

and all her proceeds together 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 October in the Year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and  
Fifty four

Stephen Durham  
*mark*

Signed Sealed Published and  
Witnessed 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

Sd: -

Jam. Smith.  
+ Joshua Hazelwood  
Sam. Smith Jan:

State at Zanesville, Ohio on the tenth day of  
March 1849 in Wayne County 3 The following appears at  
Record Office Writings purporting to be the  
last will and testament of Stephen Durham also  
deeds produced into Open Court and stamped same with  
Open Court Justice a Hazelwood a Subscribing witness  
to the Writings first duly sworn deposes and  
say that he was acquainted with Stephen Durham the  
testator and that the said Stephen Durham as he  
understand the same in his presence to be his last will  
and testament he believe he was of sound & disposing  
mind & memory at the time of signing the same  
he was called upon 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 Probate  
at a sijg Court

Jamison Keeney 10th

State at Zanesville March ten 1849 the  
Wayne County 3 following appears at  
Record - This day was produced  
into Open Court a paper purporting  
to be the last will and testament of Stephen Durham  
also and stamped same with Open Court Jan:  
Smith one of the Subscribing Writings witness said  
witness being first sworn deposes and say that  
he was acquainted with the said Stephen Durham  
in his life time and believe he was

in sound disposing mind & memory at the time of  
signing the same she 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 witnessed and sworn by Joshua Hazelwood  
and at the subscriber's witness that it was so done  
by the Court that said will be fully established & recorded  
at a sijg Court

Sd: -

Will of State at Zanesville October 8<sup>th</sup> 1849  
Esther Morrison 3d Child of James & Esther Morrison late wife  
of James & Esther Morrison being widow

of James but of sound mind do make and ordain this  
last will and testament revoking all other writings  
here made by me - I will and request that all  
my debt be paid I give and bequeath to my beloved  
Daughter Martha A Jones otherwise Mrs. Maxwell  
and and Martha A Morrison a bust of our Containing  
a portion of my hair Likewise to each of my  
Grand Daughters a ring or breast pin as a memento  
of me - I bequeath the my beloved Grand Daughter  
Mrs. Lorraine A Harris from Dallas to purchase  
one a Bible as a memento of my Dearest the  
same for my beloved Grand Daughter A E Jones

I direct my beloved Son Robert & Belvaunian  
to have the bust I held against her and after  
decreasing such mementos as he has paid out for  
me to satisfy the balance in payment for all my  
outfit Maching house

I bequeath to my beloved Daughter Judith C Bryan  
four thousand 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 issue shall be equally divided between  
the rest of her children

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

My beloved Son John A. Moorman holds the above  
mentioned property in Trust for the sole good and benefit  
of the aforesaid Daughter Judith C Bryan and  
Her children. I make my beloved Son Robert  
A. A. Moorman as executor to this my last Will and  
testament.

Signed in the presence of { E. Moorman  
John W. Jones  
Caleb H. Jones

SS. The Trustee mentioned in the above will  
is authorized to expend the above named monies  
in the few shade at a time or otherwise to the use  
and benefit of the above mentioned Judith C Bryan  
and her Children.

PS I desire my Sons Dennis James & Grand Sons to  
have each a breast Pin or ring as a memento  
of me.

J. W. Jones  
Caleb H. Jones

E. Moorman

I state as I remember Janauary 20<sup>th</sup> in County Court  
Franklin County 3<sup>rd</sup> 1849 the following appears  
of W. Roberts & I a paper bearing purporting  
to be the last Will and Testament of Estates to  
mention the late of the County of Franklin & State of  
Tennessee he as produced in Open Court and after  
said Paper came into Open Court of John W. Jones one  
of the Subscribing Witnesses I stated & Whom being  
first duly sworn deposed and say that he did as  
an witness see the Esther Moorman the Testatrix  
and that she saw the Deed & published the same  
to be her last Will & Testament and also saw her  
Sign & execute the additional condition or con-  
tingent on said Will and her belief she was of  
sound mind & memory at the time of signing the  
Said Will & writing thereto and she was ca-  
red over by the Testatrix to sign the Said Will  
as witness to the same and the said  
paper being so as Considered by the Court to be  
Established

I know all

Will of State of Tennessee & Fayette  
Rachel Roberts County March the 18<sup>th</sup> 1846

I Rachel Roberts of sound discern-  
ing mind & memory do hereby make this my last will  
and Testament hereby revoking all others.

In the name of God Amen After first paying all  
my just debts & then be am and my funeral Expenses  
It is my will and I do bequeath to my Son John Roberts  
my bedstead my bed and bed clothing - Also a trunk  
I break brand be the Seal etc.

It is also my will and I do hereby bequeath unto  
my Grand daughter Edmundette Whaler and her  
bed and bed. It is my will that my negro  
man Jack together with all and every of my per-  
sonal property be sold according to law and  
equally divided between my Sons John Roberts, Caleb  
Roberts and my Daughter Sarah Lewis Whaler  
brings and my wife daughter Edmundette Whaler  
but I should my Daughters Lucy Whaler son stand  
in need of it part of Edmundette Whaler  
so far left them & he is to have the benefit

Now as it relates to the lands and property that  
I inherited or obtained by the death of  
Roberts in the State of I wish according  
after it is all located in the best perfec-  
the sum just accruing on the business. It is my wish

and will that the lands be sold or equally  
divided among the above named heirs of said  
the proceeds equally divided as above. It is my  
will that part of the estate that falls to Sarah  
Whaler I will give as her to her and her  
children with the exception of two hundred acres  
of land that I allow Edmon Whaler to  
have the use of out of her part his lifetime  
and at his death that also is to be divided among  
her children now I believe it understood that  
Edmon Whaler die before she is married  
or twenty one years of age then in that case what  
of the above Estate shall be equally divided among  
the above named heirs but that nothing herein shall  
prevent Lucy Whaler from having the use of  
it for lifetime of the above named

It is my will that Jonathan Wheeler John Manor  
and Anne Hembrough receive out of my estate Two Dollars  
each as their Legacy out of my estate.

It is my wish and will that my Son Levi C Roberts  
Be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament

And I do hereby Constitute and appoint him my  
legal Executor to carry out the provisions of this my Will  
in all its parts and in as much as I have full and  
unfeigned confidence in the integrity and honesty of Mr  
C Roberts my Executor. It is my wish or desire  
that he should be bound or compelled to bind himself  
and Surety for the performance of his duty as Executor  
in the foregoing Will in the sum of what I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixing my seal in the  
Year of our Lord and the date and day where  
the same was signed and sealed

in presence of us  
Robert H Reavis  
Sam'l Burnside

Rachel Roberts <sup>by</sup> ~~her~~

State of Monroe 3 January Term County Court  
Hancock County 3 1849 The following  
appears of Record

In the matter of the Will of Rachel Roberts  
to die which was presented for probate  
at the last term the same came on again  
before the Court on this day when the said  
Will being before the Court it was duly  
proven by the Oath of Charles H. Reavis one  
of the Subscribing witnesses to be the true Will  
and last Will and Testament of the said  
Rachel Roberts and further that the Testa-  
ment signed the said Will by making his mark  
and that said witness subscribed the said  
Will a witness in the presence of the testator  
did at her request and also that the said  
testator was of sound mind at the time and  
the said Charles Reavis further testifies that Sam'l  
Burnside whose signature appears to said  
Will did witness did subscribe the said  
Will as a witness in the presence of the testa-  
tor and at her request etc above testimony

being satisfactory to the Court and it being  
further proved by the Oath of Benjamin Reavis the testator  
was acquainted with the hand writing of the  
said Sam'l Burnside that said Sam'l Burnside  
is dead and that he testifying hereabove from his knowledge  
of said hand writing that the signature above  
said of said Burnside to said Will is in his said  
Burnside hand writing the Court therefore doth  
humbly order that the said Will be and is hereby  
esteemed as the last Will & Testament of the said  
Rachel Roberts and it is further ordered that the  
same be admitted to record as such and that  
upon Levi C Roberts the executor in said Will app-  
ointed appear in open Court & take upon him  
of the executor of said Will was duly qualified  
by taking the Oath required by law the said Will  
having dispensed with Surety & the Court orders  
that letters testamentary issue to him

~~Levi C. Roberts~~

I R. Moore C. J. P.

Will of Thomas Scott J. D. Journal Scott makes and publisheth  
this his last Will and Testament

First I direct that my funeral Expences be  
paid and my debts as soon after my death as possible out  
of any money that I may be留下 or may come into the  
hands of my Executor Secondly I bequeath to my wife Sarah  
W. Scott during her natural life or widowhood a certain  
portion of my lands in Cluding all the improvements thereon  
to pertaining beginning at the South east corner at the  
Hooper Road running westward unto the  
State line road till it intersect with Nathan's Line  
at the corner of the said dimensions & area so as to include  
two hundred acres or thereabout and I also command her  
hundred twenty acres of improved land at the Minuteman  
bounded on the north in Lea the regular st and I also  
give to my wife Sarah W. Scott during her natural  
life or widowhood the following lands to wit Fifty  
Charles Hadwell. Anitta. Abby. Mary and Caroline each  
riding my Wagon and team three head of horses  
at Sam'l Barker and Rock in Cluding my Buggy and  
hump and in cluding four head of Chosen cattle

also twenty five or thirty head of fent Chace hogs and  
in cluding his years provisions from fosen harver  
Grown sugar & Caffee I also give to my wife Sarah  
W. Aroitt all my house hold and Kitchen furniture except  
One bed and furniture equal to my bed about the  
house which I give to my daughter Nancy Simmon  
and I further give to my wife the nesessary farmings  
for her use And I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Nancy M Simmon the land where they now live  
including the Statut White and gift White tract  
all containing two hundred and three acres and in addition  
Cestany Slaves to her testeman, Elizabey Martha and Jacy  
and I give and bequeath to my Son William H. Aroitt  
two hundred acres of Land in cluding the building  
where he now lives beginning at the South East corner  
of the main tract running South, free pale to a Stake tree  
West to Creek then South with Creek to a perpendicular  
line due West to Simmons to make two hundred acres the  
Comblent including the twenty acres granted Sarah  
W. Aroitt her life or termes here bese thent to fall to W. H. Aroitt  
I give and bequeath to my Son W. H. Aroitt two  
Negro men named Peckins and Dick and I also  
give to my son my watch and I also bequeath  
to my Daughter Nancy M Simmon the balance  
of my land South of the tract that I have given my Son  
W. H. Aroitt and I also give and bequeath to my Daughter  
Elizabeth Gobey her self Gran and George and I give  
also to my daughter the quarter section of land which I  
bought at Gobey during her natural life and  
this it fall to the heirs of Nancy Simmon and  
I wish the remainder of all my property  
to be disposed by my Executatoe by devise or  
Sale which ever they may think best I wish after  
a Sale of the property of my Estate and money  
due the Estate I wish my wife to have one hundred  
and fifty dollars and the balance to be divided  
Equally with the heirs I further wish and give  
my Grand Son Thomas A Simmon One Tho.  
by the named Executatoe and also in cluding his brandm  
Other donee except the negro property and I wish  
him to be bound to my Executatoe to furnish his Master  
a home during his natural life and I wish

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at the death of my wife the negro property to be divided  
and the heirs of Etane M Simmon to ty our half and  
other half to my other children I have an quarter section  
of Land, West of C. E. Williams which shall be on hand  
for the term of ten years and then to be for the use of Etane  
M Simmon his. I do hereby nominate and appoint  
William P. Simmon, William A. Aroitt and James A. Vales my  
Executatoe in witness whereof I do so this my will I set  
my hand seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1849.

The Aroitt Seal

S. E. Hogan  
John McDaniel

State of Tipton April Term County Court 1849  
Tipton County 3 the following appears at Record  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> of April 1849.

Cant not according to adjournment present the Testator  
full seal I found theron John A. Hecht and A. M. Campbell  
Esqrs Justices of the peace and for said County F. R. offle  
Aug D. Shugger I Moore etc.

A. Paper bearing purporting to be the last will and  
testament of Thomas Aroitt Esq. was produced in open  
Court and therupon came an Order Court S. E. Hogan  
Mr. N. Cudell Subs. being testamens to the said, reported  
be reading and who being first duly sworn depoite  
and say that they were acquainted with the Testator  
the Testator and that he acknowledged the same  
in their presence to be his last will and testament and  
they held as he was in sound & judicious mind  
and memory at the time of signing the same and  
they signed the said paper writing at the request  
in the presence of the Testator & John A. Hecht and  
it is concurred by the Court that said will be  
Established & Recorded  
At copy from the Record

J. H. Moore attc

Will of Jonathan Burford of the  
County of Tipton State of Tennessee  
do make publish this my last  
will & testament hereby making & making void all  
former will by me at any time before or made  
and first I direct my body to be plainly buried by

The side of my beloved former wife Mary in Hay  
County and as to such recently estate as it hath pleased  
God to intrust me with I despare of the same at  
falling and first I do at that all my debts & funeral  
expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible  
out of any money that may just come into the hands of  
my executors from any portion of my estate Real or  
Personal Secondly I give shequeath unto my beloved  
wife Harriet 13 Bushrod my beloved children  
that I have or may have by her (viz Andrew C. Burford  
Mary D. Burford & Judith J. Bushrod and any other  
that may yet be born) all the Slave property that  
I get by her (viz Eliza & her four children Sam Rhody  
Brook & Daniel George together with Baker Brown and  
Audelia & Caraline also a portion of my farm inclu-  
-ding the Mansions House Sufficient for the support  
of herself & child with a sufficiency of horses & Mule  
& farming tools to operate on the farm that may fall  
to her with a sufficiency of other Stock to supply  
the necessary use of the family & Corn Fodder &c for  
One year with a sufficiency of bed & clothinge etc to be  
as apprised by persons appointed by the County Court of  
said County all of which negro going to her my children  
to be and remains in her possestion for her and their support  
during the time she may remain my widow after which  
all the property is to be divided so as to make an equal di-  
-vision between her my beloved children that I may then leave  
by her & at her death the property of land that fall to her  
to be despare of as my representation may think best &  
divided among all of my children The Ballance of  
my said lands in Fayette Hardaway County to be divided  
as may be thought best by my Representatives & divided  
among all my beloved children Thirdly I give sheque-  
-ath unto my beloved Son Jesse Sydenham Burford him  
a Slave about twenty years of age now in his property  
and valued at four hundred dollars as he is despare of  
from his despare less than two hundred dollars a person may think  
that he is not worth four hundred dollars the debt  
owing to be made up also twelve hundred dollars  
which I expended on him during the time that he  
was obtaining his medical education besides his house  
brick & Saddle & bed furniture

Fouthly I give shequeath unto my beloved daughter  
Robt. & Harriet a negro woman & her child Harriet  
shequeath unto her son Brooks child according to a Deed of gift  
made to her recorded in the Register office in Harrison County  
Tennessee the true intent meaning of Said Deed is my Will that  
be carried out to the letter Said woman's child Brooks are worth  
Dollars also one Bed of furniture an Cow & Calf received  
by her at the time when married also a horse bridle & saddle  
I also will & bequeath to her fifth child of Said the place  
where she now resides with its appurtenances &c value at her home  
and dollars

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my beloved Son William  
C. Burford eight hundred dollars to help I spend in his  
medical education also I further give shequeath unto him a yellow  
pig named Jerry about sixteen or seventeen year old & worth Six  
hundred dollars also a Horse bridle & saddle which he has recd  
also one Bed furniture which he has not recd

Sixthly I give shequeath unto my beloved Son Francis M.  
Burford Tom a yellow mare aged about thirty & also Martha  
a yellow woman aged about Twenty or eighteen year old  
worth about twelve hundred dollars also a Horse bridle &  
Saddle his open value all of which we had & will off  
the Bed furniture

Seventhly I give shequeath unto my beloved daughter  
Caroline Harriet a negro woman named Jane & child  
unto her shequeath to be hers alone according to the true  
intent meaning of a Deed of gift from me which is record-  
ed in the Registers office in Hardaway & Harwood County  
& hereby apprise my executors to see that Said Deed at next  
Carried out set is further more my Will &  
desire that any other personal or real estate that may  
fall to my said beloved daughter Caroline Harriet  
may be so carried to her share half also Horse  
carriage & Saddle Cow & Calf Bed furniture Whiles  
she has recd

Eighthly I give shequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth  
Duggie the following negro Boy, Albert, also a  
negro valued at nine hundred dollars also Horse bridle  
& saddle Bed furniture already received

Ninthly I give shequeath to Nancy I torment my beloved  
daughter the following property a negro woman named  
Mary & her child Ann Marshall also I shall worth Eight  
hundred dollars Bed furniture Horse bridle & saddle

the said mentioned articles already seen  
 Dearly - I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Phoebe  
 Burford the following property a negro woman  
 named Mary & some horses named Abram & Nelson  
 & some hundred dollars It is my will that she &  
 all other personal or real property which may  
 come to her from my estate should be bequeathed to  
 her & her heirs also a Horse bridle & saddle 13.0 sp. in  
 nature Cow & Calf

Secondly - I give & bequeath to my beloved Son  
 Jonathan D. Burford the following property a negro  
 man named West a woman named Frank & three  
 children Peabody & Adams & it is my wish that his  
 guardian should take especial care of Millie I wish my Son  
 Jonathan to retain the property in my name also the  
 horse Saddle Cow & Calf 13.0 sp. in nature I also will  
 my Son Jonathan my Son Wells I also wish that his  
 son M. Burford should take the care as Guardian of  
 Jonathan's property give him a good English education  
 & I further I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter  
 Sally Burford the following property a Negro man named  
 Bob aged about fifteen years a girl named Lucy aged sixteen  
 or seventeen years also a horse & saddle 13.0 sp. in nature  
 & a child.

It is my wish that my daughter Sally should live with  
 Rebecca Avery & Frances M. Burford

Thirdly I give & bequeath to my grand child Jonathan Bur-  
 ford Son of J. D. Burford the following negro child Elizabeth  
 Jacks Child

Fourthly I further give & bequeath to my beloved  
 wife Harriet the following negro for the support of  
 her self & my children by her (viz) Tomp. Jacks. Robert & May  
 & in case of her death or marriage the negro to be  
 disposed of as divided in the first bequest in the event  
 that one or more of my children by my present wife  
 die first should die then the part of said child to go & divide  
 by to the remaining children by my said wife Harriet

Fifthly I further will & bequeath to Caroline Horne  
 my beloved daughter a negro man named Charles  
 but this bequest is made on the express condition  
 that said negro shall go to her own benefit &  
 that of his heirs I wish F. M. Burford to take  
 charge of said negro & calculate & manage him

for the benefit of Caroline Harris & her heirs It is my  
 will & I hereby appoint F. M. Burford as agent for my daughter  
 Caroline Harris in regard to the above last mentioned bequest  
 in the event that said Caroline Harris should die without issue  
 of her body then the said property to revert back for the use & benefit  
 of my other Children by my first wife & any  
 Sixthly - I further wish my negro Davy & Biddy to be  
 sold or disposed of at a reasonable price among my chil-  
 dren & the proceeds applied to the payment of what I owe as  
 guardian to my Grand children Anne E. Harvey Jonathan  
 B. Harvey & Marcus M. Harvey the balance of what I owe  
 to Said Anne E. Jonathan B. & Marcus M. Harvey as Guardian  
 I wish Sally & by means to be caused by the sale of  
 perishable property slave that may be sold And lastly  
 I nominate & appoint Jacob H. Burford as my Executor  
 & the Writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
 affixed my seal to this my last will & Testament

July 18<sup>th</sup> 1808

This will is written on two sheet of paper J. Burford to set  
 test

J. W. Gardner

W. J. Warren

I Jonathan Burford being here-to-fore made & published  
 my last will & testament do make & declare this as a Codicil  
 thereto viz

First that part of my bequest which relate to my beloved  
 wife Harriet my children by her I desire to be altered in  
 this particular that upon an equal distribution of my proper-  
 ty among all my children I wish them to retain absolutely  
 all the property which I have bequeathed to them without  
 being liable to such distribution & also if when said  
 distribution shall take place set forth to be ascertain'd  
 that the portion which they have is not equal to that  
 of my other children I wish the deficiency made  
 up I It is also my wish that my wife Harriet  
 shall leave a Horse bridle & saddle

Secondly the property which I have bequeathed  
 to my daughter Sally Burford I wish her to retain  
 said property without being liable to an equal distri-  
 bution if said portions shall be found not equal  
 to the portion of my other children it is my wish  
 & desire that her part shall be made equal with  
 the others

Thirdly That part of my will which directs the  
Sale of land on the East of my tract to satisfy what  
I may have as Guardian to the heirs of M. S. Harvey  
by John E. John B & Marcus W. Harvey, I wish to be  
Satisfied to Thomas Tuggee, if he may desire it at a fair  
& reasonable price to the amount of one hundred dollars or  
as much as he may desire to purchase.

Fourthly It is my desire that the written Contract now  
on record in Brownsville concerning his son Weston  
to be transferred to my wife Harriet that she  
in all things in relation to him as I now do by  
said Contract.

Fifthly I will bequeath to Weston 63 acres a bay colt  
which he now claims.

Sixth. It is my will & desire that there shall be a division  
of the respective portions which I have allotted to my children  
that they shall all share equally as near as may be subject  
to the exceptions above pointed out. & Lastly it is my  
desire that the Codicil be attached to & constitute a part  
of my Will to all intents & purposes July 13<sup>rd</sup> 1848

First

J. H. Hardee  
W<sup>th</sup> J. Martin

J. Burford Seal

State of Monroe April Term County Court 1849  
I do County among other things the following  
affidavit of Record

I present the undersigned full of fear from  
the Honorable D. Donister, H. Calamore, Trich, Campbell  
I am A. Harriet Esquire Justice of the peace  
in and for said Court of the Appellate Court of New  
York A paper desiring me to witness to be true  
last will and testament of Jonathan Burford who  
was produced into open Court and therefrom carried into  
open Court G. A. Boardman and W. J. Martin Subscribing  
Witness to the said paper writing & who being pained  
died before I could and say that they were acquainted  
with Jonathan Burford the Testator and that they  
had been sign & publish the same in their presence  
to be his last will and Testament and also the Codicil  
written to be his act and done for the purpose therein  
expressed they further state they believed he was  
in sound disposing mind & memory at the time

of signing the same they signed the same at  
testify in presence of the Testator & at his request surprised  
of each other and it is therefore considered by the Court  
that said Will be established & Recorded  
A copy from Record

Jasmine Rosewell  
Recd

Will of State of Pennsylvania I David Shaw above  
David Shaw Fayette County died in Body but  
is buried in ground on this day in the year  
of God 1848 and Ordains that my last will and Testament  
viz I leave my Wife Christopher & her sole executor  
of this my last will and Testament without Secrecy.  
For the faithful performance of the duties herein  
after made obligatory upon her as such I further  
will that there shall be no administration on my  
estate I further will and Ordain that the said Christopher  
Shaw Settle first all just debts against  
my estate and is hereby fully empowered to dispose  
of any of my effects that she may think proper  
to dispose of after settling up all my business or for her  
own or the mutual benefit of herself and the children  
remaining unto her keep full & exclusive of the same  
and use as above as long as she shall live this will  
includes all the personal and real estate that  
may have in her possession at my death  
or that may come into the possession of my  
Executor by due course of law post his execution for the  
just maintenance or Secrecy of my rights  
I further will that at the death of my wife Christopher  
Shaw that all the effects personal and real  
shall be equally divided between all my legal heirs  
Note they by option that my Son David Franklin  
Shaw shall have two full Shares of said estate  
when divided and all the balance of my legal heirs  
one full Share at the same divide as the law in  
such case may direct Thos 26<sup>th</sup> day February Eight  
two hundred and forty eight years to the  
present of  
Daddy Shale  
J. H. Bay left

David Shaw

State of Minnesota May Iron County Court 1849  
 Fayette County Among other things the following appears of record by the Court and not according to ad  
 vert from the Worshipful jail S. Jones Chick & Daniel E. Warren  
 Campbell and James C. Harrel Esquered Testators of the  
 property in said Iron County H. W. Appleby  
 Duly Subscribed June 1<sup>st</sup> 1849  
 A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Ward Jr. was  
 produced in open Court for probate and thereupon  
 came Baileys Kays and Dr. A. Baylis Subscribers into open Court Baileys Kays and Daniel E. Warren subscriber  
 witness, thirty & three being first day I swear affirms that they were then & there  
 and say that they were acquainted with David Ward they are acquainted with Thomas M'Gaddin the testator and  
 that he was a good man and that they saw him sign his last will and testament and they saw him sign his last will and testament and they believe he was in sound mind & memory at the time of signing the same and they were called on by the testator to witness the same  
 the same day he signed the same his wife Elizabeth and each other it is therefore ordered that said will be established & admitted to record  
 Attest J. Pearce

J. Pearce C.R.

Will of Thomas M'Gaddin State of Minnesota May 5<sup>th</sup> 1849  
 I, Thomas M'Gaddin of County of Fayette & State of Minnesota being infirm in body but of sound mind & memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and declare this my last will & testament that of my estate all of my just debts shall be paid after which I will to my wife Ruth M'Gaddin one negro woman named Phillis and one horse and carry all to have and hold during her natural life and at her death to be held by my son Thomas M'Gaddin I will and bequeath to my Daughter Prudence E. Bullock one tract of land lying in the State of Minnesota and County of Fayette containing fifty six acres being the place on which she now resides also two negroes Eliza & Emeline I also will to my son Sam M'Gaddin two negroes George and Green I also will to my son Mr. T. M'Gaddin one negro Robert I also will to my daughter Sarah L. M'Gaddin two negroes Mary & Anna I also make that my son Mr. T. M'Gaddin be made equal with the heirs of my heirs the share allotted to him being less in value than this I also will that they each have equally in a sum I have hitherto set aside

property not herein specified belonging to my estate April 24<sup>th</sup> 1849  
 Thomas H. M'Gaddin Sub  
 Baileys Kays and Daniel E. Warren  
 State of Minnesota June Iron County Court 1849  
 Fayette County Among other things the following appears of record June 1<sup>st</sup> 1849  
 of paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of David Ward Jr. was produced in open Court and thereupon  
 came Baileys Kays and Dr. A. Baylis Subscribers into open Court Baileys Kays and Daniel E. Warren subscriber  
 witness, thirty & three being first day I swear affirms that they were then & there  
 and say that they were acquainted with Thomas M'Gaddin the testator and  
 that he was a good man and that they saw him sign his last will and testament and they believe he was in sound mind & memory at the time of signing the same and they were called on by the testator to witness the same  
 the same day he signed the same his wife Elizabeth and each other it is therefore ordered that said will be established & admitted to record  
 Attest J. Pearce

J. Pearce C.R.

J. Pearce C.R.

Will of L. B. Pearce State of Minnesota Fayette County May 5<sup>th</sup> 1849  
 I, Lorenzo B. Pearce of County of Fayette & State of Minnesota being infirm in body but of sound mind & memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and declare this my last will & testament as follows  
 I do give to my beloved wife Mary M. Pearce all my property with full power to transfer the same and to manage the same as her own property  
 As intimated in the foregoing paragraph I do hereby appoint my wife Mary M. Pearce Recount of this my last will & testament and it is my will that she shall pay all my debts should it be necessary to sell any of the property for the purpose of paying the debts it is my will that my executors may sell the property either publicly or privately as she may prefer and that she may sell such property as she can best dispose

In testimony whereof I have caused to be set my hand and seal on this

Fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand  
Eight hundred & forty nine  
and in the presence of  
Dwight Allen  
Wheeler Willard

Lorenzo B. Peace

State of Virginia July Term 1849

In the County of Fauquier a paper writing purporting to be the  
Last Will & Testament of Lorenzo B. Peace was produced into  
open Court and Thrown Cam into open Court Dwning Allen  
and Wheeler Willard Subscribing witness to the said paper  
writing and who first being duly sworn deposed and say  
that they were acquainted with Lorenzo B. Peace the Testator  
and that they saw him before seal and publish the same to  
be his Last will and Testament and they believed him to be  
in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of  
signing the same and they were called on by the said Testator  
to sign the same as witness which they did in the presence  
of the Testator and in the presence of each other it is con-  
sidered their Said Will be established and ordered to be entered  
of Record

A copy from the Records

J. Horace Clark  
By J. Horace Clark

Will of  
In the Name of God Amen  
That J. Bailey do make and ordain this my Last will & Testament in manner following - Item 1st I give & bequeath to my brother Nelson B. Bailey & wife Elizabeth J. Bailey two negroes girls Nancy Big Caroline and Joanna to her ches and her lawful begotten heirs of the body forever & it is my will this day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to that said negroes should not be subject to my brother Nelson B. Bailey the Last will & Testament of Jas. B. Bailey and Thrown Cam into open debt - Item 2d It is my will that my Plantation should be kept up by my son John D. Mulligan one of the Subscribers witness thereto until his being my brother Wm. B. Bailey as it now is until my son John B. Bailey arrives at the age of twenty one years then to be equally divided between him & acknowledged the same in my presence to be my last will & Testament and my son Jas. B. Bailey It is my will that the proceeds of the sale of the Crop made on the plantation should be applied in educating my surviving children if there should be a surplus after defraying the necessary expenses of the plantation & such it is equally divided to the other brother and will be published as follows of record it is my will that my Executor should collect all of the money and also sue in the state of Virginia and recover the same in

my negroes kept the same on the plantation with my other negroes & divided equally to the others I do nominate & appoint my brother William C. Bailey my sole executor to this my Last will & Testament without giving Slavery as the law requires. It is also my wish is heard that my brother Wm. C. Bailey should act as guardian for my children John & Jas. B. Bailey without being obliged to give Slavery as the law requires In witness whereof I set my hand & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> July 1849  
Signed sealed Delivered in presence of  
J. Horace Clark  
R. C. Pease

That J. Bailey

State of Virginia August Term 1849

In the County of Fauquier following appears of Record  
A paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Jas. B. Bailey So. was produced note open Court and Thrown Cam into open Court & is Reddick one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and who first being duly sworn deposed day that he was acquainted with Jas. B. Bailey the Testator that he saw the said Jas. B. Bailey sign & seal publish the same to be his last will & Testament and he believes he was in 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 & so in his presence did his request it is therefore ordered by the Court that said be so certified for further probate  
I. Horace Clark  
By J. Horace Clark

State of Virginia September Term Court, Term 1849

In the County of Fauquier among others the following appears of Record  
Among others the following appears of Record  
a paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Jas. B. Bailey and Thrown Cam into open Court a paper writing purporting to that he believes he was in sound & disposing mind memory at the time of signing the same was called on by the Testator to sign the same as a witness to the same so in his presence at his request it is therefore considered by the Court that

Copy last

Maurice Clark  
By J. Horace Clark

Will of Dr J. Bushell Douglass of the County of Orange at forty four hundred dollars, in all amounting to forty eight hundred dollars.  
B. Douglass State of New Jersey do hereby make Ordain & publish the following my last will & testament for the better settling of my Estate and Property of every Description whatever  
 In order to occasion as little disturbance among my Servants as possible I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth B. Douglass my houses and lots in the town of Somersville purchased of Captain Valued at two thousand dollars and a lot of negroes worth Twenty four hundred dollars in all forty four hundred dollars which together with whatsoevers the may bequests accrued from my Estate to hold exclusively to herself and her heirs named she have any upon failure of which at her death to leave it subject to the management of my wife until her death during her natural life time, with the exception of the special legacies herein provided for and given to my children.

1<sup>st</sup> I have heretofore given to my son Addison B. Douglass four negroes female worth twenty four hundred dollars and eight hundred dollars in cash making \$3300 - and desire that he may have at my death one thousand dollars more given to him.

2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline M. Hoad her husband John Hoad by the six following named negroes (to wit) Samm his wife Martha and a boy named George and a girl named Eliza which are worth two hundred and fifty dollars and at my death I desire that if George two hundred acres of land out of a 400 acre tract belonging to me shall be given to her in separate lands and which lies in the County of Middlesex on Rutherford's Creek to have or cash making thirty five hundred dollars which together with whatsoevers the may bequests accrued at or before a final distribution I desire to during his natural life and provide they no sooner to divide upon held by her, her heirs exclusively at her death or demise the said tract with their mother or otherwise except in Immoderate sum.

3<sup>d</sup> I have heretofore given to my daughter Martha A. W. Gildland ten negroes. It is my will & desire that upon the death of any of my fellows a woman her boys and a girl Mahaly now in her possession Value children, Rutherford issue. Then and in that case the legacy given at twenty five hundred dollars and I now give to her one hundred and to such child, or children so dying shall revert back to descend fifty acres of land, out of the tract purchased of the Planters Bank, now the Remonstrants his wife (Health) and her upon the death of either in the possession of Dr. W. Gildland, to be taken from a line run from the orphan children. This legacy shall be intended by the other and the Eastern boundary on her property west boundary, due next to the west boundary upon the death of both of these without issue of them the Land of the tract, their death for compliment Valued at one thousand fifty dollars given to them shall revert back to my heirs.

making in all thirty five hundred fifty dollars which said land amounting to my property together with whatsoevers may at or before a general distribution of my Estate hereafter be so spent for my late daughter Martha I desire to her wife, except as hereafter provided, the remainder of my Property shall be divided among my children as follows. That all shall be made fully and entirely equal receiving share and share alike until the aggregate amount of each shall be equal including special as also general legacies previously mentioned.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son Henry B. Douglass the tract of land on which he now lives consisting of four hundred acres including 121 acres of the Planters Bank tract Valued at twenty five hundred dollars and the eight negroes at his house to wit 4 females two from me and a boy and girl all purchased of or owned (Except a woman who) Valued at thirty six hundred dollars making in all Fifty one hundred and two hundred dollars or accounts due the estate after discharging all specific debts.

5<sup>th</sup> I have given to my son John Ernest Douglass four negroes female worth

in the State of New Jersey do hereby make Ordain & publish the following my last will & testament for the better settling of my Estate and Property of every Description whatever

In order to occasion as little disturbance among my Servants as possible I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth B. Douglass the tract of land wherein I now live containing about fourteen hundred acres with all appurtenances thereto reserving however a life estate there to her mother the full use of the tract to all the time.

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to the aforesaid Dr. J. Bushell Douglass now with me his Sister Elizabeth living with my brother Dr. W. B. Douglass my interest in a tract of land of 320 acres lying in Union County consisting of about 180 acres.

7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to Elizabeth George Brooks Lown of me, in the value of two hundred and fifty dollars and a lot of land out of a 400 acre tract belonging to me which lies in the County of Middlesex on Rutherford's Creek to have or cash making thirty five hundred dollars which together with whatsoevers the may bequests accrued at or before a final distribution I desire to during his natural life and provide they no sooner to divide upon held by her, her heirs exclusively at her death or demise the said tract with their mother or otherwise except in Immoderate sum.

8<sup>th</sup> My Executors may sell as they may think most advantageously all my real estate not herein bequeathed to my children the Proceeds of which shall be come a joint fund for all the heirs as also all money Valued at thirty six hundred dollars making in all Fifty one hundred and two hundred dollars or accounts due the estate after discharging all specific debts.

9<sup>th</sup> My wife shall have it in order to rid herself of the trouble and care of land business as the Person a tract of eight hundred acres valued of management of any portion of the negroes belonging to her during

hr. life she may by the valuation of disentitled persons at any time have set apart to each of the children one or more of the negroes keeping in view the prospect of general equality among all the children and it is my desire that the proceeds of the farm lands & reasonable expences of the family shall go into the common fund or stock for a general and final distribution at the time of my wife or at the time she may designate according to the foregoing provisions of the first of this 15<sup>th</sup> instant.

18<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that in setting apart among the descendants among my children by my Executors or by my wife there should be consulted as far as practible that they shall be humbly directed.

15<sup>th</sup> For the just & proper execution of this my last will & Testament I truly nominate and appoint my son John Douglass of Memphis & my son H L Douglass Executors and my wife Executors to be duly qualified without security given under my hand seal this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1849

Benjmitt Douglass

Simon Miller  
to Springfield

State of Tennessee 3<sup>rd</sup> August Term Court Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 1849  
Wayne County Being after the following affirms of Record  
A paper whereby purporting to be the last will & Testament of B. Douglass  
was produced in open Court Thompson came into open Court Simon  
Miller one of the Subscribers Testifies and also first being duly  
sworn deposed say That he was acquainted with Benjmitt Douglass the  
testator that he acknowledged the same in his presence to be his last  
will & Testament for the purpose herein contained & was called on by the  
said testator to sign the same as a witness & done so in his presence  
and at his request she believes the said testator was in some suspic  
ious memory at the time of signing the same and it was ordered  
by the Court that said will be so certified for further notice  
A City Test

J. Brown. Clerk  
By Wallace Clerk

State of Tennessee 1st Term Court Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 1849  
Wayne County 3<sup>rd</sup> Being after the following affirms of Record  
A paper whereby purporting to be the last will & Testament  
of B Douglass was produced in open Court Thompson came into  
open Court to Springfield one of the Subscribers Testifies and also  
first being duly sworn deposed say This he or as

acquainted with B Douglass the testator and that he acknowledges  
the same in his presence to be his last will & Testament  
for the purpose herein contained and that he believes he was in  
some suspicous mind memory at the time of acknowledging the  
same he was called on by the said testator to sign the same  
as a witness and done so in his presence and at his request  
it is therefore considered by the Court that said will be certified  
to and be ordered to be inted of record  
A City Test

J. Brown. Clerk  
By Wallace Clerk

Will of  
Siddow Williams  
Siddow Williams of the County of Fayette  
estate of Memphis being of sound and capable  
health but of sound mind & subject to an infirm  
Cure will hereby make to the executors my last will & Testament hereby ren  
ding revocation of all other wills by me at any time before made  
I do sign my spirit into the hands of him the soul is  
after my death I will direct that my funeral expenses all my just debts  
be paid as far as practible out of my money that I may die peacefully & may  
come into the hands of my executors my wife named except from the sale  
of my real estate

I give and bequeath unto my wives Martha & Mary Anne Eggers daughters  
of my sister Elizabeth & wife of John Eggers all my lands in North  
Carolina and my house of Clinton

4<sup>th</sup> mile easterly unto Stirling Lafayette Wilson son of Wilson Wilson the  
north part of my tract of land on which I now live including all  
part of the Macon Memphis road also the proceeds that may  
arise from the sale of the south part of the tract of land on  
which I now reside including all south of the Macon & Memphis  
road also my profits that may accrue from the rents of the  
north part of said tract of land all of which land proceeds of  
sales as before named shall be given to said Stirling Lafayette Wilson  
when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one years except so  
much as may be expended by my executors from time hence  
in Clothing Board and Schooling said Wilson

5<sup>th</sup> I also give bequeath unto Stirling Lafayette Wilson a negro boy named  
John son of my woman Elima about 6 yrs of age but said  
Wilson shall not receive or control said boy to living until said  
Wilson shall arrive to the age of twenty one years

6<sup>th</sup> I will direct that my executors hereunto named shall  
proceed to sell the remans part of the tract of land on which I now  
reside including all south of the Macon Memphis road as soon after

My death as may be practicable or the best gathered  
for I will direct that all my negroes (except the two young apprentices)  
over twelve years old be sold by my Executor brought round to such  
persons or Master as said negroes may desire to buy them at a fair &  
reasonable price but should such negro fail to choose a master  
or should said person or Master fail to give a fair reasonable price  
for said negro then my Executor shall sell such negro and all my young  
negroes under the age of twelve years shall be sold by my Executor  
hereafter named to such persons as he may think proper so as to give  
them good homes

8<sup>th</sup> I will direct that my Executor bring off to account as soon as  
practicable after my death all of my practicable property except as  
stated before or hereafter named

9<sup>th</sup> I will direct that Sterling LeFayette Neff be bearded Master  
& Schooled until he arrives to the age of twenty one years out of  
the proceeds that may arise out of the first sale of the aforesaid  
lands

10<sup>th</sup> I will direct that the money or proceeds arising from the sale  
of the above named negro and practicable property after all my  
just debts and expenses are paid be equally divided between the  
grand children of my late husband Sid Williams Esq and that my  
Executor brought round pay over to said grand children when they  
become of twenty one years of age or having such portion as may  
be due ~~there~~ according to this will

11<sup>th</sup> I will direct that should the said Sterling LeFayette Neff  
or either of the above named grand children die before they arrive  
at the age of twenty one years such money or effects as would  
have been due them had they lived to twenty one years of age  
shall go back to the surviving said grand children and equally  
divided

12<sup>th</sup> And lastly I do this day appoint Elizur Hall my Attorney &  
Entrepreneur to take full possession & charge of all my effects  
after my death and should said Hall die or resign then I  
appoint as his successor James Thompson with full power to succeed  
said Hall to the fore my will I have this day set on my  
hand Seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Jan 1849

Signed Sealed delivered  
in presence of  
W. M. Drorer  
W. H. Mampe

Sidew Williams P.D.

State of New York September Seven County Court 1849  
In the County of the following appears of record  
A Will of a citizen prepared to be the last will and Testament of  
Sidew Williams Esq was produced in open Court Utica on  
date above Court No. M. Drorer & W. H. Mampe Subscribing witness  
that and who first being duly sworn deposed say that they  
were acquainted with Sidew Williams the Testator that she  
acknowledged the same in their presence to be her last  
will & Testament for the purpose therein contained they believe  
she was in sound mind & memory at the time of signing  
the same they were called on to sign the same which  
and done so in her presence and at her request and in  
presence of each other it therefore considered by the Court  
that said will be established and so ordered to be returned  
of record  
O Copy List

I, Noelle Clark  
For J. Drorer Clerk

Will of Sidew Williams April 3d 1849

James Mance of the County of Oneida State of New  
York living and in mind do make this my last will & Testament  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give unto my wife Elizabeth M. Mance the house lot wherein I  
now live during her life time at her death it is to be sold & divided between  
Oliver & Alonzo Mance my two youngest children likewise I give unto Elizabeth  
Mance my wife all of my household substance furniture of every description my  
team of horses Cows hays all of my provision that I have on hand my  
old gear wagon carriage a new set of carriage horses all of my farm by  
every description the piece of land that I bought of John Smith likewise  
our Catt during her life time or otherwise at her death or marriage  
it is to be sold & divided between the said Oliver & Alonzo Mance  
Item 2<sup>d</sup> I have given off to Anna Thompson one negro woman with four  
hundred fifty dollars one negro girl with three hundred dollars one horse  
with one hundred dollars

Item 3<sup>e</sup> I have given off Francis Hall one negro woman worth six hundred  
dollars one negro girl or with three hundred dollars  
Item 4<sup>f</sup> I have given off an old one negro woman Mary Worth six hundred  
dollars what I have given Alonzo & Alonzo Mance at their mothers death or  
marriage of the widow. My will is that they have and shall the rest of  
my children as Alonzo is to be raised & educated and Oliver is to be

near the same situation my will record is that the balance of my estate be equally divided with my children between me the advancement their have made to Eleanor Thompson Francis Pitts and all in the daughter except what I have given to Oliver Monroe  
Almond at their mothers death or his marriage & wish my Executor to sell the piece of Land that I bought of Mr. Tolson to the best advantage without an order from Court to enforce him to make a deed to the Land and I appoint my son Wm. Read my Executor and wish him to pay James Monroe my just debts out of the first money collected I grant James Monroe parts of my Estate whereto he may let my hand seal the date day above written  
Dated  
Wm. Read  
By W. Read  
B. M. Tolson

James Monroe

Date of Temple B Sept Term 1849 County Court  
To the County Surveyor for the following appears of Record  
A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of James Monroe  
the said produced in open Court & humphreys came into open Court 2d term  
B. M. Tolson Subscribing witness thereto who first being duly sworn  
deposed say that they were acquainted with James Monroe the testator  
that he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last  
Will & Testament for the purpose then expected they believed he was in sound and  
disposition of memory at the time of signing the same they were called on by  
the said testator to sign the same as witness thereto so at his  
request and in presence of each other it is therefore considered by  
the Court that said Will be established  
Attest  
John Moore Clark  
By John Moore Clark

Will of B. M. Read do make publish this as my will  
I Jane Read B. M. Read hereby revoking every Will all Wills  
by me at any made First I direct that my funeral expenses  
and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as payable  
out of my money that I may die peacefully at or may come  
first into the hands of my executor  
Second I will bequeath to the four children of my son Silas B.  
Read Jr. the sum of three hundred dollars it is further my will  
and desire that if either one or more of the children of my said  
son Silas B. Read die during minority or die leaving  
no child or children that then in that case the portion or  
distribution share or shares of the above bequeath of three hundred  
dollars is hereby will bequeathed to the surviving children & the  
Third I will bequeath to my son Christopher W. Read the sum  
of thirty dollars

Fourth I will and bequeath to my Grand daughter Harriet Jane  
Wadsworth the sum of twenty dollars  
Fifth I will bequeath to my daughter Oliver C. Read all my Stock  
of Cattle (cows) including all their increase on mare &  
horses I will and bequeath to my Son Wm. Read the sum of  
one dollar

Sixth I will bequeath to my daughter Jane W. Gardner all my  
sheep and lambs Bed & all my bed clothes  
Seventh I give bequeath to my son Christopher W. Read and provided her  
should die previous to my daughter Jane W. Gardner then and  
in that case to my Son Robert W. Read and provided further should  
my said Daughter Jane remove to Fayette County Pennsylvania & own  
Mr. Parks all the residue of my Estate not in settled in this  
same hunting ground or bequeath that I may die unpaid of  
& that may be due to me at the time of my death or becoming  
to my Estate for want of land interest or money which Goods or  
bequests are intended to include all my property of every kind  
not properly given by this will & Testament to be held by the  
said Christopher or Robert or John according to provision now  
made for death of either of them (as trusted in trust for the  
separate use & benefit of my unmarried daughter Jane W.  
Gardner for during her natural life & at termination of the life  
time in the property here devised to my said daughter Jane  
I desire the same to be equally divided between the children  
if she should leave only one child bring down her third  
child of my said Daughter Jane  
Eighth I do hereby nominate & appoint John W. Parks my Executor

In witness whereof I do to this my last will & Testament  
Set my hand sealed this 30<sup>th</sup> May in the year aforesaid one  
thousand eight hundred forty five

Jane X Read  
M. A. R.

Subscribed sealed published in my presence & have subscribed  
my name unto in the presence of testatrix the 30<sup>th</sup> May  
1866

George Clegg

Subscribed sealed published in my presence & have  
subscribed my name unto in the presence of testatrix the 30<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1866  
A. W. Williams

State of Sonoma County Court 1869  
Marin County Sheriff writing respecting to be the last will & Testament  
of Jane Read now produced in open Court Thompson  
came into open Court of A. Williams a subscriber thereto  
who first being duly sworn deposed day that he was acquainted  
with Jane Read the testatrix, that she acknowledged the same  
in his presence to be his last will & Testament the testatrix  
was in sound disposing mind & memory at the time affixing  
the same and he was called on by the testatrix to sign  
said will as a witness at her request in her presence done  
so and ordered by the Court to be so certified who did  
as copy

Subscribed date  
A. W. Williams & Clark

Will of Edward Hook  
In the name of God Almond - I Edward  
Hook of the state of California & County of  
Sonoma being very sick and weak in body  
but of perfect mind & memory knowing that it is appointed  
for all men once to die - do make and ordain this my  
last will and Testament first of all I give and recommend  
my soul unto the hands of almighty god that gave it an  
body I recommend to the earth to be buried in the  
Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as  
touching each worldly estate wherewith it has pleased god  
to bless me in this life I give dispose of in the following  
manner and form First I tend unto my beloved

wife Sally Hook all my property of every description both  
personal and real during her natural life of any of my chil-  
dren should come of age and wish to settle on my land  
I wish it divided in the following manner to wit one  
hundred acres through the center east and west to stand as  
a dower for my wife during her life and two hundred to  
run through north and south dividing the tract in six  
divisions three north and three south of the dower my sons  
to settle on the north and my daughter on the south as  
follows my son John Henry Hook on the north west corner  
my son Robert Black Hook next and my son Frederick Edward  
Hook on the north east corner my daughter Adeline  
Hook on the south west corner Warilda Hook next and  
Josephine Hook on the south east corner all of which to be  
subject to the dower until it is necessary they should  
have it and after the death of my wife all as then to  
come to a line in the centre of the tract I appoint  
my beloved wife Sally Hook & her children Josephine  
and wife Lappwhite executors to this my last will and  
Testament vested with full power to sell or hire to highest  
bid any of the negroes or to make any alteration in the  
above that they may think fit for the benefit of my wife  
and children in Testimony of this my last will and  
Testament I hereunto fix my hand seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1865

Sonora Hook Esq

Attest  
Samuel Tracy  
Daniel Tracy

State of Sonoma Nov 8th 1869 County Court  
Sonoma County 3d. paper writing professing to be the last will  
and Testament of Edward Hook was produced in open Court and  
Thompson came into open Court Samuel Tracy one of the sub-  
scribers thereto and who first being duly sworn deposed  
and said that he was acquainted with the said Edward Hook  
the testator and he saw him sign and execute the same  
for the purposes therein contained and also declared the same  
to be his last will & Testament and he was called on by the  
testator to sign the same as a witness and done so at his  
request It is ordered by the Court to be so certified &  
as copy first

James Johnson Clark  
By P. Johnson Clark

Will of B. H. Henderson

3<sup>rd</sup> In the name of God amen  
I, Bennet H. Henderson of sound mind and  
memory but in fable health and apprehension  
live that death may be near do make and ordain this my  
last will and Testament in manner form as follows (sig)  
1<sup>st</sup> I resign my body to the dust whence it came and  
through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus my Son  
unto god who gave it

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will that all my just debts be paid together  
with my funeral expenses

3<sup>rd</sup> I give or place in the hands of my beloved wife Louisa  
Henderson all my property real personal & moveable to use &  
dispose of during her life or at her death but only  
in the family to my children & the descendants of my  
deceased children and especially to my son Bennet H. Henderson  
son whom I wish to be as well provided for as any of my  
children in order that my wife may be able to carry  
out fully my will & wishes it is necessary that she has  
power to buy & sell real estate & money, property which  
is hereby conferred upon her

4<sup>th</sup> I hereby revoke all former other wills made by me & this  
this only to be my last

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1849

B. H. Henderson

Witnesses

Dick Williams

State of Tennessee December 5<sup>th</sup> 1849 County Court  
of Fayette County Bishop writing purporting to be the last will & Testament  
of B. H. Henderson Esq. was produced in open Court therefore came into open  
Court prole Cooper Dick Williams Subscribing Testator thereto first law  
fully sworn deposed that they were acquainted with the said B. H. H.  
and were the testator and they saw him sign seal execute this same  
for the purpose therein contained he declared the same to be his  
last will & Testament they were called in by the said testator to sign  
the same as witnesses and done so at his request in presence  
of each other it is therefore considered by the Court that said  
will be established and recorded

Attest

Hannington Clark  
by R. L. Hannington Clark

John Ozier

3<sup>rd</sup> State of Tennessee In the name of God Amen  
Gauge County It now all stand that I  
Will John Ozier of the County & State aforesaid being  
of good and sound disposing mind and memory  
I hereby make and ordain this my last Will & Testa-  
ment revoking all what heretofore by me made and  
1<sup>st</sup> I command my soul to god who gave it and my  
body to be decently interred

2<sup>nd</sup> As regard my worldly Estate it is my will & desire that  
all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as my  
representatives can conveniently do in regard to the interest of my Estate

3<sup>rd</sup> I do give and bequeath to my son Atlas G. Ozier the sum  
of One hundred Ten Dollars old Cents the sum of said  
sum to William (sic) his son from my death

4<sup>th</sup> I also give and bequeath to my Son Harriet D. Ozier an  
Boston Mass about Four years old Cattle &c & the sum of  
of said Mass to remain with him from my death

5<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and desire that my Son Harriett S. Calhoun  
& and John H. Ozier each have out of my estate Twenty five  
(25) no less of Horse as given to my two oldest sons

6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to each of my daughters Angelina (sic)  
& Abby Ozier Sixty (60) Dollars and to my daughter  
Margaret Ozier Sixty Two Dollars (\$62) in the event that I  
should die without giving her a Ladie Saddle but if I  
give her a saddle portion to my death then Sixty Dollars  
(60) the same as given to my other daughter

7<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that my Executors collect all the  
money that is due me or my Estate as soon after my death  
as practicable and purchase a Negro woman for her  
for the benefit of my family & bring the same to  
the residue of my Estate including the negro woman  
or girl above purchased for I leave to my beloved wife  
during her widowhood or natural life and in the event  
of her future marriage it is my will and desire that my  
estate be divided up forth with and equally divided amongst  
my wife and all my children shall & shall alike and  
I do further will that I should pay off my children without  
leaving upon that their portion of property or money after  
paid my estate revert to their surviving brother & sister

8<sup>th</sup> I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary  
Ozier my Executor and my friend and neighbor William J. Bon-  
nett and William W. McDonald my Executors to this my last Will

and I testament In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1849  
attest.

John Ogier *Seal*

Warren Whitten  
J. Roone

State of Tompkins Monday October Term 1849  
Tompkins County 3<sup>rd</sup> paper bearing prospecting to  
be the last will & Testament of John Ogier &c. Was  
produced an open Court for probate and thereupon came  
Warren Whitten & J. Roone Subscribing witness thereto  
the first being duly sworn deposed & say that they  
were acquainted with John Ogier the Testator & that they  
saw him sign his last Will & Testament and they believe he  
died to be his last will & Testament and they believe he  
was in sound disposing mind & memory at the time of signing  
the same they were called on by the said Testator to  
sign the same as witnesses to the execution of his will &  
as at his request and in presence of each other  
it is therefore considered by the Court that said will  
be established & recorded

A Copy Test.

J. Roone att.  
13<sup>th</sup> J. J. Roone att.

Will of Moriah Brooks State of Tompkins  
Tompkins County 3 March 4<sup>th</sup> 1850

This is my last will and Testament  
Iberiah & Brooks of Somers I bind do make the following request  
I want my household furniture family utensils stockings bold I  
want the negro divided my part to be sold to be kept separately and to  
be bound out to lawful interest I also request that Peter & Davis  
to be appointed guardian for my son James W. Brooks and to have sole  
control and management of said child I also want the said said W.  
Brooks to have a good education and if said child should die before  
he is twenty one years old I request said Peter & Davis to have  
what money or property I have divided the said Peter & Davis  
to have one half the entire amount the balance to be equally divided  
between my brothers children I request said Peter & Davis to do  
likewise and similarly with my child to raise for the less and provide

for God this is my last request on earth

Clerk  
Rich H Harvey  
W M Brooks

Moriah & Brooks

State of Tompkins April Term 1850 of the County Court  
Tompkins County

This day was produced in open Court a paper  
writing purporting to be the Last will & Testament of Moriah Brooks  
deceased and thereupon came into open Court Rich H Harvey & W. M.  
Brooks Subscribing witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn  
depose and say that they were acquainted with Moriah Brooks deceased  
the Testator and that they saw her sign & seal declare the same to  
be her last will and Testament and they believe she was in  
sound disposing mind & memory at the time of signing  
the same and they were called on by the said Testator to sign  
the same as witnesses and done so at her request and in her  
presence and in presence of each other it is therefore ordered that said  
will be established and Recorded

A Copy Test

J. Roone att.  
By F. Horne & Clark

Will of Moriah Brooks January 1<sup>st</sup> 1849

Not knowing and only pronouncing myself bound to  
do more than my last will and Testament I leave to my son Whitney  
one hundred dollars I leave to my granddaughter Mary Weston 25  
dollars on the day of her marriage I leave to my grandson William Emitt  
Brooks 25 or the day he is 21 years of age I leave to Edward Whitney 25  
dollars I leave to Peter and Whitney 25 dollars I leave to my daughter Virginia  
Whitney children is the largest share of her body my carriage steps  
and also my bed bedstead & mattress 2 sheets 4 pillow cases & 2 blankets  
my lawn Cotton chairs and small Cotton table one pair small  
Cappie dogs 100 feet of 100 feet iron wire 100 feet iron wire 100 feet  
afers 100 feet breakfast Utensils forks of iron halibut 3 silver tea Spoons 3  
silver dessert Spoons 10 silver sugar tongs 6 plates 2 dishes at corner cake  
panes my small red flower Carpet Chryster prop me carpetting in my  
one trunk and one box and one trunk and one box and one trunk

I leave to my daughter Martha Clementine Whitney my dwelling house I  
leave to her her lifetime and to her children to the sum of one thousand  
fifty dollars per annum for the term of years Black & Comer 8.1.8. I leave to her my

silver escamp fit 3 silver Tea Spoons 3 dessert Spoons silver handles  
one cran Spoons on salt Chalice nine one large lot of blue pitchers  
I leave to Mr. Commissary Mr. on dozen Cane bottom Chairs & 2 Splint  
bottom 2 children Chairs one large dining table one candle stand all my  
remaining Porcelain one vase in China prop for Large Carpet for a sofa  
1 pr Cass Bowls 2 iron pots one over 2 Shells 2 Smoothing morns  
one lighter incense 2 Birds 2 windmills and all the balance of old clothes  
keep on bed side I give to James Whitney. I give to Mr. Whitney  
My Mantle Clock all my pictures my large green Carpet to Mantle  
or ornaments 3 Candle sticks large brunt very red branching brunt my  
Caskets & jewels over 1000 dollars

By witness whom wee are to wedge for her. F. W. Jackson  
I wish to be sold or a certain sum to be divided between  
James & John. Virginia & Martha Valentine Whitney & my wife in my  
books ship & give to James Whitney & also my books pertaining to my  
My youngest girl Ellen I leave to Virginia & Martha Valentine Whitney  
to be left by them or his/her son for their widow

Edward Whitney

if my self or wanting to prove my hand writing I will the County  
Court to call on Mr. F. W. Jackson James R. St. John & F. D. Remond  
Witness a sufficient number of witnesses

I wish my two bigges children a cordis

State of New Haven County, State of Connecticut

Barrett County. This instrument or paper writing of date Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 1848  
pertaining to the last will & Testament of Edward Whitney who departed this life  
in this County in the month of April 1838 in which County he resided at  
the time of his death was presented to the Court for probate thereof  
and thereupon it was proven by the oaths of Thos C. Remond & Appleberry &  
George W. Foote & Sarah Weston that they are acquainted with the hand writing  
of the said Edward Whitney do that said handwriting is generally known  
by the acquaintances of the deceased and that the said Thos C. Remond & C. M.  
Appleberry & George W. Foote & Sarah Weston do verily believe said will & every part  
thereof is in the hand writing of said Edward Whitney and in being so  
further proven by the oaths of Sarah Weston aforesaid that such will  
was found after the death of said Edward Whitney among his valuable  
papers and other valuable effects & the Court being of opinion that said  
instrument or paper writing is what it purports to be to wit the last  
will & Testament of said Edward Whitney & that the same  
was fully proven & established according to the acts of  
Assembly in such cases made and provided the Court doth

hereupon Order & direct the said Instrument of writing as  
aforesaid is the last will & Testament of the said Edward Whitney  
dead & order further that the said will be recorded.

W. Cady, Esq.

For mentioned witness  
By D. F. Turner & C. Clark

Will of Edward Whitney for the benefit of his family  
John Fund Daft Fayette and State affirms being of sound mind but  
feeble in body and thinking that it is appointed for all men once to  
die do make and ordain this to be my last will & Testament  
I. Commit my body to my friends to be buried in decent  
Christian burial and my soul to god who gave it  
2<sup>o</sup> I desire that all my postage be paid if possible out of the  
proceeds of the sale of my will land stocks & farms etc  
3<sup>o</sup> the place where my brother lives from the expense to where said  
Samuel lives supposed to be 50 yards Irish measured for his use as  
long as he chooses to live on it as a board and whenever he quits it  
to return to my estate

4<sup>o</sup> for the disposition of my hills and lands adjoining in order that  
they being then valued I make to be sold in one two or three years  
time the other lands or more two years time

5<sup>o</sup> I give to my son Thos C. Remond 4 acres out of my estate negro boy Sam. over  
and above what would be his proportionable part

6<sup>o</sup> the balance of my negroes to be equally divided among all my  
children or the surviving heirs of their body

7<sup>o</sup> I make my children dividing the value of their bodies  
then their portion of my estate to be given to their backs to my  
estate and be equally divided among other survivors or their heirs

8<sup>o</sup> I appoint Robert C. Remond land & C. Clark Executor  
to this my last will and Testament devolving all other business  
under my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1848

Edward Whitney

Signed Mr. Remond  
James C. Baker

State of Connecticut County Barst. June 20<sup>th</sup> 1848  
In the County of H. W. Miller Justice of和平 to the last will  
and Testament of Edward Whitney who departed this life Fayette County  
in the month of May 1838 was proved upon oath and  
fully proven & established according to the acts of  
Assembly in such cases made and provided that they

were acquainted with the said John Evans the Testator  
that he signed sealed & executed the same in their presence,  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1850 to be his last will & Testament thus  
they signed the same in his presence on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1850 as witnesses and that they believe he was in sound and  
disposing mind and memory at the time of executing the same  
as witness on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1850 and ordered by the testator to be  
so entered of Record.

Attest

J. Dornan Esq.  
By his son Alfred Dornan

Will of Arthur Williams

Done

At the Hall of Grange Castle County Donegal  
In the name of God Almon - I Arthur Williams being  
 Sick in Body part of Donegal minded and desirous  
 memory fail Desires to make a Disposition of my  
 property and effects which God in his Providence  
 has given me in the manner and form following  
 to wit (viz)

Item first I will and desire that my funeral Expenses  
 be the all my just debt be paid out of my money  
 which I may be payed death or out of helping  
 money be such may then in the hands of my Executor  
 hereafter mentioned

Item Second It is my will and desire that my wife Jane  
 Williams has and shall keep all the property belonging  
 to her and real which she has or was entitled to when  
 she was a young girl before property I bequeath to her  
 between the Testators from me and that my Executor  
 have no control over the same but that it remains in  
 her hand as though she was a young girl and had  
 not been married to me

Item Third It is my will and desire that my son  
 Garrett Williams has all the Rest of my Estate both in  
 ff. al and Real and that my Executor Pay the same  
 over to him my said son when he shall have  
 made the necessary Collection and I further direct  
 that his Son shall be a sufficient discharge for  
 my said Executor though he is not twenty one year  
 of age and in the event that my brother Jerry

William with whom the only said Daughter is now living  
 come after the money and demands there and in that case his  
 Right for the benefit of my said Daughter shall be to have  
 present discharge to my said Executor for the same  
 Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Benjamin  
 H. Porter my Executor to this my last Will and Testament and  
 Direct that he shall not be Required to go bond and security  
 as is accustomed for Executors to do in the Ordinary Course of pur-  
 suing may object is thereby to save Cost on my said Settle-  
 ment and at the same time having confidence in my said Execu-  
 tor

The above was made this day the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March

1850

Probate

On the first day of July A.D. 1850 he was produc-  
 ed open and a paper containing purporting to be the summa-  
 tory will of Arthur Williams who died this day in Donegal  
 County on the month of March A.D. 1850 and therein came  
 into Court Benjamin H. Porter William H. Hayes who being  
 first duly sworn before me that the said paper was pur-  
 porting to be the summa-try will of said Arthur  
 Williams he was produced to witness the same before  
 William Hayes his attorney and that they the said Benjamin  
 H. Porter & W. H. Hayes were both present at the making of  
 the said summa-try will were specially required by said  
 testator himself to bear witness thereto that the summa-try  
 will was made in his last sickness in his own habitation  
& therefore the Court doth declare the said paper made  
 purporting to be the summa-try will of the said Arthur  
 Williams to be the summa-try will of the said Arthur  
 Williams & Ord. the same to be entered of record whereupon  
 came into Court Benjamin H. Porter who was duly qualified as  
 Executor of said will

Copies of probate were made -

J. Dornan att

Will of Robert Thornton  
State of New York County

In the name of God Amur I Robert Thornton now of sound mind and of full memory yet afflicted with bodily and knowing that all men must die and the time which death may come do verily know Therefore feeling a desire to leave a testament of the manner in which I wish my earthly effects and affairs managed and distributed I have hitherto caused this my last will and testament to be written to wit

1) I want all of my just debts to be paid  
2) I wish the balance of my property after my death both

Real & Personal to be kept together for the support of my family and the keeping maintaining education of my children

3rd I wish my beloved wife Emily M Thornton to have the control of all my said Estate as Executrix with my friend William C. Davis without security

4) I wish my said wife to keep all of my said property together and to have the control of the same and to have the benefit and proceeds of the same and hands and every thing thereon contained to carry on said farm for the support of my family and tuition of my children during her natural life or widowhood and as my children comes of age or marriage I wish my Executrix and Executor to give off to them what they may think can be spared of my said Estate and to keep a correct account of the same and to add the amount without cost to them for and the final settlement of my said Estate hereafter specified

5) On the event of my said wife marrying before all of my children comes of age then I wish all of my said Estate of every description as well that which may be accumulated by the labour and increase of my said Estate as that now in estimation to be equally divided between my said wife and all my children so as to make them equal one with another. Also my said wife to receive as much as one of my children being a child part of my said Estate further more that in the event of my said wife's death or marriage then my Executor to take the property of all my minor

children in proportion and to manage and control the same as guardians by law are bound so to do with the property of minors and as my children marry or come of age to cause an estimate to be made of the amount of part due them at the time of the estimate and give it to them

6) In the event that my said wife should wish to sell the farm or tract of land now belonging to my said Estate or any one or more of the negroes of said Estate or any property that now belongs or here after come in my said Estate or after his death or marriage Should my Executor think fit so to do they are hereby authorized to do the same and I do hereby give and vest in them full power to make good and valid titles to all property sold by them as if I was alive and had done the same My Executor need not keep aiting separate and apart from my said wife must first apply and obtain an order from Court before he shall be authorized to sell furthermore I do hereby authorize and empower my said wife or Executor to purchase property of any description for my Estate and to receive titles for the same in the name and for the interest of my said Estate just as if I had been alive and had received the same but in no instance to intrust my Estate or enter it in such purchase

7) In the event of my said wife wishing to move to any other state or place I do hereby authorize her so to do and to take with her as much of my said Estate as she may think proper and that which cannot be taken to sell the same and take with her the proceeds of the same and to manage the same wherever she may take it in the manner above described Also in the event of my said wife's death or marriage then should my executor think proper to remove my children and their property I hereby authorize him so to do and to take a transcript of this my Will and the record of the Court in which it may be recorded and to have the same entered on record when ever he may move to be bring hereby authorized to take it my Estate to any State he may think proper and should my said wife move before she marries or should my said Executor move my Estate after his death or marriage then in either event they are authorized to purchase land and property wherever they may go and to carry on a farm as they may think best for

the welfare of my said Estates and the interest of my children.

8. In the event of the death of my friend William C Graves, then I wish my friend Addison Graves to act as Executor in connection with my said wife and to carry out this my last will and Testament as above described and specified or some other discreet person she my said wife may choose by the Consent of the Court having jurisdiction thereof in the County where she may reside at the time when appointed. In testimony whereunto I hereby set my hand and seal in the year of our Lord One thousand and Eight hundred fifty and the sixteenth day of July just test I H Beaver.

The hand writing of the Testator proven by the oaths of Royal J Appleton H G Graves & James Pittet Probate

State of Tennessee

Hayes County 3 An instrument of paper writing of date the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year our Lord One thousand and Eight hundred fifty purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Thornton who departed this life in this County in the month of July A.D. 1850 in which County he resided at the time of his death was produced to the Court for probate whereof whereupon it was proven by the oaths of Jas H Beaver the subscribing witness that he saw the said Robert Thornton sign seal and execute said paper writing purporting to be his last will and testament on the day it bears date and that he was requested by said Robert Thornton to set said paper writing as his last will and Testament and did so in his presence. And it was also therupon proven by the oaths of Royal J Appleton H G Graves & James Pittet that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said Robert Thornton declared that said hand writing is generally known by the acquaintance of the deceased and that the said Royal J Appleton H G Graves & James Pittet do purely believe said signature to said will in the hand writing of said Robert Thornton. In the Court being of opinion that such instrument or paper writing in what it purports to be

Court the Last will and testament of Robert Thornton dec'd and that the same has been fully proven & established according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided the Court doth therefore order and declare the said Instrument of writing aforesaid is the last will and testament of one said Robert Thornton deceased and order further that said will be recorded

The will of Sarah J. Stab aff North Carolina  
Sarah J. Jones Craven County

I Be it remembered that at the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for Craven County on the second Monday in March in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred fifty A paper Writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Sarah J. Jones dec'd was offered for probate which is in the words following Viz

I Sarah J. Jones of the town of Swanton and County of Craven and State of North Carolina being of sound mind but weak of body and being mindful of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make Ordain Establish & publish this Instrument of writing as my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others hitherto made by me if any in the following words to wit Item First I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ann Jones One Negro Girl named Rose about four years of age One Set of Silver Tea Spoons with my name on them and my large family Bible Item Second I give to my daughter Sarah J. Jones One Large looking Glass One feather Bed bedstead furniture the best that I own One Small set of Silver tea Spoons with my mother's name on them Item the third I give to my daughter Abigail All the China on the fourth I give to my son John W. Jones One set of Clarks Comonings on the Webble One Set of Silver Table Spoons with my father's name on them Item the fifth I give to my son Elzav R. Jones One Silver Watch that belonged to his Father and One Clock Item the sixth I give to my son Joseph Jones One Silver Ladle & few dolls in Money Item the seventh I give and bequeath to my little Grand daughter Sarah Grimes And to all the lawfull Children that may son Sarah Jones may have at his death the following property Viz One Negro man named Sam about Twenty Six Years of age One Negro man named Someritt about forty five years of age One Boy named Emanuel Also I give to the lawfull Children of my son Sarah Jones One set of hand

that I hold against Harry Ellison of said note is not dis-  
posed of before I do all of the above said property that I give  
to my son Lurick Jones. Children I leave in the care and under  
the control of my Executors to have out the Negro & Child interest  
or parts and the proceeds of the hire of the Negroes & interest of  
slaves to be applied to the support & Education of said Children  
or Children. Item the Eighty I give to my little grand son James  
Jones Archibal One hundred Dollars Item the Ninth I give to my  
Sister Nancy May One hundred Dollars Item the tenth I give to my  
son in Law Thomas Archibal One Road wagon & Gear Item Eleventh I  
leave to my daughter in Law Martha Jones One Road wagon & Gear  
and one Horse for her use and benefit during her life and at her  
death I give the said wagon and horse to her Children Item the Twelfth  
I give and bequeath to my three youngest Children Evan R Jones John W  
Jones & Eliza Anne Jones One hundred & fifty two Acres of Land that I  
bought of George Cooper by me in the State of Tennessee Haywood County  
and my bed and furniture that is not above mentioned and I request  
that my daughter Abigail Archibal to have the care and control of my  
three youngest Children until they marry or arrive to twenty one Years  
of age Item Thirteenth I leave my Survey or Cary all wagon to be sold  
Item the fourteenth I give to my Ned Sarah Eliza Dalamar Daughter  
of my brother Paul Dalamar One hundred Dollars And it is my will  
and request that all of my Negroes that have not been mentioned  
in the above will shall be hired out at private sale by my Executors  
until my youngest daughter is twenty one year of age or should marry  
and as soon as she my youngest daughter should marry or arrive  
at the age of twenty one then I wish and request that the said  
property and thus increased and all the proceeds of the hire of said  
Negroes to be equally divided between my three youngest Children Evan  
R Jones John W Jones and Eliza Anne Jones to them and their heirs forever.

And I hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my son Lurick Jones  
and my son in Law Thomas R Archibal my lawfull Executor to this  
my last will and Testament In witness whereof I the said Sarah J.  
Jones have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the  
thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight  
hundred and forty Nine

In the presence of the subscribers

Sarah J Jones. Seal

Wm H. Thompson

Atte R. Lewis

Geo Cooper

Whereupon the Execution of said will by said testators was pronounced  
in open Court and in due form of law by the Oaths of Robert Lewis

and George Cooper Subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be  
published & said will is registered in Book of Wills letter D  
folios 163, 164, 165

In testimony whereof I James G Stanly Clerk of the said  
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Craven County doth my  
hand and affix the seal of said Court at Newbern this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of May AD 1850. I James G Stanly Clerk

State of North Carolina

Craven County 3<sup>rd</sup>

I William S Blackledge Chairman of the  
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Craven County do Certify that Jas  
G Stanly is Clerk of said Court and his Attestation to the within Copy  
of Record is in due form of Law In witness whereof I have unto  
set my hand at Newbern this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May AD 1850

Will S Blackledge Chairman  
State of North Carolina I James G Stanly Clerk of the Court of  
Craven County 3<sup>rd</sup> feb & Quarte Sessions of Craven County do  
Certify that William S Blackledge Esquire who has given and  
Subscribed the foregoing is Chairman of said Court duly Commissed  
& qualified In testimony whereof I have set my hand and the seal of said Court at Newbern  
the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1850 I James G Stanly Clerk

This day was produced in open Court a Copy of the last Will  
and Testament of Sarah J Jones which was duly probated in the  
State of North Carolina Craven County which probate is authenticated  
and Certified to according to Law the same is received by the Court  
and Ordered to be filed & recorded And thereupon came into  
Court Lurick Jones One of the Executors named in the said Will  
(Thomas R Archibal the other Executor in writing in open Court  
renounced his right to qualify as one of said Executors) And  
entered into bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars himself  
as principal & gave F B England & Saunders SC Barnes as his  
Security for the performance of his trust which said Bond  
was received by the Court and Ordered to be entered of Record

The Will of I in the Name of God Amen

Geo P. Stone I Graville P. Stone being of sound Mind  
but weak in body and knowing the necessity  
of human life, do make this my last will and Tes-  
tament Revoking all others before me I desire that all my  
Just Debts be paid as soon as possible

I will and bequeath to my wife Tobitha Stone during her natural life or widowhood all my Estate which I may die seized and possessed of both Real and personal. It is my will and desire that after the Death of my wife Tobitha Stone I should marry again then the property remaining at that time to be equally divided among my children. I leave my wife Tobitha Stone and my son Marshall Stone Executor & Executor of this my last Will and Testament herein made. My hand and seal this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1851.

Signed in the presence of George P. Stone  
Jas W Thomas  
W H Giles

State of New York  
Hudson County 3 Mary 1851  
I, George P. Stone, do make and publish my last Will and Testament, being the second and final Will of me, George P. Stone, executed by me in the presence of Jas W Thomas & W H Giles, Subscribers thereto, who being first duly sworn, do say that they were acquainted with George P. Stone the testator and he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last Will and Testament and that they were called upon by him to sign the same as witnesses, that they did so according to his request and they believe that he was in sound mind and disposing of mind and memory at the time of signing the same. It is therefore considered by the court that said Will be established and admitted to Record, and therefore came into court Tobitha Stone the Executrix appointed in said will & Enters aetatem a herself as principal and gave Washington L. Ross, Sterling Fairly, William Fahey & M. Stone & W H Giles as her executors in the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, <sup>and you duly qualified as the law prescribes</sup> to be paid to her son Marshall Stone as directed by the Court and ordered to be entered of Record.  
Marshall Stone was appointed Est of said Will & sworn to his right to qualify.

Will of Thos S Garrison 1851

I, Thos S Garrison of the county of Fayette and State of New York, do make this my and publish this as my last Will and Testament fully revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made,

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2<sup>d</sup> I direct that the sum of Seven hundred Dollars be applied by my executor to the purchase of a Negro boy for my Daughter Jane Kitcham as soon as said amount can be raised out of the proceeds or profits of my estate, and to assist in raising said sum. I direct that such of my personal and purchasable property as can best be disposed of with be sold on a reasonable credit.

3<sup>rd</sup> To my wife Rosannah, I give and bequeath the tract of land on which I now reside, with all the houses and appurtenances where I now live, during the time of her natural life with the condition that she permit my son Jas S Garrison to remain upon and cultivate that part of said tract on which he now lives free of rent or charge so long as he may so proper to remain thereon, and should he at any time during her life remove from the same, then she shall take possession of said land during her lifetime, and on the death of my said wife, the whole of my said tract of land shall be divided between my two sons, Jas S Garrison & John S Garrison as follows: Jas S Garrison to have one hundred fifty acres off the midmost part of said tract & John S Garrison the balance, to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

4<sup>th</sup> To my son James S Garrison, I also bequeath the negro boy Henry and all other property now in his possession given him by me.

5<sup>th</sup> To my Daughter Martha I give all the property now in her possession given by me, a list and valuation of which, will be found in a book in my hand writing.

6<sup>th</sup> To my daughter Jane Kitcham I also give and bequeath the property formerly advanced to her, an account inventory of which will be found in said book.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my will and request that my son John S Garrison on his arrival at the age of 21 years, or on the death of my wife shall have a negro boy valued of six hundred Dollars, one horse valued of twenty five Dollars, one cow valued of 25 Dollars, and one Calf valued of 10 Dollars, and should my said son John S Garrison die under 21 years of age without lawful issue, then all the property both Real and personal herein bequeathed to him shall be sold and equally divided between my Daughters Martha, Anne, Jane, Rebekah and Oliver or the survivors of them.

8<sup>th</sup> To my wife Rosannah I give and bequeath during her

that I hold against Harry Ellison of said note is not dis-  
posed of before I die All of the above said property that I give  
to my son Sarah Jones. Children I leave in the care and under  
the control of my Executors to have out the Negro & Colored interest  
or notes and the proceeds of the sale of the Negro & colored prop-  
erty to be applied to the support & education of said child  
or children. Item the Eighty I give to my little Grand son James  
Jones Archibell One hundred Dollars Item the Ninth I give to my  
Sister Nancy May One hundred Dollars Item the tenth I give to my  
son in Law Thomas Archibell One Road wagon & car. Item Eleventh I  
leave to my daughter in Law Martha Jones One Road wagon & car  
and one Horn for her use and benefit during her life and at her  
death I give the said wagon and a horn to her children Item the twelfth  
I give and bequeath to my three youngest children Ewan R Jones John W.  
Jones & Eliza Ann Jones One hundred & fifty acres of land that I  
bought of George Cooper by me in the State of Tennessee Haywood County  
and my beds and furniture that is not above mentioned and I request  
that my daughter Abigail Archibell to have the care and control of my  
three youngest children until they marry or arrive to twenty one years  
of age Item Thirtieth I leave my family or carriage wagon to be sold  
Item the fourteenth I give to my Ned Sarah Eliza Balmer daughter  
of my brother Paul Balmer One hundred Dollars and it is my will  
and request that all of my Negroes that have not been mentioned  
in the above will shall be hired out at private sale by my Executors  
until my youngest daughter is twenty one years of age or should marry  
and as soon as she my youngest daughter should marry or arrive  
at the age of twenty one then I wish and request that the said  
Negroes and thus increase and all the proceeds of the hire of said  
Negroes to be equally divided between my three youngest children Ewan  
R Jones John W Jones and Elizabeth Ann Jones to them and their heirs forever.

And I hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my son Sarah Jones  
and my son in Law Thomas R Archibell my lawful Executors to this  
my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Sarah J.  
Jones have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the  
thirtieth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight  
hundred and forty nine.

In the presence of the subscribing

Sarah J Jones. *Hand*

Wm H. Shultz

Atk R Lewis

Geo Cooper

Whereupon the Execution of said will by said Testator was proved  
in Open Court and in due form of law by the Oaths of Robert Lewis

and George Cooper Subscribing Writings Thence and ordered to be  
registered & said will is registered in Book of Wills letter D  
folios 163, 164, 165

In testimony whereof I am G Stanly Clerk of the said  
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Craven County witness etc my  
hand and affix the seal of said Court at Newbern this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of May AD 1850. I G Stanly *et al*

State of North Carolina

Craven County *38*

I William S Blackledge Chairman of the  
Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Craven County do certify that Jas.  
G Stanly is Clerk of said Court and his Attestation to the within copy  
of Record is in due form of law. In witness whereof I hereunto  
set my hand at Newbern this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May AD 1850

Wm S Blackledge Chairman  
State of North Carolina I James G Stanly Clerk of the Court of  
Craven County 3<sup>rd</sup> pleas & Quarter Sessions of Craven County do  
certify that William S Blackledge Esq: who has given and  
subscribed the foregoing is Chairman of said Court duly Commissioned  
& qualified

In testimony whereof I have sworn to set my  
hand and the seal of said Court at Newbern  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May AD 1850

I G Stanly *et al*  
This day was produced in Open Court a copy of the last Will  
and Testament of Sarah J Jones deceased duly probated in the  
State of North Carolina Craven County which probate is authenticated  
and Certified to according to law the same is received by the Court  
and Ordered to be filed & recorded and thereupon came into  
Court Sarah J Jones One of the Executors named in the said Will  
(Thomas R Archibell the other Executor in writing in open Court  
renounced his right to qualify as one of said Executors) and  
entered into bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars himself  
as principal & gave F B Rayland & Samuel R Barnes as his  
Security for the performance of his trust which said Bond  
was received by the Court and Ordered to be entered of Record

The Will of *In the Name of God Amen*  
Geo P Stone *3* I Graunt of stone being of sound mind  
but weak in body and knowing the necessity

of human life, do make this my last will and testa-  
ment Revoking all others beforeme I desire that all my  
Just debts be paid as soon as possible

I will and bequeath to my wife Tobitha Stone during her natural life or widowhood all my Estate which I may die seized and possessed of both Real and personal. It is my will and desire that after the Death of my wife Tobitha Stone Should Marry again then the property remaining at that time to be equally divided among my children. I leave my wife Tobitha Stone and my son Marshall Stone Executor and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament herein under. My hand and seal this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1851.

Signed in the presence of:

George P. Stone

Jas W Thomas

W H Gile

State of Tennessee  
Haugle County

Mary Term 1851

(paper reading purporting to be the last will & testament of George P. Stone was this day produced into open Court and Thompson Garrison Jas W Thomas & W H Gile Subscribing witness thereto. Who being first duly sworn deposed & say that they were acquainted with George P. Stone the Testator and he acknowledged the same in their presents to be his last will & testament and that they were called upon by him to sign the same as witnesses & they did so according to his request and they believe that he was in sound ~~body~~ and disposing of mind and memory at the time of signing the same. It is therefore considered by the court that said will be established and admitted to record, and therefor came into Court Tobitha Stone the executrix appointed in said will & Enters a certificate herself as principal and gave Washington S. Rose, Sterling Fairly, William Fairly, E M Stone & W H Gile as sureties in the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars <sup>and for any qualified as the law requires</sup> constituting as the law directs, <sup>and for any qualified as the law requires</sup> sum which was received by the court and ordered to be entered of record. Marshall Stone was appointed Est of said will & to whom ever his right to qualify.)

Will of Thos S Garrison etc

I Thos S Garrison of the county of Fayette and State of Tennessee, do make this my and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made,

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2<sup>nd</sup> I direct that the sum of Seven hundred Dollars be applied by my executor to the purchase of a negro boy for my Daughter Jane Kitcham as soon as said amount can be raised out of the proceeds or profits of my estate, and to adjust in raising said sum I direct that such of my personal and perishable property as can best be disposed of with be sold on a reasonable credit.

3<sup>rd</sup> To my wife Rosannah, I give and bequeath the tract of land on which I now reside, with all the houses and appurtenances where I now live, during the time of her natural life with the condition that she permit my son Jas S Garrison to remain upon and cultivate that part of said tract on which he now lives free of rent or charge so long as he may so proper to remain thereon, and should he at any time during her life time remove from the same, then she shall take possession of said land & during her lifetime, also on the death of my said wife, the whole of my said tract of land shall be divided between my two sons, Jas S Garrison & John S Garrison as follows: Jas S Garrison to have one hundred fifty acres off the westmost part of said tract & John S Garrison the balance, to them and their heirs and assigns forever.

4<sup>th</sup> To my son James S Garrison, I also bequeath the negro boy Henry and all other property now in his possession given him by me.

5<sup>th</sup> To my Daughter Martha Troy I give all the property now in her possession given by me, a list and valuation of which will be found in a book in my hand writing.

6<sup>th</sup> To my daughter Jane Kitcham I also give and bequeath the property formerly advanced to her, an account inventory of which will be found in said books.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my will and request that my son John S Garrison on his arrival at the age of 21 years, or on the death of my wife shall have a negro boy value of six hundred Dollars, one horse value of twenty five Dollars, one cow value of 25 Dollars, and one calf value of 10 Dollars, and should my said son John S Garrison die under 21 years of age without lawful issue, then all the property both real and personal herein bequeathed to him shall be sold and equally divided between my Daughter Martha Anne, Jane, Adeline, Rebekah and Oliver or the survivors of them.

8<sup>th</sup> To my wife Rosannah I give and bequeath during her

life time or widow hood. The residue of my estate of all and  
every kind whatsoever, to be kept together and used in the best  
Manner for her support & the education & maintenance of my  
Children who may remain with her, & on the marriage of any  
of them respectfully she may at her option, give off to them such and  
of said property as she may think best calculated to promote their  
interest said property to be fairly estimated when given and  
an act kept of the same.

9<sup>th</sup> On the decease of my said Wife it is my will and desire that the  
property left her in the 8<sup>th</sup> Item of this Will except the negro and  
all the increase or improvement of the same, be sold to the highest  
bidder on a Credit of 12 months & to divide amongst my surviving  
Daughters that the portion of cash, shall be equal taking into the 8<sup>th</sup>  
all former advancements, the negro to be valued and divided  
amongst my living Daughters equally.

10<sup>th</sup> Should my said Wife marry, then all the property embraced  
in the 8<sup>th</sup> Item of the Will to be sold as above, and the proceeds  
to be divided between my said Wife and my living Daughters  
equally (leaving my wife) to him to her during her lifetime &  
at her death to go to my surviving Daughters in such manner  
as to make the portion of each daughter finally equal.

11<sup>th</sup> Should any of my Daughters die unmarried before they attain  
the age of 21 years then the property intended for her or them  
by this will, shall be equally divided amongst the surviving  
Sisters.

Any property of the Estate of Elizabeth Cunningham and  
in and to which I have or may hereafter have any right claim  
or interest - I give and bequeath the sum to my wife No-  
ttingham, her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint George Thompson  
my Executor to this my last Will and Testament In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this  
the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 1850.

J. W. Garrison Esq.

Sigma Society & delivered in presence  
of us who have subscribed our names  
butto in presence of the Testator  
J. W. Jones

B. N. Brewster

State of Minnesota  
Hennepin County 3 January Term 1851

A paper writing purporting to be the last will  
and Testament of J. W. Garrison Esq. was produced into open court

and the Execution thereof duly proven by the oath of John H. Jones & B.  
Brewer Subscribing Witness thereto and who being first duly sworn de-  
pose and say that they now acquainted with J. W. Garrison the Testator  
and that they saw him sign seal & execute the same for the purposes  
therein contained and that they believe he was in sound disposing  
Mind & Memory at the time of executing the same and that they were  
called upon by him to sign the same as witnesses whereupon so ac-  
cording to his request and it is considered by the court that said will  
be established,

Harrison Clark

State of Minnesota

Hennepin County 3 U. William Head of the State and county after  
- said County, do make & publish this as my last  
will and Testament, hereby revoking & making void all other wills  
by me at any time made.

First - I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as  
soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may dis-  
posed of or that may just come to the hands of my executors

2<sup>d</sup> - I direct that all advances by me at any time made of negroes,  
or other property, be and remain as I have made them

3<sup>rd</sup> - I give & bequeath to my wife Frances Head the sum of two thousand  
- and Dollars (\$2000.) in money and I further direct that three  
hundred Dollars (\$300.) additional be paid to her as soon  
after my death as possible and that she give her the two thousand  
- and Dollars (\$2000.) be paid to her at the end of the year and  
if the same be not paid to her at the end of the year in full, the  
- above amount is unpaid at that time shall bear legal interest  
until paid.

4<sup>th</sup> - I give & bequeath to my son Jas C. Jones my negro boy Col-  
- man, and my negro girl Fanny (slave property) and I direct  
that four thousand Dollars (\$4000.) out of the proceeds of my  
Estate, be paid to my son James C. Jones, by my Executor when  
the said James C. Jones shall become of age (i.e.) twenty  
one years old, and I direct that a reasonable sum be set  
aside annually, by my Executor to pay for the board and  
Clothing and tuition of my son Jas C. Jones until he becomes  
of age, and further I do hereby nominate and  
appoint my son Thos W. Jones the Guardian of my son James  
C. Jones

5<sup>th</sup> I direct that my negro man Buck, William, & Kit  
and my negro woman old Bess and Fatina, and Young  
Clay, and her if ever she have any and my negro boy  
Lumus and my negro girl Lucy be sold by my

Executor ana that my Houses Lands Horses Cattle Hogs  
H H Carriages wagons & Hous hold & Kitchen furniture Books  
beds bedding plantation tools &c &c be sold also ana that the  
proceeds of said sales together with all monies proceeds of house  
Bills Notes accounts &c &c ana all my property Effects of wh-  
-atsoever Kind or nature of which I may die possessed or  
which may accrue to my estate after my death (after) paying  
my debts ana satisfying the Specific bequests above mentioned  
(viz those to wife Frances Irons ana my Son Jas C Irons  
the same is hereby directed to be equally divided than  
& than alike between my four Daughters (viz) Mary C Irons  
Anelia C Irons ana Eliza Mcballa ana Sarah Jane Peters &  
my two Sons Jas W Irons ana W M Irons ana the heirs of  
the body of my ne<sup>c</sup> Sons Ann R Irons, ana I give & bequeath  
the same to them to be equally divided between them as above m-  
-entioned (viz) to be divided into seven equal shares or parts ana  
to be given to Mary C Irons ana to Anelia C Irons ana to Ann Eliza  
Mcballa ana one to Sarah Jane Peters, ana to Jas W Irons one  
to W M Irons, ana one to the heirs of body of deceased Son  
A D Irons

Lastly - I do hereby nominate ana appoint Jas M Mcballa  
my Executor to carry the provisions of this will into effect

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal to  
this my last Will ana Testament this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May  
A D 1851.

Signed Sealed ana published in  
our presence ana we have herte  
Subscribed our names in the presence  
of the Testator this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May  
A D 1851

Edmund Rivers  
Willis Maeon

Wm Irons Seal

State of Tennessee  
Hayville County 3 July 1851

This day was produced in open court a paper pur-  
-taining purporting to be the last will and testament of W Irons  
dec'd late of the County of Hayville & State of Tennessee thereupon  
Came into open Court Edmund Rivers ana Willis Maeon Sub-  
-scribing Witnesses to the said paper writing they being first duly  
Sworn deposed ana say that they were acquainted with W Irons  
the maker of said paper writing ana that they saw him  
sign seal & publish in their presence the said paper writing

to be his last Will & Testament ana that they were requested  
to sign the same in the presence of the Testator as Witnesses  
thereto, one of the Witnesses Willis Maeon States that he believes he  
was in sound & disposing mind ana memory at the time of  
signing the same the other Witness states that it is somewhat doubt-  
ful questionable about the soundness of his mind but thinks  
he was Capable of Making a Will the Testimony being fully  
heard before the Court, being sufficient that said will should  
be Established & ordered to be recorded, J. Koonce Clerk  
(A Copy of probate)

### Will of

Wm H Arrowood deceased I Wm H Arrowood, do make and  
publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking  
and revoking void all other Wills by me at any time made.  
First - I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be  
paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that  
I may die possessed of or may just come into the hands of my  
Executor

Secondly - I give ana bequeath to my Dear ana Beloved Wif<sup>e</sup>  
The old Crawford Homestead place, with as much of the Houston  
place as will run to the North West corner of said Crawford  
place, - also the John Wiley place, also the following Slaves, five  
Duan and Thomas with Enny

Thirdly - Many Mo Hart the Wife of John Hart the Balance of  
the Houston place and part of the Henry place to the corner  
in the Woods thence to the Boundary line and the following Slaves  
Bristol Bill & Eliza

Fourthly - John Thomas Arrowood I bequeath to him as much  
Money out of the present Crop as will pay the money due this  
Year on the Sittles & Blackharts tract of land - also the following  
Slaves Catharine and her children Sue is and Alexander  
with all the utensils Waggon Team &c

Fifthly - By Daughter Sarah Isabellor I bequeath to her all the  
Land East of the two places before described and the following  
Slaves Hannah and her children lot, and Henry and a new  
Waggon and with forty Bushels of Wheat - I Bequeath the balance  
one of my Slaves Stephen and equally divide according to  
Valuation four in a class between my Wif<sup>e</sup> and three children  
J. Will and bequeath to my Dear Wif<sup>e</sup> Isabellor all the household  
furniture bedding &c &c one Waggon and team with half  
the wheat and the balance to J. Will and with as much of  
the present Crop as she may need for a support during the

The next year with as much Money as she may need - Sales  
Bequeath all his property to her, her life time and with a right to  
make any disposition of it to her children at any time she may  
see proper, with my desire leave Mattox, My Daughter Isabella  
as much of the present Crop as she may need as support for her and  
her hands during next year if there be that much remaining &  
and to her and her mother as many farming utensils as they may need  
I Bequeath my Wife all the cattle Hogs Sheep and goats with the exception  
of what she can for my Daughter Isabella. I do hereby nominate  
and appoint my Beloved Wife Isabella and my son John Thompson  
Executor & Executor In witness whereof I do to this my Will  
set my hand seal this 22<sup>d</sup> day of July 1851

W H Ammon Esq

By W Monroe  
Henry Dean

This is to show that having made my last Will and  
Testament & wishing to alter some of the provisions therein contained  
I do make & affix this as a Codicil thereto (viz) I direct that my  
Wife Isabella W Ammon Should have the property left to her in  
said Will only during widowhood but should she marry I  
then direct that the property which I have bequeathed to her  
shall fall back into the estate and be equally divided between  
my children John W Ammon Mary Hobart and Sarah Thompson  
Except my negro wife and my negro Woman奴隶 & my  
negro boy Tom, then I wish my wife to retain entire control  
of in any event during the term of her natural life, In  
witness of which I have hereunto set my hand & seal in  
the presence of the subscribing witnesses this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July A.D.  
1851.

Say me in our presence the day and date W H Ammon Esq  
above written  
By W Monroe  
Henry Dean

This day was produced into open court a paper writing  
purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W H Ammon  
written on two separate pieces of paper and also a  
Codicil of said Will or paper writing thereto on a separate  
sheet of paper and thereupon came into open court G M Monroe  
& Henry Dean Subscribing Witnesses thereto (Will and Codicil) they  
having first duly sworn deposed and say that they were ac-  
quainted with W H Ammon the maker of said Will and Codicil  
and that they say the said W H Ammon signed seal and executed

the said paper writing and stated in their presence to be his last  
Will & Testament and also acknowledged he executed the said  
Codicil in their presence, and they believed he was in sound and  
disposing mind and memory at the time of signing the same  
and that they were called upon to sign said paper writing as witness  
by the testator and accordingly done so, and the paper writing  
was sealed in their presence and delivered to the court sealed  
and was in three separate sheets of paper, and the Codicil  
thereto delivered to the court sealed, and was considered  
by the Court, that said Will be established, and was made  
to be recorded,

A Copy of Probate

J Horner Clerk

State of Tennessee March Term 1851  
Shelby County 3

A Competent Court present - A paper writing  
purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Isaac Ammon  
deceased now this day presented to the Court for probate, and thereupon  
came into Court J B H McRae an one of the Subscribing Witnesses  
to the same who being duly sworn deposes and saith that the  
said Isaac Ammon acknowledged the said paper writing in his  
presence to be his last Will and Testament and that he was of  
sound mind and disposing memory at the time of acknowledg-  
ing the same and that said Will be sufficiently proven  
and admitted of Record

State of Tennessee  
Shelby County 3 In the name of God Amen, Knowing  
the certainty of death and the uncertainty of its hour I  
make this my last will and Testament revoking all others  
by me at any time heretofore made, only to the Testee herein  
testacea - 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that the Will  
which I made some three or four years ago and no in the  
hands of am George Thompson in Fayette County State of  
Tennessee be probated and fully carried out - 2<sup>nd</sup> It is  
my Will and desire that all the property which I have  
or am or may be entitled, and not bequeathed or disposed  
of the Will heretofore made by me and in the hands of  
George Thompson as before alluded to whether it be real  
Estate personal property of any description or choses in action  
shall be given to the colored man or woman named  
Maria with whom I have been living for a good many years  
past, for the benefit of her during her life, and at her death

To go absolutely and forever in Equity Shall to her following  
Wm Chedden, (his) Margaret aged about 15<sup>th</sup> year, Dennis  
Dennis aged about eleven years Lucy aged about nine years  
Dennis aged about seven years Sally Ann aged about five  
years John aged about two years and Henrietta now an  
Infant - <sup>3rdly</sup> It is my will and desire that the sum above  
named Chedden (his) Margaret Joseph Deconneux Lucy  
Dennis & Sally Ann be and they are hereby made free and if it  
should turn out that the other two children (his) John & Henrietta  
ascend from this Will are not free, I also bequeath to give to them  
their freedom - <sup>4th</sup> It is my will and desire that George  
Thompson before us above alluded to in all Executions to procure  
the sanction of the legal authorities of Minnesota to my request  
of freedom to all the children named in the preceding clause  
of this Will - <sup>5th</sup> It is my will and desire that the man  
or girl Maria may select any prudent person she  
may think proper to assist her in the Management of the  
property given to her & the children mentioned in this Will  
Witness my hand and seal in the year of our Lord one  
hundred and fifty & the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December -

Wm Chedden  
B A McLean  
H B White

Isaac Meier Clerk

State of Minnesota I W G Denevay Clerk of the County Court  
Shelby County 3<sup>rd</sup> of said County do hereby certify that the  
foregoing is a full true and perfect copy of the last Will and  
Testament of Isaac Meier deceased as the same is now on  
file and of record in my office - Witness my hand and office  
this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 1857

W G Denevay Clerk  
By J A Russell Esq

State of Minnesota  
Shelby County 3<sup>rd</sup> September Term 1857

This day was produced into open court a paper  
writing purporting to be the a copy of the last Will and Testament  
of Isaac Meier deceased certified from under the hand of the Co-  
unty Court Clerk of Shelby County, the said instrument was  
Received by the Court and ordered to be recorded - and thereupon  
brought into open Court George Thompson who qualified as Advisor  
with the will annexed and ordered by the court to be so interred and  
Recorded

Samuel Moore  
Clerk

In the name of God amew, I Isaac Meier of Fayette  
County & State of Minnesota, being in sound mind and memory  
thank be to God for the same, having to mind the immorality  
of this life do make and ordain this my last will and  
testament in the manner and for as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Item I give & bequeath unto my Elder son Thomas Meier twenty  
five dollars and the property all ready given him by me some years  
past

2<sup>nd</sup> Item I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Meier Five  
Dollars and the property all ready given him by me some years  
past

3<sup>rd</sup> Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lydia Berry  
Five Dollars and the property all ready given her some years  
past

4<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath unto my Son above this Hand  
and Fifteen Dollars and the property all ready given him by me  
some years past

5<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Ann  
Four Hundred & fifty Dollars

6<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Anna  
Four Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars  
This is my last Will and Testament given under my hand  
and seal the 10 of September 1849

Isaac Meier in Testimony

John G Thompson

State of Minnesota April Term 1851  
Fayette County 3<sup>rd</sup>

This day was produced into open court a paper  
writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Isaac  
Meier deceased and therupon came into open Court J G Watson  
One of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto who first being duly sworn  
to answer questions deposed and sayeth that he was acquainted  
with said Isaac Meier for and that he saw him sign said  
& execute the same - and declared it to be his last will and testa-  
ment and that he was called on to sign the same as a witness  
by the said testator and that he believed that he was in sound  
and disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same  
and it was considered by the court that said Will be ad-  
mitted and recorded

Jasman Korned Clerk