

Signed, sealed and published in our presence  
In witness whereof we subscribe our names in  
the presence of the Testator. A. G. Harris  
W. D. B. Coulson

State of Tennessee, 3 December Term 1860  
Dyer County Court

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas H. Williams deceased, was produced hereon open Court and A. G. Harris and W. D. B. Coulson subscribing witnesses thereto came here into open Court and being first duly sworn deposed 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 eighteenth date - that he was of sound mind and disposing memory, that he specially requested them to be witnesses thereto and that they subscriber 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. Mathis Clerk  
of Dyer County Court

James G. Finley  
Last will and  
Testament  
I James Finley of the County  
of Rogers State of Tennessee being  
sound in mind but failing body  
do hereby make this my last will  
and Testament First I give my soul

In the name of God, amen  
to James Finley of the County  
of Rogers State of Tennessee being  
sound in mind but failing 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 Earth. I desire my body to lie in a quiet inter-  
ment and after my funeral and burial expenses and  
just debts are paid, I constitute and appoint my  
beloved wife Francis Mason Finley my Executrix and  
Guardian for my children without giving bond, and  
I desire after the payment of my just debts for my said  
wife to have full possession and right to any lands or  
any other property I may leave for her benefit and  
to raise and school my children. I bequeath property  
equally to my said daughters remaining by whomsoever  
they may be married, also giving her the power to sell my land for her  
children's benefit from and to 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 caused act my hand and  
affixed my seal this 21st day of September 1860  
Test

Thos Park  
Thomas Shelton

James G. Finley  
Last will and  
Testament  
I James Finley of the County  
of Rogers State of Tennessee being  
sound in mind but failing 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 Earth. I desire my body to lie in a quiet inter-  
ment and after my funeral and burial expenses and  
just debts are paid, I constitute and appoint my  
beloved wife Francis Mason Finley my Executrix and  
Guardian for my children without giving bond, and  
I desire after the payment of my just debts for my said  
wife to have full possession and right to any lands or  
any other property I may leave for her benefit and  
to raise and school my children. I bequeath property  
equally to my said daughters remaining by whomsoever  
they may be married, also giving her the power to sell my land for her  
children's benefit from and to 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 caused act my hand and  
affixed my seal this 21st day of September 1860  
Test

James G. Finley Seal

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court

This day Thomas Shelton one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses to the Will of J. G. Finley did come here  
into Open Court

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James G. Finley deceased, was produced here in Open Court and sworn by the oath of Thomas Shelton one of the Sub-  
scribing Witnesses thereto who being duly sworn in Open

January Term 1861

This day Thomas Shelton one of the  
Subscribing Witnesses to the Will of J. G. Finley did come here  
into Open Court

January Term 1861

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James G. Finley deceased, was produced here in Open Court and sworn by the oath of Thomas Shelton one of the Sub-  
scribing Witnesses thereto who being duly sworn in Open

Court, deposes and says: That he was personally acquainted with the deceased Sinsley, that he signed and published his last paper writing on and for his last Will and Testament in presence of both witnesses; that the witnesses both signed the same at the testator's request, in his presence and in presence of each other and that the said James G. Sinsley was then of sound mind and disposing memory -  
Attest.

Hill M. Watkins Clerk

State of Tennessee 3  
Dyer County Court 3 February Term 1861

This day Thomas Nash one of the Subscribing witnesses to the Will of J. G. Sinsley a/c<sup>t</sup> came here into Open Court, and being first duly sworn deposes and says: That he was acquainted with the testator and that he signed, sealed and acknowledged said Will in his presence for the purpose therein contained and that he was of sound mind and memory, and that he signs it as witness in his presence and in the presence of Thomas Shelton, another Subscribing witness thereto, and at the request of the testator.

It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the same be set up and established as the last Will and Testament of said J. G. Sinsley, and recorded Attest.

Hill M. Watkins Clerk

Last Will and Testament  
of Allen A Justice  
Set up April Term 1861.

I Allen A Justice  
being of sound mind and  
disposing memory, believing  
that my earthly end is fast  
approaching, do make and  
publish this my last Will

and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me at  
any time heretofore made.

First - My will and desire is that all my just  
debts be paid by my Executors out of the just  
money that comes to their hand,

Second - I give to my beloved wife the Negro  
girl Mandie, which was given her by her father

Third, I desire my Negro woman Sarah be sold, and my  
Executors are fully authorized to sell and carry her without  
the aid of any Court Decree & may sell her publicly or privately  
to they may deem best, the proceeds of the sale to be asset in  
their hands.

Fourth, I desire that my beloved wife & Children shall  
have a comfortable home; I therefore authorize & empower my  
Executors, with my wife's consent, if it is thought best, to  
sell my land and such of the proceeds as may be necessary  
in purchasing for her & the children an other home, all of  
which is to be done without the aid of a Court Decree.  
If it is not thought best to sell, then they will remain on  
the place my object being to enable my Executors, with the  
consent of my beloved wife, to do whatever is best, for the  
interest of my family.

I hereby appoint Smith Park and William  
Parks my Executors to this my last Will, and both or  
either of them can carry out its provisions

Witnesses  
M O B Gaulden  
J. M. Hanell

J. A Justice Attest

State of Tennessee 3 April Term 1861  
Dyer County Court 3

This day a paper writing pur-  
porting to be the Last Will and Testament of Rev. Mr. Allen A.  
Justice, late a citizen of Dyer County, Tennessee, was produced  
here in Open Court, and proved according to law by the Oaths  
of M. C. B. Gaulden and Mrs. M. Hanell, Subscribing  
Witnesses thereto, to be, as it purports, the Last Will and  
Testament of said A. A. Justice.

It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the said  
will be set up and established and be recorded  
Attest

Hill M. Watkins Clerk

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Hiram Wellsburger esq.  
Settled August Term 1861

State of Jefferson 3 I do  
Dear County 3 this 2<sup>nd</sup>  
July 18<sup>th</sup> 1861 3 last Will  
3 & Testament  
Give & bequeath to my wife  
Anna Wellsburger after that all of my just lawful  
debts shall have been paid, all the effects, personal and  
real estate that may belong to me.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe  
my name

Hiram Wellsburger

Witnesses to said  
M. V. Richardson  
R. C. Parr.

It is my will that my wife Anna Wellsburger  
execute this my will

Hiram Wellsburger

State of Jefferson 3 August Term 1861  
Dear County Court 3 This day a paper writing  
desiring to be the Last Will and Testament of Hiram  
Wellsburger was produced in Open Court and proved  
proper according to law by the oaths of M. V.  
Richardson, and R. C. Parr. Subscribing witnesses  
there to be as it purports to be, the last will &  
testament of Hiram Wellsburger deceased.

It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the same  
be set up and established and be recorded  
as test.

Hill M. Walker, Clerk

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Joanna B. Williams esq.  
Settled & Established  
January 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

I Joanna B. Williams of  
Seara mind do make and  
publish this my Last Will  
and Testament, hereby re-  
voking and making void all  
other Wills by me made at any time.

First. I direct that all my just debts be paid as  
soon after my death as possible.

Secondly: I will and bequeath to each one of my  
children, or their representatives, the sum of Five  
Dollars.

Thirdly: I will and bequeath to my daughter Susan  
L. Williams my Negro Man Lafayette and Two Hundred  
new dollars in Money.

Fourthly - I will and bequeath to my son George  
M. Williams my Negro man Richard.

I direct that the balance of my Estate, by  
consisting of a House and Lot near Newbern, the  
same on which I now live, Money, Household  
and Kitchen furniture and Stock, be sold and the  
proceeds be given to my son Peter H. Williams  
after paying all just claims.

In Case my son Peter H. Williams should die  
before he get his portion of my Estate, I direct that it  
be divided equally between my daughter Susan  
L. Williams and my son George M. Williams.

Fifthly: I nominate and appoint my friend  
Guy Douglass my Executor.

In witness whereof I, to this my Last Will and Testament  
set my hand and seal, this Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 1861.

Signed in the presence of

Guy Douglass

Mary A. Bell

State of Jefferson 3 January Term 1862  
Dear County Court 3

This day a paper writing respecting to the  
Last Will and Testament of Joanna B. Williams esq., late a citizen of Dear County,  
was produced here in Open Court and proved according to law by the oaths of Guy Doug-  
lass and Mary A. Bell. Subscribing witness, there to be, as it purports, the Last Will  
and Testament of the said Joanna B. Williams esq. It is then pronounced by the Court that the  
same be set up and established as the last Will and Testament of the said Joanna B. Williams  
and that the same be recorded and filed.

Attest

Joanna B. Williams (Seal)

Hill M. Walker, Clerk  
By H. C. Doyle, Sheriff

Last Will and Testament  
of  
James L Smith deceased  
Proven and established at the  
January Term 1862 Dyer County Court

I James L Smith  
do hereby make and  
publish this my Last  
Will and Testament  
disposing of my worldly  
effect as follows

First -

Fifth: Let all my just debts be paid -  
Sixth: I do hereby give and bequeath to my Sister  
Mary Ann Smith my entire Estate, real, personal  
and mixed, in which sheof I have this day her  
unto, set my hand and seal

Sixth June the 8th 1861.

Done in presence of  
Hugh Janks  
W C Mahan

J. L. Smith Seal

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court

January Term 1862

This day a Paper Writing  
purporting to be the Last Will and Testament  
of J. L. Smith, dec'd. was produced here in  
Open Court, and proven by the Oaths of H Janks  
and W C Mahan, Subscribing Witnesses thereto,  
according to Law, to be as it purports, the  
Last Will and Testament of the said J L Smith  
deceased -

It is therefore Ordered by the Court that  
the same be set up and established - that  
it be recorded and filed -

Atest

Will M. Watten C.R.  
By A. C. Doyle Deputy

Last Will and Testament  
of  
Lewis Warren and  
Proven & Established at the  
February Term Court 1862

here and to hold forever the premises land is situated in the  
State of Tennessee Dyer County and in Civil District No 3 and  
contains as follows: First Beginning at a Steeping Poplar  
Tree, Joseph Shearons W.C. corner, in Rutherford South town as  
an angle; Runs South with said Shearons West boundary 80 poles  
to a Stake & Rock pointer, by Postons W.C. corner; Thence West  
Two Hundred rods to an Elm & Hickory pointer; Thence  
Ninety Eighty poles to a Stake in a pond, in Rutherford, line  
Run East Two Hundred rods, with said Rutherford  
line to the beginning - Containing One hundred acres & more  
also. It is my desire that a line be run North & South  
through the said tract of land, line my son William Simon  
have the East portion of it - for him and his heirs, to have and  
hold forever. This is all the interest I intend for my son  
William Simon to have in any of my lands -

The January 20 1862

Test  
Joseph A Crews  
Steven J. Howard  
notl

Lewis J. Warren  
notl

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court

February Term 1862

This day a Paper Writing  
purporting to be a Will or Dred, of Lewis Warren, deceased  
was produced here in Open Court, and proven by the  
Oaths of Joseph A Crews and Steven Howard, to be  
as it purports, the Last Will and Testament of the  
said Lewis Warren deceased - or a Dred from the said  
deceased to William Simon Warren, his son -

It is therefore Ordered by the Court that the same  
be set up and established as the Last Will and  
Testament of the said Lewis Warren deceased  
and that the same be recorded and file a  
Clerk.

Will M. Watten, Clerk  
By A. C. Doyle Deputy

Last Will & Testament  
of

David Baird deceased,  
now and set up at the  
Fifth & Market Court of the  
County Court of Dyer County 1862

January 12 in the Year of  
Our Lord 1862  
State of Tennessee  
Dyer County

38 David Baird

being sound in mind and of  
disposing memory made this  
my Last Will and Testament, overwriting all other Wills -

I direct that all my just debts & paids including  
funeral expenses

I will to my wife Mary Baird fifty & one half  
acres land, on the North end of my tract of land, including  
the houses, during her natural life - Also my negro man  
Joseph and Sally (a woman) - With all the household and  
Kitchen furniture - to hold the same during her natural  
life - also all the stock, with every thing belonging to the farm

I will to my daughter Rebecca a Farm Lot in Hartman  
to have for her separate and individual use, Separate  
and apart from her husband, to hold as her own property  
until disposed of as she may see fit - Valued at three hundred  
and fifty dollars - Whatever else may be coming, &  
any in a final division, to go jointly to my daughter Rebecca  
and her husband & Jones.

I therefore have given my daughter Martha  
Baird a full share of my estate - Consequently make  
no further provision for her in this will -

I will to my son William the portion of place as  
his absolutely, after the death of my wife Mary, what  
I will leave, during her natural life for which is 50<sup>th</sup> acres  
for my son William to hold jointly with his wife, to all intent  
and purpose - Which is his entire interest in my  
estate, Except the Negro boy Joe

Will to my three daughters, first: Rebecca, Mary, and Elizabeth  
the Southern half of my tract of land 50<sup>th</sup> acres (I value the same  
at \$1,500) to be equally divided among them, as they may see fit to  
divide the same

Will to my daughter Elizabeth, my Negro girl  
Elizabeth, valued at \$500 -

I further bequeath to my daughter Mary a promissory note  
I hold against the estate of her late husband - for about  
\$200 dollars - Also enough of the rest of my estate to make him

equal to Rebecca, Elizabeth and my son Andrew R  
Baird -

I have already given my son A.R. Baird Eleven hundred  
and ten dollars, for which I hold his receipt -

I further direct that my wife have every thing now  
on the farm such as Corn, Meat, hogs, Cattle, horses  
Mugw. Buggs etc - My General request is that my  
son A.R. Baird, Mary H. Rebecca & Elizabeth to make  
equally the sale of my Mountain land in Middle  
Tennessee after the death of my wife -

~~After the death of my wife~~ I desire at the death  
of my wife Mary, that she and I, be held friendly  
and the effects be equally divided among and between  
my 2 sons & 3 daughters, first: Rebecca, Mary, & R.  
William and Elizabeth -

I Appoint my son S.H. Baird my Executor  
Without giving bond or security

Signed and sealed in our presence

Attest: Nathaniel Porter  
Richard Heath -

January 12 1862.

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court

February 2nd 1862

This day a Paper Writing, purporting  
to be the Last Will and Testament of David Baird deceased, was pro-  
duced before me in Open Court, and proved by the Oath of Richard  
Heath, One of the Subscribing witnesses thereto, according to law  
to be as it purports - the Last Will and Testament of David  
Baird deceased -

March 2nd 1862

This day a Paper Writing, purporting to be the Last Will and  
Testament of David Baird deceased, was produced  
before me in Open Court, and proved by the Oath of Nathaniel E.  
Porter, One of the Subscribing witnesses thereto, to be as it  
purports, the Last Will and Testament of the said  
David Baird deceased. It is therefore Ordered by  
the Court that the said Paper Writing be set up and  
established as the Last Will and Testament of the said  
David Baird deceased - and that the same be recorded  
by the Clerk.

Wm. H. Hartman, Clerk  
By W. C. Doyle & Son

Nuncupative Will  
of

Thomas Ford deceased,  
Proven and Established at  
the June Term Court, 1862.

We Robert Johnson and Reading  
Williams, do state that the  
Nuncupative Will of Thomas S.  
Ford was made by him on the 15<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 1862 in presence  
to whom he was specially required  
to bear witness by the Testator himself, in the presence of each  
other - which was made in his last sickness, in his own  
habitation or dwelling house at Chestnut Bluff where  
he had been resient about two years, and the same  
is as follows, viz:

It was his will and desire that his effects  
should be disposed of after his death in the following  
manner - First he wishes his estate to be settled and  
equally divided between his Mother Amy Ford and  
his two sisters Mary Ford and Julia Ford - saying that  
the property which the dwelling house was belonging to his  
Mother and that the Store house & property belonged to  
him -

Second He makes Robert Johnson to settle his  
business and divide the proceeds as above stated, as  
he has rather he would do it than any person he  
knew of

Made out by us and signed the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April  
1862.

Robert Johnson  
Reading Williams

State of Tennessee

Dyer County Court 3<sup>rd</sup> June Term 1862

This day a Paper Writing purporting to be the  
Nuncupative Will of Thomas Ford deceased, was produced  
here in Open Court - A man offering to the Court that the party  
had been summoned to contest the same - and no one appearing  
to contest or object to the same - And the same being proven  
by the Oaths of Robert Johnson and Reading Williams according  
to law. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said Paper  
Writing be and the same is hereby set up and established  
as the Last Will and Testament of the said Thomas Ford  
deceased and that it be recorded.

Attest

Will M. Watkins Clerk  
By W. C. Doyle Deputy

Last Will and Testament  
of

Samuel C. Henderson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Proven & established at the June  
and August Term Court, 1862.

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County

I Samuel C. Henderson  
do make & Ordain this my last  
Will & Testament

1<sup>st</sup> I Will & bequeath to my wife Martha Henderson  
all my Estate, both Real & Personal, for a period of four-  
teen years - The property then to be divided equally  
between her & my then living Children - I also empas-  
ize my wife Martha to sell the place I now reside  
on, whenever it can be sold for its value - & the  
title from her shall be valid. Money arising from  
the sale of this place to be laid out for other  
property as I think best.

2<sup>nd</sup> I do nominate and appoint W. G. Henderson  
& E. A. Henderson as Agents to wind up my estate  
pay all amounts collected over to my wife Martha  
without any Schedule witness to County Court  
Witness

Samuel C. Henderson  
John R. Foster  
W. R. Prichard

State of Tennessee 3<sup>rd</sup> June Term 1862

Dyer County Court 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
This day a Paper writing purporting  
to be the Last Will and Testament of Samuel C. Henderson  
deceased, was produced here in Open Court and proven, in part, to be, as it purports,  
the Last Will and Testament of the said Samuel C. Henderson deceased  
by the Oath of William R. Prichard one of the Subscribing Witnesses  
thereto. Attest

Will M. Watkins Clerk  
By W. C. Doyle Deputy

State of Tennessee 3<sup>rd</sup> August Term 1862

Dyer County Court 3<sup>rd</sup> August  
This day a Paper writing purporting  
to be the Last Will and Testament of Samuel C. Henderson deceased was produced  
here in Open Court and proven by the Oath of John R. Foster, one of the Sub-  
scribing Witnesses thereto, according to law, to be, as it purports, the Last Will  
and Testament of the said Samuel C. Henderson deceased - It is therefore Or-  
dered that the same be set up and established as the Last Will and Testament  
of the said Samuel C. Henderson deceased - and that it be recorded by  
the Clerk.

Will M. Watkins Clerk  
By W. C. Doyle Deputy

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Suffield Fumbanks dec'd  
Proven and set up at the  
April Term of the County Court  
for Dyer County 1863.

being desirous of making some disposition of my worldly Effects do make and ordain this my last will and Testament.

In the first place I will and give unto my wife Mary Ann Fumbanks during her natural life all my Lands, or Real Estate together with the tenements thereon 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will that at the death of my said wife my two sons Andrew Lewis Fumbanks and John Calvin Fumbanks have all my Lands together with the tenements thereon I herein give unto them as aforesaid 3<sup>rd</sup> I give unto my two Sons above named each one Thousand Dollars to be paid by my Executors herein after named to them out of any Money belonging to my Estate

4<sup>th</sup> I give unto my Grand Daughter (the daughter of my Daughter Caroline King) Elvira L King Six Hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executors to her according to Law.

5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the remainder of my Estate at my death be divided equally among my Children hereafter named to wit Magdalene King wife of John King Andrew Lewis Fumbanks John Calvin Fumbanks and Martha Ann Cobb wife of Jacob Cobb - after paying my funeral expenses and debts out of the said remainder of my Estate.

6<sup>th</sup> I do nominate and appoint my two Sons Andrew L Fumbanks and John L Fumbanks my Executors In Witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal, this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1863

Suffield Fumbanks

The foregoing will signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1863.

Christian S Cobb  
Edward H White  
Joseph H Moore  
Witness

names hereto in this presence and at the request of the Testator this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1863.

Christian S Cobb  
Edward H White  
Joseph H Moore  
Witness

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court April Term 1863.

This day a Paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Suffield Fumbanks deceased late a Citizen of Dyer County was produced here in open Court, and proved according to law by the oaths of Christian S Cobb and Edward H White Subscribers  
Witnesses thereto, to be as it purports to be the last Will and Testament of said Suffield Fumbanks deceased It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be set up and established as the last Will and Testament of the said Suffield Fumbanks deceased, and that the same be Recorded and filed by the Clerk.

Attest Stephen D Whittier Clerk

The foregoing will signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our

Last Will & Testament

of

Alfred P. O'Neil Deed

Proven & established at the

January 4<sup>th</sup> April Term of the  
of the County Court of Dyer County 1863.

and making void all other wills by me at any time made  
First - I direct that my Funeral expenses and all my  
debts be paid as soon as possible after my death or  
of any money that I may die possessed of or may just come  
into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my dear wife Margaret  
O'Neil all of the tract of land that I now have or consisting  
of One Hundred and Seventy-four acres during her natural life  
together with the appurtenances thereto belonging and all of the  
Household furniture and the Stock and Crops on the place  
at my death, and Farming utensils, and one Wagon, and  
one Barnack, and

Thirdly - After the death of my wife that the above described  
Tract of Land I will to be divided equally between my  
body sons and

Fourthly - That all my Negro property and Notes that I  
may be possessed of or money at my death I will that  
to be equally divided between my dear wife and my  
body heirs and

Fifthly - That I do hereby nominate and appoint  
Henry H. O'Neil my Executor of my last Will and Testament  
and also Guardian for my Children

In witness whereof I do to this my Will set my  
hand and seal this November the 27<sup>th</sup> 1863.

A P O'Neil (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence and  
we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence  
of the Testator - This November the Twenty-seventh One  
Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty three  
Attest.

John E Bell  
F Abbrition

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court 3 January Term 1863  
This day a paper written

purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A P O'Neil  
Deed was produced him in open Court and proven in part  
to be as it purports the Last Will and Testament of the  
said A P O'Neil deceased by the oath of John  
E Bell one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto  
Attest. S D Whitten Clerk

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court 3 April Term 1863.

On motion was it adjourned  
to the Court that F Abbrition one of the Subscribing witnesses  
to the last Will and Testament of A P O'Neil deceased has  
removed beyond the limits of the State of Tennessee. Namely  
John B Stalcup, William L Vail and W C Dowd after  
being first duly sworn deposed and said that they were  
acquainted with the handwriting of the said F Abbrition  
and having seen him write and being familiar with his  
writing and that they are satisfied that the signature to  
said Will purporting to be his is genuine.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Paper writing  
be set up and established as the last Will and Testament  
of A P O'Neil deceased and that it be Recorded by the  
Clerk

Attest

S D Whitten Clerk

Last Will & Testament  
of  
Mary Edwards Dec<sup>d</sup>  
Prov<sup>d</sup> & Established at the  
June Term County Court 1862.

In the Name of God Amen  
I Mary Edwards do make and  
publish this my last will and  
Testament hereby revoking & making  
void all other wills by me  
made at any time.

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

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my Son James W Edwards  
all my Land including the part my Son Alva Edwards  
gave to me, making in all Seventy Eight Acre and some pds  
over, also I bequeath to my Son James aforesaid all of my  
personal property of every description.

Thirdly - Out of the effects of my estate or property herein bequeath  
ed to my son James as aforesaid he is to pay as I bequeath  
to Mary Jenkins Edwards One Hundred and Ninety  
Dollars and to each of my other Children William G.  
Edwards, David H Edwards, Elizabeth Ann Edwards  
and Eliza Jane Ward to each Five Dollars.

Lastly - I nominate and appoint my Son James Edwards  
my Executor to carry out this my last will and settle of  
my Estate. In witness whereof I do to this my last  
will set my hand and seal

Mary <sup>W</sup> Edwards <sup>Dec<sup>d</sup></sup>  
mark -

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we  
have subscribed our names hants in the presence of the  
testator - this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December AD 1862  
Test

W T Nash  
L J Moore

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County Court June Term 1863.

This day a paper writing purporting  
to be the last will and Testament of Mary Edwards Dec<sup>d</sup>  
late a Citizen of Dyer County was produced in open Court  
and proved according to law by the oaths of W T Nash  
and L J Moore Subscribing witnesses thereto to be as  
it purports to be the last will and Testament of Mary Edwards  
deceased. It is therefore ordered that the same be set up and

established as the last will and Testament of Mary Edwards Dec<sup>d</sup>  
and that the same be Recorded and filed.

Attest

Stephen D Whittet C.L.W

Last Will & Testament  
of

Joseph Ellis Dec<sup>d</sup>  
Prov<sup>d</sup> and Established at the  
June Term County Court 1863.

In the Name of Almighty God  
Amen

I Joseph W Ellis of  
the County of Dyer and State of  
Tennessee being of sound body and  
Mind but conscious of the uncertainty  
of life and the certainty of death do make and publish this my  
last will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me  
that is to say

At my death I wish my Body to be decently buried and all of  
my debts discharged as soon as possible by my Executor myself to be  
appointed

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife the One Third in  
value of all my real estate including the House wherein I now  
live. I also give and bequeath to her an equal share of my personal  
property to be divided between her and my Children hereafter  
named. The Real Estate she is to hold for and during her natural life  
and then the same is to be disposed of as I may herein after direct  
and I give and bequeath unto my Children Nancy Ellis, Almeda  
Ellis, Margarita Eveline Ellis, Charlotte Greeneller, Richard  
Ethelbury Ellis, Mandy P Ellis, William A Ellis, George  
Washington Ellis, all of my property both real and personal  
to be divided between them as soon after my death as practicable  
among my children to whom shall be allotted the land in  
which my wife has a Dower interest shall take possession of  
the same on her death.

To my children David J Ellis, Martha A Sals, William  
H Ellis and Francis J Ellis I give and bequeath the sum  
of One Dollar each, they having failed to discharge the  
duties of Children to a parent.

I hereby nominate and appoint Charles H Gedinger Executor  
of this my last will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1861

Joseph W <sup>b</sup> Ellis <sup>Dec<sup>d</sup></sup>  
mark

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence

118  
and in the presence of the Testator and of each other  
Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 1861  
A G Pieres  
D P Pieres

State of Pennsylvania June Term 1863  
Dyer County Court

This day a Paperwriting purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph W. Ellis dec'd was produced in Open Court and duly proven according to Law to be purport to be the last Will & Testament of Joseph W. Ellis dec'd by the oaths of David P. Pieres and Abbot G. Pieres Subscribing Witnesses thereto.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be set up and established as the last will and testament of Joseph W. Ellis dec'd. and that the same be recorded and filed by the Clerk.

Attest

S D Whitten Clerk  
of Dyer County Court.

Last Will & Testament

of

Henry Cherry dec'd  
Proven and Established at  
the July Term of Dyer County Court 1863

I Henry Cherry have this day made and published this my Last will and Testament revoking all others heretofore by me made, in manner following viz.

First - I Commit my soul to God who gave it, and my Body to be decently buried, and my burial expenses to be paid out of any money that may first come to the hands of my Executor.

Second - I Give and Bequeath to my beloved wife A M F Cherry one Beg Mare and one Mule both, and one Black Horse 3 years old this Spring, one year provision, in myself and family, and all the property she had and possessed at the time she and myself were married, and one Cow & Calf.

Thirdly - I want all the balance of my property to be sold and the proceeds thereof together with all my Notes say one on J H McOp & E G Statlings for between \$6 & \$700 - and one on William Singleton for about \$11 00 equally divided between my wife A M F Cherry, and my Five Children say B A Cherry, E S Cherry, A E Cherry, G W Cherry & D H Cherry Fourthly - and Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint I L Farmer to execute this my last will and Testament This the first day of June 1863.

Signed sealed and published in our presence, and we have set our names hereto in presence

of the Testator  
W B Statlings  
Henry Jones.

Henry Cherry *mark* *initials*

State of Pennsylvania July Term 1863  
Dyer County Court

This day a Paperwriting purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry Cherry dec'd late a Citizen of Dyer County, was produced in Open Court, and proven according to Law by the oaths of W B Statlings and Henry Jones Subscribing Witnesses thereto to be as it purports to be, the last Will & Testament of said Henry Cherry dec'd. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be set up and established as the last Will & Testament of said Henry Cherry dec'd and that the same be Recorded and filed by the Clerk Stephen D Whitten Clerk

Last Will & Testament  
of

Alexander McCulloch Deed  
Brows + established at the  
Dept. Term 1816. of Dyer  
County Court -

In the Name of God. Amen

I Alexander McCulloch  
of the County of Dyer + State  
of Tennessee, viewing the uncer-  
tainty of life + the certainty  
death and being of sound

mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my  
last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all other wills he-  
tofore by me made.

My will and desire is that my Body shall be  
Buried in a plain + decent manner. + my Soul return  
to God who gave it.

With regard to my worldly affair I hereby will  
bequeath unto my beloved wife Francis S. McCulloch  
my Negro Lucy a Woman aged about Fifty years  
Kate a Woman aged about Eighteen years + her Child  
18 Months old + Ned a Boy aged about Ten years

It is further my desire that all my Real Estate shall  
be sold as soon after my death as practicable, and all  
of my stock of every description, and after the payment  
of all my just debts. I wish my son James McCulloch  
+ my son in Law Nathaniel Benton to move me below  
wife to the state of Texas + to purchase a small tract  
of Land out of my money that my property may be  
sold for the tract of Land to be purchased in Texas  
to contain Two Hundred acres or there abouts upon which  
to settle my beloved wife. And at the death of my  
wife Francis, my will and desire is that my son  
James shall have the Land hereby directed to be purchased  
in Texas. I further will and bequeath at the death of  
my beloved wife that all my property Money + Negroe  
shall be equally divided between my son James C. Mc-  
Culloch + my two Grand Sons Benjamin Estlin Benton  
+ Alexander McCulloch Pierces plan and share alike  
except Five Hundred Dollars, which I hereby give +  
bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Tarrant wife of  
Robert Tarrant which is to be paid so soon as my  
Executors may be able to make sales of property + collect  
the same after the death of my beloved wife.

I have given to my daughter Mary Ann wife of

William S. Mitchell his portion of my Estates. I therefore give her  
no more. I have also advanced to my daughter Sarah M. S.  
Gibble in her lifetime. I therefore give nothing unto her heirs.  
Alexander, John A. Benjamin + Harry Estlin McCulloch are  
all men + able to provide for themselves. I therefore give them  
no more than what they have already received.

Alexander McCulloch Pierces as provided for above is the  
oldest Son of my Daughter Adelaide Pierces wife of  
Albert G Pierces,

I hereby nominate + appoint my beloved wife Francis A  
McCulloch, James C. McCulloch + Nathaniel Benton my Exec-  
utors + Executrix, with full power + authority to carry out + execute  
this my last will + Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand + seal  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1816.  
In presence of us.  
J H Doyle  
A Benton

Alex<sup>n</sup> McCulloch, Son (Signed)

Recorded in my Office Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1816.

J H Doyle Clerk

The foregoing Will was ordered to be again Recorded by  
the County Court of Dyer County Tenn. at the July Term 1868  
Attest

S D Whitten Clerk

Last Will & Testament

of  
William R. Prichard, Dec'd  
For w<sup>t</sup> established at the Seance  
Term 1863, of Dyer County Court.

Last Will and Testament, in manner and form as follows.  
 First - I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my Body to Earth to be interred in a Christian like manner.  
 Secondly - After all my just debts and burial expenses are paid, I give all my Estate both personal and Real, my beloved wife Sarah A. Prichard during her life so long as she remains in her widowhood. And if she should marry, then and in such case, I wish such property above mentioned to be equally divided between her and wife Sarah Ann, and my two childrens namely George A. Prichard and Mary A. Prichard.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal  
 I do also nominate and appoint Jas Prichard  
 Executor of this my last will and testament.  
 Signed and delivered in the presence of us.  
 December the 10<sup>th</sup> day 1863

George W. Prichard, *Sig* W. R. Prichard *Sig*  
 Horatio J. French, *Sig*

State of Tennessee

Dyer County Court December Term 1863

This day a Paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William R. Prichard and Dec'd was presented here in open Court and duly proven by the oath of George W. Prichard and Horatio J. French Subscribing witness thereto to be as it purports the Last will and Testament of William R. Prichard Dec'd

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Paper Writing be set up and established as the last will and testament of said deceased and that the same be Recorded by the Clerk.

Attest

S. D. Whittier Clerk  
 of Dyer County Court

Last Will & Testament

of  
Redding Williams Dec'd  
Proven and set up at the Feb'y &  
March Term 1864 of Dyer County  
 Court.

I Redding Williams, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at anytime made.  
 First. I direct that my Funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible  
 out of any monies I may die possessed of or that may just come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I direct that at my death my wife, Maria Moor, Drusilla Bettis, Nancy Legget, Celia Williams, James Williams, Mary Vandegriff, Emily Williams, and my grand son Joseph T. Reddick select five disinterested persons to value my tract of land containing seventy five acres. And that my son in law G.W. Bettis take the land at whatever it may be valued at, paying to each of the above mentioned heirs their proportionate part of the money the land may be valued at, at the expiration of two years after my death.

I give and bequeath to Celia Williams, Jas Williams and Emily Williams, One Bed and furniture, my other heirs all having had the same.

I also give and bequeath to Celia and Emily Williams One Cow and Calf, Two Hundred and fifty pounds of Pork and Five Barrels of Corn each, and my usual Crop of Cotton. I give and bequeath to Amanda Williams wife of Calim Williams Dec'd, Five Dollars, her husband Calim Williams having already had his proportional share of my property.

I give and bequeath to Walter Williams son of Calim and Amanda Williams, Five Dollars.

And whatever balance is remaining after paying my debts to be equally divided between Maria Moor, Drusilla Bettis, Nancy Legget, Celia Williams, Jas Williams, Mary Vandegriff and Emily Williams, and Joseph T Reddick son of Delpha Reddick etc.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son in law G.W. Bettis my Executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal. This Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Redding Williams

Signed, sealed and published in our presence

and we have subscriber our names in the presence of  
the Testator this December 19<sup>th</sup> 1863

I A Newell  
J B Parker.

State of Tennessee <sup>3</sup>  
Dyer County Court 3 February Term 1864

This day I a Paper writing purporting  
to be the last will and testament of Redding Williams deceased  
was produced in open Court and duly proven in part by  
the oath of James B Parker one of the Subscribing  
Witnesses thereto to be as it purports to be the last will and  
testament of Redding Williams deceased

March Term 1864

This day a paper writing purporting  
to be the last will and testament of Redding Williams  
deceased was produced here in open Court and duly proven by  
the oath of Isaac A Newell one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto.  
It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Paper writing be  
put up and established as the last will and testament  
of Redding Williams deceased and that the same be recorded  
by the Clerk.

Attest

S D Whittier Clark

Last Will and Testament  
of  
Susannah W Fielder  
Proved and established at the  
April term of Dyer County Court 1864.

In the name of God, Amen.  
I Susannah W Fielder of  
the County of Dyer in a State of  
Tennessee being of sound mind  
and disposing reason but  
calling to Recollection that it is

Appointed unto man once to die, do therefore make and ordain  
and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner  
and form following. That is to say my Body I Commit to the  
Earth to be buried in decent Christian like manner my soul  
I Commit to God who gave it. After paying all my just debts  
and my funeral expenses it is my will and desire that the  
remainder of my entire estate real and personal or the objects  
thereof be divided into seven equal shares and distributed as follows:  
My Son William P S Fielder being dead it is my will and desire  
that his bodily heirs or his Children have set apart One Seventh  
to them their heirs and assigns. To my Son Alfred T Fielder  
his heirs and assigns I give One Seventh to my Daughter Mary  
E Coffman being dead it is my will and desire that her  
bodily heirs or her Children have set apart One Seventh to  
them their heirs and assigns. To my Daughter Sarah A York her heirs and  
assigns I give one Seventh. My Daughter Francis A Croft being dead  
and leaving but one Child whose name is William A H Croft  
it is my will that one Seventh be set apart for him and his  
bodily heirs and if he should die without any bodily heirs  
then it is my will and desire that the share set apart for him  
shall be equally divided into six shares and given to my Children  
or their representatives as herefore and hereafter named and styled.  
To my son John R Fielder his heirs and assigns I give one Seventh  
To my son Benjamin T Fielder his heirs and assigns I give one Seventh  
And I appoint Alfred T Fielder and Benjamin T Fielder  
my Executors to carry out this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1864

in presence of

J S Newell

J B Powell

Susannah W Fielder (Read)

State of Tennessee <sup>3</sup>  
April Term 1864  
Dyer County Court <sup>3</sup>

This day a Paper writing purporting

to be the last will and testament of Susannah W Field.  
Deed was presented him in open Court and duly proven  
by the oath of James B Powell one of the subscribing  
witnesses thereto to be as it purports the last will and testament  
of Susannah W Field deceased. It is therefore ordered by the  
Court that said Paper writing be set up and established as  
the last will and testament of Susannah W Field.

Paper writing be set up and established as the last will  
and testament of said John W Rodgers Deed and that  
the same be recorded  
Attest

S D Whittet Clerk

S D Whittet Clerk.

Last Will & Testament  
of  
John W Rodgers Deed.  
Proven and established at the  
April Term of Dyer County Court 1864.

I John W Rodgers being  
of sound mind and memory  
do make and publish this my  
last will and testament.  
Believing that the laws  
of the State of Tennessee make  
a proper and equitable distribution of property - it is my  
will that my property real and personal, after the pay-  
ment of my just debts and funeral expenses, should  
be distributed in exact accordance with said Laws  
of said State, exactly as if I had not made this will  
but reserving to myself the right to say who shall  
manage my estate under said laws. I do hereby  
nominate and appoint my well beloved wife Sarah Jane  
Rodgers Executive of this my last will and testament  
and that she shall take upon and discharge the duties  
of Executive without giving bond or security as  
usually required by Law.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal this 10th day of March 1864

J W Rodgers (seal)

State of Tennessee 3 April Term 1864

Dyer County Court 3 This day a Paper writing  
purporting to be the last will and testament of John W.  
Rodgers Deed was produced here in open Court and duly  
proven by the oaths of James N Todd and Sam'l  
P. Latte Subscribing witness thereto to be as it pur-  
ports the last will and testament of John W.  
Rodgers Deed. It is therefore ordered that said

Last will & Testament

of

A M Bennett Deed  
Proven and established at the  
June Term 1864 of Dyer County Court

Know all men by these presents  
that I A M Bennett in view  
of the great fact that it is  
appointed unto man to die.  
And in view of the uncertainty  
of human events, have on this  
the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1864

Made this my last will and testament as follows.  
First - I will my soul to God who gave it feeling grateful  
for the many blessings which have followed me all along  
life's toiled way.

Secondly - I will that I shall be decently buried and  
the expenses thereof immediately paid out of the surplus  
means which I shall have for such and other purposes.

Furthermore - I will to the child of my deceased son, Three  
Hundred Dollars, which is now due from the Estate of my  
son to me. I also will to the Estate of Child of my son  
John Bennett Twenty five Dollars to be paid out of my  
Estate. My reason for leaving no more to my deceased son  
or his Child is that he has been raised up to manhood  
and that I have hitherto given to him what I thought to  
be right, with a knowledge that I leave my wife in  
delicate health and but little able to labour for support  
with two children to educate and raise.

All the balance of my estate including lands tenements &c  
stock of every kind with my Notes and accounts. I will  
to my beloved wife Caroline and her two children Tim  
and Charles.

I will whatever money I may have on hand at my  
decease shall be left in the hands of my wife Caroline  
for the benefit of herself & children.

I hereby appoint Albert G Ferguson to execute this my  
last will & testament it being the only valid will which I have  
and rendering null and void all similar wills which  
may claim to have emanated from me.

129

I will and direct that my debts be paid out of any notes and accounts & surplus money, and all my notes and accounts be left in the hands of my wife as her individual property to be collected by her as such and used according to the direction of her own judgment.

Furthermore I leave with my wife Caroline the privilege of hereafter selecting and making Chises between the place on which I am living at the date of this will and my residence near Derryburg as her future home.

In presence of witnesses I subscribe to all the foregoing will with sound mind fully capable of executing mentally this Indenture for the future disposal of my temporal affairs.

Witness  
P C Walker  
J H Cooper.

A M Barnett *(Seal)*

State of Pennsylvania 3 July 1864.  
Dyer County Court B

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of A M Barnett dec'd was produced here in open Court and duly proven by the oaths of Dr P C Walker and James H Cooper Subscribing witnesses thereto to be as it purports the last will and testament of A M Barnett dec'd.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing be set up and established as the last will and testament of A M Barnett dec'd and that the same be recorded by the Clerk.

Attest

S D Whittier Clerk

Last Will & Testament.

of  
Stephen B Atkin dec'd  
Proven and established at the  
by term 1864 of Dyer County Court

I Stephen B Atkin do make and publish as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and rendering void all other wills by me at anytime made.

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

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my wife Catherine A Atkin all my property both personal and real during her natural life or widowhood - thus to be equally divided among all my children.

Thirdly - It is my will and wish that each of my sons shall have the privilege of raising and keeping a Horse a piece.

Fourthly - It is my will and wish if my wife Catherine A Atkin should die before my two youngest sons become large enough to support themselves, that they have a reasonable allowance made to support them and School them.

Fifthly - It is my will and wish that there be no public sale of any of my property by my executor.

Lastly - I nominate and appoint my son Abner A Atkin my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my set my hand and seal - this April 11<sup>th</sup> 1863.

S W Archibalds

J H Atkin

S B Atkin *(Seal)*

State of Pennsylvania 3 July 1864.  
Dyer County Court B

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Stephen B Atkin was produced here in open Court and the execution thereof duly proven by the oaths of S W Archibalds and J H Atkin Subscribing witnesses thereto to be as it purports the last will and testament of Stephen B Atkin dec'd.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be set up and established as said last will aforesaid, and that the same be recorded and filed by the Clerk.

Attest

S D Whittier Clerk

Last will & testament

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1859

of  
George W. Cocke deceased I George W. Cocke considering the  
Power and let up at the uncertainty of human life and  
August 4 September Term wishing to dispose of all the prop-  
erty of Dyer County Court city that I now have which I

do in the following manner  
I Loan to my wife Mary Ann W. Cocke all my  
part of the tract of land wherein I now live  
and during her ~~next~~ life and the following  
Slaves Dick Lamb Emmitry Mary her child  
Wm & Betty and one half of my stock of every  
description plantation tools house hold and  
kitchen furniture at her death to go to my  
Son Alvin Cocke and to his heirs forever  
I also give to my Son A. Cocke One negro man  
named Charles and the residue of my estate  
I do constitute and appoint my Son Alvin  
Cocke as my Only Executor This sixteenth day  
of July 1859 witness my hand and seal

Attest  
J. E. Bell  
F. J. Cocke

State of Tennessee 3<sup>rd</sup> August Term 1865  
Dyer County Court

This day a paper writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and testament of Harry  
W. Cocke ~~deceased~~ was presented here in open court  
and was duly proven in part by the oath of J. E.  
Bell One of the Subscribing witnesses thereto  
to be as it purports the last will and  
testament of George W. Cocke deceased and  
it is ordered that it stand over until  
proven by the other Subscribing witness  
thereto

State of Tennessee 3<sup>rd</sup> September Term 1865  
Dyer County Court

On motion and it is to the  
Court that F. J. Cocke One of the Subscribing witness

to the last will and testament of George W. Cocke ~~deceased~~  
being dead - John Davis and R. Davis after  
being first duly sworn deposed and said that they  
were acquainted with the hand writing of the said  
George W. Cocke from having seen him write and  
being familiar with his writing and that they  
are satisfied that the signature to said will  
purporting to be his is genuine - It is therefore  
ordered by the Court that said paper writing be set  
up and established as the last will and testament  
of George W. Cocke deceased and that it be  
recorded by the Clerk

State of Tennessee Lupton County  
Court September Term 1865  
This day a paper writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and  
testament of H. M. Horne was  
presented here in open court  
September 1865 Dyer County Court and Andrew Hart and Allen

Hartley the Subscribing  
witnesses thereto came hence into open court and  
being duly sworn deposed and say that they  
were personally acquainted with said testator  
that he signed and published said paper writing  
in their presence as his will and requested them  
especially to witness the same and that they  
did subscribe the same in his presence and  
in the presence of each other and that said  
testator is dead It is therefore ordered that  
said paper writing be set up and establish-  
ed as the last will and testament of H. M.  
Horne ~~deceased~~ and be recorded

132  
Last Will and Testament of Milly Privitt died  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 1859 at the  
Oct by Sam Craig  
Reverend Father

without being required to give security  
in the provision

To wit

Whereas I am entituled  
to an amount not known by me  
Father David Bailey's estate of Johnson  
County North Carolina and I do  
so desire his administration and  
desiring to give all or a part of his  
said means to my Grand Daughter  
Mary Ann Privitt I hereby will and  
bequeath to her after my death  
five hundred dollars (\$500) of said legacy  
which shall by Wm Merchant be  
received and held for her until she  
marries or becomes of age and on her  
marriage it shall by said Merchant  
be invested for the benefit her and her  
issue and not to be subject to the  
debts of her husband but it remain  
solely for her and her children if  
any She have and to be invested at  
the direction of Wm Merchant given  
under my hand & Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
1859

Milly Privitt Seal

Witnesses

Daniel Mc Craig  
Edwin Fornell

State of Tennessee  
Byer County

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

On Motion and it appearing to the  
Court that Edwin Fornell one of the  
Subscribing witnesses to the last will &

know all men by these  
I Milly Privitt being  
in my Right mind make  
this my last will and testament  
and appoint William  
Merchant to carry into  
effect its provisions

To wit

Whereas I am entituled  
to an amount not known by me  
Father David Bailey's estate of Johnson  
County North Carolina and I do  
so desire his administration and  
desiring to give all or a part of his  
said means to my Grand Daughter  
Mary Ann Privitt I hereby will and  
bequeath to her after my death  
five hundred dollars (\$500) of said legacy  
which shall by Wm Merchant be  
received and held for her until she  
marries or becomes of age and on her  
marriage it shall by said Merchant  
be invested for the benefit her and her  
issue and not to be subject to the  
debts of her husband but it remain  
solely for her and her children if  
any She have and to be invested at  
the direction of Wm Merchant given  
under my hand & Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
1859

Milly Privitt Seal

Witnesses

Daniel Mc Craig  
Edwin Fornell

State of Tennessee  
Byer County

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1865

On Motion and it appearing to the  
Court that Edwin Fornell one of the  
Subscribing witnesses to the last will &

Testament of Milly Privitt dec'd  
has removed beyond the limits of the State  
of Tennessee W. S. Norment & D. M. Craig  
after first being duly sworn deposed &  
said that they were acquainted with the  
hand writing of the said Edwin Fornell  
from having seen him write and  
being familiar with writing and  
that they are satisfied that the signature  
to said will is genuine and that  
Mr. Craig one of the witnesses to the last  
will and testament of Milly Privitt  
dec'd being first duly sworn deposed &  
said Milly Privitt signed & acknowledged  
the same in his presence  
and requested him to witness the same  
He therefore ordered by the Court  
that said paper writing be set up and  
published at the last will and testament  
of Milly Privitt dec'd and that  
it be recorded by the Clerk  
attest

D. J. Benton Clerk

Last will and Testament  
of Milly Privitt dec'd done  
and set up November Term 1865  
Byer County Court

In the name of god Amen  
I G. R. Cook off the County of  
and set up November Term 1865  
of sound mind and disposing  
memory and being sensible  
of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death  
do make and publish this my last will and testament  
hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me  
(if any) I the 1<sup>st</sup> - It is my will and desire that  
as soon after my death as possible all my property  
both real and personal be sold and my Executor  
can sell the same either for cash or on a credit either  
privately or publicly as he may think most ad-  
vantageous to my estate and all my just debts  
and funeral expenses paid - Item 2<sup>nd</sup> - I give  
and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Cook One  
thousand dollars (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) including in the amount

134

One hundred and twenty six Dollars in gold now on hand and direct that as soon after my death as the same can be done that my Executor take said money and also my Said Daughter Sarah J. Gooch to the State of North Carolina and leave her with my daughter Eliza Edwards that Edward Edwards my son in law be requested to act as her Guardian and after his appointment and qualification then my Said Executor is to leave said money with him as her guardian for her use and benefit - all the expenses in going to returning from and taking my Said Daughter to North Carolina or thence necessarily incurred in the premises are to be deducted out of the balance of the estate to bring my estimate that she have that amount including said gold placed in her guardians hands in North Carolina but the say hundred and Seventy four dollars can be paid in Current bank notes Item 3<sup>d</sup> - The balance of my estate I desire to be equally divided amongst my beloved wife Nancy Gooch and the balance of my children and grand child of my deceased Son share and share alike Excluding the said S. J. Gooch from any part thereof the one thousand dollar given to her in item 2<sup>d</sup> being all that I intend for her to have out of my estate - The grandchild aforesaid is to have equal share that its father should be entitled to if living Item 4<sup>d</sup> I do hereby appoint W. C. Gooch my Son my Executor to carry out the former herein granted. Witness my hand and Seal this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1865 - done in presence and care in the presence of each other and in witness the same at the special instance and request of the testator  
John Clark  
J. St. Chiles  
C. L. Gross

State of Tennessee November Term 1865 -  
County of Dyer

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of G.R. Gooch deceased late a citizen of Dyer County was produced here in Open Court and proved according to law by the Oaths of J. St. Chiles, Jesse Clark and Charles L. Morris Subscribing witness thereto to be as it prospect to be the last will and testament of said G.R. Gooch deceased It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be set up and established as the last will and testament of the said G.R. Gooch deceased and that the same be recorded and filed by the Clerk.

Attest

Thos H. Burton Clerk

Last will and testament In the name of god Amen of Henry Howlettes dead I Henry Howlettes of Dyer County poor man and set up State of Tennessee being well November Term 1865 - Stricken in years but of sound Dyer County Court and of disposing mind and memory Recorded 15<sup>th</sup> November 1865 - Thank God knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die to make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others in manner and form following that is to say item first it is my desire and direction that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable after my death Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son George W. Howlettes at my death and of my wife the tract of land on which I now live containing about three hundred acres the balance of the same tract also another tract of 205 acres known as part of the Burton tract

purchased by me lying west of my home place  
and also one other tract of land of two hundred  
thirteen and a half acres deeded to me by  
S. C. Brown by her Attorney James C.  
Rogers containing in all seven hundred  
and eighteen and a half acres - with the  
tenement and appurtenances thereto belong-  
ing to have and to hold the same to  
him and his heirs forever - Item 3rd  
I give and bequeath to my two Grand  
children Emily A. Pugh and Henry  
Thomas Russell lawful children of my  
daughter Rebecca These two tracts or parcels of land  
containing in all 54 1/4 acres and known  
as the Williams tract and the balance  
of the tract purchased by me of Benton  
but being the balancer of my real estate  
not bequeathed to my son George A. Gholts  
with the tenements and appurtenances there-  
unto belonging to have and to hold the same  
to them and their heirs forever - at my death  
and that of my wife - Item 4th It is my  
will that should my wife survive me that  
all my property both real and personal remain  
in her possession during her natural life  
and at her death all my estate excepting that  
bequeathed in the foregoing part of this my last  
will and testament to my son George A. Gholts  
and 2 Grand Children Emily A. Russell  
and Henry Thomas Russell to be equally  
divided among all of my heirs shall  
and share alike

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my  
two Sons W. L. Gholts & A. S. Gholts Ex-  
ecutors and my wife Marry Gholts  
Executive of this my last will and testament  
witness my hand this the 29th day of July 1857  
Signed sealed and published in presence of us  
who have subscribed the same in the presence  
of the testator and of each other

July 29th 1857  
D. Williamson  
J. D. McDavid

State of Tennessee This day a paper writing purpor-  
County of Dyer stating to be the last will and  
testament of Henry Gholts late  
a citizen of Dyer County was produced  
here in open court and the two subscribing  
witnesses then to being dead the handwriting  
of said Subscribing witnesses shewd was duly proven  
by the Oaths of J. H. McGaughy, C. C. Woods  
& J. Sampson who after being first duly  
sworn say that the signatures of D. Williamson  
and John J. McDavid as witnesses to said will was  
executed by them that they have often seen  
them write and being familiar with their  
handwriting - and that the signature of Henry Gholts to  
said will was proven by the Oaths of C. C. Woods  
& C. G. Pierce who after being first duly sworn said  
that they believed it to be his signature from having seen him  
write and being familiar with his handwriting  
It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be set up and  
established as the last will and testament of the said Henry  
Gholts deceased and that the same be recorded and  
filed by the Clerk Attest

J. H. Benton clerk

Last will and Testament  
of Abraham Canada clck  
proven and set up November  
Item 1865 Dyer County Court  
Recorded 15 November 1865

March 26 1862  
State of Tennessee Dyer  
County J. A. Canada  
do leave all of my prop-  
erty to Annie Canada  
the wife of said Canada  
the property is as follows One hundred and 7/4 acres  
of land horses hogs and cattle and house held  
Kitchen furniture and all chattels in due use  
which said Annie Canada is to have the pri-  
macy of doing what she pleases with until her  
death and then to my heirs Lydia Anna Canada  
Isat N. B. Arnold  
A. Canada  
Sarah

A. Canada  
Sarah

State of Tennessee This day a paper writing purporting  
County of Dyer to be the last will and testament  
of Abraham Canada deceased late  
a citizen of Dyer County was produced here  
in open Court and duly proved by the oaths  
of Isaac Canada and William Arnold  
the two subscribing witnesses thereto to be beds  
it purports to be the last will and testament  
of Abraham Canada deceased It is  
therefore ordered by the Court that the same  
be set up and established as the last will and  
testament of the said Abraham Canada  
deceased And that the same be recorded  
and filed by the Clerk

Attest J H. Butler clerk

Last will and Testament  
of Daniel Hendricks

State of Tennessee  
Dyer County

Proven and set up  
December Term 1865 of the County and State aforesaid being  
Dyer County Court Recd of bound mind & memory do this  
27 December 1865.

the 14 day of April One thousand eight  
hundred and fifty eight make ordain  
an publish this my last will and testament in manner  
and form following by first I wish to be decently buried  
at the expense of my estate - 2ndly I wish all of my just  
debts paid - 3rdly I will and bequeath to my son

William R Hendricks my plantation and tract of  
land on which I live at the time of my death  
it containing fifty five acres with all the appurtenances  
thereto to the use of said William R Hendricks his  
heirs and assigns forever - I further will and  
bequeath that there shall be eight Dollars set apart  
from the proceeds the sale of my personal property  
to be equally divided between my two daughters  
Anna Scott and Elizabeth Scott - and I further  
will that my son William R Hendricks receive forty  
Dollars from my estate - and of them should be

anything left that it shall be equally divided  
between all of my children except Polly Murray  
and Temperance Chaffin which have had them  
all I intend to give them I hereby make and  
appoint Archl R Hendricks my Executor  
to this my last will and testament Signed and  
sealed the day and date above  
written in the presence of  
R H McNeil  
C E White

Daniel Hendricks (Signature)

State of Tennessee December Court 1865  
Dyer County

This day a paper writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and testament of  
Daniel Hendricks deceased was produced here  
in Open Court and duly proven by the oaths  
of R H McNeil & C E White the 2 Subscribing  
Witnesses thereto to be as it purports to be the  
last will and testament of Daniel Hendrick  
deceased - It is therefore ordered by the Court  
that the same be set up and established as  
the last will testament of the said Daniel  
Hendricks deceased and that the same be recorded  
by the Clerk

Attest

J H. Butler clerk  
Dyer County Court

The last will and Test-  
ament of Archl Wilkins  
Proven and set up  
August Term 1866 Dyer

County Court Recd of  
Sept 8 - 1866

State of Tennessee Dyer County  
January 16 - 1866 -  
I Archibald Wilkins being in bad  
health, but in my proper mind  
do make and publish this my last  
will and Testament hereby revoking  
and making void all other former wills made by me  
and after commanding my soul to god who gave it  
my body to be decently but not extravagantly buried  
to dispose of my worldly goods as follows First - my  
land in the state of Ark, Columbia County it being

One thousand acres - Scill and bequeath equally and  
jointly to the eight following heirs to wit. To my son  
William George Archibald & Wilkins Malvina Wilkins  
George Spence Christina C Wilkins Margaret A Wilkins  
and the three children of daughter Elizabeth Hart to  
come in as one heir and receive one eighth part as  
their mothers share. I also hold one note against  
J.P. Baker my agent in Arkansas given for one  
hundred and eighteen dollars and 80 cents which  
leave to the above named heirs for the purpose  
of paying any tax or other charge that may be agm.  
say laid or to defray the expense of dividing said  
land - all my land in Jefferson County with  
all other property money notes accounts or actions at  
law of which I may die possessed after paying all  
my debts. I will and bequeath to my four follow-  
ing named children to wit - Isabelle, Mrs Penn  
Emerson Etheridge and Lucy Bell equally and  
jointly but leave it to my wife during her  
life for the purpose of enabling her to raise and edu-  
cate said four children - I furthermore make and now  
name my wife Mary Wilkins Executrix to this my last  
will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my  
name and dated my seal this the day and date above  
written

Archibald Wilkins (Seal)  
Witness Joseph Barker &  
Edmund Chitwood

State of Tennessee County Court August Term 1866 -  
Dyer County This day a paper writing purporting to be  
the last will and Testament of Archibald

Wilkins deceased late a citizen of Dyer County was pro-  
duced here in open court and proved according to  
Law by the oaths of Joseph Barker & Edmund Chitwood  
the two subscribing witnesses thereto to bear it purports  
to be the last will and Testament of said Archibald  
Wilkins deceased. It is therefore ordered by the Court  
that the same be set up and established as the last  
will and Testament of the said Archibald Wilkins  
and that the same be recorded and filed by the Clerk  
Attest

O. H. Benton Clerk Dyer County  
Court

Last will and Testament  
of A. A. Whittenton  
was proven set up  
August Term 1866  
Recorded Sept 10-1866

State of Tennessee Dyer County  
July 16<sup>th</sup> One thousand eight hundred  
and Sixty six A.D. A. A. Whittenton of Dyer  
County fifth Civil District of  
the State of Tennessee being of sound  
mind and memory and considering the uncertainty  
of this frail and transitory life do therefore make  
Ordain and publish and declare this to be my last  
will & Testament - That is to say first after all my  
lawful debts are paid and discharged the  
residue of my estate real and personal I give  
bequeath and dispose of as follows To my  
my beloved wife the land and appurtenances  
situated thereon known and described as the bluff  
Tracts of land now owned by the said A. A. Whittenton  
lying in Dyer County 5<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Tennessee  
together with all of my stock consisting of horses  
cattle hogs sheep also the house hold and kitchen  
furniture to have and to hold against all demands  
whatever during her lifetime or widow hood  
at the expiration of said time what may yet remain  
as to be equally divided between my lawful heirs  
share & share alike - Likewise I make constitute and  
appoint my wife E. M. Whittenton to be executrix  
of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all  
former wills made by me - In witness whereof  
I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my  
seal the sixth day of July One thousand eight hundred  
Sixty six

A. A. Whittenton (Seal)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said  
A. A. Whittenton in our presence and acknowledged  
by him to each of us and he at the same time acknowledged  
the above instrument to be his last  
will & Testament and we at the Testators request and in his  
presence have signed our names as witnesses unto  
and witness affixed our names

M. W. Baker (Seal)  
Thos G. Johnson (Seal)

State of Kennebec County Court August Term 1864  
County of Dix. This day a paper writing pur-  
porting to be the last will & testament  
of N. A. Whittleton deceased a citizen of said County  
was produced before me and duly proven by the  
oaths of H. W. Baker & Thos. H. Johnson the two  
subscribing witnesses thereto to be as it purports to be  
the last will & testament of the said N. A. Whittleton  
deceased. It is therefore ordered by the Court that  
the same be set up and established as the last will  
and testament of the said N. A. Whittleton deceased  
and that the same be recorded and filed by the Clerk  
Attest

J. H. Benton Clerk  
Dix County Court

Last will and  
testament of James  
S. Anderson deceased

proven set up August  
Sept. Court 1864  
Recorded 10 September 1866

This the last will & testament of James  
S. Anderson after my death I  
do give and bequeath to my brother  
John S. Anderson all my interest  
in a certain tract of land in [redacted] of which  
is drawn jointly to us also all notes and sums that  
are due to me here all money that I may die pos-  
sessed of after paying all my just debts and  
burying me decently - I do give and bequeath  
all to my brother John S. Anderson witness  
my hand and seal this the 10 day of July 1866 James S. Anderson  
Signed Andrew Hartt John H. H. H.

State of Kennebec County Court August Term 1864  
Dix County This day a paper writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and  
testament of James S. Anderson and was  
produced in open court and duly proven in  
part by the oaths of John Knott one of the subscri-  
bing witnesses thereto to be as it purports to be  
the last will & testament of the said James Anderson  
deceased

September Term 1864

This day a paper writing purporting  
to be the last will and testament of James S. Anderson  
deceased was produced & heard open court and  
duly proven by the oaths of Andrew Hartt one of  
the Subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore  
ordered by the Court that said paper writing  
be set up and established as the last will and testament  
of James S. Anderson deceased and that the same be  
recorded & filed by the Clerk  
Attest

J. H. Benton Clerk  
Dix County Court

Last will & testament  
of B. T. Blake deceased  
Proven set up Sep-  
tember Court 1866  
Recorded 10 day of  
September 1866

In the name of god amen I B. T.  
Blake of Dix County State of Maine  
Present set up before me in the County of  
Kennebec 1866 and considering the uncertainty of  
life do then make and declare  
this to be my last will & testament  
That is to say after all my legal debts are paid  
and discharged the residue of my estate real and  
personal I give bequeath & dispose of as follows  
town all letters and papers contained in my  
valise to be burned without examination, my gun  
and Colt Beagle & Sharps I give to Mrs Martha  
Douglas, I give to my wife M. A. B. Ballot  
my Store House in Newborn Kennebec and  
my Library except my bible which I give to my  
brother Moses Blake I give to each of my daughters  
Sister Mary Benjamin the sum of One hundred  
of E. T. Sibley of Misses Harris & Graham Gil-  
liper One hundred dollars to be held in  
trust by their respective fathers or guardians  
until said boys are eighteen years old and  
have spent for a watch I give lands except  
the lots in Newborn to the children of my deceased  
sister Mary My clothes I leave to Guy Douglass  
to be used or given away as he may see fit (they  
are not to be sold). The remainder of my property  
I leave again to my sister Lucy Ballot Army.

brother Moses Blake to be divided equally between them I also make Constitute & appoint South Parks Esq to be Executor of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all others by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July One thousand eight hundred & Eighty Three S. B. T. Blake *Seal*  
Acknowledged witnessed  
C. B. Umely  
W H Hampton

### Codicil

I B. T. Blake being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby revoke the appointment of South Parks as Executor of this my last will & Testament and in his stead appoint my true and tried friends Guy Douglass and Will M. Walker to execute this my will - with full power and authority to carry out and perform all the duties of Executors and to enforce the provisions in the body of this will set forth I direct that my Dark bay mare and one of my colts to be given to Mrs Jay Douglass as a slight testimonial of my regard for her - I also direct that my Buggy and my other Colt be given to Mrs A. B. Morris both these last bequests to be free gift to Mrs Douglass & Mrs Morris

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1866 B. T. Blake *Seal*  
Signed sealed and  
published in our presence and we were personally requested

by the Testator to witness the same and have hereunto signed our names in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other B. H. McGeary  
Alba Steffington  
J. C. Doyle  
J. F. Child

State of Tennessee this day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of B. T. Blake late a citizen of Dyer County deceased was produced before Open Court and duly proven by the oaths of R. H. McGeary McDoyle & John Steffington to be and present to be the last will & Testament of the said B. T. Blake deceased - It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be set up and established as the last will and Testament of said Blake and that the same be recorded and filed by the Clerk of this Court

J. H. Benton Clerk  
Dyer County Court

### Last will & testament

of  
Buril Robertson  
Proven and established  
at the January Term  
1863 Dyer County Court

In the name of God Amen I Buril Robertson of the County of Dyer State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and Considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make Ordain and publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament That is to say First after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate the interest which I hold in the tract of land as bequeathed to me by my father Buril Robinson deceased I give bequeath and dispose of as follows To my beloved Sister Harriet M. Kin Head and Brother Stephen M. Robertson to have and to hold and dispose of as they may think proper Likewise I make Constitute and appoint James H. Nunn to be my Executor of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 24<sup>th</sup> day of November One thousand eight hundred and Sixty six - Buril Robertson *Seal*  
Sister Harriet Nunn

Robert H. Nunn

J. F. Perry  
J. H. Heasell

State of Tennessee of January Term 1867 - Dyer County  
 This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Burriel Robinson ~~deceased~~ was produced before me by the ~~clerk~~ of the court  
 and accepted ~~as~~ <sup>by the Oath of J. H. Penry & others</sup> ~~as~~  
 bearing the two subscribing witnesses thereto bears  
 it purports to be the last will and testament of the deceased  
 Burriel Robinson ~~deceased~~. It is therefore ordered by the  
 Court that the same be set up and established as the  
 last will and testament of said Robinson ~~deceased~~ and  
 that the same be recorded by the clerk.

Attest

J. H. Bentor Clerk

Last will and testa- I, John Mills of Dyer County being of  
 ment of John Mills bound mind but weak in body health  
 poor and estableshed do make this my last will and testament  
 February term 1867 First, I desire my just debts paid out of  
Dyer County my means on hand and coming and  
 if any balance be due then the remainder out of any of  
 my personal property my family care best share  
 Secondly, I desire my daughter Eliza farre and the younger  
 children live on my land and keep the rest of my property  
 on the place and till the land so raise and support them  
 during her life but if she marries and leaves then my  
 oldest son will take of my means & children support them  
 Thirdly - When my youngest daughter marries or attains  
 the age of twenty one years I desire my land sold by my Executor  
 and the proceeds equally divided between all my children I hereby  
 appoint my friend John W. Wright my Executor of this will  
 John W. Wright  
 R. S. Brown

John J. Mills

State of Tennessee of February Term 1867 - Dyer County Court  
 This day a paper writing purporting to be the  
 last will and testament of John Mills ~~deceased~~ was  
 produced before me in open Court and proven by the Oath of John W.  
 Wright and R. S. Brown ~~subscribing witness~~ thereto bears  
 it purports to be the last will and testament of said  
 Mills ~~deceased~~ It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same  
 be set up established as the last will and testament of said Mills and  
 that the same be recorded by the Clerk

J. H. Bentor Clerk

Last will and testament In the name of God Amen I Edward  
 of Bradshaw of Dyer County Tennessee do  
 Edward Bradshaw ~~do~~ by me and publish this my last will  
 and Testament in manner and form  
 as they stand written and Testament in manner and form  
 following, that is to say It is my  
 will and desire that my mortal remain-  
 be decently buried and all my just debt paid as soon  
 as practicable after my death out of the money I may have  
 at my death or that which shall first come into the hands  
 of my Executor. Then it is my will and desire that my  
 Daughter Elizabeth S. Lacks shall have the use of the land  
 she now lies on (twelve acres) for the years 1867 & 1868 free  
 of charge. Third I give and bequeath to my youngest  
 Son Thomas E Bradshaw One Sorel horse already known  
 as his own bed one trunk and one small table out of my estate  
 and the residue of my estate real and personal I give and  
 bequeath to my following named children and Grand  
 children to be divided between them Thus to my children  
 James, C. John T. Samuel B. Thomas E. Elizabeth S. Lacks  
 Amanda R. Gardiner Elvira C. Richardson Mary F. Walter  
 Roberts W. Powell and Clarissa A. Hall each one share to  
 my granddaughter Jennyra F. Richmond One Share and  
 to my Grandson Roberts B. & Jesse E Bradshaw  
 one share jointly - my daughter Lucinda Terry and my  
 Granddaughter Mollie E Garrett of Virginia have already  
 received as much of my estate as I wish them to have and  
 must have as more. Lastly I nominate and appoint my  
 two sons James E Bradshaw and John T. Bradshaw Execu-  
 tors of this my last will and testament and it is my will and  
 desire that they execute this will without giving any bond  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and seal hereby revoking and making void all former  
 wills by me at any time herebefore made this 24 day of  
 December 1866.

Signed sealed and published in our presence  
 who here subscribe our names harts at the  
 request of the Testator in his presence &  
 in the presence of each other. Dated 24-1866  
 Elijah P. Reith & wife Thompson

Edward E. Bradshaw  
 Attest

State of Tennessee, Fentz, Fentz County Court, 1867  
 Wycoff County. This day of paper writing, preparing  
 to be the last will and testament of  
 Edward Bradshaw deceased was produced here in open  
 court and proven by the oath of C P Kirk one of  
 the Subscribing witnesses thereto to be as it purports  
 to be the last will and testament of said Bradshaw  
 and it is therefore ordered by the court that the  
 same be set up and established as the last will and  
 testament of said Edward Bradshaw and that  
 the same be recorded by the clerk.

A. West

F. H. Weston Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Margaret E. Griffen in the State of Tennessee Wycoff County  
 March Term 1867 Wycoff County Court

Wycoff County. I, Margaret E. Griffen in the full belief of the existence of a god  
 Proven and Set up and the conviction that my death  
 will prove fatal desire to dispose of  
 my goods and effects as follows

viz. The one half of the amount of money  
 in the hands of my Guardian I bequeath to my  
 beloved brother Nymphus Reddick and his two  
 daughters Nancy Leonora Reddick, Nancy Etta Reddick and  
 Ella Ora Reddick respectively the same to be divi-  
 ded equally between the aforesaid persons. To my  
 beloved brother Nymphus Reddick I bequeath  
 my new trunk to my sister Nancy Leonora  
 Reddick I bequeath my saddle. To my beloved  
 Mother Sarah E. Reddick I bequeath my  
 rocking chair - To my beloved Grand mother  
 I bequeath the remaining one half of my  
 money in the hands of my Guardian; and  
 also to her I bequeath my man and coll.  
 It is my desire that all of my indebtedness that has  
 or may hereafter occur shall be paid out of the  
 amount now in the hands of my Guardian before the  
 general distribution shall have been made, and  
 I further desire that my friend George W. Taylor  
 be appointed Executor of this my last will and Test-  
 ment in witness whereof I have hereunto affixed

my mark and placed my private seal this the nineteenth  
 day of August A.D. One thousand eight hundred and  
 sixty six  
 Margaret E. Griffen (Seal)  
 A. West  
 Margaret E. Griffen (Seal)

State of Tennessee, Fentz, Fentz County Court, 1867  
 County of Wycoff. This day a paper writing, preparing to  
 be the last will and testament of Margaret  
 E. Griffen deceased was produced here in open court and  
 proven by the oath of Mary Jane Echols one of the 2  
 Subscribing witnesses thereto (which was not objected to) to be  
 as it purports to be the last will and testament of said  
 Margaret E. Griffen. It is therefore ordered by the court  
 that the same be set up and established as the last will  
 and testament of said deceased and that the same be  
 recorded by the Clerk

A. West

F. H. Weston Clerk

Last Will & Testament

of

G. W. Gause

Proven & Set up April 1st, 1867, in the State of Tennessee, calling to  
 mind the uncertainty of life and being

of sound mind and of disposing memory (Blessed be  
 almighty God for the same) do make, constitute and ordain in  
 this my last will and testament in the following manner  
 to wit Item first - I commit my soul to almighty God  
 trusting in his redemption through my Saviour Jesus  
 Christ. Item 2nd - It is my will and therefore direct and  
 authorize my Executor or Executrix (hereinafter mentioned)  
 not to have a sale of my effects after my death, but every  
 thing to remain together as though I were living and  
 manage to the best advantage for the interest of my family.

Item 3rd I have given to my Daughter Mrs Elizabeth B.  
 Jordan One hundred and thirteen acres of land and have  
 made thereon a Deed for the same which I consider their full  
 proportion of my estate and therefore authorize my Execu-  
 tor and Executors so to consider it.

Item 4 - My two Daughters Mrs Martha J. Miller and  
 Mrs Mary Ann Gause I have not given them anything

In the name of God Amen

from the fact of my estate being shuttled so much  
by the war and as my wife Mrs Mary A. Gause has  
the management of my estate I leave the matter with  
her and my Executor to dispose of the best way they  
can at all times having a regard to the education of my  
two sons James Ezra & Thomas Richard cause the  
letter I want educated for a longer

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> It is my wish that should my wife Mrs  
Mary A. Gause in consideration with my Executor  
deem it best at any time to sell the house and lot in Dyer  
burg and buy elsewhere either a farm or lot I wish  
them sold so or should my wife feel disposed to  
have a division of the estate before her death she can  
do so first taking into consideration the education  
of my two sons above stated in Item 5<sup>th</sup>

Item 6<sup>th</sup> Should my wife have no division of my estate  
during her life time then after her death I wish my Executor  
to divide my estate between the following children By  
Martha G. Miller, Mary Alice Gause, Frederick B.  
cause James Ezra and Thomas Richard cause  
first taking into consideration the amount necessary  
to complete the education of my two sons former  
Ezra and Thomas Richard Gause

Lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Mary  
A. Gause and myself Jas Gause my Executor  
and Executor to the my last will and testament  
Givin under my hand and seal the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March Anno Domini One thousand eight hundred  
and forty seven. Said sealed published and declared  
to be the last will and testament of the Testator in presence of  
the subscribers

Geo. W. Gause

E. G. Sugg

M. P. Sugg

State of Tennessee, Dyer County Court 1867  
Before me this day a paper containing purporting to be the last will  
and testament of George W. Gause was produced before me open Court  
and proven by the oaths of Colby & M. R. King to be as it purports to be  
the last will and testament of said Gause and is therefore ordered by  
the Court that the same be accepted and admitted as the last will and testament  
of said Gause and that the same be recorded by the Clerk.

J. H. & J. B. Beckwith

151

Last Will and Testament of Anna Smith being sound in mind  
of Mrs Anna Smith and in feeble in body do make and  
prove and establish at the publick this as my last will and  
August Term 1867 of Dyer County Court first I direct that my  
funeral expenses and all my expenses  
and all my debts be paid as soon  
as my debts possible out of any money that I may die possessed  
of. Secondly I give and bequeath to my two sisters Tabitha  
Caroline and Elizabeth Woodbridge Smith my entire estate  
both personal and real, lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint  
Daniel E. Parker my Executor - In witness whereof I do  
to this my will set my hand and seal - This the 15 day of  
July 1867

S. C. Buckley

D. E. Parker

State of Tennessee August Term Dyer County Court 1867  
County of Dyer This day a paper writing purporting to be  
the last will and testament of Miss Anna Smith  
de I was produced here in open Court and there being no likelihood  
of contest it was proven by the Oaths of D. E. Parker one of the  
two subscribing witnesses to be as it purports to be the  
last will and testament of said Anna Smith do I  
is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be set up  
and established as the last will and testament of said Anna  
Smith class and that the same be recorded by the Clerk  
Attest. J. H. & J. B. Beckwith

Last will and testament

of S. Stephen D. Whitten  
Stephen D. Whitten died in feeble health  
Set up & established out of sound mind  
August Term 1867 and memory do  
of Dyer County Court hereby make and publish  
this my last will and testament. 1<sup>st</sup> I command  
my body to decent burial and my soul  
to God who gave it

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved  
wife Mary Whitten my house and lot  
in the town of Dyersburg where I now