

John Simon
Will

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In the name of god amen I John Simon of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being able in body the perfect in mind and memory thanks to god to god calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is not appointed for me to die ~~any~~ make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say touching such worldly Estate when with it has pleased god to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah Simon During her natural life or so long as she may continue to live in her present state all my house hold and kitchen furniture all my stock of every kind together with my farms and farming utensils also eight servants namely Lewis Grace Charles Effieled Mary Vain back and Henry I give to my beloved son Robert Simon my servant George now in his possession I give to my Daughter Sarah a servant girl Lina with her increase which is now in her possession I give to my Daughter Polly Mass two servant boys between and with I give to my son Charles P Simon Washington now in his possession I give to my Daughter Elizabeth a negro harrow and in his possession with her increase I give to my Daughter Lucia Simon a piggy I give to my Daughter Sally Ann Simon two servants Abby and Jem and also a horse worth Sixty Dollars and saddle worth twenty I give to my Daughter Faith Ann Simon my servant Mourning and a horse worth Sixty Dollars and saddle worth twenty and after the death of my wife Hannah Simon I give to my two sons Robert and Charles P Simon my lands and tenements to be Equally Divided in value between them and I give to my two Daughters all the remaining effects of my property of every kind after the full payment of all my just debts to be Equally divided in value between them these having disposed of all my worldly Estate do hereby confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament In Witness Whereof I have set my hand and seal this first day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty five signed sealed and delivered by the said John Simon as his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

I appoint Robert Simon Charles P Simon Gordon Mass and Philip Baugh my Executors
William Hallow
Isaac Miller

State of Tennessee County Court June Term 1836 I do hereby certify that the within Last Will and Testament of John Simon as was produced in open Court and the Execution thereof duly proved by the Oathes of William Hallow and Isaac Miller Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be Certified hereunto my hand at office this 10th June 1836

James Hoonce Clerk
Recorded June 11th 1836

John H. Warren
Will

I John H. Warren of Fayette County State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory do publish this my last will & testament to wit
In the first place I bequeath my Soul to the God who gave it me

2nd I assign all my just debts to be paid
3rd In the third place I give & bequeath to my wife Louisa all my property both real & personal so long as she remains in the State of Tennessee but should she marry then in that event I bequeath my whole property both real & personal to be divided equally between the afore said boys & my wife & my child without any charge for the raising of my aforesaid child

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of August A.D. 1835

John H. Warren
Ephraim Shaw
William Lillard
William Shaw

State of Tennessee County Court June Term 1836 I do hereby certify that the within will was produced in open Court at the above Term and the Execution thereof duly proved by the Oathes of William Lillard & William Shaw Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be Certified hereunto my hand at office this 10th June 1836

James Hoonce Clerk
Registered June 13th 1836

William H. H. H.

I William H. H. of the State of Tennessee, Taylor County being in a Sound State of Health but of Sound and disposing memory no voice of my approaching dissolution make this my last Will and Testament namely 1st It is my Will that all my just debts be paid out of the proceeds of such property as my Executors shall think best for the benefit of my estate with the exception of the negroes hereafter mentioned 2nd I desire that the occupant of the land on which Robert B. Pickens now lives being the East half of a Do. and Occupant Entry entered in the name of William H. H. and transferred to A. Pickens and by him to Robert B. Pickens and by him sold to me to be sold for the payment of my debts and especially for the payment of the purchase money of said Land to the said Robert B. Pickens when it falls due

3rd I Give and bequeath unto my sister Mary H. H. all the real & residue of my estate with the exception of the negroes hereafter mentioned should the proceeds of said property be more than sufficient for the payment of my debts and the expenses of settling up my estate

4th I Give and bequeath unto my natural Daughter Elizabeth both Commonly Called Elizabeth Pickens Daughter of Johnella Pickens Daughter of Mary Pickens my two negro boys named Chimmon & Edward to her and her heirs in the event that she may have Child or Children but in Case of her death without Children the said negro boys Slaves to go to my sister Mary H. H. & her heirs

5th It is further my Will and desire that my negro woman Polly who has been and long faithful and affectionate servant as a Slave shall be emancipated provided she consents by the Laws of this State now existing or hereafter to be made in Case she cannot be emancipated and until such consent is given I Give her unto my said Child Elizabeth & her heirs provided she leave no Child and in Case she leave no Child or Children then I Give her to my friend Robert B. Pickens to protect and do not but not to make property out of and my estate to defray the Charges which may accrue by providential or other account

6th It is further my Will that until the said Slave Polly be emancipated and so long as the said Elizabeth may live or her heirs as aforesaid that my friend Robert B. Pickens have the Control & protection of the said named Polly that he shall see that she is treated with kindness and humanity and that the hardship of Slavery shall be as much

lightened as possible that he shall take possession of my bed and furniture a spinning wheel and a few small articles of value such as Rings & Jewels for the use of the said old named Polly and the said named Polly take Care of the said Elizabeth and assist in Raising her

7th It is also my desire that the two boys Slaves above mentioned be hired out from year to year at the discretion of my Executors for the benefit of my said Child Elizabeth and that my Executors shall act as Guardians for the said Elizabeth

8th It is my request that my friend Archibald H. H. and Robert B. Pickens who is hereby appointed by me as Executors also accept of the guardianship of the said Elizabeth and see that this Will be carried into effect for the benefit of the said Child

Given under my hand this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1835

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Signed Sealed and delivered

in presence of us the day and

year last above mentioned

Israel S. Pickens

Arthur H. H.

John H. H.

William H. H.

Witnessed June 28th 1836

Christopher H. H.

I Christopher H. H. of the State of Tennessee and County of Fayette being of Sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

1st I Give and bequeath unto my friend George S. H. H. and to his heirs forever all my real and personal Estate which I possess by her and all other Estate that she or may receive of his Executors for their Estate I also desire to my heirs during of his natural life all of my own Estate that I have not given unto her or her heirs I may otherwise dispose of this my last Will that is all my real & personal Estate after all of my just debts are paid

2nd I Give & bequeath unto my friend Richard H. H. one thousand Dollars provided that he does collect a debt due me from John H. H. and H. H. H. one of them of the State of Mississippi and the others of the State of Louisiana which debt is payable to be about five thousand dollars for the trouble & expenses that he

may be as for collecting the same I also give unto the said Richard
Wattsman five hundred Dollars to be paid out of my Estate to some of
my Executors pays all of my just debts this money I wish my said
friend Richard Wattsman to purchase a negro boy with and to keep
the same in remembrance of me

3rd I Give and bequeath unto my friend Doctor Dancy S Field
five hundred Dollars to be paid out of my Estate after all of
my just debts are paid to some of my Executors Can with
Convenience pay the same this money I wish my said friend
Dancy S Field to purchase a negro boy with and to keep
the same in remembrance of me

4th I Give and bequeath unto John H. Bush of Halifax
County State of Virginia all of my Real & personal Estate
that I have and my beloved wife at her death to him &
his heirs forever - and lastly as to all the rest residue and
remainder of my personal estate of what kind and nature
soever I Give and bequeath to my said African wife Sarah
Hunt I do hereby appoint Richard Wattsman and John H.
Bush sole Executors of the my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking all former Wills by me made

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Seal the 17th day of May in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and thirty three

Christopher Hunt 
Signed Sealed published & delivered by the above named Christopher
Hunt to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of
us who have hereunto subscribed our names or witnessed in the
presence of the Subscribes

Benardale Patterson } J. T.
J. R. Foster }

State of Tennessee } July Term County Court 1836
Haystack County } I James Monroe clerk of the County
Court for said County do hereby Certify that the within
Last Will and Testament of Christopher Hunt s^o (as printed)
in open Court at the above Term and the Execution hereof was
duly proven by the Oaths of John R. Foster & Benardale Patterson
Subscribing before me and ordered by the Court to be
Certified for Record & Witness my hand at office this
The 6th July 1836

Recorded July 11th 1836 } James Monroe clerk

R. Wattsman
Executor Bond

Know all men these presents that we Richard
Wattsman Thomas Wattsman & John R. Foster of Haystack
County in the State of Tennessee are fully bound
unto his excellency the Governor of said State of Tennessee
for the time being and his Successor in office in the
Sum of Fifty thousand dollars to be paid to his
Successor or assigns which payment well and truly to be made
we bind ourselves and our each of our heirs Executors and administrators
test and each and every of us and them jointly and severally
firmly by these presents setting our hands and Seals this 4th
day of July A.D. 1836

The Condition of this Obligation is such that to have the
above bound Richard Wattsman being appointed Executor
of the last Will and Testament of Christopher Hunt deceased
and qualified as such agreeably to law now if the said Richard
Wattsman above bound do within three months to be made a true and perfect
Inventory of all and singular the Goods and Chattels right and equities of the
deceased which now is and shall come into the hands and possession
of the said Executor he shall bound or in the hands or possession of
any person or persons for him and the same to be made do in due
order to the Court of Haystack County County Court of said State
within sixty days from and after the date of these presents and the same
Goods and Chattels and also other the Goods Chattels and Equities of the said
deceased at the time of his death which at any time thereafter shall come
into the hands of the said Executor the above bound or into the
hands or possession of any person for him do well and truly ac-
counted according to law and return up all papers to the person
or persons to whom the same may be lawfully agreeable to the last
Will and Testament of the said testator and further make or cause
to be made a true and just account of said administration and Execution
of said Last Will and Testament within two years after the date of
these presents and shall above and pay unto such persons or persons
to whom the same may be due agreeable to the act of assembly
in such case made and provided and the last Will and
Testament of the testator at the cost and charges of said estate take
up shall be found remaining upon said Executor this account
then his obligation to be void then to be and remain in full
force and virtue according to the tenor hereof and meaning
hereof

R. Wattsman
Thos. Wattsman
J. R. Foster
Recorded July 11th 1836
J. Monroe Clerk

Robert Simon
Guardian Bond

Know all men by these presents that we
Robert Simon Charles P. Simon Philip Baugh & Jordan
May all of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee
are held and firmly bound unto said J. Williamson Clerk
man of the County Court for the County of Fayette and his

Executors app in the sum of three thousand dollars to be paid to the
said Williamson or his assigns in office in trust for the benefit of the
children Simon named Committed to the care and tuition of the
said Robert Simon which payment and truly to be made by
him ourselves our and each of our heirs executors and administrators
jointly and severally firmly by these presents let it my our hands
and Seals this 11th day of July in the year 1836 The Con-
dition of this obligation is such that whereas the above named
and Robert Simon is this day Constituted and appointed Guardian for
Sarah O Simon & Judith Ann Simon Minors orphans now
if the said Robert Simon shall faithfully execute said
Guardianship by seeing and improving all the estate of the
said orphans until they arrive to full age and then
there to sign and then render a plain and true account
of said Guardianship or oath before the Justice of our said
County Court and deliver up pay to or pay up the said orphans
of all such estate or estate as they ought to be possessed of or
to such other person or person as shall be legally empower-
ed or authorized to receive the same then this obligation shall
be void otherwise to remain full force and virtue accord-
ing to the true intent and meaning thereof

Robert Simon (Seal)
Charles P. Simon (Seal)
Philip Baugh (Seal)
Guardians Mary (Seal)

Received July 11th 1836
J. H. Foster CLK

John & Smith
Guardian Bond

Know all men by these presents that we
John & Smith Thomas & John & Morris Smith
all of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee
are held and firmly bound unto said J. Williamson Jfr
Allen W. & Williamson Esqrs Justice of the Court of

pleas and quarts Squire for the County of Fayette in the
sum of Twelve hundred dollars to be paid to the said
Justice or Justices or executors of them their executors or administrators
in trust for the benefit of the child hereafter named Committed
to the care and tuition of the said John & Smith which
payment well and truly to be made by him ourselves our

and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally
firmly by these presents let it my our hands and Seals this 11th
day of July in the year 1836.

The Condition of this obligation is such that whereas the
above bounden John & P. Smith is this day Constituted and
appointed Guardian to the said John & P. Smith Minors
orphans now of the said John & P. Smith shall faithfully execute
Guardianship by seeing and improving all the estate of the said John
John & P. Smith until he arrive to full age or be found that
required and then render a plain and true account of said
Guardianship or oath before the Justice of our said County Court
and deliver up pay to or pay up the said John & P. Smith
of all such estate or estate as he ought to be possessed of or
to such other person or person as shall be legally empower-
ed or authorized to receive the same then this obligation shall
be void otherwise to remain full force and virtue according
to the true intent and meaning thereof

John P. Smith (Seal)
Morris Smith (Seal)
J. H. Foster (Seal)

Received July 11th 1836
J. H. Foster CLK

Thomas & Thomas
William & Peter
(Will)

In the name of God I William & Peter of the
County of Fayette & State of Tennessee being in
Ment and memory but old age admonished
me to set my Affairs in order do make this
my last Will and Testament
1st I give my soul to God and my body to be

Decently interred in his Mother's care
I then first I Will that the Land on which I now live be
sold with the present crop now growing on the place
excepting the crop of Corn and all other property
not here after specified out of which I wish all of
my just debts paid and the over plus if any be divided
between my children
I then the second

I Will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sally a
Negro ~~Boy~~ named Will a Negro Girl named Mary
during her life after her death I Will and bequeath
the said negroes Will & Mary to be equally divided
between my son James Will and daughter Eliza Will
also all my household furniture for the use of the
family & my stock of Hogs & Sheep & Cattle which

of the same I further Will to my beloved wife Anne
Mary and our Day Heirs
I then the 3rd

I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Martha
Pell and Day 3 years old Will
I then the 3rd

I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Mary
Pell and Day 3 years old Will. I then the 3rd. I Will and
bequeath to her the balance of my property to equally
Divide between my Daughters Anne Martha and
Mary. I Will & Mary Evelyn Pell

I hereby demand for and to appoint Thomas P. Stone and
Andrew H. Pell my Executors and do nominate and
appoint them for that express purpose. Witness my hand
and seal this 5th day of July 1836. I write nothing
from hand in presence of us

James H. Stone 3
John H. Stone 3
James H. Stone 3
I then the 3rd

William Pell and

Recorded Sept. 8th 1836

Thomas P. Stone
& A. H. Pell.
Executors and

Know all men by these presents that we
Thomas P. Stone Andrew H. Pell James
H. Stone & John H. Stone of Fayette
County in the State of Tennessee are

and firmly bound unto his Excellency the Governor of
said State of Tennessee for the time being and his suc-
cessors in office in the sum of one thousand Dollars
to be paid to his successors or assigns which payment
We will and truly to be made We and our heirs our and
each of our heirs Executors and administrators and
every and each of us and them jointly severally jointly
By their presents. Witness our hands and seals this 5th
day of September 1836.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that
Whereas the above bounden Thomas P. Stone & Andrew
H. Pell being appointed Executors of the last will
and testament of William Pell deceased and great
grand as such agreed to Law now if the said Thomas
P. Stone & Andrew H. Pell above bounden do make or
Cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all &
singular the goods and Chattle Rights and Credits

of the decedent. Which have or shall come into the hands
Knowledge or possession of the said Executors above
bounden or in their hands or possession of any person or
Persons for him and the said to be made to exhibit on
Oath to the County Court of Fayette County. aforesaid
Within ninety days from and after the date of their
present and the said Goods and Chattle Credits &
all other the goods Chattle & Credits of the Decedent
at the time of his death or what at any time here
after may come in to the hands of the said Executors
above bounden or in to the hands or possession of any
person for him do well and truly administer it
according to Law and surrender up all legacies to
the person or persons to whom the same may be due ac-
cording to the last Will and testament of the
testator. and further make or cause to be made a
Just and true account of said administration
and execution of said last will and testament
Within two years after the date the date of the
present and shall deliver and pay unto such persons
respectfully to whom the same may be due according
to the act of assembly in such order made and pro-
vided & the last will and testament of the Testator
all the rest and residue of said Estate. Which shall
be found remaining Executors account then this obli-
gation to be void else to be and remain in full force
and Virtue according to the true intent and mean-
ing thereof this 5th Sept 1836.

Recorded Sept 8th 1836

Thomas P. Stone
Andrew H. Pell
John H. Stone
James H. Stone

Burns
Marion

State of Tennessee Fayette County

I in the name of God Amen I Marion Burns
of said County and State do hereby certify to all
for his Executors and calling to mind the mortality of
my body and knowing that it is appointed for all
one to die do make and ordain that my last will and Testament
in manner and form following.

My first and principally of all I recommend my Soul to the

11. Almighty God that gave it me and my body to the Earth to be
buried in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of
my Executors

And as touching such earthly estate wherewith it has pleased
God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of in the
following manner

Item 1. I give to my beloved husband Jeremiah Barnes during his natural
life the following property to wit three negroes namely Bob and Stellis
his wife and his Child Hunt and all her increase Also the Tract of land
I now live on containing by Estimation two hundred and thirty five acres to wit
with all the improvements thereon also the Stock of horses cattle hogs
and sheep one grey horse excepted (Colts Football) also one wagon
and all the household and kitchen furniture and Plantation Utensils
(one feather bed & furniture one stand of Cane and one bedstead &c
plus) And at his death to be divided in the following manner (to wit)
First I give and bequeath to his son William Martin Barnes the afore-
mentioned tract of land &c. Also I give and bequeath to his daughter Fran-
cis (Barbara Barnes) & Rachel Manilla Barnes the above named negro
woman Stellis with her increase to be equally divided between them Also
I give and bequeath to his daughter Mary Barnes the afore mentioned
negro man Bob &c. I give and bequeath to Jeremiah Lloyd Barnes and
the aforementioned three daughters all the aforementioned stock together with
the household and kitchen furniture to be equally divided between them

Item 2. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Malinda S. Lloyd to be
under her entire control and disposal and to the lawful heir of his body
the following property to wit eleven negroes namely Panny children
Alick Lucinda Sally and her Children Morgan David Jack &c
and my grey horse Colts Football and one good feather bed and furniture one stand of Cane and
bedstead Also one set of silver table spoons & ladle

Writing &c. and disannulling all former wills by me
made and testifying & Confirming this to be my last will and
Testament I do hereby nominate and appoint William M. Barnes and
Daniel Johnson & Thomas P. Young as my Executors to fulfil the same
in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
this 20th day May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty six

Maria Barnes (Tr)
Signed Sealed and Delivered by the above
named Maria Barnes to be her last will
and Testament in the presence of us who
have signed our names as Witnesses in presence
of the Testator
J. P. Allen
John Jones
J. C. Allen

I do further will and
devise unto Francis Barbara Barnes one
feather bed and furniture I also give and
devise unto Rachel Manilla Barnes one
feather bed and furniture also one bed-
stead and work stand &c. &c. &c.

thence I do also will and ordain that the before mentioned tract
of land devised to William Martin Barnes that my Executors have some
diminished parcel appertaining to said tract of land and apper-
taining and that the said William Martin Barnes or his heirs pay to
the before mentioned three daughters and son (named above in my will)
such sum or sums of money as will make them all equal in
the property devised as it is my opinion that the lands said there
are equal share my wish that they should all be equal

I Maria Barnes of the County of Fayette and State of
Tennessee do of my own free will and pleasure and for the
love which I bear to my Grand Son Joseph Epps do hereby
give and bequeath to him my negro man named Henry
after my death to be his property unto you or all other
Claims In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal this 4th day of August 1836
Maria Barnes (Tr)
John Jones &c

State of Tennessee September Term County Court 1836
Fayette County vs. James H. Stone Clerk of the County Court
for said County of Fayette do hereby certify that the within
last will and Testament of Maria Barnes do here-
produce in open Court and the execution thereof duly
proven by the oaths of James P. Allen John Jones and
J. C. Allen Subscribed & attested there to and sworn to
by the Court to be so &c. &c. &c. bearing my hand & office
this 5th September 1836 James H. Stone Clk

Registered Sept 8th 1836

Know all men by these presents that by William M. Barnes
Thomas P. Young W. M. Barnes A. W. Miller J. C. Moody & John
Jones of Fayette County in the State of Tennessee are held and firmly
bound unto his excellency the Governor of said State of Tennessee
for the time being and his Successors in office in the sum of Twenty
thousand dollars to be paid to his Successors or assigns which payment
shall and truly to be made on bond our selves our and each of our
heirs executors and administrators and each and any of us and them
jointly and severally firmly by these presents bearing our hands
and Seals this 16th day of September A. D. 1836
The condition of this obligation is such that

Whereas the above bounded William M. Warner & Thomas P. Young being appointed executors of the last will and testament of Harmon Biond did and qualified such agreeable to Law and of the said William M. Warner & Thomas P. Young above bounded do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods and Chattels right and Credits of the deceased which have or shall come into the hands know ledge or possession of the said executors above bounded or in the hands or possession of any person or persons for them used the same so made do exhibit on oath to the County Court for the County aforesaid within ninety days from and after the date of these presents and the same Goods and Chattels credits and all other Goods Chattels and credits of the said at the time of his death or which at any time hereafter shall come into the hands of the said executors above bounded or into the hands or possession of any person further do well and truly administer according to Law and accounted up all to the person or persons to whom the same may be legally due agreeable to the last will and testament of the said testator and further make or cause to be made a true and just account of said administration and execution of said last will and testament within two years after the date of these presents and shall deliver and pay unto such person respectively to whom the same may be due agreeable to the acts of assembly in such case made and provided and the last will & testament of the testator all the said and residue of said estate which shall be found remaining under said executors account this this obligation to be paid due to be and remain in full force and virtue according to the true intent and meaning hereof this 5th September 1836

Wm M Warner
Thos P Young

W P Burns
A M Wells
J E Moody
J. Jones

Recorded September 8th 1836

May 25th 1836

Israhel Hunt
(will)

This is my Will & desire in perfect mind & Body at this time with the little property I have left at my disposal I give to my Dear Brother George H. Elcaro Judith & her Son Isaac Elcaro & a Boy called Sam by the black people called Star Shuck I will & give to my Cousin Henry C. Wallcut the nephew of my Dear mother I likewise give to my relation Henry C. Wallcut if he should outlive me a House that I have purchased called Strimons & a male purchased by my Friend W. R. Wallcut for the estate & a mare bought from my Brother I wish my Brother & H. Elcaro & his wife to have my Portmanteau Bed board & Bureau I give to my Sister Elizabeth Elcaro my Watch & other little Jewellery I may have I wish my Brother to buy a new Watch & give Cousin Henry I likewise desire him to have my Hand & Collar Buttons a finger ring set with agate and Doct Mills miniature for Cousin Selina Dubb

I Want May 25th 1836
a negro Woman by the name of China I give to my relation H. C. Wallcut

I Hunt May 25th
I write this at present in case of sudden death that my Friends may be satisfied & know how I wish my little estate disposed of

State of Tennessee & Mountain Home County Court 1836
Haystack County I do hereby Certify that the last will and Testament of Israhel Hunt was produced in open Court at the above time and the hand writing of the said will was proved by the oaths of Israhel R. Lott & Lawrence to fifth and was ordered by the Court to be so signed & I (myself) my hand at office this 9th of November 1836
Samuel Hoover Clerk

Registered & recorded
1836

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E. C. Cole
Will

I the name of God amen
I Elisha C. Cole being weak in body but
of sound disposing mind do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament

1st After paying all my just debts - It is
my Will wish & desire that my beloved
Aunt Martha Armstrong Cole have the whole of my estate
both real and personal consisting of Land negroes
Bonds due accounts to her I fully give my Estate
2^d I appoint my beloved wife Martha Armstrong Cole
sole executrix to this my last Will & Testament
Given under my hand and seal this 24th day of September
A. D. 1836

Signed in presence
of John P. Smith
John Price

E. C. Cole (Seal)

State of Tennessee November Term 1836
Fayette County I James H. Moore clerk
of the County Court for said County
do hereby Certify that the above named Will was
produced in open Court at the above term and the
Execution thereof duly proved by the Oath of John
P. Smith & John Price subscribing Witnesses thereto
and ordered by the Court to be Recorded with my
hand at office this 9th November 1836
James H. Moore clerk
Recorded November 9th 1836

Robert Cotton
Will

State of Tennessee Fayette County
In the name of God amen
I Robert Cotton of the aforesaid County & State
being of sound mind and memory do make
and constitute this my last Will and Testament

1st I Will and bequeath my soul to God who gave it
It is Thus my wish and desire that all my property be
kept together until the children respectively become of
age or get married in either of which events they may
draw his or her equal proportion or let it remain as
Common Stock It is also my wish & desire that my
beloved wife Mary A. Cotton remain in full possession
and enjoyment of all my property during her

natural life permitting however each child as 16
above mentioned to draw his or her proportion when
arriving at age or get married It is further my wish
& desire that the proceeds arising from my farm shall
be appropriated and applied to the best interest & benefit
of my children Having full & implicit confidence
in my beloved wife Mary A. and my affectionate Son
Leonidas Cotton I do hereby appoint them my legal rep-
resentatives they having full pow to transact all my
business as if I were my self living and desire they
shall not be required to give Security in the perfor-
mance of said Trust

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this 13th September 1836
Signed in the presence of
E. W. Harris { Lt
J. A. Cotton { Lt
Robert Cotton (Seal)

State of Tennessee January Term 1837
Fayette County I James H. Moore clerk for said
County Court do hereby Certify that the within last
Will and Testament of Robert Cotton dec'd was produced
in open Court at the above term and the Execution
thereof duly proved by the Oath of E. W. Harris &
J. A. Cotton subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered
by the Court to be Recorded & Recorded with my
hand at office this 5th January 1837
James H. Moore clerk
Recorded January 5th 1837

Charles Slater
Will

I Charles Slater of the County of Fayette State
of Tennessee being of sound mind do this 20th
day of November A. D. 1836 make this my last
Will and Testament I give devise and bequeath
unto my wife Sarah Slater all my estate

real and personal I constitute and appoint my said
wife Sarah sole executrix of this my last Will and Testa-
ment In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and
Seal the day date first above written
Signed sealed published and subscribed { Charles Slater (Seal)
by the Testator to his last Will and Testament in the
presence of
Quaint Slater & A. H. Payne

17 State of Tennessee January term 1837
 Fayette County I James Humes clerk of the County
 Court for said County do hereby certify that the within last will and testament of Charles H. Humes was produced in open Court at the above term and the Execution thereof duly proved by the Oath of Jurat Hatches one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be so Certified & Witness my hand at office this 5th Jan'y 1837
 James Humes clerk
 Received Jan'y 5th 1837

Nothing Given
 will be

In the name of God amen
 I Charles Humes being of sound mind and
 lucidable of a correct memory yet much
 afflicted in body from which I feel
 almost to have a testimony of my last testament
 as respect my earthly affairs and after seeing that death
 to be certain and the no return it comes hereafter I have
 devised and caused this my last will and testament as
 follows (viz) first all of my just debts to be paid
 Secondly my beloved wife Nancy Humes to have and keep
 all of my remaining property and assets together during
 her natural life for her benefit and maintenance of her
 self and my children and third tuition put in the interest
 of my beloved wife Nancy should marry other and in that
 case a legal action to be made of all of my property and
 assets as well that which may be accounted as
 that already in possession between her my wife and each
 all of my children to be to give each one of my children
 an equal share with my wife Nancy and each other
 which divisions to be made by my beloved friends and
 relations William C. Brown and David L. Brown whom I
 hereby request and appoint guardian to this my last will
 and testament all and testament all others by me made
 are void and of no effect thereby the land I now live on
 to have so as to get a warrantable title for my estate for the use
 and support of my wife and children but should
 it be thought advisable at any future time for I should like
 sold also my executor be allowed to be the interest of my
 estate to do they are fully empowered to sell the
 same and all attached thereto and to make a good
 complete title thereto as if I myself had been living

by these getting first the content of my will fully
 if it should be the desire of my wife Nancy to move
 to any other place or State and at being advisable by my
 own married Executor then she shall be authorized and
 at liberty to remove and carry with her all of my estate
 but he moving the property to any other State or place
 shall not give us any more title to our management
 of my Estate than herein contained but should at all time
 and in all places be under the control of my Executor as
 herein given (explicitly) if it should be thought advisable at
 any time for the interest of my estate to sell or buy any
 property to the said or persons by my executor they shall
 forth with proceed to sell or buy the same persons of
 they should think proper to sell any of the same
 belonging to my Estate they shall give the content
 of my wife Nancy and thus an order of Court sitting
 fourth the reason for such cases and for all such sales
 or purchases of property either real or personal I do hereby
 fully authorize and give my executor full power to raise
 and make good complete and lawful title to all prop-
 erty in the name and in behalf of my estate in this as any other
 State or place Sixthly as my children become of age or
 married I grant them to have such a portion of Estate as
 many Executors may think right and all property sold
 by my children to be valued by my Executor and charged
 to those remaining the same and at any time to give
 to one of my children than to another except my said
 Executor who I want to have the gray Court to be valued
 to him as soon as this my will is proven and taken and
 taken value once raised by Executor for him to be charged to the
 amount of his valuation which shall come out of his portion
 of my estate (Seventh) after the death or marrying of my wife
 or after the remainder of my estate to be divided among my children
 in so as to give to all an equal share or as much
 as the other those of them who have been receive any portion
 of my Estate to have that portion they have receive counted
 in the division of the whole so as to make each one equal
 and no one to have any more after every thing they have
 receive have been counted and charged to them their mother
 (Eight) provides my wife Nancy should marry of a day
 then and in that case I want my Executors W. C. Brown and
 David L. Brown to be appointed guardian for all of my
 children who are not of age and to take the property

(17) in their papers and so that my children shall
by honest wealth and give them schooling and keep them
manage them as the law requires guardians to do with-
in (month) in case that either or both of my Executors
should die then in that case I desire that the County
Court should appoint a suitable and discreet person
or men to carry this my will in to effect Intending
when of I hereby set my hand and affix my seal
this 28th of September in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and thirty six

Attest Graves {
Address Graves {
Hunting Graves {

State of Tennessee & James Town County Court 1837
Haystack County I James Town Moore clerk do
hereby Certify that the within
Last will and Testament of Nathaniel Graves is
was produced in open Court and its execution
thereof duly proven by the oaths of Nathaniel
Graves & Address Graves subscribing witnesses thereto
and ordered by the Court to be so Certified writing
my hand at effect this the 1st day 1837
James Town Moore Clerk

Daniel Locke I Daniel Locke of Haystack County and State of
Tennessee being in a Sound State of health but feeling
in mind to declare this to be my last will and
Testament
I give and bequeath to my two Sisters Margaret
Trout of Tennessee and Mary Hannah of Carolina
all my estate both real and personal after paying my just debts
But in consequence of having been confined for a long time with
sore of my Sister Margaret Trout and of her extraordinary
kindness to me in my affliction I give and bequeath to her
the Sum of three hundred dollars more than to Mary Hannah
in the division of my property Writing my hand and seal
this 1st of July A.D. 1836
Witness
* Benj. Cottrell
* M. W. Moore

D. C. Locke

State of Tennessee County Court December Term 1837 20
Haystack County I James Town Moore clerk of County Court
for said County do hereby Certify that the
within Last will and Testament of David C. Locke was
produced in open Court at the above time and the execution
thereof duly proven by the oaths of Benj. Cottrell & M. W.
Moore subscribing witnesses thereto & deposited and sealed that
they saw D. C. Locke sign Seal & execute the said will
for the purposes therein expressed Writing my hand at
effect this the 18th day 1837
James Town Moore Clerk

James Town
will

In the name of God Amen I James Town of
the County of Haystack and State of Tennessee being
minded to declare this to be my last will and Testament
in the manner and form following that is to say I do
hereby appoint all ten some my Father's sole executor of this my last
will and Testament viz to Collect all monies that are due or
which may become due to me and pay off all just demands or
Claims which may come against me my Estate except to be dis-
posed of either at private or public Sale as he may think
best the balance of my property and money after my debts are
paid to be left in the hands of the executor for the benefit of
my wife and children I do hereby direct that all my
land lying in Haystack County to be disposed of at my home or
any place which he may think best for the benefit of my
family which of said as occupant I do hereby give a transfer and
if desired to make either one hundred acres of said land the location
intent of I do hereby intend in the names of three children of
Archibald D. Young lying in Haystack and Haystack County for which
land there is a bond in the Clerk's office in the town of Jackson
when the right is obtained to be disposed of as the other and a
title made by my executor In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal the 18th day of August in the year of our Lord
1835

Signed Sealed published and
declared by the above named James Town
to be his last will and Testament with
presence of us who have hereunto subscribed
our names as witnesses in presence of the testator
Elisha Dodson Jr
David Neff
Philip B. Jones &

James Town Clerk

State of Tennessee October Term 1835
 Fayette County I do hereby certify that the within
 Last Will and Testament of James Miller
 deceased was produced at the above term and as appears
 of Record and the execution thereof duly proven by the
 Oath of Elisha Hodson & Phillip Thompson Subscribing
 Witnesses thereto and ordered by the Court to be so Certified
 & Recorded this 23rd March 1837
 James Hodson clk

John Miller
 Will
 Made 2nd 1837 I do know that I John Miller
 of Fayette County State of Tennessee being in a weak state
 of health but possessing my mental faculties in full
 vigor have deemed it my duty to prepare for the dispo-
 sition of my property in case of my decease that
 I ordain and appoint my wife Nancy Miller my Brother
 Henry Miller & B. H. Bray my sole Executors to do & manage my
 estate to sell or to purchase property for the use of my fam-
 ily the same as if I myself were living in the case of
 Sales to convey titles etc. shall & singulate such things touch-
 ing my estate as they may think best to promote the interest
 of my family It is my wish that my Daughter Margaret be kept
 at a boarding school & her tuition & board be paid for out of the
 proceeds of the estate & that my wife & children & James remain
 together the boys to be educated & the estate to be kept to better
 for the mutual benefit of my wife & the children
 Should my wife decease before my children become of
 age then I wish Guardians appointed to attend to the estate
 which I wish to be agreed equally among them in testimony
 of the above I have hereunto set my hand & seal in the
 presence of
 Henry Snow Esq
 Thomas & David Esq
 John W. Miller Esq
 Mark

State of Tennessee } July Term County Court 1837
 Fayette County } The Last Will and Testament of John Miller
 was produced in open Court and the Execution
 thereof was proven by the Oath of Henry Snow, Thomas & Nelson
 who being first sworn depose and say that they believe the
 Testator to be of sound mind and memory at the time of signing the same
 and that they saw him sign said & execute the same to be his last
 Will and Testament for the purposes therein contained and order
 by the Court to be Recorded

(22)
 State of Tennessee } James Hodson all of the County Court for
 Fayette County } I do hereby certify that the above probate
 of the within Last Will and Testament of John Miller
 is a true Copy from the records in my office Witness my hand & seal
 this 11th July 1837
 Recorded July 13th 1837 James Hodson clk

William Ferguson
 Will
 In the name of God amen I William Ferguson
 one of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee
 being low in body health but of sound mind and
 memory (blessed be almighty God for the same)
 do make and publish this my last Will and
 Testament in manner and form as followeth - that is to say
 First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Caroline
 During her natural life all my lands except the
 Sarah Rutledge tract and so much of the land Ed-
 ward from the sale of Mrs Rutledge as lies north of the Ten-
 nessee Road either to live on or to dispose of to enable her
 to raise funds for the purpose of purchasing land in
 another section of the country where she would prefer living
 then on the lands so purchased at her death to be equally divided
 among all my beloved children I further give and
 bequeath to my beloved wife so much of the household
 and kitchen furniture farming tools and stock of every kind
 as she may see fit to receive and as may be thought
 necessary for the keeping up of the farm to be enjoyed by
 three Overseers whom it is also my wish and desire that
 such three disinterested men be appointed by Court to divide
 my Slave property in the following manner viz that a fair
 valuation be made of each Slave and that my beloved wife
 be permitted to select out of all my Slaves to the amount of one
 Equal Share with all my children at such valuation and that
 such Slave as the Slaves by such division together with such
 Personal property as has before mentioned by me here during
 life and subject to her disposal at death It is also my
 wish and desire that all my Slaves that will fall to my
 beloved children at such division do remain on one com-
 mon Stock until my eldest Child becomes of lawful
 age then to receive his share agreeable to the aforesaid division
 plan and Equal Share with all my then surviving chil-
 dren after such share is applied for and received the remain-

as to remain in common stock until my next child
be one of age and so on until my youngest child
be one of age. It is also my wish and desire
that my affectionate Mother Mary Ingram and my
Sister Ann nee High remain with my beloved wife and
if thought necessary something be allowed out of the Child
and put to assist in their Support - It is further my
wish and desire and I will and bequeath the same that
the above named Sarah and all that
be north of the town middle Road that I purchased from
the estate of Mrs Putney together with all the residue of my
personal property not given by my wife be sold for
such a sum and the said estate as my hereafter named
Executors may think most advisable and after all
my just debts are discharged the Residue of the proceeds of
such sales be sold to remain in our common stock for the
benefit of all my beloved Children of which number
The said Peter and Equal share with all my other living
children as they become of lawful age
I hereby appoint my beloved wife Caroline and David
Boyd Executors and Executors to this my last will and
testament hereby Revoking all former wills by me made
in testimony whereof I the said William & Ingram have
signed with my hand and affixed my seal the 30th day of
July 1835

Signed Sealed Published and delivered
in presence by the sd. William &
Ingram to his last will and
testament the day and year above
written

Wm. Wright
Elizabeth B. Coven & Let
Richard D. Coven & Let

William & Ingram (sd)

State of Tennessee Sum. Term County Court 1835
Fayette County $\frac{3}{4}$ The Last will and testament of William
& Ingram was produced in open Court and
the execution thereof duly proved by the oaths of Elizabeth
Boyd Coven and Richard D. Coven Subscribing witnesses thereto
who being first sworn depose and say that they saw the
testator sign seal and publish the same to be his last
will and testament and that he was in his right mind
and was done in their presence and was ordered

by the Court to be admitted to record

State of Tennessee

Fayette County

$\frac{3}{4}$ I James H. Humes clerk of the
County Court for said County
do hereby Certify that the foregoing probate of
said Last will & testament of William & Ingram
is a true Copy of the Records now in my office
Witness my hand at office this 14th August 1835
James H. Humes clerk
Recorded 14th August 1835

Nathaniel Suter
Will

In the name of God Amen
I Nathaniel Suter of Fayette County and State
of Tennessee being of a sound and perfect mind and
memory do constitute and ordain this to be my last
will and testament

Item 1st I do not relate and against my son John Ellis Suter
of all and every claim that may be brought against him
after my death by either of my daughters Sarah Suter or Elizabeth
Walker or their representatives

The said John Ellis Suter is to pay to each of his Sisters Sarah
& Elizabeth five dollars each

I then give to my granddaughter Margaret to have one negro
girl Margaret together with my bed to her & her heirs forever

I then give to my grandson Nathaniel Suter one Boy George

I then give to my grand daughter Sarah Suter one Boy Henry

I then give to my grandson Samuel Suter one Boy William

I then give to my grand son Thomas Suter one mare Sam

I then leave the residue of my estate altogether to John Ellis
Suter during his life Consisting of three negroes Eastern Melley
& Arad and at his death they are to have the liberty of being
with either of his Children then living I subscribe and appoint
my son John Ellis Suter Executor of this my last will & testament
Given under my hand & seal this 18th Sept 1835

Signed Sealed delivered in presence of
Thos. Humes & Amos B. Briggs

Nathaniel Suter (sd)
Sut
Thos. Humes & Amos
B. Briggs & Amos

State of Tennessee & Term for term County Court 1835

Fayette County $\frac{3}{4}$ The Last will and testament of Nathaniel
Suter was produced in open Court and the

Execution thereof duly promissory the Oathes of Theophilus
 Hume and J. Briggs subscribing witnesses who
 being first sworn depose and say that they signed the
 same in presence of the testator and they believe him to be
 in sound mind and memory at the declaring the same
 in last will and testament and acknowledge the same
 to be his act and deed for the purpose therein contained
 and was ordered by the Court to be so Certified & attested
 the 6th day of March 1833

The above is a true copy of the above probate of
 the will then under my hand at office this the 6th March
 1833

James Moore Clerk
 Recorded 15th March 1833

Robert H. Wickham
 Will

State of Tennessee

I Robert H. Wickham do make
 and declare the following to be the Disposition
 I desire to be made of the whole of my property

First - I give to my Brother Marime J. Wickham
 all my property real and personal within the personal pro
 perty shall consist of goods or chattels money or Cash in
 action

Secondly - as I have undertaken a Contract on the Fugranger &
 Memphis Rail Road It is my desire and I hereby direct - that
 the same be continued under the direction and Control of
 my Friend Erasmus J. Collins who I hereby appoint - my Execu
 tor to carry into effect - the above provisions

Signed Sealed and published in our presence - here sub
 scribing our names in presence of the Testator - this 2nd day
 of September A.D. 1833

W. H. Hays
 Abram H. Hays

Thos C Bop }
 Thos C Bop }
 Thos C Bop }

R. H. Wickham (Seal)

State of Tennessee } October Term County Court 1833

Fayette County } The Last will and testament of Robert H. Wickham was
 produced in open Court and the Execution thereof duly
 proven by the Oathes of Thomas H. Hunt and Thos C Bop Subscribing wit
 nesses who being first sworn depose and say that they saw the Testator
 sign Seal and deliver the same to be his last will and testament and that
 they believe him to be in sound mind and memory at that time
 and ordered by the Court to be admitted to Record

I James Moore clerk of the County Court for the above
 said County of Fayette State of Tenn do hereby certify that the
 above probate of said will is a true Copy from the records
 in my office Witness my hand at office this 29th March
 1833

James Moore Clerk
 Recorded March 29th 1833

J. P. Ridd
 Will

In the name of God amen I J. P. Ridd of the County of Fayette
 and State of Tennessee being in full health best of sound mind
 do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last
 will and Testament viz to my wife Catharine Elizabeth
 Ridd - I will and bequeath the whole of my property

both real and personal except so much as is hereafter specified
 to be hers during her natural life and at her death to go to my brother
 William Ridd and Sister Francis W. Bales excepting nevertheless
 that if my wife should have an heir or heirs it is my will that
 it shall inherit two thirds of all my property both real and person
 al and may keep one third should my wife die having no heir or
 it is my will and wish that my property should be equally divided
 between my brother and Sister William Ridd and Francis W. Bales
 at her death and my brother William Ridd should remain her
 during her life only and then to go to my Sister Francis W. Bales
 or her children It is also my will and wish that my brother William
 Ridd shall have my Books in Case my wife should have no
 heir by me It is my will that my wife Catharine Elizabeth Ridd
 execute this my will and she is hereby appointed my whole and sole
 Executor

Signed in the presence of
 William Hays J. P.

To be to James Moore
 this the 10th day of October 1833

J. P. Ridd (Seal)

State of Tennessee } Term 1833

Fayette County } personally appeared before me James Moore clerk of the County
 Court for said County & in open Court William Hays and John

Long Subscribing witnesses to the within named Last will and testament of J. P. Ridd who
 being first sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with J. P. Ridd the testator
 and that they saw him sign Seal and execute & publish this to be his Last will
 and testament and that they believed him to be in sound mind & memory at the time
 of publishing the same and that they signed the same in his presence and
 it was ordered by the Court to be entered of Record Witness my hand &
 at office this the 1st day of January 1838

Recorded Jan 10th 1838

James Moore Clerk

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I give and bequeath unto my niece
Dora Maria
will

In the name of God amen I Dora Maria
Broward of the Town of Lagrange Hayti County
and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and
disposing memory but weak and in delicate
health do make & constitute this my last Will and Testament
as follows I desire and direct my Executors hereafter
named to pay off and discharge all my just debts funeral expen-
ses and my subscriptions to build a Christian Church in Lagrange
Then I give and bequeath unto my Sister Rebecca McEwen and her Chil-
dren my negro girl Sylvia Fordwick Lacy & young area thus future in case
It is to be distinctly understood that my Sister Rebecca is to have
the use and benefit of the above named negroes and their increase
for herself and family above during her life and at her death to be
divided among her children and if any of my said Sister Rebecca's Children
should die without lawful issue I direct that their portion should
revert to their brothers and sisters then living

Then - I desire and direct that my Executors hereafter named as
soon as practicable sell at public or private sale as they may
deem best my Tract of land in Indale County N Carolina called
Pungatoy Containing three hundred acres they may sell for
cash or on a credit as they may deem best and out of the proceeds
thereof - I desire that they pay to my nephew Samuel
Rennsforth Barbara son of my brother John the sum of one
hundred dollars and to my nephew James Barbara son of my
brother Hamdon the sum of one hundred dollars which
sum I give them the said Samuel and James and their
heirs forever

Then I give and bequeath unto my niece Dora Rebecca
Jane McEwen my negro girl Harriet and her increase and in case
she the said Dora Rebecca Jane should die without lawful issue
I direct that the said negro Harriet and her increase shall
revert to her brothers and sisters then living

Then I give and bequeath unto my niece Susan Julia Foltz McEwen
my negro girl Charlotte and her increase and in case she the said
Susan Julia Foltz McEwen should die without lawful issue
I direct that the said negro Charlotte and her increase
shall revert to her brothers and sisters then living

Then I give and bequeath unto my niece Sarah Maria Cley
one bed and furniture one brown horse & calf and a set of
calico bed curtains and at her death the same to go to her children

Then I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Ann McEwen
my Broom one dun Cow and Calf my riding saddle one bed and
furniture and eight silver tea spoons

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Then I give and bequeath unto my niece Isabella Sophia
more one patchwork bed quilt to her and her heirs forever
Then I give and bequeath unto my Niece Esther Catharine Barr
and daughter of my brother Hamdon one gold Port Pipe
of the value of Five dollars to her and her heirs forever

Then I give and bequeath unto my niece Mary Adelaide
daughter of my brother Hamdon one gold Port Pipe of the
value of Five dollars to her and her heirs forever

Then I humbly request and direct my Executors hereafter
named as soon as practicable to procure a neat plan and
gravel marble head stone with suitable inscriptions thereon
for the grave of my Father and Mother at Cedar Church Indale
N Carolina and also one of a similar kind for my grave
and to have them all well fixed up at the head of each
of our graves

Then all the rest and residue of my estate of which
not divided in this my last will and Testament I give and bequeath
the same to my Sister Rebecca McEwen for the support of
herself and children during her life and at her death
to be divided among her children

Then I give and bequeath unto my nephew Robert
Hammond McWhorter Davidson one hundred dollars out
of the proceeds of the sale of my land to him and his
heirs forever

I turn at the death of my Sister Rebecca McEwen if
my negro woman Fannie McEwen should be living I wish them
to select her master or mistress from among my said Sister
Children and if his value should exceed this proportion
of my estate for her use to pay the excess of his value
to the other Children

Lastly I humbly nominate and appoint my friend
Stephen H. Shuck and my Brother in law James McEwen
Executors to this my last will and Testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this 13th day of July A.D. 1838
Signed Sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of

Jos W Burton { Int
Joseph Shuprock { Int

State of Tennessee } March 1st 1838
Hayti County } Then the last Will and Testament
of Dora Maria Broward was proved

29th in Open Court and the execution being duly proven by the Oaths of John W. Burton & Joseph Shupock testifying as witnesses that who being first sworn depose and say that they saw the Legn Seal and published the same to be the last will & Testament and that they believe her to have been in sound mind and memory when she executed the said will and that they signed the same in her presence as witnesses and was ordered by the Court to be Recorded

State of Louisiana, I James Krouse, clerk of the
Hayite County, do hereby certify that the above
probate of Saw Mills is a true Copy from the records
in my office Witness my hand at office this 5th March
1838. James Krouse clerk

Record March 15th 1838

John S. Rawlings
Will

In the name of God Amen I John S. Kaulbach of the
County of Fayette State of Tennessee for some time
afflicted but of sound mind do make constitute
& ordain this to be my last will & testament in man-

and form as follows

Item 16 It is my wish that all my debts be paid as they become due

Item 2^d after my debts are paid it is my will & desire that the whole of my estate both real & personal shall be kept together to & for the support of my affectionate wife of Margaret E Rawlings & also the support maintainance and education of my dear infant child Medora & Rawlings

Item 3^d It is my will and desire that in the event of the demise of either of my affectionate wife as before named or my Infant daughter, named then in that case my will infor the whole of my estate both real & personal in possession or reversion shall devide in fee simple to the other

Item 4th It is my will and desire that in case of the intermarriage of my wife Margaret & Rawlings; In that event Shubby Law has all my property both real and personal, until our infant daughter Melora shall arrive at lawful age or intermarriage in which case it is my will & desire for my estate to be divided between my wife & daughter as before named according to Law one third to her & the remaining two to our daughter Melora.

Item 5th In the event of the death of our said daughter
meera before she shall arrive at lawfull age or

or intermarry. It is my will and desire for the whole
of my estate both real & personal in possession or reversion
to descend to my affectionate wife Margaret & Rawlings
to her & her future issue forever.

Item 6th It is my will & desire if at anytime it may be found most advantageous by my Executors & Administrators that the tract of Land which I have recently purchased of my relation Ephraim Jackson should be sold I & my wife & desire that they shall make subject the same & are hereby authorized to make a full & complete title to the same

Given 7th for the affection & confidence which I bestow
my said wife Margaret & Rawlins I do hereby appoint
him as Executor of my last will & testament I that some
Executor to the my last will & testament Given under my
hand & seal the 20th day Feb. 1838

Wittich

A Good

26. G. Jackson } 2nd
Ephraim Jackson } 1st

John S Rawlings Esq

State of Tennessee } April Term County Court 1838

Stagville County) & the Last will and Testament of John
S. Standings was produced in open Court
and the execution thereof duly proven by the oath of H. C.
Jackson and Ephraim Jackson subscribing witnesses who
being first sworn depose and say that they saw
John S. Standings the Testator sign seal and publish this
to be his last will and testament and they signed the
same in his presence and that they believe he was in
his right mind and memory and then appearing
to the Court no objection to said will being made,
& Recorded and was so ordered by the Court to be admitted
to record &c

State of Tennessee & of the County of Davidson
I, the undersigned, Clerk of said County, do hereby certify that the
above probate of said will is a true
copy from the records now in my office, and I have
my hand and office this 2^d April 1838

Recorded May 11th 1838 } Harmon Koonce clerk

Recorded May 11th 1838 }

21. Conrad Rudy H. 1850 3

Solomon Williams
will

In the name of God amen I Solomon Williams
of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee being
of sound mind on the 19th day of April in the year
of our Lord A.D. 1838 for the natural Love and affection
I have for my son Solomon do bequeath & bequeath the un-
divided half of a one hundred acre Tract of Land Contained by Rich Moore
& transferred to me by said Maylow to my Daughter Sarah good
and lawfully her the other undivided half of the above described
Land to my Daughter Elizabeth Holloway this bequest I
bequeath unto perforce to the heirs of my Daughter Jane when
her last I bequeath Ten Dollars to my Daughter Emma
Williams I will bequeath and transfer her furniture & to my
lawful children Rebecca good & her heirs may give them
Catharine Moore & her heirs & distribute what may come
any of my estate equally share & share alike after my death
And in the future & approve day & date above written
Attest
Solomon Williams {
J. S. Hunter {
Arthur Pelt {

State of Tennessee May Term County Court 1838
Fayette County } The Last Will and Testament of Solomon
Williams ^{deceased} produced in open Court at
the above time and the Execution thereof duly proved by the
Oaths of Solomon Williams Jr and Arthur Pelt both
Swearing Witnesses that who being first Sworn depose and
say that they saw Solomon Williams the Testator sign seal
and Execute the same in their presence and that they believe
he was in his right mind and memory at the time of
signing the same and that he signed the same in their
presence - and was ordered by the Court that the said Will
be entered of Record in

State of Tennessee
Fayette County } I James Kooner clerk of said County
Court do certify that the above probate
of said Will is a true copy from the Records in my office
this 7th May 1838
James Kooner clerk

James Petral
will

In the name of God amen I James Petral do
make and publish this as my last will and testament
first I give it that all my debt be paid out
of any money that that I may be possessed of or may find
come into the hands of my Executors I give
and bequeath to my beloved Sister Ann R. Kerr five hundred dollars
last which I give to my brother William Petral five hundred dollars
fourthly I give to my brother Henry Brown three
hundred dollars fifthly I give to my beloved wife a clay bank more
and saddle and ten dollars in money also a bed and bed clothes & clothing
Should my wife at the time be in a state of pregnancy I give to my
child my love the remainder of my estate which I wish it
to receive be born at or arrived at the age of twenty one years Should
it not live to the age of twenty one years in that case I give the
remainder of my estate to the above named Ann R. Kerr Mary
Brown and William Petral to be equally divided between them
Sixthly I give to my nephew James R. Kerr a Good lastly I do hereby
nominate and appoint James R. Kerr my Executor In testimony
of I do to this my will I set my hand and seal this 8th day
of June 1838

James Petral (Seal)
Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have
subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the Testator this 8th
day of June 1838
Robert Lewis
Lep. Stolan

State of Tennessee July Term 1838
Fayette County } The last Will and Testament of James Petral
was produced in open Court and the execution
thereof duly proved by the Oaths of Robert Lewis & Lep. Stolan
Swearing Witnesses that who being first Sworn depose and
say that they saw James Petral sign seal and publish the
same to be his last will and testament and that they believe
he was in his right mind and memory and that they signed
the same in his presence and was ordered by the Court to be
entered of Record &c

State of Tennessee } I James Kooner clerk of the County Court of said
Fayette County } do certify that the foregoing Probate of said
will is a true copy from the records in my office bearing my
hand at office this 25th day of July 1838
James Kooner clerk

John R. Trotter
Will

Wayne County Tennessee

January 27th 1835

I John R. Trotter of said County & State of Tennessee mind & memory but weak in body & knowing the uncertainty of life do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament & hereby revoking all others

Item 1st I give & bequeath to my son Thomas R. Trotter the following negroes (viz) Abner valued at \$800 - Louisa & her child Linty valued at \$900 to be delivered to him at my death by his paying two hundred & thirty four dollars into the hands of my Executor

Item 2nd I give & bequeath to my son Benjamin Y. Trotter the following negroes & property (viz) Lucy valued at \$650 - Jim (old) valued at \$350 - and \$200 worth of property (all of which he has already recd) and \$100 valued at \$250

Item 3 I give & bequeath to my son George W. Trotter the following negroes (viz) Mack valued at \$150 - Maria at \$800 - and Ada at \$200

Item 4 I give & bequeath to my Daughters Malinda & Fannie the following negroes (viz) Judy valued at \$550 - Bob at \$400 & Henrietta at \$350 - also one hundred & thirty six dollars in Cash

Item 5 I give & bequeath to my Daughters Elizabeth, Eliza & J. Trotter the following negroes (viz) Amanda valued at \$600 - Maria Julia at \$400 - Charles at \$300 - and one hundred & fifty six dollars in Cash

Item 6 I give & bequeath to my son Washington Lafayette Trotter two hundred and fifty acres of land to be taken off the East end of the Tract which I now have also the following negroes (viz) Jim valued at \$500 - Henry at \$350 and Luanda at \$450 to be delivered up to him by his paying into the hands of my Executor one hundred and thirty four dollars

Item 7 I bind to my Beloved wife Sally P. Trotter during her natural life or widowhood the balance of my Tract of land the following negroes (viz) Mike John Ester Fanny & her child Sarah Betty & her child Mint Charlotte & her child Rosetta and Rachel and all the Stock Farming utensils household and Kitchen furniture and every other kind of property not before mentioned

Item 8 It is my Will that all my property & Capt that goes to my children that are now of age or may

become of age at my death remain in the hands of my Beloved wife & subject to her Control & management for the mutual support of herself & the minor children during her natural life or widowhood or until the children respectively become of age or marry when they shall receive this Special bequest

Item 9 It is my Will that all the property bound to my Beloved wife Sally P. Trotter during her natural life or widowhood & be divided on the occurrence of either event equally between all my children except the land in which W. L. Trotter shall have no part

Item 10 It is my Will that my wife shall settle with her no counts against my children but shall clothe & Educate them & provide them with the necessaries

Item 11 I appoint my Beloved wife Sally P. Trotter Executor to this my last Will & Testament during her natural life or widowhood and at her death her Marriage my friend Lewis P. McLean to my Executor and it is my Will that neither my Executor nor Executor be required to return any inventory of my property but nor be required to give security for the proper management of the trust

Item 12 Should it so happen that any or more of my children should make an alienation I hereby request the Court to appoint my friend Benjamin W. Patterson for Malinda & Trotter Duke McLean for Elizabeth & J. Trotter and Lewis P. McLean for Washington Lafayette Trotter

Item 13 - Should a negro die before it shall have come into the possession of the proper owner it shall be valued according to the value of a healthy negro of the same description and the loss made up by the other children

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the date above written

Witness
Benjamin W. Patterson
Duke McLean

John R. Trotter (Sd)

State of Tennessee County Court October Term 1838
 Fayette County The last will and Testament of Isham
 R. Trotter was produced in open Court
 and the execution thereof duly proved by the Oath of
 Burnard W. Patterson and Duke Williams Subscribing
 Witnesses thence they being first sworn depose and say
 that they saw the said Isham R. Trotter sign seal and
 publish the same to be his last will and testament
 and that they believe he was in sound mind and mem-
 ory and that they signed the same in his presence
 as witnesses thence. And Thompson came Sally & Trotter
 Executed to said will and was duly qualified as such
 and ordered by the Court to be entered of record
 &c. I do Certify that the foregoing probate of said
 will is a true copy from the Records now in my
 office Witness my hand at office this 5th October
 1838 James Kooner Clk
 of the County Court of Fayette

James Kooner The name of God is men-
 will I do make & declare this to be my last
 will & Testament
 Item 1 I give unto my wife Youngest daugh-
 ter Margaretta Bland for me and one woman by the name
 of Hannah two girls one named Wabella & other Selia
 & one boy by the name of Ben & third Increased I also
 give & bequeath to the said Margaretta Bland all my
 land when I now live say one hundred & seventy
 three acres I also give every thing else that may
 be due me or to my Estate after I am dead is paid
 to the said Margaretta Bland her heirs forever
 Its my request the above mentioned property
 be the said Margaretta & her two eldest children
 use & benefit so as if the said Margaretta husband
 should provide about that the said property
 shall remain to her the said Margaretta & her
 two eldest children for their own proper
 use & benefit for ever
 Item 2 - I give unto my wife Polly all the above men-
 tioned property during her life and after her de-
 cease to go to her daughter Margaretta mentioned
 within I request my wife Polly to be executrix

of this my last will & testament & hereby nomi-
 nate & appoint her for that purpose this 20th day
 of April A.D. 1836
 Given under my hand & seal
 Signed Sealed in presence of James Kooner
 Wm. Hurrell & Thomas Nutt

State of Tennessee, October Term County Court 1838
 Fayette County The last will and Testament of James
 Kooner was produced in open Court
 and the execution thereof duly proved by the Oath of
 William Hurrell & Thomas Nutt Subscribing Wit-
 nesses thence they being first sworn depose and say
 that they saw him sign seal & acknowledge the
 same to be his last will and testament and that
 they believe he was in sound mind and memory at
 the time of his executing the same and that they
 signed said will in his presence - & saw it read
 ordered by the Court to be entered of record - & And
 Thompson came Sally Kooner's Executrix appointed
 in said will and gave bond with W. H. Hurrell
 & George M. Blane as his Security in the sum of Six
 thousand dollars Condition as the law directs and
 was duly qualified as the law requires and ordered
 by the Court to be entered of record &c
 I do Certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the probate
 of said will as appears of record now in my office Witness my
 hand at office this 6th October 1838
 James Kooner Clk of Fayette
 County Court

James Kooner
 will OAK Grove December 25th 1837
 Christmas day
 In the name of Almighty God I make this
 my Last will & Testament
 Firstly It is my will that all my Just debts shall
 be paid
 Secondly I will & devise to my children an equal
 proportion of my Estate Both real & personal
 or whatever it may bring after it shall be
 disposed of with exception of my Gold watch

3) which had my name engraved upon it That I beg
 to my son Edward
 Fourthly) my wife Margaret shall have her proportion or
 Legal Claim of the Estate
 Fifthly) It is my wish & will that in case I should
 not previous to my decease make Disposition of
 the aforesaid mentioned Property that it should
 remain together - and to himself either of my
 Children shall marry, that Child is to get to such
 Proceeds as may shall arise from sales of the
 property should remain together - I wish that Catherine
 in marriage and in Examination and Inspection
 of the record, that child shall have his or
 her proportion But nothing else If whatever
 record may be hanging to my Estate until the
 marriage of Mrs Crisp In case she should marry
 then in that case an equal proportion of the
 undivided property shall go and belong to the
 several Children Though it is my wish that
 she should not marry yet she can do as she
 my wish

Sixthly) I wish my Children will Educated & the proceeds
 of my Estate are to go to support of all things
 that the family may require & if any compelled
 that I wish to be taken care of & accounted for by the
 Executor or administrators, whom are as follows
 Gray Blackbird Benjamin Child - Capt John Jones
 and my Brother Daniel Crisp who lived in Salisbury
 & Carolina - I must and hope that every thing
 will be done calculated to promote the interest
 & benefit of my dear Children & wife Margaret
 This is my will & Testament while it is my
 request & wish that this will shall never be broken
 In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal The Year & day
 mentioned

Witness
 Prachy Franklin
 James H. Franklin

Ed - It is my desire and request in case of my
 death to have my stomach examined - as I believe
 there have been attempts made to destroy my life

I speak or write of Poison in my Letter
 which may appear strange But a something or something
 mentions up within my Breast goes to tell me, that for
 the last Two years there have been attempts made
 Edward Crisp

Oak Grove Feb 1838
 This is a Codicil to my will - The will is
 left in the care of my neighbors Franklin - I wish
 to state that it is my will and desire that G. B. Crisp
 and may oversee with Mr. Thos. Muller shall be
 and act for my Estate It is my request & desire that
 my Overseer shall remain and live on my place
 - I think as he is a good manager that he will be
 a great service to my Estate I would advise
 - and recommend him to the notice of my Family
 Employ him if we should have to pay one
 Thousand Dollars - he will make it without
 doubt I have had Overseers managers But I
 never have seen one equal to him - My signature
 is proved there is no witness to this But my
 signature is known by every body knowing
 me

Edward Crisp

State of Surinam County Court October Term 1838
 Fayette County - The day was produced before the Court
 the last will & Testament of Edward Crisp
 de & the execution thereof duly proved by the Oath of
 of Prachy Franklin and James H. Franklin subscribing
 witnesses who being first sworn depose and say
 that they saw him the said Edward Crisp sign and
 or acknowledge the same in this presence to be his last
 will and Testament and that they believe he was in sound
 mind and memory at the time of publishing the same
 and that they signed the same in his presence and
 the Codicil thereto said annexed and the hand writing
 of said Codicil was proven by the Oath of said
 Prachy Franklin and James H. Franklin to be the true
 signature of said Testator - Given under my hand
 & office this the 10th October 1838
 Jackson Kooner clerk

In the name of god amen I Lewis Heade of Fayette County and State of Tennessee being sound in Health and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being sound in mind and memory and Blessed be the almighty god for the same I do make and publish this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following To wit first I appoint my friend Henderson Brown my Executor together with my beloved wife Caranna Heade

Secondly I being desirous to pay all my just debts it is my will that my negro woman Hannah be sold and the proceeds be applied to my debts and if the proceeds of such sale is not sufficient to pay and satisfy all my debts I have it with my beloved wife to have such Property sold that she can most conveniently share and pay and satisfy all of my just debts

Thirdly - I give and bequeath unto my Beloved wife Caranna Heade all of the Residue of my property both real and Personal to have and to hold during of her natural life or widowhood and then to be equally divided between my Beloved children

In witness whereof I have signed set my hand and affixed my seal this the fifth day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Signed Sealed and
acknowledged of the said
Lewis Heade to be his
act and deed in the presence

John Boyce
Benj. H. Buckley

State of Tennessee December Term 1838
Fayette County The last will and Testament of Lewis Heade was produced in open Court at the above Term and the execution thereof duly proven by the oaths of John Boyce and Benj. H. Buckley subscribing witnesses who were being first sworn duly and they say that they saw him sign seal and publish the same to be his last will and Testament

and that they believe he was in sound mind and disposing memory at the time of signing the same and that they signed the same in presence and it was ordered by the Court to be so certified & admitted to record
J. K. Koon Clerk

Friedrich William
son Will

State of Tennessee I Friedrich William
Fayette County I do hereby make and
publish this my last will
and testament hereby revoking and annulling
void all other wills by me at any time made

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor I especially give and bequeath to my beloved wife Caroline D. Williamson my negro girl Phillis and all of my Stock of Horses Sheep Sheep Corns Hens hawks and all the furniture of every kind whatever and all the money and every thing else belonging to my estate (after my just debts have been paid as above directed) for her support and that of my children and that she may be better enabled to keep them with her and school them as well as she can and at her death or if she should marry forthwith to be equally divided between her and my daughter Margaret Jane Mary Louisa Mary Jane and John the under - Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Samuel J. J. my executor in and out of all hereof I bequeath my will to my heirs and I seal this 1st day of Decr 1838

Signed Sealed and published in our
presence and witness Subscribed our names here in the presence
of the Testator This 1st day of Decr 1838
Test

John W. Hoffman
John C. Hoekings

State of Tennessee January Term 1839

Haystack County

The Last will and Testament

of Frederick Williamson dec'd. Was

produced in open Court and the Execution thereof duly proved by the oath of John M. Alexander & Josiah H. Stockinger subscribing witnesses thereof who being first sworn depose and say that they saw the said Frederick Williamson the Testator sign seal and publish that said will and Testament and that they believe he was in sound mind at the time of signing the same and that they signed the same in his presence and it was ordered by the Court to be entered of record.

I J. Moore clerk do Certify that the above probate of said will is a true Copy from the Records now in my office Witness my hand at office this 7th day of Jan 1839
J. Moore clerk
Recorded Jan 25th 1839

Louisa Chubbett
Will

In the name of God Amen I Louisa Chubbett late of South Carolina but at this time in the County of Haystack State of Tennessee being sound in mind and memory and establish that my last will I give to my grand daughter Chubbett Sum of Charles Town South Carolina all my lands in the State of South Carolina and should she die leaving no issue before she attain the age of twenty one year or day of her marriage then that said to go to my son Andrew R. Chubbett all the rest and residue of my Estate negroes bonds and all my property which I may have at the time of my death I give to my son Andrew to him and his heirs forever. Lastly I nominate my said son the sole Executor of the my last will - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of October and thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

Louisa Chubbett
And declared in the presence of
Josiah Haggardson
John Morgan Jones
Mary A. Bugh

State of Tennessee February Term 1839

Haystack County

An Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament

of Louisa Chubbett in the last will and Testament of was produced in open Court at the above named Term and the Execution thereof duly proved by the oath of Josiah Haggardson and John M. Jones subscribing witnesses thereof who being first sworn depose and say that they acknowledge the same in their presence to be her last will and Testament and that they believe she was of sound and disposing mind at the time of acknowledging the same and was at the time of the Court to be admitted to record.

I do Certify that the above probate is a true Copy from the record in my office Witness my hand at office this 11th day of Feb 1839

Recorded Feb 18th 1839

Samuel Moore clerk

John R. Buford's
Will

May 11th 1839

I John R. Buford of Haystack Co. Tennessee being this day in perfect mind and understanding do constitute and appoint this, my last will and Testament First I give to my daughter Caroline E. A. Buford a negro girl Melinda to her and her heirs forever.

Secondly I give to my daughter Emily R. Buford a negro girl Charlotte to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly I bequeath to my wife the remainder of my property both real and personal during her life or widowhood for the support of her and my children at her death or marriage I there give it to be equally divided among all my children, holding those of my children responsible for the value of property herebefore received from me and then an equal division to be made among them at death. I give to my daughter Caroline E. A. Buford and Emily R. Buford fifty dollars each extra to be paid out of my personal estate at any time they may demand it. Lastly I constitute my son John A. R. Buford my executor and my wife executrix to the my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal on the day and date above written.

John R. Buford
John A. Buford
Emily R. Buford
Edwin Edwards

State of Tennessee June Term 1839
 Fayette County The last will and Testament of John B. Dufford
 and was produced in open Court and the Executors
 thereof duly sworn by the oaths of John B. Dufford and Edwin Edwards
 subscribing witnesses thereto who being first sworn depose and
 say that they saw John B. Dufford the Testator sign and seal
 execute the same to be his last will and Testament and that
 they believe he was in sound mind & memory at the time of
 signing the same and that they signed the same in his pres-
 ence as witnesses and it was ordered by the Court to be
 entered of record &c

State of Tennessee I James H. Koonce Clerk of the County
 Fayette County Court of said County do Certify that the
 foregoing Probate is a true copy from the
 Records in my office witness my hand at office this 3rd June 1839
 James H. Koonce Clerk

Recorded June 4th 1839.

Will of Jacob Richmond of the County of Fayette and
 State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my
 last Will and Testament hereby Revoking and making
 void all other Wills by me at any time made
 I direct that my Annual Expenses and all my debts
 be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that
 I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of
 my Executors &c
 Secondly - I give and bequeath my negro boy Sam to my Sister Susan
 Richmond with provision that for the said boy be buried and
 buried by my Executors and that all the proceeds be given
 to said Susan Richmond & that fifteen dollars annually when
 I wish give to the Missionary Society to be ap-
 portioned by them & exclusively for the Mission in Africa I wish
 it plainly understood that the share of said boy be ap-
 portioned as before directed during said Susan Richmond's life
 and if she die leaving Children they are to be entitled
 to her Interest in said boy hire but if she die without Child-
 ren I wish the half of the boy's hire to be given to be ap-
 portioned as before directed among the Roberts and the other
 half given to those of my Relations that all are the most ready
 subscribers toward distributions I wish left entirely discretionary
 with my Executors I wish my Executors to hire said boy to grow
 that will benefit him best even if they have to take help from

for him - Also I give unto my Sister Susan one horse & colt
 and I give unto my Sister Lavinia B. Baker one gray mare
 and I give unto my brother G. P. Richmond my saddle and what
 pertains to the same - 5th I give unto William Joseph Daniel my
 napier all my clocked &c &c
 6th The Remainder of my Estate what may be left of the
 said Settlement of Debt so I Bequeath as follows I give unto
 the heirs or Children of Abraham Daniel fifty dollars to be
 appropriated to the Education of said Children to be laid
 out discretionary by my Executors for their benefit in Education
 not less than ten dollars laid out for to send to school &c
 - and give to any school that is or may be formed and that
 my Executors think best to give it to &c &c to make it much less
 The Remainder of any I give unto my Masters for
 their use and benefit

Lastly I do hereby Nominate and appoint Samuel
 George Thompson my Executors (I do hereby & nominate my
 Executors from giving bond & Security for the Execution
 of the said Will and their appointed Successor Executors by
 their appointment or legal order or Executors to have the same
 a part of this my Will &c

I further direct that for any Trouble and Expenses that
 my Executors may be at in the Settlement of my Estate that the
 same be submitted to three disinterested men to decide what
 Compensation they shall be allowed to be paid out of the
 hire of the Boy or any other part of my Estate In Witness
 whereof I do to this my Will let my hand and seal this
 5th day of June one thousand eight hundred and
 thirty nine

Isaac Richmond

Signed Sealed & published in presence
 and we have subscribed our manuscripts
 in the presence of the Testator this 5th day of
 June 1839
 John B. Smith
 Jas. Senow

State of Tennessee August Term 1839
 Fayette County This day was produced in open Court an Instrument
 of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jacob Rich-
 mond Jr. and thereon Came John B. Smith one of the subscribing
 witnesses thereto and who being first sworn depose and testify that
 he saw Isaac Richmond the Testator sign seal and execute

45 the same to be his last will and testament and that he be and he was in sound mind and memory at the time of signing the same. And therefore came from a charge. The master the Executor appointed in said will and was duly qualified.

James Kooner clerk of said County Court do Certify that the foregoing probate is a true Copy from the Records in my office with my hand at office this 5th August 1839

J. Kooner clerk

State of Tennessee, November Term 1840

Granite County } A written instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Joseph Richmond do was produced in Open Court and thereupon came before me one of the Justices of the Peace who being first sworn apart and say that he saw Joseph Richmond and the Executor sign seal and Execute the same in his presence to be his last will and testament and that he signed the same as his personal witness. And it was ordered by the Court to be so certified to the clerk of Records.

The foregoing probate is a true Copy of the Records in my office this 30th December 1839

J. Kooner clerk

All ill
God Feb 16 1841
do

In the name of God Amen

I Joseph H. Bryan of the County of Granite State of North Carolina bearing in mind that all men are mortal and that the duration of our probation on earth is uncertain do while I am blessed with health and a sound intellect make and ordain that my last will and testament in manner and form following (as)

Improvised I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Eliza and her heirs forever all my lands situated lying and being in the County of Albion in the State of Tennessee the one tract of which contains twenty five hundred acres situate situated as what is known as the Madison Bridge of the Memphis River also another tract containing about twelve hundred & fifty acres adjoining the aforesaid tract of twenty five hundred acres also a third tract containing fourteen hundred & forty acres in said County being the undivided half of a tract of land granted for the military Services of the late Captain Benjamin Steadman of the North Carolina line - Secondly I give unto my said daughter Mary Eliza and her heirs forever all the negro slaves now in the possession of her husband's estate by her also all debts due me by the said John Eliza

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my relation Mr. Mary 46
Rhodes who had long resided in my family all claim which I have or hold against her for maintenance support and also all monies advanced either for herself or the maintenance and Education of her daughter Ann Rebecca Rhodes amounting in all to about fifteen hundred dollars

Item 4th I give to my daughter Mary I Rhodes & her daughter Ann Rebecca Rhodes I have shown the amount which may be recovered in a suit in Equity now pending in the said County for the recovery of monies arising from the sale of certain tracts of land in the town of Halifax and in the event that no recovery should be effected then in that case I give & bequeath my hands and lot in the town of Halifax to the said Mary I Rhodes and her daughter Ann Rebecca Rhodes as tenants in common to them and their heirs forever

Item 5 I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Mary I Rhodes & Ann Rhodes Five Hundred dollars each to be paid within two years after my decease

Item 6 I give my nephew John Bryan one tract of Land of Six hundred & fifty acres lying in the County of Shelby the same having been conveyed to me by the President & Trustees of the University of North Carolina

Item 7 I give bequeath and devise unto my beloved wife Sally Ann Bryan the residue of my estate real personal mixed to be her heirs and assigns forever and hereby recommend to her Executors and administrators that the will endowments to promote the Comfort and Ameliorate the Condition of the Slaves living my son children and other children which are living and are being at the date of this my last will & testament and that if in her opinion she can better accomplish that my object by so doing that she pursue the management of the whole or any number or make any other proper provision for the said property

Lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Sally Ann Bryan my sole Executor of this my last will & testament revoking all former wills made by me. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand seal at this first day of October 1834

Witness

State of Tennessee } April Term 1840
Granite County } The following appears of Record
Tuesday 7th April 1840

Count sent according to agreement under the North Carolina Statute

which he now resides so long as he lives or may
reside. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 31st of July 1840

Witness
A. B. Littlejohn
C. P. Porter

D. C. McLean

State of Tennessee. Be it Remembered that at a County Court held
in Fayette County and held at the Court House in the Town of
Sommerville on the 1st Monday in June 1840
it being the 1st day of said month the following officers of the
said Court (but according to adjournment) present the worthy
free James A. Nesbitt, Elijah H. Hensley & William B. Patterson Esqrs
Justices of the peace in and for said County.

This day was produced into open Court a written Instru-
ment purporting to be the last will and Testament of D. C. McLean
and thereupon came into open Court A. B. Littlejohn & C. P. Porter
subscribing witnesses thereto who being first sworn depose &
say that they saw the said D. C. McLean sign & execute the said
instrument of writing to be his last will and Testament and that
they signed the same in his presence, and ordered by the Court
to be entered of Record. The foregoing is a true Copy of the
probate of said will as appears of Records now in my office
Witness my hand at office this 3^d day of June 1840

J. Kooner clk

Will of
Robert Neal

State of Tennessee Fayette County
I Robert Neal of said County State being of sound mind
& memory but weak in body do make & publish this my
last will & Testament in manner as follows
(to wit)

1st It is my will & I do hereby order & determine that my brother in law
Bernard M. Patterson be authorized & I do hereby request him to
take possession of all my property of every description make
all necessary settlements even with himself pay off all my just
debts & carry out & fully perform every Contract I have made
with him either verbally or otherwise even for the land I purchased
of him according to his understanding of the same and in accom-
plishing what I have enjoined upon him in the above request
he shall not be liable or otherwise distressed for not doing
according to the will with or understanding of others

2^d It is my will & I hereby request my brother in law aforesaid B. M.
Patterson after he shall have carried out & fully effected the providing
of the first item to have the residue or the moneys of my property as
shall remain in his hands valued by two or three disinterested men to be
chosen by himself to take it to himself & hold or dispose of it at
once at the valuation that may be fixed upon it and at some time
convenient to himself pay within four years it shall be the duty of
the said B. M. Patterson to divide equally between & pay unto my
heirs at law (the children of a deceased brother or sister at the time
being considered as one heir) the whole of the proceeds of such valuation
himself or my sister Ann or his wife being considered as one heir

3^d I hereby appoint my said brother in law Bernard M. Patterson my sole & only
Executor to this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all other wills
purporting to be my will & the only to be my last

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this

27th day of July A.D. 1840

Witness

Dated Williams

James Wilson

Robert Neal

State of Tennessee, Sept Term 1840
Fayette County. A written Instrument sealed purporting to be
the last will and Testament of Robert Neal do was produced into open
Court and thereupon came into open Court John Williams and
James M. Wilson two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being first
sworn depose and say that they saw the said Robert Neal sign & seal
& publish the same to be his last will and Testament after the usual manner therein
appearing (more made so acknowledged the same to be, to said witnesses
and that they believe he was in sound mind & memory at the time of executing
said will and that they signed the same in his presence as witnesses and it was
ordered by the Court to be entered of Record and thereupon came into open
Court Bernard M. Patterson who was then appointed Executor
to the said last will of Robert Neal do & said Bernard himself giving
Cephas Barker Williams & E. M. Fow as his Executors in the sum of fifty
Eight hundred Dollars Convention as the law directs and was duly prob-
ated as such executor as the law prescribed and it was ordered
by the Court to be entered of Record &c

I James M. Kooner clk of the said County Court do Certify that the above
probate of said last will is a true Copy from the Records now in my office
Witness my hand at office this 7th Sept 1840

J. Kooner clk