

Last will and testament of A.R. Wilson deceased.

Last will and testament of I Ashley R Wilson of Dyersburg, Tennessee, do as A.R. Wilson deceased? Probated make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and declaring May 16th 1904. Recorded May 16th 1904. void all other wills by me made at any time. Tom Ferguson, clerk.

1st-I will and direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon as practicable after my death, out of any money that may be possessed of, or that may first come into the hands of my executors.

2nd-I will and direct that my wife Mary A Wilson, shall have in fee my home place in Jackson, Tennessee, known as the Christian lot or place, and in addition to this that she have all my household and kitchen furniture, or so much thereof as she may desire, also my horse and buggy and that she shall have and receive what ever may come to my estate from the press-shere aid fund.

Thirdly-I will my store house and lot on the south West corner of the court square in Dyersburg, Tennessee, to my two sons Will, and James D Wilson, First Charging against James D, the house and lot on Troy street, and valuing the same at Fifteen hundred dollars, and I will said house and lot to my son James D Wilson, said lot begining at the northeast corner of my home place, known as the Burke place in Dyersburg, and running thence south on Troy street, 60 feet, and running thence West back from Troy street feet, to a stake, thence north and parallel with the first line 60 feet to a stake, and thence East with my north boundary line feet to the begining, which does not include the servants cabin on the home place. And I will and direct that the store house above mentioned shall be so divided between my sons Will, and James D. Wilson, that by counting the place willed to James D. Wilson, above at \$1500.00, they shall share equally in my estate. To be more explicit I estimate that the store house and lot is worth \$6000.00, and I place the value of the home given to James, at fifteen hundred dollars, making the value of the two at seventy five hundred dollars, of which each is to have thirty seven and fifty dollars, and of which James is to be charged with fifteen hundred dollars for the home given him, and would have an interest in the store lot in the sum of twenty two hundred and fifty dollars, and Will Wilson, would have the remaining thirty seven hundred and fifty dollars, interest in said store, based upon the above valuation.

Fourthly - I will to my son John, my home place in Dyersburg, known as the Burke place on which I now reside, (excepting the parts set off and willed as above

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place to my son James D Wilson, also my watch and books.

Fifthly - I will and direct that my lot in Jackson, Tennessee, on Church street be sold as soon as convenient, and the proceeds of the sale be divided equally among my Howell, and Spence grand children per capita, that is each child of both or either family receive the same amount,

Sixthly - I nominate and appoint my three sons, James D. Will, and John, as my executors without bond. In witness Whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal.

at Dyersburg, Tennessee, On this the 5th day of December 1903. A.R. Wilson.

Signed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator. December. 5th 1903.

T.C. Gordon,

W.E. Yeargin.

Last Will and Testament  
of G. E. Hamilton deceased.

Probated May, 23rd 1904.

Recorded May, 30th, 1904.

Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, G. E. Hamilton, do make and publish this  
my last will and testament, hereby revok-  
ing and making void all others at any  
time by me made.

1. First, I give and bequeath to my wife, Jesse Hamilton, all of my real estate  
the same consisting of one fifth undivided interest in a two story brick  
store house on Main Street in Newbern Tennessee, which is now occupied by  
M. C. Hamilton and an house and lot in Newbern Tennessee in the north part of  
town and joining W. H. Capelle on the west.

2. Second, I give and bequeath to my said wife, Jessie Hamilton, all of my per-  
sonal estate consisting of money, notes, household and kitchen furniture, piano,  
my interest in St. Louis Furnishing Co. and everthing except on a silver  
gold lined cornet and ten dollars in money.

3. Third, I give to my daughter Verna Hamilton the silver gold lined cornet and  
ten dollars in money.

4. Fourth, I hereby nominate and appoint my wife, Jessie Hamilton executrix of  
this my will: and having confidence in her ability she is not to make bond  
or affidavit as such. In witness whereof, I do to this my will set my hand,  
this Jan'y, 8th 1904.

G. E. Hamilton.

Signed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto  
in the presence of the testator and at his request.

This Jan'y, 8th, 1904.

N. L. Scooby

M. R. Pace.

Last Will and Testament of  
J B Bailey deceased, Probated

July 18th 1904. Recorded -

July 20th 1904.

Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, J B Bailey of the fifth civil district  
in the County of Dyer and the State of Tenn-  
essee: now the age of Seventy three years  
being of sound and deposing mind and memory  
do make publish and declare this my last  
Will and testament: in manner following a

that is to say:-

First- I will and bequeath to the following five persons, five dollars a piece.

(1) Malinda Milloner or her heirs of Dadesville, Tallopoosa Co. Alabama five  
dollars.

(2) Margaret Ray or her heirs of Hillsborough Alabama five dollars.

(3) Eliza Horton or her heirs, of Hillsborough Alabama five dollars.

(4) J W R Baileys Heirs of Bankston Fayette Co. Alabama five dollars.

(5) Anna Webber heirs of Bankston Fayette Co. Alabama five dollars.

Second- I give bequeath and devise to my wife M E Bailey all of my property much  
or little, both real estate and personal property, to be held and enjoyed by her  
during her natural life and at her decease, I give bequeath the same to Albert A  
Burnham and Rosa O Burnham their heirs and assigns forever. Provided that if one  
should die before this will goes into effect the one that survives shall possess  
the share of both.

It is further provided and agreed upon by me (J B Bailey) that my executor hereinafter  
after named, shall have the privilege of selecting three disinterested men for  
the purpose of dividing my property equally between the said Albert A Burnham and  
Rosa O Burnham in case they (Albert A Burnham and Rosa O Burnham) cannot agree  
between themselves.

Third- I direct my executor hereinafter named to pay out of my estate as soon as  
possible after my death all my just debts together with my last sickness and bur-  
ial expenses Also to see that my wife M E Bailey and I J B Bailey are decently  
buried and suitable tombstones erected at each of our graves.

Fourth- I hereby appoint D A Freeman the sole executor of this my last Will and  
testament relating to all of my property in the state of Tennessee. Said D. A.  
Freeman is to give bond and security. I hereby revoke all other wills by me at any  
any time made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

This 23rd day of October A D 1899. Signature. J B Bailey. [L. S.]

the foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed sealed, published and  
declared by the said Testator, J B Bailey, as and for his last will and testament



## Last Will and Testament of J.B. Bailey dec'd.

in the presence of us, who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

H.H. Cotton -- who lives near Dyersburg / Tenn.

W.L. Fowlkes -- who lives near Dyersburg Tenn.

L C McClerkin -- who lives near Dyersburg Tenn.

## Last will and testament of John Sawyer deceased

Last will of John Sawyer dec'd.

Protested July 23rd 1906. Approved  
July 23rd 1906. Recorded July  
23rd 1906. Tom Ferguson, clerk.

I John Sawyer, of Dyersburg, Tennessee,  
being of sound mind and disposing memory  
do make and publish this my last will and  
testament, hereby revoking any heretofore made.  
Made-To-wit.-

1st-I will and devise that all my just debts be paid by my executors as soon after my death as practicable.

2nd- I will devise and bequeath to my Nephew Wm J Pierce, of the State of Texas, my tract of land of about 74 acres in district #2 of Dyer county, and my tract of about 60 acres in district No 7-and the tract of about 260 acres in district no 17 of Dyer county.

3rd- I will devise and bequeath to the children of John F Pierce, my Nephew of Dyer county, Tennessee, all the rest and residue of my real estate of every kind and where ever located with a life estate in all of it, to said John F Pierce, who shall have and enjoy the rents and profits thereof for and during his natural life. I further will and devise that my personal property of every kind be converted by my executor into money and the same invested by them in real estate to be held as above by said John F Pierce, and his children, in case of the death of any child, the children of the deceased shall take and have his or her part.

I nominate and appoint B B Watkins, and John F Pierce, <sup>my</sup> executors to carry out and execute the provisions of this will, and release them of giving bond, as such such having full confidence in their honesty and integrity. This May 20th 1903.

John Sawyer.

Witnessed by us at the request of the testator and in his presence, his last will and testament.

Max Taylor.

Allen S Taylor.

## Last Will and Testamen of M.J.Harton deceased.

Last will and Testament of  
M.J.Harton Deceased.

Probated Sept. 19th, 1904.

Recorded September 20\*, 1904.

Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, M.J.Harton, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made.

First- It is my will that my husband Ben.T Harton d uring his life shall have the use and rents of all my rproperty both real and personal.

2nd- It is my will that after the death of my said husband Ben. t Harton, that all of my property whether real , personal or mixed, be divided among my children and grand children as follows to wit- To my daughter Louana Smith in said division is to be given one sixth, To my son /J.E.Harton in said division is to be given one sixth; To my son M.L.Harton in said division is to be given one sixth; To the children of my son Jno. W Harton deceased in said division is to be given one sixth

To my daughter Fannie Burns in said division is to be given one sixth  
To the children of my daughter Mary Tom Stutts deceased in said division is to be given one sixth- It is further my will in making said division of my said property among my children and grand children that the following advancements are to be charged against my said children and said grand children as follows towit: My said daughter Louana Smith is to be charged with an advancement of One hundred dollars being the value of a lot I gave her, My said son J.E.Harton is to be charged with an advancement of Three hundred dollars being the value of a house and lot I gave him and the same upon which he now lives-, My son M.L.Harton is to be charged with an advancement of One hundred and seventy five dollars, being the value of a lot I gave him and one lot I gave his daughter Burnice Harton,- My said daughter Fannie Burnes is to be charged with an advancement of One hundred and fifteen dollars being the amount of money I gave her at various times,- The children of my said daughter Mary Tom Stutts deceased are to be charged with an advancement of One hundred and seventy five dollars being the value of merchandise and a lot I gave to Charley Stutts-, The children of my said Jno.W Harton deceased are to be charged with an advancement of Two hundred and eight dollars being the amount of money given heretofore by me to their mother and to pay taxes on their lands.

Mrs. Jno. W Harton after the deceased sale, one hundred dollars cash to help to purchase her home, 25 dollars to pay her delinquent taxes, 66 dollars to cover



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er her store house with shingles, 16 dollars to pay taxes for 1 year.

C.R.Stutts 116 dollars amt not payed on the purchase Milan store, 1 Lot 751d sold by him to —

Fannie Burns, 50 dollars to help buy the lot at Hails, 15 that was owing Brog den for work on house, 20 to pay insurance on her two dwellings, 30 dollars I payed for lumber on her house.

J.E.Harton one house and lot where he lives 300-

M.L.Harton one vacant lot near my brick house 100 and one lot near depot giv- en his daughter Bur. 75

Lou Smith lot at depot \$100.

It is also my will that the one sixth of said division of property herein above willed to the children of my daughter Mary Tom Stutts deceased, when divided between Charley Stutts and his sister Florence Graves that the said Charley Stutts be charged with the said one hundred and seventy five dollars which said Charley Stutts has already received in merchandise and a lot.

It is further my will that no interest be charged against any of my children or grand children on any of said advancements. It is further my will that out of the one sixth interest of my said property herein a ove willed to the children of my son Jno.W.Harton deceased, a monument of the value of fifty dollars is to be placed at the grave of my son Jno.W.harton, and that out of the one sixth interest of my said property herein above willed to the childrn of my daughter Mary Tom Stutts decd a monument of the value of fifty dollars is to be placed at the grave of my daughter Mary Tom Stutts- In witness whereof I do hereto sign my name to this my last will- This Nov. 10th 1898

M.J.Harton

Signed and published in our presence by the testatrix as her last will and testament and we have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of the testatrix and in the presence of each other.

This Nov.10th 1898.

Witness.

T.L.Wells.

W.E.Hudson.

## Last will and testament of Mrs Dona Z.Harper deceased

Last will and testament of  
Mrs Dona Z.Harper deceased  
Probated Oct 25th 1904  
Recorded Oct 25th 1904  
Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, Dona Harper do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and mak- ing void all others by me at anytime made, First I give and bequathe to myt husband A.M. Harper my house and lot in Newbern Tenn. on the west side of Monroe Street and bounded on

the North by the lot of C.P.Brown on West by Sam Ridens and B.W.Brown and on South by J.C.Hamilton.

Second, I to give my said husband all of my personal property except my Piano.

Third, I give my Piano to my sister Ellen Pace,

Fourth, I nominate and appoint my husband A.M.Harper executor of this my will and he is not to be required to make bond or affidavit as such, in testimony whereof I, do to this my will subscribe my name, this Sept, 26, 1 04.

Mrs. Dona X. Harper

We subscribe our names hereto at the request of the testatrix and in her presents.

This Sept. 26th 1904.

M.L.Scobey

Mrs. Jessie L.Hamilton

Mrs W.L.Harper.

## Last Will and Testament of Mrs. Annie Inman.

Last will and testament of  
 Mrs. Annie Inman Probed  
 October 29th 1904, Record-  
 ed October 31st 1904.  
 Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, Annie Inman, wife of C.P. Inman, re-  
 cognizing the uncertainty of life and  
 the certainty of death, and being of sound  
 mind and disposing memory do make  
 and publish this my last will and Test-  
 ament, hereby revoking and annulling

any and all wills by me at time heretofore made.

Item 1st. I give, devise, will and bequeath unto my beloved husband  
 C.P. Inman, the tract of land of about Two Hundred and Twenty Seven  
 Acres (227) which I inherited from my father, Moses Thompson which  
 tract of land lies and is situated about two miles east of Trimble in  
 the 15th Civil District of Dyer County Tennessee but this devise of  
 this tract is subject to my mother, Mrs. Lou Thompsons' life interest  
 in (67) Sixty Seven acres of the said Two Hundred and Twenty Seven acre  
 tract, which Sixty Seven acres was conveyed to my Father by Wm Walton.  
 My said Mother having expressed her willingness to accept the said (67)  
 acres for and securing her life in full of her homestead and Dower  
 interest in my deceased Father's lands.

Item 2. I hereby give, devise, will and bequeath unto my beloved husband  
 C.P. Inman, in the event I shall die before he dies, (the tract of  
 land herein devised in the First (1) item of this will is devised  
 on the same condition - on condition that I die before my said husband  
 dies) all my property and estate real, personal, and mixed that I now  
 own or may own or may hereafter own, or acquire by devise descent or  
 otherwise before my death and whether the same is herein mentioned and  
 set out or not, and whether the same be an absolute and fee simple es-  
 tate or an estate in remainder.

Item 3. I hereby give, and devise, will and bequeath unto my beloved hus-  
 band in case I die before he dies, all my right, title claim and inter-  
 est, in and to the town lot in Newbern in the 6th Civil District of  
 Dyer County Tennessee, which was conveyed to my Mother, Mrs. Lou Thomp-  
 son for and during her life and at her death to myself fee simple, Sam  
 Wilson this being the only house and lot I own in Newbern Tennessee.

Item 4. As herein above set out, if I have forgotten anywhere look any part  
 piece of property real or personal that I own, I hereby give, devise  
 will and bequeath the same to my beloved husband C.P. Inman.

Item 5. I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved husband C.P. Inman, as my ex-  
 ecutor of this last will with full power and authority to act as such without being  
 required to execute bond.

In witness of all of which I do all this the 1st day of August 1904, subscribe  
 my name to the will, in the present of W.S. Draper and J.W. Kirkpatrick as the wit-  
 nesses whom I requested to witness the same.

Mrs. Annie Inman.

We W.S. Draper and J.W. Kirkpatrick do hereby subscribe our names as witnesses  
 to the above and foregoing instrument in the presents of the Testatrix, Mrs.  
 Annie Inman wife of C.P. Inman and in the presents of each other, and at the  
 request of the said Mrs. Annie Inman on this the first day of August 1904.

W.S. Draper,

J.W. Kirkpatrick



## Last Will and Testament of H.C. Porter, Deceased.

Last will and Testament of H.C. Porter deceased  
 Probated October 31st 1904  
 Recorded November 1st 1904.  
 Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, H.C. Porter being sound both mentally and physically and in the enjoyment of my usual good health. But while enjoying these blessings I recognize the fact that life is uncertain and before laying this body <sup>down</sup> in its long slumber I wish to make this my first and last will and

put my financial affairs in such a shape that they will be ready to be settled and distributed among such ones as I wish to reap the pleasures and benefits of what I may possess.

1st. It is my wish and will that all my debts shall be paid in full and to do this some of my real estate will have to be sold for this purpose and I wish my real estate to be sold in the order named, until enough has been sold to pay off the said debts.

1st. My house and lot in Memphis Tenn, I wish divided in to lots of about 200 or 25 feet front, said lot is the corner of Main and Jackson Streets in Memphis Tenn. I wish it sold 1/3 one third on a credit of 6 mo. - 1/3 in 18 Mo. In 30 Months credits all notes to have good Security in addition to a lien on the lands and house and any purchaser is to have 5% Discount for any cash payment he may wish to make and the notes to bear 6% interest from date. This sale I want Made as soon as the Amt. I owe can be approximated.

If this does not bring enough to pay my debts, then sell the timber on a lot of wood land of about 1000 acres in the 16th Civil District of Dyer County, but do not sell the land, the timber only then I leave it optionary with my wife Kate Porter to sell the factory and factory lot, I think these properties even at half price will pay what I owe.

If there should be any money left out of these sales I wish it invested in Bank Stock, and the interest to be held for the use and benefit of my Brother John Porter as he needs it.

2nd. I will to my beloved wife Katie D. Porter absolutely My dwelling house and lot there to use and do with as she wishes. This lot is bounded on the east by Mrs Atkins, and Cashes lot on the north by Johnson Street and on the west by Monroe Street, on the south by the Pritchett lot, then south far enough to enclose the red ware house and a lot I bought from Barney.

Will to my wife Katie D. Porter the following property during her natural life for her use and benefit as long as she may live, but it is not subject to

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hereafter stated.

One brick Store House known as the W.R. Pace store house and lot in Newbern Tenn. joining the Porter Hotel on the north side, also the Helen Johnson tract of land containing 428 A on the north side of my Egypt farm in the 16th District of Dyer County Tenn. there is about 250 acres of cleared land <sup>in</sup> this, I desire my wife to have the use, Rents and benefits of this property as long as she may live, and it is my object that this property is to be in lieu of any homestead and further dowry as it is the most valuable property I have, and its present rental value is \$2100 a Yr. besides my residence it alone is absolutely hers.

4th. I give to my wife <sup>Katie</sup> all my household and kitchen furniture, my best Buggy and horse, 2 good cows, if I have two, 1 diamond ring, it is <sup>my</sup> will that my wife Katie collect the rents on all the property given her immediately after my death and the rents on the houses being \$50.00 a Mo. and on land being about \$1500 a yr. she can use this in place of any annual allowance for 1st years maintenance it being my object to curtail all expenses that I can in winding up my estate.

5th. I give and bequeath my cousin Mary Thompson and Sarah McGee equal a house and lot known as the James Hendrix residence near the College.

6th. I give and bequeath unto Clay Payne a son of W.H. Payne of Lake County Tenn. A 25 A lot or a piece of land upon which W.H. Payne now lives or a note of about \$650.00 that I hold against W.H. Payne in the event said W.H. Payne has bought and paid for this 25 acres before my death.

7th. I give and bequeath unto W.S. Porter my brother (\$25.00) Twenty Five Dollars.

8th. I will and bequeath unto J.W. Pritchard and his wife a business house in Newbern Tenn. on the east side of the Pace Store and joining it. They are to have the use of this house as long as they live, either one of them lives, It is <sup>then</sup> to return to estate and be probated with some other property that is left for future disposal.

9th. If Oscar S. Drake will accept it I give to him the manage of the remainder of land I have in the 16th District of Dyer County Tenn. for this manage ment I will give him one half of the net proceeds after he pays the Taxes, and keeps up the fences and house walls. So then what is left he is to have one half of it, he is to make an annual report of this to the County Court Clerk until the year 1914.

10th. I give and bequeath to Douglas Porter a Diamond Stud that I now have.

11th. I give and bequeath to Mrs. Jane Pardin a 43 A of land lying on south side of road near ... this piece of land she is to have the



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as long as she lives for faithful services for many years- after her death it is to go back to my other estate for distribution. In 1914 if I have no heirs of my own, it is my will that this property so left until 1914 shall be divided equally between W.S. Porters heirs and what is left to my wife, her life time, and J.W. Pritchard and wife & Mrs. Pardin for life as they die heirs life-time shall be divided between S.W. Porters equally. This will is made and witnessed, and sealed and put in my safe, with my papers on this 20 day of July 1906

Henry C. Porter.

Witnesses.

S.D. Prithard.

J.A. Pope.

Last will and Testament

of E.C. Pate Deceased

Probated November 12th 1904.

Recorded November 15th 1904.

Tom Ferguson Clerk.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, E.C. Pate of Dyersburg, Tenn. Being of sound Mind and disposing memory, knowing and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and that the largest portion of my days on this earth have already been spent, I, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

- ✓ First. I will my soul to God who gave it.
- ✓ Second. I direct that my funeral expences and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that, I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor, and then the balance of my personal property be divided equally between Eadeth Sellers, Maggie Richards and Clyde Murph.
- ✓ Third. I give and bequeath to my daughter Eadeth Sellers wife of W.R. Sellers Jr. My home-place here in Dyersburg, Tenn. including all improvements of every kind character thereon, same being the lands that I bought from George Tarkington, R.W. Sampson and W.B. Sampson and including all of the same except two small lots that I have sold off in the south west corner.
- ✓ Fourth. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Maggie Richards wife of J.A. Richards my farm in this county, known as the King and Fowlkes Farm, containing two hundred and twenty five acres, also the tract of land that I bought from S.R. Latta containing twenty eight acres less eight acres that I have sold off.
- ✓ Fifth. I demise my store house and lot on the north side of the public square of the town of Dyersburg, Tenn. to my friend John N. Parker in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of my little grand daughter Clyde Murph, to be managed and controlled by the said John N. Parker as Trustee, for the said Clyde Murph until she becomes twenty one years of age, and I do further nominate and appoint the said John N. Parker Trustee, without bond to collect the rents and profits on the said store houses and buildings on said lot, and to keep up the repairs and insurance on the same, and in case the said houses or any part thereof should burn or is otherwise destroyed to build the same back on said lot out of the insurance money, and to expend the rents of said houses less the expense insurance and repairs for the same for the education and maintenance of said Clyde Murph, as it is my desire and request that she be given a first class education and be properly cared for when it takes all of the rents of the said houses.

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Sixth. I give and bequeath the said store house and lot to the said John N. Parker in trust for the sole and separate use of said Clyde during her minority and on her becoming twenty one years of age I give and bequeath the said store house and lot and all improvements on the same to the said Clyde Murph in her own right and name absolutely also all moneys that may be in the hands of her trustee John N. Parker as the proceeds of the rents of the profits of said store houses, in the event that the said Clyde Murph dies without issue then at her death I Give and bequeath the said store-house and the said lot to Edith Sellers and Maggie Richards in equal shares.

Seventh. In the event the said John N. Parker was to die before me or die during the minority of the said Clyde then and in that event I hereby appoint and Nominate my executor A.J. Richards as trustee for said Clyde and and convey the said property to him in trust for her as in the said John N. Parker and empower him to carry out my desire in that respect.

Lastly. (I do hereby nominate and appoint A.J. Richards my executor without bond.

In witness whereof, I do to this, my last will and testament, set my hand this the 24th day of June 1903.

E.C.Pate.

Signed and published by the testator E.C.Pate in our presents as his last will and testament, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presents of each other and in the presents of the testator E.C.Pate. This June 24th 1903.

Witness

B.B. Watkins.

R.T. Butterworth.

## Last Will and Testament of Joseph Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of Joseph Wirth Deceased Probated July 11th 1905  
Recorded July 11th 1905.  
Tom Ferguson Clerk,

I, Joseph Wirth, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by me made at any time made.

First—I direct that all my debts be paid by my executors.

Second— I give and bequeath and give to my son Geo.

Wirth the sum of Eleven Hundred Dollars, the same now consisting of three notes for the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty and two third dollars each all signed by Charles Wirth, and due First August the first 1906, the second due August the first 1907, and the third due August the first 1908.

If said notes shall have been paid before my death, and pay to me then I direct that my said son George Wirth have the Eleven Hundred Dollars in money. Third— I have heretofore given to my other children their share of my estate, and gave them nothing now except. I direct that that part of my property shall be but little after my son George gets the Eleven Hundred Dollars heretofore mentioned, be divided among my children after any debts that may be owing be paid out of this remainder, but my son George is to have the Eleven Hundred Dollars, or the notes not to him.

Fourth—I nominate and appoint my two sons, Henry Wirth and Albert Wirth executors of this my Will And they are not to make any bond as such as that is waived In testimony whereof I do to this my Will set my Hand, This July 31st 1904.

Joseph Wirth.

Signed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names at the request of the Testator and in his presence, This July 30 1904.

C.F. Brown.

Add Ayers.



## Last Will and Testament of Mary E. Baker Dec'd.

Last Will and Testament of  
Mary E. Baker Deceased, Pro-  
bated October 9th 1905, App-  
roved October 9th 1905. And  
Recorded October 17th 1905.  
Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, Mary E. Baker, formerly Mary E. Sugg of  
Dyer County, Tennessee, being of sound mind  
disposing memory, do make and publish this  
my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking  
any and all others heretofore made by me at  
any time, to-wit:-

- 1st- I will and devise that all of my justs debts, if any, be paid by my  
Executor as soon after my death as possible.
- 2nd.- I will devise and bequeath to my husband J. R. Baker also of Dyer County  
Tennessee all the property, real, personal, and mixed of every kind, that  
I may own at the time of my death wherever situated, all of said property  
being now situated in Dyer County Tennessee and Mississippi County Arkansas.
- 3rd- I nominate and appoint said J. R. Baker Executor of this my last Will  
and Testament and hereby relieve him of the necessity of giving bond,  
as such. This February 2nd 1899.

Mary E. Baker.

Witnessed by us at the request of the Testatrix Mary E. Baker as her last  
Will and Testament and signed by her and witnessed by us in her presence.

J. W. Tenney

J. N. Parker.

B. B. Watkins.

## Last Will and Testament of George T. North Dec'd.

Last Will and Testament of  
George T. North Deceased,  
Probated October 16th 1905,  
Recorded October 23rd 1905.  
Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, George T. North, being of sound mind but in fee-  
ble health and recognizing the uncertainty of life  
do hereby make and publish my last Will and Test-  
ament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.  
Item 1st; I will that all my justs debts be paid  
and direct my Executor hereinafter named to pay the

same out of the first moneys that come into his hands belonging to his estate.

Item 2nd; That whereas a partnership exists between E. A. Midyett and myself un-  
der the style and firm of Midyett and North, I will that said partnership be con-  
tinued as deemed best and for such time as my Executor shall think best to be  
continued.

Item 3rd; It is my will that the needs of my wife Edna North and my child Jesse  
Mabel North be met so far as my estate is able to meet them by my Executor and  
that he do so out of my estate.

Item 4th; It is my will that in case of a settlement of my estate and disconti-  
nuance of the said partnership that my estate be divided equally between the said Edna  
North and Jesse Mabel North.

Item 5th;- I hereby nominate and appoint E. A. Midyett as Executor of this my  
last Will and Testament and having full confidence in him, hereby waive the  
necessity of his making bond.

Witness my hand. This Sept 12th 1905.

George T. North.

Signed in our presence and in the presence of each other and at the request of the  
Testator. This Sept. 12th 1905.

W. C. Vann

W. H. Anderson.

J. W. Atkins.



## Last Will and Testament of Joseph William Holland Deceased

Last Will and Testament of Joseph William Holland Dec'd Know all men by these presents that I Joseph William Holland in the County of Dyer (8th District) State of Tennessee being competent to dispose of his property & of good memory. Do make and publish this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills or Statements by me at any time heretofore made And as to my worldly estate and all the property, real, personal, or mixed, of which I shall die seized possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath, & dispose thereof in the manner following to-wit:-

All my just debts and necessary expenses shall first be paid equally by my heirs herein mentioned.

1st:- I give to my daughter, Mary H. Weaver & her heirs so long as they live to-wit:- 26 acres on N.W. Corner of Bro. Warren's estate & 17 acres on S.W. of same tract of land.

2nd:- I give to my Grandson William F. One third (1/3) of my homeplace containing 117 acres (One Hundred Seventeen Acres) to have so long as he lives & his bodily heirs. The Mother to have said Childs proceeds for the care and protection until her widowhood.

3rd:- I give, devise and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Birthy Reese one third (1/3) of my homeplace One Hundred Seventeen Acres (117) acres, so long as she lives & her heirs & in case of her death to return back to the Holland Heirs: I appoint her father Bob Reese to be her Administrator & to have proceeds of her part while mi nor or single.

4th:- I give to my son George (One Third)(1/3) of my homeplace one Hundred Seventeen Acres (117) acres to have and to hold so long as he lives & to his bodily heirs.

5th:- 61 acres (Sixty) under controversy between me (J.W. Holland) & R.M. Rainey, now lying in the Forked Deer River Bottom to be equally divided between the above mentioned heirs to hold and to have so long as they may live & to their bodily heirs.

6th:- As to my personal property I give to my son George (1) black spotted cow (bob) (Tail) & one black mare mule & to have one bed and spread. As to other personal property to be sold and divided equally.

In testimony whereof I, Joseph William Holland, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of April 1904.

## Last Will and Testament of Joseph William Holland.

Testament contained on two sheets of paper and subscribed my name and to this sheet I have subscribed my name and affixed the date this April 15th 1904.

J.W. Holland <sup>my</sup> X  
mark.

Signed and acknowledged & declared by the said Joseph William Holland as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto;

J.H. Milam

F. Stephenson.

The last will and testament of Mrs Sallie A Shipley deceased.

Last will and testament of  
Mrs Sallie A Shipley, deceased  
Probated Jan'y 15th 1906. Recorded  
Jan'y 15th 1906. Tom Ferguson, Clk.

Dyer county Tennessee, This Decemb<sup>r</sup> 20th  
1905-This the last will of Mrs Sallie A  
Shipley, in her right mind to the best of  
our belief, -I Sallie Shipley want to  
give my property to my children, I want

W T Joiner my oldest son to have the place known as the Buchanan place,  
and the place I now live on known as the old Bill Joiner home place, and the  
Joe Vinyard place consisting of 47 acres, -more or less, -to him and his as-  
signs forever, I want to give the old Jesse Clark place to Mossie Joiner  
my youngest son and to Mabel Hilliard WC S Hilliard my Grand children I  
want to give Mossie Joiner one half of said Jesse Clark place, giving him  
the East half of the place, not to be sold until my son Mossie is twenty  
one, -then he can sell if he desires, I want to give the other half of said  
Jesse Clark place to Mabel Hilliard and W S Hilliard, to be rented out un-  
til they become twenty one years old, then to be turned over to them, I want  
W T Joiner my oldest son to take charge of and rent out and keep the place  
in ordinary repair, and pay for the same out of the rents of said place, and  
to deposit the rest for the children in the Bank, I will to my two grand  
children Joe Hellen Montgomery, W J Montgomery each \$5.00, five dollars apiece  
to be given at my death, -I want to give to R S Henry my nephew my 1/7 share  
in the place or parcel of land known as the Hellen Humphreys Dower, to him  
and his heirs I want my son W T Joiner and Mabel and W S Hilliard to have  
my household goods and kitchen furniture to keep it until Will Joiner dies  
proper and then give them one bed apiece, -I here will all of my perishable  
property consisting of three mules one cow, wagon and harness, and one buggy  
and harness and farm implements consisting of plows hoes, to be his, and he  
W T Joiner agrees to assume all just debts against the estate, Mrs Sallie A  
Shipley.

Witness, L R Cardwell.

W H Armstrong.

J F Williamson.

Last Will and Testament of W.J. Scobey Deceased.

Last Will and Testament  
of W.J. Scobey, Deceased.  
Probated March 5th 1905.  
Recorded March 9th 1905.  
Tom Ferguson, Clerk.

In the name of God Amen.

I, W.J. Scobey, being of sound mind and disposing  
memory, do hereby make and publish this my last  
Will and Testament, revoking all former wills  
by me made.

First--I give and bequeath to my son R.W. Scobey

the tract of land on which he lives (75 acres) and five acres in the N. east  
corner of my E. wood tract of land, beginning at the N.E. which is J.C.  
Zarriours N.W. Corner, and running so far south that by running half across  
the North end, will make five acres, he is not to be charged anything for the  
use of said land during my life.

Secondly;-- I will to my daughter S.W. Pace during her natural life and then  
to her children or bodily heirs my Telford place of Seventy five acres (75 acres)  
of land on which, she and her husband now live, and five acres N.W. corner  
E. wood Tract of land ? beginning at the N.W. Corner running south so far that  
by running half across the North end will make five acres, she is not to be  
charged any rent for said land during my life.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Luella Cockran during her natural life  
then to her children or bodily heirs, One Hundred and sixty acres of land  
known as the John Robinson tract, on which she and her husband now live, and they  
are not to be charged any rent during my life,

I will and bequeath to my daughter Arminta E. Towns during her natural life  
and to her children or bodily heirs the land on which they now live; Beginning at a  
stake, North edge of the Yorkville & Dyersburg Road, in J.C. Zarriours south line  
E.W. Moores heirs, N.W. Corner thence west 86-1/2 poles to a stake, thence south  
135 poles to a stake, Thence east eighty six and one half poles to a stake  
in J.M. Halls west line, thence north one hundred and eighty five poles to the  
beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less, She is not to be charged  
anything for rents during my life, I will and bequeath to my Daughter Senia  
A. Towns during her natural life, and then to her children or bodily heirs  
Eighty acres of land, beginning at a stake in Grishams line, where my cross  
fence now stands, Thence south to the road, my S.W. Corner, Thence east far  
enough by running north and west to the beginning to make eighty acres  
and they are not to be charged any rent during my life.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Nancy M. Scobey during her natural life  
and to her bodily heirs the balance of my home place south of the Yorkville



## Last will and Testament of W.J. Scobey Deceased.

and Newber road, one hundred acres. She is not to be charged any rent during my life-

I will and bequeath to my wife the balance of my E. Woods tract of land 67-1/2 acres during her life and at her death to be equally divided between my children, share and share alike.

My personal property after paying all debts and burial expenses, including Tombstones for my last resting place, after my wife gets what the law allows her shall be equally divided between my children, share and share alike,

If any of the Beneficiaries under this will shall by law, attempt to set aside any of the provisions herein contained. They shall forfeit out of their interest Five Hundred Dollars to the other heirs I hereby nominate and appoint Finis E. Scobey, and James Cochran Executors of this my last will and testament of whom no bond shall be required. Witness my hand and seal this the 15th day of November 1888.

W.J. Scobey

Witnesses

John E. McCorkle,

W.E. McCorkle.

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Circumstances having changed condition since making the foregoing Will. I desire to make the following changes in the same. I desire Ten acres out off the tract Willed to my Daughter Nancy Ann, and added to the amount Willed to my wife Described as follows:- Beginning at R.S. Jackson south east corner, Thence south far enough to make ten acres by running east to Arminatas Towne line, Thence North to the Yorkville and Newbern road, thence west with the road, to the beginning including my dwelling house, this ten acres is to be added to the Sixty Seven and one half acres willed to my wife and is to be distributed in the same manner as the 67-1/2 acres as directed in the body of my will, Nancy Ann Grisham and Celia Towne are not to have any of my personal estate, until each of my other children have received one Hundred Dollars.

Witness my hand and seal 11 December the 10th 1891.

Witnesses.

John E. McCorkle,

W.E. McCorkle.

William J. Scobey

## Last Will and Testament of W.A. Bunnell, Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of W.A. Bunnell Deceased, Probated. April the 23rd 1906. And Recorded April the 23rd 1906.

Tom Ferguson Clerk.

I, Wilson A. Bunnell, of Dyer County Tennessee and being of sound mind and disposing mind, do make and publish this as my last will and testament;—

First;- I direct that my funeral expenses and and all of my just debts be paid, as soon after my death as possible, out of any moneys that

I may die possessed of, or from the proceeds of any personalty that it may be necessary to sell for the purpose of settling said debts.

Secondly;- I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Bunnell, if she shall survive me, all of the personal property of every kind or character that I may die possessed of and not needed to pay my just debts, said personal property to be hers absolutely and to dispose of it as she may see fit.

Thirdly;- I give and bequeath to my said wife also all of the lands that I now own or may die possessed of for and during her natural life, and she is to have and enjoy all of the rents and profits of the same, for and during her natural life. And at her death I will that my real property shall be divided among my Children as follows;-

I will that my youngest son Wilson Baker Bunnell shall have the upper or Northern one third including the home and improvements, of the land that I own north and west of the Forked Deer River, that my son Morgan Bunnell is to have the one third of the lands above mentioned? next to and south of the 1 lands willed to Wilson Baker Bunnell, and Newton Bunnell is to have the remaining one third of said lands which will lie south of the lands of Morgan Bunnell and Boarder upon the Forked Deer River. I estimate that in said tract of land lying north and west of the Forked Deer River that are ~~one~~ about One hundred and Fifty acres, and said tract is to be divided equally in number of acres among my above named sons as indicated, and with out reference to the value of the same or the improvements.

I will also that my lands south of east of the Forked Deer River shall be equally divided in value of same between my son William A. Bunnell, and my Daughter Lavinia A. Farrington, said lands to be divided among them as they may see proper, each to get one half in value in the division of said lands

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my brother Newton Bunnell as my executor without bond, as I have every confidence in his integrity. In witness whereof I do to this my last will and testament set my hand on this the 25th day of April 1906. W.A. Bunnell Signed and sealed in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in



## Last Will and Testament of John S. Wells deceased.

Last Will and Testament of John  
S. Wells Deceased. Probated April  
30th 1906. and Recorded April  
30th 1906.  
Tom Ferguson. Clerk.

I hereby will to John L. Wells  
at my death my Home place known  
as the Ferry place, containing  
204 acres and my wife Julia Wells  
is to have control of said place  
her life time and I further will

at my death to my daughter Mary Elizabeth Hicks the 150 acre tract  
of land lying south of the home place bought of Latten and I  
further will her the 100 acres of land lying north of the Obion  
River and Purchased of the A. M. Stevens Lumber Co. and my wife Julia  
Wells is to have control of the 150 acre tract her life time.  
But Mary Elizabeth Hicks is to have full possession of the 100  
acre tract at my death. This December the 7th 1905.

Witnessess.

his  
John S X Wells  
Mark

J. W. Rawles.

Dr. N. L. Summers.

W. W. Edwards.

## Last will and testament of Sarah James ( Col'd ) Deceased.

Last will and testament of  
Sarah James Col'd deceased  
Probated May 7th 1906. Approved  
May 7th 1906. Recorded May 7th  
1906 Tom Ferguson clerk.

I Sarah James ( Col'd ) of Dyersburg, Dyer county  
Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing  
memory, relieving the uncertainty of life, and  
the certainty of death; do make and publish this  
as my last will and testament, hereby revoking

and making void all others by me at any time made.

1st-I direct that all my funeral expenses to cost not less than the sum of \$75.00.  
( seventy five dollars ) and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible  
out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of  
my executor.

Secondly-I give and bequeath to Georgia Fowlkes ( col ) the wife of Tom Fowlkes col  
of Dyersburg, Tenn, my enlarged Pastel picture of three girls to wit, Jeffie with  
Myra Menzies, and Gilsie Connell, in a group.

Thirdly-I give to Sammie Boumont ( col ) of Dyersburg, Tenn., my Iron bedstead and  
the springs belonging thereto.

Fourthly - I give and bequeath to my friend Dannie Lee Menzies ( col ) wife of  
Albert Menzies ( col ) of Dyersburg, Tenn., all of my other property of which I may  
die seized and possessed consisting of about one dozen chairs, a bedstead, my bed  
and bed-clothing, two heating stoves, three small tables, and one large table, my trunk  
and all my wearing apparel, an enlarged picture of my deceased husband Jesse James  
( col ) and what ever may be left after paying my funeral expenses out of the  
money I may have or may die seized of, out of which I desire enough taken and added  
to the funeral benefits of my policies in the National Life and Accident Insurance  
Company of Nashville, Tenn. ( Represented in Dyersburg by T. G. Robertson ( col ) as a  
local agent to pay all my funeral expenses as heretofore set out. I have now about  
\$400.00. in the Citizens Bank of Dyersburg, Tenn., and some other small sums, and it  
is my desire that what ever is left of all my money after the payment of what  
ever debts I may owe if any my funeral expenses and the proper expenses of carrying  
into effect the purpose of this my last will and testament, shall go to the said  
Dannie Lee Menzies, ( col ) and I give and bequeath the same to her in her own name  
and right to keep and use as she may see fit and to be forever free from any debt  
contracts or other liabilities of her husband the aforesaid Albert Menzies ( col )  
Lastly I do nominate and appoint Post "Tyus" ( col ) of Dyersburg, Tenn., my executor  
and I direct that if I am buried in the same lot as my husband and our only child  
( which I desire done if practicable ) that the Iron fence now around the grave of  
the said child be extended with similar material around my grave and that of my husband,  
all three graves to be enclosed in the same lot, then I direct that a suitable

Last will and testament of Sarah James (col'd) deceased continued.

iron fence be put around my gravel direct that my Executor shall consult with Dannie Lee Menzies, as to the construction of said fences and follow her directions in the said matter, and th at the expense be paid out of any money of which I may die seized and possessed of.

In witness whereof I do this will, set my hand on this 6th day of April One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six.

Sarah James col.

Signed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other.

This the 6th day of April 1906.

John H. Nixon.

S. F. Robertson.

Last will and testament of Thos F Gibson deceased.

Last will of Thos F Gibson deceased.

Probated May 7th 1906. Approved May

7th 1906. Recorded May 7th 1906.

Tom Ferguson Clerk.

State of Tenn, Dyer County, March 7th 1906.

This the last will of T. F. Gibson, I here will my wife Annie Gibson my land consisting of thirty six acres ( 36 ) more or less

after my death to keep or sell or transfer

by Deed or Gift to any person she sees proper, and use the money as she pleases for her own benefit and I will to my wife Annie Gibson all of my stock consisting of one horse name Fox and one cow also my farming implements consisting of wagon and harness bugle and harness, plows and planters and at my death I want my wife to sell all of the stock and tools and land if she sees proper to do so and my wife Annie Gibson assumes all of my debts against my estate at my death. This March the 7th 1906.

Witness

L. R. Cardwell

W. H. Armstrong.

Thomas F. Gibson

## Last Will and Testament of Henry B. Wirth, deceased.

Last Will and Testament of Henry B. Wirth, deceased, being of sound mind and memory and being aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all

other's by me at any time made.

Item First:- I desire that my funeral expenses and all of my just and honest debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor

Item second:- I desire and bequeath that my life insurance money be applied to the payment of all my debts of every kind if any I owe at the time of my death.

Item three:- I further desire as soon as practicable after my death that a suitable head stone be put at my grave, not to cost less than \$50.00

Item fourth:- I further desire and bequeath that the partnership stock such as cattle, horses, mules, wheat, corn, hay, farming tools etc the same to go to my brother A.L. Wirth.

Item five:- I further desire that at the time of my death Albert Wirth should have children that they are to share and share alike with my brothers children Charles W. Wirth and in case he should have children and they all die before he then the same shall revert to the children of Charles W. Wirth.

Item six:- I desire that none of my heirs receive none of their money until they arrive at the age of twenty five years.

Seventh:- I further desire that what real estate I may die possessed of shall be kept in a good state of cultivation

Eighth:- I further desire that whatever expenses may incur against what real estate I may die possessed of shall be paid out of the rents of said property and if any money be left after paying expenses, that the balance if any be put on interest

Ninth:- In case I should leave a wife then this will is to be null and void and of no effect. This February 15th. 06

H.B. Wirth.

I certify that I have examined this document and swear that the above is the genuine signature of H.B. Wirth.

John G. Latta.  
Eugene H. Watkins.

## Last Will and Testament of Sarah Ferguson deceased.

Last Will and Testament of Sarah Ferguson deceased, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and recognizing the uncertainty of life, and desiring to dispose of what property I may have, make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, revoking any and all others heretofore made.

I give and bequeath all my property both real and personal wherever situated to my Sister-in-law Mrs Mary M. Ferguson of Dyersburg Tenn. for her sole and separate use.

I further direct that she the said Mary M. Ferguson act as Executor of this Will to carry out its provisions and payings any debts I may leave if any That as Executor she be not required to execute any bond same being hereby expressly waived.

My personal property is in Dyer County Tenn. and my real estate is in Tiptah County Miss. Signed in the presence of

This July 31 1903.

Witness.

Sarah Ferguson.

Mrs J.B. Cox

Mrs Mollie Walters.

The foregoing will was signed by Sarah Ferguson in our presence we both being present and declared to be her last Will and Testament and at her request we in her presence and in each others presence signed same as Witnesses thereto. This 31 day of July 1903.

Mollie Walters

Mrs J.B. Cox.



## Last Will and Testament of J.H. Crenshaw Deceased.

Last Will and testament  
of J.H. Crenshaw Dec'd

Probated Oct. 29, 1906.

Approved Oct. 29th 1906.

And Recorded Oct. 29th 1906.

J.R. Menzies Clerk.

Dyersburg Tenn. April the 23rd 1902.

Know all men by these presents that I,

J.H. Crenshaw, make this as my last Will and

and testament to-wit:-

My Will and desire first is that my son

Sam Crenshaw shall have the 24 acres of

land deeded and conveyed to him by my-

self and wife M.J. Crenshaw on December the 8th 1894, located out  
of the eastern portion of my tract of land, beginning at the Northeast Co  
Corner and running west 34-2/7 poles, thence South 112 poles; thence  
east 34-2/7 poles, thence North 112 poles to the beginning.

Next I desire and Will that all my debts to be paid, and what may then be  
left I desire and will should be equally divided between my heirs

my son Sam Crenshaw to have his portion is a strip of land lying  
next the land heretofore named in this will. It is furthermore my Will  
that my daughter Carrie Crenshaw then have her portion laid off where-  
ever she chooses and then that my other heirs draw for their respective  
portions, and further more I name my Son Sam Crenshaw as my Executor  
without bond. Given under my hand and seal the above named date.

Witnesses.

J.H. Crenshaw

C.A. Baker.

W.F. Crenshaw.

## Last Will and Testament of B.L. Thomas Deceased.

Last Will and Testament  
of B.L. Thomas Deceased

Probated January 14th

1907. Recorded January

the 14th 1907.

J.R. Menzies, Clerk.

By Whitfield Thomas D. Clerk.

I, B.L. Thomas, being of sound mind do make and  
publish this as my Last Will and Testament to-wit-  
I will and bequeath to my wife Frankie Thomas  
all of my property of every kind, both real estate,  
personal, estate and mixed, for her the said  
Frankie Thomas to hold and use during her life  
for her sole use and benefit, free from the debts  
liabilities use or control of any future Hus-

band of the said Frankie Thomas- It is my Will that said Frankie Thomas shall  
have the right to sell or dispose of any of said property during her life that  
she may see fit, and that the proceeds of sale be held by her, as said property  
is held under this Will. It is further my Will that said Frankie hold said property  
and proceeds of the same in the event of sale for her use as above stated  
during her life, and that she shall have also the right to Will what may be left  
of said property to such of our children or their descendants as she sees fit  
and may think proper, but in the event the said Frankie does not make any  
will, then such of said property as may be left at her death shall go to my  
Children under and in accordance with the laws of distribution of this State.  
It is my Will that said Frankie Thomas be my executrix of this my Will, and that  
she be excused from giving bond as required by law, and that she also be not  
compelled to make reports to the County Court in regard to the management of my  
said estate only at such times as she may see fit- It is my will that said Frankie  
Thomas hold said Property only as a Trustee or in Trust for the purposes as  
above stated and with the control as above stated, and that said property so  
held by her, that is the principal or corpus of the estate is not to be sub-  
ject to any of her debts. She the said Frankie Being entitled to use only  
the profits, rents or interest of said estate for her use during her life-  
Witness my hand this the 30th day of January 1892.

B.L. Thomas

Signed, acknowledged and sealed by the Testator B.L. Thomas in our presence as  
his Last Will and Testament and by us at his request as witnesses in the  
presence in the presence of each other & in his presence- Jan. 30/92

L.D. Hamilton

L.T. Ward

W.A. Fowlkes

F.W. Thomas

## Last Will and Testament of J.M. McGinnis Deceased.

Last Will and Testament  
of J.M. McGinnis Deceased.

Probated March the 25th 1907.

And Recorded March 25th 1907.

John R. Menzies, Clerk.

I, John M. McGinnis being of sound  
mind and disposing memory, do make  
and publish this as my last Will and  
Testament, hereby revoking, and making  
void all others by me at any time.

made.

First:- I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be  
paid as soon after my death, as possible out of any money that I may  
die possessed of, or may first come into the Hands of my executrix

Second:- I will, bequeath and divide to my beloved wife, Carrie  
E. McGinnis, all the remainder of my estate left after the payment  
of my said debts and funeral expenses, whether said estate or  
property consists of real estate, personalty or mixed property and  
whereas ever situated.

Lastly:- I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Carrie E.  
McGinnis as Executrix of this my Will, and it is my will that she  
be not required to give bond as such Executrix. In witness whereof  
I do to this my Will, set my hand this the 29th day of May 1900.

J.M. McGinnis.

Signed and published by the Testator in our presence and we have  
subscribed our names here as witnesses in the presence of the  
Testator and in the presence of each other.

This the 29th day of May, 1900.

M.M. Marshall

J.W. Atkins.

## Last Will and Testament of L. Harrison Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of  
L. Harrison Deceased. Pro-

bated April the 29th 1907.

And Recorded April 29th 1907.

John R. Menzies, Clerk.

Whitfield Thomas D.C.

I, L. Harrison of Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tennessee,  
realizing the uncertainty of life and the  
certainty of death, and being of sound mind  
and memory, do make and publish this my last  
Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annull-  
ing any and all other wills, by me, at any  
time made;

1. I will and direct that my executors herein appointed first pay all of my  
just debts and funeral expenses out of any money on hand at my death, or out of  
the first money coming into their hands as executors.

2 It is my will, and I direct that my executors convert all my property, both  
real and personal, ( except my household and kitchen furniture and furnishings)  
into money as soon after my death as judicious sales can be made. And I hereby  
give to my executors herein named full power and authority to sell all of my real  
estate and personal property ( with the exceptions of the articles named) on  
such terms and as their judgement may dictate, and to execute deeds and con-  
veyances therefor to the purchasers thereof, and I give them full power and  
authority to do any and all things necessary to carry out the terms and  
provisions of this Will.

3 Out of the money left in my Executors hands, after all of my property is  
sold, life insurance collected, and all just debts and expenses have been paid, it  
is my will and I direct that my executors pay to my son, Julian Harrison, the  
sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00); to my son, Eugene Harrison the sum of  
five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00); to my daughter Clintie Atkins Harrison  
the sum of Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00); to my daughter, Mrs Wallace  
Moore, nee Evalina Harrison, the sum of Thirty five hundred dollars (\$3500.00);  
to my son, James Harrison, the sum of Four Thousand dollars, (\$4,000.00); to  
my son William R. Harrison, the sum of two thousand dollars, \$2,000.00 .  
And I will and direct that my executors divide equally between all of my said  
children the money remaining in their hands after paying to each the specific  
legacy herein set out.

4 I will and direct that in case either or any of my said children shall  
contest this will, that the portion of my estate willed to such child or  
children be not given to her, him, or them, and that such part or portion of my  
estate be divided equally between such of my children as do not contest this Will.



## Last Will and Testament of L. Harrison Deceased. Continued.

5th. I will and direct that all of my household and kitchen furnishings, ( except my Encyclopaedia Britannica, and my Encyclopaedia Americana ) be given to my two daughters, Clinton Atkins Harrison and Mrs Wallace Moore.

6 I give and bequest to my son, William R. Harrison the two encyclopaedias herein above named.

7. It is my earnest wish and desire that R.M. Hall be appointed and act as Guardian for my minor children, Julian, Harrison, Clinton Atkins Harrison, and Eugene Harrison.

8 I hereby nominate and appoint my son, William R. Harrison and my friend R.M. Hall, as Executors of this my will and testament, and I direct that they be permitted to act as such without executing any bond.

9. If either of the executors herein named may not be able to act as such for any reason or die, I hereby give to the remaining executor power and authority to act and carry out the provisions of this will as fully as if both executors were acting as such.

In witness and testimony of all that is written on the two foregoing sheets of paper and on this, I hereunto subscribe my name on this the 23rd day of April 1907, in the presence of the two witnesses W.S. Draper and E. Rice, subscribing their names hereon below as witnesses to the signing of this instrument.

L. Harrison.

We the undersigned subscribing witnesses, W.S. Draper and E. Rice on this the 23rd day of April 1907 at the request of L. Harrison and in his presence of each other do hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses of the fact that L. Harrison signed the foregoing instrument, purporting to be his last will and testament, in our presence.

Witnesses.  
W.S. Draper.  
E. Rice.

## Last Will and Testament of Jas. A. Dozier Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of James A. Dozier. Probated May the 6th 1907. And Recorded May the 8th 1907. John R. Mansie, Clerk.

I, James A. Dozier, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

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

Secondly;- I give and bequeath to my son Elisha Dozier one bay horse colt two years old in the spring of 1907. on the consideration that he remains with his mother until he is 18 years of age.

Thirdly;- All the balance of my personally property, notes, and moneys and accounts to my wife M.J. Dozier., for the purpose of investing, and reinvesting in real estate for the term of her natural life, and after her death all of the said property shall belong to the bodily heirs of Jas. A. Dozier.

Lastly;- I do hereby nominate and appoint M.J. Dozier my wife as my executrix without bond, to execute this my will and testament.

Witness my hand this March the 28th 1907.

Witnesses R.L. Towns.

Jas. A. Dozier.

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E. R. Ditmore.

State of Tennessee) Personally appeared before me, W.J. Flatt a Notary Public Dyer County. ) in and for said County James A. Dozier the within named

bargainer with whom I am personally acquainted, and acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained. Witness my hand and Notarial seal, at my office in Dyer Tenn. this 28th day of March 1907.

SEAL

W.J. Flatt,  
Notary Public.

## Last Will and Testament of Wm. A. Fowlkes Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of  
Wm. A. Fowlkes Deceased. Fil-  
ed May the 27th 1907. Pro-  
bated May the 27th 1907.-  
And Recorded May the 28th 1907.  
John R. Menzies, Clerk.  
Whitfield Thomas. D.C.

I, Wm. A. Fowlkes a Citizen of Dyer  
County Tennessee, being of sound mind and  
disposing memory do make and  
publish this my last Will and Testa-  
ment hereby revoking and making void  
all others by me at any time made.  
First:- I direct and Will that my  
funeral expenses, and all my debts

be paid, as soon after my death as possible.

Secondly:- I will, bequeath and devise, to my beloved wife, Mary  
Elizabeth Fowlkes, for her to have and to hold during her natural  
life my home place, situated in the town of Dyersburg, and 4th Civil  
District of Dyer County Tennessee, on the corner of Church and Masonic  
Street's of said town, being the same place deeded me by E. W. Smith  
and wife-, also my lot situated in said town on the street leading from  
the depot to the Fair Grounds, being the same lot deeded me by W. H.  
Tucker and wife-, also the southern half of the lot situated on (West)  
Cedar street of said town, which was deeded me by the heirs of  
Rachel Doyle Colored;- for my said wife to have and to hold said three  
lots during her life, free from the debts, liabilities, and control of  
any future husband that she may ever have.

Thirdly:- It is my will that upon the death of my said wife, the above  
described home place and the above described lot deeded me by said W. H.  
Tucker and wife, shall go to Kate V. Tenney, if she be then living,  
for her to have and to hold during her natural life and at her death  
go to her ( the said Kate V. Tenney's) Children, but if at the death of  
my said wife the said Kate V. Tenney is dead, it is my will that the said  
two places go to the children of said Kate V. Tenney and if at my death  
both the said Kate V. Tenney and my wife are dead it is my will that  
said two places go to the children of said Kate V. Tenney.

Fourthly:- It is my will that upon the death of my said wife the  
said third above described lot, being the southern half of the said  
Rachel Doyle lot, go to my Mother-in-law Mrs G. D. Fowlkes.

Fifthly:- I hereby will, bequeath, give and devise to my said beloved  
wife, the said Mary Elizabeth Fowlkes, all the balance, residue or  
remainder of my estate, whether same consist of real or personal

estate, personal property or mixed property, to be held and owned by her  
absolutely, - the real estate to vest in her, fee simple.

Sixthly:- It is my will that in the event my said wife should die before I die  
or in the event she ( my said wife), should die at the same time I die all  
the property hereby willed her under the fifth clause of this will ( being the  
clause first and next above this clause of this Will) shall go to my heirs at law.

Sevently:- It is my will that all of the property, or interest in property  
hereby willed by me to my said wife, is to be held by her for her sole and sep-  
arate use free from marital rights, control, or liabilities of any future  
husband she may ever have, and that the interest in property hereby willed  
by me to the said Kate V. Tenney be held by her for her sole and separate use  
free from the debts, liabilities and control of her present or any future  
husband.

Eighthly:- It is my will that my said wife, Mary Elizabeth Fowlkes, shall act as  
executrix of this my will, and having confidence in her ability and integrity  
it is my will that she act as Executrix without giving bond as such.

Witness my Hand this January the 31st 1899.

Wm. A. Fowlkes.

Signed, published and acknowledged by Wm. A. Fowlkes the testator in our presence,  
and signed by us as witnesses, at the instance and request of said testator, in  
his presence and in the presence of each other, This January the 31st 1899.

M. M. Marshall

J. N. Parker

A. E. Menzies,

D. B. Johnston.



## Last Will and Testament of Mrs Mary Ella Long Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of I, Mary Ella Long, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

Filed June the 10th 1907  
 Probated June the 10th 1907  
 and recorded June the 17-1907

J.R.Menzies, Clerk I, Direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money

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

First;- I give and bequeath to my daughter Wile Virginia Newman wife of G.R.Newman of Eddyville Ky., and undivided one half interest in all the property, real, personal, or mixed, owned by me at my death, which bequest is to include any and all interest she may have in a home- steady and dower interest invested by me, in such property, I intent hereby to divide equally between her and her half brother Harry Butterworth Long, all property held by me at my death without regard to any advances or charges to either of them, or any reversionary interest that either of them might have in any property held by me during my life.

Second;- I devise the other one half interest in all the property real, personal and mixed, owned by me at my death intending hereby to devise an equal share in all property I possess during my last days and at time of death, to G.R.Newman my son-in-law, now living at Eddyville Ky., in trust, for the sole and separate use, and benefit of my minor son Harry Butterworth Long, to be used, rented and controlled and managed by the said G.R.Newman, as Trustee, for the said Harry Butterworth until he becomes Twenty One Years of age, And I do further Nominate and appoint the said G.R.Newman Trustee, without bond, to collect the rents, and profit on said property, to keep the same repaired and insured and in case the house or any part thereof should burn, or be otherwise destroyed, to build the same back out of Insurance money, or any other funds in his hands belonging to said Harry Butterworth Long, arising from rents of same and to expend the rents of said property, less necessary expenses of Insurance, taxes, or repairs on the same, for the education and

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maintainance of said Harry Butterworth Long.

third;- I give and bequeath the said one half interest in my property, to the said G.R.Newman in trust for the sole and separate use of said Harry Butterworth Long during minority, and on his becoming Twenty One years of age, I give and bequeath the said property to the said Harry Butterworth Long in his own right and name, absolute, also all monies that may be in the hands of his Trustee as the proceeds of the rents of the profits of said property.

In the event that the said Harry Butterworth Long dies without issue, then at his death, I give and bequeath the said property to my daughter Wile Virginia Newman if living;; if dead to her issue if any are living, and in the event the said Wile Virginia Newman is dead and has no issue living at the death of the said Harry Butterworth Long, should he die without issue I give and bequeath his interest in my property herein bequeathed to Joe W. Smith, son of W.L. Smith,.

Fourth;- In the event the said G.R.Newman was to die before me, or die during the minority of said Harry Butterworth Long, then and in that event I hereby appoint and nominate W.L. Smith as Trustee for said Harry Butterworth Long and convey the said property to him in trust for him, as in the said G.R.Newman and empower him to carry out my desire in that respect.

Fifth;- I do hereby nominate and appoint G.R.Newman my executor without bond and instruct him to have placed a small tomb stone over the grave of each of my two Children, Ophelia and John, now buried in the Butterworth Buring Ground in 12th Civil District, Dyer County Tenn.,

In witness whereof, I do to this my last will and Testament set my hand, this the 25th day of November 1906.

Mary Ella Long.

Signed and Published by the testator Mary Ella Long, in our presence, as her last will and Testament, and we have subscribed our names here to, in the presence of each other, and in the presence of the testator Mary Ella Long this November the 25th 1906.

Witnesses Sam Ferguson  
 John P. Pierce.

## Last Will and Testament of W.S. Draper Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of W.S. Draper Deceased. Filed June 17th 1907. Probated June the 17th 1907. And Recorded June the 17th 1907. J.R. Menzies, Clerk. By Whitfield Thomas D. Clerk.

Recognizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, I, W.S. Draper, of Dyersburg, Dyer County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling

and all Wills heretofore made by me at any time.

Item 1st-It is my desire and intention, and it is the general purpose of this Will that whatever estate I may own at the time of my death real and personal, and the proceeds of the sale thereof, after all my just debts shall first have been paid, and after charging any advancements herein or heretofore made, and after excluding any special bequest herein made, and intended as post Mortem gifts shall be equally divided among my beloved wife, Mollie I. Draper (if she shall survive me) and my two children, Mrs George D. Bratten, and W.S. Draper Jr., and in case either or both of my said Children shall die before I die and leave a lawful child or children or children living or in-ventre at the time of my death, such child or children shall take such share or part of my estate, as the parent or parents thereof would have taken if living.

Item 2nd;- It is my will that my Executors as soon after my death as may be practicable shall pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts- using for that purpose- First; any moneys that may be collected on my life insurance policies that may or can be lawfully applied in that way and for that purpose.

Item 3;- I hold a note against J.T. Bratten and wife George D. Bratten executed to me by them on the 31st day of July 1905, in the sum of Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00), due at one day after date etc. and it is my Will that if this note, or any part of it, shall remain uncollected at my death, it shall be treated as an advancement pro tanto to my daughter, Mrs George D. Bratten, and my Executors are hereby directed not to collect either the principal or the interest, but the principal remaining unpaid is to be charged to Mrs George D. Bratten as an advancement, if she be living, or to her child or children if she be dead, it is not my will or intention to annul this note

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as against J.T. Bratten (excepting only the interest thereon), if, at the time of my death, I shall still owe it, or any renewal of it, and at that time Mrs George D. Bratten be dead without leaving any child or children, by the said J.T. Bratten, living at the time of my death,.

Item 4;- It is my will, that, if my son, W.S. Draper Jr, shall out live me, he shall have the right, option and privilege to take my law library, and office furniture and fixtures and all my interest therein, <sup>and</sup> I hereby value the same to him, in the division and settlement of my estate, at the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), and in the settlement of my estate by my executors he shall be charged with the said sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), if he shall elect to take said law library, and office furniture and fixtures, but it is my will that my said son shall not be compelled to take said law library and office furniture and fixtures, and that he shall have the right to elect, within six months after my death, whether he will take the same or not.

Item 5;- It is my will that my home place, with all house hold and kitchen furniture, brick-a-brac -, etc, etc, shall go to and be the property of my beloved wife, Mollie I. Draper ( if she shall out live me), and she is to be charged for the same, by my executors, in the division and settlement of my estate, with the sum of value of, Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00), but my said wife shall have the right to elect, within twelve months after my death, whether or not she will accept the home-place and furniture and etc., at the valuation herein put upon it,.

Item 6;- If I shall own at the time of my death, any diamonds or rubey shirt studs (as I sometimes do), I will the same to my son W.S. Draper Jr., or if I shall own, at the time of my death, both a diamond and Rubey Shirt stud, or two valuable shirt studs my said son W.S. Draper Jr, shall be entitled to elect which of the two he will take, and the other is to be given to my son-in-law J.T. Bratten, if then living. It is my will also that my fine Milam reel, made by B.C. Milam and son, at Frankfort Ky., be given to my son, W.S. Draper Jr.,

Item 7;- It is my will that my fine three barrelled gun (made by D. Kistwood) of Boston Mass.) at my death, shall go to and be the property of my oldest Grandson then living, or to the first Grand-son born within five years after my death, (if I shall have no Grandson living at the time of my death,) <sup>and</sup> I desire that my son W.S. Draper Jr, shall take charge of said three barrelled gun, after my death, and take good care of it- such care as I have always taken of it-



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until their shall be a legatee entitled to it under the terms and provisions of this will, provided their shall be any such legatee within five years after my death, and if their is none at end of five years, I will that my said son W.S. Draper Jr. have and be entitled to said gun, if he may wish to keep it, and in such event, he is to have it as a Post Mortem gift, from his Father, and is not to be charged with it; and if he prefers <sup>that</sup> course, it may be sold by my executors and the proceeds thereof treated as a part of my estate for distribution among those entitled thereto.

Item 8:- It is my will that if I, owned, at the time of my death, a nice rifle, that it be given to my son W.S. Draper Jr., and I desire that he take good care of the same and that at his death, it be given to his eldest. My "Hobby" is a fine gun.

Item 9:- It is my will that my law library and office furniture and fixtures, and my home place and house hold and kitchen furniture, either or both if the parties to whom I have herein willed the same, either or both, shall elect not to accept the same at the valuation herein placed therein upon, shall be treated as a part of my general estate, and as assets in the hands of my executors, to be sold or disposed of by them as they may deem best for the interest of the parties entitled to my estate under the terms of this will.

Item 10:- It is my will that all my property real and personal, not herein specifically devised- including such as any devise or legatee herein named may decline to accept at the price of valuation herein placed thereon- or the proceeds of the sale thereof, be equally divided among my wife and children or the representatives of children ( my Grand-Children), as indicated in the first item of this Will.

Item 11:- I hereby give and grant unto my Executors named in this will or to any that may be appointed, in their stead, full power and authority to sell, convey and execute deeds of conveyance to any and all of my property, real and personal, for the purpose of enabling them to wind up and settle up my estate.

Item 12:- It is my will that my Gold watch, and any and all my Jewelry trinkets, souvenirs and etc, and etc, not otherwise herein disposed of, be given to my beloved wife to be kept or disposed of as she may see fit- and in case she dies before I do I want the same to be

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W.S. Draper Jr.

Item 13:- It is my will and desire, that, if any monument at all be erected at my grave it be a modest and inexpensive one.

Item 14:- I hereby appoint as my executors, my son, W.S. Draper Jr, and my law partner Senator E. Rice and having all the confidence in their ability and integrity, I will that they be permitted to act as such executors without being required to execute any bond, and in case either shall die, refuse to act, or remove from the State, I hereby authorize, empower and request the other to act as my executor alone, and in such event said Executor is hereby clothed with the same right and power that both would have if acting in co-operation. In witness whereof and of all the foregoing, written al-together in my <sup>own</sup> hand-writing and to be filed with my private papers, I do make this Holographic Will on this the 9th day of August 1905.

W.S. Draper.

See Minute Book "A" at page 450.

## Last Will and Testament of H. R. A. McCorkle Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of H. R. A. McCorkle Deceased. Filed July 8th 1907. Probated July the 8th 1907. And Recorded July the 11th 1907. John R. Manzie, Clerk. Whitfield Thomas D. Clerk.

I H. R. A. McCorkle make this my last Will and Testament revoking all other wills made by me. First: I want all my legal debts paid out of first money that comes into my Executors hands.

I will my son E. A. McCorkle

my old home farm consisting of Two Hundred and Nine acres, also the land I bought of Dr. E. A. Cole containing nearly Fifteen acres also what is known as the Thurmon field.

I will him all of my household furniture except such as I will specify further on in this Will.

I will Almada Pope & her bodily heirs the place she now lives on including Fifty Eight acres bought of James Scott, also Forty Two acres known as the Jack Dixon place, also the land I bought of A. J. McCorkle on the west end of his farm.

I will to my Cawthon Grandchildren the place E. A. McCorkle now lives on it being the Fifty Acres bought of A. J. McCorkle, also the lands bought off of the A. Scott farm also all the land I bought of J. D. Smith east of the east line of the Thurmon Field.

I will my son W. P. McCorkle all the notes accounts & C of any and all kinds that I hold against him I have paid security debts and paid him money enough for & to him at various times to amount to several Thousand Dollars.

I will him and my son E. A. McCorkle all of my books to be equally divided between them except E. A. McCorkle is to have all the bibles containing any Family records.

I will Mamie Cawthon all books containing my diary kept for a long time unless she marries & leaves this County if she does or dies & leaves no bodily heirs then E. A. McCorkle is to have diary books, Mamie Cawthon is to have a room and home at the old Homestead free of charge as long as she stays single if she wants it, she is also to have the large mirror in the parlor My Executors must furnish her with a good horse and buggy if there is one on the farm that is suitable for her to drive give her that if not buy her one and E. A. McCorkle must feed and care for it, I will E. A. McCorkle two horses named

## Last Will and Testament of H. R. A. McCorkle Deceased Continued.

choosing out of any such stock on the farm.

I will him all my interest in any and all growing crops on the farm at my death and Fifty bbls. of corn if its in the crib, and one hundred bushels of wheat if its on hand.

I will my piano to Mamie Cawthon and Madje McCorkle.

I will the large picture of Eddie and Dona to W. P. McCorkle, the large picture of J. S. Cawthon's family I will to W. L. Cawthon, all other pictures I will to E. A. McCorkle to dispose of as he sees fit.

I will to Jennett<sup>ett</sup> Pope a good cow and calf, for the name. If the Twenty acres of land I bought of W. T. McCutchen is not disposed of before this will is probated then I will it to Gawley and Gertie Pope or if it is sold and the purchase money not all paid they are to have any money that is not paid to me before that time on said land.

If anyone or more of my heirs or not satisfied with this will and institute suit to contest it is then he she or they are to receive Five Dollars each as their share of my estate and what is willed to them goes back into the general fund and is to be inherited by those not objecting of the family from which the objection comes. Or if anyone brings suit or claims anything from my estate in the way of debts as Guardian or any other then he or she will receive Five Dollars no more and be disinherited as to any other interest whatever in my estate.

I appoint Jno. E. McCorkle Executors of this Will & they to be qualified without bond if after all the above bequests<sup>are</sup> filled & terms complied with there is any means in my Executors hands it is to be divided equally between W. P. & E. A. McCorkle, A. L. Pope, & my Cawthon Grandchildren, each family to get one fourth.

If I hold any notes or accounts against any of my heirs at my death they are to be canceled & not counted in any distribution.

All the above interlining was done before I going.

Made the 22nd 1905.

Attest.

H. R. A. McCorkle

J. R. Redford

G. D. Parks

G. F. Brown.



## Last Will and Testament of Mrs M.E. Reed Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of Mrs  
M.E. Reed Deceased. Filed July  
13th 1907. Probated July the 13  
1907. And Recorded July the 13th  
1907.  
J.R. Menzies. Clerk.

I, Mrs M.E. Reed do make and Publish  
this my last Will and Testament here-  
by revoking and making void all other  
wills at any time by me made:-  
First:- I desire that my funeral ex-  
penses and all my debts be paid as soon  
as possible after my death out of any

moneys that I may possessed of, or that may first come into the hands  
of my executors,

Secondly:- I desire that my executors shall rent my real estate and  
apply the rents and profits to the paying of any debts that my person-  
al estate does not meet, until all of them are paid, Except my house and  
lot in Dyersburg. While they are authorized to sell when they deem it  
necessary and proper, and apply the proceeds or so much of the same that  
as is necessary to the payment of my debts,.

Thirdly:- I desire that after all of my debts have been paid, my executors  
shall divide in kind, all my real estate, not already sold, equally  
among my three children Margaret Ann Murph, Willie B. Edmiston and James A.  
Normant:- Or they may sell the same and divide the proceeds, to-  
gether with any other money that may have come into their possession,  
equally among my said children, my said real estate consisting of a  
house and lot in Caruthersville Mo, a house and lot in Dyersburg,  
in which I now live, and a tract of land in the 11th Civil District  
on the Mississippi River which I inherited from my Father J.R. Bella.

Fourthly:- I hereby nominate and appoint as the Executors of this my will  
Dr. R.L. Murph J.V. Edmiston and James A. Normant, the bond of my executors  
is hereby waived, and they are hereby authorized to sell my property  
as aforesaid, and give deeds to the purchaser thereof, and to execute this  
will according to the terms above set forth. In witness whereof, I do to  
this my will set my hand this May the 24th 1907.

Mrs M.E. Reed,

Witnessed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names  
hereto in the presence of the, and at her request. This May the 24th 1907.

Witnesses

O.O. Dawson

J.A. Williamson.

## Last Will and Testament of Bill Ope Fowlkes (Cal) Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of Bill  
Ope Fowlkes Cal. Deceased. Filed  
July the 30th 1907. Probated July  
the 30th 1907. And Recorded July the  
30th 1907.  
J.R. Menzies. Clerk.  
Whitfield Thomas D.C.

In the name of God Amen; I Bill Ope  
Fowlkes, of the County of Dyer and State  
of Tennessee, being of sound disposing  
mind and memory, do make, publish and  
declare this to be my last Will and  
Testament, hereby revoking all others  
First:- I order that my funeral expenses  
be paid as soon as convenient after my

decease.

Second:- I give devise and bequeath my house and lot in Dyersburg, bought from  
T.C. Gordon and Wife, and my farm east of Dyersburg, containing Sixty acres of  
land more or less, and all my household goods, and all my personal property  
of every kind and description wheresoever situated to my beloved wife Agnes  
Fowlkes to have and to hold the same absolutely and forever.

Third:- I, Nominate, constitute and appoint W.H. Reynolds Atty, Executor of  
this my last will and Testament, and request that he shall not be required to  
give bond, and I demand that in event of encumbrance upon my property at my  
decease, and when shall have become due, that the said W.H. Reynolds sell  
said property at public or private sale, endeavoring to get the highest price  
for the same, and make a deed to the same in his name as my Executor, and if  
necessary join in with the trustee or Trustees in making deed and sale.

In testimony whereof, I have this the 14 day of June 1907, subscribed my name.

his  
Bill Ope Fowlkes  
Mark

Now at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each  
other, the testator having declared this to be his last Will, and having witnessed  
his mark, We hereby subscribe our names as witnesses to the foregoing instrument  
of writing on this the 14 day of June 1907.

Brown Walker

Will Hudson.

## Last Will and Testament of Mary A. Walker Deceased.

Last Will and Testament of  
Mary A. Walker Deceased. Filed  
August 1907. Probated-  
September the 2nd 1907.  
Recorded September 14/07  
J.R.Menzies, Clerk.

The Will of Mrs Mary A. Walker late of Dyer  
County Tennessee, made and declared by  
her on the 2nd day of July 1907, in the  
presence of the undersigned witnesses W.H.  
Hendrix and Mrs Bura Lester, both of  
said County and State. The said Mrs Mary  
A. Walker was lying sick at her own hab-

itation and dwelling house in Dyer County Tennessee, where she had been  
previously resided for several years, and was then in her last illness  
from which she died on the following day or the 3rd day of July 1907  
The said undersigned witnesses were present when she called upon them  
saying, I desire to make known to you what I desire to do with my  
property, and want you to hear what I have to say about it and bear  
witness thereto, and the said Mrs Mary A. Walker then proceeded to speak  
and declare as follows, I want you W.H.Hendrix to take charge of all my  
business and wind up the same and after settling my debts, I want all  
the rest to go to Gussie Melton.

This was done in her sick chamber on the 2nd day of July and was reduced  
to writing by us as witness on this the 6th day of August 1907.

Witnesses

W.H.Hendrix

Bura Lester.

## Last Will and Testament of T.P.Lanier deceased.

Last Will and Testament of  
P.T.Lanier Deceased. Filed  
December the 16th 1907. pro-  
bated December the 16th 1907.  
And recorded December the 16th  
1907. J.R.Menzies. Clerk.

I, P.T.Lanier, do make and publish this my last will  
and Testament, hereby revoking and making void  
all others by me heretofore made.  
1st;- I give and bequeath to my beloved wife,  
Nannie A.Lanier, all of my real estate consisting  
of about two hundred and seventeen acres of land  
situated in the 8th Civil District of Dyer

County Tennessee, except about 8 Eight and one half acres which is in the  
ninth district of said County.

The land in said eight Civil District is the two tracts I bought from J.W.

Ashcraft and is bounded On the north by Deakville Road and the eight and one  
half acre tract is the same I bought from John Cawthorn, but my wife is to have  
said land only for and during her life or as long as she remains a widow, after  
my death. At the death of my wife or if she marries again said lands is to go to  
my four children in the following manner;-

2nd;- My son Robert is to have the west end of the the first tract, I bought from  
J.W.Ashcraft, Beginning at the northwest corner and running thence east with the road  
to the branch or ditch which is near the middle of said first tract, thence  
south with the ditch to O.G.Baker's North line;- thence west with Baker's line to  
Sam Bank's east line; thence north to the beginning.

3rd;- My son Thomas is to have the east end of said <sup>first</sup> tract I bought from  
said Ashcraft, the same beginning at the Northeast corner of the said first tract I  
bought from said Ashcraft, and runs west with the deakville road to the branch  
or ditch above mentioned; thence south with said ditch Roberts east line to the  
North line of said O.G.Bakers; thence east with Bakers line to the south east  
corner of said tract that I bought <sup>first</sup> from said Ashcraft, thence north with the east line  
line of same to the beginning.

4th My son Willie is to have the west end of the second tract I bought from J.W.  
Ashcraft- Same beginning at the Northwest of said second tract which is also the  
Northeast corner of the first tract and in the Deakville road, runs thence east with  
said road to the Deakville creek; thence nearly south with the meanders of the  
creek to the northeast corner of O.G.Bakers land, thence west with Bakers line  
to the southwest corner of said second tract, bought from Ashcraft; thence north  
with the dividing line of the two Ashcraft tract to the road which is the  
Beginning.

5th;- My son Bessie is to have the east end of the said second tract I bought