

to go absolutely and forever in Equid share to her following
 Minnie Childum (viz) Margaret aged about 15 years, Susan
 Mercer 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 - 3^{rdly} It is my will and desire that the said above
 named Childum (viz) Margaret Joseph Deconnaux Lucy
 Dennis & Sally Ann be and they are hereby made full aware it
 should turn out that the other two children (viz) John & Henrietta
 aside from this Will are not free, I also bequeath & give to them
 their freedom - 4^{thly} It is my will and desire that George
 Thompson before now alluded to use all Exactions to procure
 the sanction of the legal authorities of Tennessee to my request
 of freedom to all the children named in the preceding clause
 of this Will - 5^{thly} It is my will and desire that the W-
 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 being
 - 1849 hundred and fifty & the 8th day of December -

Witness

Isaac Mueser *Ex*

13 St. Newman

76 B. White

State of Tennessee - I W. L. Dewdney Clerk of the County Court
 Shelby County 3 of said County do hereby certify that the
 foregoing is a full true and perfect Copy of the last Will and
 Testament of Isaac Mueser deceased as the same is now on
 file and of Record in my Office - Witness my hand & Office
 this the 26th day of August 1857

W. L. Dewdney Clerk
 By J. A. Redwood *Ch*

State of Tennessee -
 Fayette County 3 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 Mueser dec^d. testified from under the hand of the Co-
 - 1857 - county Court Clerk of Shelby County, the said Instrument was
 Received by the Court and ordered to be recorded - and thereupon
 same into open Court - George Thompson who qualified as Adm^r.
 with the Will annexed and ordered by the court to be so entered on
 Record

Samuel Horned Clerk

In the name of God amen, I Isaac Mueser of Fayette
 County & State of Tennessee, being in sound mind and mine
 - my thank be to God for the same, calling to mind the uncer-
 - tainty of this life do make and ordain this my last will and
 Testament in the manner and for as follows.

1st Item I give & bequeath unto my Elder Son Thomas Mueser twenty
 five Dollars and the property all ready given him by me some years
 past

2nd Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Isaac Mueser Five
 Dollars and the property all ready given him by me some years
 past

3rd Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lydia Perry
 Five Dollars and the property all ready given her some years
 past

4th Item I give and bequeath unto my Son above three Hundred
 and Fifty Dollars and the property all ready given him by me
 some years past

5th Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Ann
 Portton four Hundred & fifty Dollars

6th Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Mueser
 Four Hundred and seventy five Dollars

This is my last Will and Testament given under my hand
 & seal the 10 of September 1849

Isaac Mueser *Ex*

Test Sol G. Watson

John W. Thompson

State of Tennessee - April Term 1851
 Fayette County 3

This day was produced into open Court a paper
 Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Isaac
 Mueser dec^d and thereupon came into open Court J. G. Watson
 One of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto who first being duly sworn
 to answer Questions depose and sayeth that he was acquainted
 with said Isaac Mueser dec^d and that he saw him sign said
 & Execute the same - and declared it to be his last Will and Tes-
 - tament 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 set-
 tled and recorded

Samuel Horned Clerk

I Nancy C. Anderson of the County Tennessee being of sound mind and full in body do hereby make this my last Will and Testament in manner of now following to wit I leave the following property and note subject to the payment of any of my debts to wit The place on which we now live containing one hundred and ninety five acres more or less also the stock of horses & cows & waggon, And a note due me by J. F. Bolanin for one hundred & twenty five dollars & 50c due the 25th of Decr next whatever is left of the above after my debts are paid I wish my Husband B. Anderson to have Ist It is my wish and desire that my nephews Sylvia Thelma Sam Lewis and Angeline shall remain here until the end of the year, then they must be sent to Maclure County and live out until my daughter Mary Maclure or become of age then she may have them all provided she will pay my son Albert M. Anderson one half of their valuation the proceeds of the live to be equally divided between them

3rd I wish all my lands in North Carolina or any other property I may be entitled to any where, to be sold as soon as may be, and the proceeds equally divided between my two children, also the amount of a note due me by my Husband for two hundred and twenty five dollars and any other money I may receive from any quarter, I wish so divided

4th I wish all of my household furniture sold at the end of the present year & the proceeds equally divided as before stated, Except however my two best & new bedsteads and I give to my daughter the best & best bedstead I at present own and the other bed I give to my son Albert.

In case of the death of either of my children without issue, then I wish the surviving one to have all the property and money hereby divided between them, And in case of the death of both of my children without issue and my Husband should be the longest lived, then I wish him to have the use of said property & money during his life time, And at his death, I wish him to name some charitable institution to which I wish it all to go

Witness my hand and seal this 24th of May 1851

Test
Isaac S. Pickins
R. B. Pickins

N. C. Anderson

State of Tennessee
Haystack County

October Term 1851 being the 6th day of said month

This day was produced into open court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Nancy C. Anderson dec'd. Thereupon came into open court R. B. Pickins one of Subscribing Witnesses to the said paper writing who being first duly sworn depose and say he was acquainted with said Nancy C. Anderson dec'd. the Testatrix, and that he saw her sign and execute the same in his presence and declared the same to be her last Will and Testament and he believed she was in sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of executing the same and he was called on to sign the same as Witness and done so in her presence and at her request and ordered by the court so certified for further probate

Copy of Probate

I Moore Clerk

the other prob at above June 1851

November Term 1851

State of Tennessee } This day was produced into open
Haystack County } Court a paper writing purporting to be
the last Will and Testament of N. C. Anderson and witnesses
came into open Court Israel Pickins a subscribing witness
thereof and who being first duly sworn depose and say that
he was acquainted with the said Testatrix N. C. Anderson and
that he saw her sign seal and execute the same and declare
the said paper writing to be her last Will and Testament
and that he believed she was in sound and disposing
mind & memory at the time of signing the same & he was called
on to sign the same as a Witness to the Executor of said paper
writing and done so at his request & the said paper writing was
proven by the witness R. B. Pickins heretofore. It is therefore
considered by the Court that said Will be fully established
& ordered to be Recorded

After committing my soul and Body to God who gave it - I disposes this my last will and testament after Resolving all other
 1st I wish my funeral Expenses paid and all my just debts as soon as convenient out of my Money I may die possessed of - or may may come into the hands of my Executors
 2^d I wish all my property left to gather as much as possible until my youngest son comes of age and any overplus then may be made over a support for my family and the Expenses of the family I wish to be paid out to my Eldest Child when he turns so as to make them equal on a final settlement my property to remain in the possession of my Wife until my youngest Child becomes of age. I then it to be equally divided unless it should be the desire of my Wife not to have a final settlement until her death. I Request and appoint my friend Henderson Owen to be my Executor to this Will as Witness my hand and seal this the 16th day of August A.D. 1857
 Test
 A. S. Green
 Saunders Black

State of Tennessee October Term 1857 being the
 Fayette County 6th day of the Month

This day was produced into open Court a paper Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Miller dec. and thereupon came into open Court A. S. Green & Saunders Black subscribing Witnesses to the said paper Writing and who being duly sworn depose and say that they saw him with William Miller dec. the Testator & that they saw him sign and seal and the same to be his last Will & Testament and that they believe he fully understood the said paper Writing to be made according to his Request although they believe from External visibility his mind was somewhat impaired and they signed the same as Witnesses in his presence and thereupon it was ordered by the Court that said Will be Established A Copy of Photocopy *W. Moore Black*

In the name of God, Amen.
 I, J. W. Kery being in perfect mind and memory make this my last will and testament By first Resigning my soul to God who gave it, my body to

Worthier debts by a devout instrument and as to such other things Estate as it has pleased God to bless me with. I dispose of myself and mine I direct that all my debts of funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executors and that my property both personal and real Estate be and remain in the hands of my beloved Wife with such exception as will hereinafter be made during her natural life or Widowhood leaving her at the same time full power to sell the lands and moors if she should ever choose to do so and should she ever marry then an equal division of all the property shall be between her and the Children then living. I direct that my Riding Saddle shall be George S. Brown. I direct that my Executor see a pious Parson or Minister with the money he may bring buy a young Woman & Child or Building Room for a Comfort for the benefit of my family & also further direct that any and all money left in my Executors hands after paying my debts shall be handed over to my Wife for the use and benefit of my family. I further direct my Executor to control and dispose of my last years crop the present crop and other property such as may be agreed upon by and between my Wife & Executor to the full Satisfaction of all my debts. I direct that my Wife shall act as Guardian for my children and raise & school them free of charge and do hereby make and ordain my esteemed neighbour Reuben S. Brown Executor of this my last Will and Testament and to effectuate this my intention, I do hereby give in my Executor full power & authority to dispose of any and every effects for the payment of my debts and good of my family in full or any part of years or otherwise in as full & large a manner as ever I might as I could myself do if living

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and for my seal in presence of these Witnesses this the 14th day of July A.D. 1857
 J. W. Kery

Test
 W. M. Garrison
 John McKoy
 B. S. Saunders

State of Tennessee October Term 1857 being the
 Fayette County 6th day of the Month
 This day was produced into open Court a paper Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of J. W. Kery

deceased and thereupon came into Court to the execution of the
 subscribing witnesses and who being first duly sworn depose
 that they were acquainted with the said Henry and who saw him
 appear to the said paper writing and that they saw him sign
 said and declare the same to be his last Will and testament and
 that he believed he was in sound disposing mind & memory at
 the time of signing the same and they were called upon to attest
 the same as witnesses and accordingly did so upon their deli-
 veration of the same it was ordered said Will be established
 A Copy of Proofs. Attest

Will of Sarah Ogier of the State of Tennessee and Hay
 County being weak in body but of sound mind
 and memory thanks be to God I do make and
 publish this my last Will and Testament in the presence and
 as follows viz

First I demise and dispose of my worldly estate in the following man-
 ner I allow my just debt to be repaid and settled to wit
 Contract my Will is and I give unto my daughter Penny Elliott
 One Cow and my Side Saddle my Will is that my Executors sell
 my Land the the Hall on the following terms one third down
 the balance in two payments one another year and out of the
 first payment pay the residue due on said Land that is yet due
 my Will is that the residue of said Land be equally divided to my
 four boys viz William C. Ogier, Adia H. Ogier, Samuel P. Ogier
 and King D. Ogier and further my Will is I give unto my sons
 William C. Ogier, Adia H. Ogier, Samuel P. Ogier and King D. Ogier
 my Crop of Corn Cotton and Potatoes and all of my household
 and kitchen furniture my horse my stock of cattle hogs all
 of my farming tools as for my other children viz Mary
 Corrie Lindsey Slaughter Elizabeth M. Blair Nelson Slaughter
 and Pinkney Slaughter I have done as much as I can in
 my power as they left me I do hereby nominate and
 appoint John P. Pearson Executor to carry this my
 Will in to effect which by swathing all former Wills by
 me made in writing whereof I have hitherto set my hand
 and seal this 9th day of August 1851

Test E. D. Williams
 Robert Barkhead
 Sarah Ogier
 State of Tennessee November Term 1851
 Haystack County
 The following appears of record
 this day was produced into open Court

writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Sarah Ogier
 do and thereupon came before Court E. D. Williams and Robert
 Barkhead subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing and who
 being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted
 with the said testator Sarah Ogier in her lifetime and that
 she acknowledged in their presence that she executed the said paper
 as writing for the purposes herein contained and also declare the
 same to be her last Will and testament and that they were called
 on by the said testator to sign said paper writing as witnesses
 and done so at her request and that they believe she was in
 sound and disposing mind & memory at the time of signing
 the same It is therefore considered by the Court that said
 Sarah Ogier's paper writing is established as the last Will
 and testament of the said Sarah Ogier & in order by
 the Court that said Will be recorded
 A Copy Test J. Kearney Clerk

Martha Dowdy
 Do
 Last Will
 The last Will and Testament of Martha
 Dowdy of Haystack County State of Tennessee
 I Martha Dowdy Considering the uncer-
 tainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and
 memory do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament
 in manner and form following To wit I say after all of
 my just debts are paid I give and bequeath unto my children
 Mary Dowdy, Elizabeth Dowdy, William D. Dowdy, Mahaley
 Monroe and the heirs of Amanda C. Robinson all the
 right and interest that I have in the tract of Land that
 I know reside and containing by estimation one hundred
 and twenty two and one half acres to be equally divided
 but my daughter Mary is to have preference of the dwelling
 house I further give and bequeath unto my daughter
 Mary two Beds & Beds furniture and one Bureau one
 Table and my table Ware the balance of my personal
 property to be sold and the proceeds equally divided I also
 give unto Jacob Barnes one dollar no money I hereby
 appoint my son Wm. D. Dowdy Sole Executor of this my last
 Will and Testament in witness I hereby set my hand and seal
 this the 21st day of October one thousand eight hundred
 and fifty
 which
 Wm. Young
 David Monroe &
 Martha Dowdy
 make

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 agreed and thereupon came into Court to the bar and being sworn depose that they were acquainted with Mr. Henry and whose name appears to the said paper writing and that they saw him sign said and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that he believed he was in sound disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same and they were called upon to attest the same as witnesses and accordingly did so upon due deliberation of the Court it was ordered said Will be established
 A copy of Proofs. *Proved*

Will of Sarah Ogier of the State of Tennessee and Say
 Sarah Ogier do hereby certify that I am in body but of sound mind and memory and make and publish this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form as follows viz

First I desire and dispose of my worldly estate in the following manner I allow my just debt to be paid and settled to gratify to Contract my Will is and I give unto my daughter Penny Elliott One Cow and my Side Saddle my Will is that my executor sell my Land the the Fall on the following terms one third does the balance in five payments one and two year and out of the first payment pay the residue due on said Land that is yet due my Will is that the residue of said Land be equally divided to my four boys viz William C. Ogier, Adia R. Ogier, Samuel P. Ogier and King S. Ogier and further my Will is I give unto my sons William C. Ogier, Adia R. Ogier, Samuel P. Ogier and King S. Ogier my Crop of Corn Cotton and Potatoes and all of my household and Kitchen furniture my horse my Stock of Cattle hogs all of my farming tools as for my other children viz Hiram J. C. McLe, Sunday, Daughter Elizabeth McLean, Nelson S. Slaughter and Pinkney Slaughter I have done as much as I had in my power as they left me to do hereby nominate and appoint John W. Pearson Executor to pay this my Will in to effect when by revoking all former Wills by me made in Writing which of I have hereto set my hand and seal this 9 day of August 1857

Test E. D. Williams Robert Bankhead
 State of Tennessee November Term 1857
 Haystack County The following appears of Record
 this day was produced into open Court and approved

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 writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah Ogier and thereupon came into Court E. D. Williams and Robert Bankhead subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing and who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said Testator Sarah Ogier in her lifetime and that she acknowledged in their presence that she executed the said paper writing for the purposes therein contained and also declare the same to be her last Will and Testament and that they were called on by the said testator to sign said paper writing as witnesses and did so at her Request and that they believe she was of sound and disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same It is therefore considered by the Court that said Sarah Ogier's paper writing be established as the last Will and Testament of the said Sarah Ogier and order by the Court that said Will be recorded
 J. K. Moore etc

Martha Dowdy
 Do?
 Last Will

The last Will and Testament of Martha Dowdy of Haystack County State of Tennessee
 I Martha Dowdy Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following To wit I say order all of my just debts are paid I give and bequeath unto my Children Mary Dowdy, Elizabeth Dowdy, William S. Dowdy, Mahaley Monroe and the heirs of Manda C. Robinson all the right and Interest that I have in the tract of Land that I know reside are containing by estimation one hundred and seventy two and one half acres to be equally divided but my daughter Mary is to have preference of the dwell house I further give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary two Beds & Beds furniture and one Bureau one Table and my table Ware the balance of my personal property to be sold and the proceeds equally divided I also give unto Jacob Edwards one dollar and money I hereby appoint my son W. S. Dowdy Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I set my hand and seal this the 21 day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty
 W. S. Dowdy
 J. M. Young
 David H. Monroe &
 Martha Dowdy Seal

477 State of Tennessee December Term County Court 1850
Fayette County the following appeared of Record
This day Was produced into Open Court
A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha Dawdy dec'd and thereupon Came into Open Court David M. Murdock one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto who being first duly sworn depose & say that he was acquainted with Martha Dawdy the testatrix that she acknowledged the execution of the same to be her last Will & Testament in his presence that he was called upon to sign the same as a Witness that he believes that she was in sound & disposing mind at the time of signing the same & ordered by the Court to be so Certified for further probate
At test
J. Noone Clerk

Will of
Isaac C. Yancy
Fayette County Tennessee

I Isaac C. Yancy do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking & rendering void all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made First - It is my Will that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money of which I may be possessed or that my first Come into the hands of my Executors

Second, I have heretofore given to my Son Alfred Yancy a Negro man named Layton, one hundred and twenty Acres of Land more or less and a Horse Bridle and Saddle

Third, I have heretofore given to my Son Archibald H. Yancy a negro boy named Joe and a Horse Bridle and Saddle and I have also heretofore given him in lieu of Land Six Hundred Dollars in money

Fourth I have heretofore given to my daughter Ann Eliza Yancy and to the heirs of her body a negro woman named Leahy and all the increase of the said negro woman the said woman Leahy has now six children named George Susan Caroline Mat Lizzy and Bob It is my Will that my daughter Ann Eliza Yancy shall have Eighty Dollars out of any money belonging to my estate in lieu of a Horse Saddle & Bridle

478 Fifth I have heretofore given to my daughter Elvira Jane Plodge and the heirs of her body a negro woman named Ann together with all her increase and now and her now and child named John I have given to my daughter Elvira Jane Plodge and the heirs of her body an other negro woman named Mary together with her increase It is my Will that my daughter Elvira Jane Plodge shall have out of any money belonging to my estate Eighty

Sixth I have heretofore given to my daughter Isabelle R. Witt and the heirs of her body two negro women named Jane and Mariah together with all the increase It is my Will that my daughter Isabelle R. Witt shall have out of any money belonging to my estate Eighty Dollars in lieu of a Horse Bridle and Saddle

Seventh I have heretofore given to my daughter Penelope Caroline McCaulley and the heirs of her body a negro girl named Malinda together with all the increase of the said negro girl It is my Will that my daughter Penelope Caroline McCaulley shall have out of any money belonging to my estate Eighty Dollars in lieu of a Horse Saddle & Bridle

Eighth I give to my daughter Mary Ellen Witt George R. Witt first wife three negroes named Susan, Julia and Thelma together with their increase These said three negroes were given by George R. Witt in his last Will & Testament to said George R. Witt and his son also the son of Isabelle R. Witt It is my Will that George R. Witt Jr shall have the said three negroes provided he live to the age of twenty one year If he should die before he arrive at that age then it is my Will that the said negroes shall revert to my estate for a division among my heirs

Ninth It is my Will that my Executors shall as soon after my death as possible advertise and sell on a credit of Twelve months my land and negroes my stock of cattle and Hog Horses and mules Farming implements Wagon wheels and Kitchen Furniture and in short all the property of which I may be possessed and that they shall divide the proceeds of the same together with any money or part of which I may be possessed - after attending to the foregoing provisions of my Will - among my heirs to wit Alfred Yancy Archibald H. Yancy Anne Eliza Yancy Caroline McCaulley Ann Eliza Yancy Elvira Jane Plodge

This day was produced in to open Court the paper or deed purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph B. Littlejohn Dec^d and a certain number into ~~Circuit~~ Court Henderson Over and Edwin Dickerson and who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said Joseph B. Littlejohn Dec^d in his lifetime and that they believe that the whole of the said paper or writing as well as his signature there to and the contents there to are all in the handwriting of the said Joseph B. Littlejohn and it is therefore considered by the Court that said paper or writing be established to be the last Will and Testament of the said Joseph B. Littlejohn and also the Court directs A. C. Gray Test

J. M. Moore Clerk

February Term 1852

State of Tennessee } This day was produced into open Court a paper writing
Payette County } purporting to be the last will and Testament of Love C. Johnson
Deceased and thereupon came into open Court Benjamin Moody
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn depose and
say that he was acquainted with Love C. Johnson in her lifetime and that he
saw her sign and heard her declare she said paper writing to be her last will
and Testament and that he was called on by her to sign the same as witness
and done so at her request and in her presence and that he believed that she
was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of assigning the
same. and orders by the Court that it be so certified for further probit
A Copy of Probate

Will of } I Love C. Johnson of the County of Payette and State of
Lovey C. Johnson } Tennessee, being of sound mind and mindfull of my
approaching end; do make and proclaim this my last
Will and Testament as follows

First. I desire that my negro woman Fanny and her Children should she have
any be appropriated to the benefit of my four young daughters until my young-
est daughter Fricette becomes of age or marries and then I wish Fanny &
her Children sold and an equal distribution of the proceeds of the sale to be
made between my four Daughters ^{by names Elizabeth, Antoinette, & Sarah} Margaret A. and Fricette C. Johnson and my
daughter Sarah A. Moody should any one of my above mentioned daughters die
without children I desire that her portion of said property descend to the surviving one of
my above mentioned Children and should all of my said Children die leaving no
Children then I wish the proceeds of the sale of the said negro woman Fanny to go
to my surviving daughters to be equally divided amongst them

Second) I desire that all the balance of my negroes and all the balance of my property
of every species be equally divided between my two daughters Margaret A. and
Mary A. Johnson and should either of said daughters die leaving no Chil-
dren I desire that her portion of said property go to the surviving one of my
said daughters and should both of my said daughters die leaving no
Children then I wish said negroes and other property to be equally divided
amongst my surviving daughters and their Children should they have
any December 13th 1851

Attest }
Benjamin Moody
A.L.C.
Love C. Johnson

Will of } In the name of God Amen
M. M. Waller } I Dr M. M. Waller. Being very low and not knowing
but that my sickness may be unto death do this evening the
31st day of January 1852 make my last will and Testament in manner and
form following namely
In the first place I wish my Estate kept together as though I was living until my two
Children are of lawful age then I wish my whole Estate divided in three equal parts two
parts to be delivered to my two Sons the 1/3 part to my wife for and during her natural life
at her Death to be given to my two Sons
In the 2nd place. I wish my wife's Sister Martha to live with my wife and children
clear of Board and that she be economically but decently clothed out of the income of my
Estate until she marries or chooses to change her place of abode
In the 3rd place. I appoint my nephew G. M. Waller my sole executor and manager of
my Estate for two years during which term I wish him to collect my notes & accounts sell
my crops and pay off all my debts funeral expenses and after the same are all closed
up I wish him to act as executor to my Estate until my Children are of lawful age to
receive their property for which services I wish him well paid in writing when I shall
set my hand and affixed my seal the above written date

Witnesses } M. M. Waller
A. J. Wiglesworth
J. W. Jackson
R. F. Bucklew

State of Tennessee } March Term of Payette County Court 1852
Payette County } The following appears of Record
A Paper writing purporting to be the last will and
Testament of M. M. Waller Deceased was produced into open Court and there-
upon came into open Court R. F. Bucklew and A. J. Wiglesworth subse-
quent witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn depose and say that
they were acquainted with M. M. Waller the Testator in his life time and that
he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last will and Testament
and they were called upon by the Testator to witness the same and done so
at his request and they believed he was in sound and disposing mind
and memory at the time of assigning the same it is then for Consider-
ed by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last will
and Testament of the said M. M. Waller

Attest }
Benjamin Moody
By W. H. Thompson D.C. Clerk

Will of
Kinchen T. Bap Dec 2

In the name of God Amen.
I Kinchen T. Bap of the County of Fayette and
State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound
mind and disposing memory do make and or-
dain this to be my last will and Testament revoking all others heretofore made by
me Item 1st. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be first
Paid Item 2nd. I leave to my beloved wife Margaret Bap during her natural
life all my personal property together with my tract of land that I now reside on and
all appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining thereto and I
witness that my said wife keep together all my children that is under age to raise
and educate them as we have done for those that have left us heretofore And
as they become of age or marry to give to each one of them a feather bed and furniture on
horse or mare one cow and calf such as we have given to those that have left us
heretofore. I desire that my said wife keep up my plantation as we have done her-
etofore for the mutual benefit of my family above mentioned;

Item the 3rd. I give to my three sons, them their heirs and assigns forever (to wit)
Reuben, James and Kinchen T. Bap, my Certificate from the General Government
for eighty acres of land as my services as a Soldier and if not entered before my death to be
entered by my executor at the expense of my Estate. Also my tract of land
in Carter County, Arkansas containing one hundred and sixty acres to be
equally divided between my said sons as they become of age or as my executor may think
best either by himself or person that he may select. And in case that either
one or two of my said sons should die before they arrive to the age of twenty one
It is my Will and desire that the survivor or survivors heir the said land. And
at the death of my beloved wife, if my negroes cannot be equally divided to
advantage between all my children it is my wish that they with all the
personal property to be sold on a credit of twelve months the land to be sold
on a credit of one and two years; the proceeds arising from said sales when collected
to be equally divided between all my children then living or their descendants;
With the Exception of Margaret Wilson the daughter of my daughter Cynthia
Wilson Decd. I give to her two hundred Dollars out of the proceeds of the sale when
collected as her entire portion of my Estate and it is my wish that she remain in
my family and taken care of as my young children are such as board clothing
and schooling so long as my wife shall live or she marries; And it is further my
Will and desire that forty five Dollars be deducted from my daughter Nancy Bap's
share and added to the general fund and divided as before mentioned the drawing
of said amounts I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Bernard M. Patterson my
Executor to carry out the provisions of the above Will, and grant to him the
liberty of bidding at the sale as any other individual.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty two and on the 14th day of March
Signed, Sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of
Kinchen T. Bap (Decd)

James E. Mason
William Black

A Codicil to the foregoing Will

It is my will and desire that in case my said wife Margaret should die
before my younger children shall have arrived to lawful age that my executor
be authorized to set apart an amount sufficient to carry out the full intent
and meaning of the foregoing Will out of any money that may belong to my
Estate as witness my hand and seal the 14th day of March 1852
Signed and acknowledged in presence of
James E. Mason
William Black
Kinchen T. Bap (Decd)

State of Tennessee
Fayette County June Term 1852

The following appears of Record
This day was produced into open Court a paper pur-
porting to be the last Will and Testament of Kinchen T. Bap Decd and the
Codicil thereto and thereupon came into open Court James E. Mason and William
Black subscribing witnesses to the said Will and Codicil thereto and who being
first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with Kinchen T. Bap the
Testator and that they heard him declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and
saw him sign seal and execute the same to be his last Will and Testament and the Codicil
thereto and they believed he was in sound mind and memory at the time of signing the
same and they were called on by the said Kinchen T. Bap to sign the same as witnesses thereto and
done so at his request and in his presence and in presence of each other and it was considered by the Court
after due consideration to be the last Will and Testament of the said Kinchen T. Bap Decd. And order
was made to be recorded &c

A Copy Test

Samuel Roemer Clerk

By W. H. Thompson Esq. Attest

Will of
Jesse Hollis Dec 2

State of Tennessee Fayette County August Term 1852
In the name of God Amen

I Jesse Hollis, being weak in body but of disposing mind
and memory do make this day my last Will and Testament 1st I bequeath my soul to God
2nd That after payment of my debts my wife Ellenor Hollis have all my Estate during her
natural lifetime or widowhood and should she marry again I want my Estate equally
divided between her and my children namely Frederick Whitehead James R. Hollis
Elizabeth A. Hollis John W. Hollis Thomas J. Hollis Sarah Ann Hollis M. J.
Hollis and Gertie Hollis. Hereby revoking all and every other will heretofore made
Given under my hand this the 31st March 1852

Test
J. A. Mason
J. T. Bap

Jesse Hollis

State of Tennessee }
Payette County }

August Term of Payette County Court 1852
The following appears of Record

This day was produced into open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Jesse Hollis Good and thereupon came into open Court J. A. Weaver and J. L. Davis subscribing witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn depose and say that they are acquainted with the said Jesse Hollis the Testator and that they saw him sign and execute the same in his presence to be his last will and Testament and they believe he was in sound mind and memory at the time of signing the same and they were called on by the Testator to sign the same as witnesses and done so at his request and in his presence and said will was considered by the Court to be established and entered to be recorded.
A Copy Test
Samuel Horner Clerk
By William H. Thompson Deput

Will of }
Henry D. Broom }

State of Tennessee }
Payette County } March the 22nd 1852

I Henry D. Broom being of sound mind and about to take a trip to North Carolina consider it my duty to commit in paper the manner in which I want my property arranged and disposed of provided I am not permitted to return by death. In the first place I wish all of my debts to be paid off. Secondly I wish after all of my just debts are paid off, the remainder of my money and property to be equally divided between my Brother Francis E. Broom and my Sister Emily A. Broom, which property I leave in the hands of my Brother Francis E. Broom. I also appoint him my agent or Executor to attend to and carry out my wishes as above described and do not require him to give security for the faithful discharge of my wishes as above described. Now if I should return to this County and State or should I conclude to remain in North Carolina or adjoining States I reserve to myself the privilege of taking my property in possession again. But if I should die previously to again getting my property in possession the above to remain in full force and virtue. Witness my hand
A Copy Test
C. Watson
Samuel A. Poston

State of Tennessee }
Payette County }

October Term 1852
The following appears of Record

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Henry D. Broom and thereupon came into open Court C. Watson and J. L. Davis subscribing witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with Henry D. Broom the Testator in his lifetime and

that he saw him sign and acknowledge the said paper writing to be his last will and Testament and was requested by the Testator to sign the same as a witness and done so at his request and in his presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses and he believes he was in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time signing the same. It is therefore ordered by the Court to be certified for further probate
A Copy Test
Samuel Horner Clerk
By W. H. Thompson Deput

State of Tennessee }
Payette County }

November Term 1852
The following appears of Record

Present James A. Thompson Chairman Jefferson Williams Clerk
Clamper & A. M. Shaw Justice of the peace in and for said County J. B. Branch Sheriff
A Written Instrument purporting to be the last will and Testament of Henry D. Broom, dead Which was produced to this Court at its October Term last and probated by Charles Watson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon Samuel A. Poston the other subscribing witness to said paper writing was duly sworn who depose and said he was acquainted with Henry D. Broom the Testator and that he signed and acknowledged the execution of said will in his presence to be his last will and Testament and that he was of sound & disposing mind at the time of his signing & acknowledging the same to wit on the 22nd March 1852 and that he signed it as a witness in his presence. It was then ordered that said will be established and entered of Record as fully probate
(Francis E. Broom Executor appointed in said will qualified as such Executor at the October Term of this Court but he not being requested to give security)
A Copy Test
Samuel Horner Clerk
By W. H. Thompson Deput

Will of }
John M. Worley }
Deceased }

State of Tennessee }
Payette County } I know all men by their presents
I John M. Worley being in my right mind do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking

and making void all other Wills by me at any time made
1st. I Commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and by body to the grave to be decently buried
2nd. I direct all my funeral expenses to be paid. Then I want all my just debts to be paid as soon as possible out of any money that may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor
3rd. I give and bequeath to each of my dear beloved children as they may become of age the following property To wit one horse saddle and Bridle to be worth seventy five Dollars (more or less) also 2 Cows & 6 Hens one feather bed & furniture
4th. I leave to my dear beloved wife during her widowhood all of the property that may be left after paying all my just debts consisting of my land and negroes house and other furniture Stock provision and farming utensils &c &c to have and

4th to hold during her natural life or widow hood
 5th At the death or marriage of my beloved wife I want all of my property that she may be possessed of to be equally divided between my children (to wit) William & M^cCarley Mary McCarley Martha Robinson James McCarley Francis McCarley Harriet McCarley and my Grand children William Agnes John D. McKnight and James T. McKnight Children of my daughter Susan M. McKnight Dec^d. I wish my Grand children above mentioned to have the seventh part of the property above mentioned placed in trust for their benefit so that James M. McKnight the husband of my deceased daughter may have no contrall over the same

6th If my beloved wife should not live until all my children shall become of age I want all of my children that may be living with my wife at her death to still keep possession of my land negro household kitchen furniture stock provisions farming utensils &c until the youngest of my children shall become of age or such time thereafter as the children may agree to such division then the property to be divided equally between my afore mentioned children and grand children my three grand children having the part designed for their mother placed in trust as afore mentioned

7th And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my dearly beloved wife Ann B. McCarley my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my last will and Testament set my hand and seal this 21st day of August 1846
 Signed sealed and published in the presence of
 Test

W. H. Whitten
 R. E. Robinson

John McCarley

Will of } State of Tennessee Fayette County
 Thomas Eskridge } I, Thos Eskridge do make and publish this as my last
 Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void
 all other wills by me at any time made
 Decedent } First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts
 be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any property
 that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor and that my
 real & Personal Estate be sold (my real Estate to be sold in three payments one third cash
 the balance in one two years equal installments)

Secondly I give and bequeath to my sister Rachael Eskridge two hundred Dollars
 Thirdly I direct that the balance of my Estate after the above named conditions
 are complied with to be equally divided between my wife Penelope Eskridge my
 daughter Louisa Jane Eskridge my son George I Eskridge and my son John I Eskridge
 Fourthly and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint J. S. Smith my Executor
 in witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this 15th day
 of September 1852. In Test

Witnesses } William Clamper
 Lewis Amis } Thomas Eskridge

A Copy Test
 November Term 1852

State of Tennessee } Present worshipfull James H. Thompson Chairman
 Fayette County } Probate A. H. Shaw and Wm Clamper Justices and
 probate member of quorum Court B. Beach Sheriff
 Court Clerk

A Written instrument purporting to be the last will and Testament
 of Thomas Eskridge Dec^d of date September 15th 1852 was produced to the Court and
 thereupon came into open Court Wm Clamper and Lewis Amis subscribing wit-
 nesses thereto who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were ac-
 quainted with the said Thomas Eskridge the Testator and that he acknowledged the ex-
 ecution of said will in their presence and that he also signed the same in their
 presence and acknowledged and stated the same to be his last will and Testament

State of Tennessee } November Term 1852
 Fayette County } The following appears of Record
 This day was produced into open Court a
 paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John
 McCarley Dec^d and thereupon came into open Court R. E. Robinson
 of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing and who being first
 sworn depose and say that he was acquainted with the Testator John
 McCarley and that he saw him sign seal and acknowledge the
 paper writing to be his last will and Testament and he believes in
 his own sound and disposing mind and memory at the time
 of signing the same and he was called on to sign the same as a
 witness and bore so at his request and in his presence

A Copy Test
 James Rouse Clerk
 By Wm Thompson Clerk

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Will of } I Thomas Brown of the County of Fitzgerald
Thomas Brown } and State of Tennessee being of sound and
Deceased } disposing mind and memory do hereby make
publish and declare this my last Will and
Testament thereby revoking and disannulling all others by me before made

Item 1st - I Give to my several children mentioned in the Schedule
hereto appended and their heirs forever the several Items of property
therein charged as advanced to each one by name

Item 2^d = I give to my Executor in Trust for the exclusive benefit support and maintenance of my beloved wife Sally Brown during her natural life the sum of one thousand Dollars to be raised from the sale of the property or cash that may be on hand at my death as the case may be and by my Executor dealt out to her as her comfort and expences may require and as my executor may think most conducive to the same with this express provision that whatever amount may remain unexpended for said support and maintenance at the death of my Wife shall be by Executor paid over to all my Children or their Representatives Share and Share alike Item 3^d, I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Eliza Norton for her separate use and Benefit The tract of Land which I purchased of Dr. Arnold containing 51 Acres or thereabouts and also about Fifteen acres which I have heretofore marked off by notes & said adjoining land ~~that~~ at fifty one acres in which my said Daughter Eliza's husband John^N Norton now resides to her and her heirs forever which two parcels of Land I estimate to be worth Three hundred & twenty five Dollars which added to the amount charge in the Schedule hereto appended will make the sum of eight hundred & seventy five Dollars

Item 4th. I Give to my Grand Daughter Sarah Jane Black
as the child and representative of Sally Beasley my Dear
Daughter formerly Sally Black a Negro Girl named
Julia With her Increase only which she may have after
my Decease But to be held in trust for her by my Executors
until my said Grand Daughter Sarah Jane Black shall
attain at Lawful age or marry and in Case my said
Grand Daughter should die before she arrives at
Lawful age leaving no child or children then
& in that case the said Girl Julia with her increase
accruing after my decease shall be sold and
the proceeds of sale equally divided among all
my Children or their Representatives said Girl

Iulia I Estimate to be worth Six hundred Dollars which is to be charged to the account of my Daughter Sally Brasley and which sum being paid to the amount charged as advanced said Sally Brasley in the Schedule hereto appended will make the sum of Twelve hundred dollars.

Item 5th My Will & desire is that all of my property both
 real and personal that I have not previously
 disposed of be sold so soon after my death
 as Circumstances Connected therewith will permit by
 my Executor. On such terms as he may think
 most Conducive to the Interest of all concerned, and
 the proceeds of such Sale to gather with whatever Mon-
 ey may be in hand at my decease, I order and
 direct to be disposed of by my Executor as follows
 to wit first the payment of all my just debt may
 by my Executor Secondly to Carry out the provisions
 in the Second Item of this Instrument in regard to
 my Wife and thirdly to pay over to the following
 named Children and Grand child the following
 Sums in order to make them all equal in part
 of Legacies named That is to say To my Daughter
 Nancy Holloway Three hundred forty Dollars To
 my Daughter Cynthia Three hundred and fifty
 five Dollars To my Daughter Eliza Wilson Three
 hundred and fifty five Dollars To Mary Wiggins
 Four hundred twenty Dollars To Harriet Whaley
 Six hundred forty Dollars To Sally Brasley the Sum
 of Seventy Dollars and her Daughter Sarah Jane
 Black Twenty Dollars making the Sum of thirty
 Dollars which Sum will make my daughter
 Sally Equal with the others To Henry Wilson Six
 hundred forty Dollars To Jane Verder Seven hundred
 & Ninety Dollars which several amounts so divided
 to be paid will make the Eight Eldest Children
 equal with the Ninth to wit Martha Brasley who
 has been heretofore advanced Twelve hundred &
 forty Dollars the Balance of proceeds if any to be
 Equally divided between all my Children or their
 Representatives Except Sally Brasley whose share
 is to be divided Equally between her and her Daugh-
 ter Sarah Jane Black

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint

my Son in Law Hardy W. Sharp my Executor
of this my last Will and Testament

In Witness Whereof I do to this my last Will
Set my Hand and Seal this 27th day of
November A.D. 1852

Test
Benj. B. Benson
Sidney Ing
Wm. S. & C. Kelley
Thomas Brown (Seal)

Novr the 27th day 1852

A list of advancements made to my Child
draw privand to the Executors of my last Will and
Testament here appended with the valuation of the same
to wit

- 1st To my Daughter Pancy Halloway a Negro Girl named
Jenny Worth \$450 and a Boy named Parley worth \$450
making in amount \$900
 - 2nd To my Daughter Cynthia Sharp a Negro Girl named
Susan Worth \$300 and an old Negro man named
Austin Worth \$175 making in amount \$475
 - 3rd To Eliza her son a Negro Girl named Candis Worth
\$550
 - 4th To Mary Higgins a Girl named Manah worth \$400
a Boy named Guilford worth \$750
 - 5th To Harriet Beasley two Negro Boys named John and
Nathan Worth \$300 each making in amount \$600
 - 6th To Fath Beasley formerly Sally Black and Negro Girl
named Elyse Worth \$600
 - 7th To Nancy Her son two Negro Boys named Sweet &
Hamilton Worth \$300 each making in amount \$600
 - 8th To Jane Verser a Negro Girl named Caroline Worth
\$450
 - 9th To Martha Beasley and Negro Girl named Sarah
Worth \$300 and a Boy named Sidney Worth \$300
and a horse Worth \$40 making in amount \$1240
- The above schedule I have made for the pur-
pose of Reference showing the amount advanced
each of my Children in my lifetime

State of Tennessee December Term 1853
Fayette County among other things the following
appears of Record

A Paper Writing purporting to be the Last Will
and Testament of Thomas Brown Sr. Was produced
into Open Court and thereupon Came into Open
Court Benja. B. Benson, Sidney Ing and Wm. S. & C. Kelley
Subscribing Witnesses to the said pa-
per Writing and who being first duly sworn
depose and say that they were acquainted with the
said Thomas Brown the Testator in his life and
that they saw the said Thomas Brown sign, seal, and
execute the said paper Writing to be his last Will
and Testament and that he leave he was in sound and
disposing mind and memory at the time signing
the same and they were called upon to sign the
same as witnesses and did so at his Request and presence
of each other

It was therefore considered by the Court that said
Will be Established & Recorded

And thereupon Came into Open Court Wm. S. & C. Kelley
Sharp who was appointed Executor in the Last Will
and Testament of Thomas Brown Sr. and
Entered into Bond himself as principal and gave
Paul J. Neel and R. R. Moore as his Sureties
in the Sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars Con-
ditioned at the Law direct and was duly sworn to
carry out the true intent & meaning of said Will
as Executor aforesaid said Bond was then by the
Court & ordered to be Recorded

A C. Jy. Test

James H. Moore Clerk

Will of *Wm. D. Trotter*
 State of Tennessee
 Fayette County

Know all men to whomsoever it may come that I Wm. D. Trotter have made my last will and Testament I being in my natural good mind this the Eighteen hundred and fifty second year of our Lord Which is as follows to wit:
 One third of my land including my dwelling and housing pertaining therewith as Stables Cribbs Kitchen and so forth to go to my wife Francis C. Trotter to be her lawful property the balance of my land to my Children my permissible property and Negroes divided equally among my wife and Children. I wish my debts paid by my present crops and dues and the remainder to go to the above (or divided in the same way) it is furthermore my will and desire my wife and Children should remain together on the place and use the property and keep it together without any sale. I wish her to employ some handsy married man to oversee and manage on the farm in that capacity. My Children I want well educated this October 2nd 1852

Test
 Wm. D. Trotter
 Wm. Westbrook
 George W. Lewis
 December Term 1852

Present the Worshipful
 Robert Caldwell Chairman
 J. H. Thomas and James T. Thompson
 Judges members of the Quorum Court
 of Fayette County Tennessee
 L. Cogbill Deputy Sheriff

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Wm. D. Trotter Deceased was produced into open Court and Thompson came into open Court Wm. Westbrook and George W. Lewis subscribed witnesses to the said paper writing and who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said Wm. D. Trotter in his life time the testator and that he acknowledged the same in the

presence to be his last will and Testament and they believed he was in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing the same and they were called on to sign the same as witnesses by the testator and done so at his request in presence of each other. It is therefore considered by the Court that said paper writing or last will and Testament of the said Wm. D. Trotter be established and Recorded. And thereupon came into open Court Francis C. Trotter and was appointed administrator with the will annexed of all and singular the goods and chattels right and credits of Wm. D. Trotter Deceased and entered into Bond herself as principal and gave John B. Smith and D. B. Jordan as her securities in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars condition as the law prescribes and was duly qualified as the law directs to carry out the intent and meaning of the said will said Bond was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded for

Samuel T. Turner Clerk
 12th Wm. Thompson Deak

Will of *James M. White*
 State of Tennessee
 Fayette County
 the County of
 White of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and Testament as follows. I give unto bequeath to my wife Ann C. White my entire estate during her widowhood But she ever marry again I then desire that my estate be equally divided between my wife and Children and after the division of my wife should marry I desire that the share of my Children be kept in Common until they shall marry or come of age I hereby appoint my wife executrix and Mrs. Martha M. White executor of this my last will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this the 17th day of December 1852

Test
 James M. White (seal)
 J. C. Gibson
 J. M. Whitworth

February Term 1853

State of Tennessee } Present the Worshipful
 Fayette County } R. Caldwell Chairman William Campbell
 J. M. Thomas & J. H. Brasley
 Justices of the Peace in and for the said
 County Ben Branch Sheriff J. Monroe Clerk

of paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of
 Samuel M. White deceased and Thompson came into open
 court G. E. Gibson and G. M. Whitthorne subscribing witnesses
 thereto and who being first duly sworn depose and say
 that they were acquainted with Samuel M. White the
 testator in his lifetime and that they saw him sign seal
 and publish the same to be his last will and testament
 and that they believed he was in sound and disposing
 mind and memory at the time of executing the same
 and they were called upon to sign the same
 by the testator as witnesses and done so at his
 request and in the presence of each other it is
 therefore considered by the court that said will
 be established and ordered to be recorded &c
 And Thompson came into open court Matthew J.
 White one of the executors appointed in said will
 of Samuel M. White deceased and entered into Bond
 himself as principal and gave Richard J. Bond
 and G. E. Gibson as his securities in the sum of
 Sixty thousand dollars condition as the law directs
 and was duly qualified as the law prescribes to
 carry out the true intent of the said will said Bond
 was examined by the Court received or ordered to
 be recorded &c

J. Monroe Clerk
 B. W. H. Thompson Deput

Will of } State of Tennessee }
 } Fayette County }
 John P. Wilson

Be it known that
 I John P. Wilson of the county of Fayette and
 State of Tennessee being advanced in years yet
 of sound and disposing mind and memory

that according to the time allotted for man in this life
 I have not many days to live I do hereby constitute
 and make this my last will and testament first
 it is my will and design that all my just debts at
 my deceased shall be paid I desire that my
 Grand Daughter Francis Kindell the daughter of
 my daughter some time since deceased Mary S.
 Kindell shall have of my estate the sum of Five
 dollars & thirty cents I will and bequeath the balance of
 my property and money that I shall be possessed
 who sign at my death to my four sons namely
 John B. Wilson Samuel P. White Richard S. White
 and David R. Wilson and it is to be equally
 divided amongst them and I do appoint David
 R. Wilson and S. J. Son of the County and
 state of aforesaid my executor, to carry out
 and effect this my will and I hereby wish all
 and every will that I may have hereafter made
 in witness of which I have hereunto set hand and seal
 this the 10 day of September 1852

Witness John B. Wilson Seal
 Thornton Wash
 J. P. Gore

February Term 1853

Present the Worshipful State of Tennessee }
 R. Caldwell Chairman Fayette County }

William Campbell J. M. Thomas and John H. Brasley Esors
 Justices of the peace in and for said County B. Branch Sheriff
 J. Monroe Clerk

of paper writing purporting to be
 the last will and testament of John P. Wilson deceased and
 Thompson came into open court J. P. Gore, one of the subscribing
 witnesses to the said paper writing and who being first
 duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with
 John P. Wilson the testator and that he saw him sign seal
 and publish the same to be his last will and testament
 and that he believed he was in sound mind and memory
 at the time of executing the same and that he was called
 on to sign the same as a witness and depose so at his request
 and in his presence and ordered by the Court to be certified
 for further probate
 Samuel D. Overer Clerk
 B. W. H. Thompson Deput

August the 31st 1858

Rhoda Brownson
 To: My last will wish and desire
 I do give unto Rhoda Moore
 my daughter for the love that I have for
 her, and because she, Rhoda Moore has
 lived with me, and taken care of me, in my old age; I do give
 unto her my negro woman Sarah, and my negro woman Sophia
 to serve her support and benefit so long as she Rhoda Moore
 lives, and at her death I give and bequeath the above named
 negroes Sarah and Sophia to my grand children hereafter named
 Joshua, Ruden, Moore, Joseph Elizabeth Moore; Amy Ann Moore
 Sarah Sam Moore, James Middleton Moore, and Isaac Edward Moore
 I also give and bequeath unto the above named grand children my
 negro girl Harriet, my negro girl Margaret and my negro boy Joseph
 I also give unto my grand children above named in this will, all
 the interest that the negro woman Sarah and my negro woman Sophia
 may hereafter have.

Rhoda Brownson the testatrix, in the foregoing will
 after the same was read over to her, and by her expressed on the 21st
 day of October A.D. 1858 said that the same was her will.

R. H. Nelson
 Mary, P. Brown

State of Tennessee
 Fayette County
 Court February Term, 1858
 This the 9th day of February A.D. 1858
 was produced & into open Court a certified judgment of the establish-
 ing of the above last will & Testament of Rhoda Brownson read over
 to be spread upon Record

James Moore Clerk
 By Wm. Thompson Deput

Noncupative will
 of Wm Lancaster
 Deceased
 We the undersigned Robert P. Shelton J. S. Norton W.
 S. Hughes, David Fawcett, S. W. V. Hughes and
 J. M. Hughes do hereby certify that the Noncupative
 will of Wm Lancaster was made by him on the 6th
 day of March 1853 in our presence on the last day of his sickness in his own dom-
 estic house or where he had been residing about two years, and the same was as follows:
 It was his desire that his property should be held all together by his wife and
 that she should use her best endeavor to pay his debts, but should she be unable
 to do so without the sale of property, then the widow his land sold by him or
 his executor instead of any one of his negroes and that each one of his
 children should be come of age his wife should give out unto him or
 his or her proportional part of his Estate in March the 14th 1853

Witness

R. P. Shelton
 J. S. Norton
 W. S. Hughes
 David Fawcett
 S. W. V. Hughes
 J. M. Hughes

State of Tennessee
 Fayette County
 April Term 1853
 There being a sufficient number of
 Magistrates present

This day was produced into open Court a paper writing, purporting to be the
 Noncupative will of William Lancaster Deceased, late of the County of Fayette
 and State of Tennessee and thereupon came into open Court J. S. Norton and
 and David Fawcett two of the subscribing witnesses, who testified to the
 contents of the said noncupative will and they State on oath that
 the said paper writing was a deed to wit in the manner as is
 requested in their presence, in the presence of other witnesses to said paper
 writing signed by R. P. Shelton W. S. Hughes S. W. V. Hughes and
 J. M. Hughes, the other witnesses not being present it was considered
 by the Court that the two witnesses first above named was sufficient to
 establish said noncupative will of Wm Lancaster Deceased, and that
 they were well acquainted with said William Lancaster in his lifetime
 and they believed he was in sound disposing mind and memory at the time
 of making the statements mentioned in the said paper writing, and that
 they were satisfied by the Court after due deliberation that said will be established
 as a noncupative will of the said William Lancaster Deceased,
 A. Copy Test

James Moore Clerk
 By Wm. Thompson Deput

Will of
 William D. Tucker
 Deceased

In the name of God Amen:
 I William D. Tucker of the County
 of Fayette and of the State of Tennessee
 being weak in body but of sound mind and
 disposing memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and Tes-
 tament, in manner and form as follows (to wit)
 I then the 1st It is my will and desire that all my just debts and per-
 sonal expenses be first paid
 I then the 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved Father Robert Tucker
 my two old men and Sam and Sarah, also my tract of land that I
 now reside on in said County and State containing four hundred acres
 be the same more or less with all and singular the appurtenances
 thereto belonging

Item 3rd - I give and bequeth to my beloved Brother James Tucker my saddle and Bridle and Shot Gun

Item 4th - I direct my executor to set a side fifty Dollars to be paid out by him in the purchase of four Bibles and four hymn Books to be given one Bible and one hymn Book to my beloved wife Margaret, &c. one Do to my Brother James - One Do to my Sister Anne Eliza, and One Do to my Sister Martha as a memento of my love for them

Item 5th - I also direct my Executor to pay over to the Memphis Conference one hundred and fifty to be distributed among the worn out preachers, their widows and orphans of said Conference, also one hundred and fifty Dollars to the Missionary Cause in California

Item 6th - I give and bequeth to my beloved wife Margaret &c. Tucker the following Negro to wit: Billy, Brown, Albert, Man, Nash, Albert, Stehman, Esau, Sandy, Ellen, Roxana, Roberto, Georgianna, Coleman, Caroline, Belle, Adeline, Wining, John, and Robin them with their future increase with all the residue of my Estate; and it is further my will and desire that my plantation be kept up the present year by my Executor and after his paying all necessary Expenses of said plantation, the Balance of Proceeds of said Crop to be paid over to my beloved wife Margaret, &c. It is further my will and desire that my Executor have no public Sale of any of my effects but be authorized to sell the Cotton that is now on hand and the proceeds of said sale with the Debt that is now due on be applied to the payment of my debts described in the 1st & 5th Clauses of this will the residue if any to be applied as hereinafter directed. Lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved Father Robert Tucker my Executor to this my last Will, ^{subscribed} ~~providing~~ all other heretofore made by me. In Testimony whereof I have ^{subscribed} ~~signed~~ my name and affixed my seal on the 14th day of March. One thousand eight hundred and fifty three

Signed sealed and acknowledged William D. Tucker

in the presence of us

James, E. Mason

D. S. Lonsay

A. B. Quincy

State of Tennessee
Fayette County
April Term 1853
Among other things the following

Present the worshipful Robert Caldwell Chairman D. M. Thomas
A. M. Shaw Father, Esquires Justices of the Peace in and for said County
B. Branch Sheriff J. Horner Clerk

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Wm. D. Tucker Deceased was produced in to open Court, and thereupon came into open Court James E. Mason, D. S. Lonsay and A. B. Quincy subscribing witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn depose and say they were acquainted with the said W. D. Tucker ^{the Testator} in his lifetime and that they saw him sign seal and acknowledge the same to in their ^{presence} to be his last Will and Testament, and they were called upon to sign the same and do so at his request and in his presence and they believe he was in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing the same. It is therefore considered by the Court that said will be established. A Copy Sub

James Horner Clerk
By Wm. Thompson Deft

Will Of
Wm. D. Adams

I Alfred D. Adams of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being in a very infirm State of health, and sensible too of my liability to sudden Death, at the same time, being in my own apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make this my last Will and Testament:

It is my will that all my just debts, and in charge of my funeral be paid and discharged by Executor hereinafter named, and appointment of any Estate as soon as conveniently and as may be after my decease, and I leave the charge of my funeral to the direction of my said Executor.

It is my Will and desire that my wife Eliza shall have the use of my house and lot which is our present Residence, all my household and kitchen furniture, also the negroes that I now own, and all my cattle during her natural life, and at her death, I give and bequeth the said house and lot with all the rights and appurtenances thereto, belonging to my Daughter Alice and to her heirs, and I desire that the household and kitchen furniture and negroes and Cattle may be sold, and the proceeds thereof be divided equally among my then surviving children

It is my will and desire that my house and lot now occupied by Adams & Son shall be rented out or sold by my Executor as he may think best for the interest of my Estate, And I also desire my Executor to sell my tract of land lying south of Wolf River, either for cash or on credit as he may think proper. And to keep the proceeds of such sale out at interest for the benefit of my family, and he is hereby authorized to make such Good or Convenient as such sale may require, without any order of Court for that purpose

It is also my wish that Adams the business of Adams & Day may be settled and closed as soon as practicable after my death.

And I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint Thos B. Smith to be my Executor of this my last will and as I do not wish him to give any account for the performance of his duties as such, I hereby request the Court to supply him to qualify as my Executor without requiring him to give any account in writing thereof. I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of June A.D. 1853

Thompson
W.B. Carroll
W.A. Smith

A. W. Adams (Seal)

State of Tennessee July Term 1853
Fayette County Among other things the following appears of Record. Court met according to adjournment, present the worshipful, Robert Caldwell Chairman, A. M. Shaw J. W. Campbell and others, Esquires Justices of the Peace in and for said County B. Branch Sheriff C. H. Moore Clerk

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A. W. Adams Deceased, was produced into open Court for, Probate and Thompson came into open Court, W.B. Carroll and and W.D. Smith subscribing Witnesses there and being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said A. W. Adams the Testator in his lifetime and they heard him say that A. W. Adams the Testator acknowledged in their presence that he executed the said paper writing to be his last Will and Testament and for the purpose therein contained, and they were called on by the Testator to sign the same as witnesses, and also so at his request and in the presence of each other, and they believe the said A. W. Adams Testator was in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing the said paper writing, was considered by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last will and Testament of the said A. W. Adams. And Thompson came into open Court Thomas B. Smith who was appointed Executor in said last will and Testament was duly sworn to perform discharge the duties as such Executor and carry on the true intent and meaning, of the said Will and he being being authorized to act without giving security A. Copy True

Samuel Moore Clerk
By Wm. Thompson Dele

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Will of State of Tennessee Fayette County
Sheraton Nash I Sheraton Nash do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made First I direct that my funeral expenses and all of my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors Secondly It is my wish and desire that Eliza Nash my wife shall take possession of all of the remaining property money and effects, and hold possession as long as she remains my widow, and if she should never marry during her natural life and so soon as she marries or dies all of the effects in her hands is to go into the hands of my Executors, and be divided between all of my lawful heirs equally - and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Benjamin F. Love my Executor in writing thereof. I do to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal. I Eliza Nash the wife Sheraton Nash do mutually agree to sign the above Will with my husband, on the 11th day of May 1853 Dignified seals and pictures in our presence and Sheraton Nash we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of Eliza Nash one of the Testators this 11th day of May 1853
Test E. & P. Nash
C. G. Smith
State of Tennessee August Term 1853
Fayette County Among other things the following appears of Record Court met according to adjournment, Present the worshipful Robert Caldwell Chairman W. Campbell and D. M. Thomas Esquires Justices of the Peace in and for said County B. Branch Sheriff C. H. Moore Clerk

This day was produced into open Court A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sheraton Nash Deceased. And Thompson came into open Court C. G. Smith and C. H. Smith subscribing Witnesses there and being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the said Sheraton Nash the Testator in his lifetime and that they saw him sign seal the same and also declared the same in their presence to be his last Will and Testament and they signed the same in his presence as witnesses and in the presence of each other and they believe he was in sound and disposing mind and memory, and Eliza Nash wife of the said Sheraton Nash Deceased, and whose name appears to the said Will, acknowledged the same in the presence of the said witnesses. And it was considered by the Court that said Will be established A. Copy True

Samuel Moore Clerk
By Wm. Thompson Dele

Will of I William Cleaves of the County of
 Fayette and State of Tennessee do make
 and publish this my last Will and Testament
 hereby revoking and making void all other
 Wills by me at any other time made: First I direct that my funeral
 expenses and all my debts shall be paid as soon after my death as
 possible out of my monies I may be possessed of, or that may
 first come into the hands of my Executor.

First I give unto my well beloved wife Patsy Ann Cleaves
 during her natural life my home tract of land (except
 one fourth of an acre when my first wife is buried, I reserve that as a fa-
 mily burying ground) and at her death to be equally divided be-
 tween William H. Cleaves, Calvin C. Cleaves and John D. Cleaves. And
 I also give to my wife Patsy Ann Cleaves during her life, and at
 her death to go to Thomas R. Cleaves the following named Negroes (viz)
 Sinda, Mitty, Amanda, and Susan with their Issue, if any there be.

Willie, Dick, and Stephen, and in addition to the above I give to my wife
 during her life, and at her death to go to Thomas R. Cleaves all the following
 property (viz) her of the best mules, the best Wagon and gear, my
 riding Horse the family Carriage or Vehicle and Harness, two best Choice
 Cows, Hens, two best Choice sows and their pigs, four sheep all the household
 and kitchen furniture, the loom and its appurtenances, all the poultry
 the lot, three of the best ploughs, four Choice hogs, two axes, one coffee
 and hand saw, two iron Wickets, all the Auger, Saws, Planes, hammers,
 the cotton gin and mill (at the home place) two pair of Cotton Cards
 and one Spinning Wheel with one year provision to be laid off by the
 disinterested men, chosen so that chosen by my Executor.

Secondly I give to my Daughter Sarah Smith during her nat-
 ural life and at her death to the heirs of her Body the fol-
 lowing Negroes (viz) Bashie with her increase, Will, Peter and
 Anguanna, and five hundred Dollars in money to be made out of my
 perishable property, the monies to be new absolutely.

Thirdly I give unto my son William H. Cleaves two negroes named Ben-
 and Corinda, and the two hundred Dollars already given as the
 for a fourthly I give to my son Calvin C. Cleaves, Negroes John & Mary
 and an advancement which is charged to him.

Fifthly I give to my grand children William and Calvin Baylis
 One Negro Eliza to be equally divided between them together with
 all the negroes given to their mother in her life time.

Sixthly I give to my son John D. Cleaves Negroes Jacob, Felda,
 and his Child Mitty, and Charles.

Seventhly I give to my Daughter Laura Ann Kiddick fifty Dollars in
 addition to what she has already received to be made out of my per-
 ishable Property.

Eighthly I give unto my grand son Samuel Cleaves one hundred & fifty
 acres of Land, off the south end of the Herberts tract.

Ninthly I give unto my son Thomas R. Cleaves all the Balance of my per-
 ishable Personal and real of every kind not heretofore bequeathed or
 devised which should not be another Child or Children born to me, but should then
 be another Child or Children born to me, then such Child or Children is to
 come in equal with Thomas R. Cleaves in all the bequeaths made to him
 and I further direct that I should die after my crop is picked and before
 it is made and ready for sale in that case my hands are to be tied together
 untill such crop is gathered and sold, and the proceeds of such crop is to be
 with the unmarred property, and I further direct that all my perishable
 property not herein before given shall be sold and a credit on twelve
 months and all that is left after paying the accounts shall be paid and
 is to go to Thomas R. Cleaves and such other child or children as may be born
 to me if any there should be.

I do hereby nominate and appoint and I therefore make George
 Thompson and John D. Cleaves Executors to this my last Will and Tes-
 tament in testimony whereof I have written this my Will and signed my name
 and in the presence of God set my hand and affixed my seal and date, this 1st day of
 August 1858.

Attest

J. McKean

R. B. Bone

State of Tennessee August Term 1858
 Fayette County Among the things the following appears on Record
 Court met according to adjournment; Present the Worshipful Robert Caldwell Chair-
 man William Campbell and Will Thomas Esquires Justices of the peace in and for said County
 B. Branch Sheriff And come to wit.

A paper written purporting to be the last Will and Testament
 of Wm. Cleaves deceased was produced with open Court and necessary came into open
 Court and R. B. Bone subscribing themselves to the said paper writing and who
 being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with William Cleaves
 the Testator in his lifetime, and they saw him sign seal and execute the said paper,
 writing to be his last Will and Testament and they believed he was in sound and disposing
 mind and memory at the time of signing the same and that they signed the said paper
 writing as witnesses and by the request of the said Testator and in the presence of each other.
 It was therefore considered by the Court that said will be established & Record.

J. K. McKean
 R. B. Bone

Will of } I George W. Garrill of the County of Fayette
Geo. W. Garrill } And State of Tennessee being weak in body
but of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make
publish and declare my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following to wit:

Know all Men that my Will and desire is that as soon after my decease
as practicable my Executor pay out of my effects all my just
debts and the balance of my now personal property and effects
as well as my undivided interest in certain Negro Slaves to wit
John a man aged about 45 years Caroline a Woman aged
about 23 years Peter and his infant child (now under age)
Cuffy a boy aged about 19 Isaac a boy aged about 17 Benjamin
a boy aged about 16 I give and bequeath to my sister Lucetta
& Myself and Mother (D. M. Garrill in common to them and
their heirs forever.

Know all Men that I hereby nominate and appoint my friends E. M.
Salmon & H. H. Sharp my Executors to this my last Will &
Testament, with full powers to close up, as well my business as
private in my now private business, hereby revoking and dis-
annulling all others by me made or caused to be made. This second
day of July A.D. 1853 I have hereunto set my hand seal in
presence of

James B. McPherson Geo. W. Garrill (Testator)
John A. Reid

Witness. Term. 1853.
A paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament
of Geo. W. Garrill (Dec. was produced into open Court, James B.
McPherson and John A. Reid subscribing witnesses thereto & who
being first duly sworn depose and say that they are acquainted
with the said George W. Garrill the Testator in his lifetime & he
acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last Will &
Testament, and they were called on by the Testator to sign the same
as witnesses and done at his request & in the presence of each
other and they believe he was in sound and disposing mind
& memory all the time of signing the same. It is therefore con-
sidered by the Court that said Will be established.

And thereupon came into open Court H. H. Sharp who was ap-
pointed Executor of the last Will and Testament of Geo. W. Garrill
(Dec.) & E. M. Salmon other executor, refusing to qualify, the Court
thereupon entered into bond himself as prothonotary & gave to E. M. Salmon as his
security in the sum of One Thousand dollars condition as the
law directs and was duly qualified as the law prescribes and
was so by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Will of } In the name of God Amen. I Henry Brinkley
Henry Brinkley } being weak in body but of a strong mind
do make and ordain this my last Will and
Testament, revoking all former Wills

1st It is my wish and desire for my wife Martha to have
all of my ~~estate~~ ^{estate} to be used for her benefit during her lifetime
2^d At this death all of my estate shall be sold and disposed of in
the following manner, to wit: what was to be coming to my son James
shall go to his son Jacob, I give my grand son John what I shall
receive in the hands of J. D. Smith for his use alone to school
him to. I give to my son John a hundred dollars I give my son
James fifty dollars. I give my daughter Sarah one
hundred dollars. I give to my son Michael one hundred
dollars; The balance of my estate shall be equally divided
amongst the following of my children; My son William,
my son William Henry my grand son Jacob. I leave as
above named, my daughter Martha James my daughter
Sarah and my daughter. I leave J. D. Smith my executor to
manage my estate in business whereof I hereto set my
hand and seal this 20th day of May in the year A.D. 1853

J. D. McPherson Henry Brinkley (Testator)

W. A. Salmon (Witness Term. 1853)
A paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of
Henry Brinkley, deceased was produced into open Court, and
thereupon came in Court J. D. McPherson one of the subscrib-
ing witnesses to the said paper writing and who being first duly
sworn did depose and say that he was acquainted with the
said Testator in his lifetime, and that he acknowledged the
same in his presence to be his last Will & Testament, and he was
called upon by the said Testator to sign the same as a witness,
and done so at his request, and in the presence of the other
witness and it was considered by the Court that said Will
be so certified for further probate.

And thereupon came into open Court J. D. Smith executor
appointed in said Will and entered into bond himself as prin-
cipal and gave Caleb J. Burns as his security in the sum
of fifteen hundred dollars condition as the law directs &
was duly qualified as the law prescribes. Said bond
was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Will of James Thompson of the State of Tennessee & the County of Fayette Considering the uncertainty of life and being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament.

I devise that all my just debts be paid.

Having three sons and two daughters viz. (Mr) Demasus Thompson, James Orrin Thompson, Malen Gill Thompson, Peresela Thompson and Estella Thompson all of whom are minors; - Therefore I devise that my beloved wife Amanda Thompson take charge, have and hold all my property of every description during her lifetime or widowhood or until my above named children successively become of age, at which time they shall have and receive their equal share of all the negro property. On valuation my said beloved wife to be an equal heir in the division of said property. Furthermore should my said beloved wife ^{be deceased} be deceased and should no longer hold the property, both shall on valuation have an equal portion or child's share of all the property then may be except the land which shall be exclusively for the benefit of my children, it shall be further sold nor divided until my youngest child becomes of age. The minors having the benefit of the farm and property to be jointly held either by my said beloved wife Executor or Guardian as the case requires and cultivate the land. My said beloved wife to have equal benefit and use of the farm during her lifetime or widowhood. - Furthermore I devise that at the death of my said beloved wife if my youngest child be of age that the land with all the rest of the property of what kind and nature ~~shall~~ to be equally divided between all my children above-mentioned. I further devise that the property of my two Daughters viz. Parita Thompson and Estella Thompson and that they have hold and enjoy it during their life time and then belong to the heirs of their body, both should either or both of them die without such heirs the property to be equally divided between all my other children above mentioned. I further will and devise that under certain peculiar circumstances that my beloved wife Executor or Guardian may proceed and sell negro or land when manifest propriety calls for it such as removal to distant countries or imprudent conduct of the negroes &c. In conclusion I hereby appoint my only Brother W. Thompson Executor of this my last will & testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 21st day of May A.D. 1852.

attn: Owen Griffin
attn: J. M. Griffin

James Thompson

October Term 1854.

State of Tennessee Fayette County. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Thompson was produced in to open court and there upon came in to open court Owen Griffin and J. M. Griffin subscribing witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn depose that they were acquainted with the said James Thompson the testator in his lifetime and that he acknowledged the same in the presence to be his last will & testament for the purposes therein expressed and they were called on by the testator to sign the same as witnesses and did so at his request. - And they believe he was in sound mind and memory at the time of signing the same. And it was considered by the Court the said will to be established & recorded &c.

I do make this my last will & testament purporting all other made by me heretofore to be void. I will that my Executors as soon as practicable pay all my just debts.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Mariah my Tract of land on which I now reside, all of my stock of Horses, Cattle, hogs and farming utensils, House - Wares & Kitchen furniture during her natural life; also one year's provisions out of the garden growing crops to enable her to keep together, maintain, support, raise and educate our children. And at her death or in the event she should marry; - At that time my will is that the property all be sold and divided equally among my surviving children & wife.

It is my will and desire however having full confidence in the judgment & fidelity of beloved wife Mariah Hon Franklin &c. that they be and are hereby appointed my Executor & Executor to this my will and have full power and authority in the event the comfort and convenience of my family require it; to sell my Tract of land for such price and payment as my best judgment &c. The proceeds in other lands that may better suit them after having paid off all of my just debts as above set forth; - in the event the present crops now growing, claims to be collected such other property as they may choose to sell, be not sufficient to pay of my debts; - They are fully authorized to use in liquidation thereof a portion of proceeds of the sale of my land if my debts cannot otherwise adjusted & the balance retained as above set forth; to be finally distributed as above set forth, to my wife and surviving children equally or in case of her death to my children, leaving my grand daughter Mary Eliza Plummer

an equal share with my children which in the will she should die leaving no body heirs to revert back to my surviving children equally. In testimony whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal this 28th day of June A.D. 1853.

Attest
J. M. Alexander
Attest, Moore

John C. Stocking

October Term 1853.

State of Tennessee
Among other things the following appears of
Saville County

Court met according to adjournment. The Worshipful James A. Hearlett Chairman District (D) W. Thomas J. M. Shaw, W. Campbell, B. J. Love, B. P. Bridgewater, Esquires, H. & J. J. & C. Morgan, J. C. Mason, J. B. Brasley, J. W. Baker, C. Lynn, W. L. Lambeth, J. C. Smith, J. L. Anthony, W. Ray, J. A. Allen, J. A. Thompson, J. A. Brasley, B. D. Gates, J. W. Adams, J. Black, J. Phillips Esquires Justices of the Peace in and for said County, J. Stinson Clerk - B. Branch Sheriff

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of John C. Stocking was introduced in open Court and thereupon came in to claim Court, John M. Alexander and Alvert Moore subscribing witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn did swear and say that they were acquainted with the Testator in his lifetime and he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last Will and Testament for the purposes therein expressed and they believe he was in sound and disposing mind & memory at the time of signing the same, and they were called on by the Testator to sign the same as witnesses in his presence & do so at his request. And it was considered by the Court said paper writing be established as the last will & Testament of John C. Stocking Dec. ordered to be Recorded.

And thereupon came in to open Court Ann Marshall Stocking who was appointed executrix & Franklin M. Stocking Executor in said Will and entered in to bond themselves as principal & gave John M. Alexander & Sarah J. Noel as their securities in the sum of four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified as the law prescribes said bond was examined & received by the Court & ordered to be Rec^d.

Will of The last will and Testament of Andrew Anderson. Sanford son Sanford of Fayette County Tennessee. I, Anderson Sanford considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in name and form following (That is to say)

First, I want all my just debts settled; then I want all my property kept together (perishable and Real Estate) until my youngest child becomes of age; and my children I want them to have a liberal education.

I want my wife Mary & Sanford to have unity to support her for her life time, set off aside for her by either. Three or five min (of her choice) as a committee, and the balance of whatever it may consist, divided to the best advantage for legates, equally between each heir.

I hereby appoint, Smith, Newton and Mary & Sanford Executor and Co-executor of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made; in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5 day April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Yrs. Sd.

Anderson & Sanford

The above instrument consisting one sheet was now here subscribed by Anderson Sanford the Testator in the presence of each of us, and was at the same time declared by him to be his last Will and Testament, and we at this request sign our names hereto

As attesting Witnesses

William G. Say
Thomas & H. Johnson

State of Tennessee
Saville County
November Term 1853.
Among other things the following appears of Record.

Court met according to adjournment. Present The Worshipful J. M. Shaw Chairman W. Campbell and J. B. Brasley Esquires and Justices of the Peace in and for said County B. Bradish Sheriff & J. T. Roney Clerk. This day was introduced into open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Andrew Anderson Sanford deceased and thereupon came into open Court W. G. Say & Thomas & H. Johnson subscribing witnesses thereto

and who being first duly sworn depose and say That they was acquainted with Anderson Cranford the testator in his life-time and that he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last will Testament and was called upon to witness the same and done so at his request and in the presence of each other and they believe that he was in sound mind and memory at the time of signing the same, And it was therefore considered by the Court that said will be established and entered of Record

And Thompson came into open Court Smith Newton who was appointed Executor and Mary A Cranford Executrix to the last Will and Testament of Anderson Cranford Deceased and entered into bond themselves as Principals and gave Thomas D Johnston and J Hargis as their Securities, in the sum of seven hundred Dollars Conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified as the law prescribes, said bond was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded

Will of Fayette Court 13th of June 1853.
Indicent W. Mayo. I Frederick W Mayo being in sound mind

and memory but knowing it is appointed for all men to die, doth this day make this my last Will and Testament and dispose of what property it has been pleased God to bless me with in the manner hereinafter named (written all the parts together)

Item 1st I recommend my soul to God, and my body to be decently buried, and all my burial expenses paid

Item 2^d I desire to have all my Just debts and legacies paid out of my Estate.

Item 3^d I desire that my beloved wife Manija take possession of the whole of my Estate of every description and have the same controlled over it as I did in my lifetime as long as she may live single or during her life time for ^{a widow} hereinafter specified, that is as long as she remains to manage my business as I did in my lifetime to be subject to be sued and to sue in my name and not to be compelled to go to Court or make any return of her or my business to any Court to school and maintain my children and as they become of age or marry off to give them some property such as she may think best for them and my Estate provided she does not exceed fifteen hundred dollars which amount I do wish them all to have as they become of age or marry off. It is my desire that all my four equal and able and that their education should be equal so far as their capacity will permit it, but should any one of my children become dissatisfied in

his or her allotments made to them by their Mother they may petition the Court having proper jurisdiction over the same for his or her portion of my Estate, when the Court may appoint three disinterested persons who may view my Estate and allot to him or her as the case may be an equal child's share of the same after taking out ~~my~~ from my Estate my wife's share of the same which I shall hereinafter specify and which a lotment when made shall be binding on all concerned and forever disburdened child from receiving any more of my Estate unless it should be intimated by Sheriff furthermore should any of the slaves left in my Estate become a trouble to it so that my wife Manija cannot manage them she may by advising with her children which are of age sell such slave and appropriate the funds to purchase best for my Estate and such sale when made shall be as valid as though I made it in my lifetime

Item the 4th But should my wife feel disposed at any time to withdraw from the management of my business and Estate then I give her one third of my landed Estate and two equal shares of the balance of my Estate of every description in choice of the same for it is my wish that she should be perfectly free to act or choose for herself after my death

Item the 5th I give to my daughter Jane Eliza at my death two hundred dollars in addition to what I have all ready given her so as to make her amts given her equal to fifteen hundred dollars

Item 6 I give to my son Robert Wilson my boy Daniel the horse that I give him in my lifetime and one bedstead of furniture and seven hundred dollars in cash

Item 7th Should my wife die or withdraw from my Estate before my children may all become of age or marry off as the case may be then and in that case I desire my children to have guardians appointed for them under age (or not married) and the whole of my Estate on hand at the time be equally divided among all my children so that as I first state all may have equal and able in every respect so far as dividing my Estate among them is concerned.

Item 8 But should my wife and my ~~self~~ die near the same time so that she cannot come in possession of her portion of my Estate or manage the same then and in that case I desire my Estate to be equally divided among my children and also in that case I appoint my son Robert my Executor for the time

and who being first duly sworn depose and say That they was acquainted with Anderson Cranford the testator in his lifetime and that he acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last will testament and was called upon to witness the same and done so at his request and in the presence of each other and they believe that he was in sound mind and memory at the time of signing the same, and it was therefore considered by the Court that said will be established and entered of Record.

And Thimmon came into open Court Smith Newton who was appointed Executor and Mary J Cranford executrix to the last will and testament of Anderson Cranford Deceased and entered into bond themselves as principal and gave Thomas D Johnston and J Hargis as their securities. In the sum of seven hundred Dollars Conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified as the law prescribes, said bond was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Will of Fayette Court 13th of June 1853.
Frederick W. Mayo.

I Frederick W. Mayo being in sound mind and memory but knowing it is appointed for all men to die, doth this day make this my last will and testament and dispose of what property it has been pleased God to bless me with in the manner herein after named (taken all the parts together)

Item 1st I recommend my soul to God, and my body to be decently buried, and all my funeral expenses paid.

Item 2 I desire to have all my just debts and legacies paid out of my estate.

Item 3 I desire that my beloved wife Maniza take possession of the whole of my estate of every description and have the same controlled over it as I did in my lifetime as long as she may live single or during her life time.

That is as long as she remains to manage my business as I did in my lifetime to be subject to be sued and to sue in my wife and not to be compelled to go to court or make any return of her or my business to any court to school and maintain my children and as they become of age or marry off to give them some property such as she may think best for them and my estate provided she does not exceed fifteen hundred dollars which amount I do wish them all to have as they become of age or marry off.

It is my desire that all my four equal and alike and that their education should be equal so far as their capacity will receive it. But should any one of my children become dissatisfied in

his or her allotment made to them by their mother they may petition the Court having proper jurisdiction over the same for his or her portion of my estate, when the Court may appoint three disinterested persons who may view my estate and also to him or her as the case may be an equal child's share of the same after taking out my from my estate my wife's share of the same which I shall hereafter specify and which a lotment when made shall be binding on all concerned and forever disburden child from receiving any more of my estate unless it should be improved by their further should any of the slaves left in my estate become a trouble to it so that my wife Maniza cannot manage them she may by advising with her children which are of age sell such slave and appropriate the funds to purposes best for my estate and such sale when made shall be as valid as though I made it in my lifetime.

Item the 4th But should my wife feel disposed at any time to withdraw from the management of my business and estate, then I give her one third of my landed estate and two equal shares of the balance of my estate of every description the choice of the same for it is my wish that she should be perfectly free to act or choose for herself after my death.

Item the 5th I give to my daughter Jane and Eliza at my death two hundred dollars in addition to what I have all ready given her so as to make her amb, given her equal to fifteen hundred dollars.

Item 6 I give to my son Robert Wilson my Boy Daniel the bond that I give them in my lifetime and one bed bedstead of furniture and seven hundred dollars in cash.

Item 7th Should my wife die or withdraw from my estate before my children may all become of age or marry off as the case may be then and in that case I desire my children to have guardians appointed for them under age (or not married) and the whole of my estate on hand at the time be equally divided among all my children so that as I first state all may have equal and alike in every respect so far as dividing my estate among them is concerned.

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my son James for the title of him Prob. & J. Taylor for the title of him who will enter on the duties of their office after being duly qualified for the same under the law made and provided for Executors and Admins. Pay my debts and legacies and settle my estate and divide the whole of my estate among all my children

Item the 9th should any one of my boys should wish to have a more liberal education than those education in my life time it must be deducted from their share of my estate given under my hand and seal the day & date above written
Frederick W Mayo

Codicil. To my will ^{Shall my wife} remain single and hold my estate until all of my children become of age or have received their portion of my estate, I desire her to hold the balance as her property and at her death said surplus if any be remainder among all my children
13 of Jan 1851. F. W. Mayo

State of Tennessee } Decemr Term 1853.
Hayden County. } Among other things the following appear of Record.
Court met according to adjournment. Present the worshipful A. M. Shaw Chairman, J. M. Beasley and M. Campbell Esquires Justices of the peace in and for said County, J. Coghill D. Sheriff & Morned Clerk.

An instrument or paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Frederick W Mayo who departed this life in this County on the day of November A.D. 1853 in which County he resided at the time of his death was produced to the Court for proper view & thereupon it was approved by the Oaths of W. M. Mayo John W Mayo & Henry D Roberts that they are acquainted with the hand writing of the said Frederick W Mayo deceased that said hand writing is generally known by the acquaintances of the Dec & that they the said W. M. Mayo John W Mayo & Henry D Roberts do verily believe said last Will and Testament & every part thereof is in the hand writing of said Frederick W Mayo and it being further proved by the Oath of John W Mayo that said Will was found after the death of the said Frederick W Mayo among his valuable papers and other valuable effects and the Court being of opinion that such instrument

or paper purporting as aforesaid is what it purports to be to wit, the last Will and Testament of said Frederick W Mayo deceased & that the same has been fully proven & established according to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided, the Court doth therefore order and declare the said instrument of writing as aforesaid is the last Will & Testament of the said Frederick W Mayo deceased & order further that the said Will be recorded.

Will of Joel Jones

January Term 1854

Under the name of Joel Jones, of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

Item 1st I direct that all my debts be paid as speedily as possible after my death out of such property as my executor hereafter named may elect to appropriate in that way.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my wife Minerva Jones all my real, personal and mixed estate of every kind and description to have and to hold the same absolutely to her and her heirs forever

Item 3rd I hereby appoint my wife Minerva Jones executrix of this my last Will and Testament and direct that she be not required to enter into bond & security as required by Law and furthermore direct and order that she be not required to return any inventory or sale list of my said estate to Court as required by Law.

Given under my hand and seal this thirty first of December A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty two

Test Secrs 31-1853

J. L. Dickinson

J. L. Pulliam

11th January A.D. 1854

This day was produced into open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of Joel L. Jones who departed this life in Fayette County Tennessee on the 11th day of December A.D. 1853 in which County he resided at the time of his death

Joel L. Jones

In which said paper writing so purporting to be said will, L. L. Dickinson & Joel Pulliam are subscribing witnesses & therefore the said Dickinson & Pulliam were duly sworn in open court & upon their oath say that they were acquainted with the testator the said Joel L. Jones & that we acknowledge the execution of said paper writing in their presence. On the 31st day of December A.D. 1852 the day in which it bears date & declare the same to be his last will & Testament & that they signed the same at his request as witnesses to said last will & Testament and they two said Dickinson & Pulliam further depose & say that the said Joel L. Jones was in sound & disposing mind & memory at the time of the execution of said last will & Testament, and thereupon the court doth declare the said paper writing to be the last will & Testament of said Joel L. Jones & order the same to be recorded -

And thereupon came into open court Minerva Jones the executrix named in said will and was duly qualified as executrix of said last will and Testament of said Joel L. Jones & assumed the performance of said trust as executrix named in said will

Sarah Ellen Hildreth Fayette County Tennessee

June 24th 1852. I Sarah Ellen being at this time feeble in body but sound in mind & memory & knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death do make and publish this to be my last will & Testament. Revoking & making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made

Item First: It is my will & desire that all my just debts and funeral expences be paid out of the first money that shall come into the hand of my executor hereafter named -

Item Second. It is my will and request that the some of eight hundred dollars & all interest that has or may arise from same belonging to me to be equally divid among my eight children (viz) Franklin Pettus, Mary McCall, Almira & Bannett, Elizabeth P. Minor, Henry L. Pettus, Altha H. Pettus, Amy S. Coleman & Sarah J. High with the proviso that the portion & interest of Amy S. Coleman be placed in the hands of John H. High as Trustee for the use & benefit of her and her children, separate and apart from her husband John A. Coleman and the said

Trustee shall apply the same for her use and benefit to the best advantage for the interest of said Amy S. Coleman & the children afore said

Item Third. I will & bequeath to my son Henry L. Pettus my Duran I appoint my son Henry L. Pettus sole executor to this my last will and Testament with this special request that he be not required to give security for that trust imposed on him as I have every confidence in his ability and in carrying out the true interest & meaning of this my last will & Testament -

Signed & sealed in our presence day & year above

Witnesses

Garmon Thorne &

James H. Thompson

Whereas at the last term of this court to wit the term began & held in January the Monday in 1852 a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sarah Pettus was produced in open court and offered for probate in common form, And Garmon Thorne and James H. Thompson the subscribing witnesses there to being thereupon first duly sworn in open court depose & said that they were personally acquainted with the said Sarah Pettus that she executed said writing as her last will & Testament by signing her name thereto in their presence on the day it bears date and that they at the same time signed the same as witnesses at the request and in her presence that at the time of execution said will she was of sound & disposing mind & memory. Whereupon it was ordered that said writing be received as the last will & Testament of the said Sarah Pettus & be admitted to record as such - And Henry L. Pettus the executor named in said will being also in court was duly qualified as such executor - but entered into no bond being expressly excused from so doing in said will - And whereas owing to an oversight no entry was made of said probate of said will & qualification of executor on the minutes of said term but the facts are fully remembered by the members of the court then and now present it is ordered that said entry be made now as of the last said term of court and this record is accordingly now made and ordered to have full effect as of last January Term of this court

Rec'd Feb Term 1852

Will of Samuel Newby } I Samuel Newby of the
County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do hereby
make & declare this to be my last will and testament

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my nephew Richard W. Newby
the following named negroes, to wit Maria Peter Selley
and Billy and their increase

Item 2nd I lend to my niece Pamelia Susan Horner during her
life the following named negroes (to wit) Rancy & her
three children Stephen John & Spencer and at her
death I give & bequeath the said negroes to the heirs
of her body

Item 3rd I give & bequeath to my nephew Walter C. Newborn
the following named negroes (to wit) Lorn & Mary

Item 4th I give & bequeath to my nephew Marcellus Martin
Newby the following named negroes to wit Solomon
& Martha

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my nephew William Joseph
Newborn the following named negroes to wit Henry & Bee

Item 6th I lend to Mrs Phebe Newby Widow of my late brother
William Newby during her natural life the following
named negroes to wit Sarah & Lucy and at her death
I give and bequeath the said negroes to my nephew William
Joseph Newby

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my nephew Walter C. Newby and
Marcellus Martin Newby all my land to be equally di-
vided between them

Item 8th I wish all my stock house hold & kitchen furniture
and my crops of every description to be sold to pay my debts
and to defray my funeral expenses and the residue if any
to be equally divided between Richard W. Newby, Walter
C. Newby, Marcellus Martin Newby, Pamelia Susan Newby
& William Joseph Newby -

Item 9th It is my desire that Mrs Phebe Newby should take
the negroes which I have bequeathed to my nephew William
Joseph Newby in her possession for the support and education
of the said William Joseph Newby until he arrives at
the age of twenty one years

Item 10th I hereby constitute & appoint my friends Benjamin
Branch & Thomas I Brown my Executors. Witness my hand
and seal this day of February 1837 Samuel Newby

signed & acknowledged

in presence of us

Pellus Phillips
Colleen Turner & Moll Turner

State of Tennessee } County Court 448
Fayette County } March Term A.D. 1837

An instrument or paper writing purporting to be the last
will & testament of Samuel Newby who departed this life
in this County on the 6th day of February A.D. 1837 in which
County he resided at the time of his death was produced
to the court for probate & thereupon it was proved
by the oath of Pellus Phillips Colleen Turner & Moll Turner
subscribing witnesses to said paper writing bearing date
6th day of February A.D. 1837 that they and each of them
at the request of the said testator Samuel C. Newby in the
presence of said Newby & also in the presence of each other
signed said written instrument as witnesses which was at
the time of signing the same declare by the said
Samuel Newby to be his last will & testament & that
they and each of them depose & swear that the said
Samuel Newby at the time of making said will &
testament & on said 6th Feb. A.D. 1837 was of sound and
disposing mind & memory & fully capable of making
a last will & testament and the court being of opinion
that such instrument or paper writing as aforesaid
is what it purports to be to wit the last will & testament
of said Samuel Newby deceased & that the same has
been fully proven & established according to law the
court doth inform order & declare the said instrument
of writing as aforesaid is the last will & testament of Samuel
Newby deceased & order further that the said will be recorded
And therefore Benjamin Branch one of the executors
named in said will appeared personally in open
court & renounced the execution of the trust reposed
in him & declined to act as Executor of said will
And thereupon came into open court Thomas I Brown
the other Executor named in said will & entered into
bond as principal & gave R. W. Newby & B. B. Horner as
his securities in the sum of twenty five thousand
dollars for the performance of his said trust as Executor
of the last will & testament of said Samuel Newby
deceased

Will of } The last will and testament of
Susan D. Dyer } Susan D. Dyer wife of Nathan
Dyer of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee
And the said Susan D. Dyer of sound mind &

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County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do hereby
make & declare this to be my last will and testament

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Colleen Turner & Mod Turner

Will of Tennessee } County Court 448
Fayette County } March Term A.D. 1857

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County he resided at the time of his death was produ
ced to the court for probate & thereupon it was proven
by the oath of Pellus Phillips Colleen Turner & Mod Turner
subscribing witnesses to said paper writing bearing date
6th day of February A.D. 1857 that they and each of them
at the request of the said testator Samuel Newby in the
presence of said Newby & also in the presence of each other
signed said written instrument as witnesses which was at
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they and each of them depose & swear that the said
Samuel Newby at the time of making said will &
Testament & on said 6th Feb. A.D. 1857 was of sound and
disposing mind & memory & fully capable of making
a last will & testament and the court being of opinion
that such instrument or paper writing as aforesaid
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Will of } The last will and testament of
Susan Dyer } Susan Dyer wife of William
Dyer of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee
And the said Susan Dyer being of sound mind &

Today, being considering the uncertainty and frailties of human life do in pursuance and by virtue of Powers appointment in one sealed and given by a post nuptial agreement in deed of trust made and entered into on the 26th day of April in the year above written one thousand eight hundred & forty three between the said Nathan Loftis husband of the above said Susan D and John Thompson for Christy to J. Estes and Ralph M. Loftis Trustees make and declare the following to be my last will and testament in manner in which I wish my property to go or be disposed of after my death, in pursuance of the will, power of appointment reserved to me in the above mentioned a post nuptial agreement or deed of trust of the following property contained therein being all the property of which I am now owner and in possession. The title to the rest of the negroes having been directed by me by a decree of the circuit superior court of law and chancery held for Nelson County Virginia on the 8th day of May 1847 as follows. To wit

Item 1st I give and bequeath the negro Slaves James John William Robert Walker William Henry Harrison Adeline and Margaret unto Edward McPerrin and William Watts their heirs Executors ~~and~~ administrators upon and never the less this during the life of my said husband Nathan Loftis they will permit him to use and enjoy the hire & profits of all the said above mentioned Slaves, and my said Trustees to McPerrin and William Watts are respectively to hold said property upon the above trust and conditions To wit To pay over the ~~money~~ or proceeds arising from the hire of said Slaves to Nathan Loftis during his lifetime and annuities to account for the same

In receiving the ~~proceeds~~ hire they give them as to hiring the slaves, my trustees I hope will consult the wishes of said slaves, in hiring them to such masters as they may like best

Item 2nd It is my husband's desire that my Trustees may after consulting the wishes and conveniences of my husband Nathan Loftis, instead of hiring the negroes out as above directed buy a farm or rent a farm to be paid for out of the proceeds of the slaves of said slaves upon which said negroes may be worked the profits resulting therefrom to go as in the above clause to the only use and behoof of said Nathan Loftis as support and maintenance of his life

Item 3rd Upon the death of my husband Nathan Loftis I give and bequeath the above mentioned property so given to my Trustees Edward McPerrin & William Watts they the hire and profits to him for his life, in remainder to my Nephew Edward McPerrin my brother William Watts and his wife Mary, my sister Mrs Francis H. Nelson and the children of my sister Catherine Croshaw and the children of my sister Eliza Hickok to have and to hold totally devoid of any trust heretofore created equally share and share alike to them their heirs and of theirs forever And it is further my will and desire the preference of the said negroes be regarded in the distribution of the same among the legatees, and if an equal division can not be had among all of said legatees that those not so being equal will be entitled and receive compensation from the other legatees

Item 4th All the rest and residue of my separate property not here in disposed of and whatever included in the said post nuptial agreement or not I here by give and bequeath to my Executors Edward McPerrin and William Watts I hereby nominate and appoint as such

Item 5th I hereby revoke all former wills by me made this being my last will and testament. In testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2nd day of November 1853

In testimony before signing & sealing. Susan D. Loftis
Signed and sealed published and declared &c by the above named Susan D. Loftis to be her last will and testament in of us who at her request & in her presence have subscribed our names as

W. H. Foster Church

C. A. Huger x

C. May x

State of Tennessee } May Term County Court 1854
Fayette County } There being a complaint come to do business present among other business the following appear on Record. A paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Susan D. Loftis deceased was produced into open court and thereupon came into open court E. H. Huger and C. May subscribing writing to the said paper writing and who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with Susan Loftis the Testatrix in her lifetime and that they