

Last will and Testament of Sherrod Seagraves.

Last will and Testament of
Sherrod Seagraves d.d.
Protested Nov 27th 1893
Recorded Nov 28th 1893
H. G. Davis & Clerk
By H. P. Doyle Nip. Clerk

I Sherrod Seagraves, of Dyer County and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and of reasonable health, do hereby make my last will and Testament:

First: I give and bequeath to wife Mary Seagraves a fifty acre Homestead, her natural life. Second: Beginning at a

State in Road, leading from Newbern to Harriett Hill, runs thence west to Bob Fowles line; thence south with his line - thence east to the road, known as The Hall School house Road, thence north to the Beginning corner, so as to include the dwellings where I now live, and to make fifty acres in all, and I further give and bequeath to my wife Mary Seagraves her Chaise horse, Car and Buggy and all the Household furniture that we have at the time of my death,

I give and bequeath to my son, George H. Seagraves Five Dollars to be paid out of my Estate, and I give and bequeath to my daughter Matie Jarrant Five Dollars to be paid out of my Estate; I give and bequeath to Moses Seagraves, Five Dollars to be paid out of my Estate, and I give and bequeath to my son grand children named as follows Robert Crooks, William Crooks, Mary Alfred Crooks, Lewis Troy, Bob Lee Jarrant, Bernard Jarrant, Maggie Bet Jarrant, Sherrod Seagraves, Annie Cotton, Alfred Seagraves, all of my lands, real and personal property that I have or may have at my death, except what I have bequeathed to my wife Mary Seagraves, after my Burial expenses are all paid.

Lastly: - I do hereby appoint Sherrod Seagraves Jr. and Bob Lee Jarrant my Executors, and they are to have for their services 2 percent for collecting each, and further will that my Real Estate shall be sold after my death, either Public or private by my Executors, on a credit of one, two and three years with interest bearing notes.

In witness whereof, I do this day to my will set my hand on this 13th day of April 1893

Witness by
L. J. McLean, E. M. Hall,

S. C. Graves

Last will & Testament of Sherris Seagraves Dec.

Monday November 27th 1893.

In the matter of the Last will

and Testament of Sherris Seagraves

deceased, presented for probate

Be it remembered that on this day

a paper writing, purporting to be

the Last will and Testament of

Sherris Seagraves deceased, was produced here in open Court

for probate. Whereupon came into open Court E. M. Hall and

W. F. Milam, the subscribing witnesses thereto, who being first duly

sworn, deposed and said, that they each were personally acquainted

with the said Sherris Seagraves in his lifetime, that he was of

sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of the

executing of said paper writing, that he signed, acknowledged

and published said paper writing as his last will and Testament

in their presence, and requested them to bear witness thereto

that they signed said paper writing as witnesses thereto in

the presence of the testator, and in the presence of each other

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing

be, and the same is hereby set up and established as the last

will and Testament of said ~~Sherris~~ Sherris Seagraves deceased

and that the same be recorded in will book and filed

A true copy

Attest A. G. Davis clerk

By H. P. Doyle D. C.

Last will & Testament of M. O. King deceased

Last will & Testament

of M. O. King, deceased

Probatd Oct 9th 1893

Recorded Dec 22nd 1893

Wm. G. Davis Clerk

By H. P. Doyle D. C.

I M. O. King being of sound mind

and disposing memory do hereby make

and publish this as my Last will and

Testament hereby revoking all former wills

by me heretofore made at any time

Item First: I hereby will and direct that all

my debts and funeral expenses be paid

by my Executor out of the first money coming into his

hands as such Executor.

Item Second: I give to my beloved wife Stacy King all my real estate

being over hundred and ninety odd acres, and also all my other property

to the same real, personal or mixed for and during her natural

life.

Item Third: I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Jennie

Holland what is known as my home place or tract of land in the

6th Civil District of De Kalb County, Tennessee, bounded however to the east

interest of both my beloved wife and myself, said tract of land is

bounded on the north by my other land, on the east by William Sellers

land, and Manuel Johnson, on the south by the Holland tract, on the

west by Harry Cotton, and contains One Hundred and forty acres

more or less.

Item Fourth: I give to my grand daughter Nellie Ida Holland, the

fifty acre tract of land in the 6th Civil District of De Kalb County

Tennessee, known as the James H. Crooks place, bounded on the north

by Mr. Cobbs and John Flack, John McNight: On the east by my

own land, on the south and on the west by the land I give in

this will to my grand daughter Katie Holland.

Item Fifth: I give to my beloved grand daughters Katie Holland

and Tabitha Holland the following described land in the 6th Civil

District of De Kalb County, Tennessee, the balance of my tract of land bounded

as follows, begins in Mr. Cobbs south line, and runs south to the north

line of my original home tract of land given in this will to Jennie

Holland: This line is to start from said point in Mr. Cobbs line

and running south to the Jennie Holland one hundred and fifty acre

so as it will divide the tract of land run into two equal parts as to

number of acres, and Tabitha Holland take the eastern division of

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said land which is bounded by the J M Burch fifty acres, on the north John McIntight on the East and on the South by the Jennie Holland one hundred and forty acres. Kate Holland take the western half of the land devised as described in this Will which is bounded on the north by Mrs Cobb and Jack Burkett others on the west. And on the South by Jennie Hollands 140 acres.

Item Sixth:- All these lands given as mentioned and described in this will is given subject to the life estate of my beloved wife Stacy King, and it is distinctly understood that all the lands given in this will to each of my grand (children) daughters, is given to them for and during their natural lives, and at the death of either or any of my grand daughters, then the land herein willed and given to such grand daughter will go to the heirs of her body, and if any of my grand daughters die leaving no heirs, then the lands herein willed to them will go to the surviving sisters or the heirs of their bodies.

Item Seven:- I hereby constitute and appoint Charles Carbone Executor of this my last will and Testament.

Witness

Smith Parks

Of Radford

J M Burch.

M O King

Dyersburg Tennessee Monday October 9th 1898

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of M O King deceased, was presented in open Court for probate, whereupon came into open Court Of Radford and J M Burch subscribing witnesses thereto who being first duly sworn, deposed and said that they were personally acquainted with the testator in his lifetime, and that at the time of the execution of said paper writing he was of sound mind and disposing memory, that he signed said paper writing, and acknowledged the execution of the same as his Last Will and Testament in their presence, and requested that be their testimony thereto that they signed said paper writing as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator.

The said J M Burch deposed further that he signed the same

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as witness in the presence of both the testator and the other subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore ordered that the said paper writing be and the same is hereby set up and established as the Last Will and Testament of the said M O King deceased. It is further ordered that the same be recorded in the Court Book and filed.

A true copy

Attest Wick P. Dyer Deputy Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Allen Wynne Deceased

Last Will and Testament
of Allen Wynne Deceased
Probated March 5th 1894
Recorded March 14 1894
Anson Davis Clerk

I Allen Wynne being of
sound mind make and pub-
lish this my last Will and
Testament to wit:
First: That all of my just debts
be paid out of any property that

I leave at the time of my death.

Second: I give bequeath and devise to my
daughter Winnie Lee Wynne the northern half of
the lot or parcel of land deeded to me on May 25th
1872 by C.R. Parr the said land being situated
in Dyersburg 14th Civil District of Dyer County
Tennessee being the same upon which
I now live and is more particularly described
in the registers office of said County where the
deed from said Parr to me is registered in Con-
veyance Book "P" on page 608 and I give devise
and bequeath said northern half of said lot
to my said daughter Winnie Lee for her sole and
separate use and benefit free from the debts liabil-
ities use and control of any husband that she
may ever have.

Third: I give devise and bequeath to my
daughter Virginia Black the Southern half
of said lot deeded to me by the said C.R. Parr
and it is my Will that the said Virginia Black
shall own and hold said Southern half of said
lot for her sole and separate use and benefit free
from the debts, liabilities use and control of her present
husband or any future husband that she the said Virginia
Black may have.

Witness my hand this the 13th day of November 1893

Allen Wynne

Signed acknowledged and published by the tes-
tator Allen Wynne in our presence as his last
Will and Testament and signed by us as witnesses

Last Will and Testament of Allen Wynne Deceased

at his request and in his presence and in the pres-
ence of each other This November 13 1893

M. M. Marshall

W. E. Hayer

L. D. Hamilton

Monday March 5th 1894

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Allen Wynne Deceased
This day the 5th of March 1894 a paper writing
purporting to be the
last will and Testament of Allen Wynne deceased
was presented in open Court by Virginia
Black who is named therein as one of the
devises and asked that the same be ad-
mitted to probate and set up and established
as the last Will and Testament of said Allen
Wynne deceased and thereupon came M. M. Mar-
shall and W. E. Hayer two of the subscribing wit-
nesses to said paper writing or will (L. D. Hamilton
the other subscribing witness to same not to be
found) and said Marshall and said Hayer
being duly sworn testified that they knew the
said Allen Wynne in his life time and that
said Wynne is now dead and that his place
of residence at the time of his death was in Dyer
County Tennessee and that said Allen
Wynne signed said paper writing in their
presence and L. D. Hamilton's presence as his last
Will and Testament also that they said Marshall
Hayer and Hamilton at the same time signed
said paper writing at the instance and request of
said Wynne as witnesses - that they said witnesses
signed said paper writing in the presence of said
Wynne and in the presence of each other and
they further testify that the said Allen Wynne
at the time of said paper writing was signed
by him as his last Will and Testament was of

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of sound mind and disposing memory.

And it appearing to the Court that said paper writing is proven to be the last Will and Testament of said Allen Wynne died that as such the same has been properly witnessed executed and proven and should be admitted to probate and set up and established as such last Will and Testament.

It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that said paper writing be and the same is hereby admitted to probate and set up and established as the last Will and Testament of Allen Wynne deceased all of which is accordingly done and it is further ordered by the Court that said paper writing be duly filed and recorded as the last Will and Testament of Allen Wynne deceased in the Will Book.

A True Copy

Attest: Aaron G Davis Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Emily Tunnage Deced

Last Will and Testament of
Emily Tunnage Deceased
Probated March 5th 1894
Recorded March 14 1894
Aaron G Davis Clerk

State of Tennessee } I, Emily Tunnage
Dyer County } wife of the
County of Dyer
and State of Tennessee knowing
and realizing the certainty of death
and desiring that my business

be arranged as I wish do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament

I will and bequeath all money or notes which I may have on hand at my death and a tract of land containing thirty five acres more or less situated in District No 1 of said County and bounded as follows with the following calls Beginning on a small pole at the south east corner of the tract thence north 72 and 1/2 poles to J. B. Yorks S.E. Corner of State Trust thence west 77 and 1/4 poles to a stake thence south 72 and 1/2 poles to a stake thence east to the beginning - to Mary A Stallings she to have the interest on the money and notes and the use of the land during her life time and at her death the said money notes and land shall be equally divided between her bodily heirs Mollie Dean Henry Stallings and Zouza Stallings. I give and bequeath my bed and bedstead to Zouza Stallings My wardrobe to Henry Stallings and my lounge and lounge bed to Mollie Dean and the bed clothing to be equally divided among Mollie Dean Henry Stallings and Zouza Stallings

I give and bequeath unto Mollie Dean and Zouza Stallings my wearing clothes

I nominate and appoint W. M. Dean my Executor without bond or security and also to manage my money and notes and land for the before named purpose This July 5 1892

Witnesses

T. J. Miller

John Nunn

Emily Tunnage
mark

Last Will and Testament of Emily Tammage Deceased

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Emily Tammage Deceased

Be it remembered that on this the 5th day of March 1894 a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Emily Tammage Deceased was produced in open Court for probate thereupon came into open Court T. J. Miller and John Nunn the subscribing witnesses thereto who being first duly sworn according to law deposed and said that they (each) were personally acquainted with the said Emily Tammage in her life time that she was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of executing the said paper writing that she signed acknowledged and published said paper writing as her last will and Testament in their presence and requested them to be witnesses thereto that they signed said paper writing as witnesses thereto in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing be and the same is hereby set up and established as the last will and Testament of the said Emily Tammage deceased and that the same be record in Will Book "B" and filed

A true Copy

Attest: Aaron G. Davis Clerk

Last Will and Testament of John Duncan

Last will and Testament of I John Duncan of the County of De Kalb and State of Tennessee realizing the uncertainty of life and being desirous of designating how my effects shall be distributed do make this my last will and

Testament First I give and bequeath unto my son Ollie Duncan Seventy five dollars (\$75.00) out of my personal property. Second I give and bequeath unto my daughters Lou Ella Duncan and Maggie Duncan each fifteen dollars in money out of my personal property. Third I give unto the said Ollie Duncan Lou Ella Duncan and Maggie Duncan each one bedstead and bed clothing to be set apart out of the beds bedsteads and bed clothing on hand at my death to be had in trust by mother. Fourth I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary J. Duncan all the remainder of my household and kitchen furniture and contents of smoke house 5th I give and to my wife Mary J. Duncan my Rice horse and Pigeon mare and their best wagon and all the corn & hay on hand 1 white female milk cow and red heifer all the hogs on hand and all the farming tools on hand Sixth I give unto my son David Duncan Fifty Dollars out of my personal effects. Seventh I order that the remainders of my personal effects be sold and all claims due me be collected and after paying any and all debts I may owe what remains to be distributed among the following named parties - to wit - Mary E. Briggs wife of Morgan Briggs the him of Caroline Briggs deceased John L. Duncan W. G. Duncan Frank Duncan Wash Duncan Daniel Duncan Wesley Duncan Julia Privette Lena Howell J. A. Combs Ollie Duncan Lou Ella Duncan and Maggie Duncan are to share equally except the said Mary E. Briggs and her share shall be Fifty dollars less than the others

Last Will and Testament of John Dawson dec'd Continued

Eight I give my wife thirty dolars in money out of my personal effects to be paid before the foregoing distribution is made. Ninth I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary J Dawson during her natural life time or while she remains my widow all the lands that I own included and described by my deeds. Should she die before my children become of age I instruct that the income from said land be appropriated for their support and education until they are 21 years old After these provisions are carried out the lands is to be sold and divided like the personal effects. Subject to the same provisions and regulations as in the seventh provision of this will and provided that the said J A Lombard is not to have his share of the distribution of the personal effects or land until he settles up the Guardianship of the minor heirs of J A Lombard. Feby 26th 1894

Witness

W M Dean

L J Moore

John Dawson

In the presence of the last of which is remembered that on the 12th day of March 1894 a paper of John Dawson deceased writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Dawson deceased was produced in open Court for probate thereupon came into open Court W M Dean and L J Moore the subscribing witnesses thereto who being first duly sworn according to law depone and said that they each were personally acquainted with the said John Dawson in his life time that he was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of executing the said paper writing that he signed acknowledged and published said paper writing as his last will and

Last Will and Testament of John Dawson dec'd Continued

testament in their presence and requested them to read witness thereto that they signed said paper writing as witnesses thereto in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing be and the same is hereby set up and established as the last will and testament of the said John Dawson deceased and the same be recorded in Will Book B and filed - a true copy

Attest Aaron G Davis clerk

Last Will and Testament of Mary F. Henson died

In the matter of the
 Last Will and Testament
 of Mary F. Henson died
 Probated April 21st 1894
 Recorded April 21st 1894
 H. G. Davis Clerk

I Mary F. Henson being of
 sound mind and being desirous
 of designating how I wish my
 business ^{to be} wound up do hereby
 make this my last will and
 testament - First I direct
 that all my effects of every
 kind and character be sold and any all debts
 due me be collected and that out of these
 proceeds all debts that I may owe be paid
 and the remainder to go to the use and benefit
 of my children and Minnie Briggs giving to her
 Fifty dollars out of said remainder - Second
 should my children not live to be 21 years old
 I direct that their part of said property and
 affairs go to my brother Mark Strode and
 Delphus Strode and my sister Elizabeth Wesley
 equally distributed - 3rd I direct that
 Julia Priette have the picture of her ma
 and the frame I owned and name
 Wm Hens. my executor without bond 4th
 I except from the provision of the first part
 of this will one cowlet - and that I direct to
 be given to Anna Howard witness my
 hand this the 5th day of mch 1894

Mary F. Henson
 died

Witness

J. N. Payne

J. H. Elliott

State of Tenn { This day a paper writing purporting to
 Dyer County } be the last will and testament of
 Mary F. Henson died was produced
 in open Court for probate Whereupon came into
 open Court J. N. Payne and J. H. Elliott subscribing
 witnesses and there who being first duly sworn
 deposed and said that they were present

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acquainted with Mary F. Henson deceased in his life
 time and that she was of sound and disposing
 mind and memory at the time of the execution of
 the said paper writing and that she signed the
 same as her last will and testament in their
 presence and requested them to bear witness thereto
 and that they signed the same in her presence and
 in the presence of each other.

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 Mary F. Henson
 deceased and that the same be recorded and
 will book and filed.

A True Copy from the minutes

Attest Aaron G. Davis Clerk

By Tom Ferguson D. C.

Last Will and Testament of James H. Ballinger died

Last Will and Testament of James H. Ballinger
 James H. Ballinger
 Probated
 Recorded June 5th 1894
 That James H. Ballinger of the County
 and State of Indiana made this my
 last will I give devise and bequeath
 my estate and property real and
 personal as follows: that is to say

I give and bequeath to E. A. Ballinger my wife
 fifty seven acres of land to be cut off of the west
 end of my home place where I now live by running a
 line North and South just far enough east of the
 west boundary line to include fifty seven acres
 to have and to hold during her natural life or
 widowhood but at her death or marriage I give
 and bequeath to my son W. D. Ballinger to him and
 his heirs forever To my son James P. Ballinger I
 give and bequeath fifty seven acres of land to be
 cut off of the south end of what is left of my
 home tract after cutting off fifty seven acres for
 my wife as aforesaid to him and his heirs forever
 To my daughter R. D. Wade wife of W. A. Wade I give and
 bequeath fifty seven acres of land to be cut off of
 the North end of what is left of the home tract
 after cutting off the fifty seven acres for my wife
 to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever
 To my son E. A. Ballinger I give and bequeath my
 tract of land lying in Obion County District No. 1
 Nine lying on Beaver Arm of the lake being one
 hundred and twenty acres more or less to have and
 to hold to him and his heirs forever my tract of
 land lying in Dyers County District No. 1
 and known as the Mulhearn or Light tract I
 want divided into four equal tracts by first
 running a line from east to west so as to make
 two equal tracts then run a line through each
 of them from North to South so as to divide
 each into two equal tracts making four equal

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To my daughter Quessa Smith wife of J. M. Smith of Obion
 County I give and bequeath the North East division of
 the Mulhearn Tract as above described to have and
 to hold to her and her heirs forever To my daughter Harriett
 E. Ballinger I give and bequeath the North West
 division of the Mulhearn Tract of land as above
 described to have and to hold to her and her heirs
 forever To my daughter Dorrod E. Sanders wife of
 John Sanders of Obion County I give and bequeath the
 South West division of the Mulhearn Tract of land
 as above described to have and to hold to her and
 her heirs forever To my daughter Mary E. Harpser wife
 of J. B. Harpser of Obion County I give and bequeath
 the South East division of the Mulhearn Tract of
 land as above described to have and to hold to
 her and her heirs forever I reserve all the
 merchantable Timber on the Mulhearn or Light
 Tract of land to be sold to the mill I want the
 saw mill in which I hold a one half interest
 to be run in the present firm name of
 J. H. Ballinger & Son till all the firm debts are paid
 and at the expiration of that time I want my
 interest in the mill trunks tools and appurtenances
 there belonging to be sold at public sale after
 thirty days notice published in two or more
 County Papers of Dyers and Obion Counties also by
 poster posted in each of said Counties to the
 highest bidder of one and two year notes to
 be given with approved security and a lien
 retained on the property as further security
 I will that my son E. P. Ballinger have the management
 of my interest in the mill till it wound up To my
 wife E. A. Ballinger I give and devise all the
 household and kitchen furniture and all farming
 implements and tools and a pair of mules
 and the mare called Mamma

Last will and Testament of J^H Ballicott

I will that my notes and accounts and other effects if any be turned into money and my just debts be paid then my burial expensed be paid and then Five hundred dollars be given my wife E A Ballicott and the balance after winding up the misc business be equally divided between my eight children named above I hereby appoint my sons L A Ballicott and J O Ballicott my Executors of this my last will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published and declared this instrument my last will at home near Lane in County and State of Missouri This Oct^r the 18th A D 1889 J^H Ballicott

The said J^H Ballicott signed and sealed this instrument in our presence and declared it as his last will

W T Johnson

R M King

In the Matter of the last Will & Testament of James H Ballicott Dec'd } on this day a paper written and purporting to be the last Will and Testament

of James H Ballicott deceased was produced in open Court for probate. Whereupon came into open Court W T Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being first duly sworn deposed and said that he was personally acquainted with James H Ballicott deceased in his life time and that he was of sound disposing mind and memory at the time of executing the said paper writing and that he signed the same as his last Will and Testament in his presence and in the presence of R M King who has since died and represented them to have witnessed thereto and that they signed the same in his presence and in the presence of each other.

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 James H Ballicott deceased and that the same be recorded in the Will Book and filed.

A True Copy from the Minutes. Attest: J. H. Ballicott

Last will and Testament of John Barham

Last will & Testament of John Barham Dec'd
Probated Sept 10th 94
Recorded Sept 10th 94
Tom Ferguson Clk
J Watkins D.C.

I John Barham to make and publish this my last will and testament saying revoking and making void all others by me at any time made First trust that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as

soon as possible after my death and if any money I may die possessed of I secondly I give and bequeath to my son Gordon Barham one half of my real estate and personal property with absolute right to manage and contrall the same. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my wife Anne D Barham one half of my real estate and personal property with absolute right to manage and contrall the same during her natural life, at her death the right and title to said real estate shall revert to my son Gordon Barham. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Mrs Anne D Barham as my executrix with J. V. Tidrow as her assistant and it is my further desire that my executrix Carry out - the provision of said will without being required to give bond as required by law in such cases.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this the 10th day of Aug 1894

Witness
E O Cherry }
J C Carlton }

John Barham

In the last Will & Testament } This day the 10th of
of John Barham Dec'd } Sept 1894 a Paper
Writing purporting to
be the last will and Testament of John Barham

Last Will and Testament of John Barham Dec'd Ent'd

Dec'd was presented in open Court by Anne D Barham who was named therein as one of the devisees and asked that the same be admitted to probate and set up and established as the last will and testament of the said John Barham Dec'd and thereupon came E. O. Cherry and J. C. Carlton the two subscribing witnesses to said paper writing or will and said Cherry and J. C. Carlton being duly sworn, testified that they knew the said John Barham in his life time and that John Barham is now dead and that his place of residence at the time of his death was in Oger County Tenn and that said John Barham signed said paper writing in their presence as his last will and testament. Also they said Cherry and Carlton at the same time signed said paper writing at the instance and request of said John Barham as witnesses that they and said witnesses signed said paper writing in the presence of said John Barham and in the presence of each other and they further testified that the said John Barham at the time said paper writing was signed by him as his last will and testament was of sound mind disposing memory and it appearing to the Court that the said paper writing proven to be the last will and testament of said John Barham Dec'd that as such the same has been properly witnessed executed and proven and should be admitted to probate and set up and established as such last will and testament. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said paper writing be and the same is hereby admitted to probate and set up and established as the last will and testament of the said

Last will and Testament of John Barham Dec'd Ent'd

Dec'd all of which is accordingly done and it is further ordered by the Court that said paper writing be duly filed and recorded in the last will and testament of John Barham Dec'd in the will book.

Last Will and Testament of W. B. Bryant Decd.

Last Will and Testament
W. B. Bryant Decd.
Probated Oct 2nd 94
Recorded Oct 5th 1894
Tom Ferguson Clk
By J. M. Atkins D. C.

Dyersburg Tenn Aug 18th 94
this is the will of W. B. Bryant, I want everything I possess to be divided equally between my wife Emma L Bryant and Maud - Lela May Bryant my two children I want the mortgage debt

that now stands on my house in Martin Tenn paid out of what money I may have and my life insurance - then I want this house and lot sold on the best possible terms, then the proceeds to be divided between the aforesaid heirs which of course I want the childrens part to be put in the hands of an administrator and that they be allowed to have as necessary funds and I want my children to go the Orphans Home of the Masonic Lodge in Nashville, Tenn, and I want Sam Ferguson to administer for my children and to see after them for me, and want to be buried at Raleigh Tenn want all my little debts paid first out of the aforesaid money and proceeds to which I here place my name and seal this the 18th day of August 1894
Witnesses
Joe P. Roberts
Thos E. Lutz

W. B. Bryant

In the last will & Testament } This day the 2nd day
of W. B. Bryant Decd } of Oct 1894, a paper
writing purporting to be
the last will and testament of W. B. Bryant Decd
was presented in open Court by Sam Ferguson
who was named therein as Executor and asked
that the same be admitted to probate

Last Will and Testament of W. B. Bryant Decd.

and set up and established as the last will and testament of W. B. Bryant Decd. Thereupon came Joe P. Roberts and Thos E. Lutz the two subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing & well & the said Roberts and Lutz being duly sworn testified that they knew the said W. B. Bryant in his lifetime and that the said W. B. Bryant was now dead and that his place of residence at the time of his death was in Ryan County, Tenn. And that the said W. B. Bryant signed said paper writing in their presence as his last will and testament, Also that they said Roberts and Lutz signed the said paper writing at the same time & did at the instance and request of W. B. Bryant as wet marks, That they as said witnesses signed said paper writing in the presence of W. B. Bryant and in the presence of each other. And they further testify that the said W. B. Bryant at the time said paper writing was signed by him as his last will and testament was of sound mind and disposing memory. And it appearing to the Court that the said paper writing proven to be the last will and testament of W. B. Bryant Decd. that as such the same has been properly witnessed, executed & proven & should be admitted to probate and set up & established as an last will & testament. His therefore ordered adjudged & decreed by the Court that said paper writing be and the same is hereby admitted to probate & set up & established as the last will & testament of the said W. B. Bryant Decd. all of which is accordingly done and it is further ordered by the Court that the said paper writing be duly filed and recorded as the last will & Testament of W. B. Bryant Decd in the Will Book.

Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Jordan, decd.

Last Will and Testament
of Elizabeth C. Jordan decd.
Probed Feb'y 11th 95
Recorded Feb'y 12th 95
Tom Ferguson clk
By J. H. Atkins D.C.

In the name of God Amen:
I, Elizabeth C. Jordan of New-
bern Tenn, being of sound
mind and memory do here-
by make public and declare
this to be my last will and
testament hereby revoking
and making void all for-

mer wills by me at any time heretofore made,
1st I order and my executors as soon after my
decease as practicable to pay off and discharge
all the debts and liabilities that may exist
against me, at the time of my decease,

2nd After all debts and c are paid I give and be-
queath all the remaining of my estate to the
board of Ministerial Relief of The Cumberland
Presbyterian Church.

3rd I hereby nominate and appoint Smith Parks
and N. L. Scobey and J. S. Stackton my execu-
tors,

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name. This March 12th 1890

Elizabeth C. Jordan,

The above and foregoing instrument was at the
date thereof signed, sealed and declared by the
said Elizabeth C. Jordan as and for her Last
Will and Testament in presence of us, who at
her request and in her presence and in the
presence of each other have subscribed our
names as witnesses,

N. L. Scobey

Newbern Tenn.

In the matter of Last Will. This day a paper
and Testament of Elizabeth C. Jordan's writing purporting
to be the last will

and Testament of Elizabeth C. Jordan deceased, was
produced in open Court for probate, whereupon came
N. L. Scobey and subscribing witnesses
hereinto open Court, who being first duly sworn
deposes and says that they were personally acquaint-
ed with Elizabeth C. Jordan in her life time, that
she was of sound and disposing mind and memory
at the time of the execution of said last Will
and Testament, that she signed and acknowledged
the execution of the same as her last will and
Testament in their presence and that she re-
quested them to bear witness to the same, that
they signed the same as witnesses in the
presence of the Testator and in the presence
of each other, It is therefore ordered by
the Court that the said paper writing be
and the same is hereby set up and establish-
ed as the Last Will and Testament of said
Elizabeth C. Jordan deceased and that the bond
be recorded and filed.

Attest,

Tom Ferguson Clk.

Last Will and Testament of Hannah J. Key

Last Will and Testament
of Hannah J. Key Decd
Probated Sept 23/95
Recorded Sept 25/95
Jame Ferguson CLK

I Hannah J. Key do
make and publish this
as my last will and
Testament hereby revoking
and making void all
others by me at any time
made

1 I will and devise to my beloved husband
H. B. Key my tract of land upon which we
now reside situated in the 2^d civil district of
Dyer County, Tennessee. Bounded and further described
as follows. To wit: - On the north by the lands of
Dr. Jno. D. Gork, and the lands of Richard Stallcup;
East, by the lands of Richard Stallcup; South by Dr. Jno.
D. Gork's land, the lands of Ed. Robinson; and west by
the lands of John Key and the lands of ~~Hardin~~
containing by estimation 147 acres, the said
tract of land to be owned and held by my said husband
in fee simple and to be disposed of by him, as he
may choose, subject only to the charge hereafter
created to secure the payment of legacies.

2 I will and bequeath to my brother Thomas Thompson
a legacy of Four Hundred dollars (\$400.⁰⁰) and also to
my niece Mamie Stallcup, a legacy of Four Hundred
dollars (\$400.⁰⁰), and I hereby make said legacies a
charge and encumbrance upon said tract of land
and I desire that my said husband pay said legacies
when he can conveniently do so, but the payment of said
legacies shall not be enforced during the lifetime
of my said husband, though he shall have the
privilege of paying the same at any time, thus
removing the charge and encumbrance from
said land. If for any reason my said husband
should, during his life, fail to pay, or cause to be paid
the said legacies, the same shall continue to be a charge
upon said land, and after my said husband's death

Last Will and Testament of Hannah J. Key.

said land or so much thereof as may be necessary shall
be sold for the payment and satisfaction of said legacies.

The said legacies shall not bear interest until
after the death of my said husband, in case the same
should not be paid during his life time.

3 In case my said niece Mamie Stallcup should
die before said legacy is paid to her, leaving no
issue surviving her, I desire that the said legacy of
\$400.⁰⁰ herein bequeathed to her shall be given and
paid to my said brother Thomas Thompson as
his property.

4 To my niece Mollie Williamson, wife of Daniel
Williamson, I give and bequeath the sum of Five
Dollars, and I request my said husband to pay
the same to her, but I do not desire her to have
any more of my estate.

5 I do hereby nominate and appoint my husband
H. B. Key, the executor of this my last will and
testament, and I direct that he shall not be required
to execute a bond as such executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand
This the 26th day of March 1895

Hannah J. Key.

Signed by the said Hannah J. Key as and for her
last will and testament, in the presence of us,
the undersigned, who at her request, and in her
sight and presence, have subscribed our names
hereto as attesting witnesses, the day and date above
written.

J. M. Boling

J. M. M. Ginnia

W. B. Johnston

In the matter of the last Will and } This day a paper writing
testament of Hannah J. Key } purporting to be the last
will and testament of Hannah J. Key dec'd was
produced in open court for probate, where upon

Last will and testament of Hannah J. Key.

Came F.M. Baling, J.M. McGinnis and D.B. Johnston subscribing witnesses, here in to open Court, who being first duly sworn, deposed and said that they were personally acquainted with Hannah J. Key in her life time, that she was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of the execution of said last will and testament, that she signed and acknowledged the execution of the same as her last will and testament, in their presence and that she requested them to bear witness to the same, that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other. 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 Hannah J. Key, and that the same be recorded in the will book and filed.

A True Copy from the minutes:—

Attest:—

Tom Ferguson clk

By J.N. Peterson D.C.

Last Will and Testament of Lizzie Simpson

Last Will and Testament of Lizzie Simpson died, Probated Jan'y 27th 1896 Recorded " 28 " " Tom Ferguson Clerk

Known all men by these presents that I Lizzie Simpson being of sound mind and disposing memory make this my last will and testament I give and bequeath to my mother Mrs Jennie Simpson all the property

I own both real and personal to have and to hold the same during her lifetime and in event of her death to Ella and Agatha equally, from the foregoing I except the piece of realty this day mortgaged to secure a credit advances to Mrs Jennie Simpson Guardian for money borrowed.

I nominate and appoint Mrs Jennie Simpson as my executor to execute the provisions of the will without executing and lend as executor and out of the property herein bequeathed she will pay any and all debts I may owe at death, Altered before signed. Witness my hand and seal this Oct 1-1894

Lizzie Simpson

Signed in our presence and at Miss Lizzie Simpson's request we sign same as witnesses in each other's presence and in her presence Oct 1-1894

Grace Pinner,
J.N. Parker,

In the matter of Last Will and Testament Lizzie Simpson }

Blit remembered that on this the 27th day of Jan 1896 a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs Lizzie Simpson died, was produced by Mrs Jennie Simpson named therein as executor thereof in open Court for probate whereupon came Grace Pinner & J.N. Parker the subscribing witnesses thereto into open Court who after first being duly sworn deposed and said they were personally acquainted with said Mrs Lizzie Simpson died in her lifetime that she is now dead that

Last Will and Testament of Lizzie Simpson

her last place of residence was in Dyer County of this state that she was in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of the execution of said will and that testator sign and acknowledged the execution of said paper writing in their presence as her last will and testament and that she requested them to bear witness thereto, and that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other and it appearing to the Court that said paper writing is the last will and testament of Mrs Lizzie Simpson decd that same has been properly sworn witnessed and executed and should be admitted to probate and set up and established as such, And on motion of said Mrs Jennie Simpson as executrix of said will that it be probated and that letters testamentary issue to her and it appearing that she is entitled to be thereof it is ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing be set up and established as the last will and testament of Mrs Lizzie Simpson decd and that same be recorded and filed and that letters testamentary issue to Mrs Jennie Simpson named in said will as executrix thereof without bond the same being waived in said last will and testament, which is accordingly done and said executrix is duly appointed sworn and qualified.

A true copy from the minutes:
Attest
Tom Ferguson clk
By J. M. Atkins D.C.

Last Will and Testament of A. N. Williams

Last Will and Testament
of A. N. Williams decd
Probated Jan 27th/96
Recorded " 28 " "
Tom Ferguson clerk

I A. N. Williams of Dyer County Tennessee make this my last will and Testament and hereby revoke all former wills made by me I give devise and bequeath my Estate and Property Real Personal

that is to say
first I give to my beloved wife Fannie Williams as a dower seventy five acres of land on my home place to have and Control during her natural life and out of said seventy five acres of land I give her 25 acres to have and to hold forever so that she may dispose of the same during her natural life ⁱⁿ her right and proper and at her death I give my 2 daughters Malissa and Harriett Ann the remaining 50 acres to be equally divided between them and as my home place contains 111 acres one hundred and one acres of land being yet 56 acres of said home place to be disposed of which I give to my son Samuel W. Williams and as this tract of land is undivided I direct that my wife and children divide the same to suit themselves without any decree of Court and then make each other deed secondly; at my death I direct that my sons J. N. G. L. & Samuel W. Williams be appointed administrators of my estate and that they sell all my personal property except my household and kitchen furniture one mare & 2 mules one & horse wagon and set of harness 2 cows & calves and one horse that I have given W. A. Williams one of my sons and out of the proceeds of said sale pay all of my just debts as they become due and then out of the remainder of said proceeds I give my grand daughter Alla May Burch seventy five dollars but direct that the same remain in the hands of my administrators J. N. G. L. & Samuel W. Williams until she becomes 21 years old they paying her 2% interest on same Per

Last Will and Testament of A. N. Williams

annum as long as they keep the money and the remainder of said proceeds if any to be equally divided between my wife and six children and should I die before the present growing crop is gathered I direct that my son Samuel N. Williams have one fourth of the corn that he helps to cultivate and the remainder after my wife has a sufficient amount of corn wheat &c. set apart for herself and minor children for one year support after my death be sold and the proceeds be divided as the proceeds of my other personal property and I further direct that my wife have control of the proceeds of my personal property that goes to my 2 daughters to be used for them as she thinks best or she may have a guardian appointed for them if she thinks best and turn over said proceeds to him. We it is witnessed of I have signed and sealed and declared this instrument as my last will at Newborn in Dyer County Tennessee the 9th day of July 1895 A. N. Williams (Seal)

Then said A. N. Williams at Newborn Dyer County Tennessee signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will in our presence and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses at Newborn in Dyer County Tennessee this 9th day of July 1895—

E. W. Gregory
M. C. Hamilton
Tom Hurt

In the matter of Last Will and Testament of A. N. Williams } This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of A. N. Williams did was presented before the Court for probate

Last Will and Testament of A. N. Williams

whereupon came E. W. Gregory, M. C. Hamilton and Tom Hurt the subscribing witnesses into open Court, who being first duly sworn deposed and said that they were personally acquainted with A. N. Williams in his lifetime that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of the execution of said last will and testament—that he signed and acknowledged the execution of the same as his last will and testament in their presence and requested them to be witnesses to same and that they signed same as witnesses 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 A. N. Williams dec'd and same be recorded in Will Book and filed.

A true Copy from the Minutes;
Attest: Tom Ferguson CLK
By J. M. Atkins & C.

Last Will and Testament of A. R. Hall dec'd.

Last Will and Testament known all men by these presents, of A. R. Hall dec'd that S. A. R. Hall, of the County of Dyer Probated July 20th 1896 and the town of Dequenchburg and State Recorded "w" " of Tennessee, being of sound mind and health and recognizing the uncertainty of life, do make this

my last will and testament, At my death after paying every obligation I may owe in the way of debts, I hereby give and bequeath all that I may die possessed of in the way of money, bonds, stocks and property of every description to my two sons R. M. Hall and Charles A. Hall in equal parts one half to each, share and share alike and I hereby appoint R. M. Hall and C. A. Hall my executors and that they be permitted to serve without being required to give bond, this the 7th April 1894

Witnesses

J. H. Dawson

H. P. Hall

H. R. Meriwether

A. R. Hall

In the matter of Last Will and Testament of A. R. Hall dec'd } Be it remembered that on this the 20th day of July 1896, a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of A. R. Hall dec'd, was produced by R. M. Hall and Charles A. Hall named therein as executors thereof - in open Court for probate - Whereupon came J. H. Dawson and H. R. Meriwether the subscribing witnesses thereto - into open Court who after first being duly sworn, depose and say they were personally acquainted with the said A. R. Hall dec'd in his life time that he is now dead that his last place of residence was in Dyer County of this State - that he was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time

Last Will and Testament of A. R. Hall dec'd

of the execution of said will - that the Testator signed and acknowledged the execution of said paper writing in their presence, as his last will and testament that he requested them to bear witness thereto and that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the Testator - and in the presence of each other. And it appearing to the Court that said paper writing is the last will and testament of A. R. Hall dec'd - that same has been properly procured, witnessed and executed - and should be admitted to probate and set up and established as such - and on motion of R. M. Hall and Charles A. Hall as executors of said will, that it be probated and that letters testamentary issue to them, And it appearing that they are entitled to be thereof, It is ordered and adjudged by the Court that said paper writing be set up and established as the last will and testament of A. R. Hall dec'd - that same be recorded and filed and that letters testamentary issue to R. M. Hall and Charles A. Hall, named in said will as executors thereof without bond the same being waived in said last will and testament - which is accordingly done and said executors are duly appointed sworn and qualified -

Last Will and Testament of J. G. Miller decd

Last Will and Testament
of J. G. Miller decd.
Proated Mch 30th 96
Recorded " 31st "
Tom Ferguson CK

I, J. G. Miller of Dyer County Tenn.
being of sound mind and being
desirous of ordering and designat-
ing how my business shall be
wound up after my death do
make this my last will and

testament,

- First: I give give and bequeath unto my wife Mary L Miller all the
lands included and held by Decd of Conveyance to me,
Second: I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary L Miller all
of my personal property of every kind and character
Third: I name and appoint my wife Mary L Miller to be
executrix of this testament without bond or security
Nov 3 - 1895 J. G. Miller

Witnesses

H. M. Dean

John Elliott

In the matter of Last Will & Testament of J. G. Miller decd. Be it remembered that on
this the 30th day of March
1896, a paper writing purport-
ing to be the last will and testament of J. G. Miller was
produced by Mary L Miller named therein as Exec-
utrix thereof - in open Court for probate, whereupon
came H. M. Dean and John Elliott the subscribing wit-
nesses thereto - into open Court - who after first being
duly sworn, depared and said that they were per-
sonally acquainted with said J. G. Miller decd in
his life time that he is now dead, that his last
place of residence was in Dyer County of this
State, that he was of sound and disposing mind
and memory at the time of the execution of said
will, and that Testator signed and acknowl-
edged the execution of said paper writing in
their presence - as his last will and testament
and that he requested them to bear witness

Last Will and Testament of J. G. Miller decd,

thereto. And that they signed the same as witnesses
in the presence of the testator, and in the presence of
each other, and it appearing to the Court that
said paper writing is the last will and testament
of said J. G. Miller, who is now dead, that same
has been properly proven, witnessed and executed
and should be admitted to probate - and set up
and established as such. And on motion of said
Mary L Miller named as executrix of said will
that it be probated and that letters testamentary
issue to her - and it appearing that she is com-
petent to be the executrix thereof it is ordered and
adjudged by the Court that said paper writing
be set up and established as the last will and
testament of said J. G. Miller decd - and that
the same be recorded and filed. And that
letters testamentary issue to said Mary L Miller
named in said Will as executrix thereof without
bond the same being waived in said last will
and Testament - Which is accordingly done
and said executrix is duly appointed, sworn
and qualified -

A true Copy from the Minutes:

Attest Tom Ferguson CK
By J. H. Atkins D.C.

Last Will and Testament of J. S. Patum decd.

Last Will and Testament
of J. S. Patum decd.
Probated mch 30-96
Recorded " 31- "
Jm Ferguson CLK

I, J. S. Patum do hereby make
publish and declare this to be
my last will and testament, here
by revoking and making void
all former wills by me at any
time heretofore made.

First: I order and direct my Executors as soon after my decease
as practicable to pay off and discharge all the debts,
due and liabilities that may exist against me at the
time of my decease,

Second: I give and bequeath unto my son Orin Edwin Powell Patum
all of the real estate that I own, during his lifetime and
then to his children if he has any, if not, then back
to the Patum heirs and if the said Orin Edwin Powell
Patum's children die without children then back to Patum
heirs.

Thirdly: I direct that Orin Edwin Powell Patum have all of my
personal property, I further direct that the personal
property go to the hands of a guardian and kept
till said Orin Edwin Powell Patum is twenty five years
old. But said Orin Patum may use interest on same, and
also rents on land, if said Orin Edwin Powell Patum dies
before he is twenty five years old and leaves no children
the personal property is to go back to Patum heirs.
I further direct that G. M. Patum be appointed my executor
to settle up my estate, In witness whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name this 16 day of Nov 1895 J. S. Patum
The above and foregoing instrument was at the date thereof
signed sealed, published and declared by the said J. S.
Patum as and for his last will and testament in presence
of us who at his request and in his presence and in
the presence of each other have subscribed our
names as witnesses.

D. R. Holland
E. H. Jaeger

In the Matter of Last Will and Testament of J. S. Patum
This the 30th day of March 1896, a paper writing for

Last Will and Testament of J. S. Patum decd.

porting to be the last will and testament of J. S. Patum decd
was presented in open Court by Geo. M. Patum, who was named
therein as executor and asked that the same be admitted to
probate - and set up and established as the last will and testament
of J. S. Patum decd - Thereupon came D. R. Holland and E. H. Jaeger
the two subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing or
will and the said D. R. Holland & E. H. Jaeger being duly
sworn - testified that they knew the said J. S. Patum in his
lifetime - and that the said J. S. Patum is now dead - and
that his place of residence at the time of his death was in
Dyer County Tenn. And that the said J. S. Patum signed
said paper writing in their presence as his last will
and testament - Also that they said D. R. Holland and E. H. Jaeger
signed said paper writing at the same time and place as the
instance and request of J. S. Patum as witnesses that they
said witnesses signed said paper writing in the presence of
J. S. Patum and in the presence of each other - and then further
testify that the said J. S. Patum at the time said paper writing
was signed by him as his last will and testament was
of sound mind and disposing memory, And in appearing
to the Court that the said paper writing in view to be
the last will and testament of J. S. Patum decd - that as
such the same has been properly witnessed, executed
and proven and should be admitted to probate and set up
and established as such last will and testament, it is
therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that
said paper writing be and the same is hereby admitted
to probate and set up and established as the last will
and testament of J. S. Patum decd - All of which is accord-
ingly done and it is further ordered by the Court
that the said paper writing be duly filed and record-
ed in the last will and testament of J. S. Patum in
the Will Book.

A true Copy from the Minutes;

Attest: Jm Ferguson CLK
By J. H. Atkins & C.

Last Will and Testament of J. L. Benton Cold died

Last Will and Testament
of J. L. Benton Cold died
Proated May 15th-96
Recorded "5"
Tom Ferguson Clerk

Depositing from,
January 26 1896
This is to certify that I
J. L. Benton own a small
tract of eight acres of
land lying in the thirtieth
Civil District- To whom

it may concern - This tract of said eight acres
I hereby convey to my mother for her lifetime
providing it, the said eight acres, is not con-
sumed & they my debts, such as Doctors Bill and
their account. This tract of land is bounded on
the North by Mrs. Laura (White) Johnson, on the East by
Robert Cooper, on the South by the old original
Benton tract, on the West by Mr. Kilman - of course
if I get well the land stands good - but if
I should die, my mother and they who assist
her in paying my debts - shall be entitled
to the said eight acres of land -
My interest in the farm willed me by
grand father Oleu Benton is to be held for my
sisters Mary, Lula and Julia

Witnesses: { Bird Fuller x Joseph L. Benton
Frankie E. Southern,

In the matter of Last Will
and Testament of J. L. Benton Cold } This the 14th day of
May 1896, a paper-
writing purporting to
be the last will and testament of J. L. Benton Cold
died - was presented in open Court by Jennie Fuller
Cold, and she asked that the same be admitted
to probate - and set up and established as the
last will and testament of J. L. Benton Cold died
Thereupon came Bird Fuller Cold and Frankie E.
Southern Cold the two subscribing witnesses to the
said paper writing or will and the said Fuller

and Southern after being duly sworn - testified that
they knew said J. L. Benton in his life time and
that he is now dead - and that his place of res-
idence at the time of his death was in Jasper
County Tenn - and that the said J. L. Benton
signed the said paper writing in their presence
as his last will and testament also that they
signed said paper writing at the same time
and at the request of J. L. Benton as witnesses -
that they as said witnesses signed said paper
writing in the presence of J. L. Benton and in the
presence of each other - They further testify that
said J. L. Benton at the time of the signing of
said paper writing as his last will and testa-
ment was of sound mind and disposing memory
And it appearing to the Court that said paper
writing proven to be the last will and testament
of J. L. Benton died - that as such the same has
been properly witnessed, executed and proven -
and should be admitted to probate and set up
and established as such last will and testament
It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by
the Court that the said paper writing be and
the same is hereby admitted to probate and
set up and established as the last will and
testament of J. L. Benton Cold died - all of
which is accordingly done - It is therefore
ordered by the Court that the said paper-
writing be duly filed and recorded in Will
Books.

A true Copy from the minutes;
Attest: Tom Ferguson Clerk
By J. H. Watkins D. C.

Last Will and Testament of Lou McCorkele

Last Will and Testament
of Lou McCorkele dead
Proated Aug 3rd 1896
Recorded 4th 1896
Tom Ferguson CLK

Dec 8th 1895
This my last will and testament
I will that my body shall be
buried in the Fox grove
yard - I will all my just
debts paid - I will my hus-
band A. L. McCorkele have my entire land estate
during his life then it shall be controlled by
my sister Matt Fox - I will that my husband
shall erect a monument that shall be worth
fifty Dollars - or near that amount.

Lou McCorkele -

In the matter of Last Will and Testament of Mrs Lou McCorkele } This day a paper writing pur-
porting to be the last will and testament of Mrs Lou McCorkele - was produced in open Court for probate - Whereupon came J. E. McCorkele A. J. May & J. R. McCorkele into open Court - who being duly sworn deposed and said that they are and were well acquainted with the hand writing of Mrs Lou McCorkele dead in her lifetime and with Mrs Lou McCorkele and that each and every part of said paper writing is in the genuine hand writing of said Lou McCorkele that she was at the date of writing the same of sound mind and memory - It further appearing to the Court that no will or other paper has been found among the papers of the said Lou McCorkele annulling, changing or in any wise modifying or altering the said paper here presented to the Court - It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court that said paper writing be set up - probated and established as the autographic will of said Mrs Lou McCorkele - and that the same be admitted to record -

A true copy from the minutes

Attest: Tom Ferguson Clerk,
By J. M. Watkins D.C.

Last Will and Testament of Jesse Purce dead

Last Will and Testament
of Jesse Purce dead
Proated Aug 17 - 1896
Recorded 18 "
Tom Ferguson Clerk

In the name of God Amen:
I, Jesse Purce of Trimble
Dyer County Tennessee being
of sound mind and dis-
posing memory, do make
and publish this my last

will and testament revoking and making void
all former wills made by me.

- Item 1 I direct that all my just debts and general
expenses be paid -
- Item 2 I have given to my daughter Dora Parks two
tracts of 15 7/8 and 48 1/2 acres of land which I
have valued to her at Four thousand & 500 Dollars
and Five Dollars - and I wish her to be charged
with said amount in the final settlement of my
estate -
- Item 3 I give to my daughter Laura Baker wife of W. H.
Baker for life and at her death to her children
the following described tracts of land in the 15th
Civil district Dyer County Tennessee - to wit: -
My D. I. Griffin tract of 160 acres and my E. P.
Purce tract of 53 1/4 acres and bounded as follows
my Griffin tract beginning at the South East
corner of the W. L. Marr 640 acre survey of
which it is part, and running thence North 160
poles to a stake and painters thence West 160
poles to an elm and painters - thence South 160
poles to a stake - thence East 160 poles to the
beginning -
My Purce tract lying in the north east portion of
Dyer County and partly in Gibson County beginning
at the north east corner of 160 acres sold to John
Purce and Amos Quick and running north to a
stake with dogwood white oak iron wood and
mulberry painters - thence West with the County line
106 1/2 poles to a stake with three dogwoods and

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elm pointers - thence South 80 poles to a stake with black oak hackberry, sweet gum & hickory pointers thence East to the beginning and I value said 160 acres to her at John Johnson and Dollars (\$4000.00) and said 53 1/4 acres at Thirteen Hundred & Twenty one & 2/3 Dollars (\$1321.25) said two tracts of land are given to my daughter Laura for life not subject to the control nor liable for the debts or contracts of her husband - and if at her death she leaves lawful issue then living, then said land is to go to said issue in fee. But if at her death she leaves no lawful issue then living then said land is to revert to my estate -

Item 4 I give to my daughter Minnie Pierce for life and at her death to her lawful issue, the following described tract or parcels of land to wit: - my Wm Johnsons tract lying in the North west corner of Gibson and partly in Obion County Tennessee in the 11th Civil District of Obion and the 15th Civil District Obion County - being part of the late J. D. Daugherty 3500 acres - and part of the tract conveyed by John D. Park to Smith Parks and Joseph Harwood and bounded as follows - Beginning at a stake Samuel Jamessons heirs north west corner and in the South line of A. H. Parks heirs land with beech and black oak pointers and runs thence West with Parks heirs line 140 1/2 poles to a stake with sweet gum and dogwood pointers in the West line of the 3500 acres - thence South passing a pine oak at 10 poles marked as a corner in all 103 3/4 poles to Joe Harwood heirs north west corner thence East with Harwood heirs line 140 1/2 poles to a bent elm with elm and ash pointers, which is 7 poles East of a sugar tree marked as a corner. thence North with the old Jamesson tract 158 1/2 poles to stream type marked line about 7 poles apart - to the beginning - containing 140 poles more

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or less and including one acre in the North west corner of said tract upon which Beech Valley Cumberland Presbyterian Church is located - Also the northern half of my muddy 100 acres in the 15th Civil District of DeWitt County upon which J. E. Parks now lives - being all of said 100 acres lying north of the public road - running East and West through same and containing 50 poles more or less and I value the 141 1/2 acre tract to her at Thirty Three Hundred and Thirty Seven & 5/10 Dollars (\$3377.50) and the fifty one & 1/2 acres at Fifteen Hundred and Forty Three Dollars (\$1543.00) which two tracts of land I give to her for life not subject to the control nor liable for the debts and contracts of my husband. She may live - and if at her death she leaves lawful issue then living then said land is to go to said issue in fee but should she leave no lawful issue then living at her death then said land is to revert to my estate.

Item 5 I give to my son Ollie Pierce for life the following described tract of land lying in the 15th Civil District DeWitt County Tennessee, just West of Trumble and including my family residence and bounded as follows Beginning at the North west corner of the old John Pierce tract and runs thence East with my north line to the East end of the hedge row running East and West on north of my farm and near Trumble - thence Southwardly with the hedge row running North and South nearly parallel with and a short distance West of the Chesapeake Ohio and South Western Railroad tract so far that by running West to the West line of my John Pierce tract and North to the beginning will make 200 acres - and if at the death of my son Ollie Pierce he leaves lawful issue then living then said land is to go to his lawful issue in fee.

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but if at his death, he leaves no lawful issue then ~~living~~ then said land is to revert to my estate and I value said land to him at Six Thousand Dollars (\$6000.00)

Item 6. In the settlement of my estate I direct that my daughter Nora be charged with \$4608.00 my daughter Laura with \$5331.35 my daughter Minnie with \$5082.00 and my son Allie with \$6000.00 and I direct that all my children be made equal in the final distribution of my estate. That all my children be made equal counting the charges herein made - against them - and any other charges that I may make against any of my children - before my death, but I direct that all my land that may go to my daughter Laura go to her for life only and be not subject to the control or liable for the debts or contracts of her husband - and that she be charged with the full value of said land - and at her death that said land go to her lawful issue in fee - but should she die leaving no lawful issue then living then said land is to revert to my estate - and I direct that the money which may fall to her share go to my Executor in trust to be by him loaned out and that the net annual interest on same be paid to my said daughter Laura in person for and during her natural life and at her death that the principal of said money be paid to her lawful issue or if she dies leaving no lawful issue then living then said money is to revert to my estate.

Item 7. I nominate and appoint Executor of this my last will and testament the foregoing eight pages and seven others contain my will and I nominate and appoint

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my name on this the 4th day of March 1886, in the presence of whom I request to witness the same.

Jesse Pierce
Jesse Pierce signed the above will in our presence and requested us to bear witness to the same and we hereunto subscribe our names in his presence and in the presence of each other on this the 4th day of March 1886.

M J Hendricks
J C Hendricks
W F Hendricks

- Codicil -

I, Jesse Pierce of Trimble Lyon County Tennessee do make and publish this as a codicil to my last will and testament written for me by Hamilton Parks, then of Dyerburg but now of Nashville Tenn, and I direct to so change my said will as to leave the property which I therein gave to my son Allie Pierce and I hereby nominate and appoint my friends J H Pierce and M R Hendricks guardians and trustees of my son Allie Pierce and give to them the said J H Pierce and M R Hendricks as guardians and trustees all of the property given to my son Allie in my former will and all of my estate both real and personal which may be going to my said son Allie in the distribution of my said estate and I request said guardians and trustees to rent out the real estate and to collect the rents and to securely loan out the money that may be going to him and collect the interest and that a sufficient amount of the net proceeds after paying taxes and the said guardians and trustees for their services be used to support and maintain

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in a proper manner my said son Allie - for and during his natural life and if my son should die leaving lawful issue at the date of his death then the property herein given to said guardians and trustees is to vest in said lawful issue in fee - but should my said son Allie die without leaving lawful issue then surviving the said property is to go to my daughters or their lawful issue, should they be dead in the same manner that I have given them property in my said will.

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on this 23rd day of April 1890 - in the presence of JH Pollock and F. M. Baker whom I request to witness same

Jesse Pierce

This above codicil to the will of Jesse Pierce was this day signed and acknowledged by him in our presence and at his request and in the presence of each other and of said Jesse Pierce we hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses to same on this 23rd day of April 1890

JH Pollock
F. M. Baker

In the matter of the last will and testament of Jesse Pierce deceased - ^{Best remembered} that on this the 17th day of August 1896 before the Hon Geo J Mackley, Chairman of the County Court of DeWitt County, Tennessee there was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse Pierce lately deceased - bearing date of the 4th day of March 1886 having the name of the said Jesse Pierce

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signed thereto - and being subscribed by M R Hudricks, J C Hudricks and W F Pierce as attesting witnesses - and also at the same time there was produced in open Court before said Chairman a paper writing purporting to be a codicil to the last will of said Jesse Pierce dated the 23rd day of April 1890, having the name of Jesse Pierce signed thereto and being subscribed by JH Pollock and F M Baker as attesting witnesses. The said instrument of writing being produced by parties named as devisees and legatees thereunder and said parties moved the Court that the said paper writings be admitted to probate and recorded as the last will of Jesse Pierce deceased. And it appearing to the Court from the testimony of M R Hudricks and W F Pierce two of the subscribing witnesses to said writing purporting to be the will of said Jesse Pierce who this day appeared in open Court and deposed after being duly sworn that said paper writing was written in the lifetime of said Jesse Pierce and signed by him and subscribed in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other - by the said M R Hudricks - W F Pierce and J C Hudricks and that said instrument was executed by said Jesse Pierce on the day it bears date as and for his last will and testament and that he was at the time of said mind and disposing memory and it further appearing to the Court from the testimony of JH Pollock one of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument of writing purporting to be a codicil to the will of said Jesse Pierce - who this day appeared in open Court before said Chairman and deposed after being duly sworn that said instrument of writing

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purporting to be a codicil to the said Jesse Purce's will, was written in the lifetime of the said Jesse Purce and signed by him and subscribed in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other by the said J. H. Pollock and J. M. Baker, and that said instrument was executed by said Jesse Purce on the day it bears date, as and for a codicil to his last will and testament and that he was at the time of sound mind and disposing memory - And it further appearing that the said Jesse Purce lately died in Dyer County Tennessee - and that his usual place of residence at the time of his death was in said County, all of the above recited facts are therefore so adjudged and decreed by the Court - It is therefore adjudged and declared by the Court that the said instrument of writing purporting to be the will of said Jesse Purce is the will of said Jesse Purce - and that the said writing purporting to be a codicil thereto is a codicil to said will - and that the said will together with the said codicil thereto is the true whole and last will and testament of said Jesse Purce died - and the clerk is directed to ^{file and} record the same as such - And as our being named in said will as the executor thereof and the Court being satisfied as to the claims of E. E. Parks and M. R. Hendricks to the administration of said estate - It is therefore ordered that E. E. Parks and M. R. Hendricks be and they are hereby appointed administrators with the will annexed, of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said Jesse Purce died - Whereupon came E. E. Parks and M. R. Hendricks into open Court together with B. R. Parks

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A. J. Jones, W. F. Purce and J. W. Purce their bondsmen and they entered into an acknowledged bond in the penal sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars Conditioned and payable as the law directs - for the faithful performance of their duties as such administrators - and they were duly sworn - Ordered by the Court that said bond be recorded in Admins Bond Book and filed and that letters of administration issue to the said E. E. Parks and M. R. Hendricks -

A true copy from the minutes
 Attest: Tom Ferguson, clerk
 By J. H. Allen