

Exemptions Will of

William H. Alkin decd
Set up & established at the October
Court 1853 and Ordered to be recorded

State of Tennessee - Rye County

The following is the Exemptions Will
of William H. Alkin decd & is as follows.

John D. Light & Thomas H. Alkin & Joseph D. Alkin all being present in the dwelling house of the said William H. Alkin, in his last sick room, one or two days before his death (which took place the 13th August 1853) He being then in his right mind, he called on the said J. D. Light, in the presence of the said Thomas & Joseph Alkin, and desired the said Light to take charge of his personal property, & see such as the widow could spare to pay his debts, and allow her to keep the balance to raise & school his children. The said William H. Alkin decd within two days after making the above declaration, without attending in any way to their knowledge the above request, or attending his opinions -

The said John D. Light being willing to agree to the above Exemptions Will, presents the same for probate - The above being in substance what took place as above stated, is reduced to writing by our request and in our presence, this the third day of October 1853

John D. Light
Thomas H. Alkin
Joseph D. Alkin

Monday October 3rd 1853

State of Tennessee Rye County Court.

The day the within Paper Writing purporting to be the Exemptions Will of William H. Alkin decd. was produced here in open Court by John D. Light, he read the same therein, and offered for probate - Whereupon came John D. Light Thomas H. Alkin & Joseph D. Alkin subscribing their names thereto who after being first sworn depose and said that they were acquainted with said W. H. Alkin, in his lifetime, and that they were present during his last illness, and heard him direct the disposition of his property as set forth in said Paper Writing - That he requested them to bear witness to the same and made his requests and gave directions as set forth in said Paper Writing in the form of a Will and was of sound mind and disposing memory and capable of making a Will.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Paper writing be set up and established as the Exemptions Will of said William H. Alkin deceased, and recorded by the Clerk.

Attest;

Recorded Oct 26th 1853

W. C. Doyle

Robert McFerrant Clerk
by W. C. Doyle Deputy

William Antwine
Last Will
&
Testament
Proven and set up at the
Commons Court 1853

I William Antwine
Snr of the County of
Ayer 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

First I direct that my body be decently entred, in a manner
suitable to my position in life - And as to such Worldly Estate
as it has pleased God to trust me with, I dispose of the
same, as follows - To wit - I direct that all my just debts
be paid and my funeral expenses as soon as possible out
of my monies that I may be possessed of or may hereafter
come to the hands of Executor from any portion of my Estate
real or personal -

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my son John A. Antwine
One feather bed & a cloth, and five Dollars in money -

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my son William Antwine
five Dollars, in money -

Fourthly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel
Hogood, one feather bed and a cloth -

Fifthly I direct that the remainder of my property be
sold and the proceeds of the same be equally divided between
my six Daughters to wit, Nancy Hollo, Rachel Rineard, Eliza
L. Rineard, Sally Holman, Mary Davis, Harriet Poston -

I do hereby make and appoint my beloved son John A.
Antwine Executor of this my Last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I William Antwine Sr the
Testator have to this Will, written on one half sheet of paper,
at my house and seal, this the 30th day of June, in the
Year of Our Lord One thousand, Eight hundred and Fifty three

Signed, Sealed and Published
in the presence of us who have
Subscribed in the presence of the
Testator & each other
Alfred Dean
W. G. Johnson
Dr. A. Johnson

William A. Antwine (Seal)
made

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State of Tennessee
Superior County Court
December Term 1853

This day a paper writing pur-
porting to be the Last Will and Testament of William
Antwine Sr. deceased was produced here in open Court and a
the execution thereof duly proved by the oath of John A. Johnson
and Alfred Dean, subscribing witnesses, who testified
that they were personally acquainted with the testator - that
he signed and published the said paper as his Last Will
and Testament in their presence for the purposes therein
set forth - and requested them especially to bear witness
thereof - that they signed it in his presence at his request
and that he was of sound and disposing memory at the time
of executing said Will -

It is therefore Ordered by the Court that said
paper writing be set up as the Last Will and Testament
of the said William Antwine Sr. decd - that the same
be recorded &c
Attest
R. McTearant Clk

Last Will & Testament

Of Jesse Hall, dec'd

Set up & established

Shirley, Green County, Tenn 1853

I Jesse Hall do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and withdrawing 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 money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son S. D. Hall the tract of land he now lives on, and all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Also to my son C. P. Hall the tract of land he now lives on and all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Also to my son Robt. A. Hall the tract of land that I bought Nov. 18, 1850, to be in his possession as soon as new rights have been ascertained. And all the balance of my land, I make and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Hall, together with all my property of all descriptions, and all money that may be left in the hands of my Executors after paying all my debts, to do as she thinks best with, in discharging with all the balance of my children.

Lastly: I do hereby nominate and appoint C. P. & S. D. Hall my Executors.

In Witness whereof I do to this my free & lawful hand and seal, this December 9th 1853.

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

This December 9th 1853
J. H. Nelson
Thomas H. Allen (Minister)

I Jesse Hall do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and withdrawing 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 money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son S. D. Hall the tract of land he now lives on, and all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

Also to my son C. P. Hall the tract of land he now lives on and all the appurtenances thereto belonging.

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Lastly: I do hereby nominate and appoint C. P. & S. D. Hall my Executors.

In Witness whereof I do to this my free & lawful hand and seal, this December 9th 1853.

Jesse Hall

mark

State of Tennessee
Deer County Court
January Term 1854.
This is the within paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse Hall, deceased, was presented here in Court for probate.

Whereupon James D. H. Nelson and Thos. H. Allen Subscribing Witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, depose that they were personally acquainted with the said Jesse Hall in his lifetime, that they were acknowledged the execution of said paper writing to be his last will and testament, in their presence for the purposes therein set forth, that they were present and disposing of his property, that he requested them to witness the same, and that they signed their names thereto in the presence of the Testator, and in the presence of our witnesses.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing be set up and established as the last will and testament of the said Jesse Hall deceased, and be recorded in the Clerk's Office.

Attest:

Not J. H. Nelson Clerk
by H. C. Doyle's deputy

Nuncupatio, No. 18
of
George W. Chambers

Set up April Term 1854.
Recorded April 11-1854

Nuncupatio Will
of
George W. Chambers -

It is my desire that my Brother
Alexander C. Chambers, shall
have all my lands in Ayer County, with
its improvements, tenements and appurtenances -

It is my desire further that my Brother John C. Chambers shall
have my mare and saddle -

It is my desire further that my Brother Joseph C. Chambers
shall have my black Colt -

This Will was made by George W.
Chambers at Lake Providence, in the State of Louisiana on the
same day he died (about the - day of May last) in his presence
and he expressly requested not to bear witness to it - He died at
Lake Providence, in a few hours after his desire was made known
as above

In witness of which no hands were subscribed on this
the 5th day of January 1852

Roan H. Nail
Richard J. Pierce
witness

State of Tennessee } March Term 1852
Ayer County Court }

I James H. Doyle Clerk of
the County Court of said County do hereby certify that Roan
H. Nail appeared in open Court this day, and proved in part
the execution of the foregoing nuncupative Will of George
W. Chambers, deceased

James H. Doyle Clerk
By W. C. Doyle D. C.

State of Tennessee } April Term 1854
Ayer County Court }

This day a paper was taken
purporting to be the Nuncupative Will of George
W. Chambers, was produced before an open Court for
probate - Whereupon James H. Doyle and Richard J. Pierce, the

other witness thereto who after being first duly sworn depose
and said that he was personally acquainted with said George W.
Chambers, that he called himself and R. H. Nail to bear witness
to the disposition he desired should be made of his effects
that he was of sound mind, that his desire was made known to
them shortly before his death - and that the other facts set
forth in said nuncupative Will, are true as he understood
them -

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said
Nuncupative Will be set up and established as the last
Will of said George W. Chambers, and recorded by
the Clerk -
Attest

R. H. Tarrant Clerk
By W. C. Doyle Deputy

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Last Will
&
Testament

of
Rebecca Miller
Deceased Set up at

State of Tennessee
County, May 18th 1851

I Rebecca Miller being sick of
body, but of a sound mind
do by these presents make my
Last Will and Testament as
follows viz: first I will to my son Joseph
Miller my Burr, 2nd I will to my son Thomas Miller
my Cufford 3rd So Rebecca Walker and half Quen
and all of my Wearing Clothes, fourth I will to
Amanda Bush my Saddle and Bed and five Shirts
four quilts and one comfort four Coverlets one mantle
as can be seen three other Cane chairs one blanket and
six sets pillowslips also ~~the~~ other ^{half} of my
give and all of my Linings also one other domestic
shirt, I hereby nominate and appoint my son Thomas
Miller my Executor

Signed and sealed in the presence of us
John A. Shetter
Nelson P. Shetter
Rebecca Miller
mark

State of Tennessee
Dyer County

February Term 1851
This day a paper purporting
to be the Last Will and Testament of Mr. Rebecca Miller
was produced before me into Court and John A. Shetter
and Nelson P. Shetter the Subscribing witnesses
thence were called here into open Court and being positively
sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted
with the Testatrix that she signed and acknowledged
and published the said Will in their presence on the
day it was date and they witnessed the same in her presen-
ce at her request over in the presence of each other and
that she was of sound and disposing mind at the time of
making said Will, to best of their knowledge and belief it is
therefor ordered by the Court that the said paper be
be set up and established as the Last Will of said Rebecca
Miller and the same.

Attest

R. McLawrence, Clerk

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Last Will
&
Testament

John Payne
Deceased Set up
at the Court
Term 1855

State of Tennessee
Dyer County

I John Payne of the County
of Dyer and State of Tennessee
being sick of body, but sound
mind and memory being
desirous to settle my worldly
affairs do on this the twenty
fourth day of February 1855

Domini Eight hundred and fifty five, make this
my Last Will and Testament as follows
viz: I will first that all my just debts be paid
and the balance of my property be divided as follows
viz: So Mary Russell deceased's Son, James William
Payne that Payne John Payne Jr. Martha Rucker
Susan Bacon Emaline Gentry and Robert Payne
I have given them proportion of all my Estate all
the balance of my Estate I give and bequest to my
beloved wife Susan Payne, to have and hold the same
during her natural life or widowhood and at her death
or Marriage, I will that all my remaining Estate be
divided among my last Children as follows viz: George
Payne, Lucretia Shetter, Elizabeth Adcox, Susan Payne
and America Payne, I will that at the Marriage of
my two last named Children that my wife Susan Payne
give to the said two Children the same amount I have
given to the last Children, in like manner that one hundred
dollars be given to Martha Rucker's children to be
appropriated towards their Education, I will that
two hundred Dollars be given to Susan Payne in
consequence of his having no Education, I will that
after said appropriations be made the remaining portion
of my Estate be equally divided, between the George Payne
Lucretia Shetter, Elizabeth Adcox, Susan Payne
and America Payne, and I hereby appoint Nelson
Parrish Sole Executor of this Last Will and Testament
and hereby Revoking all former wills by me made
do signed with my hand and seal this day and
date above written

Signed
In the presence of
John J. Davis and of John B. Shetter

John Payne

State of Tennessee April Term 1855
Dyer County Court

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John Payne Desand was produced, herein open and read, and John J. Davis and John B. Swashum, the subscribers being witnesses thereto were called here into a open Court and being first duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with the Testator, and that he signed and published in said will in their presence, on the same day it bears date and that they witnessed the same in his presence at his Request, and in the presence of each other and that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of making said will, to the best of their knowledge & belief; It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper writing be set up and established as the last will & Testament of the said John Payne Desand, and that it be Recorded
at test
C. McTear and W.

Last Will
In the name of a brightly good
James Nicholas Desand
Set up April Term
1855
State of Tennessee
Dyer County

In the name of a brightly good
James Nicholas Desand
Set up April Term
1855
State of Tennessee
Dyer County
thing of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make ordain and publish this my last will and Testament, in the manner and form following hereby revoking and making well and lawful all other wills & Testaments heretofore made and published by me (that is to say) all of my just debts & claims to be paid as soon after my death as possible to my well beloved wife, Julia Field, & give & bequeath all of my property real & personal, consisting of lands, negroes, stock, in Blank Road, worth 10.00 for and during the term of her natural life. And if at any time my said wife shall deem it to her interest, or think it advisable or necessary to sell or dispose of any of said property, real or personal, in order to increase the value of, or protect the same, or to provide for her own wants, she is hereby authorized and empowered to do so, without being liable to account to any one therefor, and it is my wish and desire that the whole of said property, and all of my business shall be under her guidance and control, and that my executors hereinafter to be appointed shall to govern me by her in the execution of this my last will and Testament.

And whereas I am largely interested in the completion of Ogishburg & Mississippi River Plank Road and Saw pits, it is my wish, and I direct that my wife and my executors see that my interest in this respect be carried out, and that my estate with the state of Tennessee be faithfully complied with, & that my business in this respect be conducted in the same manner as if I was living.

Item To each of my daughters to wit Elizabeth Whitlow, Mary A. Broun, Julia S. Ingram, Mary J. Crenshaw, William D. Siding, and Sarah T. Trull, do I direct my wife to pay as soon after my death, as she can with convenience such an amount of money including what has already been advanced to them in negroes & services

make the sum of two Thous and Dollars, the said money
 property to be settled upon my said daughters for life remainder
 to the heirs of their bodies, and not to be subject to the control
 or liable in any manner whatever to the debts or liabilities
 of their present or any future husband and they may have

Rem

If my business succeeds as I anticipate, I direct
 that my wife or executors shall pay as soon as they can
 without embarrassing my affairs to American Bible Chris-
 tian Association the sum of one Thousand Doll-
 ars

Phm

It is my will and desire that all my property, both
 real & personal herein and specifically disposed of, shall
 on the death of my said wife Julia Fields or sooner
 if she decess it be equally divided between all of my
 children share and share alike, and the property that
 may be attibed to my aforesaid mentioned daughters
 in said division I give and bequeath to them and
 the heirs of their bodies and as in the case of the
 specific legies, it is not to be subject the present or
 future debts or liabilities of their present or any future
 husbands they may have, nor in anywise subject to
 their contracts, debts, &c. & as fully, immediately and
 appoint my three sons John S. Fields, Peter G. Fields and
 William B. Fields, Executors of this my Last will and
 Testament and I wish and direct that they shall
 not be required to give any bond or security for the
 discharge of their duty as Executors aforesaid, for testimony
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
 Seal the thirteenth day of September in the year of our
 Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty three and of the
 77th year of the Independence of the United States of
 America

James Fields
 Signed, Sealed and published in our presence and we
 have subscribed our names unto in the presence of the
 testator and of each other this 13th day of September
 A.D. 1853

Notary Public

J. C. Thompson

A Codicil to said last will and Testament of James Fields
 being before made and published my last will and
 Testament, as make and publish this as a Codicil thereto
 that I do hereby marry and appoint Executors to

and Testament, without revoking but confirming
 the appointments of my three sons, Lastly it my
 Desire that this Codicil be attached to and constitute
 a part of my will to all intents and purposes
 for testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my Seal 11th day of April A.D. 1854
 one thousand eight hundred and fifty four and of our
 Independence 78th James Fields

Signed, Sealed and published in our presence and
 we have hereunto subscribed our names in the pres-
 ts of the testator and of each other this 11th day of
 April A.D. 1854
 S. R. Satta
 E. G. Hill

State of Tennessee, April Term 1854
 Dyer County Court

The day paper writing purporting
 to be the Last will and Testament of James Fields
 was produced here in a open Court and before John
 and Thos E. Richardson, the subscribing witnesses
 thereto were called here into a open Court and being first
 duly sworn depose and say, that they were personally
 acquainted with the Testator and that he signed and
 published said will in their presence on the same
 day it bears date and that they witnessed the same
 in his presence, at his Request and in the presence of
 each other and that he was of sound mind and dispo-
 sition of mind at the time he made said will
 to the best of their knowledge and belief it is their
 opinion if the Court that said will as paper writing
 be set up and established as the Last will and Testa-
 ment of the said James Fields and to be Recorded
 also a paper writing purporting to be a Codicil to the
 Last will and Testament of the said James Fields was
 produced here into open Court and S. R. Satta & E. G. Hill
 the subscribing witnesses thereto were called here in a open
 Court and being first duly sworn, Depose and say that they were
 acquainted personally with the testator and that he signed
 and published in their presence said Codicil to said will on
 the same day it bears date and that they witnessed the same
 in his presence at his Request and in the presence of each
 other and that he was of sound mind and dispo-

and disposing among at the time of making
said codicil to said will. to the best of their knowl-
edge and belief. It is therefore enacted by the Court
that the paper writing purporting to be a codicil to
the last will and Testament of James Fields be
let up and established as such and Record
at this
State of Tennessee April Term 1853
Dye County Court

This day J. C. Leasinger John T.
Fielas and Ephraim F. Fielas. Came hereinto open Court
and were duly sworn as Executors of the
Last will and Testament of James Fields deceased
at that

R. McDaniel Clerk

John J. McGinnis
Last Will
To
Testament

Given and set up at the
April Term 1856

In the name of God
Amen

I J. J. McGinnis of the
County of Dyer State of Tennessee
do make and publish this my
last will and testament
hereby revoking and making
void all wills by me at
any time made. First I direct that my funeral
expenses be paid and that as sparingly as possible
for the benefit of my little minor and all my
debts be paid on demand so as to save interest out
of any money that I may be possessed of or may first
come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly; I give and bequeath to my three youngest
children Sarah Pamela, Elizabeth Jane, Leora
Ann & Augustus. More or money to school them as
far as James & John have advanced my eldest sons and
there are equal division is my request my wife having
her lawful share and all of her wants it will be done
in Manage.

I do hereby appoint Hertha McGinnis my
executor in witness whereof I date this my will at my
hand and seal this 29th day of April 1856
J. J. McGinnis.

State of Tennessee April Term 1856
Dyer County

This day came into open Court
J. C. Leasinger Adm of Wm. J. McGinnis estate and
officer for probate a will of the said Wm. McGinnis
by said Administrator among the papers of the said
deceased thereupon came also Wm. Harris M. C. B.
Gouldin & William Sanner who being duly sworn testify
to the Court that they were well acquainted with
the handwriting of said McGinnis deceased that the will
here produced is all in the handwriting of the de-
ceased thereupon on motion it is ordered that
said will be admitted to probate & that the
same be entered of Record thereupon affirmed

on from Court. Martha McGinnis appointed executrix
by said Will, and resigned her position as executrix - and in
motion J. G. Harris was appointed administrator of John
S. McGinnis. Current testaments annexed.

Whereupon came the said
J. G. Harris here into Court with Allen Harris and
Thomas H. Swolkes as his securities and entered into
Bond in the penal sum of six thousand Dollars,
conditioned and payable as administrator aforesaid and
was duly qualified.

Robert M. Tarrant Clerk.

Andrew Hodge
Last Will
Testament

State of Tennessee
Piper County.

Shewn and set up at The
April Court 1856

A written will and testament
of Andrew Hodge do make
and publish this as my last
Will and Testament. I here be
witnessing and make with 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 money
that I may die possessed of a money just home to the
hands of Executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Louisa C. Hodge one
hundred acre of land including the improvement to me the
Carmichael tract of land including her widowhood and then to go
to my eight heirs Franklin W. Hodge, Charles Hodge,
Columbus S. A. Hodge, Henry C. Hodge, Nancy C. Hodge,
William A. Hodge, Marcus Lafayette Hodge, Mary Susan
Hodge, and the balance of the land to go to my eight
heirs as they become of age. I also direct that a young
Negro woman be bought if half of the money that is
coming from my Father's estate Robert Hodge. I also direct
that my wife Louisa C. Hodge have the use of said Negro
woman during her widowhood without paying any hire for her
and then to go to my heirs in and in a number. I also if there is
not money enough in hand to pay my debts that enough of
my personal property be sold to pay my debts such as wife
Louisa C. Hodge can spare best. I then Andrew Hodge do Will
and bequeath to my Louisa C. Hodge the balance of my
personal property during her widowhood and then to go to my
eight heirs: to wit: Franklin W. Hodge, and Charles Hodge,
Columbus S. A. Hodge and Henry C. Hodge, Nancy C. Hodge,
Marcus Lafayette Hodge, Mary Susan Hodge, William A. Hodge.
I Andrew Hodge do direct that the money or property that is coming
to me from my uncle George Hodge estate at the death of his widow
be put to the use of educating my children if necessary, and if
not put out on interest and equally divided among the above
named heirs. I also direct that the balance of the money coming
from my Father's estate after buying a Negro woman above mentioned,
be put to the use of educating the above mentioned heirs. I also

appoint George Miller as my executor to settle up my business
 On witness whereof I do to this my last Will set my hand
 and seal this 1st of January 1857

Test

George W. Adams
 Ruben Rawls

Andrew Hodge Esq

State of Tennessee April Term 1856
 Dyers County Court

This day a Paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Andrew Hodge deceased was produced here in open Court, and the execution thereof duly proved by the oaths of George W. Adams and Ruben Rawls subscribing witnesses thereto. Who testified that they were personally acquainted with the Testator, that he signed and published the said paper as his last will and testament in their presence for the purpose therein set forth and requested them specially to bear witness thereto that they signed it in his presence and at his request - and that he was of sound and disposing memory at the time of executing said Will.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper containing be set up as the last Will and Testament of the said Andrew Hodge deceased that the same be Recorded.
 Attest
 By N. M. Watkins Deputy Clerk

Isaac Hingate
 Last Will
 &c
 Testament

State of Tennessee
 Dyers County

Executed and set up
 8th September 1855

I Isaac Hingate 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 of my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may just come into the hands of my executor.

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Frederick Hingate my faithful boy Miller, three years old just legitimated with the child Sadall and mountings.

3rd I bequeath all of my perishable and personal estate to be sold and applied as follows: first to the raising and schooling of my three youngest grand children, Eliza B. Hingate, Susan C. Hingate, and Mary J. Hingate and 2nd I wish the balance of the proceeds of said perishable and personal estate to be equally divided between all my children, viz. John C. Hingate, Frederick Hingate, Sarah J. C. Hingate, Eliza B. Hingate, Susan C. Hingate, and Mary J. Hingate when said Mary J. Hingate comes of age to be used for herself.

4th I wish my real estate to be sold and the proceeds thereof for all of them but if it is not sold until the youngest child come of lawful age and then to be equally divided between all of my children or lawful heirs and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Asa Coffey my executor to execute this my last will and testament. On witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 8th day of September 1855.

Isaac Hingate Esq

Signed sealed, published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator the day and year above written
 Martin Hardin
 William Bentall

State of Tennessee, September Term 1855.
Deer County Court.

This day a paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Isaac Wingate deceased, was produced here in open Court, and the execution thereof duly proved by the oath of Martin Handin and William Benthall subscribing witnesses thereto; who testified that they were personally acquainted with the testator, that he signed and published the said paper as his last will and testament in their presence for the purpose therein set forth, and requested them specially to bear witness thereto, that they signed it in his presence and at his request, and that he was of sound and disposing memory at the time of executing said will.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper purporting to be set on file as the last will and testament of the said Isaac Wingate deceased; that the same be recorded & attested.

W. H. Tammam, Clerk.
By Wm. W. Watkins, Deputy.

Samuel Fielder
Last Will
Testament

Proven and set on file at the
Deer County Court 1856

I Samuel Fielder being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but of feeble health do make and constitute this my last will and testament utterly revoking all others.

In the first place it is my will and desire that when it shall be God to take me home that my

executors hereafter named see that I am buried in a decent Christian like manner, and that all of my just debts be paid; In the second place I wish it to be understood that on the 1st day of January 1855 I did devise and give property to my daughter Elizabeth Thompson first, and make her equal in amount to those of my other children which I shall provide for in this will and will exclude her from any share whatever in this my last will and testament. Sales and advance in property to my son Benjamin I bequeath on the 14th day of July 1855, which will be then equal in amount to those of my other children which I shall provide for in this will, and will exclude him from any share whatever in this my last will and testament.

In the third place I give and bequeath unto my children Sarah, Adam, Leonard S. Fielder, George A. Fielder, John S. Fielder, and Thos. Edwards all of the estate which I may have at my death after the payment of my debts equally to be divided among them my last named and aforesaid children.

I hereby constitute George W. Edwards and Samuel C. Fielder Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of October 1855.

Affected

W. B. Johnson

W. H. Haslam

Samuel Fielder, Test.

State of Tennessee, February 18th 1856.
County of Pickens

Be It remembered that on the Eighteenth day of February 1856, Wesley Thomas and William H. Harrison the subscribing witnesses to the within will, appeared before me Thomas C. Hays Judge of the Probate Court of said County of Pickens, and

being duly sworn before on this oath day that they saw the within named Testator sign the within instrument of writing which he published as his last will and testament. That said Testator was at the time of sound mind and over the age of twenty-one years and that three Deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence and at the request of said Testator and in the presence of each other.

Wesley S. Trimmer
W. H. Haralson

State of Missouri: I, Thomas S. C. Tracy, Judge and ex officio Clerk of the County of Pike and the Probate Court for said County of Pike, hereby certify that the above and foregoing affidavit was subscribed and sworn to before me this eighth day of February 1854, which is deemed by me sufficient proof to establish the within will of Samuel Trimmer deceased. In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at Office this the day and date last above written.

Thomas S. C. Tracy
Judge of Probate.

State of Tennessee }
Dyer County Court }
By J. J. Trimmer 1854

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Trimmer deceased, was produced here in open Court and duly proven by the oath of Wesley S. Trimmer and W. H. Haralson subscribing witnesses thereto who testified that they are personally acquainted with the Testator that he signed and published the last will and testament in their presence for the purposes therein set forth and requested them specially to bear witness thereto that they signed it in his presence and at his request, and that he was of sound and disposing memory at the time of executing said will.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper writing be set up as the last will and testament of the said Samuel Trimmer deceased, and that the same be recorded.

Re W. J. Trimmer Clerk

D. Robertson
For W. H.
Testament
Proven and set up at this
September Term 1855

In the name of God Amen
I, David Robertson of
the County of Dyer and State
of Tennessee, being weak in
body but of sound mind
and memory, and considering
the uncertainty of this

life, and transient life, do therefore make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say
First. I bequeath to my beloved wife, during her natural life, one hundred and fifty acres of land, and I should like to have one third of the same during her natural life it being all of my tract of land lying west of the Road, and also a part in the North West corner of the tract lying East of the Road.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my wife, two Cows and Calves, four sows and Pigs, one black mare, fifteen Hundred lbs of R. B. Hay, six bushels of Corn, thirty bushels of wheat, four stacks of fodder of said sowing the place, all my household and kitchen furniture, three thousand Dollars and twenty five Dollars in Cash.

Thirdly. I loan to my wife one silver mare colt till my son William Robinson is twenty one years of age then I give said mare to him.

Fourthly. I also give my Wife ten Dollars.

Fifthly. I leave the fifty acres of land East of the Road to be sold for \$250 of the purchase money to be paid the balance on a credit of one, two, three and four years. I also leave all my R. B. Hay to stay on the place till they are fed and then sold as my Executor may think best, and I leave all the residue of my estate to the Road, personal to be sold and my debts paid, and the residue to be put at interest and the interest to be expended in schooling my children.

Sixthly. I give to my daughter, her share in said portion of said money, when collected and my estate settled.

Seventhly: At my wife's death I leave the above 16.2 acres of land to be sold on credit of one, two and three years, and of the proceeds of the same I give to my son William Robinson \$25 and to my son Russell Robinson \$25 and to my Daughter Lucinda Robinson \$40 and to my Daughter Harriet Robinson \$40 and to my son Stephen Robinson \$50. The residue to be equally divided among my six children &c. I, Penelope Williams, Lucinda, Curriel, Harriet, & Stephen, likewise make, constitute and appoint Robert Robinson to be executor of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made; In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 14th day of June 1855.
Signed and sealed: Curriel Robinson Esq
in presence of us
W. H. Turner
W. H. Perry

State of Tennessee } September Term 1855
Pope County }
This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Curriel Robinson deceased, was produced here into open Court and J. H. Singleton and J. H. Perry the subscribing witnesses thereto were called and into open Court and after being duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with the Testator and that he signed and published said will in their presence on the same day it bears date and that they witnessed the same in his presence at his request and that he was of sound and disposing memory at the time of making said will to the best of their knowledge and belief.
It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing be set up as the last will & testament of said Curriel Robinson & to be. Recorded
Attest R. W. Sharrant Clerk

Isse Curriel Robinson
Last Will
& Testament
Proved and set at the
October Term 1856

It is my Will in case of death of this shell of mine illness that my beloved wife Penelope Robinson have during her life and widowhood all of my personal and real estate except land that

she has now left to full & entire possession of my personal and real estate all a perpetuity she shall have with all my stock including horses, cattle, & hogs &c. & the Harry Hays a ready described to use for her life & the benefit of her personal & things to her estate as long as she remains single & lived with her mother. I should my beloved wife neglect to keep my property together &c. seems to be prodigal & wasteful the same when she that was prudent and industrious to her personal & real equally divided to her children, my wife, relate & a child that in case she should take care of my property & provided to her care during her life & until her death & want all my property equally divided among my children to wit: Jesse, J. Curriel, James H. M. Moore, Lewis, & Tharred, Courina, & Tharred, & with the Tharred my largest child &c.

My testimony of all the foregoing I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 14th day of June 1855
Wm. H. Turner & J. H. Perry

Attest
J. H. Singleton
J. H. Perry
State of Tennessee } November Term 1856
Pope County } This is a paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Curriel Robinson deceased and produced here into open Court and duly proved by the oath of J. H. Singleton one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who is testified that he was personally acquainted with the Testator that he signed and published the last will and testament in his presence for the purposes therein contained and requested him specially to bear witness thereto, that he

signed it in his presence and at his request
 & that he was of sound & disposing memory at
 the time of executing said will.
 Attest R. M. Tarrant Clerk

State of Tennessee } October Term 1856
 New County

This day V. B. Powell one
 of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and
 testament of Jesse Thammes deceased came here
 into Court and testified that he was
 personally acquainted with the Testator
 that he signed and published the last will
 and testament in his presence for the purposes
 therein contained and requested him specially
 to bear witness thereto - that he signed it in his
 presence and at his request, and that he was
 of sound and disposing memory at the time
 of executing said will.

It is therefore ordered by
 the Court that the same be set up as the last
 will and testament of Jesse Thammes deceased
 V. B. Singleton the other subscribing witness
 thereto having duly sworn the Will at the
 August Term of this Court 1856.
 Attest R. M. Tarrant Clerk

N. P. S. Fielder
 Last Will
 Testament
 Proven and set up at the
 December Term 1856

I N. P. S. Fielder being of
 sound mind mind and
 memory do make public by
 this my last will & testament
 in and among & for use
 following: i.e. to say

I commend my soul into the
 hands of a merciful God in Christ. I wish my
 body to be buried close to my two infants but first of
 them in a plain Christian like manner; no parade
 or wish all my lawful debts to be paid & all my
 property remain as it now is for the use of my wife
 & children only such of it as it would be best to
 sell or wish I leave to the judgment of my wife
 N. P. S. Fielder. The money which is owing to me
 I wish to be lent out at six per cent with the
 interest standing that the interest pay the tax on
 it the giving bond & a good security. I wish
 my wife no conjunction with my children to have the
 control of all my property during her lifetime the
 family as to the same to be left to her & my lands
 except as much shall not be sold in any case
 until my youngest child that shall be living at
 the time shall have arrived at the age of eighteen
 years; at which time I wish all the land to be sold
 equally divided between wife & children & she retaining
 her lifetime estate in that portion of the land that
 the pair all are to have. At the same time if any of
 the children marry or arrive at the age of twenty
 one they shall be privileged to settle on either
 tract of land near the lines so as to give all an
 equal chance & shall not pay any rent for all
 they may clear & cultivate for five years thereafter
 also I wish all my children to be learned to read
 write & cypher as far as to be able to attend to their
 own business matters, but in case my wife shall
 marry or die then in either case all my property
 shall be sold & divided as stated above, by my
 children if old enough, but if none of them
 are twenty years old or cannot give sufficient
 security then by some one whom the Court

Count among appoint be giving land & approved security.
My land shall in case my property is sold be free
at the age of twenty & those under that age shall be put
to the Carpenter & Blacksmiths trade at the age of
eighteen, untill they arrive at that age they shall labor
on the farm & go to school whenever they can get the best
hours in point of morals and old fashioned religious as
to my Daughters I recommend them to the Mariner
Oratorical to obtain suitable homes for them I wish
particular care to be taken of their morals and religious
education. I pray God however that my wife may be
permitted to live here to the raising & education of all
my children in which case they will have a home
& mother. W. P. S. Fielder (Seal)

August 18. 1855

Test

A. J. Fielder

J. A. York

Codicil to the above Will

By my children are meant the following W. P. S. Fielder
A. M. S. Fielder J. T. S. Fielder M. S. Fielder
J. M. S. Fielder M. H. S. Fielder and the one now in
its Mother's womb to them and their bodily heirs.

As witness my hand and seal this 20th day of
December 1855

W. P. S. Fielder seal

Test

A. J. Fielder

J. A. York

State of Tennessee December Term 1856

Payor County

This day a paper writing
purporting to be the last will & testament of W. P. S. Fielder
was produced here into open Court and
A. J. Fielder and J. A. York subscribing witnesses to
the last will & testament of W. P. S. Fielder deceased
came here into open Court and testified that they
were personally acquainted with the

Testator that he signed and published
the said last will & testament in their
presence for the purposes
therein contained and requested
them specially to bear witness that
they signed it in his presence
and at his request, and that he
was of sound and disposing memory
at the time of executing said Will.

It is therefore ordered by the
Court that the same be set up as
the last will & testament of W. P. S.
Fielder deceased and J. B. Fielder the
wife of the said W. P. S. Fielder deceased
came here into open Court and was ap-
pointed administrator of said deceased with
the Will annexed and with A. J. Fielder
and J. M. Swift entered into and
acknowledged bond in the penal sum
of Ten Thousand Dollars conditioned and
payable as the Court directs and she was
then duly qualified.

Attest R. H. Dewart Clerk

Wm Pearmore
 Last Will
 Testament
 Proved up at the
 December Term 1856

I William Pearmore make
 this my last will and
 testament hereby declaring
 and making void all other wills
 by me at any time made
 First: I direct that my
 funeral expenses and all my
 debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible
 out of any money that I may die possessed of
 or may first come into the hands of my executor
 Second: I give and bequeath to my dear wife Elizabeth
 Pearmore all my household and kitchen furniture
 for her to dispose of such a part among my
 children as she may think proper I also give
 my wife Elizabeth Pearmore my negro woman
 Chara to her and to hold during her natural life
 Third said negro woman Chara after my wife's death
 to be sold and the money to be equally divided
 among all my lawful heirs I likewise give to my
 wife Elizabeth Pearmore, Amanda, Maria and Ned
 and any other children that Chara may have to
 have and to hold until Wm Daniel Pearmore comes
 of lawful age, then said negro Amanda, Maria, Ned
 and any other children that Chara may have to be
 equally divided among all my children and in case
 that any one of my children should be dead and have
 a child or children, said child or children to have the
 part their parent was entitled to I likewise give
 to my wife Elizabeth Pearmore One hundred acres
 of land it being a part of the tract of land nowish
 now live including my present residence bounded as
 follows: Beginning at a stake the south east corner of
 said tract of land in the west boundary line of Stephen
 Chittend tract of land, thence west one hundred and
 eighteen poles to a stake spointed in the east boundary
 line of Wm Pearmore's tract of land, thence north
 with said line passing said Cummings North East
 corner One hundred and thirty six and one half poles
 to a stake, thence East One hundred & eighteen
 poles to a stake in my east boundary line, thence
 south one hundred and thirty six and one half

poles to the beginning, so as to contain just One
 hundred acres.
 Secondly: I give to my two Daughters Martha and Pearmore and
 Chara Elizabeth Pearmore the tract of land that I got of
 Thomas H. Shultz containing by estimation One hundred
 and ninety five acres to be equally divided between them
 quantity and quality.
 Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my son Wm Daniel
 Pearmore the residue of the tract of land and to hold to
 live as he chose to be eight, one, and one quarter of an
 Fourthly: I give and bequeath to my son William Daniel
 Pearmore at the death of his Mother Elizabeth Pearmore
 the Hundred acres of land that I got to my wife Elizabeth
 Pearmore during her natural life, so to use and dispose of
 with my son Wm Daniel Pearmore the sum of One Hundred
 Dollars to be paid to him by my executor out of any
 money he may have in his hands or by paying all my just
 debt and the remainder of money if any to be equally
 divided between all my lawful heirs.
 I do hereby signate and confirm Elizabeth
 Pearmore my wife my executor, this my last will
 and testament. In witness whereof I have signed this my will
 at my hand & seal this 15th day of February 1856
 William Pearmore

Signed sealed and put in the presence of me and we
 have subscribed our names here to the presence of the
 Testator.
 Wm Parks
 William Martin

State of Maine, ss: I December Term 1856
 Superior Court }
 This day the Last
 Will and Testament of Wm Pearmore
 deceased was produced here in Court and
 Wm Parks and Wm Martin the subscribing
 witnesses thereto came here into of said
 Court and testified that it is
 were personally acquainted
 with the Testator that he signed
 and published said will Testament

is, their presence for the purpose
therein contained and requested
them specially to bear witness thereto
that they signed it in his presence and
at his request and that he was
of sound and disposing memory at the
time of executing said Will.

It is therefore ordered by
the Court that the same be set up
as the last Will and testament of
the said ~~Wm. H. Hays~~ deceased.

(1 H. 1)

R. M. Samant Clerk
By Wm. M. Watkins Deput.

Daniel C. Parker Esq
East Will.

Testament

Given and set up at the
Quincy Term 1857

Recorded, 10th January 1857.

State of Tennessee, Davidson County.

I Daniel C. Parker Sheriff of Davidson County, State of Tennessee do make the following declaration, my duty and it is my last Will and Testament.

I give to my wife, Martha Parker one third of my home tract of land including my dwelling house and as much of the same as it may be necessary for her to cultivate yearly to make a subsistence during her lifetime, I give my wife, Martha Parker all of my personal and kitchen furniture, with the exception of one third of stock of Cattle, Hogs and Sheep, as given in Ours Haggard's Will as I do also select one third of my Crops that may be on hand at the time of my death. I do give Woman Martha and her two Children Eliza and her Grand Man Eliza and her five children and their five Children Bill, Benoit and Benjamin, and their children Rachel, Susan, George, the first named and their five Children. I give to my wife, Martha Parker during her lifetime and at her death to my son Daniel Parker Jr. It is my wish that my wife and son Daniel C. Parker live together thereby and also the necessity of dividing my property. I give to my wife and son Daniel C. Parker the care of his Mother, though I do not mean that subject.

I give to my Daughter Mary Ann Harris during her lifetime the tract of land purchased of my Brother William Parker containing a plantation Eight Hundred and five acres, also one other tract of land containing it. I purchased of George A. Haggard, a tract of land One Hundred and fifty one acres. I also give my Daughter Mary Ann Harris the following named Negroes during her lifetime, to wit: Old man David, man Nelson, man Bush, man Nicholas, man Dock, son Parker, son Anna, woman Eliza and her four Children Tom, Mary, Packer and William, Woman Betsy and her five Children, son Lewis, son Harvey, son Bill and Martha, and Woman Bessie and her two Children Susan and George. The above named Land and Negroes I wish my Daughter to have the use and profits thereof during her lifetime, and at her death

to be equally divided between her children.

I also give my Daughters Mary Ann Harris all these Negroes, Cattle, Hogs, Cows, Cart Plantations tools and our hand at the time of my death.

I give to my Son Daniel C. Parker Jr. all the property that I gave my wife Martha Parker during her lifetime of every description. I also give my Son Daniel C. Parker my home plantation and my adjoining tracts of land containing thirty odd Hundred Acres, together with all the Negroes on the plantation or that I may be possessed of at the time of my death, Stock of all kinds, Cart or Wagon and of all kinds not given to my Wife or otherwise disposed of at time of my death.

I also give to my son Daniel C. Parker Jr. all the account which may be due me at the time of my death, together with all the money on hand at the time of my death, and my other property and possessions both Real and Personal, and all other interest whatsoever.

I direct my Son Daniel to pay all my just debts as soon as possible.

I do nominate and appoint my son Daniel C. Parker Jr. my sole Executor to this my last will and testament. For witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seals this the 20th day of May One thousand eight Hundred and fifty six.

In presence of
W. Benton
R. H. McLaughlin
A. G. Ferguson

Daniel C. Parker *Esq.*

State of Tennessee, *Chambers County* 1856
Doyle County

On motion and it appearing to the Court that Daniel C. Parker Senior late Citizen of Doyle County has departed this life in this County, a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament was produced here in Court and there upon came here into open Court, Albert G. Ferguson, Richard H. McLaughlin, the

subscribing witnesses thereto, who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with said Testator in his lifetime, that he signed and published the said paper writing as his last Will and Testament, that they signed the same at his request in his presence, and in the presence of each other, and that he was at that time of sound mind and disposing memory. It is therefore ordered that said paper writing be set up and recorded as the last Will & Testament of the said Daniel C. Parker deceased.

And therefore come here into open Court Daniel C. Parker Jr. the Executor named in the said Will and brings with him Richard H. McLaughlin, Albert G. Ferguson, Samuel Walker and Samuel C. Linscott, and they entered into and acknowledged and in the presence of One Hundred and thirty nine persons and conditions and payable as the said Testator and he was their duly sworn.

It is therefore ordered that the last Testament be issued to him.

Attest

Wm. H. Garrison (Deputy Clerk)

Manufacture Will

27th January A.D. 1857

Thomas J Connell died
Set up and established at
March Term 1857 &
Ordered to be Recorded
Recorded 3 March 1857

The undersigned being present
at House of John Thos J
Connell on the night of the
26th January 1857 during his
last sickness were called on to

bear witness to the disposition he wished made of his
estate both Real and personal. The said Thos J
Connell then proceeded to state that he wanted his
entire estate kept together for the space of one year
and if in the opinion of competent judges the negroes
were making anything, they were to be kept
together on the farm. But if their farming was not
profitable at the end of the year, then he wished
Mrs Connell to take five or six of the negroes such as
she wanted to be kept or farmed, and the remainder
to be hired out. Mrs Connell to have one third of the
negroes. If the farming of the negroes should not be
profitable in the opinion of competent judges,
Mrs Connell to have one third of her land, and the
remainder to be equally divided between her two
Daughters, and at the death of Mrs Connell all the
Land to his two Daughters. He also stated that
he wished Henry Russell son of One of his Daughters
to have two negro boys about the age of the said
Henry Russell to grow up with him. He also
said he intended to give Henry Russell a tract
of Land. He also stated that he wished all the
Land held in partnership by Connell & his wife to be
sold.

He request that Mr R. Keith & Mr. [unclear]
and Mr. L. Howley to settle his estate.
J. L. Howley
R. L. Howley

State of Tennessee
This day a paper writing
Dyer County signed by J. L. Howley
& R. L. Howley was produced in
open Court & proved as the manufacture will
of Thomas J Connell, and it appearing that

Connell has departed this life and was a resident of
Dyer County at the time of his death, and it being proved
to the satisfaction of the Court by the oaths of J. L. Howley
and R. L. Howley that said paper writing contains the
disposition which the said Connell said
he desired to make as to his property and affairs and that
he wished done with them after his death & that
said verbal directions were given by said Connell
during his last sickness at his own dwelling house
in Dyer County in the presence and hearing of J. L. Howley
of said witnesses & that they were specially sworn in
upon by said Connell to bear witness there to
that he was of sound mind and memory at the time that
said verbal will was reduced to writing & signed by him
within ten days after the making thereof & it appearing
that the widow and next of kin have been duly called to
appear here at this day and take such action as they see
proper relative to the probate of said will - and it
further appearing by the oaths of said two witnesses
that said paper writing contains the verbal and
written will of said Connell - and that the same
should be established as such by

It is therefore ordered by the Court
that said paper writing be established as the last will
and testament of said Connell, and be recorded.

Therefore came into open Court J. L. Howley
and R. L. Howley two of the Court two judges in
said will & took and administered the oaths thereof,
took the oaths required by Law and subsworn to bear
fidelity as the Law directs.

It is ordered that Letters
Testamentary come to them.

Attest
J. M. Warrant Clerk
By W. M. Warrant J. Clerk

C. N. Curtis
Last Will
& Testament

I Clement N. Curtis of the County
of Spqr and State of Tennessee do
make and publish this my last
will and testament in manner and
form following.

Proven and set up at
May Term 1857
Rec'd and 4th May 1857

First. My will and desire is that after
my decease so much of my property
as my wife Sarah H. Curtis may

think she has not immediate use for, shall be taken
by my Executor and sold (except my two farms
which I want to remain unsold and the money arising
from said sale to be disposed of as hereinafter devised).

I leave to my wife Sarah H. Curtis the use of all
my property within and without doors to raise and
school my children and support herself as long
as she remains a widow, but my will and desire is that
she buy a small tract of land with some improvements
thereon, and pay for the same to the amount (not
exceeding one thousand dollars) out of the money and
note that I now do possess of, and that she reside
on the same and may and enjoy the profits of said
tract of land, keep my children together, raise
support and school them during her widowhood.
But if my wife Sarah H. Curtis should marry, then
give and bequeath to my four children, viz. Elizabeth
Paris Curtis, Sarah Rebecca Curtis, Harriet Curtis
and Louisiana Curtis the whole of my estate to be
equally divided amongst them, to them and their heirs forever.

My will and desire is that the money arising from the sale
of my property as my wife may think proper to be sold
shall be by her Executor appropriated to the use and benefit of my
wife and children in manner as above stated, and if
my wife select and buy a tract of land as requested above
that my Executor do attend to that so far as to see that
there be a good title made and that the same be and remain
for the use of my wife and children in the manner above
stated. And I hereby make and ordain John H. Chiles
Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof
I Clement N. Curtis have hereunto at my home and seal this the
28th day of April A.D. 1857. C. N. Curtis Exr

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Clement N. Curtis as his
last will and testament in presence of J. H. Chiles

State of Tennessee, May Term 1857.
Spqr County

This day a paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of C. N.
Curtis deceased was produced here in to open Court and
W. F. Rice and C. B. Curtis came on being witnesses thereto
came here into open Court and after being duly sworn
deposed and say that they were personally acquainted
with the testator, that he signed said paper writing in
their presence for the purposes therein contained
and that they signed it in his presence, and at his
request and that he was of sound and disposing mind
at the time of executing said will. It is therefore ordered by
the Court that said paper writing be set up as the last
will and testament of the said deceased, and that the same
be recorded.

Attest Robert W. Vanant Clerk
By Wm. H. Harkins Deputy Clerk

William Martin
Last Will

To stand

Set up & established
May Term County Court 1858

In the name of God Amen
I William Martin of
the State of Tennessee
and County of Pope being
sound in mind and
memory but not in
usual health do make

this my last will and testament as to such movable goods
as I may die possessed of. I dispose of the same as follows
First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my
body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner.
Secondly I wish Elizabeth & Martha Jane Critch each
to have a medium house in value of \$1000 to have
a Cow and Calf one Bedstead Feather Bed and furniture
I give my two daughters Julia and Martha one horse each
as a saddle Bridle & Caddle one Cow & Calf one feather
Bed & furniture each which will make all
of my children equal the remainder of my children having
had such property given off to them before I die I also
give my son Thomas W. Eighty acres of land of the west
end of the tract of land he now is living on known as the
Lence tract during his life but it is not to be liable for
his debt in no way whatever neither he to transfer
or sell it, after his death it is to go to his wife and
children he is to have the land at valuation & what may
be wanting to make his equal in the division to be made
up in property or money I wish an equal division to be
made between all of my children the children of my
daughter Adaline to have her part equally Elizabeth
& Critch & Children to have her part & not to be subject to
a division with her other children the part falling
to Wm. J. Starnell to go to his present wife Cornelius Children
and not to be subject or liable to his debt in any way
whatever I do this because of his much indebtedness &
wishing to leave my property to my own children all the
rest of my children to have their part and dispose of the same
as they may think proper I wish my lands on lot 20
called my home tract of land to be divided in two
lots laid off East and west my seventy three acres
occupant tract beginning at the South West of the
corner of the land, that I have set aside to Thomas W.

Martin this I wish said my negro woman Haguid
to be valued together so as to make \$1000 and sold
with the other lots, the remaining balance of the tract
that Thomas W. Martin's living son to be considered as one
lot & valued as the same, my said lot valued & divided, and
remaining three negroes Henry, Madison & Harriet to be valued
separately and after all be valued to be drawn for by my eight
children namely Elizabeth to have \$1000, Martha Jane Critch
Cornelius Starnell, Martha Critch, Julia Critch, William Critch
of my daughter Adaline, Thomas W. Martin of previous to said
lot my chattel property to be valued & divided & to be divided
under said valuation & division.

I do hereby appoint Joseph H. Miller
Executor of this my last will and testament as witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of
March A.D. 1858

William Martin

Test
Geo. Richard
J. H. Frazer

State of Tennessee
Pope County

At a day a paper of people long to
be the last will and testament of William Martin deceased
was presented here in to open Court and Geo. Richard and J. H. Frazer
Richard subscribing witnesses that have been to open Court
and after being duly sworn depose and say that they were
personally acquainted with the testator, that he signed said
will in their presence to be his act and deed for the purposes
therein contained, and that they signed it in his presence and
at his request, and that they truly read and disposing
memory at the time of executing said will.

It is therefore ordered that said will be set up
as the last will and testament of said deceased and be
recorded.

Attest
Robt M. Tarrant Clerk
By Wm. Dr. Harkins Deputy Clerk

Sidney Focher
Last Will &
Testament

Set up and established
April Term 1857.

In the name of God, Amen
I Sidney Focher of the
County of Pope and
State of Tennessee being
of sound mind and
memory but mindful

of the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do
make, ordain and constitute this my last will and
testament revoking all other heretofore by me made
Stow 1st. I will and bequeath my spirit unto God who
gave it, my body to the earth to be decently buried.
Stow 2^d. I direct all of my just debts to be paid as soon
as possible and after the payment of my debts as
before mentioned I will & bequeath to my beloved wife
Mary Ann Melena Focher during her natural life
or widowhood all of my personal and real estate to be
disposed of at the pleasure.

Stow 3^d. At the death of my wife I direct my
estate to be equally divided between my children
to wit: William Pope, Thos Slaughter, Mary Hays,
George Washington, Joseph Tennessee, and
any other my wife may bear within nine months
from and after my death.

Stow 4th. At the marriage of my wife I direct that
my estate to be equally divided between my children
and wife.

Stow 5th. I hereby nominate and appoint my
friend James Powell Executor of this my last will
& testament. In testimony of all which I do hereunto
set my hand and seal this 15th May 1857.

Sidney Focher
Jm

List
Thos H. Fowler
James Powell
James Hendrix

State of Tennessee April Term 1857
Pope County

I This day a paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of Sidney Focher was
presented here into open Court and Thomas H. Fowler, one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto came into open Court and
after being duly sworn depose and say that he was personally
acquainted with the testator, that he signed same with his
presence to be his act and deed for the purpose therein
expressed, and that he signed it in his presence and at
his request, and that he was of sound mind and disposing mind
at the time of executing said will, and that George H. Hendrix
and J. McKinn came into open Court and being first duly sworn
depone and say that they are personally acquainted with the
handwriting of James Powell, one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto, and that the signature to said will purporting
to be his is genuine. It is therefore ordered by this Court that said
same be set up as the last will and testament of the said
Focher deceased, and be as is so set.

Attest

Wm. H. Harkins Clerk

To Saunders
Last Will &
Testament

Proven and set out at
July Term 1857

In the name of Almighty God, Amen,
I Ferdinand Chambers of the County
of Davidson and State of Tennessee being of
sound and disposing mind and memory
but well knowing that the times and
uncertainty of mortal life, the

certainty of death, and remembering
the mortalable decree of the Great Judge of all, that dust thou
art and unto dust shalt thou return, do make, make
and publish this my last will and testament hereby
revoking and making void all other wills and testaments
heretofore made and published by me, that is to say,
First, I direct that all of my just debts shall be paid out
of any money that shall first come into the hands of my
executors.

Secondly, That if I shall die before my beloved wife
Eliza J. Saunders and without issue, I give and bequeath to
her all of my property both real and personal for and during
the term of her natural life, but if she should have any child
or children then the said property to go to my wife for life
or until her second marriage, ^{or until her second marriage}
remains to said child or children, to be divided among them
share and share alike.

Third, That if I shall die without issue and my wife shall marry
again, I direct that the negroes and their increase belonging to
her at the time of her marriage with me, shall be divided
among her issue by said second marriage after her death, and
if she shall die leaving no child or children, then to be
divided amongst such of her relations as she shall direct.
Fourthly, At the death of my said wife leaving no surviving
child or child by me I give and bequeath unto my niece
Marilla Hale daughter of my sister James H. Hale and her
heirs forever my two negro boys Bob and Jim and all of my
real estate, and personal property not otherwise appropriated.
Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my well
beloved wife Eliza J. Saunders, sole executrix of this my last
will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand affixed this 4th day of February in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and of
the independence of the United States of America the 78th.

F. Chambers (Sgd)

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in our presence and we have
hereunto subscribed our names
in the presence of the testator and
of each other the 4th day of
February A.D. 1854.

W. D. Howells
J. C. Richardson.

The words before her
second marriage
interlined before sign-
ing.

State of Tennessee, July Term 1856.
Davidson County

This day a paper containing
purporting to be the last will and testament of F.
Chambers was produced before the Court and J. C.
Richardson and W. D. Howells, two clerks of the
Court came here into open Court and being first duly
sworn to do so, and saw that the same person who
acquainted with the testator and that he said he
and acknowledged that he executed said paper writing
for the purposes therein contained, and that he
signed it in his presence, and at his request, and that
he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time
of executing said will. It is then ordered by the
Court that said paper contain be set up as his
last will and testament of F. Chambers deceased
and that the same be recorded.

Attest
Robert M. Sursum & Clerk
By Wm. Watling, Clerk

Richard Henderson
Last Will
Chase Mount Edge County
March 20th 1857

Testament
From set up at
July Term 1857:

I Richard Henderson do make
and ordain this my last
will and testament and
first I bequeath my soul

to God and my body to the grave. I will and bequeath
to my beloved wife Fairs Henderson during her natural
life my plantation whereon I now reside all the household
and kitchen furniture my plantation tools including
Thrasher Magon and two spoke of Oxen four Cows and Cows
four Mules or Mares the one half of my stock of Hogs
and one half of the sheep all the fowls and Bee stands
my library of Books his Saddle and Bridle and one year
provision George Robert Milly James and Caroline
and two hundred dollars in money.

I will and bequeath to my son Rufus C. Henderson
my negro boy Albert at my wife's death and
fifty dollars out of the sales of my lands.

I will and bequeath to my son John C. Henderson
Fifty acres of land the place whereon he now lives and my
negro man George at my wife's death.

I will and bequeath to my son William R. Henderson
my negroes Thomas and Phileas.

I will and bequeath to my son Ezekiel C. Henderson
my negro boy Jerry and my negro girl Caroline at my wife's death.

I will and bequeath to my son Samuel C. Henderson my
negro old Jerry and Mary and George.

I will and bequeath to Samuel C. Henderson
my negro girl Milly at my wife's death as trustee for my
daughter Elizabeth C. Gillespie and her children as trustee
for the money she will be entitled to out of the sales of my property.

I will and bequeath to Rufus C. Henderson my negro
girl Jane at my wife's death as trustee for my daughter
Mary J. James and her children.

I will and bequeath to my dearest daughter Isabella
C. Fates four children one hundred dollars each to be paid
out of the sales of my lands.

I will and bequeath to my two Grand Children
James F. Henderson and Albert to Richard Burges.

Henderson my negro boy Albert and to Matilda
Isabella Henderson my negro girl Mary Ann.

It is my will that the land I own in the
tenth district be sold when my Executor thinks
best. What money is left from paying a debt and
expenses and not willed, and the proceeds of other
property be equally divided amongst my living
children. After my wife's death the plantation
where I now reside be sold with any other property
that remains and not willed. The proceeds to be
equally divided amongst my then living children.

I nominate and appoint my two sons Rufus C.
C. Henderson and Samuel C. Henderson my
Executors signed and sealed.

Richard Henderson Signed
Elias Godson
Wm. Madansy.

State of Tennessee July Term 1857.
Dyer County

This day a paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of Richard
Henderson was produced here in open Court and Elias
Godson and Wm. Madansy the subscribing witnesses thereto
came here into open Court who being first duly sworn depose and
say that they were personally acquainted with the testator and
that he signed and acknowledged that he executed said
paper writing for the purposes therein contained, and that
they signed it in his presence and at his request, and
that he was of sound and disposing memory at the time of
executing said will. It therefore ordered by the Court that
said paper writing be set up as his last will and testament
of Richard Henderson deceased, and that the same be
recorded.

Attest

Robert M. Tarrant Clerk
By Wm. M. Watkins J. Clerk

William B. Glaves
Last Will

Testament

Drawn up at
October Term 1857

I William B. Glaves being
fully sensible of the uncertainty
of life and the uncertainty of death
do this day make and publish
this my last will and testament
hereby revoking and annuling
all others (if any) heretofore by

me made. It is my will first that all my just debts
be paid including burial and funeral expenses.

It is my will and desire secondly that after the
payment of my just debts as I have said that my
beloved wife Louisa P. Glaves shall have the entire
control of my farm and all the property belong-
ing thereto during the time that she remains my
widow, and it is my will and desire further
that if she and my unmarried children can
live together in peace during that time then
I beg that they do so. But if not it is still
my desire that she (my widow) shall have the
entire control of my farm and all the property
belonging thereto during her widowhood and as long
but if my beloved wife Louisa P. Glaves should
marry then it is my will and desire that she have
the use of thirty three and one third acres of land
including the dwelling house where now lives in
during her natural life and also the use of one
horse saddle and bridle, one Cow and Calf and
two hogs during her natural life. And if she should
marry it is my will and desire that the balance
of my property shall be divided as hereinafter
be provided. I have given off of my estate to
Susan Miller wife of Franklin Miller and
to Sarah Ann Davis wife of Nathaniel Davis all
my property that I desire them to have in any
event. And I have given to Mary Maria wife of
deceased of Daniel Marrier all the property that I
intend my Grand Children by her to have.

If my beloved wife should marry then it is my
desire that all my property be equally divided
among my Children excepting those already who have
received their portions and excepting also that portion

of my property to wit, thirty three acres of land
as aforesaid which she is to have the use of
during her natural life in the event that she be
married. I have an interest in a tract of land
in Obion County Tennessee which I bought
by a wrap from John W. Wright, it is my
will and desire that as soon as a deed can be
obtained for that accorded to be a tract
made with said Wright that it be sold by
my Executor or upon such terms as I may
think best and the proceeds after paying
all expenses equally ^{divided} among my children
who have not received their portions as
aforesaid. It is my will and desire further
that if any negroes do not appear and help
themselves as they should that my Executor
sell them all and dispose of the proceeds
according to the near and nearest intention of
this my last will and testament, that it is
to say if any wife does not marry I want her
to have the use of the proceeds during her natural
life and then divide and equally amongst the
of my children who have not received their
portions as aforesaid, but if she does marry
then she is only to have the part already given
in that will and the proceeds of said negroes
are to be equally divided among my children
that have not received their shares of my estate
as aforesaid. I desire that the proceeds of all debts
due me after paying my just debt to be disposed
of according to the foregoing clauses of this my
will that is to say divided the remainder be put
out at interest and divided equally among my
children who have not received their shares as aforesaid
severally as they may become twenty one years of age.

It is my desire further that my female children
who are entitled to distribution share under this
my will shall have said shares free from the
control of their husbands if they marry during
their natural lives, and then to their issue severally
if they leave any, but if they die leaving none

their said share or shares is or are to revert back and be divided equally among those of my children who have not received their share or portions as aforesaid. In the event that my widow does or does not marry at her death whatever property that may be remaining in her possession coming from my estate it is my will and desire that the same be equally divided amongst those of my children who have not received their shares as aforesaid.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my known and true friend Chas. C. Propst to execute and carry out this my last will and Testament and vest in him the powers herein granted. In the name of God Amen. Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of September 1858.

W. D. McLeaveld Seal
Signed sealed and acknowledged in my presence by the said William D. McLeaveld who requested me to attest the same on the 28th day of September one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Witness

R. M. Saunders
J. H. Hargraves

TIGHT BINDING

Noah Perry
Last Will

State of Tennessee Dyer County
January 18th 1858

I
Testament
drawn & set up
at the March
Term 1858

I Noah Perry do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament, hereby Revoking and making null and other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all other debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Milly Perry Three hundred and one half Acres of Land including my back and former overments apportioning the same I also give and bequeath to my wife the following negro property First a negro man Jordan Warner, Maria & Emeline Bays former Sack during her life and death of my wife to be sold and equally divided between my children.

Thirdly, it is my will that my seven youngest children, two Simon Margaret Martha John John Franklin and Buckhannan be educated out of my money that I shall conceive free of charge to them say so far as a common English Education.

Fourthly I give James to, David, J. Simon S. John B. Franklin D. and Buckhannan the Residue of my lands say seven hundred and which is worth five Dollars per acre to be equally divided between them.

Fifthly the Remainder of my ^{negro} property to be hereinafter During my wife's life time, at which time they shall be divided amongst my children Daughters to wit Maria Ann Perry, Milly Jane Stathings, Elizabeth Stathings Sarah Francis, Margaret Louisa, Marcella and Alfred. I have five hundred dollars each, the said negro property more than my sons. The children of my daughter Mary E. Riddick not included being given her during her life all the property

that I designed for him
Solely the Remainder of my property to be
Specified, when to be sold, and the proceeds
after paying my debts to be equally divided
amongst my Children. Lastly I do hereby
nominate & appoint John Sinclair and
James H. Perry my Executors

In witness where
of I do to this my Will set my hand
& Seal date a day Noah Perry Decr.
R. I. Newton
J. P. Stattings

State of Missouri March Term 1858
Dye Court of

This day a paper writing pur-
porting to be the Last Will & Testament of Noah Perry
Decr. produced here into open Court and R. I. Newton
& J. P. Stattings Subscribing witnesses & after being
read by Swain, Deane & Say, that they were personally
acquainted with Noah Perry the Testator & that
the said Perry signed said paper & had known & acknow-
ledged said paper writing in their presence as his
Last Will & Testament and that he was of Sound mind
& disposing memory at the time of drawing the same
and that the said Perry Requested them to be
witness thereto & that they signed it as witnesses in
his presence & in the presence of each other. It
is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper
writing be set up & established as the Last Will
& Testament of the said Noah Perry Decr. and
that the same be Recorded. Whereupon came J.
S. Sinclair & J. H. Perry to gether with David
Brown & J. P. Davis their Securities & entered into
an acknowledged Bond in the penal sum of
twenty four thousand Dollars payable to the said
Deane & the said Swain as Executors of the
Last Will & Testament of the said Noah Perry
Decr. & Letters were issued to be signed to them
attest
R. M. Sawant Clk

John F. Algia

Last Will & Testament
Drawn & set up July Term
1858

I John F. Algia do make and
publish this as my last Will
& Testament hereby bequeathing
all others I own at any time
made

First I direct that all
my debts & my personal ex-
penses be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of any money that I may
have possessed of or that may first come to the hands
of Executors. Secondly I give & bequeath to my son
Robert H. Algia my negro boy Elisha and value
him at four hundred & fifty dollars.

Thirdly I give to my daughter Margaret & Franklin
a negro girl Mary now in her possession and value
at five hundred dollars

Fourthly I give daughter Eliza P. Williams a negro
girl Harriet now in her possession and value
at six hundred dollars

Fifthly I give to my son J. H. Algia, one negro
woman Amanda and her child Mary now in his
possession, valued at six hundred dollars and fifty
acres of land off the South end of the farm on
which I now live.

Sixthly I give to my son Robert H. Algia & to the Algia
that portion my tract of land lying west of a line
to be run due north from the north east corner
of W. H. Franklins tract of land where he now resides
to E. Woods South bounding line of said north line
to be run to the same boundary of the compass
that the west boundary line of tract of land runs
so as to make the tract here given the same
width at the north & South and so said land to be
equally divided between them.

Seventhly I give to son J. H. Algia a negro girl
Isabel and value her at three hundred dollars

Eighthly I give to my son Abram H. Algia a negro
boy Jim and value him at five hundred dollars
and as all my other children have had a horse
saddles & harness & bed & furniture I give to my son John
H. the same articles to be given to him when he is

Twenty one years ago or if he needs them before
that time they are to be given to him
monthly I give to my wife Sarah all my
house hold & kitchen furniture all the stock
grain and farming utensils on the farm, of any
kind all kinds whatsoever, also the following slaves
Havib, Frank, Phely, Jimmy, Vincent, Chila, Venus & William
to her during her natural life, and at her death
to be divided between my legal heirs as hereinafter
mentioned, I also give to my wife Sarah during her
natural life the balance of my tract of land now
being before disposed of, and at her death, I give
said land to my Son, Thomas & Algia.
monthly after the death of my beloved wife I
will that my six grand children, the lawful heirs
of my deceased Son James & Algia, shall with
all my children here named be first made equal
in the division of my property, that is there who have
more negroes of less value shall have the balance or
deficient made up to them before them who have
had negroes of more value shall have anything
more, and my six grand children who have not had
a negro shall have money or property to make them
equal with all the balance of my children.
Then the remainder of my property to be equally
divided among all my lawful heirs my six grand
children to be admitted as one heir, the land given
in this will to my several sons is not to be charged
to them in the equal division of my estate they
are to have the land given to them without account
paid in the division and are to be made equal
with the others in the division of my personal
property and if the negroes given to my wife cannot
be divided at her death so as to make my heirs
equal then I will that said slaves be sold and
the proceeds divided as herein directed & I hereby
and my sons Nathl & Algia & J. B. Algia my exec-
utors do hereby certify that I do this my will with my
hand and seal this the first day of July A.D. 1857
Eighteen hundred & fifty seven
Signed sealed & published by John F. Algia
in our presence and in

Subscribed our names in the presence and at
the request of the testator
Samuel Parks -
D. D. McCorkle

State of Tennessee, July Term 1858
Clerk of Court

This may appear wanting
purporting to be the Last will & testament
of John F. Algia,

Charlotte Wilkins State of Tennessee
Last Will & Testament
Proven and set up
at Chamber Linn 1858.
Recorded 6th December 1858.

Sept 8. 1858.
I Charlotte Wilkins do this
day make and publish

thus my last will and testament hereby revoking and making
void all other wills by me ever made.
First I will and desire that my funeral expenses and
all my debts be paid out of any money I may have
at my death or that may first come into the hands
of my executors. Secondly, I will leave bequeath to my
son Herbert S. Wilkins the hundred Dollars one chair
bedstead with bed and furniture and eight quilts
and tablecloths and one folding table. Thirdly, I will
leave bequeath to my son Robert Wilkins one clock and
one square table and ten head of Hogs. Fourthly, I leave
the balance of my property to be sold and after
selling a half of the hundred Dollars for H. S. Wilkins and
paying my debts I leave the remainder to be equally
divided between all my children. In testimony
whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
seal this the day and date above written.
Test.
Charlotte Wilkins

I do hereby certify
at Chamber Linn 8th December 1858.

Attest I do hereby certify this day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and
testament of Charlotte Wilkins was produced here into
open Court and I do certify and do certify subscribing witnesses thereto came here
into open Court and being first duly sworn depose and say that they
were personally acquainted with Charlotte Wilkins and that she signed
acknowledged that she executed the same for the purposes therein
contained, and that they signed it in her presence at her request and
that she was of sound and disposing memory at the time of executing
said will. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing
be set up and read at the bar as the last will and testament of Charlotte
Wilkins deceased and at the same time read.

Attest
By W. M. Linn Clerk

Narcissa M. Carroll State of Tennessee
Last Will & Testament
Proven and set up at
April Linn 1858.
Recorded 4 April 1858.

I Narcissa M. Carroll 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
interred in a manner suitable to my condition
in life. 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 expenses be paid as soon after my
decease as possible out of any money that I
may die possessed of, or may first come into the
hands of my executors from any portion of my estate
real or personal. Secondly, I give and bequeath to
my son James M. Carroll my tract of land lying
in Benton County near Cadboro also to the said
James one bedstead with bed and one quilt and one
bed and furniture. The remainder of my
effects consisting of stock, house hold furniture
be sold and the proceeds after paying
all my debts to be applied to educate my son
James. I do hereby appoint, make and ordain
my esteemed friend neighbor and relative
Robert Campbell executor to this my last will
and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set
hand and seal this the year of our Lord 1858.

Signed in the
presence of
J. G. Tucker &
W. H. Tucker

Narcissa M. Carroll

This day a paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of
Narcissa M. Carroll was produced here into
open Court and J. G. Tucker and W. H. Tucker subscribing witnesses
thereto came here into open Court and being first duly sworn
depose and say that they were personally acquainted with

children if she think proper to do so but to her returned at her pleasure over her legally demanded but at her marriage or death a final division to take place immediately. I also desire that the mill and my equal interest in the land and landing to be continued and run as heretofore and the profits therefrom be equally divided as my other property and which I appoint my two sons Jeremiah & Shadrack & my executor or without being bound to give security to execute and carry out the intentions of this my will. (I signed before signing) In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of February 1857.

Shadrack R. Dudley (Seal)

Test J. Davis
W. Walker
C. Parish

Codicil to the above Will.

The land on which I live containing two hundred and seventy five acres with the appurtenances attached I give to my two sons Shadrack & Shadrack and I give bequeath to my daughter Sarah Francis (now Sarah Francis) one hundred acres when she was five, this Codicil is not intended to effect the above will in any way, only in the exchange of land my son Shadrack made me a deed to the one hundred acres that I now bequeath to Sarah Francis and in exchange I bequeath to him her interest in the land where I live, which gives to Shadrack two hundred and two hundred and seventy five acres. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of May A.D. 1857.

Attest
D. Smith
Americus Adcock
S. Micox

William Parker
Last Will

Testament
Given and set up at
August & September
1857.
Recorded September 1857.

I William Parker of the County of Oglethorpe State of Tennessee being of sound body and mind desire this to be my last will and testament & last after paying all my just debts I desire my estate divided among my nieces nephews as the Law directs to wit Mary, Ann Harris and Daniel C. Parker Stephen Wood, Mary Lawler and Phoebe Mahan, Isaac Parker, Mary Ann Walker, Thomas Parker, Martha Parker, James Pickett, Daniel Pickett, Isaac Pickett, Mittie Pickett, Martha Pickett, Mary Terry and Phoebe McGehee. To Samuel M. Short I give one Pollard, to the heirs of John Pickett I give a note of five hundred dollars held by me and Thomas Pickett to the heirs of John Pickett I give all my other personal property.

I now make and appoint Dr. A. Harris my executor to wind up and settle my estate as I have directed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal this 10th day of January 1857.

W. G. Harris
J. H. Hayes

William G. Harris (Seal)

Elizabeth Hodge
Last
Will & Testament
Given and set up at
the September Term 1857
Recorded September 1857

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
I Elizabeth Hodge of
the County of Ross and
State of New York being
of sound and disposing mind
and memory, but feeling to
recollect the mortality of

the body do make constitute and ordain this my
last will and testament revoking all others by
me at any time made. In the first place I commend
my soul to God who gave it, and my body I commit
to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like
manner, and that my burial expenses together with
all my lawful debts (if any) be paid as early after
my death as possible. In the next place I give
and bequeath unto my nephew Nelson Allen the
tract of land on which I now reside containing by
estimation one hundred and seventy five acres (the
husband and assigned forever) I also give and bequeath unto
the said Nelson Allen the following negroes, to wit, one
negro man named Harry, one old negro woman named
Rachel, one negro man named William, one negro man
named Aaron, one negro boy named Martin, and
one other negro woman named Rachael and her
child named Temperance to be his forever. Further
I give and bequeath unto the said Nelson Allen my
waggon, and six choice head of horses if there be that
many, further I give and bequeath unto the said
Nelson Allen eight head of the cattle of my cattle if
there be that many, I further give and bequeath unto
the said Nelson Allen thirty five head of the Chores of
my hogs if there be that many, I further give and
bequeath unto the said Nelson Allen two large feather
beds and bedsteads and furniture, and one small Bed
Bedstead and furniture, also one Bureau or dressing
Chest one Dining Table, one sideboard, one sideboard
one Clock, one Wagon Chair and all my Cylinders
and all my cooking utensils and milk
vessels and wash tubs and water pails, also
two looking glasses. In the next place I give unto
George Henry the son of my niece Sarah Ann Humpdel

five hundred acres apart of a League of Land
which I am possessed of in the County of McAllen
and Bell and State of Texas, I also give unto
Elizabeth Ann Henry the daughter of my said
niece Sarah Ann Henry and her four hundred
acres of Land out of the above named League of
Land. If either of the above mentioned children
should die before coming to the age of twenty one
years or before marrying I leave it all to the
surviving one or in case they should both die before
marrying or arriving at the age of twenty one
years then and in that case I give and bequeath
the above mentioned Land to my said nephew
children to be equally divided among the living
heirs. I give and bequeath to my nephew Stanley
Three Hundred acres of Land out of the
above mentioned League, I give and bequeath
unto George A. Stanley son of my nephew Stanley
Three hundred acres of Land out of the
said above mentioned League, to be theirs forever.
I give and bequeath six hundred acres of the above
mentioned League of Land to living children of my
sister Mr. Daniel, to be equally divided amongst
them forever, the balance of the above mentioned
League of Land I leave to be sold to be applied by
my Executors to any incidental charges that
may occur I further give and bequeath unto
my nephew Nelson Allen all my farming
tools and barouche. It is my wish and
desire that should there be any property or
money belonging to or due my estate which I have
not above disposed of in this will, that it be equally
divided between George Henry and Elizabeth Ann Henry
children of my niece Sarah Ann Henry and forever to be
paid over to them by my Executors I name and
appoint my nephew Nelson Allen and Alfred L.
Childs my Executors to this my last will and testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this day of June A.D. 1857.

Elizabeth Hodge
Last of my name

Elizabeth Hodge
mark

Thomas J. Talley

Last

Will & Testament
Proven and set up at the
June Term County Court 1860.
Recorded June 8th 1860.

In the name of God Amen
I Thomas J. Talley of Dyer
County Tennessee being volun-
tarily impressed of the uncertainty
of life and of the certainty
of death, do make and publish
this my last will and

testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by
me heretofore made (if any). It is my will and desire
first - that all my just debts, burial and funeral exp-
enses be paid. And secondly it is my will and desire
that my beloved wife Permelia J. Talley have the free
and undisturbed control of all my property including
money, chosen in action, personal and real property of
which I may die seized and possessed (unless it become
necessary to resort to the same to pay any just debts) during
her unmarried state with the restrictions and modifica-
tions (if any) herein expressed. If she marries before my
youngest child becomes twenty one years of age then it is
my will and desire that she have one third in value
of all the land of which I may die seized and also a
child's part of my personal property to be and come
to her use and benefit during her natural life only
but at her death it is my will and desire that the
remainder in said one third of my real estate and
said child's part of my personal property so given to
in case of her marriage be equally divided amongst my
children that may be living at that time or in case
some be dead leaving children then the children of
those that may be dead are to have the share that
the deceased child would be entitled to (if living).

If my beloved wife should marry as aforesaid before
my youngest child becomes of age the balance of my
estate not already disposed of in that event is wish-
divided equally amongst my children then living
share and share alike and in case some be dead
leaving children then the children of those that may
be dead to have the share that the deceased child
would be entitled to if living. If my beloved wife
should not marry again it is my will and desire
that she have the free and undisturbed control of all

my property until my youngest child becomes
twenty one years of age, but then my will and
desire is that it be divided in the following manner.
First she is to have one third in value of my
real estate and a child's part of my personal
estate to be and come to her use and benefit
during her natural life, but at her death the
remainder in said share to be equally divided
amongst my children then at her death living and
in case some be dead leaving children then the
children of the deceased child or children to have
the share that the deceased child would be entitled
to if living. And the balance of my estate at that
time I want equally divided amongst my children
then living share and share alike and in case
some be dead leaving children then the children
of the deceased child are to have the share that the
deceased child would be entitled to if living. I own
own a negro woman named Nancy aged about
twenty eight years. It is my desire that if I should
dispose of her before my death and under 15
proceeds that she be sold as soon after my death
as possible at private sale by my executrix and
executors to the best advantage and the proceeds
vested in a negro girl which must be held sub-
ject to the provisions of this will in the same way
that I would if not sold. I own now one half
as tenant in common with Lucy Mann of
about five hundred and thirty six acres of land which
I live near where I now live in Dyer County. If I
should not sell my interest in said land and use
the proceeds in land suitable for a home for my
wife and children before my death it is my will
and desire that as soon as said land can be sold
for a good profit that it be done at private sale
by my executrix and executors or such as may
qualify and the proceeds vested in other land
suitable for a home for my wife and children
which when purchased shall be subject to the spirit
and intention of this my last will and testament
as if owned by me at my death or if I should sell

the same and die, and die before the proceeds are vested therein, the proceeds are vested as aforesaid. It is my will and desire that the proceeds be vested in whatever location that my beloved wife may desire, but wherever located it is to be held and disposed of in different events as directed herein as if I had died seized and possessed of the same. I hereby nominate and appoint George Watkins, George W. Talley and my beloved wife, Fannelia M. Talley, the Executors and Executrix of this my last will and testament and vest them or such of them as may qualify with an ability and power to execute and carry into effect the powers herein to them granted. Witness my hand and seal this 28th sept 1857. *Thos J Talley*

We the undersigned witnesses to the foregoing will saw the said Thos J Talley sign and acknowledge the foregoing will and testament for the purposes therein contained and bear witness to the same at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other this the date above.

Attest
N. W. Peacock
N. E. Nathan
A. W. Vaughan

State of Tennessee, 3 June Term (1st day of term) 1858.
Superior County Court.

This day a paper purporting to be the will and testament of Thomas J Talley deceased, was introduced here in open court and N. W. Peacock and A. W. Vaughan two of the subscribing witnesses thereto came here in open court, and being first duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with the said Thos J Talley, that he executed, signed, sealed and published said paper writing in their presence and for his last will and testament on the day it there states that he was of sound mind and disposing mind, and that he specially requested them to bear witness, and that they

subscribed the same as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing be set up and established as the last will and testament of the said Thomas J Talley deceased, and that the same be recorded by the Clerk.

Attest

Will. Nathan, Clerk
George W. Talley, Secy

Thomas H Williams
Last Will
and Testament,
Proven and set up at the
Superior County Court 1858.
Recorded December 6th 1860.

I Thomas H Williams of the County of Rye and State of Tennessee do make and and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and voiding all other wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible. Secondly, - I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother my interest in a tract of land in Rye County on which she now lives and which was purchased and is now owned jointly and equally by me, Brother L. M. Williams and myself during her natural lifetime, or as long as she make it her individual home. Thirdly, - I direct that after my mother's death or a time she may choose the land above described as her home, that the land be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my brother L. M. Williams my sister Martha A. Westbrook and my sister Susan L. Williams. Fourthly, - If after all my just debts are paid, I give and bequeath the remainder of all my effects equally to my brother Louis M. Williams and my sister Martha A. Westbrook and Susan L. Williams. Fifthly, - I give to my Mother the entire present crop on the place, all the stock and farming implements and everything else which is on the place to use or dispose of as she may see proper. Lastly, - I nominate and appoint my Brother Louis M. Williams as my executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 10th 1860. *Thos H Williams*

signed, sealed and published in our presence
in witness whereof we subscribe our names in
the presence of the testator. A. L. Harris
W. B. Hamilton

State of Tennessee 3 December Term 1860
Open County Court

This day a paper writing pur-
porting to be the last will and testament of Thomas
H. Williams deceased, was produced here in open
Court and A. L. Harris and W. B. Hamilton sub-
scribing witnesses thereto came into open Court
and being first duly sworn depose and say that
they were personally acquainted with the said Thomas
H. Williams - that he executed signed, sealed and
published said paper writing in their presence &
for his last will & testament on the day it bears
date - that he was of sound mind and disposing
memory that he specially requested them to bear
witness thereto and that they subscribed their
names as witnesses in his presence and in the
presence of each other. It is therefore ordered by the
Court that said paper writing be set up and established
as the last will and testament of the said Thomas H.
Williams deceased, - and that the same be recorded
by the clerk.

Attest

Will M. Matthews clerk
of Open County Court.

James G. Tinsley
Last will and
Testament

known and set up
at Shelby Court 1861
Remains Feb 7, 1861

In the name of God, - I, James
G. Tinsley of the County
of Rye, State of Tennessee, being
sound in mind but frail in body
do hereby make this my last will
and testament. First I give my soul
to God who gave it and my body
to its Mother Church. I secure my body to have decent burial
ment and after my funeral and burial expenses and
just debts are paid I constitute and appoint my
beloved wife Francis Mason Tinsley my executrix and
guardian for my children without giving bond and
I give after the payment of my just debts for my said
wife to have full possession & right to my land, notes
and any other property I may have for ^{her} ~~her~~ benefit and
to raise and school my children. I bequeath my property
effects to my said wife during her natural life, or until
her death giving her the power to sell my land for the
children's benefit provided it may be deemed best for
their interest and with the money to purchase other
land for a home for my wife and children.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 20th day of September 1860
Test
James G. Tinsley
Thos Cook
Thos Shelton

State of Tennessee 3 February Term 1861
Open County Court

This day Thomas Shelton of the
subscribing witnesses to the will of J. G. Tinsley did come here
into Open Court.

State of Tennessee 3 January Term 1861
Open County Court

This day a paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of James
G. Tinsley deceased, was produced here in Open Court and
given by the oath of Thomas Shelton, one of the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto - who being duly sworn in Open