

Subscribing witness to said will and before the sign-
ture purporting to be his is the hand writing of the said
Wm. McKee the witness states and that he is a free and
the limits of the state and it was ordered that said
will be established & admitted to Record
Attest from the Record in my office

Thomas Clerk
of Fayette County Court

Will of
John W. Baurdant Sr.

The last will and testament of John
W. Baurdant a citizen of Tennessee and resident in Fayette County
being in sound mind and body

1st I am thankful to God for all his mercies
my will is that my wife Theresa Baurdant have the sole
and enjoyment of all my property real personal and mixed
whether now have stock money bonds notes accounts or what-
ever else meaning as well such as I may have at the time
of my death as such as I now have for and during her
natural life and no longer

2nd After the death of my wife I give and bequeath the same
property and the increase of the same to my friend Miles
McCutcheon Sr. in trust that he shall hold the same
for the separate use and benefit of my children Theresa and
Theresa Alice not subject to the Creditors contracts debts or ob-
ligations of the respective husbands of my daughters Mary Con-
sumely called Polly and Martha meaning as well the husbands
they may have at any time after the death of my wife as any
they may at that time or now have -

In case of the death of any of my children before
the death of my wife having no issue living at the
time of her death the share of such deceased children
shall go to the surviving children or children

In case of the death of either or any of my
children before the death of my wife having issue
living at the time of her death such issue shall take
the share or shares that would have fallen to them
respective parents if living at the time of the death
of my wife

In case none of my children or their descendants
or descendants be living at the time of the death of my
wife two thirds of the property shall go to my next of

kin in regular course of distribution and descent and
and this shall go to the said McCutcheon children

I desire the Trustee to permit my children to have the
use enjoyment and possession of the property falling
to them taking care only to protect it against being
squandered or destroyed by their husbands

My daughter while married shall have no power to sell
dispose of or change any of the property falling to them direct-
ly or indirectly whereby to be deprived of the use possession and
enjoyment of the same or for any purpose whatsoever

In witness whereof I have signed sealed and published
the my last will and testament in the presence of Henry G.
Smith & Samuel P. Rayner the 13th day of August A.D. 1841
and do appoint my wife Theresa to be the executrix of my
will expressly directing that she shall give no bond and
security therefor

Henry G. Smith
Samuel P. Rayner
13th Aug^t 1841

John W. Baurdant

In case both of my children die having no issue living
at the time of the death of the last surviving, it is my
further will that my property go to my next of kin
according to the laws of descent and distribution
and if none of my children or their issue be living
at the time of the death of my wife it is my will that
my property go to my heirs and distributees according
to the laws of descent and distribution

August 24th 1842

John W. Baurdant

W. Rhodes
J. Dickinson

Item It is my will and desire that after
paying all my just debts and settling up my Estate all monies
Notes accounts and other choses in action and all other personal
property (excepting of course the negroes who with the land
must go as directed in the above will) be given to my
wife Theresa absolutely and in her own right for ever

Nov 3rd 1846
Witness
W. A. Henderson
S. C. Cale

Signed J. W. Baurdant

(The Probate of this will filed with the said
the will is Recorded before on page 293)

Will of John Byars of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do make this my last Will and Testament I direct that my funeral expenses and my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may come to the hands of my executors I give and bequeath all my estate property goods money all of every nature and kind whatever it may be to my friend Elizabeth Bald of Fayette County Tennessee wife of John Bald for her sole and separate use to her and her heirs forever to be disposed of as she may direct but not subject to the control of her husband or heirs to pay his debts I do appoint Dr. Francis Higgason my Executor.

Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of July 1846

John Byars
J. H. Coe
J. B. Child

John Byars

State of Tennessee } April Term County Court 1847
Fayette County } The following appeared at Record

Court met according to adjournment present his Worshipful Nelson C. Lewis Esq. Judge of the peace in and for said County

A. W. Smith Testator appearing to be the last will and Testament of John Byars &c. and therefore came into open Court J. B. Child subscribing Witness that he being first duly sworn depose and say that he is acquainted with John Byars the Testator and that he acknowledged the execution of said will in his presence to be his last will and Testament and that he believed he was of sound mind at the time of his acknowledging the same and that he signed it as Witness in his presence it was ordered that said will be attested and entered on Record and Thompson Jackson Higgason came into open Court and was appointed Executor of John Byars &c. he having entered into bond himself as principal and gave John Bald as his Surety in the sum of Five hundred Dollars Condition as law directs and was duly qualified as law prescribes said Bond was Read and entered to the Record.

A copy of the Probate

J. Roemer Clerk

Will of James B. Ewell Sr.

In the name of God I James B. Ewell of Brunsville in the County of Fayette Tennessee Being weak in Body but of sound mind and memory Calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life do make and declare that my last will

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testament in manner as follows First principally I give bequeath my soul to almighty God in hopes of a pardon of all my sins & his gracious acceptance thro' the merits & righteousness of Jesus Christ my Redeemer my Body I leave to the earth to be decently buried in hopes of a glorious resurrection & happy reunion with my soul at the last day & to the worldly goods which it has pleased God to bestow upon me after my just debts are paid I give bequeath as follows

Item I give bequeath to my loving child wife Emily M. Ewell the farm whereon I at present live which I purchased of Civil & Rice & is known as land owned by a deed for the same made by said Rice to me bearing date 11th of December 1840 lying North West of me to the Town of Lagrange Fayette County Tenn. Containing by Survey 320 acres also the sugar I possess share in consequence of my marriage with her namely Aaron, Harriet & Nancy their children also I give to her Negroes Achilles & Harriet which I received together with the tract of Land just named I wish to descend to her children by me at her death in that manner she may think proper or she may if to be provided with the advice of one or more of my Executors sell the property & purchase others instead thereof at cash as valuable for the like distribution as above directed among her children at her death also I give bequeath to my wife my carriage & horse the mule & stock of every kind of farming utensils belonging to the farm together with all my household & kitchen furniture & plate & a few books of her own selection from my library the remainder to be distributed among my 14 sons

Item I give bequeath to my children of my former marriage namely William M. Reynolds, Francis E. Ewell, Nicholas M. Ewell, George M. Ewell James B. Ewell Mary Ewell, Phillip Ewell & John A. Ewell the following Negroes to wit Benj. Billy, George, Matilda their children, Lavinia their future wife & also Kate their child William & Jane & their increase if any before a division is made to be equally divided & apportioned to each after their making & securing one crop after my death for the present & for the future

Item I give bequeath to my sons Phillip D. & John Ewell a home with their stepmother or in or two years until their education be completed or sufficient to admit them into business with the advice & under the direction of their older Brother this also I give bequeath to each of them four hundred Dollars to be raised out of the proceeds of the two first crops after my death should the first not be sufficient giving to the eldest the first four hundred & the second

at such time (if before the second of age) as my Executors may see fit the same being Indebted when called until paid for each at all courts where they become of age

Item I give bequeath to my Daughter Mary I. Bewell a Settled name Mary in addition to former bequeath (Mary Well) and desire is that my Estate be not appraised unless Thomas Wood & James Mayo agent as Administrators or Executors to this my last Will

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty six at Newburyport the same in the presence of the undersigned Witnesses

James B. Bewell

Jas. A. Howard
J. D. Russell
J. F. Simmons

State of Tennessee April Term County Court 1847 the following Fayette County 3 appears of Record pursuant the Worshipful U. C. Loring ch. J. and J. Ford and Thos. Brown Esq. Justices of the peace in and for said County

A Written Instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James B. Bewell do. and thereupon came into Court James A. Howard of St. Simmons Subscribing Witness thereto being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with James B. Bewell to the Testator and that he acknowledged the Execution of said Will in their presence to be his last Will and Testament and that they believed was of said mind at the time of his acknowledging the same and that they signed it as Witnesses in his presence It was ordered by the Court that said Will be established the intent of Record - And therefore James Mayo came into open Court and was appointed Executor of James B. Bewell do. he having entered into Bond himself as principal and gave John W. Mayo & W. W. Mayo as his Securities in the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars Condition as same are set and was qualified as Law presents said Bond was then ordered to be Recorded -

A Copy of Probate

J. Hooper clerk

Will of Basil G. Stafford being in bad health Basil Stafford being in bad health but sound in mind and knowing that life is uncertain Make this my last Will and Testament - First I give my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner my spirit to God Whomever I please as regards my property left behind I wish my Executors to include the burying ground where my deceased Father wife & Child are interred with brick and rock out of my estate & the enclosure be made large enough to inter my beloved Mother when she shall have departed this life

I Will & bequeath to my beloved Mother one hundred dollars in money & all my House hold Furniture

I Will & bequeath to my beloved Sister Stafford one negro girl named Mary three years old & all my Cattle and Sheep

I Will and bequeath to my beloved Sister Patricia Baswell fifty Dollars

I Will and bequeath to my beloved Brother W. Stafford fifty Dollars

Also I wish and direct that after all my just debts are paid & the above named legated given that all my property shall be sold and to be equally divided between my Mother Brothers and Sisters & that the Children of my deceased Sister Barbara Johnson shall be considered as one right

I appoint my Friend Bernard M. Patterson as my Executor to carry out the above Will Signed and sealed this twenty first of January 1847

in presence of Benjamin Askew
S. W. Willis

Basil G. Stafford

State of Tennessee May Term County Court 1847 Fayette County 3 Present the Worshipful U. C. Loring ch. J. and J. Ford & Thos. Brown Esq. Justices of the peace & J. Hooper clerk

This day was produced in open Court a written instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Basil G. Stafford and the same read and there offered for probate And thereupon Benjamin Askew and S. W. Willis the Subscribing Witnesses to said last Will and Testament appeared in open Court and after having been duly sworn to answer questions touching the execution of said last Will and Testament depose and

from whence it came and my soul unto God, who
 gave it and at respects my worldly efforts after all
 my just debts are paid I give and devise as follows
 viz To my nephew James Wilson son of my late son
 John Williams & his wife I give and bequeath all my
 property of every description It is also my will and
 desire and I do so direct my Executor herein after men-
 tioned to take all my property unto his possession and
 manage it as he may think best for my nephew above-
 mentioned My said nephew especially I want particular
 care taken of and for that purpose I give my Executor
 power to him to give out provisionally until my nephew
 of or said shall become of age and should said neph-
 ew be before he becomes of age it is my will that
 said boy Neptune be valued and that my Executor
 hold him as his own property on the condition that
 he shall pay one half of his valuation to my neph-
 ew James & Smith It is also my will and
 desire should my nephew James Wilson (not
 law to be of ~~careful~~ age that my executor shall
 at his option sell or divide all the rest of my
 property one half for my nephew James & Smith
 the other half for my Executor himself in consid-
 eration of the many kind of affairs he has done me and
 as a compensation for his trouble in settling my estate
 I give I give by appoint my friend Duff Williams my
 sole and only executor to this my last will and testa-
 ment hereby revoking all other wills made by me
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
 Seal this 22nd day of May 1832

Test
 J. P. Jordan
 W. B. Roach

James Wilson Seal

Will of
 Freeman Williams

I Freeman Williams do hereby and
 publish this as my last will and testament
 hereby revoking and making void all other
 wills by me made at other times

First I direct and request that my funeral expenses and all reasonable
 last debts be paid out of the first money that may come into the
 hands of my executor

2nd I will and bequeath to my son Jordan C. Williams one
 dollar besides what I have given him before

3rd I will and bequeath to my son in law John Cooper one
 dollar besides what I gave him before

4th I will and bequeath to my son in law Elias Vaught one dol-
 lar besides what I gave him before

5th I will and bequeath to my son William & Williams one
 hundred dollars besides what I have given him before

6th I will and bequeath to my son Harriet Williams three
 hundred dollars besides what I have given him before

7th I will and bequeath to my son John and W. Williams three
 hundred dollars besides what I have given him before

8th I will and bequeath to my son John Lee Williams three
 hundred dollars besides what I have given him before

9th I will and bequeath to my two sons Levi C. Williams and George
 P. Williams my negro slave John to be equally divided between
 them and also one hundred dollars paid and a ~~share~~ each better
 twenty five dollars a piece

10th I will and bequeath to my sons Harriet John and W. Lee
 C. & George P. Williams the balance of my effect if any to be equal-
 ly divided among my above named sons

11th I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Harriet &
 Levi C. Williams my Executors to this my last will and testa-
 ment Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of April A. D.
 1847

Signed sealed and published
 in our presence this 17th
 day April 1847
 J. M. Campbell
 Robert Walker

Freeman Williams Seal

State of Tennessee July Term 1847 County Court
 Fayette County The following appears of record
 Court met according to adjournment Present
 the Worshipful Wilson C. Spring Judge of said County
 D. Green & Lewis Justices of the peace in and for said County

Appar Westing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Thomas Williams Esq. Was produced into Open Court and thereupon Came A. M. Campbell Robert Walker Subscribing to sup. that he and who having first duly sworn depose and say that they are acquainted with the said Thomas Williams the Testator and that they saw him sign seal and publish the same to be his last Will & Testament and that they believe him to be in sound mind and memory at the time he signed the same and that they signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the testator and Ordered by the Court to be so Certified for further probate and thereupon Came into Court William Patten James D. McAdoo Executors appointed in said will and gave bond themselves as principal and Robert Walker & William Woods as their Securities in the sum of five thousand dollars Condition as the Law directs and was duly qualified as the Law prescribes Said bond was received by the Court and Ordered to be entered of Record a copy Test

Thomas Howard Clerk

Will of A. Meridian Will and Testament
 On doct. McAdoo May 8th 1847
 I Charles McAdoo do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling 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 come into the hands of my executors Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife all my real and personal estate during her natural life or widowhood at the end may be Thirdly at her death or marriage all my estate to be equally divided amongst my bodily heirs viz Mary C. McAdoo Elizabeth McAdoo Susan da. A. McAdoo Bridget W. McAdoo Sarah J. McAdoo Said I do hereby nominate and appoint William C. Patten and James D. McAdoo my wife executors in Trust whomever I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 8th day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty seven
 Test
 Jas. McAdoo
 Thomas Patten
 Charles McAdoo

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the testator this 8th day May 1847

State of Tennessee July Term County Court 1847
 Fayette County the following appears of Record
 Court met according to adjournment present The Hon. Shipfall, Wilson & Loring, Just. J. Jones & Thomas D. Jones Esquires Justices of the peace in and for said County
 Appar Westing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Charles McAdoo Esq. Was produced into Open Court and thereupon Came Thomas Patten one of the subscribing witnesses that he and who having first duly sworn depose and say that he was acquainted with the said Charles McAdoo the Testator and that he saw him sign seal and publish the same to be his last Will & Testament and that he believed him to be in sound mind and memory at the time he signed the same and that he signed the same as witness in the presence of the testator and Ordered by the Court to be so Certified for further probate and thereupon Came into Court William Patten James D. McAdoo Executors appointed in said will and gave bond themselves as principal James C. Coeffer Thomas Patten as their Securities in the sum of five thousand dollars Condition as the Law directs and was duly qualified as the Law prescribes Said bond was received by the Court and Ordered to be entered of Record a copy Test

Thomas Howard Clerk

Will of Thomas Sewell
 State of Tennessee July Term County Court 1847
 Fayette County I do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling 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 come into the hands of my executors or executors Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Sewell all the goods Chattels Lands and tenements with all other Estate that I may die possessed of during her natural life time or widowhood and at her death or in case she should marry again I request that my property should be equally divided between all my children First deducting from my son James Sewell part he has already received also my daughter Fanny Johnson part that she has already received Thirdly I bequeath to my son Brady Sewell and Elizabeth my dear friend and wife which is with seventy five dollars this also to be divided proportionally at a time when there shall be a final division

Frankly my will is that so much of my Estate as is necessary be applied to paying off three notes for about four hundred Dollars given by James S. Gills for the north east quarter of section twelve in Township One Range three West for which I had the title bond - Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Elysa Sawell my sole Executor in writing whereby I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 24th day of January 1847

Thomas S. Gills

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have Subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator this 24th day of Jan'y 1847

Wm. Gifford

John Carpenter

State of Tennessee July Term County Court 1847

Tennessee Fayette The following appeared at Record

Monday July 5 1847

Court met according to adjournment present the Honorable William C. Loomis, Clerk of the Peace and Thomas A. Grier Esquire Justices of the Peace in and for said County

This day Wm. Gifford to the Court and appeared for probate a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said Elysa Sawell do. and that she came into Open Court Wm. Gifford a Subscribing Witness thereto who after having been duly sworn depose and testify that he was acquainted with said Testator Thomas Sawell who in his life time that he drafted said last will and testament at the request of said Testator who dictated the same and afterwards executed and published the same as his last will and testament on the day of the date thereof and then Wm. Gifford Subscribed his name thereto in presence of said Testator as an attesting Witness and in the presence of John V. Carpenter the other attesting Witness This deponent further state that said John V. Carpenter is dead that he saw him sign his name to said last will and testament as a Subscribing Witness this deponent further state that said Testator at the time of executing said last will and testament was of sound disposing mind and memory and made the bequest in said will of his own accord and uninfluenced by any one - And James S. Gills another Witness having been called and sworn depose and says that he was well acquainted with said Testator that he was present when said will was executed and concur fully in the statements made by Wm. Gifford and that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory when he executed and published said last will and testament

And therefore the Court being duly sworn and Testament to her recorded and declared the last will and Testament of said Testator and afterwards Elysa Sawell the Executor therein appointed came into Open Court and entered into Bond with Wm. Gifford and James S. Gills as her Sureties in the sum of five thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs which Bond was viewed and approved by the Court and the said Elysa Sawell was then and there duly qualified as such Testatrix all of which was ordered by the Court to be entered of record

at Copy Test

J. K. K. Clerk

Will of
Samuel W. Magit

In the name of god amen I Samuel Magit of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do make and Ordain this as my last will and testament in

manner and form as follows

1st I wish all my just debts to be paid out of what money may be in hand or may hereafter come into the hands of my Ex. cutor

2nd I give and bequeath unto E. W. R. Magit my three negroes viz. Ganada, John & Mary

3rd I wish my horse, harness and furniture plantation tools and y^e Sale

4th I give and bequeath unto E. W. R. Magit all the money that may be left after paying my debts

5th I appoint John S. Magit my Ex. cutor to this my last will and testament In Witness Whereof I this day being duly apprised that I must die soon or later, affix my hand & seal this 13th day July 1847

Test
John S. Magit
J. K. K. Clerk
W. C. Gifford

Samuel W. Magit

State of Tennessee August Term 1847

Fayette County The following appeared at Record Court met according to adjournment present the Honorable William C. Loomis, Clerk of the Peace and Thomas A. Grier Esquire Justices of the Peace in and for said County. The following appeared at the Court J. K. K. Clerk and J. K. K. Clerk. I do hereby writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel W. Magit do hereby

and therefore came into open Court W. C. Bailey
and J. B. Barnes subscribing witnesses thereto and who being
first duly sworn depose and say that they saw and examined
the said Samuel H. Magist the testator and that he acknowledged
the same in this presence to be his act and deed and declared
the same to be his last will and testament and they believe he was
of sound mind and memory at the time of signing and acknow-
ledging the same and signed the same in his presence
as witnesses and it was ordered by the Court that said
will be established

at copy just

J. Hoonce Clerk

Will of Benjamin Waller do hereby
Benjamin Waller Fayette County make my last will and testament
as follows I give and bequeath all my first debts to be paid

them I have given to my son Richmond L. Waller for the
the amount of "thirteen hundred and eighty eight dollars to my
son John B. Waller do property to the amount nine hundred and
eighty dollars to my daughter Francis & Lewis property to the amount of
eleven hundred and thirty dollars to my daughter Elizabeth M. Jones
property to the amount of eleven hundred and thirty eight dollars to
my daughter Leocadia Barot twelve hundred and thirty dollars
in property to my son M. M. Waller property to the amount
fifteen hundred and seventy dollars and to my daughter Martha Waller
property to the amount twelve hundred and thirty dollars all of
which they received when they left me then I will that after my death
be made equal with the one that has received the most and then the
balance be equally divided among all my children it being under-
stood that the children of my son John B. do will receive his
property lastly I do hereby appoint my sons Richmond L. Waller
M. Waller Executors to this my last will and testament the witnesses whereof
I have set my seal this the 12 day of June 1849 Benjamin Waller Test
hand writing shown
by M. M. Waller
A. C. Waller

State of Tennessee } October Term Court, Oct 1849
Fayette County } and it being the 14th day of month
the following appears of record

Court met according to adjournment Present the Worshipful Wm
C. Braving Just. L. Jones Thomas & Quer Byrnes Justices of the Peace

in & for said County, ed W. Applebury Sheriff J. Hoonce Clerk
A Will in testamentary purporting to be the last will and testament of
Benjamin Waller died late of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee
was produced in open Court for probate and thereupon came into presence
Court William Williams. A. C. Waller who being first duly sworn to
answer questions touching the hand writing of the said Benjamin Waller
he did they being questioned by the Court depose and say that they
were acquainted with the said Benjamin Waller in his life time and they
believe the signature to said paper writing is the hand writing of him
the said Benjamin Waller died and they believe the whole of
the paper writing as in the hand writing of the said Benjamin Waller
and that said paper writing was found among his valuable papers
after his decease and it was ordered by the Court that said will
be established & entered on record and thereupon came into Court
R. D. Waller & M. M. Waller Executors approved in said paper writing
and entered into Bond themselves as principal and gave J. J. Grew
John W. P. Taylor. Dr. J. Barot & as his sureties in the sum or sum of
thousand dollars Condition as the law directs and was duly qualified
as the law requires said Bond was recorded and is to be entered
on Record

A Copy probate

J. Hoonce Clerk

Will of Consensus of my estate death
W. W. Williams I give one negro, Sally, to my wife & my household
and kitchen furniture & some of my and her choice horses
to my daughter Edwina & give Benjamin one horse, some cattle & also
lend my wife all the balance of my property that I have not sum-
med after paying my debts & I wish Benjamin Waller to be my executor
June 20th 1849

I further state that I wish the property so given and loaned
to my wife to revert to her five children after death the
children begotten of her body by me June 20th 1849

Test
J. C. Taylor
W. M. Kesterson

W. W. Williams

State of Tennessee } Court met according to adjournment Present the
Fayette County } Worshipful Wilson C. Braving chairman Thomas
D. Dear & J. L. Jones Esquires Justices of the Peace in and of said
County

J. Hoonce Clerk

A Will instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. H. Williams died was produced into open Court and thereupon came into open Court W. H. Henderson and J. S. Taylor subscribing; Witness thereto who being first duly sworn depose & say, that they were acquainted with the said W. H. Williams the Testator & that he signed Subscribed & executed the same in their presence to be his last Will and Testament that they signed the same in his presence as witnesses & that they believe he was in sound disposing mind & memory at the time of executing the same and the same is ordered by the Court to be entered on record and thereupon came into open Court Denbury Walter the executor named in the last will and Testament of W. H. Williams presented the Bond himself as principal & gave John P. Williams & J. B. B. Walter his securities to the sum of Six thousand dollars condition as the law directs and qualified as the law requires Wherein said Bond was entered on record and received By the Court
J. H. H. Clerk

Will of
David C. Putney

In the name of God amen
I, David C. Putney, of Gayles County, and State of Tennessee being perfectly sound in mind but weak in body do proclaim this to be my last Will and Testament wherein I do dispose of all my property & worldly goods wherein I have pleased God to bless me with It is my will and desire that

after the payment of all my just debts that I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth C. Putney, my household & kitchen furniture as much as she may think proper to select a sufficient quantity of Farming utensils that she may conveniently stand in need of together with a sufficient supply for her and all her children for the space of one year I also loan to my beloved wife Elizabeth the following negroes (to wit) Daniel, Fanny Jack & John with the right of disposing of said four negroes at her death as she may think proper and in the event of the death of any one of the above named negroes in the space of a year from the time of the record of this my last will and Testament It is my wish and desire that said loss should be made good by my children I also loan to my wife Elizabeth one half of my tract of land that I now reside upon including the dwelling house during her life time or widowhood at the termination of either of which the said land shall return to all of my children Jno D. Richard & Robert W. Sarah E. David C. & Martha Ann S. Putney It is further my will and desire that the balance of my negroes shall be kept together or hired out just as my executor shall think best or if my executor should think proper to sell any portion of my negroes for the payment of my just debts or for the benefit of my children he is at liberty to do so it is further my will and Testament that in the event of the death of any of my children

before they become of age he or his part shall revert to his other Brothers or Sisters who may survive & to none others I desire that all of the debts due me be fully applied to the payment of my just debts now standing out against me I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my stock of hogs two black & white Cows three work horses and my buggy & harness also one or more of the balance of my live stock not already given away to be sold it is further more my will that the balance of my land of the home tract shall be rented out or sold as my executor shall see proper for the benefit of my children already named and it is furthermore my will that in the event my dear wife Elizabeth is in a state of pregnancy, which I believe to be the case the same thereof shall enjoy an equal share of all of my property with all of my above named children given to them in this my last will & Testament it is my will also that the whole of my perishable Estate not already given away including Corn Cotton &c shall be sold and the proceeds thereof applied to the payment of my just debts It is my further my will that my brother John Bell Putney shall be my sole executor to this my last will and Testament and that the Court shall not require of him bond and security for the performance thereof of his duties as executor I having full faith in his capabilities & honesty in testimony of which I have hereunto set my name and affixed my seal in the presence of Witnesses this the 16th day of June A. D. 1847

Test

W. B. Jones

Will. L. Paine

David Putney 3rd

A Paper Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of David C. Putney, Dea was produced in open Court and thereupon came into open Court W. B. Jones one of the subscribing Witnesses to the said paper writing and who having first duly sworn depose & say that he was acquainted with David C. Putney the Testator and that he saw him sign & publish and proclaim the same to be his last will & Testament and he believes he was in a sound disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same and that he signed the said paper writing as a witness in his presence and ordered by the Court to be so certified for further peruse
a copy Test

Jamieson Hancock

Will of Michael Beaver

I Michael Beaver of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form the following that is to say It is my desire that all the perishable part of my estate be immediately sold and also one negro boy named Absalom after my decease and out of the monies arising therefrom all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid should the perishable part of my property prove insufficient for the above purposes then I desire that my executors hereafter named my real such property as is of least value to the family and out such monies they shall pay the remainder of my debts that remain unpaid out of the sale of the perishable part of my estate and after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses the balance of my estate I leave to my wife Polly and my children viz my Daughter Elizabeth Beaver my son Michael Beaver my daughter Martha Jane Beaver my daughter Eliza a Catharine Beaver my son Thomas Jefferson Beaver my son Andrew Jackson my Daughter Frances and my son George Washington Which is to be equally divided amongst them if anything be left after raising and schooling them decently and after the youngest child becomes of age I wish the land sold and equally divided between them my legal wife my son W. B. Beaver P. Henry Beaver and my daughter Abiahda Waller my Daughter Lucinda and my Daughter Mary O. Culbertson my Daughter Henry W. Beaver my Daughter Sarah O. Williams Elizabeth Beaver Martha Jane Beaver Eliza Catharine Beaver Thos J. Beaver Andrew J. Beaver Thomas O. Beaver and George W. Beaver all of which are to be equal heirs to the land I possess W. B. Beaver and Andrew J. Beaver executors to execute my will in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and placed my seal this 4 day of Sept 1847 Michael Beaver

Test Stephen Beaver
C. J. Culbertson

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Michael Beaver did was produced in open Court and thereupon came into open Court Stephen Beaver and C. J. Culbertson subscribing witnesses to said paper writing and who having first duly sworn and depose and say that they were acquainted with Michael Beaver the Testator and that they saw him sign and publish the same as his last will and Testament and they believe he was in sane and disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same and they signed the same in presence as witnesses and it was ordered by the Court that the will be established and thereupon came into open Court W. B. Beaver & A. Jackson who was of sound mind will as executors & entered into bond themselves as principals & gave to Beaver & W. B. Beaver as their securities in the sum of ten thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified as the law requires the bond was read by the Court and ordered to be entered of record J. Thomas

Unpublished Will of C. P. Lemon

We Ashby W. Stambaugh Jackson Clark and Edwin J. Tucker do state that the unpublished will of Charles P. Lemon was made by him on the 17th and concluded on the 15th day of Oct 1847 in our presence to which some of us were especially requested to bear witness by the Testator himself in the presence of each other that it was made in his last sickness and at his own home where he had been residing for many years and the same was subscribed to by him

It was his will and desire that his effects should be disposed of after his decease in the following manner 1st it was his wish and desire that all his property both real and personal should be sold off by his executor on a credit of six or twelve months and it was his wish and desire that that his entire estate which will consist in money when the above directions are carried out should go to his daughter Annabella Lemons and if she should die before she becomes of age or marry the said estate should go to his relations 2nd it was his wish that his executor should make a right of one acre of land lying near Lemons Road which the school house is now on and said land was to be paid for 4th it was his wish that tomb stones should be procured and be placed at the head of each of his wife's graves with the proper inscription 5th it was his wish for hamas May to take his pack to Gibson and trade his pack and then miles to be sold 6th it was his wish that fifty dollars be returned to his mother money handed him to pay over to Ed Stambaugh it was his wish that Thos Beaver be paid one dollar and also John Shotton one dollar which he borrowed from Ed Shotton at Clifton's Infirmary, It was also his desire that Geo. Thomas right C. J. Tucker act as his executor 7th it was also his desire that his mother take care of & educate his daughter while his mother lived and that his mother be paid for it and at his death R. T. Byrdsall perform that task 8th it was his wish that his executor should procure all the endowments he could get in Moore which was at loss holds against him & get them of R. T. Byrdsall 10th it was his wish & desire that Dr Seal & Druch should take all the floor he has in hand and place it on fire he also stated that there was a settlement between him self & mother and also one between himself and Ed. J. Stambaugh and gave other instructions to C. J. Tucker in our presence concerning his business of minor importance

made out by us and signed this 14th of Oct 1847

A. J. Stambaugh
John Clark
E. J. Tucker

This day Edward J. Tucker produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the unpublished will and Testament of Charles P. Lemon deceased signed by A. J. Stambaugh Jackson Clark and E. J. Tucker made and reduced to writing by them 14th of Oct 1847 It is therefore ordered by the Court that the Clerk of this Court issue a citation to Annabella Lemons daughter and next of kin of Charles P. Lemon dead to be and appear at the next Term of the Court of Fayette County Tennessee and contest the same

if the proper and that the probate of the same be over until the next Term of this Court

J. H. Hance

Will of J³ Tobias Bidder of the County of Fayette and
Tobias Bidder } State of Tennessee Calling to mind the im-
mutability of all men aged being persuaded that a true mu-
shorthly do and go hence and being of sound mind and
memory do make and decree this my last will and Testa-
ment revoking all others by me made in the words and to the
following VIZ I direct that my funeral expenses be paid
out of any money or effect on hand at my Decease and
my heirs shall all come forward at my Decease and account for
the full amount and value which each one has received from
me heretofore whether of money or property of what kind
sort and equal division of property shall then be made
between all my heirs except those hereinafter mentioned
or if a Division of property cannot be conveniently
made they and I direct that all my estate both real and
personal be sold at public Sale and a Division of the
proceeds thereof be made equally except to those here-
after excluded & the money or property in value
received from me heretofore by all and each of my heirs
shall constitute a part of the share of my Estate except
any Summons that he made and become a part of his
after his leaving according as they may have received.
1st My Granddaughter Isaac shall not inherit
or receive any portion of my estate at my Decease but
my mother Lucinda Drake heretofore received up her in-
heritance equal to the share of any of my heirs at my
Decease & the heirs of said Eliza my Daughter Deceased
shall also be excluded she having received her portion
as in the case of Lucinda Drake 6th my Daughter Mary
Wendell shall live and receive an equal Dividend with
all the other heirs for her sole and separate use and
benefit during her natural life and then to her he-
reafter free from the Control or possession of her
husband 7th To my Daughter Mary Francis my son Henry and
each I give the Sum of Two hundred dollars before my Decease
shall be made amongst my other heirs after receiving which they
shall receive an equal part with all the other
And I ordain and appoint William Griggs & Leonidas B. Bider
Jointly my Executors to this my last Will and Testament in

I testify that I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 4th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six in the presence of

J. Cogbill
D. W. Cogbill
P. J. Cogbill

Tobias Greder *Qua*

A paper writing, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Tobias Greider Decd was produced in open court and thereupon came on to open Court Sloghill B. W. Sloghill and James Charles Schuchert, Petitioners thereto and who having first duly sworn Depositions and say that they were acquainted with Tobias Greider the Testator and that they saw him sign the said and publish the same to be his last will and Testament and they believe he was in sound mind and memory at the time of signing the same and they signed the same in presence as witnesses as witnesses and was Ordered by the Court that the said Will be established and admitted on record And thereupon Came on to open Court William H Greider one of the executors appointed in the last Will and Testament of Tobias Greider Decd and entered into bond himself as principally and gave John H Holloway and I Cloghill as his Securities in the sum of eighteen thousand Dollars (\$18000) Condition as the law Directs said Bond was received By the Court and Ordered to be entered on record

Rec^d W. C. Loving Chairman

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Will of James W. McCauley late of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee and now on a visit to my friends in the County of Orange State of North Carolina and at the residence of W. M. McCauley being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows that is to say,

First That my executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expenses together all my just debts to whomsoever owing out of the monies that my first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

And it is my will that my executor shall sell for cash a negro boy (Anderson) a carpenter now in the City of Athens in the State of Tennessee also my house and lot in Somerville Tennessee and a credit of twelve months also a bed and furniture in the hands of Geo. H. Rivers & such other property as I may own

3d) I desire and bequeath to my brother William the sum of two hundred dollars out of the proceeds of my estate when the whole is ready for distribution

4th I also give and bequeath to my brother Jonathan the like sum of two hundred dollars to remain in the hands of my executor who he dispose of for the sole benefit of J. Jonathan and family as their necessities may require and without being subject to any debt or debt against J. Jonathan

5th I also give and bequeath to my brother Archibald the like sum of two hundred dollars to remain in the hands of my executor & he dispose of by them for the sole use of Archibald & family as their necessities require & not to be subject to any debt or debt against J. Archibald

6th I also give to my brother Henry C. McCauley the like sum of two hundred dollars out of the proceeds of my estate in like manner as Wm. Rivers has also my silver watch as an extra

7th I also give the like sum of two hundred dollars to my sister Eliza Wilson in like manner as William Rivers has

8th I also give to my sister Sarah Watson the like sum of two hundred dollars for the use and benefit of her family in the same manner as William Rivers has

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9th I also give to Mary Jane Phibell the like sum of two hundred dollars as William Rivers has

10th I also give & bequeath my clothing as follows my cloak to William my dark coat to (brother in law) Jesse McCauley the rest to be disposed of as my executor may think proper also my trunk I give to Henry, wrapped and a Carpet bag to Sarah Watson

11th It is also my will and desire should there be a remainder that said remainder be equally divided between W. M. McCauley, H. C. McCauley and James M. Watson

And lastly I do appoint and hereby constitute my brothers William and Henry C. McCauley my lawful executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part & clause thereof in which whosoever the said James W. McCauley do hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty seven

Witness here and declare by the said James W. McCauley to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

Thomas Long
John Hancock
James W. McCauley

North Carolina Court of pleas & gaol delivery Session at Raleigh Term June Court 1847 The last will and Testament of James W. McCauley was produced in open Court by the oath of Thomas Long and John Hancock the subscribing witnesses who testified that the same was signed sealed and published by said McCauley as his last will and Testament in their presence and that they each subscribed the same as witnesses at the request of said McCauley in his presence and in the presence of each other and that he was at the time in a sound and disposing state of mind and memory the Court thereupon adjudged the same to be the last will and Testament of said James W. McCauley duly executed to pass with his real and personal estate and ordered the same to be recorded and thereupon Henry C. McCauley one of the executors thereof was duly qualified as executor

Test

North Carolina

Orange County, I Joseph Allison clerk of the Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing paper contains a true & perfect copy of the last will and Testament of James McKenney deceased and the probate & process done thereon. The same as shown by Term of said Court (Oct. 1841) as appears of record in the Clerk's office of said Court in Wilsborough. I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said Court at office this 26th day of November, A.D. 1841.

Joseph Allison C. C. C.

North Carolina, I Cadwallader Jones presiding Magistrate of Orange County, do hereby certify that Joseph Allison whose name is referred to the foregoing copy is clerk of said Court and that his said certificate is in due form of law. Witness my hand & seal this 26th day of November 1841.

Cadwallader Jones P. M.

This day was produced into open Court a copy of the last will and Testament of James McKenney which appeared to the satisfaction of the Court to be legal & duly authenticated by the proper officers of Orange County in the State of North Carolina and it also appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that H. C. McCauley one of the executors named in said will had been qualified it is therefore Ordered by the Court that the copy aforesaid well and authentically attested as aforesaid be entered of record of this Court and it is considered by the Court that the said H. C. McCauley the executor therein named be appointed to the charge of the estate of said Decedent.

State of Tennessee
Harris County Sept 11th 1847
I Francis Henderson do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby moving and commanding all other wills by me at any time made to be of no effect. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to Parthula Clegg her husband Isaac Newton Clegg and Mary Francis Tidwell all my real and personal estate. Thirdly I do hereby nominate and appoint W. S. Gamble my executor. Lastly I do not require the said W. S. Gamble to give bond or security whatsoever as my executor in Wilsborough. I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this the 10th day of Sept 1847.

Francis Henderson

Signed and Sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here in the presence of the Testator this 10th day of Sept 1847.
J. H. Blackwell
R. H. Hance

A written instrument purporting to be the last will and Testament of Francis Henderson was produced into open Court and the Execution thereof duly proven by the oath of J. H. Hance one of the subscribing Witnesses. That said H. Hance first duly sworn depose and say that he was acquainted with Francis Henderson the Testator and that she acknowledges the same in his presence to be her last will and Testament and he believes she was in sound mind & memory at the time of signing the same and he signed the same in presence of the Testator as a witness and Ordered by the Court to be entered of record & placed on record.

State of Tennessee
Harris County
Court of said County certify that the following is a true copy of last will and Testament of Francis Henderson & a copy of the probate thereof as appears from the records now in my office. Witness my hand at office this the 6th Dec 1847.

J. Kornee R.

Will of John the same of God Amen I Henry
Henry West Not knowing the uncertainty of human
life & being at this time sick & feeble in
Health but of a sound Mind & Memory I do hereby
make & declare this my last Will & Testament & do hereby
make & declare unto all others that I may have hereafter
made for it It is my wish that after my burial Expen-
ses paid that all my just debts be paid if any there be -
Secondly, It is my wish & desire that my beloved wife Sally West
Shall keep & Retain in her actual possession during her natu-
-al life or widowhood all my Estate that I may die Satisfied and
satisfied off both Real & Personal Estate She may deem me for
my self there should be any thing she may not want I wish
the same Land to be Equally divided between my three Children
(1) John West (2) E. West & Sarah W. App. Chas. West of Adm.
applying but on the same Conditions as shall & may be here
after mentioned Thirdly after the death of my beloved wife
It is my Express Wish & desire that the Land on which I
now live be Equally divided up to & accord between my son
Thomp. E. West My Daughter Sarah App. Chas. Childers
& that the said Sarah shall Receive her part of the Land the
Manors & House & all other Contingencies & build up what full
Justice may be done It is my wish that my son John West
may be made Equal with my other two Children in the
division of the Land. And of my now owed me
4th I also give to my daughter Sarah & App. Chas. all the Harrowing
tool & implements of husbandry of every sort that may be
in possession of my wife at her death
5th I also give to the said Sarah a certain Negro Girl
by the name of Betty or Betty as she is usually called but
not to get possession of her untill after my wife's death
unless at her opinion Now it is my Express wish & desire
that after the death of my wife that the Remainder of my
Estate not heretofore disposed of be Equally divided between
my three Children my son John West E. West & Sarah West
but with this Express provision that Each of said Children
account for the Respective amounts they are now due me
for which I shall this note - In view of the pecuniary
embarrassment of my son John West It is to be Expressly under-
stood that the afore said legatee shall not in any way
be liable for his debts that is given as a provision for
him during his life & at his death is to be Equally divided
between his two Daughters Caroline & Catharine in the

Ever that they both should die before their Father
 without issue then in that case the portion allotted to the said
 John West shall be Equally divided between F. E. West & his
 Children Sarah Appleby & his Children = It is also my
 Express wish I do hereby require of my Wife Sally that
 she shall out of the proceeds of the C. ap made on
 the farm after my death Comd so much as I may not pay my
 self before my death pay the following sum of money
 herein after mentioned to any person or persons to be by them
 have authority to Receive the same (vs) I give to the American
 & Foreign Bible Society the sum of Two Hundred Dollars
 = to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions the sum of
 One Hundred Dollars - to the Western or Southern Indian Miss-
 -ion association the sum of One Hundred Dollars to the
 Baptist Convention of the Western District of Tennessee the
 sum of One Hundred Dollars making in all the sum of
 Five Hundred Dollars - now in order to prevent any diff-
 -culty that may arise arising to the want of legal ability
 on the part of any of the above associations or societies from
 receiving the sums above given I do give the same in trust to
 my friend & Brother (for the purpose of paying over as di-
 -rected above Peter Hale, L. H. Chubb & Alexander C. Brown
 in case my wife should fail to pay all or any part of
 the above mentioned sums before her death I do hereby require
 & Expressly Enjoin up on my Executor that the same be paid
 out of the Personal property here given to my Wife before a
 division of the same takes place between my three Children
 = Now in Conclusion I appoint my love son John West
 & F. E. West to gather with my Solicitor Alexander Apple-
 -by my Executor to manage my Estate & see that all
 the provisions of this my said Will be fully carried into
 effect & to the intent that all the property here given to
 my dear wife be carefully taken care of & kept her
 in doing so I appoint my son F. E. West a Trustee over
 this matter It is also provided that my said Executors
 shall not be required by the Court to give security in
 carrying out the provisions of this my last Will & Testament
 On Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed
 my Seal this 8th day April A. D. 1845
 H. West (Seal)
 A. Brown (I remain in open Court at)
 Orange Connor
 J. H. Garrison

Will of John the name of God Amen I Henry
Henry West Not knowing the uncertainty of human
life & being at this time sick & feeble in
health but of a sound mind & memory I do hereby
make & declare this my last Will & Testament & do hereby
make void and annul all others that I may have heretofore
made & first It is my wish that after my burial expenses
are paid that all my just debts be paid if any there be -
Secondly It is my wish & desire that my beloved wife Sally West
shall keep & retain as her actual possession during her natural
life or widowhood all my Estate that I may die seized and
possessed of, both Real & Personal & that she may deem & receive
my self there should be any thing she may not want & with
the same I do hereby equally divided between my three Children
(John West Jr. & Sarah H. Appleby & wife) & child
Appleby but on the same conditions as shall & may be here
after mentioned Thirdly after the death of my beloved wife
It is my Express Wish & desire that the said and which I
now have be equally divided & go to, &c. & between my son
Henry & West & my daughter Sarah Appleby & her Children
& that the said Sarah shall Receive on her part of the said the
Mansion House & all other Contents & build up & that full
Justice may be done It is my wish that my son John West
may be made equal with my other two Children in the
division of the said. And of money he now owes me
4th I also give to my daughter Sarah Appleby all the Farming
tool & implements of husbandry of every sort that may be
in possession of my wife at her death
5th I also give to the said Sarah a certain negro Girl
by the name of Betty or Betsy as she is usually called but
not to get possession of her until after my wife's death
unless at her option Now it is my Express Wish & desire
that after the death of my wife that the Residue of my
Estate not heretofore disposed of be equally divided between
my three Children my son John West Jr. & Sarah West
and with this Express provision that Each of said Children
account for the Respective amounts they are now due me
for which I shall then note - In view of the pecuniary
embarrassment of my son John West It is to be Expressly under-
stood that the afore said legatee shall not in any way
be liable for his debts but is given as a provision for
him during his life & at his death is to be equally divided
between his two daughters Caroline & Catharine in the

Event that they both should die before their Father
without issue then in that case the portion allotted to the said
John West shall be equally divided between F. E. West & his
Children Sarah Appleby & her Children - It is also my
Express Wish & do hereby require of my wife Sally that
she shall out of the proceeds of the E. of made on
the farm after my death (or so much as I may not pay my
self before my death) pay the following sum of money
hereafter mentioned to any person or persons to be hereafter
have authority to Receive the same (or I give to the American
& Foreign Bible Society the sum of One Hundred Dollars -
to the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions the sum of
One Hundred Dollars - to the Western or Southern Indian Miss-
ion association the sum of One Hundred Dollars to the
Baptist Convention of the Western District of Tennessee the
sum of One Hundred Dollars making in all the sum of
Five Hundred Dollars - Now in order to prevent any diffi-
culty that may arise arising to the want of legal ability
on the part of any of the above associations or societies from
Receiving the same as above given I do give the same in trust to
my friend & Brethren (for the purpose of paying over as dis-
cussed above Peter S. Hale, D. H. Sullivan & Alexander Owen each
in case my wife should fail to pay all or any part of
the above mentioned sums before her death I do hereby require
& Expressly Enjoin upon my Executors that the same be paid
out of the Personal property here given to my wife before a
division of the same takes place between my three Children
- Now in Conclusion I appoint my two sons John West
& F. E. West to gather with my Son-in-law & Brother-in-law
Henry my Executors to manage my Estate & do that all
the provisions of this my said Will be fully carried out
to Effect & to the intent that all the property here given to
my dear wife be carefully taken care of & kept apart her
in doing so I appoint my son F. E. West a Trustee over
this matter It is also provided that my said Executors
shall not be required by the Court to give security in
carrying out the provisions of this my last Will & Testament
On Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed
my Seal this 8th day of April A. D. 1845
Henry West
H. Owen
Orange Connor
J. H. Garrison
Attest (Seal)
I sworn in open Court at
July Term 1848

Cornel

I Comitted in the 1st part of my Will to stide that
 I give to my daughter Sarah Appleby after
 my Wife Death My Mantle Clock I also give to my
 Son E. E. Went a Breachmaking Broom which sits in
 the Hall room I also give to the said F. E. Went my
 old Rifle gun in addition to the others portions of
 his fore allotted them - Witness my hand and seal the
 same day & date as above mentioned

Witness
 H. Curran
 J. Higginson
 Orange County

Will of
 Richard Watkins
 Being convinced of the necessity of a preparation for death
 in temporal affairs as well as spiritual I Richard
 Watkins being in perfect health do make this my
 last will & Testament I Give & bequeath to my wife & Children all
 my Estate both real & personal for their joint support & comfort
 and that my wife shall have the entire contrall and
 manage ment of the said as she may think best for the interest
 of the said as well as by order of her father Stephen H. Sniceg
 to my wife remains my widow but if she should marry again
 then I direct that as much of my Estate as the laws of this State would
 entitle her to shall be allotted off to her and that then my
 Father in law Stephen H. Sniceg shall have the management
 & contrall of the Balance for the benefit of my Children except
 regarding him the said Sniceg to give nothing I direct that my entire Estate
 shall be kept together & the plantation to be kept up till my eldest
 child becomes 20 or 25 years of age then if my wife should remain
 a widow after her decease or her part the balance to be divided
 into many parts as there is Children and he to have one part the
 balance to be kept together and as the Children becomes of age
 the same Division to take place but if there should be
 Daughters they to have their portions when married if by
 the consent of their mother if not when of age Fayette County
 Tennessee July 5. 1840
 R. Watkins

A Written instrument purporting to be the last will & Testament
 of Richard Watkins Deceased was produced in open Court and thereupon
 came into open Court Wm. H. Watkins being branch & John P. Pate who
 furthering did solemnly swear that they were acquainted with Richard
 Watkins the Testator and the signature to the said paper writing in the

hand writing of the said Richard Watkins Deceased and said paper writing
 was found among his valuable papers and the whole of said paper
 writing is in the hand writing of the said Richard Watkins Deceased and said
 paper writing having no Subscribing Witness thereon and it was ordered by
 the Court that said paper writing be established as the last will
 & Testament of the said Richard Watkins Deceased and ordered to be recorded

Will of In the name of God & man I Elizabeth Green of the
 Elizabeth Green State of Tennessee & County of Fayette (widow of
 Green Deceased of the State of Tennessee & County of Fayette) being miffed
 of my mentality do this the eighth day of Decr in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred & forty seven make & publish this my last will
 & Testament in manner following
 first Expressing special trust and Confidence in my sons & friends Green
 James & Green & Give & bequeath unto them in trust for my Daughters Martha
 Winston Ann & Harris and Edna Ann Loving and to my Grand Daughters
 Emily A. White Mary White & Elizabeth White & Dr. J. White the following
 Negro Slaves (to wit) my Negro man Give my Negro Woman & her child
 Child Henry & my Negro Woman Charlotte her child & her other children
 there be any to be divided into five Equal parts & distributed to my Daughters
 & Grand Children above named in the manner following (to wit) first I
 Give to my Daughters Martha Winston Ann & Harris & Edna Ann Loving and
 to the heirs of each of them several bodies to have & to hold for ever for their
 own several & special purposes independent & beyond the contrall of each
 of them several & their heirs & assigns of the property above named and to my Grand
 Daughters Emily A. White one part of the above named property to the heirs
 of her body should there be & in case of her death without leaving any heirs
 then & in that case her part of said property to be equally distributed to my
 Sons & Daughters who may be living the other fifth & last part of the above
 named property to my Grand Daughters as above named (to wit) Mary & White & Elizabeth
 White to be divided equally between them & to my Grand Sons as above named
 (to wit) Dr. J. White & Give the sum of one hundred dollars to be taken
 from & out of the fifth and last part of the above named fifth part
 that I have to my Grand Daughters Mary & White & Elizabeth White should
 either of my last named Grand Daughters die without issue then & in that
 case the survivor to inherit the part of the one so dying without issue
 & should both die without issue then & in that case my Grand Son Dr. J. White
 to inherit
 second I Give and bequeath to each of my Sons Dr. J. Green & James
 James & Green the sum of one hundred dollars
 third I Give to my Daughters Edna & Loving my side board & mantle &
 long arm piano and my table & piano & one of the piano

330 I Give to my loving Daughters Emily A. S. Whitmore of New York
 (Miss) (Miss) (Miss) all the residue of my personal property whatever
 I have not given of what kind or quality, however the same may be
 and not herein limited or disposed of (after paying my just debts) by any person
 before the time & beyond to my said Daughters & Grand Daughters (Survivors)
 Martha Weston & Ann F. Harris Executors Living my Grand Daughters
 Emily A. S. White to be equally divided between them for their own use &
 use & benefit absolutely & beyond the Control of their each & several
 their hands I do hereby constitute & appoint my sons Alfred & Isaac & Saml
 F. Green my Executors of my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year first above written
 Witnesseth

A. W. White

Wm. F. Drury

John W. Drury

Elizabeth J. Green

A paper purporting to be the last will & Testament of Eliza
 J. Green De. was produced to the Court and thereupon the Execution of
 said will was duly proved by John W. Drury one of the subscribing
 Witnesses thereto who testified on that the same was the will of the said
 Elizabeth Green De. and her signature appeared by her in the presence of
 the witnesses and was subscribed by him as well by A. W. White & Wm.
 F. Drury as Witnesses in her presence and at her request & that she
 was of sound mind at the time & said will not being contested the
 Court ordered that the same be admitted to record & that the Executors
 therein nominated having refused to do the Court appointed Samuel
 Black Administrator with the said will annexed & that said Elizabeth
 J. Green De. in her last will with Alfred & Isaac and Saml Green as
 Executors in the sum of six thousand dollars for the performance
 of the said will took the oath required by Law and was duly qualified

Will of
 James Currie De.

I Believe that my Redeemer
 Liveth and that I also shall arise
 from the Grave and being upwards
 of three score & ten years of age of sound mind and memory
 do make Constitution and ordain this to be my last Will
 and Testament.

1st It is my wish that all my just debts be paid
 2nd I Give and Devise to my son John & Currie over and
 above his Equal proportion with my other children a lot
 of Ground Lying in port Pickering Township one third
 about fronting & of set and running back 150 feet to him
 and his heirs forever

Thirdly I wish my son James & Currie to have without charge
 my Woman Effy and also to receive from my Estate thirty Dollars
 to enable them to support comfortably said old & infirm woman
 I also wish my old woman Effy to select from among my
 children such one as she may wish to live with and the one so
 selected is to have her without charge and is also to receive
 from my Estate the sum of thirty Dollars to be used in suppo-
 rting comfortably said old & infirm woman Effy

Fourthly I wish my children were left by their Grandfather John Currie
 seven hundred & thirty dollars each which sum was received from his
 Estate by me some of my children have received this legacy from
 me and others have not which will appear by reference to my Book in
 which each charge and advancement made is listed It is my wish
 that each of my children who have not received this legacy shall have
 it first paid them before a General Division of my Estate is made
 and that they be allowed interest upon such legacy so unpaid at
 the rate of six per cent per annum from Oct. 1834

Fifthly I will & direct that all the property & Estate of which I may be seized &
 possessed both real & Personal (except such as is Exempt & Special Passages of me
 this my last Will & Testament) and a good or bad of gift which I intend to
 make & to bear ever date with this instrument, be sold the said upon a
 Credit of one year & three years my Negroes and all other Property upon a
 Credit of one year and the proceeds of such sale after paying of the several
 legacies mentioned & in the proceeding the same being the fourth Clause of
 this my Will to be equally divided amongst all my children before to be
 had in such Division to the advancement already made by me and then
 as upon my Book I have one other lot in port Pickering besides the one devised
 to my son John & Currie which my Executors herein after appointed may let
 at such time and in such manner as they may think Best

338 *Sixthly* { I Positively Direct that in the sale of my Estate
Husband & Wife shall not be separated & no infant under two years of age
shall be taken or separated from its mother & further Direct Divas
youngest child that she may have at my death shall not be separated
from Her and that Mylly's child Margaret shall not be separated from Her
Seventhly { In consequence of my son Robert W. Burton having been compelled
to pay an amount of money as security for J. & S. on a note given
to which and will appear upon the Record of the
Court of Pleas in Virginia I wish & Direct that my
Executors hereinafter named refund the amt so paid by him as such
security of aforesaid to my son Robert W. Burton with interest out of that
portion of my Estate which may fall to the children of J. & S. & change
provided however said change shall fail to pay the same primarily
to the Division of my Estate.

Eighthly { I have heretofore given by Deeds of Gift of Record in the Register
Office of Hayette County Tennessee to my son John Plummer and to my
Daughter Pamela & Lucy Jane each a negro which I wish them to have
over & above their equal proportion of my Estate for the reasons stated in said
Deeds of Gift which are portions of the Special Legacies alluded to in this instrument
to prevent misunderstanding but is not perhaps necessary as the title
to said Negroes has passed from me some time since

Ninthly { It is my will & I Direct that the share of my
Estate intended for my Daughter Lucy Jane now the wife of William F. Jackson
shall be settled in trust for the benefit & support of my said Daughter
Lucy Jane free from the Control and not to be liable for the Debts of
the said William F. Jackson now or at any time and I do now here
bequeath and Divide the share of my Estate intended for my said
Daughter Lucy Jane the wife of said Jackson and to which she may
be entitled upon a Division of my Estate aforesaid to my Executors hereinafter
named who shall hold the same in trust to and for the benefit use &
support and maintenance of my Daughter Lucy Jane free & discharged from
the Control and never to be liable for the Debts of said Jackson her husband
husband for & during the natural life of her the said Lucy Jane and
after her death the same that is the said share of my Estate so bequeathed and
Divided as in this Clause shall be equally Divided and given to the
Children of my said Daughter Lucy Jane remaining her their heirs assign
forever And Lastly I do hereby appoint my son John C. Currier & my
friends James Pettit and Richmond A. Waller Executors of this
my Last Will and Testament hereby Renouncing any will by
me heretofore made in Writing Whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & Seal this 13th day of March 1848

James Currier
witness

Signed Sealed and Published in our presence
J. Heggason
A. B. Washington
Calvin Jones

Be it Remembered that on this 1st day of May A.D.
1848 was produced in open Court a paper Writing purporting
to be the Last Will & Testament of James Currier Deceased and offered for
Probate. Whereupon Josiah Heggason and A. B. Washington two of
the subscribing Witnesses to said Will who being sworn upon the
holy Gospels of God Deposition & say that they witnessed the Execution
of said Will saw the Testator James Currier sign said Will and
it was signed on the 13th day of March A.D. 1848 that they were attor-
ney Physicians upon said James Currier Deceased that they were well
acquainted with the said James Currier Deceased and at the time he
signed the same he was of sound and disposing mind & memory
and fully qualified in mind to make a Last Will & Testament at
it is therefore ordered adjudged & Decreed that said paper Writing which has
also Calvin Jones as another subscribing Witness and is hereby
declared to be the Last Will and Testament of James Currier Deceased
and the same be admitted to probate

W. W. Hays Clerk of Court

Will of J. In the name of God amen
J. C. Anderson of the County of Hayette
and State of Tennessee being of sound mind but feeble in body and
Recollecting the shortness & uncertainty of life and in the midst thereof we are
in death do make & ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament This is to
say First I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Anderson
all my estate as well Real as Personal Wheresoever Situate Whether in
Possession or in action of what Nature & Name the same may be to have
and to hold the same to her & her heirs forever
2nd I appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Anderson & A. B. Washington
J. C. Anderson Executor to this my Last Will & Testament having such full
Confidence in them that my will is that no security be required of them in
Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 13th day of March 1848
Signed Sealed Published and
John Anderson Deceased
Declared his Last Will & Testament in our presence who attested the
same in the Presence of the Testator at his Request

John W. Burton's
W. W. Hays

Jan Jan 1845

of Paper Writing purporting to be the last will & testament of John Anderson was produced in open Court and Thompson came into open Court John W. Burton & Wm Fagg Subscribing Witness thereto who being first duly sworn depose & say that they were acquainted with John Anderson the Testator in his life time and that they have been together together read & declare the same to be his last will & testament at the house of signing the same and that they believe he was sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same and they depose that the same in his presence and at his request it so being ordered by the Court that said will be established and Thompson came in to open Court that G. Anderson who was appointed Executor in said will was duly sworn to execute & carry out the true intent & meaning of said will and make true Returns of all such effects that shall come into his hands to the best of his knowledge and Order by the Court to be so entered of Record said Testator Requested that no account be required of the Executor

Will of
Martha H. Sumner

In the name of God Amen

I Martha H. Sumner of Fayette County in the State of Tennessee do make & Publish this my

Last Will & Testament as follows

1st I Give my Negro man named Sam & Girl named Eliza with her increase if any and all other her if any that he left also one lot of Churns off hand & things at my death to be equally divided between my two Daughters Mary B. Holloman & Elizabeth Holloman

2nd I Give my watch to my Daughter Elizabeth Holloman

3rd Let the remainder of my property of Every kind chosen in action & contracts in the Estate of my late Husband Samuel V. Sumner and all property which I may have in Possession now or be entitled to at my Death I bequeath to be equally divided between my three Daughters Mary B. Sumner Martha Sumner and Elizabeth Holloman

4th I Give my rights & bequests to my said Daughters Mary B. Martha Sumner and Elizabeth Holloman to be subject to the following limitations (to wit) upon the Death of either before or after my Death Leaving children or child or child or children to stand substituted to the rights of the parent if either the said Mary B. or Martha depart this life as aforesaid leaving no living child or descendant of one of the three intent is to be equally divided between them and Elizabeth Holloman or in case of both their Deaths between them and Elizabeth Holloman I hereby Revoke all former wills heretofore made by me and do hereby appoint Mary B. Sumner the Executor of this my last will & testament Given under my hand and seal the 29th day of July 1845

Martha H. Sumner

Test

J. P. Phillips
Alex Nally

July 21 - 1845

This day was produced in open Court a paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Martha H. Sumner I J. P. Phillips & Alex Nally Subscribing Witnesses thereto and the first being duly sworn depose & say that they were acquainted with the said Martha H. Sumner and that she acknowledged the Execution of the said paper writing in their presence to be her last will & testament they further depose that they believed the Testator the said Martha H. Sumner to be at that time of sound mind & memory whereupon the Court declared the said last will & testament to be duly proven & established & ordered the same to be Recorded

Will of
Edward H. Ford

I Edward H. Ford of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee do make this my last will & testament

1st I Give my wife Harriet the Executive of this my will & Guardian for our children & I bequeath to my wife our slaves Burwell & his wife Nancy, Sam & his wife Sarah & two boys Peter & John subject to her disposal at her death & also during her life or widowhood I Give to her the house & lot on which we reside and the bare lot where we formerly resided and had our dwelling house and two acre lot fronting on private dwelling and the use of fire & wood from a lot of wood land near the mill & the rest of the slave houses and offices in the town of Sumnerville A pair of horses & milk cows the Carriage & Wagon & furniture & all household & kitchen furniture & one hundred dollars a year out of the proceeds of the lot due from the Court the produce of the mill or its equivalent in case of the failure of the said in case these means will not enable her to keep the family well I Give my charge board to those she keeps

2nd I Give to my son Edward H. Ford I have given a stack of bonds which was intended as his legacy and I have a note of his for about \$200.00 I do not wish collected which together with a few books I Consider is his full portion of my estate

3rd I Give to my six children Martha M. Harriet, Richard, George B. Samuel & Peter I bequeath all my property not heretofore devised to be equally divided among them I desire that my wife obtain the assistance and advice of my friends John Williams & Edwin Dickinson who with Calvin Jones as legal counsel are requested to have such measures adopted in all cases as to close the outstanding debts due now and in the future I wish such measures as are calculated to benefit

the property from falling back on my Estate unless and for this purpose I am prepared to sustain any request. I feel by selling the property for what it will bring other notes out standing may remain to pay as the persons are solvent and punctual and the friends concerned in delivering it but I would not recommend the continuance of any debt in this way unless the persons will pay to my heirs or executor at least the bank rates of interest including all expenses of arrangements to procure similar indulgence. This extra interest however to be a debt of Honour exclusively the said same constitutes the principal legacies to my 4 children but named above and to make 2 steps then made productive of of much importance.

6th in case of my wife's death I desire that my son Richard be Executor of my will & Guardian for the younger children in her stead under the guardianship & counsel I have advised for his mother in law. The property left as a support for my wife & family consisting of what is now in residence & Carriages & some tools furniture & all the property left to her for her support except the 6 slaves be equally divided between my 4 children Martha M. Harriet Richard Geo. B. & Peter R. at her death in which I herewith set my hand & affix my seal this 20th day of August 1846.

Edw. Ford

Signed & sealed & Published in our presence
Calvin Jones
Edwin Dickinson

Verdict Since writing the above will my daughter Harriet has married against the wish & advice of the family to Samuel Holloway she has acted in this matter to disrespectfully towards her parents as to forfeit the claim of a child and it is my wish that the property left above be revoked entirely and that every claim and benefit arising to her as an heir to my estate be hereby cut off and saved forever to be paid to her heirs only excepting that the bed & furniture & clothing given her and one thousand dollars I bequeathed to Mr. Holloway at the time of their marriage I intend that they shall be entitled to as a present and that no claim or hindrance to their possession and use of the same be maintained by my other children & heirs against them or by myself hereafter. Witness my hand and seal this 8th December 1848.

Edw. Ford

Signed & sealed & acknowledged in our presence
John Wilfong
Nicholas Long

Repet Remembered that on this 3^d day of July A.D. 1848 there was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Dr. Edward M. Ford deceased late of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee and thereupon came into open Court Calvin Jones & Edwin Dickinson the subscribing witnesses to said last will & testament both of whom after having been duly sworn in open Court before saying they were well acquainted with the said testator the said Dr. E. M. Ford & that he signed sealed and published said last will & testament in their presence on the day the same was made and executed these witnesses to attest the execution of the same which was by them done when all three were present these witnesses further state that when testator Dr. Edward M. Ford was at that time of sound and disposing mind and memory and afterwards on this day to wit 3^d July 1848 there was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be a Cadiel to the said last will & testament and thereupon came into open Court John Wilfong and Nicholas Long the subscribing witnesses to the same both of whom after having been duly sworn in open Court before saying that they were well acquainted with the said testator Dr. E. M. Ford and that he acknowledged to them in their presence the execution of said Cadiel at or about the date of the same as requested them to attest the execution of the same which they did and that said testator Dr. E. M. Ford was at that time of sound & disposing mind and memory whereupon the Court declared the said last will & testament & the Cadiel there to be duly proved and established and ordered the same to be recorded.

Will of James Mayo. I know all men by these presents that I James Mayo of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee being of sound mind of body do make certain this my last will & testament I do commend my soul to God she gave it to me of body to be buried at the directions of my friends and as to the property I have placed to bless me with I have disposed of it in manner hereafter stated all the parties of this will taken together it is my wish that my much beloved wife Sally E. Mayo shall at my death shall have and all the Control of all my Estate of every description and conduct it as she may think proper for the benefit of all concerned living to her children as she may choose (provided she does not give them more than their rettable share) and my wife Sally is not to give borrow or take an oath about my property but to enter it at my death as I have done it in my life time of the being and the said action by Law that I have in my lifetime and Collection of my Estate.

wish to have their part or share of my Estate set of to them the
 thing of an in having a Guardian for that purpose properly discharge
 for the purpose and application to the County Court said Court
 shall appoint 3 persons to set of to such child their part share
 of my Estate taking into consideration what my child and my home
 preserved before of my property does to make them all Equal
 in property In all divisions my wife Sally is to have two thirds
 of her own choice of my Estate so as to give her in division two thirds
 part instead of one and one third such child shall apply and obtain
 a division as before directed it shall remain debent them of receiving
 any more from my Estate except it shall appear that my Estate has
 been increased by themselves in that case they shall be entitled to receive
 as others my wife Sally may give her children as she may think
 best and in the same manner I have bequeathed given my children
 that married and such gift is valued as though I had done it
 in my lifetime and shall not be liable therefrom receiving at a
 final division provided she does not give them more than the
 share for my will is that all shall have like my wife always having
 2 shares ap before named and it is my wish that Ely Bunting shall
 live with my family as she was law But should she prefer to leave
 my house she shall have fifty dollars a year until a division of my
 Estate is made for her support (if living) and if living at a final division
 she shall have 3 thousand dollars set of to her as her own
 And Estimate of all my debts and the legacy left to Ely Bunting
 is to be divided before a division is made (the legacy set down at
 three thousand dollars) and should any of my children die before they have
 received their part of property those that stand applying and receiving
 their part shall be entitled to their part of said child's part
 and should my wife die before a final division of my Estate it is
 my wish that my Estate be divided amongst all my heirs in accordance
 and meaning of this will as before named my wife having the right
 to dispose of her two parts as she chooses But should she leave it
 undivided of this it is to be divided as the rest of my Estate
 Children that they or may receive property from me as my Estate
 shall value the same and costs and at what is was worth at the
 time they receive it and should any of the parties concerned for
 Cation of them the County Court shall appoint three competent persons
 who shall investigate all such matters touching the said property
 received or to be received and this division shall be binding on all
 concerned and return by them to the County Court and set as
 given under my hand and seal the 5th day of March A D 1848
 Jas Mayo

The intent of the foregoing will is for my wife to manage
 my Estate pay my debts ^{promote} ~~benefit~~ my ~~family~~ ^{family} and the children
 have property as she may chose as if the children wish can apply
 and have their portion set of my wife to have two shares Ely
 Bunting her maintenance and finally all my children to have Equal
 March 2^d 1848
 Jas Mayo

My will further is that my negro man Sumner that I purchased of
 H & Ireland. be left to the wife Mary & later during her natural
 life to be managed said negro as she (said Mary) may chose and
 at her death I give said Negro Sumner to all her children and after
 my wife is dead managing of my Estate it is my wish that my son
 John Mayo manage it under the same regulations that his mother
 did (so far as managing it is concerned) and reserve for his services
 one hundred dollars yearly for his services until a final division
 is made without being compelled to give Bond or live on call
 but to take charge of it so soon as this matter is done with it
 (at death or otherwise) and for the lack of bond W. Mayo and for the
 lack of bond W. Mayo and for the lack of bond W. Mayo and
 to have under my hand and seal the 2^d March 1848
 Jas Mayo

Be it remembered that on this day came into court W. Mayo
 who produced a written instrument purporting to be the last will & testament
 of James Mayo late of Fayette County in the State of Tennessee
 and who upon oath testified that the said instrument of writing was
 found among the valuable papers of the said James Mayo & also
 appeared in open Court the following witnesses (to wit) J. W. Mayo &
 Thos B. Coe & Thos H. Winston who being sworn to testify as to
 the Execution of said instrument of writing by said James Mayo & each
 state that they were personally acquainted with the handwriting of James
 Mayo and the same & every part thereof with the signatures & witness
 is in the handwriting of said James Mayo it is therefore ordered
 that the said instrument of writing be admitted to Record as the
 last will & testament of James Mayo & that Letters of administration
 issue to Sally Mayo as executrix of the said will and her
 living Bond & security as the oath as Executors as provided in said
 will

Will of
Elija Ventrip

I Elija Ventrip being of sound mind
and memory but weak in body & feeling
this as my last will & Testament hereby un-
der my making void all other wills by me at any time made
heretofore I direct that my Funeral Expenses and all my debts be
paid as soon as possible out of any monies that I may be pos-
sessed of or may come into the hands of my Executors first after
my death

I Give bequeath to Eli W. Ventrip my son to his heirs the
one half of all my Lands interest in lands lying in the County
of Fayette and State of Tennessee or Elsewhere

I Give bequeath the other half of all my Lands interest
in lands lying in the County of Fayette State of Tennessee
or Elsewhere to my Grand children Elija Ventrip Ben-
jamin Ventrip Daniel Ventrip Polly Ann Ventrip & Betty Jane Ventrip
children of my son David Ventrip Equal to be divided among
them all

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Lewis W. Bad and
James A. Huskitt my Executors In Witness whereof I do to this my
Will set my hand & seal this the 25th day of March 1846
Elija Ventrip

Witnessed and names hereunto
in the presence of the Testators this the 25th day of March 1846

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of
Elija Ventrip Sr was produced in open Court & thereupon came
into open Court Wm. Benton & Simon W. Walker describing witnesses
there and who being first duly sworn depose that they were
acquainted with the said Elija Ventrip the Testator & that they saw
him sign and declare the same to be his last will & Testament
and they depose that as witnesses in his presence at his request
and they believed that he was in sound mind at the time of signing
the same and it was ordered by the Court that said Will be Estab-
lished & Entered on Record

Will of
Thomas Lewis

September 22nd 1848

I Thomas Lewis of the County of Fayette
and State of Tennessee weak in body but
possessing my usual faculties of thinking and Judgement do
this day make my last will and Testament to the intent
and meaning in the words following (viz)

I Give and bequeath all my property personal
and real estate to be divided equally between my wife
Mary and my niece Sarah Ann Gardner holding
them under obligation for the maintenance and support
of my niece Elizabeth Margaret Gardner until either
meant are provided for their support

I do hereby appoint Samuel J. Neal to be the
Executor of this my last will and Testament

In Test
Thomas Lewis
Jno O. Wright

State of Tennessee } November Term Court 1848
Fayette County } The following appears of

Record Court not according to agreement present The
deed ship failed. All Sharp Chief of Bond Samuel J. Neal
Esquire Justice at the peace for and for said County

A paper writing purporting to be the last will
and Testament of the said Lewis was produced in
open Court and thereupon came into open Court
Jno Wright and Jno O. Wright subscribing witnesses that
who first being sworn depose and say that they were
acquainted with the Testator the said Lewis and that he
acknowledged the same to be his last will & Testa-
ment in their presence and they signed the same
as witnesses in his presence and at his request
they believe he was of sound & disposing mind &
memory at the time of signing the same and therefore
said will was established & ordered to be Entered
of Record

A copy Test
Jno O. Wright

Will of } In the name of the Lord Amen
Rev. B. Wells } My last will & Testament is as follows

Art 1 It is my will & desire that Mr
William James Esq. Administrator on my Estate

Art. 2^d After all my just debts are paid the remainder
Continue together for the benefit of my wife Harriet &
Will and Children to be disposed of by her to the Children
as they come of age or may provided she give no more
to one than another and such portions as thus Re-
mains finally accounted for.

Art. 3rd That my Estate Continue in my heirs hands as
expressed in Art. 2. During her Natural Life or Widow

head in Art. 4. I should very like to see Carl to Mary
that she take her things to be returned at her death.

Art 5 That finally the bechile estate be equally divided
between all of my children each accounting for
what they may have received

The names of Mr. Children Dr. Sarah, F. E. Robert &
Eugene & William J. & Mary Willis.

Given under my hand and Seal this 1st May
eighteen hundred and forty eight
West

B. H. Hendrick
 Thomas L. Jackson
 Thomas B. Hoag

State of Tennessee, November Term 1848. County Court
 Fayette County. The following appears of Record
 Court Met according to adjournment present the Worshipful
 Full Hon. Thos. Chas. Jones & Saml. J. Seal Esqrs
 Justices of the peace in and for said County.
 A paper Writing purporting to be the last Will &
 Testament of Nathaniel B. Wells was produced into Court
 and thereupon came into Court B. H. Hendricks and Thos.
 J. Duckenby subscribing testifies that they were firm
 young men sworn before them that they were acquai-
 nted with the Testator Nathaniel B. Wells and
 that he acknowledged the same in their presence
 to be his last Will & Testament and they signed
 the same as Testifiers in his presence and at his
 request and they further be heard of some & dis-
 posing moneys at the time of signing the same
 and therefore said will was Established and Cor-
 -roborated to be entered of Record
 A Copy First J. Moore Clerk

Will of James Scales of Haystack County, Tennessee. 343
James Scales being of Sound mind but laboring under
bodily affliction Make this my last Will and
Testament

Article 1st I direct that my Executor Shall discharge all my debts —

Article 2^d all my penishable property Shall be disposed
of by my said Executor

Article 3rd My Estate shall be equally divided between my
beloved wife and my two children my beloved wife
to have her third during her natural life should my child
drow should they be the longest living and that part that
is owing to my Daughter Laura Ann is given to her and
the heirs of her body

Article 4th My estate is to be kept together until the
management of my Executor (who is authorized to
inherit the Neg. in private) for the benefit of my
beloved wife and children until my children may
or become of age and should my beloved wife
may then her proportion shall be added off to
her

Article 5th I Authorise and empower my Executor
To dispose of any of my said estate at any time that
he may think proper and Vest the proceeds in any
other property that he may think will be beneficial
to my estate I also authorize him to purchase such
a home for my widow wife and children as he may
think suitable.

Article 6" I, appoint My friend Bernard M. Totten
 Secy My Executor in the presence of - Sign. "Sealed Pub. b"
 Alw. Gettyjohn + { Octabr 1848
 James H. Rose +
 J. R. Boley

James Sealed (Seal)

State of Tennessee } Novem. Term County Court 1848
Fayette County } The following appears of Record
Friday Novem. 10th 1848
Court met according to adjournment pursuant the worshipful
H. W. Sharp, Clerk of said Court & Robert Caldwell Esq.
Justices of the peace in and for said County.
A paper purporting to be the last will and
testament of John Seals dec'd. Was produced into Court
and thereupon Court ordered the same to be read.

James H. Core Subscribing heretofore testifies that having
 first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted
 with the said James, being the testator and he afterwards
 being the same in their presence to be his last will and
 testament that he died in Fayette County Tenn. and they believe
 he died in sound & disposing mind & memory at the time
 of acheson being the same thing were cited on by
 him to sign the same as witnesses & they come to at
 his request and it was ordered by the Court that said
 will be established & recorded
 at copy Just James Moore Clerk

Will of J. State of Tennessee Hardeman County
 Samuel W. Moore October 23rd A.D. 1839
 I Samuel W. Moore of the above

State County being of sound mind
 and body healthy but having a tinge of some months
 absence in view & knowing the uncertainty of human
 life & the frailty of the mortal body and its liability to
 waste down it necessary for me to put my house in order before
 that event transpires

In the name of God Amen I do hereby make
 Ordain & establish this my last Will & testament
 in writing in form following viz
 Item 1st I give and bequeath to my Son William H.
 Moore the following negro to wit a woman named
 Ann & her children Lacy, Sam, Rinas, Emily and
 Solwell to gether with the interest also one half
 of a negro fellow named Warden, husband to the
 above Ann & also a Horse brindle & saddle horse
 to be worth one hundred Dollars and a feather
 bed and furniture

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my Daughter Candis
 H. Moore the following negroes a woman named
 Hannah & her child Eliza & a negro Girl named
 Caroline & a boy named Pop and one half
 of her husband & to carry one for her
 that to be made equal to my said Son William
 by the executor also one horse worth one
 hundred Dollars saddle & bridle and a feather
 bed & furniture to gether with the interest of
 above negroes

Item 3rd I give and bequeath the residue

of my Estate of every description my land
 negroes stock of all kind household stuff
 farming utensils & all to my beloved wife Elizabeth
 B. Moore Subject to the following restrictions
 that is to say She in ever one of my said Chil-
 dren - Virginia H. & Mary H. & John H. & Mar-
 garet W. Mary J. & John H. Shall be come of legal
 age or marry then it is my will that my
 said wife shall have the whole estate valued
 & give or appertain off said child his or her
 distributive or equal share of said estate when
 the residue shall then remain in my said
 wife hands to be appertained off in the same
 manner as they shall severally marry or
 come of age I wish her to keep all the pro-
 perty to gether under her management & control
 till she apportion off the last child's share
 by authorized to buy property and to sell any part
 of the above negroes or land & to remove to any part
 of the world she chooses carrying the property or any
 part thereof with her & to sell all or any part thereof
 I wish her to keep the children all with her educate
 them & to act & do with the property as she shall think
 well most a service her and the children interest
 Should my said wife be yet at any time to marry
 she can then have the Estate valued and have an equal
 child's part apportioned her & should she want any
 particular negro or negroes it is my request & will
 that she shall have them at valuation so far as
 her distributive share goes, after her share shall
 have been apportioned but I wish the balance to be kept
 to gether & managed either by her or a suitable Quar-
 terman to be appointed as hereinafter directed in
 this item

Item 4th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved
 Elizabeth B. her Brother Rev. Henry Warren as sole Ex-
 ecutor to this my last will & testament and wish them
 to pay all my just debts and carry into effect this
 will & Inter testimony whereof I hereunto set my
 hand and seal the day and date above written
 at my house
 at 5 Smith
 at 5 Smith
 Samuel W. Moore Clerk

James H. Core Subscribing heretofore states that being
last day, I was depose and say that they were acquainted
with the said James Coles the testator and he acknowl-
edged the same in their presence to be his last will and
testament & that he died in Fayette County Tenn. and they believe
he died in sound disposing mind & memory at the time
of acknowledging the same & they were called on by
him to sign the same as witnesses & they done so at
his Request and it was ordered by the Court that said
will be established & recorded
at copy Test James H. Core Clerk

Wm. H. Moore, State of Tennessee, Hardeman County
October 23rd A.D. 1839
I Samuel W. Moore of the above

State & County being of sound mind
and body, health but being a trip of some months
absence in view & knowing the uncertainty of human
life & the frailty of this mortal body and its liability to
death deem it necessary to put my house in order before
that event transpires

In the name of God Amen I do hereby make
Ordains & establish this my last will & testament
in manner & form following viz

Item 1st I give and bequeath to Mr. Sen. William H.
Moore the following negro to wit a Horse named
Amy & her Childen Lucy, Cary, Rosa, Emily and
Sobwell to gether with their increase also One half
of a negro fellow named Hardin, husband to the
above Amy & also a Horse bridle & saddle horse
to be worth One hundred Dollars and a feather
bed and furniture

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my Daughter & child
M. Moore the following negro a Horse named
Hannah & her Child & a negro Girl named
Caroline & a boy named Nap saw One half
of a Horse husband to edney & one for her
that to be made equal to my said Son William
by the executor also One horse worth One
hundred Dollars Saddle & bridle and a feather
bed & furniture to gether with the increase of
above negroes

Item 3rd I give and bequeath the residue

of my Estate of every description by land
negroes stock of all kind household stuff
farming utensils & all to my beloved wife Elizabeth
B. Moore - Subject to the following restrictions
that is to say I reserve in view of my said Eliza-
beth - Virginia & Henry H. Moore & Martha L. the
young W. Mary L. & John W. I shall be some of her
age or many then it is my will that my
said wife shall have the whole estate valued &
give or appertain off said child her or her
distribution or equal share of said Estate when
the residue shall then remain in my said
wife hands to be apportioned off in the same
manner as they shall severally marry or
become of age I wish her to keep all the pro-
perty to gether under her management & control
till she apportion off the last child's share
by authorized to buy property and to sell any part
of the above negroes or land & to remove to any part
of the world she chooses carrying the property or any
part thereof with her to sell all or any part thereof
I wish her to keep the children all with her educate
them & to act & dispose the property as she shall think
well most a divorce her and the children interest and
should my said wife die at any time to marry
she can then have the Estate valued and have an equal
child's part apportion her & should she want any
particular negro or negroes it is my request she
that she shall have them at Valuation so far as
her distribution share goes, after her share shall
have been apportioned but I wish the balance to be kept
to gether & managed either by her or a suitable Guar-
dian to be appointed as heretofore directed in
this item

Item 4th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved
Elizabeth B. her Brother Rev. Henry Warren as sole Execu-
tor to this my last will & testament and wish them
to pay all my just debts and carry into effect this
will & Intest touching whereof I write at my
hand Seal the day and date above written
Witness my hand
at 5 Smith
Peter & John
Samuel W. Moore Clerk

On this day March 26th 1842 I make this Codicil to my last will & testament viz I take from my son William negro & his wife Amy child Emily & sell & half of Harriet and give him in lieu thereof Mary & Cilla and in order to equalize my daughter Harriet's part hereto bequeathed I hereby take from her half of Harriet & give her instead thereof negro boy Asa - Intestimony before me I subscribe my hand & seal

Test
Nat L Smith
Peter F. Selor

Samuel W. Moore

On this day 25th September 1848 I make this Codicil to my last will & testament viz I bequeath to my daughter Candis M. Moore during her natural life and at her death to the heirs of her body the following Slaves viz Hannah & her three children and my Margery Mitchel & Auread and a woman Caroline and two maid viz Pop's Sister and all of the increase of said Slaves should there be any before my death In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal the day and above written of her body interlined

before me Sept 25th 1848

Witness

A. J. Farnish

W. H. Hayes

Samuel W. Moore

State of Tennessee November Term County Court
Hayden County 1848

The following appears of Record Court not according to adjournment present the Honorable J. B. Lee Sheriff of said County and Samuel J. Neil Esquire Justice of the peace in and for said County.

A paper bequeathing purporting to be the last will and testament of Samuel Moore dec'd with two Codicils thereto was produced in open Court and the execution of said will & Codicils were duly proven by the Oath of William H. Hayes and A. J. Farnish being duly sworn who testified that they had subscribed their names as witnesses in the two places where the same appeared at the request and in the presence of the Testator who was of sound mind at

the time and he further testifies that the Testator Samuel Moore requested them to attest as they did their will first Codicils for the reasons alleged by the said Testator that the Original Subscribing Witnesses were out of the way and therefore it was for the proof by the Oath of Henderson Owen that the name of Nat L Smith where the same appear as attesting witness to said will & Codicils is in the proper hand & writing of said Nat L Smith and that said Nat L Smith has removed to and now resides in the State of Arkansas and it further appearing to the Court that said Samuel Moore the Testator had his residence in this County at the time of his death it is therefore ordered and declared that said will & Codicils are duly proved & authenticated and that the same be recorded and therefore Elizabeth B. Moore the Executrix in said will names Camille into Court and took upon her self the execution of said will by giving Bond as required by Law in the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Dollars with Ashburn Warren with Moore & W. H. Hayes as her Sureties and being sworn according to Law that she said Elizabeth B. Moore truly & lawfully holds the right to disburse from said will within the time prescribed by Law

A Copy Test
J. Noone Clerk

Will of Geo. H. W. H. Smith

I George H. Smith of the County of Hayden State of Tennessee being and by produced in body & knowing the uncertainty of life yet being of disposing mind & memory make & publish this as my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me heretofore made verbally or in writing

Item 1st It is my will that all my debt be paid all my dues to the Masonic Institution Sons of Temperance Bible Society Home Mission Society & Indian Mission association

2nd That they may be liquidated most judiciously I will & desire my Executors whom I shall hereafter appoint to sell all my land South of an East street line running with the South boundary of E. B. Jaffer

and all her proceeds to gether with all the property
I may own at my death to him and his heirs and assigns
for ever I have hereunto set my hand and seal the second
of March in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and
Sixty four

Stephen Durham

Legally Sealed published and
declared by the above named Stephen Durham to be
his last will and testament in the presence of us
who at his request and in his presence have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto

Do.

Sam. Smith.

+ Joshua Wadsworth

Sam. Smith Jr.

State of Tennessee, Polk County, Term Court, 1849
Docket No. 10. The following appears as
Record of Papers Writing purporting to be the
last will and testament of Stephen Durham Esq.
as produced into Open Court and thereupon Came into
Open Court Joshua Wadsworth a subscribing wit-
ness thereto & who being first duly sworn depose and
say that he was acquainted with Stephen Durham the
testator and that he the said Stephen Durham acknowledged the same in his presence to be his last will
& testament he believed he was of sound & disposing
mind & memory at the time of signing the same
he was called on by the testator to sign the same
as a witness & done so at his request & in his
presence & it is considered by the Court that said
will be established & Recorded for further proof
as copy first

Sumner Koonce att

State of Tennessee, March Term 1849 the
Polk County, the following appears as
Record - This day was produced
into Open Court a paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of Stephen Dur-
ham Esq. and thereupon Came into Open Court Sam-
uel Smith one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and
who being first duly sworn depose and say that
he was acquainted with the said Stephen Dur-
ham in his life time and believed he was

of sound disposing mind & memory at the time of
signing the same he was called on to witness the same and
the said Stephen Durham acknowledged the Execution
of the same in his presence to be his last will and testament
said will has been hereunto proven by Joshua Wadsworth
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & it was ordered
by the Court that said will be fully established & Recorded
as copy first

Sumner Koonce att

Will of State of Tennessee, October 8, 1849
Esther McCombs & daughter, County of Polk, In the name of God
Amen I Esther McCombs have solemn
of God but of sound mind do make and declare this
my last will and testament revoking all other Wills
I have made by me - I will and request that all
my debts be paid I give and bequeath to my beloved
Daughter Martha A. Jones & Johnathan McCombs
and Martha A. McCombs a bequest of one Containing
a portion of my land situate to each of my
Grand Daughters a ring or bequest of one as a memento
of me - I bequeath to my beloved Grand Daughter
her bequest of a Harris Seem dollar, to purchase
= add a bible as a memento of my life and the
same for my beloved Grand Daughter A. E. Jones -
I desire my beloved Son Robert A. McCombs to
have the right I hold against him and after
deducting such moneys as he has paid out for
me to the benefit of the balance is payable for all my
= out, making hands

I bequeath to my beloved Daughter Lucinda C. Bryan
four hundred dollars to purchase a negro Girl
to have and to hold the same during her natural
life and at her death to go to my beloved Grand
Daughter Esther Bryan and provided she dies
without body heirs to be equally divided between
the rest of her children

The balance of my property both real and
personal I give and bequeath to my wife named
Daughter Lucinda C. Bryan to have & hold during
her natural life and at her death to be equally
divided between her children. It is my request that