

W. Adams
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No 256

I William Adams do make and publish this as my last Will
and Testament, hereby ordering and making void, all other Wills by
me at any time made.

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

Secondly. My will is that all my property, both real and personal
remain in the possession of my beloved wife Sally Adams during
her widowhood, or until her marriage, or until my eldest son
John Isaac J. Adams arrives at the age of twenty one years.

Thirdly. It is my will and desire, that at the time my eldest
son becomes of age, my Executor sell all my personal property,
except the ring over, on a twelve months credit, and the money
arising from the sale be equally divided between my wife and
all my surviving children.

Fourthly. I give to my wife Sally all my lands, on the East
side of Yellow Creek, including the buildings where I now live,
for the support of her and the family during her natural
life, and at her death, the lands, including the buildings are
to be sold on a twelve months credit, and the money equally
divided between all my living children.

Fifthly. I give and bequeath to my wife, my negro girl
Rody, as her own property, and she is to make no change
whatsoever for the support and maintenance of any of the
children.

Sixthly. It is my will and desire, that at the time my
eldest son becomes of age, all the balance of my negroes
be equally divided between all my surviving children as
above, and also my lands on the West side of Yellow Creek,
be sold on a twelve months credit, and the money arising
from the sale, be also divided equally among all my
living children.

Seventhly. I direct that my negro man Patrick be hired
out, or chop wood to raise money for the purpose of educating
my children so, as to give them a complete and practical
English education.

Eighthly. I also direct, that if Patrick should die or become
disabled, that my Executor sell all my lands on the
West side of Yellow Creek, and appropriate the money to
the education of all my children.

humbly, I authorize my Executor, that in case my neg or man
 Roby should become contrary or ungovernable to hire or sell
 him as he may think best; And if hired, the money to be
 appropriated for the purpose of hiring a hand to work on
 the farm; and if sold the money to be put out at interest
 for the use and benefit of my children.
 And lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint James
 Asaiah my Executor, in witness whereof I do to this my
 will at my hand and seal this 18th day of Sept. AD 1849.
 Signed, sealed, and published
 in our presence, and we have
 subscribed our names here to
 in the presence of the Statute.
 This 18th of Sept. AD 1849

John Daniel

R. S. Nebitt.

A. S. Nebitt.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court June Term 1856.

This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing purporting
 to be the last will and Testament of William Adams, and
 which was proven to be such by the oath of R. S. Nebitt
 and A. S. Nebitt, two of the subscribing witnesses to said
 paper. Whereupon the Court ordered, that said will be
 recorded.
 Tho McKelley Clerk.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Clerk's Office 12th July 1856.

There was the foregoing Last Will and
 Testament of Wm Adams, read. Recorded in Will
 Book "18" Pages 1 & 2.

Thos McKelley CLK
 By Thos. L. Morris S.C.

James Hedges State of Tennessee Dickson County March 28. 1856.
 No 257 I James Hedges of the County and State aforesaid, being
 weak in body, but of sound mind, do call to mind, that
 it is now appointed for all men to die, I do therefore
 acknowledge this instrument to be my last will and
 Testament in the name of God Amen.
 It is my will, that my beloved wife Elizabeth Hedges
 shall select such articles of my personal property as she
 may think herself for her and her children

Hedges to enter in, comfortably, and after this I want what
 property remains to be sold at public sale, at twelve
 months end, and the money that the property brings, I
 want to be collected, and out of this money I want my
 debts paid off, and after that I want the remain-
 der if any, to be equally divided between my wife
 Elizabeth Hedges, and her five children to wit; Sarah, Abner,
 William Marshall, James Felix, Mary Emily. These are
 the names of the five children. I wish my wife to
 keep enough provision to do for and the five children for
 the term of twelve months, it is my will and wish
 that my brother Wm B. Hedges should be Executor to wind
 up all my business, and to see that my will and
 wish should be faithfully carried out, according to the
 instructions in Manuscript which I have hereunto set my
 hand, and affix my seal, this day and date first
 above written.
 James + Hedges

Prof.

J. W. H.

William Hedges.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court June Term 1856.

This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting
 to be the Last Will and Testament of Lewis Hedges, and
 which was proven to be such by the oath of Wm Hedges &
 J. M. Goo subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same was
 ordered to be recorded.
 Thos McKelley Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Clerk's Office 12th
 Dickson County July 1856. There was the
 foregoing Last Will and Testament of Lewis Hedges read
 Recorded in Will Book "18" Pages 2 & 3.

Thos McKelley CLK
 By Thos. L. Morris S.C.

R. L. Dummeraway's Will.

No 258. In the name of God Amen. I Robert L. Dummeraway being very weak of body but of sound and disposing mind, do make and publish this my last will, hereby revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made. In the first place I give my land to God who gave it, & my body to be decently buried, as to the worldly effects that it has pleased God to give over. It is my will, that first, my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid, & I think I have provided properly enough to pay my debts. If I should not have, then I leave it with my Executor, to see such other property of my real Estate, as he may think best for the interest of my dear wife and daughters. I hereby authorize and empower my Executor to see all or part of the land that is left after my debts and wife shall select as hereafter directed. It is my will, that my beloved wife ~~shall~~ have the liberty of choosing either the home or the mill place, which I give to her during her natural life or widowhood, & then to go to my two daughters. It is my will, that my mother live with my wife, & that she be supported out of my property while she lives. It is my will, that whatever property I may leave to divide to my two daughters shall be their own separate property, & not to be subject to the debts or contracts of any husband that either of them may marry. My Executor is to have power to sell & make title to any of my land that may be left after my wife takes her choice, if he thinks it would be for the interest of my children, without the privity or consent, he is also empowered to sell any of my negroes, without the intervention of a court. I hereby appoint my friend Robert McNeely my Executor to this my last will and Testament. And now having made and published this my last will and Testament, I hereby set my hand and seal. This 6th day of October. 1856.

Robert L. Dummeraway ^{made} ~~Read~~

Test

Robert Livingston

S. W. Allen.

State of Tennessee, De Kalb County, Court, Nov. 1856.

The day now returned into open Court, upon writing, presenting to be the last will and Testament of Robert L. Dummeraway dead, which was sworn to be such, by the oath of Robert Livingston & Dr. Allen subscribing witnesses thereto.

The McNeely Clerk.

State of Tennessee, De Kalb County, Court, Nov. 1856.
District Court, & then on the foregoing last will and Testament of R. L. Dummeraway dead, recorded in Will Book "B" page 4.

The McNeely Clerk

By J. C. Mann D.C.

Charles Dummeraway's Will. No 259.

I Charles Dummeraway 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 my monies that I may die possessed of, or may come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to James Dummeraway my son, one half of the some tract of land his life time, and at his death and death of his present wife, and then to go to James Dummeraway's daughter, Seneca if living and if dead to Mary Wells and Mary Ann Dummeraway, and to their children. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Wells, the other half of the same tract of land, and to her children if she has any living at her death, if not to J. Dummeraway and Mary Ann Dummeraway, and their children.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Dummeraway from hundred dollars to be paid out of my effects by my Executors.

Fifthly, My desire is, that all my personal property be sold, except my wearing apparel, and also my interest in six hundred and forty acre entry made by myself and John Baxter, to be sold, and after my funeral expenses and debts, and Mary Ann Dummeraway's hundred dollars are paid, the balance if any to be equally divided between my three children above named.

Sixthly, I do hereby nominate and appoint J. Dummeraway and Jacob A. Wells my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal. This 29th day of April 1857.

Charles Dummeraway ^(Seal)

Signed, sealed and published.

in our presence, and we have

subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator.

This the 29th day of April 1857.

Test. J. C. Mann D.C.

State of Tennessee

Dickson County Court July Term, July 6th 1857.

This day was returned into open Court a paper writing purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Charles Demingam Deed. which was proven to be such by the Oaths of A. H. Springer and James M. Sizemore subscribing witnesses, to the within Oaths, It being upon the Court ordered that the same be recorded.

The McKelley Clerk
By Thos C. Morris D.C.

State of Tennessee

Dickson County Court Clerk's Office 10th July 1857.

Then was the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Charles Demingam Deed recorded in Book 13 page 576.

James McKelley Clerk
By Thomas Morris D.C.

Sarah M. Jackson's Will No 260.

I Sarah M. Jackson of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee, being in feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all wills by me at any time heretofore made. In the first place, I give my soul to God who gave it to me, and my body to be decently buried. And as to the worldly effects that God has entrusted me with, It is my will, that my funeral expenses, & all my just debts be paid out of the first money that may come to the hands of my Executors, Having sold my land to my sons Minor and Stephen Elzeager for the sum of thirty five hundred Dollars, they are to pay that amount of my debt to the Executors of Epps Jackson dead in payment of the said.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Jackson my Negro Girl Jane and Mary and one bed and furniture.

I give to my son Robert Jackson my negro boy Henry and my Negro Girl Tennessee and one bed and furniture.

I give to my son John Jackson my Negro Girl Miley and Patsy and one bed and furniture. And it being thought that my children by my first husband Stephen Elzeager

Sarah M. Jackson's will No 260.

received more from their Father's Estate, than were be coming to my children by my last husband from their Father's Estate. Now it is my will, that my children by my last husband Epps Jackson, each be made equal out of my estate, with what was divided to each of my children by my first husband, including the Negroes that I gave to my last set of children. To be more explicit, It is my will, and desire, that after including what each of their Father's left to them, there all are to be made equal out of my estate. And after all are made equal as hereinbefore stated, then the balance of my property of every description is to be sold on such Terms as my Executors may think best or decided if that mode is deemed best and most satisfactory to all the parties under the circumstances, and the proceeds after paying all the expenses and proper charges to be equally divided among all my children. My last children to pay back to my first ones if the Negroes I have given them should be more than their shares. The Negroes to be valued by three competent persons wholly disinterested & unconnected with either of the children, the valuation to be made at the time of the distribution. Now it is my will, that the property or money that I give to my daughter Sarah Jackson, Elizabeth, Mary, Comfort, Peggy, and Amanda Mather is to be their separate and individual property, to be by them used during their natural lives, and then to descend to their children, with its increase. And it is not to be subject to the debts or contracts of any of this present unfortunate husband, but is to be for the sole use and benefit of my said daughter and this children.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Minor Elzeager, and my son-in-law James C. Jackson my Executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal, to this my last will and Testament in the presence of Robert McKelley and James C. Jackson subscribing witnesses hereunto at my request This 19th day of May 1857

Sarah M. Jackson (Seal)

Robt McKelley
James C. Jackson

State of Tennessee County Court Oct Term, Oct 5th 1857.
Dickson County This day was produced in open Court a Paper writing,
purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah M Jackson
which was given to be such by the oath of Robert McNeilly and James
McClintock Subscribing witnesses thereto, and the Court Ordered that the same
be recorded.

Thos. McNeilly, Clerk
By Thos. C. Morris S.C.

State of Tennessee County Court Clerk's Office 15th Oct 1857 then
was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Sarah M Jackson Recd.
recorded in Will Book B Page 7.

Thomas McNeilly, Clerk
By Thos. C. Morris S.C.

Will of Susannah Crisman No 261

I Susan Crisman 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 monies that I may die
possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Ex-
ecutor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my daughter
Anne Northern, and her husband Samuel Northern, all my
effects in Dickson County consisting the following prop-
erty, namely, One bay mare and saddle, Cow and calf,
Seven head of Sheep, One bed and furniture. Secondly,
I wish and order my Executor, to pay the sum of fifty
cents, a piece to all of my children or their heirs.

Thirdly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Samuel
Northern my Executor, In Witness whereof, I do to this my
will set my hand and seal this 5th March 1852.

Susannah ^{her} Crisman ^{mark} (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the
Notary this 5th March 1852

Test David B. Steel

Hugh McClintock

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State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Decemr Term 1857.
This day was returned into open Court, a paper writing, purporting to be the
last Will and Testament of Susannah Crisman Recd, which was
given to be such by the oath of David B Steel and Hugh
McClintock Subscribing witnesses thereto, which was ordered like the for-
mer.

Thos. McNeilly, Clerk
By Thos. C. Morris S.C.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Clerk's Office 21st Decr 1857.
then was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Susannah
Crisman, with the Certificate of Probate thereunto annexed
recorded in Will Book B page 8 & 9.

Thos. McNeilly, Clerk
By Thos. C. Morris S.C.

Will of H. S. Sugg No 262

I H S Sugg 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. 1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be
paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die
possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executors,
Secondly, I bequeath to my wife, the following property to wit: Seven
cows, Hays, and the farm on which I live, to a conditional life-
interest in it and a portion of the same for my daughter Eliza Ann
Barley, with the stock and produce which may be on said farm at
my death, to be under the direction and management of my
Executors, for the sole use and benefit of my wife, so far as she
needs, and for John Harbent Sugg to be educated out
of said property, and to have a horse, bridle, saddle, bed,
stead and also a cow and calf. What is left at the death of
my wife to be divided between my children in the
following manner. Mary Myatt and her children
to have her equal part. Nancy Rodson and her chil-
dren to have their equal part at the death of her
present husband Neston Rodson, and for her Eliza
Mary Williams to remain in the hands of the Executors
until the death of N Rodson, according to the deed of
gift made to N Rodson. Susannah Barley and
her children to have their equal part. Rebecca Crisman
and her children to have their equal part. Eliza Ann Barley
and her children to have their part & John Harbent

John Sugg to have his equal part. And if any of my children should have no children, I prefer to go back to their brothers and disinherit their children. Satisfy. I do hereby nominate and appoint, William M. Galt & Thomas J. Coleman, my Executors, and for them to manage John Harburt Suggs property as his Guardian, until he is twenty one years of age. I do not require St. Executors to give any security to aforesaid, St. Executors are to keep the Boys well out to the best advantage, or to be kept chopping wood in a safe cooling ground, but not to be lived to the highest bidder, but by the Executors for the use of the widow so far as any necessity requires. If St. Jefferson Coleman should get the land I intended for Elizabeth Carley, he can have the use of the land on which I live at a fair price, and Mummy and her children what is considered just, by her disinherited using if the Executors can't agree on what is right. This tract of land is to belong to John Harburt Sugg, if he will pay the balance of the legacies, two hundred dollars a piece. If he does not take it for Thomas J. Coleman to have it at the same price if he chooses, if not to be sold to the highest bidder by the Executors. The Executors to give William the property of Nancy Gordon privately to the best advantage, and appropriate the means to the use and benefit of Nancy Gordon and her children. For them to live with any of my children, at my wife's death, which she chooses, and if she gets unable to maintain herself, the Executors are to reserve means in their hands to support her. In Witness whereof I do to this my last will, set my hand and seal. Witness the 7th day of September 1857

H. L. Sugg (seal)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto, in the presence of the Testator. This 7th day of Sept 1857.

W. B. Brown.

W. M. Russell.

A. Hoyle.

State of Tennessee Jackson County Court December Term 1857.
This day was returned into open Court, a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of H. L.

Sugg dead, which was proven to be such, by the oaths of W. M. Russell and A. Hoyle, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which was ordered to be recorded.

The McKelley Clerk

By The Clerk's Office

State of Tennessee Jackson County Court Office 21 Dec 1857.
Dickson County Clerk then was the foregoing last will and Testament of H. L. Sugg dead, with the certificate of Probate therewith annexed, recorded in will Book B, page 100.

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The McKelley Clerk

By The Clerk's Office

Will and Testament of Willie Balthus Nov 26

I Willie Balthus do make and publish this as my last will and Testament, and by writing and making out all the Will by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any moneys I may die possessed of or may just come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly, My will is, that my son Willie B. Balthus, to have one thousand dollars to make him up equal with my other children of what I have heretofore given them. Thirdly, My will is, that my daughter Amanda B. Balthus to have my two negro girls, Lot and Mary to make her up equal with my other children. Fourthly, My will is, that my son John B. Balthus, to have my negro boy Henry valued by me at five hundred dollars, and also my will is, that my son John B. Balthus, have fifty hundred dollars over and above the negro boy Henry, one thousand dollars of which is to educate him. Fifth, I grant unto my son Willie B. Balthus the privilege of buying from my Executor, five or six hundred dollars worth of land, if he chooses to do so. The land to give the home that he calculated on living in. Sixth, My will is, that the balance of my lands and moneys, together with all the balance of my property, to be sold in a term of twelve months, and the moneys arising therefrom, to be equally divided between all my children. Seventh, My will and desire is, that my two grand children

Indemnity E. Balthrop and Seneca Balthrop, have fifty
Dollars each, arising from the proceeds of my estate.
Eighth and lastly, I do here by nominate and appoint
my two sons William & Balthrop and Simeon B. Bal-
throp my Executors, and not require the same to find
them to give Security. In witness whereof, I do to this
my wife, at my hand and seal, this the 22nd day of
December A.D. One thousand Eight hundred and fifty-seven.
Witness.
S. J. Ellis
H. N. Adams
Wiley Balthrop (seal)

State of Tennessee

Dickson County, Court February Term, July 1, 1858.
This day was produced in open Court, a Paper writing
purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Wiley
Balthrop dead, which was proven to be such, by the
oaths of S. J. Ellis and H. N. Adams, subscribing Witnesses
therein, and ordered to be Recorded.

Test Thos McNeely Clerk.

State of Tennessee
Dickson County, County Clerk's Office 3rd
February 1858, there was the foregoing Last Will &
Testament of Wiley Balthrop dead, Recorded in Will
Book B Page 11 & 12. Thos McNeely Clerk
By Thomas C. Ellison D.C.

Will and Testament of G. A. Bowen No 264

I, G. A. Bowen of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee, being of sound
mind and memory, do make and publish this my
Last Will and Testament in witness whereof I do
make my Will and Testament in presence of my
lawful witnesses. First, I give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Sarah Bowen, one small mare, two cows and calves,
two hogs and furniture, five hundred pounds of Pork, twenty
bushels of corn, two Sows and seventeen Pigs, five hundred
sheaves of Oat, and five hundred sheaves of Rye, one
Woman's saddle, and one man's saddle, to be kept and
given to my only son Aaron Buchanan when he get
large enough to use it. I further sever direct all

the rest of my personal Estate to be sold, with the exception
of my farming tools, which I give to my father Allen Bowen.
I further direct that my debts are to be paid out of the proceeds of
my estate, I hereby appoint sole Executor of this my last
Will and Testament William B. Bowen. I hereby revoke
all former wills by me made. In witness whereof, I have
hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 18th day of January
in the year one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty-eight.

G. A. Bowen

The above instrument was ~~read~~ subscribed by George
A. Bowen the Testator, in the presence of each of us, and was
at the same time declared to be his last Will and Testament
and we at his request signed our names hereunto as aforesaid
Witnesses.

William Thomas
John W. Brown

State of Tennessee

Dickson County, Court March Term, 1st March 1858.
This day was returned into open Court a paper writing purporting to be
the last will and Testament of G. A. Bowen dead, which was
proven to be such, by the oaths of William Thomas and John W.
Brown subscribing witnesses to the same, and was then ordered
that the same be recorded.

Thos McNeely Clerk

By Thos C. Ellison D.C.

State of Tennessee
Dickson County, County Clerk's Office 2nd day of March
1858, there was the foregoing last will and Testament
of George A. Bowen dead, recorded in Will Book B Page 12 & 13.

Thos McNeely Clerk

By Thos C. Ellison D.C.

Will and Testament of Mary Carl No 265

In the name of God Amen, I Mary Carl of the County of
Dickson and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind
and in good health do solemnly make and publish
this my last will and Testament, after all my just
debts and funeral expenses are paid.
First, I give and bequeath to my niece Mary J. Daniel,
the sum of One hundred dollars, and my Saddle.
Secondly, I give to my nephew C. W. Cunningham, the
sum of One hundred Dollars.
Thirdly, I give to my two nieces, Hannah J. Neal and

Elizabeth Griffith, each the sum of fifty dollars.
 Fourthly, I give to Susan Frances Daniel my bed and
 furniture. Fifthly, I give my trunk to Sally Ann
 Cunningham. Sixthly, I give to my sister Charlotte
 Daniel my Bureau and all the balance of my estate
 and at her death, I give the Bureau to Elizabeth Jones.
 I do by this present give and bequeath as above named.
 To Mary, I Daniel One hundred Dollars and my
 saddle, to B W Cunningham the sum of One hundred
 Dollars, to Martha J Hall and Elizabeth Griffith
 each the sum of fifty Dollars, to Susan Frances Daniel
 my bed and furniture, to Sally Ann Cunningham
 my trunk, to Charlotte Daniel my Bureau and all
 the balance of my estate and at her — I give my Bu-
 reau to Elizabeth J Jones, all of the above I solemnly give
 and bequeath as above named. In Testimony whereof I hereunto
 set my hand and seal this Sixteenth day of September one
 thousand eight hundred and eighty four.
 Test Alfred W Douglas, Mary Earl Seal

State of Tennessee

Dickson County Court June Term June 7th, 1858.
 This day was returned into open Court a paper writing
 purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary
 Earl, dead, which was proven to be such by the oath
 of Alfred W Douglas the only subscribing witness to
 the same, and thereupon the Court ordered that the
 same be Recorded.

The McNeill Clerk

By Tho C Morris D.C.

State of Tennessee County Court Clerk's Office 22
 Dickson County July 1858 then was the foregoing
 last will and Testament of Mary Earl dead, recorded
 in Book Book "B" page 13 & 14. The McNeill Clerk

By Tho C Morris D.C.

Will and Testament of John A Hodge dead. No 266.

This 27th June 1858, I John A Hodge of the State of Tennessee
 and County of Dickson, being weak in body, but of a sound
 mind, do call to remembrance, that it was appointed
 unto man once to die, I do acknowledge the full meaning
 stipulations contained in this article to be my last
 Will and Testament. In the name of God Amen. I do
 will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary J Hodge,
 all my Household and Kitchen furniture, for the mutual
 benefit of her and her children; Also one Mule. I also
 Will and bequeath to my wife, all of the proceeds of my
 interest in my Father's undivided Estate, after paying
 all just debts, And I John A Hodge do implore the sym-
 pathy of all my creditors for the benefit of my dear wife
 and little ones. I also want it by all approved
 Executors to this instrument. In Witness, I hereunto set
 my hand and seal the day and date first above
 written.

Signed & sealed in the presence
 of Lawson Gunn

J. A. Hodge Seal

Th. M. My all.

State of Tennessee

Dickson County Court August Term, Aug 2 1858
 This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing
 purporting to be the last will and Testament of John A
 Hodge dead, which was proven to be such by the oath of
 Lawson Gunn one of the subscribing witnesses, to which
 thereupon the Court ordered that the same be Recorded.

The McNeill Clerk

State of Tennessee County Court Clerk's Office 12th August
 Dickson County 1858 then was the foregoing last will and
 Testament of John A Hodge dead, together with the ex-
 ecutors of Robt, recorded in Book Book "B" page
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The McNeill Clerk

By Tho C Morris D.C.

Will and Testament of Samuel Lawrence, Decd. No 267.

I Samuel Lawrence of the County of Christian and State of Tennessee, being lawfully affected in body, mind and disposing mind and memory, and wishing to dispose of my property in that manner which I deem to be right, do by these presents make and publish this as my last will and Testament.

Imprimis I will and desire that all my just ^{share} debts be paid out of any monies that may come into the hands of my Executor hereinafter named as soon as may be convenient.

Secondly I lend to my wife Sally Ann Lawrence, during her natural life, my negro woman named Polly, and her child named Sally Ann, to the support of my said wife.

Thirdly I desire that, at the arrival of my youngest child Theodore B. Lawrence, at the age of twenty one year, my negroes Fanny & Henrietta and any increase they may have, together with the increase of Nelly and Sarah Ann be equally divided among my children Joseph B. Lawrence, Henry H. Lawrence, Wm. H. Lawrence, and Theodore B. Lawrence, and my wife Sally Ann Lawrence, to them & their heirs forever.

Fourthly I will and desire that, at the death of my said wife, whether the event shall take place either before or after my youngest child Theodore B. shall arrive at twenty one year of age, Sally Ann and Sally Ann shall be equally divided among my said children above named, to them and their heirs forever. And I desire that all said negroes shall be kept together by my said wife during her life.

Fifthly I desire that all the balance of my property shall be sold by my Executor in a credit of twelve months, and the proceeds of the payment of my debts and all the expenses of the arrangement of my estate, be equally divided among my said wife and children above mentioned.

Sixthly I give to my said Belgild to Laurance and my daughter Sarah Polly the sum of five dollars each, to be paid to them by my Executor.

Seventhly I fully constitute and appoint my wife Sarah Ann Lawrence my Executor of this my last will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto signed my hand and seal and published this my last will and Testament this 11th day of August, 1858.

Signed, sealed & published by the Testator

Samuel Lawrence

Witness called

John B. Foster

Wm. H. Foster

State of Tennessee

Christian County Court Sept Term, Sept. 6th 1858.

This day was produced in open Court a paper containing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Samuel Lawrence Decd. of Christian County, which was proven to be such by the oath of Jno. C. Adams and James B. Foster, two of the subscribing Witnesses to said Will, Whereupon the Court decreed that said will be recorded.

Thos. McNeilly Clerk

State of Tennessee
Christian County Court Clerk's Office 15th Nov 1858

There was this foregoing last Will and Testament of Sam Lawrence Decd. with the Certificate of Probate herewith annexed recorded in this Court's Book 16 p. 17.

Thos. McNeilly Clerk

By Thos. C. Adams & C.

Last Will and Testament of Wm. F. Jordan Decd. 11th 1858.
I Wm. F. Jordan do make and publish this as my last will and Testament.

First I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as convenient out of my estate or as it may come into the hands of my Executor, including funeral expenses or a necessary expiation.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, my dear wife, Sarah (a woman), Sylvia and my son if she should bequeath it she may use them as she thinks fit, or in any manner to obtain a support that she may believe most to be for her. It is also my will that my wife have the control of all my house and stock of a perishable nature, on my place and to dispose of. And at the death of my said wife, I will that each one of my living children shall have an equal share in the above mentioned property. It is my will that my wife shall have absolute control of my land during her life; it contains One hundred and twenty two and one half acres, upon which I now reside in Christian County. I also give and bequeath to my daughter being an infant child named Caroline, and of the moneys to belong to her and her heirs, And if Mary comes within at her death, then I give said child to be divided among my other children. It is also my will, that my sons Ben & Lillian my grandchildren with one have each at the age of twenty one, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son John Jordan my Executor, and authorize him to dispose of all the surplus estate on

hand at my death, in any manner he may desire, as it will be left for my estate. It is also my wish that Simon Hunt only intermarried with Harriette my daughter shall not be interested in any way with my estate, she being now deceased. In Witness whereof my hand and seal. This February 28th February 1857

Witness,
Richard Hodgeg

Sub. J. & P. Miller

John P. Jordan ^{his} _{mar 10} ^{Pris}

State of Tennessee

Broken County Court September Term Sept 6th 1858

Monday was produced in open Court a Copy withing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John P. Jordan dec'd late of said Co which was proven to be such by the oath of Richard Hodgeg and J. J. Harkin Subscribing Witnesses, and then upon the Court Ordered that the same be recorded. Thos. McVeely Clerk.

By Wm. C. Morris R.C.

Shady Township ^{County Court Clerk's Office 19th November 1858}
West in County ^{Shady was the foregoing last Will and Testament}
of John P. Jordan dec'd with the obliging of Robt. Hume's
executed & recorded in Will Book "B" pages 17 & 18.

Thos. McVeely Clerk

By Wm. C. Morris R.C.

Last Will and Testament of J. S. Beck Dec'd No 2 of 9

I J. S. Beck of the County of Davidson and State of Tennessee, being in perfect mind and sound memory, but in an infirm state of health, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, and at the same time making full power hereby by me at any time revoked.

Item 1st I wish that my funeral expenses to be paid out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my Executor.

Item 2nd I wish all my just debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible.

Item 3rd I wish for my negro woman Martha and her youngest child, after they receive Martha and the increase of said negro if any after the date of this will to be valued jointly to my two grand daughters Alice and Hannah 18 1/2 Years, at the time of the death of my wife, as part of their legacies of my estate.

Item 4th I will to my son J. S. Beck my negro boy by name Anderson to be delivered to him at my death, if not previously by myself,

for which boy he is to be charged Six hundred Dollars, which is to come in as a portion of his legacy of my estate.

Item 5th I will and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Ann Edwards my negro girl Nancy to her and to the heirs of her body for their own use and benefit and for no other purpose, for which girl she is to be charged Six hundred Dollars, which is to come in as a portion of her legacy of my estate, which girl is to be delivered to her at my death, if not previously done by myself.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Wm. A. Hester and to the heirs of her body, for their own use and benefit and for no other, my negro girl Mariah, which she has now in possession, and she is to remain where she now is, for which girl she is to be charged Six hundred Dollars, to come in as a portion of her legacy of my estate.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my son David C. Beck my negro girl Nancy to be delivered to him at my death, if not previously done by myself, for which girl he is to be charged seven hundred Dollars, which is to come in as a portion of his legacy of my estate.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to my son J. M. Beck my negro boy Leary to be delivered to him at my death, if not previously done by myself, for which boy he is to be charged seven hundred Dollars, to come in as a portion of his legacy of my estate.

Item 9th I wish to be understood that, no case either of the legacies or negroes should die before they are delivered to my children, respectfully as I have given them, then I wish that the child or children as the case might be, to be made whole out of the remainder of my estate to the amount the negro or negroes were valued to.

Item 10th I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah I Beck the tract of land on which I now live, together with all the Horsechard and Kitchen garden, also all my farming utensils and plantation implements; also the following named negroes Benit, Simon, and Isaac her wife, and her children Polly and Julia, and all the increase of said negroes, if any after the date of this will; also a white boy named Richard; also I give her my four head of Horses, that I have on hand after giving to my children such ones as I wanted them to have; also ten head of other cows, all my sheep and all my hogs, all the balance of my estate to be used by my Executor.

Sept 1858. On a twelve monthly credit. The land and other real and personal property I have received my wife in this Term, I wish for her to have the full use and benefit of during her natural life & widowhood; Also I leave in the hands of my wife five hundred dollars in money for the purpose of paying Mr H B Johnson, for a contract he has taken to build and repair for me, which job of work I want completed & have it done, and to defray the other necessary expenses.

Item 11th I also will that my son David & David be charged with an additional five hundred Dollars, without interest, to come in against him as portion of his legacy of my estate.

Item 12th I also give to my wife by good name, the present growing crop of every description that is on my farm, to have the full use and benefit of as much as is raised in the 10th Term. I also will and wish that all the property that I have given my wife in this will, both real and personal, at the death of my wife, to be sold in a one and two years credit, and the proceeds to be divided so as to make all my heirs equal.

Item 13th I hereby nominate and appoint David H Best and William L White my true and lawful Executors to carry out this my last will and Testament, and I wish them to have the credit and benefit of my Executors. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 1st day of July 1858.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered

Alfred H. Best (seal)

in our presence.

John C. Ladd

H. A. Street.

State of Tennessee

Crittendon County Court Sept Term, Sept 1858.

This day was produced in open court a Paper of Writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sepe Best deceased late of said County, which was shown to be such by the oath of Jno C Ladd and H A Street subscribing witnesses to said will, and therefore the court advised that said will be Recorded. The Clerk.

State of Tennessee

By John C. Ladd, Clerk.

Crittendon County Court Clerk's Office 20th Nov 1858.

This is the foregoing last will and Testament of Sepe Best deceased, with the certificate of Probate thereunto annexed, Recorded in this Court on the 18th day of Sept 1858.

The Clerk.

By John C. Ladd, Clerk.

Last Will and Testament of Allen Bowen Decd. 1857

I Allen Bowen being weak in body, though sound in mind do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

First: It is my will that my body be decently buried, and my funeral expenses, together with all my just debts be paid by my Executor out of the first money that may come to hand. I give to my wife Rebecca Bowen, the plantation and land whereon I now live, containing in all, less estimation, three hundred 50 a cers. - all my farming utensils or so sufficient to answer her purposes in carrying on the farm, also cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, and poultry, to be allotted and by my Executor, I also give to my negro Estlin and children, (Manda, Lory, Polly) the negro Riley and his child Jerry, together with all their increase.

Also all the household and kitchen furniture, so far as she may deem necessary for the use and support of the family. - all the beforementioned property to be and remain hers so long as she may live, at her death, all, with the exception of the land, to be sold and equally divided between my sons Wm, John, Henry and Geo Bowen and my daughter Jane Bowen. The land and stock on hand, at the death of my wife, together with the farming utensils I give to my sons Henry and George Bowen.

It is my will that my Executor shall pay over to John Bowen, as soon as practicable, a sum of money equal to the value of the land given by me to Henry Bowen, should there not be a sufficient sum of money on hand, the residue to be raised from the sale of the probatable property left to my wife. It is my will that young Henry have five dollars in money. It is my will that John King have five dollars.

It is my will that Nancy Carsham have five dollars. It is my will that Angelina Joy have five dollars. It is my will that Mary Vinard have five dollars, and the before named sums of five dollars to be raised as designated in the item of money to be paid over to John Bowen, and paid over by my Executor.

I appoint Henry Bowen my Executor to this my last will and Testament.

Signed, Sealed and published as the last will and Testament of the said Testator in presence of us this 20th day of April 1857.

A. Lane

John C. Ladd

Allen Bowen (seal)

John C. Ladd

State of Tennessee Davidson County Court Dec Term, Dec 6th 1858

This day was produced in open Court, a paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Allen Brown dead, which was proven to be such by the oath of Janet Lane one of the subscribing Witnesses, and James Dalton the other subscribing Witness ~~there~~ to S. W. Hill being dead, his hand writing, was proven by the oath of The Mc'Reilly, Aaron James, and Jas C. Dunnagan. The Court therefore ordered that said will be Recorded.

The Mc'Reilly Clerk

By Tho. C. Morris D.C.

State of Tennessee Davidson County Court Clerk's Office 1st Decy 1858, this was the foregoing last will and Testament of Allen Brown dead, with the Certificate of Probate thereunto annexed Recorded in the Court Book B pages 211 & 22.

The Mc'Reilly Clerk

By Tho. C. Morris D.C.

Last Will and Testament of Geo. Brazzell No 271.

I George Brazzell, 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 die possessed of, or may come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Brazzell, all my household and kitchen furniture, and also all my stock, my mare, Hogs and Cattle, and all the poultry. And further, I give my wife one hundred Dollars in gold and silver and also one note on W. H. Kearns for Eighty five Dollars, Note on John Brazzell for forty seven dollars, and one on Wilson Brazzell for four dollars and fifty cents. I give all that said named property and money to my wife after my debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the same. And at the death of my wife what she has in her hand, in money or property, to be equally divided between all my children.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Brazzell, one hundred Dollars.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca one hundred Dollars, to be paid to them

out of the first money that my Executor collects, after compensing with what I owe to my wife; And also I give Rebecca a pair. Fifthly, I give to the rest of my children, one hundred Dollars when collected off of Mrs. Keimere. And lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Wilson Brazzell my Executor. In Witness whereof, I do - this my will. Set my hand and Seal this January the 17th A.D. 1859.

George Brazzell
mark

Signed Sealed and published in my presence, and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the Testator.

John C. Evans

State of Tennessee Davidson County Court March Term, March 1859. This day was returned into open Court, a paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of Geo. Brazzell dead, late of said County, which was proven to be such by the oath of John C. Evans and H. C. Gunn, subscribing Witnesses thereto, the Court therefore ordered that said will be Recorded.

The Mc'Reilly Clerk

By Tho. C. Morris D.C.

State of Tennessee Davidson County Court Clerk's Office 23rd Decm Davidson County Since 1858, this was the foregoing last will and Testament of Geo. Brazzell dead, with the Certificate of Probate thereunto annexed Recorded in the Court Book B pages 22 & 23. The Mc'Reilly Clerk

By Tho. C. Morris D.C.

No 272.

Last Will and Testament of John Sentkins.

I John Sentkins, 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 I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Sentkins, all of my land, and all of my other property that I may have at my death, to said

as she pleases with
 3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha S Brown
 five dollars, as soon as it may come into the hands
 of my Executor, after the other debts before mentioned
 is paid. My reason for not giving my daughter
 Martha Brown more than I have in this Will,
 is I gave her 50 and 50 gift to one hundred acres
 of land. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and
 appoint Amy S Jenkins my Executor.
 In Witness whereof, I do, to this my Will set my
 hand and Seal this 1st day of June 1854.

John Jenkins (Seal)
 Signed Sealed and published in our presence,
 we have subscribed our names here to in the
 presence of the Testator this 1st day of June 1854.
 D. B. Steel.
 Hugh McClintock.

State of Tennessee Davidson County Court July Term 7th July 59
 This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing pur-
 porting to be the last Will and Testament of Jno
 Jenkins deceased, which is known to be such by
 the oath of D. B. Steel one of the subscribing
 Witnesses, the other Witnesses not being present, when
 the Court, being satisfied that the Will would
 not be contested, they ordered that the same
 be Recorded.

Thos McChally Clerk
 By Thos C Morris D.C.

State of Tennessee
 Davidson County Clerk's Office
 25 June 1859, then was the foregoing last
 Will and Testament of Jno Jenkins, with the
 proper Certificate of Probate, thereunto annexed
 Recorded in Will Book B pages 23-4.

Thos McChally Clerk
 By Thos C Morris D.C.

Nancy I Nancy Woodward of the County of Davidson and State of Tennessee,
 husband's living in my feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind and
 full memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament
 to wit: I do hereby revoking and annulling and all other wills by me
 at any time heretofore made.

1st It is my will and desire, that all my just debts, and funeral
 — be paid by my Executor as soon after my death as
 practicable out of any money that may come into his
 hands;

2nd It is my will, that my Executor sell my tract of land
 at public sale, on a credit of one and two years to the
 highest bidder — the said tract of land lies in part
 Creek, in which last I have now resides. It is also
 my will, that my Negro man Moses be permitted to
 choose either one of my children as a master, or
 Mistress, and should he make choice of one of my chil-
 dren as a master or Mistress, he is to be valued to said
 child at a fair and reasonable valuation on twelve
 months time; but should he not wish to live with either
 of my children, then he is to be sold at public sale, on a
 credit of twelve months, to the highest bidder, and the
 proceeds of said sale, to go with the proceeds of the
 sale of the land, and the funds arising from the collect-
 ion of the note, &c, which I may die possessed of, to be
 equally divided between all my children, Rebecca and
 Brown to come in for one share.

3rd It is my will and desire, that the portion going to Rebecca
 S Brown, as hereby given to her by me in said will, which
 fund is to be paid out at instant notice she is hereby
 one year of age, then said fund is to be vested in young Reuben,
 holding the title in the name of my said Grand daughter
 R. S Brown and her children, and should she die without
 children, then and in that event the said property is to
 revert back to my other children or their heirs, and if my
 said grand daughter should die before she is of age, or have
 children, then the money intused shall belong to my
 other children and their heirs &c. But it is distinctly
 my will and soley me intended, that said fund or the proceeds
 of said fund, are not to be subject to the debts, contracts, or
 liabilities of any husband she may hereafter marry, but is
 to be and remain hers, for her sole use and support to the end of her life.

Nancy Woodward Hill No 27. During her mature life, and at the death to her children and chosen who have any, but chosen she have no children, she freely and freely to go to my other children or their children, in the event of the death of the ancestor.

4th It is my will, that my nine living grand children, have the forty five dollars no gold that is now in my possession, which will be first delay to each of them, to be disposed of at their pleasure, at the discretion of their respective Parents.

5th I give and bequeath to my Grandson John E. Collins my riding mare to him and his heirs forever, to be disposed of for his benefit at the discretion of his Father. I give, my Saddle to my daughter Lucy A. Sears, and my bed and furniture now at the house of my daughter Lucy A. Sears I give to my daughter E. C. Collins. My riding mare is also at the house of my daughter Mrs. Sears. I have heretofore made a distribution of the personal effects of my Estate among my children.

Lastly. I hereby nominate and appoint my kind and affectionate son-in-law Nathaniel Collins Executor of this my last will and Testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10th day of July 1859.

Nancy Woodward (Seal)
Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have hereunto set our names in the presence of the Testator.
This 10th day of July 1859. Thos. McNeill.
C. C. Collins.

State of Tennessee.

In the County Court of Davidson County, April 4, 1859.
The day was produced in open Court, a paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Nancy Woodward Deceased, which was proven to be such by the oath of C. C. Collins and Thos. McNeill, subscribing Witnesses to the same, the Court therefore ordered that said will be recorded.

Thos. McNeill, Clerk.
State of Tennessee. By Thos. C. Morris D.C.
Davidson County, County Court Clerk, Office 25
Aug 1859, this was the foregoing last will and Testament of Nancy Woodward recorded in the Book B pages 25-6. Thos. C. Morris Clerk

Livingston I Robert Livingston do swear and subscribe this as my last will and Testament, hereby residing and making void all other wills, by me at any time heretofore made.

No 274. I direct, that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of my money that I may die possessed of, or may just come into the hands of my Executor.

Item 2. My will and desire is, that after the payment of my debts, that my faithful and loving wife, Charlotte Livingston is to have all my property of every kind and description during her natural life, for her support and comfort. And after the death of my said wife, should she outlive me, my will and desire is, all my personal property of every description be sold on a credit of 12 months, except such things as are hereinafter excepted, and the proceeds of said sale, I should give to James R. Livingston whom I adopted as my son at the April Term of the County Court of Davidson County 1853, to be under the control of a guardian, and go into his possession at the time he arrives at the age of 21 years. I also give and bequeath to my said son, the lot of land on which I now live, to be his after the death of my said wife. I also give to my said son James R. Livingston, one dozen Silver Tea Spoons, five dozen Silver and Gold Spoons, and a pair of Silver Sugar Tongs, and the best bed, bedstead & furniture, that may be in the house at the death of my said wife, which articles, are not to be sold at my said sale.

Item 3. It is my will and desire, that should my said adopted son James R. Livingston, die before he arrives at the age of 21 years, then and in that instance it is my will, that the property of every kind, given to my said son is to be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed by the County Court of Davidson County, for the benefit of Charlotte Livingston, to enable her to raise her children, & said property and money to be divided among her children at her death, said property not to be subject to any debts or contract of J. M. Allen her present husband, or any future husband she may hereafter marry. It is my will, that my two old faithful servants, Saml & Charlotte be permitted to choose their master, should they outlive my wife, without regard to price. It is my will, that should my wife die

Robert before James R Livingston still shewed amicably at age, that his mother
Livingston Charles L. Allen is to have the use and benefit of the house and farm
till the James R Livingston arrives at age, and should he die before
No 272, he arrives at age, my said Mother Charles L. Allen is to
have the use of the place during his life.

10th. It is my will, that my Executor have a good substantial
stone wall put around the grave of my wife & self, said
wall to be built four feet above the top of the ground, and
a good curb be put over said wall with plates, rafters
&c. My Executor to receive a sufficiency of money in
his hands to build said wall &c. It is my will,
that my negro man George be sold after the death
of my wife, as and his duty under disposed of as my
other property hereafter mentioned.
And I do hereby appoint my trusty friend The
McKeeley my Executor of this my last Will.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal this 7th day of April 1858.

Robert Livingston (Seal)

Original, Sealed and published in presence of us, and
we have Subscribed our names thereto in presence
of the Testator, and at his request. This 7th April 1858.

The McKeeley

B. B. Bowen

I Robert Livingston in having hearts made and published
my last Will and Testament, do make and declare
this as a correct truth.

It is my will, that James R Livingston my adopted son
have all my Both, and that the same be set to his
said at my sale. It is also my will that there be
no more land allowed on my farm till my
son becomes of age, and that no more timber be
cut than will keep up the place for rails, fire
wood &c, This 7th day of April 1858.

Test

The McKeeley

B. B. Bowen

Robert Livingston (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Dickson County Court June Term, June 6th 1859.
This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of Robert Livingston dec'd.

which was proven to be such, by the oath of Henry McKeeley
and B. B. Bowen, Subscribing Witnesses to the same.
It was therefore ordered by the Court, that said Will
be recorded.

The McKeeley Clerk

By The McKeeley Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court, Office 26th
Dickson County, Aug 1859, then was the foregoing last
Will and Testament of R. Livingston dec'd, read in open
Court "B" pages 27-8.
The McKeeley Clerk

William Knowlton now by these presents, that I William Shale
Shale of the County of Dickson and State of Tennessee, being
1100 sound in mind, but for an infirmity in body, do hereby
No 275 make this my last Will and Testament.

1st. I will and bequeath my Soul to God who gave it.
2nd. I give my body to the earth from whence it came.
3rd. I wish all my just debt, paid out of my effects.
4th. I wish my burial expenses paid out of my property, or
effects, just of all.

5th. I give and will my Saddle and Bridle Yachin, Hutton Sen
of Henry McKeeley.

6th. I give and will my Good who took to Henry McKeeley.
I hereby appoint Henry McKeeley my Executor to carry
out the provisions of this my will. In Testimony whereof
I hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this
the 31st day of March 1859.

Wm. J. Shale Sen

Signed in the presence of

I The McKeeley

I Puckette

State of Tennessee

Dickson County Court, July Term, July 21. 1859
This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing purporting
purporting to be the last Will and Testament of
Wm. Shale, deceased, late of Dickson County, which
was proven to be such, by the oath of Wm. McKeeley
one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto; and the Court
being satisfied, that said Will would not be
contested, ordered the same to be recorded.

The McKeeley Clerk

Star of Triumph. County Court Clerk, Office, 2nd May
 Dickson County, 1839. I have my charge my last and
 Testament of W. S. Shale do as is ordered in W. S.
 Book 'D' page 29. Thos. C. McInchute

10276 Last Will and Testament of Israel McLaughlin

I Israel McLaughlin do hereby 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 monies
 that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the
 hands of my Executor.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Jane Stone, my
 love, farm, including the tract and parcels of land de-
 scribed in W. S. Smith's deed to me, and all the land
 included in J. J. Demore's deed to me, that lies with
 the North side of ~~the~~ River, ascending the road beginning at my
 gate, at the North East corner of a thirty acre tract of land
 described in the said W. S. Smith's deed to me, running west
 on the line between Henry Stewart and myself to the house,
 thence South to said River. This road I reserve for a prop-
 erty to and from about five acres of land that I own, lying on
 the South side of said river, being a part of the tract due to
 me by the said Demore.

Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lady Elvira O'Neal one
 negro boy named George, to have and to hold during his life
 and at his death to go to his heirs.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my son Israel McLaughlin one
 negro man named Adams.

Fifthly. I give and bequeath to my son Galen McLaughlin the
 farm on which I now live, including the land and
 parcels of land conveyed to me by Wm. of Danvers, Wm. and
 also by Thomas White, lying in both Chester and Dickson
 Counties, also the portion of land that lies on the South side
 of the said river within the boundaries of the tract due
 to me by the said Demore, being about five acres, and
 lies at the lower end of Benjamin Harris' bottom field, also
 the road leading to said river, described in the foregoing.

Also one negro woman named Emily, one negro woman
 named Clara, one negro boy named Anthony, one negro boy
 named Willis, and one brood mare, two mules, one yoke
 oxen, and cart, eight head of cattle, two head of sheep, twenty
 head of hogs, three pecks and three bushels of grain, all of which
 he is to choose for himself, commencing at the first of May.
 One hundred barrels of Corn, five hundred pounds of Bacon,
 for which he shall support ^{his wife} Mary McLaughlin
 her lifetime. I also give him one half of my house and kitchen
 furniture.

Sixthly. I give and bequeath to my wife Mary McLaughlin
 one negro woman named Patsy, five head of sheep, the
 back room below and the back room above of the house I now
 live in, one half of my house and kitchen furniture, and
 five hundred dollars in money, which may be handed to
 her by my Executor at any time within two years after
 my death. All of which shall continue during her lifetime or
 widowhood, and at her death to go to my son Galen, and
 should she marry, my son Galen shall be released from
 supporting her any longer, and the part of this my will so
 far as what I have given her, shall be null and void, &
 the property that I have given her shall go to my son Galen
 and his heirs.

Seventhly. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Ann McLaughlin
 one negro girl named Lucy, one negro boy named Frederick, son,
 commonly called Bob, one negro boy named John, and
 one Barb, but stand out all necessary clothing for the same,
 she retaining the selection herself of any that I have. All of
 which at her death shall go to her children, together with all
 the increase of the said girl Lucy, and I give that &c. &c.
 I should be appointed her Guardian.

Eighthly. I direct that all the property not specified in the foregoing, that
 I may die possessed of, shall be admitted and sold to the high-
 est bidder, in a number of twelve months, and proceed the
 of, when executed, together with all the land, live, and
 money, that I may die possessed of, after paying my debts
 and expenses as heretofore directed, the amount thus left in the
 hands of my Executor, shall be equally divided between my
 sons Israel, Lady Elvira O'Neal, Galen McLaughlin, &
 Nancy Ann McLaughlin, all of which is my children.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint R. J. Stringfellow my Executor. In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal to this my last will and Testament, This July 14. 1859.

Isaac McLaughlin

John White.

State of Tennessee, Dickson County Court Sept Term 1859.
This day was presented in open Court, a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Isaac McLaughlin deceased, late of said County of Dickson, which was proven to be such by the oath of R. J. Stringfellow and John White, Subscribing witnesses thereto, the Court therefore ordered that said will be recorded.

Thos. C. Morris, Clerk.

State of Tennessee, Dickson County Court Clerk's Office 24th Dickson County Sept 1859. This was the foregoing last will and Testament of Isaac McLaughlin deceased, recorded in Will Book "B" page 30-1-2. Thos. C. Morris, Clerk.

No 277 - Last Will and Testament of Levi Cleager Dead.

I Levi Cleager do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills and making void the same at any time heretofore made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and that all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money, & that I may die indebted or any find come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan the following property to wit: first my home plantation with all appurtenances thereto consisting of house and kitchen furniture also two choice horses or mules, one yoke oxen and cart, further more I give to her the following negro woman to wit, Milly, Lincy & Phillis, also thirty head of stock, Hogs with one year provisions in full as follows 200 lbs. Pork, 50 lbs. Corn, 1 Blk 200 lbs. sugar, one sack Coffee, two Blk flour & Blk salt, together with such as would be necessary for the year's support or she may have fifty Dollars in cash to buy the necessities after the said 76. all of which I give to during her natural life.

Thirdly I give to my daughter Mary H. Cleager my River tract of land

containing 170 acres be the same more or less - also after the death of her Mother (Susan Cleager) I give to her one negro girl by the name of Lucy.

Fourthly I give to my son Wm. D. Cleager Two hundred acres of land out of a tract of land known as the J. C. Blount tract Commencing at Wm. Hade North West Corner thence North East and South for Comprehension.

Fifth I give to my son Levi D. Cleager one certain tract or parcel of land containing by estimation 20 acres the same having been purchased of J. Baston & Co. by me on Dec 8th 1857. said tract of Land lying in district No 3 Dickson County adjoining my home plantation, further more I give to said son Levi D. Cleager my home tract of land containing 50 acres with all appurtenances after the death of his Mother (Susan Cleager) also one negro girl by the name of Phillis after her death.

Sixth after my death I wish the residue of my estate to be equally divided among my children what perishable property or any other effects to be paid on twelve months credit.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Wm. Cleager my Executor. In Testimony whereof I do to this set my hand and seal. This the 23rd day of August 1859.

Levi Cleager. Dead.

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the Notary.

This the 23rd day of August 1859.

W. Hand

J. A. Dodson

State of Tennessee, Dickson County Court February Term 1860.
This day was presented in open Court, a paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Levi Cleager deceased. Which was proven to be such by the Oaths of J. A. Dodson & Wm. Hand subscribing witnesses thereto. The Court ordered the same to be recorded.

Thos. C. Morris Clerk

State of Tennessee, Dickson County Court Clerk's Office 24th April Dickson County 1860. This was the foregoing last will and Testament of Levi Cleager deceased recorded in Will Book "B" page 32-3. Thos. C. Morris Clerk.

No 278 Last Will and Testament of Percilla Braggell died
I Percilla Braggell 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
form following. (that is to say)

First I defray my funeral expenses.

Second I give and bequeath unto my Beloved sister Mary Dammegan
my Bed and Uphol and all my bed clothing and all of my wearing
apparel and also Eighty Dollars that is due me from the
Executor of my Father George Braggell, and I give unto the
afore said sister all the rest of my residue, and I do appoint
Henderson Dammegan my sole Executor of this my last
Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills
made, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal, this 30th day of November one thousand eight hundred
and fifty nine. Percilla Braggell

The above instrument was now here subscribed by
Percilla Braggell the testator in the presence of us
and was at the same time, declared by her to be the last
will and Testament and we at her request sign our
names to us attesting witnesses.

John W. Brown
James C. Myatt,

State of Tennessee, Jackson County, Jan^y Term 1860

This day was presented in open Court a paper of writing
purporting to be the last will and Testament of
Percilla Braggell died late of Jackson County,

which was proved to be such by the Oaths of J^{rs}
W. Brown, and James C. Myatt subscribing witnesses
there to, which will was ordered to be recorded.

This C. Morris Clerk

State of Tennessee, County Court, Records office 24th
Dickson County, 3rd April 1860, then was the fol-
lowing will and Testament of Percilla Braggell died
recorded in Book "B" page 33-4. J. C. Morris Clerk.

No 279 Last Will and Testament of Solomon, Marsh died
I Solomon Marsh of the County of Dickson and State of
Tennessee, being in feeble health, but of sound and dispo-
sition mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncer-
tainty of life and certainty of death do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament.

Firstly I in the first place I will and bequeath my body to be
decently buried and I give my soul to God who gave it to
me. As to the worldly effects of which I am the master
It is my will that my funeral expenses and all
my just debts be paid out of the first money that
comes to the hands of my Executors.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna
Marsh all my household and kitchen furniture
farming utensils, Hogs and Cows, Oxen Cows, Horses and
about everything that is on the place except the land that
I have given to my son Aquilla in the nature of purchase
property (except the negroes) and I also give to her my
negroes Cephus & Jermina his wife there are two negroes.
I bought from James M. Holt, Bob, Harriet, C. his wife
& Rebecca, these negroes and purchase property are to be
the absolute property of my said wife. I also give to her
the Farm I now live on including all the land that
I own at this time, this Farm is to be hers during her
natural life and at her death, it is to belong to & be
vested in my son Aquilla in as full and ample a manner
as if I had made him a Dad in fee simple for the
same. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter
Mary Ann Holt and to her children after her my negro
Esther, Wiley, Sam, Martha, Eliza, Tempest, (Martha's children
George and William) all of these negroes I bought of James
M. Holt. I give and bequeath to my Grand son Elias
W. Holt my negroes Stephen, Catherine and George to be
his property absolutely, and I do hereby give and bequeath to
my beloved son Aquilla my negroes Charles, John, David,
Kinch, Charles (a boy), Tennessee, Perry, Angeline and a
Sam & Robert & boy, these negroes are to be the sole & absolute
property of my son Aquilla.

All the balance of my property of every kind whether
real or personal I desire and it is my will that the same
be equally divide between my son Geo. C. Marsh and

My Daughters Mary A. Holt & Martha Cappe share and share about.

Now it is my will that the property I have given in this will to my Daughters Mary A. Holt & Martha Cappe is not to be subject to the debts contracts or liabilities of their present or future husbands James M. Holt & William J. Cappe or to the debts contracts or liabilities of any future husband or husbands that they may have, but it is my will that at their death that is at the death of either of my said Daughters the property herein given is to go to their children, but if my Daughter Martha Cappe should die without child or children the property I give to her to go back to her brother and sisters or to their children. Now I do hereby appoint my friend Robert McNeill my Executor to this my last will and Testament, and I hereby revoke and make void any will or will heretofore made by me, signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of Joseph Davidson & Elias Tidwell, subscribing witnesses at my request. This 24th day of December 14th 1855.

S. Marsh. Seal

Test
Joseph Davidson
Elias Tidwell.

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court April 1860
This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Solomon Marsh deceased which was proven to be such by the oaths of Elias Tidwell and Jas Davidson subscribing witnesses thereto which was ordered to be recorded.

Thos B Morris Clerk

State of Tennessee 3 County Court Clerk's office 24
Dickson County 24 April 1860. There was the foregoing Will and Testament of Solomon Marsh deceased recorded in Book 'B' page 35 & 6.

Thos B Morris Clerk

1880 Last Will and Testament of Joshua Chaddick deceased
I Joshua Chaddick of the County of Dickson & State of Tennessee being advanced in age and in feeble state of health but of sane mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts 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 Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to Tennessee Ann Austbrooks whom I have raised from a child and who has always treated me as a daughter my two Negro women named Lavinia & Lydia Ann and their future increase to be held during her natural life for her sole use and separate benefit not to be subject to any of the debts or contracts of her husband or the debts or contracts of any other person which she may hereafter contract. At the death of the said Tennessee Ann Austbrooks the said Negroes Lavinia & Lydia and their future increase are to be equally divided among all the children of the said Tennessee & Austbrooks share and share alike.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint James Liggins my Executor in Testimony whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal. This 30th day of November 1855.

Joshua Chaddick deceased
Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed hereto in the presence of the Testator and at her request this 30th day of Nov^r 1855.

Thos McNeill
J. M. Austbrooks

State of Tennessee

Dickson County Court April Term 1860
This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joshua Chaddick deceased late of Dickson County which was proven to be such by the oaths of Thos McNeill one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, the Court being satisfied that said will would not be contested the Court therefore ordered that said will be recorded.

Thos B Morris Clerk

State of Tennessee County Court Clerk's office
 Dickson County, April 1860. Then was the foregoing
 will and Testament of Jerusha Chadwick
 recorded in Book B page 378.

J. C. Morris Clerk.

Will and Testament of Robt Patterson No 281

I Robert Patterson of the County of
 Dickson and State of Tennessee do make and publish
 this my last will and testament, hereby revoking
 and making void all former wills by me at
 any time heretofore made, and first I direct
 that my body be decently consigned to the
 earth from whence it came, and my soul to
 God who gave it. And as to such worldly
 estate as it has pleased God to entrust me
 with I dispose of the same as follows:
 First I direct, that all my debts and funeral exp-
 enses be paid as soon after my decease as possible
 out of the first money that shall come into the
 hands of my Executor from any portion of my
 estate real or personal. Also I direct, that
 my beloved wife have one half of my farm to
 include my dwelling with all the rest of the
 outbuildings, and that Martin Van Buren have
 the other half; And that David have the half
 will d. to my beloved wife at her death or
 marriage - this land is estimated to my two
 sons at fifteen hundred dollars, which is
 eight hundred to each. I also direct, that
 my wife have my bay Horse Jack and my
 bay mare Sprinter, and two good Brown calves, and
 twenty five head of good Hogs, and all the house-
 hold and kitchen furniture, except a bed and
 furniture to Martin Van Buren Rebecca and
 David each, also the crop of Corn that is raised
 on the farm, and that she be supported during
 her lifetime in Tidewater - all the children to
 have share and share alike, but a

deduction to be made out of my daughter Mary
 Buchanan's share of three hundred dollars, which
 she has received already, and one hundred out of
 all the rest of my children, which I have given
 them, except my son John and David,
 and my youngest daughter Rebecca. I direct
 that they have one hundred dollars given
 them in way of equality for the share I have
 given my other children. I direct, that what
 is coming to each of my daughters, be to them
 and their lovely wives and not subject to the
 debts of their husbands debts. I direct that
 all my negro and negroes be sold
 on a credit of twelve months. I do tell my
 deceased son Robert Patterson's share but five
 dollars, and being son of Mr. W. Patterson's
 share but five dollars; And being son of
 John J. Patterson's share but five dollars. I
 also direct, that my son Benjamin J. Patterson
 have an additional deduction made out of
 his share of fifty dollars, so a small I
 gave him. And I do hereby make and
 ordain my esteemed friend and neighbor John
 Exequatur to this my last will and testament.
 In witness whereof, I Robert Patterson, the testator,
 have to this my last will, written on one sheet
 of Paper, set my hand and seal on the fifth
 day of Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand
 eight hundred and fifty. Now

Robert Patterson (Sgd)

Signed, Sealed and delivered
 in the presence of witnesses
 subscribed in the presence of each
 other.

A. B. Skelton
 H. S. Latham
 J. B. Bantle

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Sept Term 1860
 This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Robert Patterson dead, late of said County, which was proven to be such by the oath of A. B. Kelton one of the subscribing Witnesses thereof, the Court being assured that said Will would not be contested. They therefore ordered that said Will be recorded. Thos. C. Morris. Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Clerk, Office
 Dickson County 31 Jan'y 1861, there was the foregoing last Will and Testament of Robert Patterson recorded in Will Book B Pages 39-40
 Thos C Morris. Clerk

Will and Testament of Mahala C. Johnson Sh 282

I Mahala C. Johnson do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby making and making all and all former Wills, by me at any time made.

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid: as soon after my death as possible out of any monies I may be possessed of or may hereafter come in to the hands of my Executor.

Secondly. I direct, that all my land be sold and a credit of one, two and three years, and that my personal property be sold on a credit of 12 months, after giving lawful notice in the County, and other public places in the neighborhood, and the proceeds to be equally divided ~~among~~ my three children, to wit; Aliza Douglas Johnson, Johnnie, Mary Jane, Elender Hogan Johnson, and Adeline Alice Adeline Johnson.

Thirdly. I direct, that after my death my children be taken to the House of Industry if they can be.

got in there, and if the two girls can get in and Aliza cannot, I want him put to some trade in Nashville, where he can get to see his Sisters. And if they want he get in at the house of Industry I want them good homes got, where the people is in good circumstances, and where they will be educated.

A. B. I don't want any of my connection to make any thing to do with my children after my death, Elizabeth King in particular. I also object to John Luther having any thing to do with my children or any of his connections.

Fourthly. I have got the finger rings and the breast pins that I want my two little girls to have and I want them to have things that I will leave in my Satchel that I want divided between my three children. I want my grave placed in to keep it clear of any thing from coming away.

Fifthly. I direct that Thos. Biggers be left to wind up my estate, and also be guardian for my children. Whereunto I here set my hand and seal this Jan'y 14. 1860. Mahala C. Johnson

Signed and Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the testatrix. This 14th day of Jan'y 1860. Thomas Jones, William T. C. King

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Sept Term 1860
 This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of M. C. Johnson dead late of said County, which was proven to be such by the oath of Thos Jones and Wm C. King, Subscribing Witnesses to the said Will. The Court therefore ordered that said Will be recorded. Thos C Morris. Clerk

State of Tennessee Dickson County Court Clerk, Office 31 Jan'y 1861, there was the foregoing last

Will and Testament of Mahala C. Johnson
Recorded in Will Book 13 Page 20-21
Thos W. Morris Clerk

Will and Testament of H. E. Slayden No 283

I William E. Slayden of Madison

County, Kentucky, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, in, witnessed and confirmed hereby writing all and every other informed that or will by me made.

In the first place, I direct all my just debts shall be paid.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Letsey Slayden one thousand dollars in cash, two beds, two chairs, and furniture, also one pair, her saddle (these beds, pair & saddle she had when I married her) I also give her one horse, worth seventy five or eighty dollars, also one pair of Car and calf, also one year advanced in the way of provision. I leave and best in her own right freely. I also will and desire that my said wife shall have and enjoy during her natural life or widow hood, a house on my land, including fifty acres, to be laid off as follows, beginning at the south West corner of my home track formerly known as John Handersons and which I bought of it out of my Bell, and running North with Edwards & Mitchells line to Mitchells Spring branch. thence East and South for complement, on this track I direct there shall be built for my said wife, at the expense of my estate, a good, comfortable house of four logs, with stone chimney, two good floors & stairs.

Thirdly, I will and desire, as my son Tolbert and myself would three tracts of land as equal partners the whole containing about one hundred and twenty acres. that he shall have my share of said tracts at valuation at my death

and to be accounted for by him as so much of his share of my estate. I also will and desire that my son Tolbert shall have seventy acres more of my land, of the tract I bought of Bradleys Station - beginning at a red a spring, so as to divide the spring then running South and East to Bonds River thence North with his line North to S. Slaydens corner thence West to the beginning. This land he is also to have at valuation as so much of his share of my estate as directed of the other tracts.

Fourthly - I will and desire the balance of the land I purchased of Montgomery Bell out of Bradleys Station, a tract of twenty five acres adjoining the Bradleys Station track, also a tract of one hundred and fifty acres that I directed, adjoining the Montgomery Bell tract on the North, shall be equally divided, in two, amongst my three sons, Joseph Shelby, Camrath and Wesley Slayden; giving to Wesley the right to take his share including the household where I now live. And all said land to be charged to their respective shares as so much of my estate in the same manner as directed to Tolbert.

Fifthly, I desire the balance of my land, being one tract of two hundred acres in a parcel I bought of H. S. Reynolds, and a tract of twenty five acres I directed, adjoining the Woods Valley tract, shall be sold to the highest bidder by my Executors also my third interest in a tract of one hundred and sixty five acres, owned by myself, Tolbert Slayden & Dr. Shelby Slayden be also sold in like manner. Also all my other property shall be sold, including my interest in the Stone & Clark of Lord - the proceeds of which shall be divided equally amongst all my children - that is to say, my daughter Letsey C Adams, having first two cents advanced Six hundred dollars by a tract of land, is to be charged thereon in a house - and my sons are also to be charged with the value of the land given them.

N. E. Slayden, Cont.

And then all the balance and residue of my estate, in all my notes, money &c, in addition to the sum of my property directed to be sold, shall be divided amongst my children hereinafter named, or their heirs, &c. as to make them all equal parts and in my estate. And at the death of my wife, or her survivors, the home of fifty acres assigned to her, shall go to my said son Jos Shelby, Campbell & Wesley Slayden at a fair valuation they paying to the other three children their equal portions of said thirty. By which it is meant, to divide the value of this land equally amongst all my children hereinafter named, but to give my three sons, last named, the privilege of keeping the land by paying to the other children their equal portions of the valuation thereof.

So they say, his said devise is that should my said wife die before I do, that then and in that case, the power herein made for her, shall lapse and be null and void - and the money and property equally divided amongst all my children - the land is, however, as before said.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my sons Robert Slayden and Joseph Shelby Slayden, Executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal, This 26th day of October 1857.

Attest

W. Foster

J. M. Brinkley

William E. Slayden
made

State of Tennessee, Davidson County, Court House, June 1861.
This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of N. E. Slayden deceased, late of the County of Davidson, which was sworn to be such by the oath of J. M. Brinkley one of the subscribing Notaries to said will, the Court being informed that said will would not be contested, and there being no one present to contest the same, the Court being duly advised that said will be recorded. J. C. Morris Clerk

State of Tennessee, Davidson County, Court House, 3rd May 1861, this was the foregoing last will and Testament of N. E. Slayden deceased recorded in this Court Book page 42-554. J. C. Morris Clerk

Will and Testament of Sarah Smith No 284

I Sarah Smith of the County of Davidson and State of Tennessee do hereby make and ordain this as my last will and Testament.

First I direct that my body be decently buried and that my grave be covered in with rock and that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my executor.

Second I direct that my son S. H. Smith have my land, also one note on W. A. Moody and one note on Johannes Street.

Third I direct that my son James Smith have my black horse and cow & calf.

Fourth I direct that my Grand daughter Ann Isabell Smith have a note on my son James Smith for one hundred and fifty dollars.

Fifth I consider that my Grand daughter Luanda Evans has got her share of my estate.

Sixth I direct that all my household furniture, corn & fodder & wheat, when got out, be sold and the proceeds be equally divided among my son S. H. Smith, James Smith and Ann Isabell Smith.

Seventh I do hereby constitute and appoint James and Ann my Executors to this my last will & Testament.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, This twenty eighth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

Attest
N. H. Saxton
L. E. Moody

Sarah Smith
made

Davidson County Court, March Term 1861
This day was produced in open Court a

writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah Smith decess, which was proven to be such by the oaths of H. H. Davis & L. E. Morris Sub-Scriving witnesses thereto. Whereupon the Court ordered that said will be recorded.

Thos. C. Morris Clerk.

State of Tennessee, County, Court Clerk,
Dickson County, 2nd office Aug 11 1862 then
was the foregoing and certificate of probate
thereunto annexed, recorded in will book
B pages 45-6. Thos. C. Morris Clerk.

Will and Testament of M^r McMahan No 285.

I William McMahan of the County of Dickson
and State of Tennessee being of sufficient
sound health and disposing mind
and memory do make and publish this
as my last will & testament, hereby revok-
ing and making void all other wills
by me at any time made.

Firstly, My will and desire is that all my just debts
and funeral expenses be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of any money
that I may die seized or possessed of or that
may first come into the hands of my Executor
hereinafter named.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife
Sarah McMahan, the tract of land in which
I now live, containing one hundred and
thirty three acres and one third acres to her
and her heirs forever absolutely and un-
conditionally to be disposed of or dealt with
by her in any way she may see proper.

Thirdly, As to all the rest and residue of my
property of every description & kind whatever,
after the payment of my just debts &
funeral expenses aforesaid, I give and

Wm McMahan Will

bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah McMahan & her
heirs forever. My reasons for thus giving to
my beloved wife Sarah McMahan the tract
of land above named, is that for our money
paid for the same, and I wish by giving her
the same together with the other property
named, to enable her to protect and raise
her children.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my
trusty friend H. H. Chester my sole Executor
to this my last will & testament and assign
upon him the carrying out strictly of the same.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal This 23rd day of July
1857. Wm McMahan Seal

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in my
presence and we have hereunto Subscribed
our names, in the presence & at the request
of the Testator This 23rd July 1857.

Thos. C. Morris
H. H. Chester

Dickson County Court May Term 1861
This day was produced in open Court, a paper
writing purporting to be the last will &
testament of M^r McMahan decess late
of Dickson County which was proven to
be such, by the oaths of H. H. Chester Thos
C Morris Sub-Scriving witnesses to said
will. Whereupon the Court ordered that the
same be recorded.

Thos. C. Morris Clerk

State of Tennessee, County, Court Clerk, office
Dickson County 3 Aug 11. 1862, then was
the foregoing will with the certificate of probate
thereunto annexed, recorded in will
book B pages 46-7. Thos. C. Morris Clerk

Will and Testament of Jonathan Ward Jr 286

I Jonathan Ward of Dickson County Tennessee do make this my last will & Testament, in manner following:

I will and desire in the first place, that all my just debts shall be paid out of any money I may be possessed of, and if not enough for that purpose on hand, so much of my personalty as may be necessary shall be sold by my Executor.

Secondly, It being the understanding that a negro boy named Dock, which I have had in possession many years, formerly the property of my Father Wm Ward, was designed by him as a gift to my Son Wm A Ward, I do hereby recognize and ratify that intent, by hereby devising said Slave Dock to my Son W A Ward, his heirs and assigns forever. In like manner I also devise to my said Son my fine gold watch.

Thirdly, I will and desire, that all my lands and the balance of my negro, be divided into two equal shares, between my Son W A Ward and my daughter Mary Estlin - each to have the use and benefit of one of said shares of my said land & negro, for a support and maintenance, for and during their natural lives, with the restriction that they are only to have a life estate, and on the death of either or both, leaving issue, such shall be equally divided among the issue of such child. - If one die leaving no issue, that share go to, and be equally divided amongst the issue of the other, should it leave issue, and if both should die without issue, then it is my will & desire that all of said property shall go to, and be equally divided, between the children then living, of my friend Jonas Gray of Dickson County.

Fourthly, Any residue of my personal estate, if any, after paying my just debts, to be equally divided between my said Son and daughter.

Fifthly, That it may not be attributed to accident, forgetfulness or mistake, it is my express desire, will and intent, and I do hereby exclude my daughter Rachel Virginia (recently married to M R Clarks) from all benefit and participation in my estate.

Sixthly, I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Jonas Gray, Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament - and he is not to be required to give bond & security. And I hereby revoke any and all former wills by me made. In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 23rd day of October 1860.

Signed, sealed and
acknowledged in my
presence

Thos McSperry
H True

I Ward Seal

Dickson County Court Aug Term 1861
This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Jonathan Ward, decd, late of Dickson County, which was proven to be such by the oath of Thos McSperry one of the subscribing witnesses, the Court being satisfied that the same would not be contested. The Court therefore order that said will be recorded.

Thos C. Morris Clerk

State of Tennessee
Dickson County 3rd County Court Clerk, Office Aug 13
1862, then was the foregoing will with the Clerk's certificate of Probate thereto annexed, recorded in will Book 13 page 489. Thos C Morris Clerk

Will and Testament of Sarah R. Walker No 287

I Sarah R. Walker being of sound mind & memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, thereby revoking all other wills by me made, which is in the following form & manner to wit:

Article 1st It is my desire, that my funeral expenses together with my just debts, be paid out of any moneys that I may be in possession of.

Article 2nd It is my desire, that my beloved niece Mary C. Gilbert have fifty dollars in money, and beed, comfort, and quiet & fillow.

Article 3rd It is my will and desire, that my two beloved nieces Elizabeth I Walker & Sara to Sam Hudson the wife of Isaac I Walker & David I Hudson, have the remainder of my property, such as consists in money, all young mare, household & kitchen furniture, to be equally divided between them, after paying those who I live with for their trouble up to the day of my death.

Article 4th It is my desire, that two disinterested persons be appointed to divide the property equally between the two last legatees named if they cannot agree between themselves.

This 17th day of Dec 1860

Signed & sealed in the presence of

Sarah R. Walker

Allen Nesbitt

R. W. Marsh

Dickinson County Court. Dec Term 1861

This day was presented in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah R. Walker late of said County, which was proven to be such by the oath of Allen Nesbitt one of the subscribing witnesses, the Court being satisfied the same would not be contested, and as said will be reviewed. Thos. C. Morris Clerk.

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Dickinson County Aug 13. 1862. Then was the foregoing will & certificate of probate reviewed in our book to page 55. Thos. C. Morris Clerk

Will and Testament of H. R. Schmitt No 288

I H. R. Schmitt considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, last of my body, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner & form as follows:

1st I give my body to the creating things of the earth, and my soul to God who gave it.

2nd I direct that all my debts, funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor.

3rd I direct that my beloved wife have what live stock of mine she may want for her own use, also I want her to make her own selection of the household & kitchen furniture, for her own use, without restraint.

4th I direct that my Executor, and I do here by empower him to buy my wife a suitable home, and that - she live settled on the same and that in the event of her not getting a peace and should have to remain, I want him with some one or two of neighbors to pay off for her and family a sufficient supply of provisions for stock and her. I also direct that my Executor buy my wife a good fire ~~burner~~ and good set of chairs, as she will absolutely need them for her own use and convenience.

5th I also want my wife to have any and all the assistance from my Executor that she may necessarily need out of any of my effects and that the family may stand in need of for their support.

6th I direct that all the above immunities be to my beloved wife Martha C. Schmitt during natural life or widowhood, but