of the cott  
given him, and my son John to the wife, to account  
for what I have given & bequeathed to him, and  
himself and fifty dollars. Then to equalize  
equally with my other living children, if he should  
be alive. It is further my will that my son Wm.  
Buran have my farm known as and called the milk  
place, and my son leave William C. to have at  
the death of my wife the farm put under all again  
devoted to her or when my said daughter Sarah  
Elizabeth becomes of age, then last respects to  
William C. and leave to constitute their entire  
interest with that heretofore given in this Will.  
It is my will and wish that my son Buran  
the milk place be sold and the proceeds put  
to interest as all the other means be and as  
heretofore directed. I do hereby and in addition  
to all I have willed, Will and direct that  
the rights and interests of my said wife Buran  
is to be as if respected and received out  
of any all of my estate so as to enable her to live  
at her will and at a peace and at the care of  
her self and children now living with her.

McDunagan, I appoint my true and trusty friend  
 William L. White as my Executor given under my  
 hand and seal this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1852  
 Memphis  
 W. McDunagan  
 James P. Jordan  
 Mark

William L. White  
 Mark

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court October 1852  
 This day was produced in open court a paper  
 purporting to be the last Will and  
 Testament of W. L. McDunagan and which was  
 proven to be such by the oaths of J. McDunagan  
 & John P. Jordan subscribing witnesses thereto  
 and ordered to be Recorded.

Thos. McKelley, Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
 This was the foregoing last Will and Testa-  
 ment of W. L. McDunagan and Recorded  
 in Will Book T, Pages 246, 247 & 248.  
 (C. T. Oiler, C. J. 1852)

Thomas McKelley, Clerk

H. White

Will

1852

I Nathan White of the County of Dickson  
 and State of Tennessee being in sound mind  
 and disposing memory, but in an infirm  
 State of Health, do make and publish this  
 as my Last Will and Testament, hereby  
 revoking and making void all other Wills  
 by me at any time made. First, I direct  
 that my funeral expenses and all my debts  
 be paid, as soon after my death as possible  
 out of any money that I may dispose of  
 or may first come into the hands of  
 my Executor. Second, I will and bequeath  
 to my beloved wife Mary N. White during  
 her natural life, or widowhood, all my

White real Estate to support her family on, provided  
 she remains a widow, and at her death for it  
 to be advertised twenty days, & sold to the highest  
 bidder and the proceeds to be equally divided  
 between my Lawful heirs. But if she should  
 again marry, then I wish for her to have one horse  
 and saddle one cow and calf, and one bed  
 and furniture, and the land to be disposed of  
 as above directed at the time of her marriage.  
 Thirdly, I will and bequeath that my Negro  
 property remain with my wife, to have the full  
 use of it during her natural life or widow-  
 hood. But if she should marry, I wish for my  
 Negro to be hired out until my youngest  
 child shall become of age, and if there should  
 be any increase in my Negro property, so that  
 they should be divided, I wish them for them to  
 be equally divided among my lawful heirs.  
 If an increase to be sold and the proceeds equally  
 divided among my lawful heirs, and if  
 they should be divided I wish them (the same)  
 to belong ~~exclusively~~ exclusively to my children  
 and their increase as undivided property. Fourthly  
 I will and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Barton  
 (provided she remains with my wife until she  
 (Elizabeth) marries, one colt and money to buy her  
 a saddle, one cow and calf, one bed and furniture  
 also I will to each one of my own children as they  
 grow up and leave my wife the same articles  
 bequeathed above to Elizabeth Barton. The balance  
 of all my stock and perishable property of every  
 description, I will to my wife to have the full  
 use of it for to support her family on provided  
 she remains a widow, if not then for it to be  
 disposed of as is directed in the second  
 item, if she and my Executor should consider  
 there a surplus of stock or other property for  
 them to dispose of such as they think fit can  
 spare, and at her death for it all to be

White sold and equally divided among my  
 Mill. lawful heirs. I further will and wish that as  
 far as my means will allow for my place  
 unto to be that my children have a liberal  
 Primary Education. for to be paid  
 out of the proceeds of my property.  
 Fifthly, I wish the note that I hold against  
 Mother of \$195.45 to be paid to her or her  
 about it during her natural life but wish  
 for her to receive it every five years and  
 for it to stand good for my children  
 at her death, and this to be equally divided  
 among them all.  
 Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint  
 my brother W. L. White my Executor. In witness  
 whereof I do to this my Will set my hand  
 and Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1852,  
 signed sealed and published in our presence  
 and we have subscribed our names hereto in  
 the presence of the Tutor aforesaid and a to a  
 witness. R. White Seal  
 John G. Mitchell  
 A. R. Emory

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court October Term 1852  
 This day was presented in open Court a paper  
 purporting to be the last will and  
 Testament of Rubin White decd, which was  
 proved to be such by the oaths of A. R. Emory  
 and John G. Mitchell subscribing witnesses  
 to the same. which was ordered to be Recorded.

The M. W. Hilly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
 This was the foregoing last will and Testament  
 of Rubin White decd, Recorded in Will Book  
 A. Page 248, 249 & 250, October 1<sup>st</sup> 1852  
 The M. W. Hilly Clerk

William D. Abraham I Austin, do make and publish  
 this, my last will and testament, hereby setting all  
 other wills heretofore made.  
 Item the 1<sup>st</sup>. I will that all of my just debts and  
 funeral expenses be paid.  
 2<sup>nd</sup>. I will that the heirs of my daughter, Elizabeth  
 Samuels, have a certain parcel of my land, begin-  
 ning at the South West corner of a fifty five acre  
 tract, running East to a distance of 200 rods north  
 100 yards west of my tobacco Barn, to the  
 north boundary of said tract; then west and  
 south to the Beginning.  
 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will that my wife Martha Austin  
 have all the Ballances of my land, together with  
 all my personal property, during her natural life,  
 or widowhood, and at her death or mar-  
 riage, to my son Jacob I Austin. This the  
 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1853.  
 Executed in our presence,  
 O. P. Schmittow. A. J. Austin Seal  
 Solomon Edwards. mark

A. B. I appoint my wife Martha Austin  
 my Executor of my will without security.

Dickson County Court November Term 1853.  
 This day was presented in open Court a paper pur-  
 porting to be the last will and testam-  
 ent of A. J. Austin decd, which was proven  
 to be such by the Oaths of O. P. Schmittow and  
 Solomon Edwards, subscribing witnesses there-  
 to; which was ordered to be recorded.

The M. W. Hilly Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County  
 This was the foregoing last will and testament  
 of A. J. Austin decd, Recorded in Will Book A,  
 Page 251. November 5<sup>th</sup> 1853.  
 The M. W. Hilly Clerk