

In testimony hereof, I have set my hand and seal the 15th day of March A.D. 1861

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

Charles B. Field

Jesse Benton

Sealed & Witness

State of Tennessee, Monday 4th March Term Court 1861

Dayton County, 3rd at this writing was the day produced in open Court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Amos Jernigan deceased for probate thereof; thereupon came into open Court Amos B. Pickens, one of the subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing, who being first duly sworn, deposes and swears that he was personally acquainted with the said Amos Jernigan, the testator in his life time and that he was called upon by him to sign said paper writing and did so at his request and in his presence; and also in the presence of Charles B. Field, and Jesse Benton, subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing, as Witnesses thereto, and that the said Jernigan signed said paper writing by making his mark thereon, and acknowledged the same in his presence and hearing as his last Will and Testament and that he believed the said Amos Jernigan to be of sound mind and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing said and acknowledging the same; It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court that said paper writing is that it purports to be, to wit the last Will and Testament of Amos Jernigan deceased; and that the same be established as such; and admitted as such.

Wm. C. Blount

Will

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to said plantation: The foregoing property, both real and personal, given to said Eliza Blount, and also that given to said John Blount, is given to them during their natural lives, and at their death, to go to Robt. Brodnax, P.D.B. Brown and Jesse Brown or their children, to be divided equally between the three, after first giving to Robt. Brodnax Five thousand dollars then the balance equally divided between Robt. Brodnax, P.D.B. Brown & Jesse Brown; Should either of them die without children, the property to go to those surviving, or their children.

I hereby appoint Richard S. Brodnax, as my executor, to carry out and execute this my last Will and Testament, without giving bond and security.

Witness: Wm. C. Blount

Wm. C. Blount

At my last Will & Testament, I give to my aunt Eliza Blount, my 1/2 of my land, as long as she lives, at her death, to my aunt S. L. Blount, to be divided as she pleases at her death: The Locket with my (W. C. Blount) Locket & my watch in it, belongs to my Aunt Eliza Blount; my Diamond Ring, I leave to W. C. Blount; my Diamond buttons, to Dr. J. Brown; my Father's watch to S. L. Blount; my Diamond Bracelet, with my diamond chain, I leave to my Aunt S. L. Blount; my Diamond Bracelet, to W. C. Blount; my best gold-headed cane, to W. C. Blount; as my last Will and Testament.

(Endorse) Will disposing of Jewels, & Blount.

State of Tennessee, Monday 4th March Term Court 1861

Dayton County, 3rd This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing, bearing date January 9th 1861, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Amos Jernigan deceased for probate thereof; and thereupon came into open Court, Wm. C. Blount, one of the subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing, who after being first duly sworn, deposed and said that he was personally acquainted with Amos Jernigan the testator, in his life time, that he was called upon by the said Amos Jernigan to sign said paper writing as a witness thereto, and did so at his request, and in his presence; and that the said Amos Jernigan acknowledged in his presence and hearing, that he signed and executed said paper writing, as his last Will and Testament, and that he believed him to be of sound mind and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court that said paper writing is that it purports to be, to wit the last Will and Testament of the said Amos Jernigan deceased; and that the same be established as such and admitted to be such.

And also was produced this day in open Court, another paper writing, without date signed (W. C. Blount) as his last Will and Testament in the disposition of his goods. There being no Witnesses thereto, thereupon came into open Court, Wm. C. Blount, who after being first duly sworn, deposed and said that he was personally acquainted with Amos Jernigan the testator in his life time, and that he had often seen him make, and that he knew writing was well known to him; and that he truly believed said paper writing was the signature thereof; and every part thereof to be in the own proper handwriting of the said Amos Jernigan deceased; and that the said Amos Jernigan the testator, a few days before his death, delivered to him in person, the said Wm. C. Blount, for safe keeping, the said paper writing, and also changed the name of Robt. Brodnax to that of W. C. Blount, in said paper writing; and also made known to him, the said Wm. C. Blount, the contents and purposes of said paper writing, and requested him,

Item 6. The balance of my effects of every description, remaining over and left after the several bequests before mentioned, I wish equally divided between my four daughters, Martha (widow Redding), Rebecca Ellen Day, Emma Salton, Mary Phelan, and the children of James Gallaway deceased, provided he has a child. To Rebecca Ellen Day, I shall be subject to the provisions, regulations & limitations, as provided in Item 5th.

Item 7. I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Samuel M. Higgins, Executor to this my last Will and Testament, and in case of his death, or refusal to qualify, I request Will Thompson to qualify & take upon himself the Execution of the same, being above enumerated. Signed With my hand & seal the 22nd day of February A.D. 1837

Thos. Gallaway

State of Illinois

Adair County Court 1837

Angelle County. This day was produced in open Court a paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Gallaway deceased, dated 22nd day of February, 1837; when Henry W. Thorp being duly sworn depose and say that he knew Thomas Gallaway, and had known him for many years, that on the 22nd day of February 1837, said Thomas Gallaway applied to him to write his last Will and Testament, that said Thos. Gallaway told him of some money and property, that he thinks that he saw him sign it in fact is fully satisfied that he signed it in his presence - that he knows the hand writing of Thomas Gallaway and he believes that the signature to the Will is in the hand writing of said Thomas Gallaway. - And Abner Thomas and Jacob Gallaway being duly sworn depose and say that they are acquainted with the hand writing of Thos. Gallaway, and believe that the signature to said paper writing of date 22nd February, 1837 is in the hand writing of said Thos. Gallaway; and for as much as the said paper writing has no subscribing witnesses to the same, the Court is of opinion that it is not a good Will as to Real Estate, and to pass Real Estate. But the Court is of opinion that it is a good last Will and Testament as to the personal property, and is his last Will and Testament as to his personal Estate, and the Court orders it to be probated as the last Will and Testament of Thos. Gallaway as to the personal Estate. - And the said Samuel M. Higgins having renounced the Executorship, also the said Henry W. Thorp reads aloud the same thing, and the parties interested having solicited Abner Thomas to act as Administrator with the Will annexed, the Court orders, a Judge and decess, that Abner Thomas be appointed Administrator with the Will annexed of said Thos. Gallaway, he having given bond in the sum of thirty thousand dollars with Jacob Gallaway and Thos. Layton as his sureties.

James C. Griffin

Will

The State of Mississippi, Be it Remembered that at a term of the Desoto County Probate Court of said County, begun and held at the Court house thereof, on the first Monday, being the 1st day of July, 1837, the Hon. S. D. Campbell presiding, among other orders and decess then and there made, and proceedings had were the following, to wit,

"After the reading of the last Will and Testament of James C. Griffin dec^d An Instrument of Writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James C. Griffin dec^d is produced, and thereupon appeared in open Court, D. P. Brown, J. B. Hamlett, and Jeremiah Elder, subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, depose and say that said testator and on the day of the date thereof, signed and published and declared the said instrument as and for his last Will and Testament before them, and at his request, by them, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, attested as Witnesses, that at the time the testator was of sound disposing mind and memory, and more than twenty one years of age; whereupon it is by the Court ordered that said Will be admitted to probate as the true last Will and Testament of said James C. Griffin, and that the same be recorded."

Will

In the presence of said Abner, J. James C. Griffin, of the County of Taylor and State of Mississippi, being of sound mind and memory, and conscious of the importance of his present and coming life, do through said Abner publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say, I first, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my Estate real and personal, I give and bequeath first to my beloved Wife, during her life, then to my heirs; I then leave to Abner and appoint Abner, Brown, & Co. the County of Taylor, and State of Mississippi, to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament: In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 16th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

James C. Griffin (Test)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said James C. Griffin in my presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument, so subscribed, to be his last Will and Testament, and we, at the testator's request, and in his presence, have signed our names as witnesses hereto.

D. P. Brown

J. B. Hamlett

Jeremiah Elder

"Proof"

The State of Mississippi, Probate Court July Term 1837

Desoto County. An Instrument of Writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James C. Griffin is produced, and thereupon appeared in open Court, D. P. Brown, J. B. Hamlett, and Jeremiah Elder, subscribing witnesses thereto, who being duly sworn, depose and say, that said testator and on the day of the date thereof, signed and published and declared the said instrument as and for his last Will and Testament, before them, and at his request, by them, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, attested as Witnesses; that at the time the testator was of sound disposing mind and memory, and more than twenty one years of age, sworn to and subscribed in open Court.

July 5th 1837

R. R. West Clerk

D. P. Brown

J. B. Hamlett

The State of Mississippi, J. R. R. West, Clerk of the Probate Court
Desoto County, do hereby Certify that the
foregoing this paper contains a true copy of the proceedings in the
trial of the Will of J. B. Griffin, died as there is a copy of said
Will, and the proceedings thereon, as fully and completely as the same
appears on file and of record in my office.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal of said Court, at Office this 5th day of
July, A.D. 1859. J. R. R. West, Clerk.

The State of Mississippi, J. R. R. West, Clerk of the Probate Court
Desoto County, do hereby Certify that R. Campbell, whose genuine signature
appears to the foregoing Certificate and attestation, is Clerk of said
Court, duly elected, qualified and commissioned, that the Certificate
and attestation are in due form of Law, and by the proper Officer
and that all his acts in the premises, are and ought to be
entitled to full faith and credit. - Given under my hand and
seal this 8th day of July, 1859. J. R. R. West, Clerk.

Probate Judge.

The State of Mississippi, J. R. R. West, Clerk of the Probate Court
Desoto County, do hereby Certify that
J. S. Campbell, whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing
Certificate, is at the date hereof, Sole Judge of the Probate Court of
said County, duly elected, qualified and commissioned, and that
full faith and credit are due to his official acts as such.



Given under my hand, and the seal of said
Court at Office this 8th day of March, A.D.
1859. J. R. R. West, Clerk.

State of Tennessee, Thursday 4th April Term, County Court 1861
Shelby County, This day was produced in open Court, a transcript of a paper
writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James C.
Griffin, dec'd. which was duly probated in the Probate Court of
Desoto County, in the State of Mississippi on the 5th day of July 1859
which said transcript was received by the Court and ordered
to be entered of Record.

John H. Benton In the name of God, Amen
Trusting in the Resurrection and Life
to come, Through Christ our Redeemer.
I do hereby make and declare this
to be my last Will & Testament, Revoking all others.

I hereby give unto my beloved Wife, Susan P. Benton, during
her natural life, all my estate, real & personal, subject to the
following exceptions and Special Legacies, and that to be
Equally divided among all my children, then living either here
and abroad, from & such, whatever may be the date of the date of my death or
otherwise, from then, I give unto my daughter, Susan P. Benton

my said Wife & her issue, - I give unto my daughter, Susan P. Benton, negro
Slave, born as her issue, on & of good unto my daughter, Susan P. Benton, negro Slave, and
her issue, on & of good unto my son, J. B. Benton, Eight hundred dollars, - I give
unto my son, John P. Benton, Eight hundred dollars, - I give unto my son, Susan P. Benton
Eight hundred dollars, or that amount to be expended in his Education, over above his
Education at home; also I give him my gold Watch & he is to be paid twenty five dollars
and interest, from January 1841, or all the above named Special Legacies to be paid within
one year at the death of my Wife, or during her life, as her direction; if I can be done with
prejudice to the other children, - I do hereby appoint my beloved Wife, my sole Executor
With full Power to request that my son in Law, Dr. J. P. Bellum, and my son, J. B. Benton,
advise and assist her, and if it be for her comfort or convenience, to sell the land & move
it to another home, without prejudice to the estate, it is my Will that she do, - I, her
and declare this 2nd day of March, A.D. 1859, Cottage home, Shelby County, Tennessee.

John P. Benton, Executor.

I do hereby make and declare this to be a Codicil to, and part of my Will, of
above date March 2nd 1859, that is, - I give to my daughter, Susan P. Benton,
at the death of my Wife, Susan P. Benton & her issue, also 1/2 of the land & 1/2 of the personal
assets, one half of the house & the furniture, - I give to my daughter, Susan P. Benton,
at the death of my Wife, Susan P. Benton & her issue, also 1/2 of the land & 1/2 of the personal
assets, and one half of the house & the furniture, - I do hereby signed this 19th day of March,
A.D. 1859. John P. Benton, Executor.

State of Tennessee, County Court, 2nd Term, 1861
Shelby County, In Testimony, or paper writing purporting to be the last
Will & Testament of John P. Benton who departed this life in this County on the
21st day of January, A.D. 1861, in which County he resided at the time of his
death, was produced to the County Court for Probate, and thereupon it
was proven by the Oaths of James Lashley, John P. Bellum, & John H. Benton
that they are acquainted with the said writing of the said John P. Benton, as
deceased, that said bona fide writing is generally known by the acquaintances of
the deceased, and that they, the same, J. Lashley, John P. Bellum, & John H. Benton,
do verily believe said last Will & Testament & every part thereof, is in the hand
writing of said John P. Benton, and it being further proven by the Oaths of
James Lashley, that said Will was signed after the death of said
John P. Benton, among his valuable papers & other valuable effects,
it the Court being of opinion that said instrument, or paper writing, as
aforesaid, is that of said John P. Benton, to be, to wit, the last Will & Testament of
said John P. Benton deceased, it that the same has been duly proven
& established according to the Order, the Court doth therefore Order &
declare the said instrument of writing, as aforesaid, to be the last Will &
Testament of the said John P. Benton deceased, & do further that the
said Will be recorded, and thereupon came into Court Susan P.
Benton, Executrix named in said Will, & entered into Bond in the
sum of Twenty thousand dollars for the performance of the trust re-
posed in her, conditioned as the law directs, - said Executrix, by the
Terms of the Will, not being required to give security as such Executrix.

Sam Rimer & her heirs and come to be paid to her in person by my executor and of the said Rimer's one her share and interest to go to and belong to her children I make this promise that in my will I reserve further, my wife Delany & she surviving to death takes no interest in my Estate I direct that the fund will be to her go into the residue of my Estate remaining after paying the other legacies of four thousand Dollars Cash & be distributed ^{in portions} ~~in portions~~ in the several & ordinary clauses of this my will.

Item Eighth

I appoint Joel L. Pulliam of Fayette County Tenn. Executor to this my last will and testament with full power to make the same devised & convey my land estate to the persons purchasing and to do all things requisite & necessary to the execution of this my last will and Testament -

Given under my hand and seal this 9th of September A.D. 1859

Test.

J. L. Dickinson

H. W. Hillebrand

L. C. Pattillo

Joel L. Pulliam (Seal)
my

State of Tennessee } County Court
Fayette County } September Term A.D. 1861

Be it remembered that on this 2nd day of September A.D. 1861 an instrument or paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Joel Notgraff dec'd who departed this life in this County on the day of A.D. 1861 in which County he resided at the time of his death was produced to the Court for probate thereof which paper writing bearing date the 9th of September A.D. 1859, and whereupon J. L. Dickinson, H. W. Hillebrand and L. C. Pattillo subscribing witnesses to said paper writing after being duly sworn depose and say that they and each of them were well acquainted with said Joel Notgraff the testator and that they and each of them signed their names as witnesses to said paper writing at the request of said Joel Notgraff and in his presence he declaring and stating to them and each of them said paper writing to be his last will and Testament and that at the time they so witnessed said paper writing the said Joel Notgraff was of sound and disposing mind and memory and the Court being of opinion that such instrument or paper writing as aforesaid is what the purports to be to wit the last will and Testament of Joel Notgraff dec'd and that the same has been fully proved and

established according to the Oath in such cases made and provided the Court doth therefore declare and direct that said instrument of writing as aforesaid is the last will and Testament of the said Joel Notgraff dec'd and order further that the said will be recorded And thereupon J. L. Pulliam Executor named in said will came into Court and entered into bond himself as principal and Ed. Dickinson & W. B. Dotch as securities in the sum of thirty thousand conditioned as required by law which bond was at this indorsed by the parties and approved by the Court & said Pulliam duly qualified as Executor -

Will of } State of Tennessee } I, the name of Joel I make
Joel J. Tucker } Fayette County } this my last will and Testament
Item the first I wish all my just debts paid
Item the second I wish my entire Estate Equally divided between my wife Lucy M. Tucker and my Daughter Anna A. Tucker
I wish the third out of the portion that falls to my Daughter Anna A. Tucker I entail six thousand Dollars to her exclusively in fee simple her husband should she ever marry to have no control or power to sell or dispose of in any way not subject to his debts or to his use the amount of six thousand Dollars to said Anna A. Tucker to be in money or property as the Executor may think proper.
Item the fourth I give my Executors the extraordinary power to dispose of all or any part of my property to let the proceeds remain in money or to wish in other property or to let it remain as it now is said Executors will consult my wife Lucy M. Tucker touching in all things pertaining to said property.
Item fifth that portion of my Estate that I give and entail on my daughter Anna A. Tucker should she die without any living heirs I wish it to revert back to my blood kin.
Item the sixth I appoint my two Brothers Edward J. Tucker and Joseph C. C. Tucker my Executors signed and sealed this day and date above written

Joel J. Tucker (Seal)

Test.

Rich^d. H. Harvey

F. N. Mcweather

Codical } Upon reflection I think it best to give my daughter
Oct. 24th 1861 } Anna A. Tucker the power to sell or convey her property to any one whom she may wish to have. Upon her arriving at the age of eighteen years I by this Codical give her that power signed and sealed this day and date above written

Joel J. Tucker (Seal)

Test. F. N. Mcweather

Mr. J. C. Ellington

This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said Mary Goodloe and thereupon came into open Court both Henry and F. D. Hammett subscribing witness to said paper writing who after being duly sworn depose and say as follows to wit that they were acquainted with the Testator the said Mary Goodloe in her life time and that they were called upon by the said Testator on the day the said paper writing bears date to sign the same as witnesses thereto, which they did in the presence of the said Testator and that they believe him at the time of signing the same to be of sound and disposing mind and memory and also came into open Court F. D. Hammett and M. T. C. Ellington subscribing witnesses to the said or said paper writing being what said witness after being duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with the Testator in his life time and that they were called upon by the said Testator to sign said will on the same day that the original bears date as witnesses thereto which they did at the instance and request of the said Testator and that they believe the Testator to be of sound mind and disposing memory at the time they signed the same and which said paper writing was considered by the Court what it purports to be to wit the last will and testament of the said Testator which said will enclosed was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded and thereupon came into open Court F. J. Tucker & J. C. Tucker the Executors named in said will and were called into Court in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars thereupon as principals and gave as their securities as said James Madison H. Harvey and John A. Jackson who also came into open Court and acknowledged themselves as such securities thereto and thereupon the said F. J. Tucker & J. C. Tucker the duly qualified as such Executors in open Court that the Law permits

Will of } I Mary Goodloe of the County of
Mary Goodloe } Fayette State of Tennessee being
competent } sound mind and memory and con-
sidering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do hereby make order publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say first after all my just and lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my Estate both Real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit;

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Abigail Goodloe negro woman Mary and her two children Marian & Ethel

I give and bequeath to John Goodloe two sons

John and Kitten Goodloe negro in an Henry

I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Goodloe a negro woman Rachel

I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Julia Seymour a negro woman Mary to wit her bodily hair and one hundred dollars to be paid her by my Executor out of any money that he may have in his hands

I give and bequeath my Grand Daughter Mollie House two hundred dollars to be paid to her by my Executor out of any money that he may have in his hands - and my Bed and Bedstead

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Alice Williams a negro woman Rebecca

I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Victoria C. Williams a negro Girl Felicia and Bed

I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Cornelia Rumpf a negro man Alfred and Girl Matilda and one Bed

I give and bequeath to my Grand son Henry Goodloe son of John Goodloe a Negro Boy Solomon

I give and bequeath to Daughter of Robt Goodloe all the money that may be in the hands of my Executor after paying all my just and lawful debts and the Three hundred dollars named above in this will

I also wish my Executor to sell my house and Buggy and some other articles belonging to me

Therefore I make constitute and appoint W. Rhodes my Executor to this my last will and testament whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal done in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty one March the

In the presence of

Mary Goodloe (Dea)

W. Rumpf

F. Crawford

November 5th 1861

This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary Goodloe and thereupon came into open Court George W. Rumpf and F. Crawford subscribing witness to said paper writing who being duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with the said Mary Goodloe in her life time and that they witnessed said paper writing at here equate and in the presence of each other and that they believe the said Mary Goodloe of sound and disposing mind at the time of making the said paper writing and at the time of subscribing the paper writing as witnesses thereto of which said will was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded it being considered by the Court and ordered to be recorded it being considered by the Court to be what it purports to be to wit the last will and testament of Mary Goodloe Dec^d and the Executor W. Rhodes mentioned in the will refusing to act as such Executor John Rumpf came into open Court and entered into Bond himself

as principal in the sum of fifteen thousand Dollars and acknowledged the same as principal debts and gave as his securities and said Bond Wm Rhodes mentioned in the Will refusing to act as such Executor B. W. Rumpsey came into open Court and made entrance into Bond himself as principal in the sum of fifteen thousand Dollars and acknowledged the same as principal debts and gave as his securities and said Bond Wm Rhodes and John S. Pullman who also came into open Court and acknowledged themselves as securities debts which said Will and Bond was reviewed by the Court and ordered to be recorded and thereupon the said B. W. Rumpsey was then duly qualified as such a demonstrator with the Will annexed as the Law prescribes.

Will of State of Tennessee
Henry Mutton Fayette County I, Henry Mutton of said County do make this my last Will and Testament as follows

I give and bequeath to my Wife Mary W. Mutton the sum of Two Thousand Dollars in Money, One Bed, Bed Stead & Clothing. I give to Octavio and Oliver Four Hundred Dollars each, for the purpose of finishing the Education and the amounts not to be accounted for or charged to them in the general division of my Estate.

The Balance of my entire Estate of all I possess, both real and personal Estate, after paying my just debts and the above Legacies, I hereby Will that it shall be equally divided between all of my Children, with this exception: I have heretofore given to Elizabeth Mutton One thousand and Ninety Dollars to James Mutton Eight hundred Dollars to Robert B. Mutton One thousand and fifty Dollars to Sarah A. Mutton One thousand Dollars in Money and a Negro Girl Rachel Walker at One thousand Dollars to Thomas F. Mutton One thousand Dollars to be accounted for by them in the general division without interest. That portion of my Estate given to my Daughters is given to them during their natural lives and at their death to the Heirs of their bodies and if any should die without bodily Heirs then to go back to the Balance of my Children then living and their Heirs. I hereby appoint Joseph P. Braden and Thomas F. Mutton my Executors to carry out the foregoing Will and fully authorize them to act as without giving security. I also fully authorize and hereby empower them with full authority to divide or sell any portion or all of my Land for a division among the Heirs as they may

think best - either Cash or on a Credit in fact to sell upon any terms they may think for the interest of the Legatee - without any sale of Court and a Bond made by them to be as good & binding as if made by my self.
Signed in presence of
R. E. Woodman
W. F. Braden

Henry Mutton

Febuary Term County Court 1862
This day appears writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry Mutton Decd was produced into Court by Joseph P. Braden one of the parties named therein as Executors & asked that same might be admitted to probate & thereupon came Wm. F. Woodman and W. F. Braden the subscribing witnesses thereto after being duly sworn & so and say that they were acquainted with Henry Mutton in his lifetime that they became him acknowledge the execution of said last Will and Testament and that they subscribed their names thereto as witnesses at his request and in his presence at that date & time to be of said acknowledgment he was of sound mind and disposing memory and capable of making a valid Will. It is therefore declared by the Court that said writing is the last Will and Testament of Henry Mutton said and ordered that the same be admitted to probate and recorded and thereupon came into open Court Joseph P. Braden one of the Executors mentioned in said Will and Testament and gave Bond himself & securities in the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars secured to the same being capably charged with said Will and which bond being acknowledged in open Court was reviewed by the Court and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon J. P. Braden was duly qualified as the Law directs.

Will of State of Tennessee
Henry Parrish Fayette County

This is to Certify that we were present during the illness of Mr. Henry Parrish and heard him make in substance the following Statement in regard to the Estate 1st He wished the whole of his Estate to remain together and in possession of his Wife remarking that he had the utmost Confidence in her Management of the same. He further stated that he believed Mr. Parrish was in sound mind and conscience of his early disposition at the time of making this statement.

R. P. Braden

J. L. Allen

L. H. Marshall

Signed
May 11th 1861

On the evening of the same day Mr. Parrish said that he required no security from his Wife this May the 11th 1861

Signed J. H. Marshall
J. L. Allen

Matter of Henry Parrish's
Will

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of November A.D. 1861 a paper writing purporting to be the Non-cumulative Will of Henry Parrish and late of Fayette County Tennessee who departed this life in Fayette County Tennessee on or about the 11th day of May A.D. 1861 & which paper writing bears date May 11th 1861 & is signed by R. P. Bateman & F. L. Allen & G. L. Marshall & thereon the said R. P. Bateman & F. L. Allen witnessed to same after being duly sworn depose & say that they & each of them were present at the making of said Non-cumulative Will & that they & each of them were especially requested to bear witness thereto by the Testator himself and that the said Will was made by the said Henry Parrish in his last sickness in his own habitation or dwelling house and the said witnesses further testify that said Non-cumulative Will was reduced to writing within ten days from the making of the same & signed by them as witnesses & the said F. L. Allen also deposes to the fact that the said Henry Parrish on same day said Non-cumulative Will was made stated to him & requested him to bear witness to the fact that he requested no testimony from his wife Sally M. Parrish & the same was reduced to writing within ten days after the date of the said Henry Parrish & the said witnesses who testify that the said Henry Parrish at the time of making said Non-cumulative Will was of sound disposing mind & memory. The Court doth therefore declare the said paper writing to offend for probate to be the last Will & Testament of the said Henry Parrish & order the same to be reduced. And thereupon came Sally M. Parrish widow of Henry Parrish deceased & entered into bond in the sum of One thousand Dollars for the performance of the trust committed to her & was duly qualified as Executor of said last Will & Testament.

Will of John Kincadey The last Will and Testament of John Kincadey of Fayette County Tennessee & John Kincadey being unable to say but of sound mind knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death do make this my last Will & Testament.

Item 1st. It is my will & wish that my wife Jane Kincadey keep all my property both real & personal together during her Widowhood & have full control of the same and to apply the proceeds or income arising from the same to the raising education & support of the family & should any of the servants become so refractory that she cannot control or manage them she is hereby vested with power to dispose of them by sale or otherwise.

Item 2nd. It is further my wish & Will that in the event my wife Jane Kincadey should at any time Marry that all my property both real and personal be equally divided between my wife and my Children and that J. A. Curdler is hereby appointed Executor to carry out my wish in this my last Will and Testament.

Item 3rd. It is further my wish and Will that my daughter Margaret have Three hundred Dollars over and above the portion my other children may receive under the Will it being a legacy left her by her aunt Margaret Wilson and now in my possession.

Item 4th. It is further my wish that all my just debt be first paid off and settled.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th Oct. 1861

Richard Cox

H. Thornton

John Kincadey
mark

Seal

February Term Court, Court 1862

This day was produced in open Court the paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Kincadey and which was at the January term of this Court produced as to Richard Cox one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and said paper writing coming on for further probate as to the other subscribing witness H. Thornton said H. Thornton came into open Court and after being duly sworn depose and say that he was well acquainted with the testator in his life time and that he saw him make his last Will & Testament and that he saw him acknowledge the same to his last Will and Testament and that he called upon him to sign said paper writing as a witness thereto which he did in the presence of the other subscribing witness and also in the presence of the testator and that he believed the said testator to be of sound mind and memory at the time of signing the same. It is therefore the opinion of the Court that said paper writing is what it purports to be to wit the last Will and Testament of John Kincadey deceased. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be recorded and thereupon came into open Court J. A. Curdler and was duly qualified as executor in open Court as the Law prescribes.

Will of } I Catharine Rayner of the County of Fayette
Catharine Rayner } and the State of Tennessee being advised in
years and from what fully and amply of the property of the
passing of my worldly substance which I have deposited and
disposing mind and memory and I do hereby make public and
declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
to wit:

I hereby nominate and appoint my Trusty and well beloved
Son Ely Rayner Executor to this my last Will and Testament
as well as Trustee to take charge of the property which I shall
leave under his care and management for the purpose of carrying
out this my will and thereby I further give my executors to
enter upon the trusts and execution here expressed without giving
Bond and security as required by Law.

Item 1st I Give to my said Son Ely Rayner absolutely and forever
free personal property Notes due and owing to me from him and now
in my possession one of them for about Eight hundred Dollars
in 1857 and the other sum in 1858 and for about Eight hundred
and twenty dollars I also loan to my said Son Ely Rayner during
the term of his natural life a negro Woman named Lemmy and
at the death of my said Son I give absolutely and forever
said Negro Woman and her increase if any to the Children
of said Ely Rayner in equal distribution but if any of the
Children of said Ely should die leaving the lifetime of their
father leaving a Child or Children then and in that case
the Child or Children of said deceased parent shall take the
part that the parent would have been entitled to if a living
Item 2nd I Give in trust to my said Son Ely Rayner for the
use and purposes and subject to the following provisions some
hereinafter the following property to wit my tract of land in
Raymond County in this State containing about five hundred
and eighty three Acres together with another tract of land containing
about one hundred and thirty Acres and the furniture belonging
or incident to said plantation also Eight Negro Slaves to wit
Stephen and his wife Julia Francis and her daughter Phoebe
John Jeff Bonileas and Daw. The last named above I have
allowed the privilege if he should desire to, an account of
Barrenness to his wife to visit some person whom he may wish
to buy her and I do hereby authorize my said Son as executor
to sell said Daw for a reasonable price and the proceeds of the
sale as hereafter directed I also give to my said Son in trust as executor
and subject to the same provisions as the above my two white
Mares Silver Tabby Spania One silver Basket and my best
black Bed and furniture and all property enumerated in
the above Item as by my said Son Ely Rayner to be
appraised or his successor in trust to be kept in my plantation
in Raymond County until my grand son Susan T. Rayner
arrives at the age of 21 years or more at which time I wish

my said Grand son Susan T. Rayner put in possession of all said property
and to sell and dispose of said property in his own way and to his own use all the profits
and proceeds of said property during the term of his natural life
and at the death of my said Grand son Susan T. Rayner I give absolutely
and forever of said property real and personal to the Children of said
Susan T. Rayner in equal distribution I have and I here also provide that
if any Child or Children of the said Susan T. Rayner die during the lifetime
of the said Susan leaving a Child or Children then and in that case
said Child or Children shall be entitled to the share the deceased parent
would have been entitled to if living and in case of failure of the said
Susan to leave Children or Grand Children then and in that case I Give
all of said property to the brothers & sisters of said Susan in equal distri-
bution share and share alike the Child or Children of any deceased brother
or sister to take the deceased parent's part.

Item 3rd I Give to my said Son Ely Rayner in trust for the benefit of my
Grand Children Louisa Catharine Anna Ada & Eliza Ann my two
daughters of the said Ely Rayner subject to the same provisions & time
limitations as in Item 2nd the following negro Slaves to wit George & Emma &
his wife Ann and her Child Joe & Andy a boy, and Bash and his Child
Mensetta together with their future increase which I give & give I Give
after my death I wish taken to my plantation in Raymond County
by my said Son Ely Rayner to be used as a school and to be employed
on said farm during the passage of my Grand son Susan T. Rayner
and up to the coming of lawful age or marriage of the eldest of the
above enumerated Children of the said Susan & then to be divided in as
many lots as there may be Children living except I have already pro-
vided for and each of said Children to wit Louisa Catharine Ann
Addy & Eliza Rayner have the use of their share of profits either by them-
selves or Guardians or Trustees of said share during the period of their
natural lives and if any of said Grand Children die during their lives
their part or share to be used by the surviving brothers & sisters in equal
distribution and at the death of each or either of the above enumerated
Grand Children dying without Children either of lawful age or unmar-
ried the surviving Grand Children to take the use of said property for
life and at the death of all or any of said Grand Children leaving
Children I Give to their Children absolutely and forever such lot or
share of said Slaves as such deceased parent had in possession or might
be entitled to possess according to the tenor of the foregoing Law
Item 4th I Give to Christian Nickle my niece and to Emily Rayner
Miees of my deceased husband the sum of Five hundred Dollars each
in their own Right and subject only to their own control.

Item 5th All of my balance of my property in this County not
previously disposed of consisting of stock provisions tools farm
ware &c. I wish sold after my death by my Executor on such
terms as he may think proper and from the proceeds of such sale
I wish all my just debts paid funeral Expenses &c. and also such
able Grave stones erected over the Graves of my deceased husband
my Son Samuel my daughter & my Son after my death with

hope, sides and ends in Rose form and the balance of proceeds of any together with the little income from the farm & Rayner in Haywood. I wish disprove of by my son Trustee aforesaid for the use and benefit of all my Grand Children in the proportion of one half to the use of Susan T. Rayner and the other half to my other Grand Children to wit Lemuel, Catharine, Susan, Ada & C. W. Rayner.

Item 6th Should my two old servants George and Hannah become Supersannated and unable to support themselves I wish them supported and taken care of on the farm in Haywood.

Item 7th Should my son Ely Rayner die or otherwise become incapacitated to take on himself the education of the General trust herein above enumerated then and in that case I appoint my friend W^m A. Williamson in his place and I thus earnestly request him to take upon himself the execution of the same according to the provisions thereof.

In full Testimony of all the foregoing Requests Trusts, be-
lations and provisions I have this day set my hand and
seal here thereby revoking all previous Wills by me made
or caused to be made signed and sealed in presence of me
as witnesses this 14th day of August A.D. 1855.

W. H. Sharp

Catharine Rayner (Test)

W. H. Sharp

December the 18th 1861 I Catharine Rayner do this my
for reasons satisfactory to my self approve this Codicil to
my last Will and Testament above by which I revoke the same
and make void all that parts of Item 6th for the amount
which gives to Nancy Rayner the sum of five hundred Dollars
which Susan I directed to be disprove of on the same manner
as the funds arising from the sale of property. To Signify the my
it bears date in presence of us as witnesses

W. H. Sharp

Margaret C. Glover

Catharine Rayner (Test)

In the Name of God Amen

Will of J. J. Gubins County of the town of La Grange
Gubins County in the County of Hayville and State of Tennessee
being of sound mind and memory, and consid-
ering the uncertainty of this frail and Transitory life, do therefore
make and deliver, publish and declare this to be my last will and
testament, that is to say, First after all my lawful debts are
paid and discharged, and my youngest child, Minerva
Kettler shall have been educated and become eighteen years
old, the residue of my estate, real and personal I give bequeath
and devise, to my children or their heirs who may be living at
the time of my decease to be divided equally between them,
Share and Share alike, after giving Five hundred Dollars out
of the proceeds of the sale of my quarter section of land lying in
Sumner County to La Grange Synodical College, likewise make
and constitute, and appoint my Son-in-law Henry C. Rowe and
Richard C. Whitfield to be executor of this my last will and Testament
with this injunction, that the servants which have been raised
and inducted, shall be kept by the heirs in families as much
as possible, in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed my seal this the tenth day December
anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

Witnessed by

Jelina Contey

W. H. Haddell, Clerk of the foregoing will
ack^d J. H. Gray Whereas J. J. Gubins County of the town of La Grange
and County of Hayville and State of Tennessee, have made the foregoing
as my last will and Testament in writing, bearing date the tenth
day of December one thousand eight hundred and sixty one,
nevertheless being desirous of giving still further my grati-
tude to God for all his goodness & mercy shown to me through-
out my past life, I do hereby make in addition to my fore-
going last will and Testament the following donations to the
various causes of benevolence under the care of the General
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the Confederate States
of America, viz:

To the General Assembly Executive Committee of Foreign Mis-
sions the sum of twenty five Dollars, to be paid annually for their
expenses, To the General Assembly Executive Committee of Domestic
missions, the sum of thirty five Dollars to be paid annually for
Five years, To the General Assembly Executive Committee of Ed-
ucation, the sum of Twenty five Dollars to be paid annually for
five years, To the General Assembly Executive Committee of
Publication the sum of fifteen Dollars to be paid annually
for five years, this sum, making in the aggregate one hundred
Dollars annually distributed as above among the assemblies
four Committees amounting in the five years to five hundred
Dollars. I do hereby give and bequeath to the said Committees
through their respective Treasurers, and it is my desire that
this Codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last will

and testament as aforesaid to all intents & purposes

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two

Witnessed by
Geo. W. Waddell

Zebina Conkey

ack. = J. H. Gray

State of Tennessee } County Court March Term 1862
Haystack County }

Be it remembered that on this the 3rd day of March A.D. 1862, a paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Zebina Conkey, Dec^d of Tennessee, Haystack County of date December 10th 1861 & a codicil of date Feb. 6th A.D. 1862 & signed Zebina Conkey & each attested by Geo. W. Waddell & J. H. Gray as subscribing witnesses, was produced to the Court & offered for probate and thereupon J. H. Gray one of the subscribing witnesses to same after having been duly sworn depose & stated that he was acquainted with the said Zebina Conkey the alleged testator & that he signed said paper writing, both the will & codicil at the request of said Zebina Conkey as his last will & testament on the day same bear date in the presence of said Conkey & that he said Conkey stated same to be his last will & testament & that he the said J. H. Gray believed & stated that at the time he witnessed same he the said Conkey was of sound & disposing mind & memory & capable of making a will & thereupon the Court held & kept said will & for further probate by the other subscribing witness to same & afterwards to wit, on this the 4th day of March A.D. 1862

Geo. W. Waddell the other subscribing witness to said paper writing after having been duly sworn depose & stated that he was acquainted with the said Zebina Conkey the alleged testator & that he signed said paper writing, both the will & codicil at the request of the said Zebina Conkey as his last will and testament on the day same bear date & in his said Zebina Conkey's presence, that he said Conkey, stated same to be his last will & testament & that he the said Geo. W. Waddell believed & states that at the time he witnessed same he the said Conkey was of sound & disposing mind & memory & capable of making a will. And further that the said Zebina Conkey departed this life on the 17th day of February, A.D. 1862 at the residence of him the said Zebina Conkey in Haystack County Tennessee & thereupon the Court doth order as judged & declare the said paper writing to be what it purports to be, to wit, the last will & testament of the said Zebina Conkey Dec^d & direct that same as sworn to be recorded as such. And thereupon H. C. Rescoe one of the executors named in said will appeared in open court & returned

into Court in the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars, himself as principal & J. H. Gray & Geo. W. Waddell as sureties conditioned as required by law, which bond was acknowledged by all the parties & received by the Court & the said H. C. Rescoe duly qualified as executor of the last will & testament of Zebina Conkey deceased

Approved by the Court March 4th 1862

W. Rhodes, Ch^l pro.

Will of } J. M. Rhea Jr. being of sound mind & memory
M. Rhea Jr. } and knowing the uncertainty of life, do make and
publish this my last will & testament,

1st I wish my just debts to be paid out of any effects I may have left at my death

2nd I will and bequeath to my much loved wife Harriet H. all of my property, both real and personal, after the payment of my debts as aforesaid

3rd I wish my wife Harriet, and my Father M. Rhea, to execute this my will without being required to give bond as required by law. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 14th day of December A.D. 1859

M. Rhea Jr. (Sig^d)

Witnesses

W. J. Hobson

W. P. Finney

This day was produced in open Court, a paper purporting to be the last will and testament of Matthew Rhea Jr. Dec^d as witnessed thereto with the names of Wm^d Finney and Wm^d J. Hobson - the said Wm^d Finney being present depose, said M. Rhea dec^d in his presence signed said paper as his last will and testament and that he the said Wm^d Finney signed his name as witness to the same in the presence of said M. Rhea dec^d, and at his request, the said, and at the time of signing said last will and testament, he the said M. Rhea dec^d was in his usual health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory, Wm^d J. Hobson being absent in the army, the said Wm^d Finney together with Robert (Cass) who was also sworn on being interrogated by the Court depose that they believed the above signatures as witness to the said will is the true signature and hand writing of Wm^d J. Hobson with whom they are personally acquainted, it is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper be received as the last will and testament of M. Rhea dec^d and as such be recorded

Approved by the Court

March 4th 1862

W. Rhodes, Ch^l pro.

Will of James E. Mason of Fayette County, State of Tennessee. I James E. Mason being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament as follows - After paying all of my just debts - I give to my beloved wife Frances E. Mason all of my home tract of Land lying & situated West of the Road leading from Wilmore to Hannans Mill for her use & benefit during her natural life. I also give her all of my house hold & kitchen furniture and Carriage - The Balance of my personal Estate consisting of Negroes, Horses, Mules, Stock of Hogs & cattle Farming Utensils &c. to be equally divided between my Wife & Children. My Wife selecting such Negroes as she may want in her share. I wish my son W. H. Mason to take Negro Remittance & my son F. B. Mason to take Negro Way Ham in their shares of Negroes what has been heretofore given to R. C. & W. H. Mason & C. Co. but during my life time to be accounted for by them in the final settlement & division of my Estate - Such Negroes as may have been heretofore given them to account for at the Value at the time of distribution that is what the same Negroes at the time given would sell for at distribution not taking into account the increase. I wish my Executors to keep my Estate together & make Crops each year as usual until my debts are all paid, and my Wife Frances E. and my son F. B. Mason to be supported out of my Estate, without any charge against them for the same - until my Estate is wound up and ready for distribution.

I hereby appoint Richard T. Woodman and my son Robert E. Mason my Executors to settle up my Estate & carry out this my last Will & Testament without giving security January 11th 1862

Witness -

Robert Tucker

Binnard M. Patton

James E. Mason

May Term County Court 1862

On this day there was produced and exhibited to the Court as Papers in writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James E. Mason deceased who had his last residence in the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee and the same was thereupon offered for Probate - And thereupon came Remond M. Patton one of the subscribing witnesses to said last Will and Testament who after being duly sworn, depose, and says, he was acquainted with the said Testator James E. Mason that he was present when he executed his said last Will and Testament and that he is now a subscribing witness to the same, and heard the Testator acknowledge that he executed the same as such his last Will and Testament, and that he witness attested the execution of the same, at the request of the Testator and in his presence, and the presence of Robert Tucker, the other

subscribing witness, and that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory when he executed said last Will & Testament - And thereupon, on motion it was ordered by the Court, that the said last Will and Testament be admitted to Probate and heard as Robert E. Mason, one of the Executors therein named and appointed thereunto, and delivered his bond as such Executor in the sum of One hundred Thousand, payable and conditioned as required by Law, which bond was accepted by the Court - and in the said Robert E. Mason was thereupon duly qualified as the Law directs and Letters Testamentary were ordered to be issued to him -

Reviewed by the Court May 5th 1862

Wm. Rhoads Clerk

Will of T. J. Reeves } T. J. Reeves - Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make this my last Will and Testament, revoke all other Wills made by me.

1st It is my Will that after my death, I shall be decently and respectfully interred, at Bethany Church in Hardemon Co. as near as may be beside my daughter Mary A. Reeves - that a summing total Stone be erected at my grave.

2nd It is my Will and I do bequeath to my son Willis E. Reeves and his children my negro girl Emily which I value at four hundred dollars - The said Willis E. Reeves shall pay to his bro. my son Benjamin F. Reeves the sum of two hundred dollars.

3rd Further I will and bequeath to my son T. Wesley Reeves and to his children my negro boy Daniel, which I value at four hundred dollars - The said T. Wesley Reeves shall pay to his bro. my son Edw. J. Reeves, two hundred dollars.

4th I give my negro woman Luby in charge to William C. Reeves who married my daughter Mary A. Reeves he shall have charge of her during her natural life. If she should be of more value to him than her board and clothes in the said William C. Reeves Willis E. Reeves, Benjamin F. Reeves and T. Wesley Reeves shall share the proceeds equally - and should she be at any time an expenser, they must pay equally -

5th My debts have compelled me to sell Rose - the money is not yet made.

6th I want security for my son Atlas J. Reeves for the sum of between four and five hundred dollar which is more than I have given to my other children. I feel confident that he would pay me if he had it in his power I can not give him any thing more and do the others justice this debt I give to him.

7th My daughter Emeline J. Reeves has learned from my brother much more than I am worth on account of my having nothing to leave her any consequence

8th I give to my daughter Emeline J. Reeves my gold buds and

a blue cotton covered bed and a pair of brass candlesticks which were my Brothers.

9th I give to my grand daughter Mary A. Reeves daughter of Wm. Reeves my little high foot bedstead bed and all that belongs to it - Counters two quilts two white counterpanes 2 comforters a blanket - two pair of sheets dills pillow slips and one small oval quilt my small looking glass - my silver tea spoons and dessert spoons also my small round trunk and my wearing apparel with all little things pertaining to it with the exception of two suits and my plain law suit. I give to my daughter Cornelia S. Reeves shares exemption from this suit of clothing given to my daughter Cornelia S. Reeves.

10th My land given me by my brother - I also give to my children named in the deed.

11th My horse given to be divided between my sons Nellie T. Reeves Benjamin T. Reeves T. Wesley Reeves except such as I have written names in which I give to such ones - My very small trunk I give to Nellie also some years ago.

12th My finger ring marked Mary I give to my grandson Benjamin A. Reeves.

13th My manuscript I give to T. Wesley Reeves -

14th my little property unnamed shall be valued and divided & sold among themselves with my sons Nellie S. Reeves - Benjamin T. Reeves T. Wesley Reeves - I hope there may be enough due me to defray all expenses if not my sons must do it -

December eleven 1862 eighteen hundred and sixty

W. J. Reeves

J. E. Hibbett

M. T. Foxbee

I hereby appoint as my executors William C. Reeves - and Benjamin T. Reeves and T. Wesley Reeves

If any think I have valued my negroes too low - remember I did not value them at speculating prices - life is uncertain - even those who have the negroes may be losers in the end - they are human and fellow creatures and as I respect them to be treated as such and not as beings to speculate upon I think it is unright - negroes will not long be valued so high - I have tried to do right and if I have failed it has not been willfully.

T. J. Reeves

I did not mention in my will but I think a request will be the same to you all. If there should be no tomb stone at Mary's grave when the that you will join and place one there similar to mine I want nothing

too costly or fine I had and foot stone with the useful inscription, and a cross over at the top will be enough.

T. J. R.

I give my gold chain and gold buttons to my son T. Wesley Reeves Jan 27th 1862

T. J. Reeves

Mam - I was born in Sheffield Berkshire County Mass. Feb. 21st 1791. Mary said that she would take care of business to make Wm. R. R. the trustee that he left is covered with black bears skin.

T. J. Reeves

I have as you know some things books &c. with names in them which already belong to them as Mary is gone well you take care of nothing. Mary was born in Mass. Co. N. H. Nov. 22nd 1822.

July Term Circuit Court 1862

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament and codicils thereto of Thos. J. Reeves was presented in open court by E. W. Reeves & Benjamin T. Reeves named as Executors thereof and offered for probate and thereupon came Marion S. Godby one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who after being duly sworn in deposes and says - That he was acquainted with the Testatrix Thos. J. Reeves in her life time and that he witnessed the said paper writing at the request of the said Testatrix and in her presence and that she acknowledged and declared the same to be her last will and testament and that at the time of said writing and acknowledgement she the said Testatrix was of sound mind and disposing memory and capable of making a will - and thereupon came R. Nasher and E. B. Chilton who being sworn in deposes and says that at the request of two of the Executors named in the will after the death of the Testatrix they examined a trunk in which was found the valuable papers of the deceased and among money and jewelry of the deceased and found the said paper writing together with the Codicils Enclosed in an Envelope and thereupon came Marion S. Godby and John S. Reeves and J. O. R. Reeves having been duly sworn and state that they were acquainted with the said writing of the deceased and that they verily believed said Codicils and signatures and initials thereto and every part of the same to be the proper hand writing of the deceased.

The Court doth therefore declare said paper writing and Codicils to be the last will and testament of Thos. J. Reeves Dec'd and Orders that the same be admitted to probate and recorded in Will Book

Approved by the Court July 8th 1862

Wm. Rhodes Chairman

Will of ³ State of Tennessee ³
 Alphonse C. Finch ³ Fayette County ³ Know all men by
 these presents that I Alphonse C. Finch of County & State
 aforesaid being in full health and of sound mind and memory do make
 make & ordain this my last Will and Testament (Viz.)
 First It is my wish that all my just debts be paid by my Executor
 whom I shall hereafter appoint.
 Secondly - That I empower my Executor to make sale of my prop-
 erty all to what the law allows a widow & her heirs
 maintenance and then to sell my land or Negroes for the purpose
 further payment of my debts as he may deem best for the
 interest of Estate.
 Thirdly - It is my wish that my wife Sarah C. Finch have
 and to hold all my Estate except what is necessary to raise
 cloth and educate my daughter Mary Ellen Finch
 Fourthly - It is my wish that my friend W. L. W. Edenton
 act as my Executor without giving security as the law requires
 given under my hand and seal this 25th October Eighteen
 hundred and sixty two.
 Witness of
 C. A. McComb
 Wesley Reed

Alphonse C. Finch (Sd)

November Term County Court 1862

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testa-
 ment of Alphonse C. Finch was this day produced into
 open Court for probate thereof and thereupon came into Court
 C. A. McComb and Wesley Reed subscribing witnesses thereto and
 who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquai-
 nted with Alphonse C. Finch the Testator in his life time and
 that they believe him acknowledge the said paper writing to
 be his last Will and Testament and that they were called on
 by him to sign the same as witnesses thereto and done so at his
 request and in his presence and that they believe him the Testa-
 tor Alphonse C. Finch to be of sound and disposing mind and
 memory at the time of acknowledging the same and capable of mak-
 ing a Will - And thereupon came into Court W. L. W. Edenton
 the Executor named in said Will who being not required to give
 security entered into bond in the sum of Four thousand Dollars
 conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified as the
 law provides said bond was received by the Court and ordered
 to be recorded.

Approved by the Court

Nov 3rd 1862

C. J. Tucker, Clerk of Court

Will of ³ In the name of God Amen
 Mary A. C. Harris ³ I Mary A. Harris of the County of Fayette and State
 of Tennessee being advanced in years and knowing
 that the time of my passing away all near to take me from this world
 and considering my self to be of perfect sound mind and memory and
 it has pleased God to grant unto me a small portion of this world's
 goods I dispose of them in the following manner, To wit,
 1st I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Matilda and Ter-
 nese C. all my Property of Every Description House hold & Kitchen
 furniture all my Stock Horses and Cattle also all my Corn & other at
 hand also my Corn supposed to be about Forty Barrels when I passed
 from this life and bequeath all monies that may be in hand to my
 two Daughters aforesaid and also all monies that is at Interest, which
 is five hundred and sixty Dollars I give all to my affectionate Daughter
 Matilda C. and Virginia C. I also give my Negro Woman Rose to my
 Daughters aforesaid and I desire that my Daughters continue to have
 the same as long as my Daughter Lewis I constitute Mr. Wm. W. Hunter
 my Executor in this my last Will and Testament in witness hereof
 I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 5th day of March
 A. D. 1862
 Witness
 P. H. Rice
 W. H. McGill

Mary A. C. Harris (Sd)

August Term County Court 1862

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of
 Mary A. C. Harris Dec^d was this day produced into open Court for proba-
 te and thereupon came into Court P. H. Rice one of the subscribing
 witnesses to said last Will and Testament and who being duly sworn
 depose and said that he was acquainted with Mary A. C. Harris
 the Testatrix in her life time and that he saw her sign and seal
 her acknowledgment the same to be her last Will and Testament and
 that she called on him to witness the same which did at her request
 and in her presence and that he believed her to be of sound
 and disposing mind and memory at the time and capable of
 making a Will.

The Court therefore ordered that said Will be established
 and spread upon record.

Will of ³ I Sarah B. Butcherworth, do make and
 Sarah B. Butcherworth ³ publish this as my last Will and Testa-
 ment hereby revoking and making void
 all other Wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid
 as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I
 may dispose of or may just come into the hands of my
 Executor - Secondly - I give and bequeath to my son Wm. B.
 Butcherworth my Negro Man Jason and a little boy Ransom

Child of Lanthan, and all my Money that I have on hand and all that is due and all that I may hereafter be entitled to and also my Buggy and Mule and all the stock that I may be possessed of. Thirdly I give and bequeath to the Children of my son J. B. Mathews and my Negro woman Lucinda - Fourthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah C. Bryan wife of R. R. Bryan four acres her body buys my woman Lanthan and should my daughter Sarah Bryan die and leave no bodily heirs then Lanthan and all of her share that she may have after this time to go to the Children of my two Sons Wm P and J. T. Buttrworths - Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Wm P. Buttrworth my executor. In witness whereof I set to this my Will at my hand and seal this 29th day of May 1862

Test J. A. May

Sarah B. Buttrworth

E. B. Otter

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 29th day of May 1862

August Term County Court 1862

Among the things the following business was disposed of. A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah B. Buttrworth was this day produced in open Court by her estate, and Thureperson P. A. May and E. B. Otter subscribing witnesses thereto appeared in open Court and after being first duly sworn depose and said they were personally acquainted with Sarah B. Buttrworth the Testatrix in her life time and that they witnessed the said paper writing at the request of the said Testatrix and in her presence and that she acknowledged the same to be her last Will and Testament and at the time of signing and acknowledging the said Sarah B. Buttrworth was of sound and disposing mind and memory -

The Court doth therefore declare the said paper writing to be the last Will and Testament of Sarah B. Buttrworth and ordered that the same be spread upon record - And Thureperson came into open Court W. P. Buttrworth the Executor named in said last Will and Testament and entered into bond himself as principal in the sum of five thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs and gave as his securities to said bond E. B. Otter and J. T. Keweenaw who also appeared in open Court and with the principal signed and acknowledged themselves as securities thereto and the said W. P. Buttrworth was duly qualified as the law prescribes, all of which was approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Will of Alexander S. Mathews of Fayette County, Tennessee being of sound mind and knowing it is appointed to all men to divide on this day make this my last Will and Testament.

1st I wish and will that all my debts be paid as soon as it can be done after my decease.

2nd I give and bequeath to my Children Ann Rutledge, Malinda Bond, Mary C. Mathews, John M. S. Mathews and my three bond children the heirs of Mufson dec'd. S. Mathews Dec'd. all the slaves I may possess at the time of my decease Letha excepted who I give to Mary C. Mathews over and hands her full lot of the others and I authorize my Executors John M. S. Mathews with the advice of his wife to appoint on and divide the slaves into four lots as near as values may be. The Negro man Aaron whom I gave to Mufson dec'd. Mathews I wish to be counted in and valued with the lot of his children and those others that I have already given shall be valued in the lot of those to whom I have given them. The slaves which may thus fall to my Daughters shall be theirs absolutely.

3rd I bequeath to my Children my library to be divided amongst them as they may choose.

I give to Rachel M. and Henry D. Bond one tract of land situated in the County of Fayette State of Tennessee in Range 5 and Section 4 of the tenth Surveyors District Beginning at a stake with three point Oak pointers the North West Corner of Entry No 123 for 27 acres more or less in the name of Alexander S. Mathews and runs east 127 p. poles to a hickory sapling a black jack and black Oak pointers N. B. Corner of Simmons land thence south with Simmons line 117 p. poles to a stake a black gum and black Oak pointers thence east 7 1/2 p. poles to a stake two black Oak pointers thence south 18 p. poles to a hickory sapling thence south 26 p. West 28 p. to a hickory sapling thence North 7 1/2 p. West 76 poles to a stake a black jack and two black Oak pointers thence North 72 poles to a Spanish Oak a sweet gum and Spanish Oak pointers thence 55 poles to a stake a hickory and two black Oak pointers on the West boundary line of said 27 Acres survey thence North 258 p. poles to the beginning containing Eighty eight acres.

I bequeath to Rachel M. Bond one male named M. also one open heifer Nuggy and harness all which shall belong to my Daughter R. M. Bond to be disposed of by her at pleasure.

I give to Mary C. Mathews one covered Nuggy and harness the mare and Colt I now own also one half of the house hold furniture and cooking uten seals she to choose her part and one half of my stock of cattle sheep and hogs and an ample maintenance from off my farm while she chooses to remain unmarried.

I give to John M. S. Mathews all my lands except what I have given to Rachel M. Bond I give him the Males one half of the stock of cattle sheep and hogs one wagon and gear farming implements one half of my house hold furniture and

Kitchen, when said one give any grain or crops which may be on the farm at my death to be divided equally by him and Mary, I can be sure the said Mary will that Mary receive five hundred dollars on the same claim in other words that she has on this

I appoint my son John Miller Mathews Executor of this my last Will or Testament, whereof I have executed at my hand and affixed my seal this twentieth day of February 1859.

W. A. Morgan Test

B. C. Simmons

Alexander S. Mathews

January Term County Court 1863.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Alexander S. Mathews Decd was this day produced in open Court for probate thereof and thereupon came into Court W. A. Morgan one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he was acquainted with the Alexander S. Mathews the Testator in his lifetime and that he was called on by him to witness the same as his last Will and Testament and he does so at his request and in his presence and that he believed the said Testator to be in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same and capable of executing a Will. The Court doth therefore order that said Will be established and so entered upon Record.

Will of S. H. Walker In view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being now confined to a bed of sickness though full in body and of sound mind and disposing memory, I Thomas S. Walker do publish this my last Will and Testament.

First - I desire that my body should be Buried in a plain Chested Coffin in the Semerills burying ground - and the expense thereof first paid.

Second - I desire that all my just debts shall be paid as speedily as possible.

Third - I give and bequeath to my Wife Edna B. Walker all of my real Estate with the improvements and appurtenances thereto attached (except the shop and fixtures which will be disposed of in a section below) during her natural life. I also give and bequeath to my beloved Wife all the Monies on hand at my death - I also give to my Wife Edna and Thos. E. A. Fraser all my New Bonds on hand.

Fourth - It is my will and desire that Thos. E. A. Fraser shall take charge of the shop and fixtures and have the same to his use and benefit subject only to such requirements here in after named - I give and bequeath to Thos. E. A. Fraser all the undivided interest which myself and him have in and to the Metal Case and Wooden Coffin on hand at my death

also all the Lumber on hand. The Shop and fixtures are to enure to him the said Thos. E. A. Fraser for the term of seven years, in consideration of which it is my desire and intention that he take charge of my Daughter Ellen Walker and my son Edgar S. Walker board and cloth them decently and under them comfortable and to see to and Educate my son Edgar S. with a reasonable English education, fitting him for the ordinary business pursuits of life - Should my Daughter Ellen Walker marry within seven years there in that case all charge of care and provision as to her by Thos. E. A. Fraser is to cease at her marriage, I also bequeath to Thos. E. A. Fraser my right to the Rural Case and has left for Fayette County being the of Carbon Range &c. of Cincinnati Oh.

Fifth - It is my will and I bequeath to Thos. E. A. Fraser and my Son Edgar S. the entire interest in my letters Patent for New Bone or Patent. Except the State of New York which I bequeath to my friend Francis Ross for his kindness in many particulars.

Sixth - In as much as Amanda Walker and Benjamin Walker children by a former Wife have not conducted themselves as children should towards a Parent, thereby undrawing them selves from the of an provision out of my small estate I therefore make none, as it is my will and wish to leave them to their own reward and that they have no part of my Estate real or personal whatever my grand son - Walter S. Mathews B. Walker having been carried beyond my control by others friends and not knowing what influence he is under I make no provision for him, and it is my Will and desire that he have no part whatever in my real or personal Estate.

Seventh - I also give and bequeath to Thos. E. A. Fraser my horses and Horses in addition to what is mentioned in the fourth clause of this my Will and last Testament with the same intentions and requirements.

Eighth - I hereby appoint my friend and step son Thos. E. A. Fraser to be Executor of this my last Will and Testament I desire that he should make no public sale of any of my effects, but keep every thing together that is not absolutely necessary to sell for support or for the purpose of paying debts then in that case my Executor is authorized to sell either privately or Publicly such portions of personal property as may be deemed necessary or most conveniently disposed so as not to compromise the support of the family, all such effects as are not specified are to be held and used for common support of my Wife and my child Edgar S. Walker.

In Testimony whereof I have signed and sealed this my last Will and Testament November 16th 1862

Witness

To W. R. R.

Levi Hitchcock

J. C. Williams

S. H. Walker

January Term County Court 1863

This day a paper writing purporting to be the last Will

and Testament of Simon H. Walker Sen^r was presented in open Court & offered for Probate and thereupon came S. W. Williams one of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing who being first duly sworn depose and say that he was acquainted with the Testator Simon H. Walker in his lifetime that he saw him sign said paper writing and to cause him acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament and that he subscribed his name thereto as a witness in the presence of the said Simon H. Walker and at his request and that he was by him at the time said paper writing was signed and acknowledged. The said Simon H. Walker was of sound mind and disposing memory and capable of making a Will the Court therefore determines that said paper writing is what it purports to be the last Will and Testament of Simon H. Walker Sen^r and orders the said to be admitted to probate as a bequest in Will Book. And the said Thomas C. Francis who was named in the said Will as Executor and gave Bond in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars himself as principal with Thomas B. Caldwell and F. Leavitt as sureties thereto and which bond being severally acknowledged by the parties thereto in open Court and by the Clerk approved and ordered to be recorded and thereupon came the said Thomas C. Francis and was qualified as Executor as the law directs.

Will of

Ann J. Harris

In the name of God Amen.
I Ann J. Harris of Fayette County Tennessee being in feeble health and in view of the uncertainty of life do make, make and publish this my last Will and Testament reaching all others by any heretofore made.

Item 1st - I give unto my niece (whom I have raised) Anna C. Matthews unto her and her heirs forever the following negro slaves to wit: Adabella, Henry, Martha, John, Hester, Mary, Ada, Hays (or Mark as she is usually called), Joanna and Andrew Jackson and the future increase of the female thereof.

Item 2nd - I give unto my niece Bettie White my negro girl Rebecca and her future increase for and during her natural life and at her death said negro girl Rebecca and her future increase then to go to and belong unto my child or children or the descendants of any such that my said niece (Bettie White) may leave her surviving the descendant or descendants taking such share or shares as her or their parent or parents would take if alive at the death of my said niece. But should my said niece die leaving no child or children or descendant or descendants of any such then and in that case I give said negro girl Rebecca and her future increase unto my niece Anna Harris, daughter of my brother James F. Harris and her heirs forever.

Item 3rd - I here also give unto my said niece Bettie White my Piano Item 4th I give unto my brother James F. Harris a fine family Bible. Item 5th - I give unto my three step children William L. & John M. Harris Jr. and Mary M. Barrett each a fine family Bible. Lastly I appoint my Brother Alfred L. Brown Executor to this my last Will and Testament.
At Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of October 1864
Lucy M. Matthews
A. L. Brown

Term of the Court Court 1864

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs. Ann J. Harris was presented to this Court for probate and thereupon came into Court Lucy M. Matthews one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and who being first duly sworn depose and say that she was acquainted with the said Ann J. Harris the Testatrix in her lifetime and that she acknowledged said paper writing to be her last will and Testament, and that she the said Lucy M. Matthews was called on by her to sign the same as a witness and did so at her request and in her presence and she will testify to her in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging and executing the same and that the said Ann J. Harris was a resident and citizen of Fayette County Tennessee at the time and previous to the death - and said Will is now on for probate probate by the other subscribing witness. See to that

Term of the Court Court 1865

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Mrs. Ann J. Harris was this day presented to the Court for further probate and thereupon came into open Court S. W. Still the other subscribing witness thereto and who being first duly sworn depose and say that he was acquainted with Ann J. Harris the Testatrix in her lifetime and that he was called on by her to sign said paper writing as a witness thereto and did so at her request and in her presence and in the presence of the other subscribing witnesses and that the said Ann J. Harris the Testatrix acknowledged the same to be her last will and Testament and that he would swear to be in sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same and capable of making a will. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be established and so entered on the Record.

Wiley, G. Day of Fayette County
State of Tennessee do make & publish
this my last Will & Testament hereby
making all other Wills by me made
null & void. I wish desire & direct that my Executor hereinafter named
take Charge of my Estate real personal & mixed of every sort kind
& disposition with full power and authority to sell same or any part
of same upon any terms he thinks best & for interest of my wife &
Children & upon selling same to make the proper debts & convey-
ances
Item 1st - I direct that my Executor out of any assets of any estate
on hand or to come into his hands from sales of my property pay
my just debts & that my personal Estate be equally divided among my
& Children with the proviso that my son Francis Wiley Day in divi-
sion of any slave is to have negro woman Margaret & all his children
at salation in division of my estate & real estate if not able to be
equally divided among my Children after giving my wife one third for
life
Item 2nd - I will and direct that my wife Zephora Day have
one third of my real estate for her life if she so wishes as when
for her & my Children & my sister S. S. Montague in event my Exe-
utor does not deem it best to sell the land & in event he deems it
best to sell the land I direct that my wife have the interest in one
third of the purchase money of said land during her natural life
& at her death said one third of land or purchase money if land is
sold is to go to and belong to my Children equally
Item 3rd - I will and direct that my sister S. S. Montague have a
home with my wife & Children so long as she wishes & as long as she
lives with my wife & Children & make her home with them. I direct
my Executor to pay her three hundred Dollars at the end of each
and every year for her Comfort and support & maintenance & when she
leaves my wife & Children or dies said annuity to cease
Item 4th - I nominate and appoint J. D. Pulliam Executor of this
my last Will and Testament with full power to act in all things &
in event of a division of my Estate without sale he is to have power
to select three men Citizens to divide my said Estate when deemed
best for wife & Children & such division when made to be sworn to
& duly registered in registers office of Fayette County Tenn
Item 5th - In event of my wife's marriage I direct that either
she or her husband be allowed to manage estate or property of my
Children or to be the Guardian of their persons or property
Given under my hand and seal this July 16th A.D. 1864
Wiley G. Day
Thos. McKellean
Chas. B. Dorch

January Term Fayette County Court 1865
Be it remembered that on this the 2nd day of

January A.D. 1865 a paper writing purporting to be the last Will &
Testament of Wiley G. Day dated July 16th 1864 & attested by Thos. G.
McKellean & Chas. B. Dorch was produced in open Court & offered for pro-
bate as the last Will and Testament of said Wiley G. Day - and there-
upon the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing to wit Thos. G. McKel-
lean & Chas. B. Dorch were duly sworn in open Court each of whom
testified that they at the request of the said Wiley G. Day and in his
presence on the day said paper bears date to wit July 16th 1864 signed
same as witnesses & as the will of said Wiley G. Day & that in the said
Wiley G. Day stated to them that the said paper writing so above
referred to & now produced in Court was by him signed and executed
as his last Will & Testament & he so desired them to attest the same
And they further state that at the time of the signing executing
& attesting said paper writing as aforesaid the said Thos. G. McKellean
of record & disposing said ceremony in and that the said Wiley G.
Day departed this life in Fayette County Tennessee at his home
& residence on the 18th day of December 1864 & And therefore
the Court doth order adjudge and decree that the said paper writ-
ting so above referred to is what it purports to be to wit the last
Will & Testament of W. G. Day and that same be so entered
of Record

And thereupon came into Court J. D. Pulliam the Executor named
in said Will & entered into bond himself as principal in the sum
of fifty thousand Dollars & gave John A. Steele & James C. Cotton
as his securities for the execution of his trust which said bond
is acknowledged by parties to same & received by the Court and
the said Pulliam duly qualified as executor of Wiley G. Day de-
ceased

Will of
Benjamin Moody of Fayette County
I Benjamin Moody of Fayette County State of Tennessee
being of sound mind and memory
of disposing of the worldly goods wherewith I am clothed in
blessed me, in a just plain intelligible manner do make and
publish this my last Will and Testament hereby making all
others that I may at any time have made null & void
Item 1st - I most devoutly commit my soul to God who gave it
and desire that my body be decently entined in the burial ground
on my premises and my funeral conducted after the forms and cer-
emonies of the Methodist Episcopal Church South -
I further more desire that my funeral expenses and all my just
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of the first
money that may come into the hands of my Executor
Item 2nd - I set aside will and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Susan M. Moody the sum of five thousand Dollars and

a negro woman named Figg during his natural life my full and entire intention is that my wife shall be well provided for both as regards support and attention. I therefore wish and desire that my wife S. M. Moody put the above named five thousand dollars out at interest and live as she may think proper or I wish Figg to attend and wait upon her - but in case of any necessity, sickness or misfortune the said S. M. Moody is at liberty and has the power to use any amount of the above five thousand dollars that she may require during her life.

I also will and bequeath unto her a good bed and furniture, a horse and my horse and buggy to have and to hold the above money, negro and property for her use and benefit during her life, and at her death to be divided among my children as my other property herein after devised shall be. Item 3rd - I do hereby appoint and constitute John A. Moody Trustee for my Daughter Mary S. Franklin and in case of his death resignation or removal I wish the Court having jurisdiction in such cases to appoint one in his stead and with the same powers herein given. I explicitly enjoin on our Trustee to take care of and see that all of her property of my Estate be used and appropriated solely and entirely for the support and maintenance of her and family during her life, and at her death to be equally divided among her children.

I have already bequeathed to my daughter M. S. Franklin a negro woman Kelly and son Milton for which she must account in the division of my Estate as one thousand dollars and also a house and lot in the town of Lagershire worth nine hundred dollars making nineteen thousand dollars she has received.

Item 4th - I desire that my Executor as soon after my death, divide as he may deem expedient shall divide or cause to be divided all of my Estate real personal & personal except that specific and set aside in Item 2nd for the use and benefit of my wife S. M. Moody equally among all of my children, Benjamin M. Moody, Edward Moody, Bowen H. Moody - Mortimer D. Moody, John A. Moody, Mary S. Franklin and the heirs of Eliza A. Smith Dec. If any of them should die leaving children I wish his her or their children distribution share to descend to his her or their children so that the three children of my daughter Eliza A. Smith Dec. by name Martha, William and John or each of them as may be alive shall inherit and receive their portions Eliza A. Smith's portion.

Item 5th - I wish at the division of my estate all of my children who may have received any portion thereof in money or property will account to said estate for the amount so received as so much advanced to them respectively as part of their share for which reason

I hereby state the amount I have advanced to them (viz.) To Edward F. Moody ~~six~~ I have given six hundred dollars To Mortimer D. Moody I have given twenty two hundred dollars To John A. Moody I have given four hundred dollars To Eliza A. Smith I have given fifteen hundred dollars To Mary S. Franklin I have given nineteen hundred dollars as mentioned above in Item 3rd - To Benjamin M. Moody I have not as yet given him any thing - To Bowen H. Moody I have given twenty five hundred dollars - and thereby will and bequeath the remainder J. A. Moody's interest in my Estate to his children, and furthermore appoint the said J. A. Moody Trustee for his children. Item 6th - In order to have a fixed and equal division of my land I think it would be best and do hereby authorize my Executor to sell all of it and divide the proceeds like to property above described -

In the sale of said land my Executor can use his discretion whether to sell it all in one or more parcels - Item 7th - I do hereby appoint my son Mortimer D. Moody Executor of this my last will and Testament In testimony whereof I Kings Moody Testator have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19th day of January A.D. 1857 Signed in the presence of

Benjamin Moody Clerk

February Term of the County Court 1864
This day a paper writing was presented in open Court and of record for probate purporting to be the last will and Testament of Benjamin Moody Dec. the same having no subscribing witnesses thereto - and thereupon came into Court W. P. Moody John W. Dyer and Jerome Pickens three credible witnesses who first being duly sworn depose and say they were acquainted with Benjamin Moody in his lifetime, and that they are also acquainted with his handwriting - that on the 19th day of January 1857 the date of said paper writing the said Benjamin Moody was of sound mind and disposing memory and capable of making a will, and that they only believe that the signature attached to said paper writing is in truth and faith the handwriting and signature of the said Benjamin Moody Dec. - the Court thereupon determining that said paper writing is in truth what it purports to be the last will and Testament of the said Benjamin Moody Dec. and valid as to his personality, and ordered that the same be admitted to Record probate & Record

Will of Fredrick Harwell of the County of Taylor and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory to make certain public and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. That is to say after all my legal debts are paid and discharged.

Item 1st - I give and bequeath to Thomas and William Harwell of Giles County Tennessee, my nephews the tract of land I now reside on containing eleven and seventy seven acres more or less by their heirs to be possessed during their lifetime and their death to belong to their heirs forever.

Item 2nd - I give and bequeath to Alice Crockett my niece and daughter of Lewis Harwell Dec^d one tract of land containing two hundred and sixty six acres more or less known as Scatter tract adjoining the tract I now reside on and bounded as follows. Williams on the south, Backsville on the east, Jackson on the north.

Item 3rd - I give the heirs of Anne Harwell Dec^d my nephew, one tract of land lying in Fayette County Tennessee containing three hundred acres more or less known as the Grigg Farm.

Item 4th - I give to heirs of Elizabeth Harwell my wife one tract of parcel of land lying in the County of Giles Tennessee containing two hundred and eighty acres more or less bounded as follows on the east by Route South and by Lane north by Whitcomb together the sum of five hundred dollars by their heirs to be possessed forever.

Item 5th - I give to E. McDonald and his heirs one tract of land lying in Fayette County Tennessee containing three hundred acres more or less known as Long farm adjoining the house of Sharps, Sawyer and others.

Item 6th - I give and bequeath to the heirs of Frederick Harwell Dec^d of Giles County Tennessee one house and lot on the corner of Tennessee known as the Pickley Carriage Shop by their heirs to be possessed forever.

Item 7th - I give and bequeath to Salome Williams the sum of one thousand dollars my painted furniture consisting of an bedstead, five chairs, Bureau, looking glass, ward robe and stand and Canebed stand, and sofa and extension table, chairs, press, and table more two feather beds with clothing, my Buggy and one horse in value worth \$100 dollars, one cow and calves.

Item 8th - I give and bequeath to Anne Caraway the sum of one thousand dollars also I give and bequeath to Thomas Caraway the sum of five hundred dollars.

Item 9th - I give and bequeath to Sallie Smith the daughter of Elizabeth Smith the sum of five hundred dollars.

Item 10th - The residue of my estate whatever it may be found to be worth after paying my expenses to be equally divided between the heirs of Thomas Harwell Dec^d of Alabama - Sally Kelly, Sally Thornton the heirs of Lewis Harwell Dec^d of the State of Mississippi the heirs Harwell Dec^d of Giles County and State of Tennessee and the heirs of Fth Harwell.

Item 11th - I hereby make appoint and constitute William Caraway & W. Tompkins my Executors to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking others and former Wills made by me - signed sealed and delivered in presence of us this 16th day of June 1865.

Witness
Rich^d. H. Harvey
B. W. Williamson
S. H. Brown

Fredrick Harwell

Giles County Court 1865

A paper writing bearing date the 16th of June 1865 purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Frederick Harwell Dec^d late of said County was produced in open Court and offered for probate by William Caraway one of the Executors therein named and thereupon Benj. W. Williamson and J. H. McLean two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto being duly sworn proved that the said Will was signed in their presence by the said Frederick Harwell and the same by him to them to be his will and that they subscribed the will as witnesses in his presence and at his request and they further stated that the said Harwell was at the time of sound mind wherefore it appearing to the Court that the execution of said will is duly established - it is so declared by the Court and ordered to be recorded - And William Caraway one of the Executors named in the will appeared in open Court and renounced the execution of the same and letting testamentary are therefore granted to the said W. T. Caraway the other executor who entered into bond according to law with J. H. McLean W. B. Robertson and Ridley Clifton as his sureties in the sum of sixty thousand dollars which was by the Court approved and accepted & the said Caraway was duly sworn.

October Term County Court, 1865

Will of Nathaniel Anthony of Fayette County, State Tennessee. I do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making all other wills by me at any time made void, first I direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money coming into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give to my Son R. M. Anthony a Negro girl and One hundred Acres of land and other valuables all of which he has received, I have also given to my Son F. L. Anthony One Girl and One Hundred Acres of land and other valuables all of which he has received, I have also given to my Son C. M. Anthony two Girls named Margaret and Lucy, and One Hundred Acres of land, all of which he has received except the Girl Lucy which he will receive at my death, I give to my Son C. H. Anthony one boy named Leroy, I give to my Son W. A. Anthony One Girl named Mary, I also give to daughter Nancy E. Shelton one Girl and boy Steven and other valuables all of which she has received, I lend to my Wife Mary Anthony all the balance of the estate, it is my wish that Nathaniel & Shelton shall have One hundred Acres of land at the south end of the tract, the balance of the land supposed to be three Hundred Acres, I give to C. H. Anthony and W. A. Anthony, I direct that all the balance of the property not heretofore named above be equally divided between R. M. Anthony, F. L. Anthony, Children C. M. Anthony, C. H. Anthony, W. A. Anthony and N. E. Shelton.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate & appoint friend Matthew W. Webber Executor in witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal, this 3rd day Dec. 1860

Test. Nathl. Anthony (Seal)

R. P. Shelton

G. Ridout

M. W. Webber.

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee Nathaniel Anthony late of said County, died leaving a written Will, in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proved in said Court, and you having given bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the Court that letters testamentary issue to you: These are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the Will & take into your possession all the property, and to make to the said Court a perfect inventory thereof, and make due collection of all debts, and after paying all the just demands against the Testator and settling up the business of the estate according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands & do all other things that may be required according to law the provisions of the Will & the laws of this land. Witness my hand as Clerk & Seal of the Court this 2nd day of October 1865.

John C. Reeves Clerk

S.S.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of October 1865.

October Term 1865

To W. T. Carranay

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, that B. F. Murrell late of said County, died leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proved in open Court, and you having given bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you: These are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the Will, and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof, and make due collection of all debts, and after paying all the just demands against the testator, and settling up the business according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands, and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the Will and the law of the land.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day of October 1865

B. F. Murrell

Will I, B. F. Murrell sound in body and 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 will that all my just debts be paid as soon as possible out of my estate,
2nd I will that all my property be equally divided among my five children viz. Jefferson Adams, Mary Amanda, (Robert Edward), Benjamin Franklin, and Sarah Adeline Murrell as they become of age or marry so that each child be an equal share
3rd I will that all of the slaves or negroes be kept on the farm and as much of the stock as necessary and all of the balance sold, and I will that all of my children be kept at school and with my Brothers & Sisters and that they see that they are kept from all evil habits.

I will that all moneys that come into my executor's hands after paying my debts to be laid out in young negroes, horses and put on the farm. I nominate and appoint J. B. Murrell and A. Burrows my Executors to this my last will and testament, Witness my hand and seal this the 26th of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & fifty five

To J. B. Murrell

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee, that B. F. Murrell late of said County, died leaving a written will, in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proved in open Court, and you having given bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you: These are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the Will and take into your possession all of the property, and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts, and after paying all the just demands against the testator, and settling up the business of the estate according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the Will and the law of the land.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 2nd day of October 1865

J. B. Murrell

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October Term 1865

To Mrs. M. J. Chaffin

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session, that J. B. Chaffin late of said County, died without a Will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims and papers of the intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administratrix and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 11th day of October 1865

J. B. Chaffin

J. B. Chaffin

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session that J. B. Chaffin late of said County, died without a Will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, Chattels, Claims and papers of the intestate, & return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administratrix; and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 11th day of October 1865

J. B. Chaffin

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee now in session that B. F. Holland late of said County died without a Will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you: These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims and papers of the intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administratrix and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court, this 3rd day of October 1865.

J. B. Holland

J. B. Holland

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session, that Stewart M. Murrell late of said County, died without a Will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you; These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims and papers of

the testator, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator; and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk, and the seal of the Court this 2nd day of October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

To James H. Griffin

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, that Albert P. Thomas late of said County, died leaving a written Will, in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proved in open Court, & you having given bond & qualified according to law, & it having been ordered by the Court that letters Testamentary issue to you; therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the will, & take into your possession all the property used to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof, and make due collections of all debts; and after paying all the just demands against the testator, and settling up the business of the estate according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands, and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the Will and the laws of the land.

Witness my hand Clerk and the seal of the Court this 2nd day of October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

J. C. Reeves
Clerk
Oct 2 1865

Will of
Albert P. Thomas

I Albert P. Thomas of Fayette County, Tennessee considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, do make in & publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following First I give and bequeath unto my beloved Mother Margaret Thomas all my real estate which consists of two hundred and forty acres of land lying in Tennessee County Arkansas also my personal estate consisting of one Negro man named Harry and his wife named Rose and three children Lucious, Wilson Robert and Cynthia and also one girl named Mary, lastly as to all the rest, residue and remainder of my personal estate, goods and chattels of what kind and nature soever, I give and bequeath the same to my beloved mother Margaret Thomas which she (Margaret Thomas) is to have and hold during her life, and at her death all the above named property is to be divided equally between my brother Al. P. Thomas and sister Gilpha A. Griffin I also request that Al. P. Thomas and Jas. H. Griffin be the sole executor of this my last will and testament, In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and the 11th day of December in the year of our Lord Eight hundred and sixty one

Albert P. Thomas (died)

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by Albert P. Thomas 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 his request sign our names here as attesting witnesses

Clara F. Thomas, Jas. H. Murray

from 2 Oct 1865

To J. S. Williams Administrator of the Estate of Thomas L. Armstrong

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee now in session, that Thomas L. Armstrong late of said County, died without a will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration de bonis moris, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of Administration be issued to you, These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, Chattels, Claims and papers of the intestate, & return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect and pay all debts, and to do & transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator; and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this

3rd day of October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

J. C. Reeves
Clerk
Oct 3 1865

To William P. Hutchings

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee now in session, that John W. Williams late of said County, died without a will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, and you having given bond & qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of Administration be issued to you, These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the intestate, & return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator; and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 3rd day of October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

To William P. Hutchings

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee now in session, that Jane Hutchings late of said County, died without a will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration & you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of Administration be issued to you, These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the intestate, and return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator; and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court, this 3rd day of October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

J. C. Reeves
Clerk
Oct 3 1865

To Robert H. Mayo

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that Fordwick H. Mayo, late of said County, died with a Will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration with the will annexed and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration with the will annexed be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate, and return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator with the will annexed, and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 3rd day of October 1865

John C. Reeves, Clerk

To Saml. R. Jordan

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that J. F. Willard late of said County, died without a will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration & you having given bond & qualified as directed by law, & the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, chattels, claims & papers of the intestate, & return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect & pay all debts, & to do & transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator; and after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled. Witness my hand as Clerk & the seal of the Court this 3rd day of October 1865

John C. Reeves, Clerk

To J. D. Shaw

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, that Tho. M. Armstrong late of said County, died leaving a written Will, in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proved in open Court, & you having given bond & qualified according to & it having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the will, & take into your possession all the property, & to make to the next County Court a perfect inventory thereof, & make due collection of all debts, & after paying all the just demands against the Testator, & settling up the business of the estate according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property & effects that may remain in your hands, & do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the will & the laws of the land.

Witness my hand as Clerk, & the seal of the Court this 5th day of October 1865

John C. Reeves, Clerk

Will of
Tho. M. Armstrong

I, Tho. M. Armstrong, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament. I desire first— I do hereby give & bequeath all my estate, real & personal to my brother, Egbert M. Armstrong, Mary A. Armstrong, Anne Eliza Armstrong & Frances J. Armstrong, & have & hold share & share alike to be divided & distributed equally to & amongst them. Item Second— I do hereby appoint my Brother Egbert M. Armstrong my Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand, this 20th day of May, A.D. 1861

Test
J. L. Williams
W. B. Dorch

T. M. Armstrong

Letters of Administration

To John C. Stager

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that William Rogers late of said County, died without a will, & the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, & you having given bond & qualified as directed by law, & the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the intestate, & return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect & pay all debts, & to do & transact all the duties in relation to the estate, which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator; & after paying off & settling up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 6th day of October 1865

John C. Reeves, Clerk

Letters Testamentary

To William D. Timmons

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, that Turner Harris late of said County, died leaving a written will, in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proved in open Court, & you having given bond & qualified according to law & it having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you; These are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the will, & take into your possession all the property & to make to the next County Court a perfect inventory thereof, & make due collection of all debts, & after paying all the just demands against the Testator, & settling up the business of the estate according to law, you will pay over & deliver the property & effects that may remain in your hands, & do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the will & the laws of the land.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 5th day of October 1865

John C. Reeves, Clerk

Will of
Turner Harris

The last will & testament of Turner Harris of Fayette County Tennessee. I, Turner Harris, in apprehension of death and being of sound mind and memory do make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner and form following. First— I desire that my honest land & all my personal

property remain as they are at present so far as circumstances will permit during the continuation of the present war between the United States & the Confederate States of America the use & profits of said house & land & personal property to accrue to my wife Mrs. Harris & those of my children who are residing with her at present & continue such residence during the continuance of said war. Then I command - I wish all my property both personal & real to remain in its present condition unchanged by any distribution of any part of it to any of my heirs until my youngest child becomes of age when I wish it to be distributed between my wife & children according to the laws of this State. - Then I wish - If my wife should die previous to the time my youngest child attains majority, I wish my property to be divided in the manner above described immediately after her death.

Item Fourth - I appoint Dr. R. L. Evans & Rev. Wm. Simmons Executors of this my last will & testament, & I authorize them to collect my due monies, pay debts, or make any disposition of my personal property which they in their judgment may deem best. - Then I command & the above instrument consisting of one sheet was on Jan'y 15 1864 subscribed by James Harris in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared to be his last will & testament & we at his request sign our names hereto as witnesses.

John W. Hester Residing in Fayette Co. Tenn.
Thos G. Scarborough

Letters of Administration

To Emily Harris

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that J. M. Stafford, late of said County, died without a will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, and you having given bond & qualified as directed by law, & the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, with the usual annex.

These are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Intestate, & return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect & pay all debts, & to do & transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, & after having settled up the estate to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court, this 5 day Oct'r 1865 John C. Reeves Clerk

Will of
James M. Stafford

In the name of God, Amen, I, James M. Stafford of the County of Fayette, State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory & considering the uncertainty of life do therefore make and ordain, publish & declare this to be my last will & testament, that is to say, after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged, the residue of my estate real & personal I give & bequeath to my two Sisters, viz, Emily Harris and Paulina Bassett during their natural life. I give these my two Sisters full & complete power, to dispose of any or all of said estate, for the use & benefit of the family (the land excepted,) I desire the land to remain as it is, & be a

home for the family as long as the said Emily Harris & Paulina Bassett shall live, after their death, the land with all its appurtenances & what ever else of said estate, shall pass then unto - I desire to be divided equally between these Children, viz, Emily Bassett, & Mary & Pauline, Mary Francis Brown & Nancy A. Harris, in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal Oct'r 16. A.D. 1863 James M. Stafford

The above written instrument was signed by the said J. M. Stafford in our presence & acknowledged by him to us & he at the same time declared & acknowledged the above instrument to be his last will & testament & we at the Statute request wrote the same by subscribing our names Isaac F. Buecy Wm. Nelson

Letters of Administration

To James G. Sneed.

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that Geo. G. Corbitt late of said County, died without a will, & the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, and you having given bond & qualified as directed by law, & the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you: These are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Intestate, & return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect & pay all debts, & to do & transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator; & after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled. Witness my hand as Clerk & the seal of the Court this 5 day of October 1865

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James G. Sneed
Oct'r 1865

of October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

Letters of Administration

To W. E. Carraway

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that Sally Corbitt late of said County, died without a will, & the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, & you having given bond & qualified as directed by law, & the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you: These are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Intestate, & return a true & perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect & pay all debts, & to do & transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator; & after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court, this 7 day of October 1865 John C. Reeves Clerk

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W. E. Carraway
Oct'r 1865

Letters of Administration

To John S. Perry

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that Robert Smith, late of said County, died without a will & the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, & you having given bond & qualified as directed by law & the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you - These are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Intestate & return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect & pay all debts, & to do & transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, & after having settled up the estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled. Witness my hand as Clerk & the seal of the Court this 7 day October 1865 John C. Reeves Clerk

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John S. Perry
Oct'r 1865