

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. Item Second - 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 law of this State. Item Third - 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. B. Harris & Rev. W. P. Simmons Executors of this my last will & testament, & I authorize them to collect my due, or pay debts, or make any disposition of my personal property which they in their judgment may deem best. - Turner Harris &

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was read Jan'y 15 1865 subscribed by Turner 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. Wester Residing in Fayette Co. Tenn.
Thos. Scarborough

Letters of Administration

To Emily Hearn

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.

There are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Deceased, & 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 said estate to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court, this 5th day of Octo. 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 declare, 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, Dr. Emily Hearn and Rufina Boswell 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 Hearn & Rufina Boswell shall live, after their death, the land with all its appurtenances & what ever else of said estate, shall pass then said - I desire to be divided equally between their Children (Dr. Emily, Rufina, & Mary & Boswell, Mary Frances Hearn & Nancy M. Hearn, in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal Dec. 16. A.D. 1865

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 & testified the above instrument to be his last will & testament & we at the testator's request interpose the same by subscribing our names

Isaac F. Bruce
Wm. Selin

Letters of Administration

To James G. Sneed.

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that Geo. G. Corbett 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, There are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Deceased, & 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 8th day

of October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

Letters of Administration

To W. E. Curraway

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that Sally Rayburn 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, There are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Deceased, & 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 7th day of October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

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, and you having given bond & qualified as directed by law, & the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you - There are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control, all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Deceased, & 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 7th day October 1865

John C. Reeves Clerk

Letters of Administration

To Henry C. Wade & H. P. Wade

It appearing to the County Court of Hayti County, Tennessee, in and upon that Archibald Wade, late of said county, died without will, & the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration, & your having given bond and qualification as directed by law, & the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, there are therefore to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, Chattels, Claims & papers of the Intestate, & to administer & perform inventory thereof to said County Court, to collect & pay all debts, & to take & manage 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 7 day of October 1863.

John C. Rogers Clerk

Will of E. M. Armstrong

I, Elisha M. Armstrong of Hayti County, Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

Item First. I direct all of my debts to be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any assets of mine on hand.

Item Second. I will and bequeath all of my estate and assets personal after the payment of my debts, to my Brother the H. H. Armstrong and Sisters, Mary Wesley Armstrong, Susan Eliza Armstrong, Fanny J. Armstrong, Sarah & Sarah Alice equally, subject to condition & limitation in clause fourth.

Item Third. I nominate & appoint J. A. Shaw my Executor, Executor of this my last will & testament with full power and authority and discretion to sell my land and claims for division and distribution & to make Wills to same to the purchaser & purchaser for cash or cash publicly or privately, & further direct that he be compensated & allowed for giving bond and security for the performance of the trust here in imposed in him.

Item Fourth. The property as hereinbefore given and devised to my Brother and Sisters, I direct in event one or more of them die without issue surviving, that the survivors or survivors take the share & interest of those that may die without issue surviving. Witness under my hand and seal this 29 July 1863.

E. M. Armstrong

Test

J. H. Rhin

J. L. Ruffam

Will of
Francis Brown

I, Francis Brown do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills by me at any time made.

First. It is my will that my funeral expenses be paid out of any funds that may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly, I will and bequeath to Edward S. Buford son of J. S. Buford one certain note created by McNeill & Butler for eight hundred & sixty five dollars bearing date March the 1st 1862. on said note is a receipt of twenty five

dollars. I also bequeath to Jonathan Buford son of J. S. Buford two hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath Mary S. Buford daughter of J. S. Buford one hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath to J. S. Buford one hundred dollars. I also give & bequeath to William Chapman son of J. S. Buford one hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath to Florence daughter of J. S. Buford one hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath to William son of J. S. Buford two hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath to William C. and Joseph S. sons of W. C. White dec. one hundred dollars each. I also give and bequeath to my sister Mrs. Julia James, Wife of David James & Mrs. Caroline Anil sister of J. S. Anil dec. one hundred dollars each. The residue of my property (with the exception of my household furniture clothing &c.) I give and bequeath to my nephew Alvin C. Greenleaf son of my brother Edward Greenleaf. Lastly I nominate and appoint as my executor, my friend Rev. W. A. Morgan of Hayti County Tennessee.

July 1st 1864

Signed & sealed in our presence

Rose S. Garrison

G. H. Hardin

The face of the note which I gave to Edward S. Buford having been changed I want the amount Eight hundred dollars to be paid to him on my decease.

Thompson June 7th 1864

J. S. Buford

Francis Brown

Will of William Morrow

I, William Morrow do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may die possessed of, or that may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane, the tract of land in which I live containing two hundred acres, with these exceptions, fifteen acres on the northeast corner that was laid off for Dan Baker, also on the south east corner a parcel lying between the creek and lane supposed to be about three acres. I also give my wife Jane a parcel of land lying east of the tract on which I live, south of the road west of Thompsons line and north of the spring branch, supposed to contain seven acres, and at my wife's death the land to go to my daughter Rebecca. I also give to my wife Jane, Joshua and Deane and Sarah & her children. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Reed the tract of land on which he lives containing about seventy acres, also a negro boy named George. Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy C. Henty and Harriet and her children. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son Robert, the tract of land on which he lives, containing one hundred and eighty seven acres, and Ole Mills and Ransom and Tom. Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my son James S. Berry and Sara and the children that is now with her. Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my son George H. Rebecca and her children, except Rebecca. Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Francis, Guy a parcel of land laid off by James Neal, lying south of the tract on which I live, containing one hundred and ten acres, also a portion parcel of land lying between the lane and creek.

and adjoining the other tract containing two or three acres, also Dory and Mary and her Children. - Nextly, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ellen, Amanda and Maria and their Children. - Nextly, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Nelson a tract of land lying south of the one on which I live and east of Edwards containing about one hundred and forty six acres, and Lucy and Madison, George and Hannah and her Children. - Eleventhly, I give and bequeath to a son William Barr, William and John and children. - Twelfthly, I give and bequeath to my son John T. a tract of land that I got of Rusty, containing fifty nine acres, and a tract of land that I got of Niel, containing one hundred and forty two acres, and fifty acres in the North East Corner of the tract on which I live, except in the bequest to my wife Jane, and a piece lying between her house and the road of about two acres, Victoria and Harrison and Jane in the foregoing bequests, the Children that are not named, they go with their Mothers - Thirdly, If I should die possessed of any property not disposed of in the bequest, it is to be divided equally among all of my Children, without any reference to the amount any or each of them may have received in some part in the above bequests something is spoken of in the present time that are known to be in the past. Lastly, I appoint my son Robert executor to this my last will and testament, he testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 13 day of June 1861.

William Barr (S.D.)

Signed, Sealed and delivered in our presence and we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the testator.

D. J. Harrison
J. M. Harrison

Will of R. M. Campbell. In the name of God Amen, I Robert M. Campbell of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory in view of the uncertainty of life and my desire to make suitable provision for my family do make certain and declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me at any time made and do set forth this last will and testament as follows and to wit: To my Wife Ellen and her Children born in wedlock with me I give and bequeath the following named negro, to wit, George, Old Sandy, & his wife Fanny and two Children, together with two cows or horses one Wagon & spoke of Oxen, three Cows & such other stock as may be necessary for the farm, also such house hold & kitchen furniture as my wife may need, leaving her to be the proper judge of what is necessary also one years support, commencing from Jan 1st 1861 to be set apart for her and family. I further bequest to her and Children above named, one third of the tract of land on which I reside with the improvements in fee simple all the above named property I give and bequeath to her and Children before named equally for their raising and support and maintenance, all the residue of my property both real and personal of every nature and description I desire to be

sold and equally divided among the Children of my first Wife, I direct further that the present crop now being raised, shall be conducted by the Bennet, and for contract and the net proceeds after one years support shall have been set apart to my wife and expenses of the estate in settling the same by the administrators. Now paid, the balance of money shall be divided among my Children by my first Wife, any debt due me if any to be collected by my administrator and applied to the payment of my debts or expenses in the settlement of my estate the whole of the property to remain in common stock until the close of the present year, I appoint my friend and neighbor David Jones Administrator to wind up and settle my affairs under the provisions of this will this April 16/61.

Test.

R. B. Bayland
David Jones

R. M. Campbell

Codicil -

I direct that the sum of two hundred dollars to be set apart in the hands of the Guardians of my son Robert, whoever that there may be, one years schooling said amount to be paid out of the money that accrue to the Children of my first Wife before any division is had it being my intent that he shall have this amount more than the balance of his Brothers and Sisters, this April 16/61.

Test.

R. B. Bayland
David Jones

R. M. Campbell

Will of R. B. Bennet. In the name of God Amen, I R. B. Bennet being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother Lucy M. Bennet the tract of land on which my father resides, the balance of her lifetime and all the appurtenances thereto. At her death said tract of land I bequeath to my two beloved brothers John W. and Joseph H. Bennet. This is a certain tract of land on which my father now resides conveyed to me by William Evans bearing date the 5th day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty, containing one hundred and forty acres be the same more or less, except to said deed for boundaries &c. to them and their heirs forever as well as all and singular the appurtenances thereto to said land. In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my hand and seal this 20th May 1861.

R. B. Bennet
Test. H. C. Grant
Moses Parks

Will of
Newson Peyle

I Newson Peyle of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, order, give, sell and declare this to be my last will and testament, that is to say, first - After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, both real & personal, I give, bequeath, and dispose of as follows, to wit: I wish my family to reside and remain on my farm and occupy my dwelling as a home, until my youngest daughter Polly is eighteen years of age, in case of her death before that time, I do not wish my farm divided or sold, until the expiration of 12 twelve years from this date. I want my child Tompy to remain on the farm and with my family until said farm is sold or divided amongst my Daughters Children, and Tompy is to have share of a home among said Children to be valued at what share worth at the time of valuation, &c. or she that Tompy chooses, shall pay to the other Children their proportional part, the said child Tompy is to have a reasonable compensation paid her at the end of each year - Tompy's balance shall go in part for the schooling of my three youngest Children - Any surplus that may remain out of this present crop year 1864 is to be applied for the use of my family as they may need it, by my Executors - I wish all my Cattle, Horses, Mules, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs to remain on my farm for the use of my Children - All the proceeds of my farm from year to year is to be for the support of my Children and is to be applied in that way, by my Executors - I wish my farm to be sold or divided as a majority of my Children may wish at the expiration of 12 twelve years from this time, at which time I think all my Children will be old enough to procure a house for themselves - I wish all my house hold furniture, and kitchen furniture and farming utensils to remain and to be kept on my farm for the use of my Children - I make, constitute and appoint J. B. Simmons & Charles F. Keely my Executors to this my last will & testament, and when my daughter Peyle becomes of age, I want him appointed in the place of J. B. Simmons or one of my Executors, and J. B. Simmons shall be relieved at that time - Thomas Peyle will consent to act as Executor, Whereof I have here subscribed my name and affixed my seal - done in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty four, Oct. the first.

Newson Peyle (Seal)

W. Rhodes

James C. Kelly, formerly Kelly

J. B. C.

Letter Testamentary

to J. B. Simmons & Charles F. Keely

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee, that Newson Peyle late of said County, died leaving a written Will in which you are appointed Executors, which has been duly proved in due 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 - There 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 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, 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 7th day of November 1865.

One
Seal
of
Fayette
County

John C. Rivers Clerk

Will of James A. Houston

Fayette County, Tennessee State. 1861

I James A. Houston, being feeble of body yet sound in mind do make this my last will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me. First, my will and desire is at my demise, that my body be interred in my burying place near Damascus Tennessee, in a decent and respectable manner and the expense of the same be paid out of any money now due me, & all my just debts to be paid out of the interest of any money due me at this time, I send I bequeath to my beloved wife Virginia A. Houston, all my household & kitchen furniture, also Corn, Saddle, Hogs, Cattle, Wheat, two mules & small negroes, and my Beckaway Carriage on fee simple to do as she pleases with - Third, I further more bequeath to my wife Virginia A. Houston, the house & lot upon which I now live containing seven acres & the field or parcel of land containing fourteen acres called the grape yard field, also a lot or parcel of land in Wolf River bottom adjoining lands of Mr. Hobbs & this containing fourteen acres, also one negro man John & a boy from fourteen or fifteen years old, & a girl Frank about twelve years of age, to be my wife & for her use & benefit during her natural life & at her death to revert back to my legatee, as I will hereafter direct - Fourth, I also bequeath a negro man by the name of Jake & his wife Harriet in fee simple, Fifth, It is further more my will that at the death of my wife that the above named land & negroes viz the house & lot on which I now live the graveyard field & the parcel of land in Wolf River bottom, the negro man John & boy Jim & girl Frank be sold to the highest bidder & the proceeds be equally divided among my Children share & share alike - Sixth, I bequeath to Simon & Molly Rivers, two of my Grand Children one note of Five thousand & ten dollars on John H. Hunt & Co. Tennessee to be equally divided between them, which will make them equal shares with my other Children up to this date - Seventh - It is my will & desire that my horse, negroes & lands, not heretofore disposed of be sold to the highest bidder & the proceeds, thereof together with all notes & accounts due me at my death except six thousand dollars, be equally divided between my Children share & share alike - Eighth, It is my will that six thousand dollars be set apart & loaned out at ten per cent & the interest of this sum be applied to the support of my wife during her natural life & at her death, the principal sum of six thousand dollars, be divided equally between my Children - Ninth - It is my will & desire that my wife have all the interest she had before our marriage in the Malouca Cotton Factory near Newburg Virginia, free from the claim of my Legatee, or any part claiming under me or in sister of our marriage, to dispose of as her individual property, not to be considered as part of my estate - Tenth I hereby constitute & appoint Thomas W. Rivers Guardian for my two grand Daughters, Simon W. Rivers & Molly Rivers (his Daughters) and to receipt for their

distribution share of my Estate, as fully & effectually as if they were of age and accepted for themselves and hereby under the necessity of his young family being without confidence in his integrity & honesty, as my children are all of age, I have when the property to be sold is sold, with all my debt paid, with the rest (after my wife's portion is set off) and among one hand to be divided between my children as hereafter directed, that each of them may have their own legacy. I further will that Mary & Laura Legay of my child be her own free from the control & management of her husband or any other person or persons, and not to be subject for debts of the estate of it. I further will that I have full power to control it & give it to her children. I hereby appoint Capt. H. Tucker, R. H. Parkman & John Parkman, or any one of them, my Executors, hoping they will see the justice of this will carried out, as soon as practicable, & hereby waive the necessity of them giving security, or proving this will, as the Legatee are all of

age. I hereby appoint Chas. J. Anderson, Trustee for my wife, that Anderson, and hereby authorize my executor to pay over to J. Anderson as Trustee, Six thousand Dollars, to be by him loaned out at 10 per cent & the interest paid quarterly to my wife for her support. I reserve a few Cent in the amt. of interest collected annually for his trouble, taking Bond & security for the six thousand Dollars to be paid to my Legatee at my wife's death. If he will not accept, place the money in the hands of the Court at Holly Springs (where a few Cent is legal) if you think it safe. If not safe, then put it in the hands of the Clerk & Master at Knoxville, to be loaned out, and the interest paid to my wife annually, and at her death, the principal \$6,000 to my Legatee or their lawful Legatee. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal in the presence of the subscribing witnesses, the date first written below, before signed.

Witness
Geo. P. Shelton }
Geo. Aschcliffe }

I hereby revoke the bequesting the Six thousand Dollars to my wife for my wife's support. (In Case J. Anderson should not act as Trustee for her) in the hands of either of the above named Courts & loan it in the hands of William Tucker Esq. as Trustee for my wife. This June 7, 1862.

Witness my hand & seal

Witness

Geo. P. Shelton
Geo. Aschcliffe, sworn by G. P. Shelton

Letter Testamentary

To R. H. Parkman Esq.

William Tucker Esq. It appearing to the County Court of Hayti County, Tennessee, that James R. Anderson, 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 being given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you, I have here therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the will & 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 Estate, 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 State.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 6th day of November, 1862

John C. Reeves Clerk

Geo. P. Shelton
Geo. Aschcliffe
Nov 6, 1862

Will of

Marcus Stewart

I Marcus Stewart of the County of Hayti and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this writing as, and for my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made. Clause 1st. I will and direct that all of my just debts be paid by my executors. Clause 2nd. I will and direct that my executors sell my two tracts of land in White County, Arkansas, one containing about 890 acres, and the other 160 acres, either at public or private sale as they may judge most expedient, and divide the proceeds of the sale equally between my children, James & Martha Parks, Emaline Barnett, Mary Longoria and Rachel Braden. Clause 3rd. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane, for and during her life or widowhood the residue of my Estate of every kind and description of which I may be possessed (subject only to the payment of my debts), to have take and enjoy the use and profits thereof during her life or widowhood, but if my said wife should marry again, then and in that case she shall take so much of my estate (and so on) as she would be entitled to take by the existing laws of Tennessee in case I had died intestate leaving no will. If any of my Slaves should become unmanageable and troublesome to my wife I will and direct that my executors shall sell the same, if requested so to do by my wife, and pay the proceeds of such sale to my wife, who shall have the use and profits thereof according to the provisions and limitations herein above set forth, but she shall account for and be responsible for the principal which shall remain a part of my estate & be distributed according to the provisions of this my will at her death, or my executors if my wife does not die to take the proceeds of such sale shall loan the same out, taking ample security for its repayment, and, and shall collect the interest annually and pay it over to me, in which event also the principal shall remain a part of my estate or distribution according to the provisions of this my will. On the termination of the Estate of my wife by her death, or marriage in the property hereby bequeathed to her, I will and direct that the land shall be sold by my executors and the proceeds equally divided between my said children named in the 2nd Clause of this my will, and the other property including my Slaves shall be equally divided between all of my children above named and the children of my deceased Son David H. Stewart, who representing their father, will take an equal share with my children above named, they, the said children of my said Son David H. being excluded from a share in the land herein devised between because of advancements made to their father, the said David H. in his life time. Clause 4th. I nominate and appoint my friends G. M. Shelton and Geo. R. Murky, Esq. of this my last will and testament, and request them to accept the execution of the same, In testimony whereof I have hereunto

set my hand and seal this 28 day of March 1863

Witness My hand (Sd)
 Interlocation of words "debt" in the first Clause and the
 made before signing

Witness
 Signed, Sealed, acknowledged and delivered as and for his last will
 testament by the Testator in our presence, who in his presence, and
 his request have witnessed the same

Jo. P. Hill
 Notary Public

Tellus Administration

To James A. Stewart

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee
 now in session, that Mark Stewart, late of said County, died with or will
 and the Executor thereof having renounced and the Court being satis-
 fied 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 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 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 and seal this 6th day of November 1865
 John C. Raper Clerk

Filed
 at the
 County
 Clerk's
 Office
 Nov. 6
 1865

Will of
 L. P. Williamson

In the name of God, Amen, I Lewis P. Williamson of the County of
 Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of sound disposing mind, sound
 memory & in the enjoyment of health, but being conscious of the un-
 certainty of death life, do make & ordain this my last will & testament
 (and hereby revoking all others) in form & manner as follows: I give and
 bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary E. Williamson all of my property of
 I may be possessed both real and personal, during her natural life, for the
 mutual benefit & maintenance of her and my children. Item 2nd It is
 my will that my property be kept together & managed, without responsibility to
 me, by my Wife under her absolute control, until my children, namely,
 of age, or marry, & then she may give them off such a portion of my estate
 she may in her discretion see proper, provided, no child shall receive more
 than his or her equal proportionate part of my whole Estate. Item 3rd Any
 property I may have given, or hereafter may give to any of my children during
 my life time, shall be considered as so much bequeathed by me, towards the
 proportionate part in the division of my Estate. Item 4th It is my

will that my wife keep no account against my children during their minority, but debts
 incumbent upon them in such manner as she may think I would do if I am alive
 Item 5th I bequeath of the unencumbered effects and confidences I have for my beloved wife
 Mary E. Williamson, I constitute & appoint her my sole executrix to see my last will and
 testament & bequeaths to my minor children. Item 6th & lastly. It is my will that
 no inventory of my property be taken, nor returned to Court & that no security be required
 of my executrix for the performance of the trust I have confided to her. In testimony
 of which I have set my hand & affix my seal, this the 5th day of October, Anno
 Domini 1850 Lewis P. Williamson

Letters Testamentary

To Mary E. Williamson. It appearing to the County Court of
 Fayette County, Tennessee that L. P.
 Williamson late of said County, died leaving a written will in which
 you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proved in
 Court and is having been given bond & 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 pos-
 session all the property and make due collection of all debts
 and after paying all just demands against the Testator
 and 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 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 and seal the 10th day of Nov. 1865
 John C. Raper Clerk

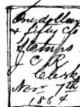
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Letters Testamentary

To L. P. Williamson &
 Chas. F. Kelly. It appearing to the County Court of
 Fayette County, Tennessee that Newton
 Doyle late of said County, died leaving a written will in which
 you are appointed Executor which has been duly proved in
 Court and is having been 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 just demands against the
 Testator and settling up the business of the estate according
 to law, you will pay over and deliver all the property & 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 as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 24th day of Nov^r 1865

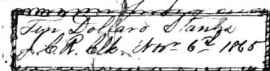


Letters Testamentary

To Wm H. Parham & Co
& H. W. Tucker

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that James P. Hamilton late of said county died leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executors 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 be issued to you, There 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 Estate 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 as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 24th day of Nov^r 1865



John C. Reeves Clerk

Letters of Administration

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Robt. H. Cannon 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, There are therefore now to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the Deceased 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

the seal of the Court this 24th day of Nov^r 1865



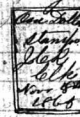
John C. Reeves Clerk

Letters of Administration

To Jas. A. Henderson

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County that in session that Mary C. Winfrem 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, There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the Deceased 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 24th day of Nov^r 1865



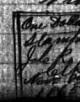
John C. Reeves Clerk

Letters of Administration

To George H. Reeves

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that David H. Povey 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, There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the Deceased 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 24th day of Nov^r 1865



John C. Reeves Clerk

Letter of Administration

To John P. Kennedy

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John P. Kennedy 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, there are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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 6th day of Nov^r 1865.

John C. Reese Clerk

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Fayette
County
Tennessee
Nov 6 1865

Letter of Administration

To John P. Kennedy

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John P. Kennedy 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, there are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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.

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John C. Reese Clerk

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Letter of Administration

To George P. Shelton

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that George P. Shelton 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 and the Court having ordered that letters of administration be issued to you, there are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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.

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John C. Reese Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Charles P. Little

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Charles P. Little 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, there are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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 6th day of Nov^r 1865.

John C. Reese Clerk

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Nov 6 1865

Letter of Administration

To Mary C. Cox

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Richard Cox 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, there are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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.

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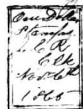
John C. Reese Clerk

Letter of Administration

To John B. Armstrong

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John B. Armstrong 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, we are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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 6th day of November 1865.

John C. Brown Clerk



Letter of Administration

To John P. Kendall

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John P. Kendall 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, we are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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 6th day of Nov 1865.

John C. Brown Clerk



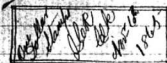
Letter of Administration

To George P. Shelton

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that George P. Shelton 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, we are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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 6th day of November 1865.



John C. Brown Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Sarah P. Little

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Sarah P. Little 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, we are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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 6th day of Nov 1865.

John C. Brown Clerk



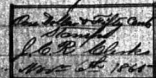
Letter of Administration

To Mary C. Cox

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Mary C. Cox 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, we are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said decedent 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 6th day of November 1865.

John C. Brown Clerk



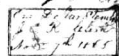
Letter of Administration

To David C. Furman

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that J. R. Woodson 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, There 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 7th day of Nov. 1865.

John C. Rouse Clerk



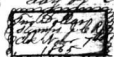
Letter of Administration

To H. H. Thornton

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that H. H. Thornton 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, There 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 7th day of Nov. 1865.

John C. Rouse Clerk



Letter of Administration

To H. H. Long

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that H. H. Long 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, There 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 8th day of Nov. 1865.

John C. Rouse Clerk

Letter of Administration

To J. J. Edwards

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that J. J. Edwards late 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, There 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 8th day of November 1865.

John C. Rouse Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Robert Owen

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Robert Owen 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, There 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 8th day of November 1865.

John C. Rouse Clerk

Letter of Administration

To J. J. Gregory

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Martha Gregory 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. And we 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 the 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.

RS

One Dollar
Stamp
1865

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

John C. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

I, John Egan, of Fayette County Tennessee, now in session, do hereby certify that said county did 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. And we 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 the 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.

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John C. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

I, Percie Griffin, of Fayette County Tennessee, now in session, do hereby certify that said county did 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. And we 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 the 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.

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

John C. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

I, J. H. Mason, of Fayette County Tennessee, now in session, do hereby certify that said county did 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. And we 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 the 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.

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

John C. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

I, James H. Stewart, of Fayette County Tennessee, now in session, do hereby certify that said county did without a Will and the Executors therein having renounced 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. And we 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 the 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.

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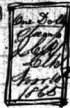
John C. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

I, J. H. Whitaker, of Fayette County Tennessee, now in session, do hereby certify that said county did 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. And we 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 the 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.

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Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 10th day of November 1865.



John C. Roney

Letter of Administration

At appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that M. C. Winfield 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 Letter of Administration be issued to you. There 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 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 6th day of Nov 1865.

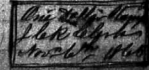


John C. Roney Clerk

Letter of Administration

At appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John P. Winfield 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 Letter of Administration be issued to you. There 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.

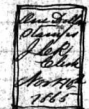
Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 6th day of November 1865.



John C. Roney Clerk

Letter of Administration

At appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that P. B. Rogers 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 Letter of Administration be issued to you. There 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 10th day of November 1865.

John C. Roney Clerk

Will of John S. Pulliam

I John S. Pulliam of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee being sound in body and mind and being possessed of a small portion of the world's goods, do make this my last will and testament. First I declare all other wills that I may have made at any time before this.

Now the first being anxious to secure my loved wife (formerly Jane Davis) in a sufficient way of the world's goods, she having always been an affectionate wife in every respect, I feel that I would not be treating her as I should in any respect. I do with and bequeath to her and to her disposal at her death, one section of my lands in Arkansas, she making her own selection out of all my lands. I have in that State a note with and bequeath to my dear wife Jane all the money that I may have on hand that is in her possession at the time of my death and she shall not be compelled to give to my Executors any account of the same. I further will and bequeath to my said wife my Carriage and horses four mules, one my best waggon, 14 Cows and Calf, and all such articles of household furniture as she may select and also such plantation tools as she may wish. All of the above articles my dear wife shall be put in possession of - of immediately after my death. I further will to her all of the notes I received of her at our marriage which I have collected but a small amount, every thing I have named and given to my wife, she is to have and to hold do as she pleases with, none of my children is to put any claim to the same nor any other person. I further will and say the next I have after conveying out all I have named above, is that my Executors shall pay all

of my just out of the remainder of my estate and then make Alfred and Rachel agree with my first children for which is a small memorandum Book which will be found with my papers) and then the balance of every thing is to be equally divided among all my children to wit, John J. Gregory and Alfred B. Williams, Rachel C. Will and Temperance J. Nelson well and lawfully to Alfred B. Williams my eldest son which I value for six thousand Dollars, this is to be taken on account as part of his estate received from me. I further wish that John J. Williams, John J. Williams and Alfred B. Williams shall be and not be executor to this my last will and testament, they shall not be compelled to give security for the same, and further wish that all of my business shall be settled without being recorded in paper going into the Court House, given under my hand and seal this 29th February 1865

Witness

J. B. Mallory }
Rott Lick }
Chas R. Hootch }
Dworn by C. R. Abbott
in open Court Nov.
6th 1865 The R. C. C. C.

John J. Williams

Will of
Henry Gregory

Henry Gregory being in good health & of sound mind, having a knowledge of the parties concerned in his estate and being desirous of making known his wish the disposition of my property should be disposed of by will which I have thought and capacity to do so. As to all of my estate and property, present or future, of which I shall die seized & possessed, which I shall be entitled at the time of my death, to give, to dispose of in the following manner, namely: All of my just debt and liability to be paid out of my estate hereafter named mentioned from ~~the~~ my decease or as early as convenient. I bequeath and give to my mother Martha Gregory, my steps sons Kate, my step sons, and all accounts, notes, bills, money or whatsoever I may be lawfully seized to hold and to have for her sole and absolute right and control, But should my Mother Martha Gregory die previous to the death of my Brother Benjamin Gregory, then it is my will and testament for the said Benjamin Gregory to have the aforesaid described property and effects for his sole right and absolute control. In testimony whereof I Henry Gregory have to this my last will and testament made and entered into and set my hand and seal June 17, 1861. I hereby appoint John C. Conner of the my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this June 21, 1861

Henry Gregory

B. B. Benson

J. H. B. B.

Will of
Levi C. Roberts

State of Tennessee Fayette County June, the first
day of January 1866

I Levi C. Roberts of sound dissembling mind and memory do make this my last will, disposing of all other

In the name of God Amen

And first after all my just debt and personal expenses are paid, it is my will and wish that my wife Emily C. Roberts have her share of the land whereon I now live, Beginning at the South East Corner of said tract and thence running North and west on the complement as to make two hundred acres or as near as may be the including my present dwelling house. Also it is my wish that she have out of my servants, my man Simeon and John Robinson and of the women, my woman Mariah and Mary and her son and their increase or six others if there should not be more than one and also, that she have her carriage and two carriage horses and also that she have my Rail Road Stock forty Eight Shares in the Memphis and Charleston Rail Road on two hundred dollars in money as she may prefer, and also one Wagon and four mules and two Yoke of Oxen and six Cows and Calves, and four Horses, also all the Sheep and Dogs and Household and Kitchen Furniture together with all the farming utensils, the cotton gin with and such things as belong to the farm. Also one Cold Water and chain which she now has.

It is also further my will and wish that the remainder of my lands after taking out the above two hundred acres be either equally divided or sold and the money equally divided between my children to wit: My Sons Emily C. Roberts and Barclay M. Roberts and my daughters Emily J. Robinson and Frances M. Roberts, and Lucy A. Robinson my Step Daughter, and also after my wife has got her share of the remainder of my servants be equally divided among the above named heirs, including Lucy A. Robinson and that my daughter Emily J. Robinson, Frances M. Roberts and Lucy A. Robinson and their children, shall possess them forever, and it is my wish also that my stock in the Turn Pike from Nashville to Shelbyville and my stock in the Rail Road from Nashville to Chattanooga together with all my other property that has not been heretofore disposed of be sold and the money be equally divided together with the money I may have on hands among the above named heirs. But as I have given my son Barclay M. Roberts, Four hundred Dollars in Education more than I have given the other children, I wish One thousand Dollars deducted out of his part and Four hundred Dollars of it handed over to the Board of the Indian Mission Association at Marion Alabama with the request that they select two Indian boys and one Indian boy in the Cherokee Nation, and call one of the boys Frances Roberts and the other girl Emily Roberts, and the boy Levi C. Roberts, and that they apply the above named Four hundred Dollars, to their education and civilization or the interest of the above amount. It is also my will and wish

of my just out of the remainder of my estate and then make Alfred and Rachel equal with my first children for which see a small memorandum Book which will be found with my papers and then the balance of every thing is to be equally divided among all my children to wit, Joel L. Johnson, Alfred B. Williams, Rachel C. Hill and Temperance J. Nelson. Well and bequeath to Alfred B. Williams my Little Plantation which I value for Six thousand Dollars, this is to be taken in account as part of his estate received from me, I further wish that Joel L. Williams, John J. Williams, and Alfred B. Williams shall be and act as executors to this my last will and testament, they shall not be compelled to give security for the same, and further wish that all of my business shall be settled without being recorded or ever going into Court House, given under my hand and seal this 27th February 1865

Witness

J. B. Mallory }
 Rolt Licko }
 Chas R. Abbott }
 sworn by C. R. Abbott
 in open Court Nov.
 6th 1865 Tho R. Cooke
 Chas?

John B. Williams

Will of
 Henry Gregory

Henry Gregory being in good health of sound mind, having a knowledge of the duties and responsibilities of human life and being desirous of making known his wish the disposition of my property should be disposed of after my death while I have strength and capacity to do so, that all of my estate, real, personal or mixed, of which I shall die seized, possessed or which I shall be entitled at the time of my death, bequeath, disposed thereof in the following manner, namely: All of my just debt and liabilities to be paid out of my estate hereafter named mentioned hereafter my decease or as early as convenient. I bequeath and desire to say mention Matthew Gregory, my legal man here, my wife, house, and all accounts, notes, bills, money or whatsoever I may be lawfully, legally, held and to have for his sole and absolute right and control, But should my brother Matthew Gregory die previous to the death of my brother Benjamin Gregory, then it is my will and testament for the said Benjamin Gregory to have the aforesaid described property and effect for his sole right and absolute control. In testimony whereof I Henry Gregory have to this my last will and testament made and signed with my hand and seal June 17. 1861. I hereby appoint John C. Braden of the my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this June 21. 1861

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Henry Gregory

Will of
 Levi C. Roberts

State of Tennessee Fayette County June the first day Adamus 1866

I Levi C. Roberts of sound dissembling mind and memory do make this my last will disposing of all other in the name of God Amen

And first after all my just debt and personal expenses paid, and it is my will and wish that my wife Emily Roberts to have her share and acres of the land whereon I now live. Beginning at the East Corner of said tract and then a running North and West a compliment so as to make Two Hundred Acres or more, and this including my present dwelling house. Also I do wish that she has out of my servants my man Sinton and John Johnson and of the woman, my woman Maria and Mary and also and their increase or six others if she should not be so long and also that she has her Carriage and two horses and also that she has my Road Road to the Eighty Eight Acres of land in the East and Charleston Rail Road on the North and South side of the as she may prefer, and also one wagon and one mule and one pair of Oxen and six cows and calves for said three hundred sheep and dogs and household and other furniture and all with all the farming utensils the better can wish and such things as belong to the farm. Also one Gold Watch and chain which she has.

It is also further my will and wish that the money of my farm after taking out the above live hand, to be divided equally in two or sold and the money equally divided between my wife and my Sons Wesley H. Roberts and Barclay H. Roberts and my daughter Emily J. Bateman and Frances Roberts and my son John and my wife Supt. Baughman, and also after my wife has got her share of the remainder of my servants be equally divided among her and her heirs, including Leroy H. Roberts and that my daughter Emily Roberts, Frances H. Roberts and Lucy H. Roberts and her children, share for of their power, and it is my wish also that my stock on the farm like from Nashville to Shelbyville and my stock on the farm from Nashville to Chattanooga together with all my other property that has not been before me disposed of be sold and the money to be equally divided together with the money I may have on hands among the above named heirs. But as I have given my son Barclay H. Roberts Two hundred Dollars in Education more than I have given the other children, I wish One thousand Dollars deducted out of his part, and Two hundred Dollars of it handed over to the Board of the Indian Mission's Education at Marion Alabama with the request that they select Two Indian boys and one Indian Boy in the Choctaw Nation, and call one of the girls Frances Roberts and the other girl Emily Roberts, and the Boy Levi H. Roberts, and that they apply the above named Two hundred Dollars, to their education and civilization or the interest of the above amount. It is also my will and wish

Will of
Geo W Smith

State of Tennessee Hardeman County May
8th 1860

Know all men by these presents, that I, H. Smith being of sound mind and in perfect health, do make here my last will & Testament, First, after paying all my just debts & order that my Father Robert H. Smith if living, if not, his son David H. Smith, Benjamin R. Smith, Master A. Madison, Miranda Smith, Lucy A. Smith, Louisa Maria V. Smith, James E. Smith, all my children & sisters, be equal sharers in the money & claims I have or there may be I appoint my Father Robert H. Smith, Executor for my last will & Testament James E. Smith to receive & hold the portion allotted to me, to do with it as he thinks best, in the event of the death of my Father & sisters, my Brother Benjamin R. Smith the Executor for James E. Smith among my sons, & settled up, My Negroes I leave in number, by name, Thomas, a Manish, Malinda, Eliza, Richard, & Isaac & I leave them to the Federal Army, I give and bequeath to my Father, his children and at his death to be divided equally with my mother & sisters or if my Father should wish, I empower him to sell the same & use the proceeds, to the best advantage on his dying & the same to be equally divided between my Brothers, David & Benjamin. I hereby appoint Rev Geo. M. Lloyd Executor to the my wife & children Testament. Signed, sealed & attested in the presence of us aforesaid, this Eighth day of May, A.D. 1844, at Independence, Jackson Co. Mo.

M. J. McLean
 L. J. McLean
 M. J. McLean
 Mary C. Malone
 Theodore A. Smith

Lettere Testamentarie

T. Geo. M Lloyd

1. Geo. H. Lloyd

Advertisement to the County Court of Fayette
County Tennessee that Geo. H. Smith 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; there are therefore to summon you to enter
upon the execution of the Will, and to take into your possession all the holding
and to make to the next Court a proper inventory thereof and make an col-
lection of all debts and after paying all 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 as clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day
of Dec^r 1865.

John. C. Reeves Clerk

From Dolly
of Memphis
J. B. G.
Dec. 1 - 1865

Will of
Geo. W. Smith

State of Tennessee Hardeman County May
the 8th 1865

Know all men by these presents, that I, Geo. W. Smith, being of sound mind and in feeble health, do make this my last will & Testament, First, after paying all my just debts I desire that my Father, Robert W. Smith of living, if not, his under executors, Benjamin R. Smith, Martha R. Bowman, Thomas R. Smith, Henry R. Smith, Louisa R. Smith, James C. Smith, all my brothers & sisters, be equal shouers in the money & claims I have at this time and I appoint my Father Robert W. Smith, Trustee for my last will & Testament James C. Smith to receive & hold the portion allotted to him & to his heirs, whom he thinks best, in the event of the death of my Father & of my Brother Benjamin R. Smith the trustee for James C. Smith and my estate, settled up; My Negroes Sam in number, by name, Thomas, Manah, Malinda, Eliza, Richard, & Isaac & my share in the Federal Army, I give and bequeath to my Father & his heirs, and at his death, to be divided equally with my mother & her heirs, or if my Father should wish, I empower him to sell the same and use the proceeds, to the best advantage and the proceeds to be equally divided between my Mother, & my Father & his heirs. I hereby appoint Mrs Geo. W. Lloyd, executrix, to this my last will & Testament, Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of the witnesses the eighth day of May A.D. 1865.

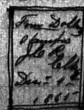
Witnesses
L. W. Henders
W. T. McLean
Mary C. Henders
Thomas R. Smith

Letters Testamentary
To Geo. W. Lloyd

Whereas the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee has caused to be read the will in which you are appointed executrix 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 be given to you; There are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the Will, and to take into your possession all the property and to make to the next Court a proper inventory thereof and make an collection of all debts, and after paying all just demands against the Estate 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 as clerk, and the seal of the Court this 4th day of Dec. 1865.



John C. Russell Clerk

Letter Testamentary
To J. J. Pulliam

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that John J. Pulliam 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 Letter Testamentary issue to you, that you therefore to execute you to enter upon the execution of the Will and take into your possession all the goods and chattels and make a true and perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all just demands against the estate and settling up the business of the estate according to law you will pay and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and as all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the Will and the laws of the State.



Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court
this 6th day of Decr 1865
John C. Rouse Clerk

Letter Testamentary

To J. P. Brader

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that Henry Gregory 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 Letter Testamentary issue to you, that you therefore to execute you to enter upon the execution of the Will and take into your possession all the goods and chattels and make a true and perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all just demands against the estate and settling up the business of the estate according to law you will pay and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and as all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the Will and the laws of the State.



Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court
this 6th day of Decr 1865
John C. Rouse Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Mrs S. R. A. Wallace

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Mrs S. R. A. Wallace late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to be Administrator and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letter of Administration be issued to you, that you therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods and chattels claims and papers of the Estate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debt and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolves on you as Administrator and after having settled up the estate to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

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Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day of Decr 1865
John C. Rouse Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Wm Rogers

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that James Rogers late of said County died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to be Administrator and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letter of Administration be issued to you, that you therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods and chattels claims and papers of the Estate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debt and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolves 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 4th day of Decr 1865
John C. Rouse Clerk

Letter of Administration

To M. E. Adams

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that M. E. Adams late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to be Administrator and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letter of Administration be issued to you, that you therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods and chattels claims and papers of the Estate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debt and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolves 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 4th day of Decr 1865
John C. Rouse Clerk

Letters of Administration

To John P. Caud

At appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee and in session that

Thos. S. Reid late of said County died on the 2^d of Feb. 1854 and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and your having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, Thus we charge to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods chattels claims and papers of the Deceased and collect a Fee and perfect necessary things to run said County Court, to collect and pay all debts owed to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate until lawfully relieved or 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 4th day of Decr 1867.

John C. Ross Clerk



Letters of Administration

1. Chas. Watson

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session, that said Court late of said county did without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond & qualification as directed by law and the Court being apprized that it is the duty of the Administration to provide for you, they are directed to authorize & empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, chattels, claims & interests of the Deceased and to receive a true & perfect inventory hereof to our said County Court to collect & pay all debts due & to be paid and transfer and all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve in you as Administrator, and after having satisfied the said estate to deliver the residue to those now or by law entitled.

Witness my hand as above and the seal of the Court this 4th day of Dec^r 1868

John C. Davis Clerk

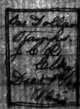


Letters of Administration

as A. A. Rossby } Disappearing to the Court Court of the State of Tennessee
and in union the H. P. Cobb to let of our country and let
a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and your having
your bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having order that the Letters of
Administration be issued to you: There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take
into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the deceased
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 devolves on you as administrator and after having settled up the estate
to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

History may have us ask once the rest of the Court this 27th of Dec: 1815

John C. Davis Clerk



Letter of Administration

6. J. J. Walker. Appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee in person that E. H. Walker late of said county did not own a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to be Administrator 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 therefor to certify 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 devolves on you as Administrator, and after having settled on 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 24th day of Dec. 1893.
John C. Green Clerk

John E. Quinn Clerk



Will of John Earls

State of Tennessee
Haystack Community

And my testimony is the word
of God, amen, after giving my spirit to God who
gave it and my body to be used from whence I came. I John Carson
of the State and County aforesaid after all my just debts is paid.
From the first I bequeath unto my son Joseph T Carson one
hundred dollars, which and also to Joseph T Carson
is to pay Dr. J. A. Cumie what is due him. Also my desire is that all my Permissible Propriety to be sold and the
trust of land whereon I now live to be sold and a v. equally
between my two daughters Rebecca H. Carson and Catherine H.
Carson, my desire is that my daughter Rebecca H. Carson and
John W. Harkin, my next best friend be appointed, and appear
before me. For testimony I bear with my hand and seal this
the day and date above written.

Tull
 E 4. Porti
 John W. Martini.

John + Caroline
Marke

E. L. Perles
John W. Martin.

Letters Testamentary

to J. H. Sanders and H. A. Sanders } At a hearing to the County Court of
Fayette County Tennessee that John Evans
late of said county died leaving a written Will, in which you
are appointed Executor and Co-Executor which has been duly proved
in said County and you having given bond and qualified according
to law, and it having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary
be given to you. There are therefore to empower you to enter upon the
execution of the Will and take into your possession all the prop-
erty 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 laws of the land.



Wm. D. Jones
County Clerk
Jan 11/86

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day of January 1866.

John C. Brown Clerk

Letter Testamentary

To H. P. Taylor & Co. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that H. P. Taylor late of said County died leaving a written Will in which you are appointed Executor, which was then duly proved in open Court and you having given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by the Court that Letter Testamentary issue you. There 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 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 laws of the land.



Wm. D. Jones
County Clerk
Jan 11/86

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 1st day of January 1866.

John C. Brown Clerk

Letter of Administration

To C. B. Jones & Co. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that C. B. Jones late of said County died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified according to law and the Court having ordered that Letter of Administration be issued to you. There 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 discharge 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.



Wm. D. Jones
County Clerk
Jan 11/86

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 1st day of January 1866.

John C. Brown Clerk

Letter of Administration

To H. C. Taylor & Co. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that H. C. Taylor late of said County died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified according to law and the Court having ordered that Letter of Administration be issued to you. There 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 discharge 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.



Wm. D. Jones
County Clerk
Jan 11/86

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 3rd day of January 1866.

John C. Brown Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Eliza & Cameray & Co. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Eliza & Cameray late of said County died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified according to law and the Court having ordered that Letter of Administration be issued to you. There 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 discharge 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.



Wm. D. Jones
County Clerk
Jan 11/86

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 6th day of January 1866.

John C. Brown Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Eliza & Cameray & Co. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Eliza & Cameray late of said County died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified according to law and the Court having ordered that Letter of Administration be issued to you. There 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 discharge 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.

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 hold 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.



Long John
Fayette
Tenn.
Jan. 4th
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day of January 1866.
John C. Prewer Clerk

Letter of Administration

To David T. Fox. Appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that James Fox 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, therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods chattels claims and papers of the estate 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.



Long John
Fayette
Tenn.
Jan. 4th
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day of January 1866.
John C. Prewer Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Anderson. Appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that W. S. Mitchell 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, therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods chattels claims and papers of the estate 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.



Long John
Fayette
Tenn.
Jan. 4th
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day of January 1866.

John C. Prewer Clerk

Letter of Administration

To David H. Cully. Appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that David H. Cully 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, 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.



Long John
Fayette
Tenn.
Jan. 4th
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day of January 1866.
John C. Prewer Clerk

Letter of Administration

To John C. Crocker. Appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John C. Crocker 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, 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.



Long John
Fayette
Tenn.
Jan. 4th
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 4th day of January 1866.
John C. Prewer Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Jesse J. Sharp: It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that W. J. Morris 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: There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk.

Wm. D. Hays
J. C. Reese
July 5th 1866

Letter of Administration

To Anthony Matthews: It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that John C. Morris 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: There 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 the 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 6th day of February 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk.

Wm. D. Hays
J. C. Reese
July 6th 1866

Letter of Administration

To Emily C. Roberts: It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that John C. Morris 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: There 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 the 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 6th day of February 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk.

Wm. D. Hays
J. C. Reese
July 6th 1866

Letter of Administration

To James B. Beyer: It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that John C. Morris 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: There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.

Wm. D. Hays
J. C. Reese
July 5th 1866

John C. Reese Clerk.

Letter of Administration

To William Rhodes: It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that John C. Morris 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: There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.

Wm. D. Hays
J. C. Reese
July 5th 1866

John C. Reese Clerk.

Letter of Administration

To J. A. Maxwell: It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, now in session, that John C. Morris 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: There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.

Wm. D. Hays
J. C. Reese
July 5th 1866

John C. Reese Clerk.

Letter of Administration

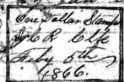
To H. H. Ward. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John Ward late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.



John C. Pears Clerk

Letter of Administration

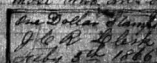
To Wm D. Morrow. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Wm Morrow late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.



John C. Pears Clerk

Letter of Administration

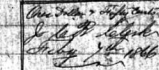
To Thos P. Smith. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Richard Wm Smith late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.



John C. Pears Clerk

Letter of Administration

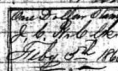
To H. H. P. Jones. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John H. Reynolds late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.



John C. Pears Clerk

Letter of Administration

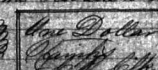
To J. B. Stafford. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John Stafford late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, There 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 the 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 5th day of February 1866.



John C. Pears Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Morgan Cartwright. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that P. H. Ward 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, There 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 the 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 6th day of February 1866.



John C. Pears Clerk

Letter of Administration

To D. C. Russell

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session, that J. J. Russell 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; There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Deceased and return a true and perfect Inventory thereof to the 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 13th day of March 1866.

John C. Russell Clerk

Letter of Administration

To Mahala Heathcock

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session, that Mahala Heathcock 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; There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Deceased and return a true and perfect Inventory thereof to the 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 5th day of March 1866.

John C. Russell Clerk

Letter of Administration

To H. B. Gillard

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session, that H. B. Gillard 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; There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Deceased and return a true and perfect Inventory thereof to the 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 5th day of March 1866.

John C. Russell Clerk

Letter of Administration

To W. C. Grant

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session, that James Grant 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; There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Deceased and return a true and perfect Inventory thereof to the 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 5th day of March 1866.

John C. Russell Clerk

Letter of Administration

To W. H. Morton

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session, that James H. H. Morton 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; There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Deceased and return a true and perfect Inventory thereof to the 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 5th day of March 1866.

John C. Russell Clerk

Will of C. Price

I, C. Price of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee do make this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all others by me made of a former date, to this Final I wish that any funeral expenses of all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor. I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary A. Price all my estate both real & personal on the following condition that as long as she remains any widow but in the event of her second marriage I wish the property divided as the law directs. In this from the fact of having my confidence in my

might culpability to sin his children might & to avoid the trouble & inconvenience of getting so small an estate & lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint my beloved son as above mentioned my executor & it is my wish that he qualify & take possession without giving security the 20th day August 1860.

Sat

Geo. W. Black
H. P. Black

W. Price

Will of Columbus P. Franklin

In the name of God amen I, Columbus P. Franklin of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being in feeble health but of sound disposing mind and in view of the uncertainty of life, do now make public and declare this my last will and testament:

1st I will and direct that all my funeral and testamentary expenses be paid out of my estate by my executors hereinafter named.

2nd I will and direct that my entire estate be equally divided among my children share and share alike namely: Maudie Franklin, Richard P. Franklin, Edwin P. Franklin, Columbus P. Franklin, Sarah P. Franklin and William P. Franklin.

3rd I will and direct that all my personal property be sold consisting of stock of all kind, farming utensils and all grain that may be or hand at such time and upon such conditions as my executors hereinafter named may deem advisable.

4th I will and direct that the plantation whereon I now reside lying and being in said County of Fayette and State of Tennessee and also about eighty acres situate in Marshall County and State of Mississippi and the same being all connected and constitutes said farm be sold by my executors hereinafter named at such time and upon such conditions as they deem the most advantageous and I do hereby empower my said executors to execute and deliver good and lawful deed in deeds of title to said lands whenever they shall as above directed sell or dispose of said lands and until said plantation shall be sold or disposed of as directed in this last clause of my last will the same to be rented annually in a judicious manner by my said executors.

5th I will and now direct that my interest and share in a certain bottom tract of land in the County of Perry and State of North Carolina that the same shall remain in the hands and under the direction of the present stockholders

and if any wish and desire that the annual dividends arising to any share in said Tract of land in the County of Perry and State of North Carolina shall be distributed annually among my said children share and share alike.

6th I will and direct that my two young sons namely: Edwin P. Franklin and Columbus P. Franklin receive one thousand dollars in gold to be equally divided between them for the further advancement of their education.

7th I will and direct that on and after my funeral and testamentary expenses and all my just debts and the same be paid out of my estate then the residue of my entire estate including all money arising from any and all sales that may be made by my executors hereinafter named and all my dividends as described in the fifth clause of this my last will and testament the same to be equally divided among my said sons: Maudie Franklin, Richard P. Franklin, Edwin P. Franklin, Columbus P. Franklin and my daughter Sarah P. Franklin and William P. Franklin share and share alike.

8th I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son Maudie Franklin and Edwin P. Franklin executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and have published and declared to be my last will and testament on the 27th day of January 1860.

C. P. Franklin in said
Signed, read and published and declared by the said testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other all our names hereto as witnesses.

And also P. C. Conley
T. L. Conley
J. P. Conley

Will of Minerva Ann Starlin

I, Minerva Ann Starlin being of sound mind do give and convey in this my last will and testament to my sister Sarah Catherine Smith and her heirs forever a tract of land lying between the waters of Cypress and Loosa Katchie in Civil District No. 6 containing by measurement seventy five acres bounded on the South by Quinn and Shemodi mill tract on the West by the land of Robert G. Forbes on the north by land of Mr. Francis formerly owned by John J. Shemodi on the East by the land of W. P. Shemodi known as the land of Robert Starlin deceased.

December 11th 1858

Henry P. Shemodi
P. C. Conley

Signed and sealed by

Minerva Ann Starlin
mark

Will of William H. Blake. I, the undersigned, of the County of Fayette, State of Tennessee, being sound in mind, thought of full health, do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following: that I do say

1st I bequeath my body to the good nurses I have and am about to send who gave it, to the honorable Lord upon his mercy and the attainment of a more glorious resurrection.

2nd It is my desire that my remains be deposited in the house yard in Lawrenceville Tennessee next to those of my late wife formerly Susan H. Blake that a plain monument corresponding in style to that now over my said deceased wife be erected over my remains. I would wish that the slab be somewhat thick.

3rd I divide all of my just and legal debt to be paid to the heirs and legatees to my sister Anna H. Blake, the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to her by my executor hereinafter named to her sole and separate use and benefit. I also give and bequeath to her my said estate in the like manner and to be paid the one half of the same to her in the State of New Hampshire supposed to be in all about eighteen hundred dollars.

4th I give and bequeath to the youngest son of my sister Ellen H. Blake, and his heirs the other one half of my said New Hampshire lands my sister Hester's share. But in case the said lands should be sold (for which I expect my cousin Eliza's share of Boston, Massachusetts mine California and a share of farming) then in that case I give one half of the proceeds of said sale to my said sister Anna H. Blake and the other half of said proceeds of sale to the said youngest son of my said sister Ellen H. Blake deceased.

5th I further give to my said sister Anna H. Blake and her heirs the like of my father by just and all other pieces of property belonging to me or right such as my dear wife Eliza I may choose to retain.

6th I give and bequeath my library to the use of my sister Anna H. Blake and right such books thereof as my said wife may choose to retain for her own use.

7th To the wife of the husband of my niece Ellen I give the Tennessee type likeness of her wife and her sister.

8th I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Eliza I to her and her heirs all the remainder of my estate both real and personal money notes accounts shares in action and every species of property whatsoever I own or shall own in testimony that she should have all the property of every kind and description that I own in an entire estate.

would the specific legacies before given.

9th But should my said wife have a child or children born to me during my life or after my death then and in that case all the foregoing legacies and bequests are revoked and made void except the legacy of one hundred dollars given to my said sister Anna H. Blake (and in such case I will and direct that the whole of my estate of every character and description be equally divided between my said wife Eliza and such child or children so born as aforesaid. But if no such child or children be born as aforesaid then my property to go as before directed.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother-in-law Jacob Q. Shaw and my beloved wife Eliza my executor and accountant of this my last will and testament hereby ratifying all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 2nd day of November signed sealed and published in our presence and our honest advice in our presence of the testator this 2nd day of November 1855.

W. H. Blake
J. H. Harris

Will of Robert C. Bryan

I, Robert C. Bryan of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being in good health and doing my own business do make and publish this my last will and testament. My will is that all my just debts shall by my executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient. I give and bequeath to my loved mother all of my interest in the goods and assets of the firm of Beckett, Davis & Bryan in Lawrenceville Tennessee. The said interest being one and one fourth and ending January the first Eighteen hundred and fifty two also one fourth interest in a stock of goods and the profits accruing from the sale of them bought by them of John F. Chasman in Lawrenceville Tennessee on a credit of one two and three years. I do appoint my friends F. D. Beckett, C. B. Jones and W. H. Harris to be the executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and seal and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below on the 1st day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty two.

Robert C. Bryan

Robert C. Bryan

Letters Testamentary

To J. Bushnell Franklin & Nelson Franklin

It appearing to the
County Court of Fayette
County Tennessee that

W. B. Franklin late of said county died leaving a 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. There 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 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 as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 22nd day of April 1866.
John C. Reese Clerk

Letters Testamentary
To J. M. Reese

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that W. B. Franklin late of said county died leaving a 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. There 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 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 as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 11th day of April 1866.
John C. Reese Clerk



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John C. Reese Clerk

Letters Testamentary
To J. M. Reese

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that W. B. Franklin late of said county died leaving a 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. There 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 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 as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 11th day of April 1866.
John C. Reese Clerk

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 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.



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John C. Reese Clerk

Letters Testamentary
To J. M. Reese

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that W. B. Franklin late of said county died leaving a 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. There 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 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 as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 22nd day of April 1866.
John C. Reese Clerk



Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 22nd day of April 1866.
John C. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration
To J. M. Reese

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Sarah P. Conners 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 according to law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the household goods and effects of the testator and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the 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 22nd day of April 1866.
John C. Reese Clerk

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John C. Reese Clerk



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John C. Reese Clerk

Letter of Administration
 To: J. W. Seibell
 It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee more in session that J. W. Seibell 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. There 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 the next County Court; to collect and pay all debt due 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 April 1866.
 John C. Reese Clerk



One full
 Court
 J. W. Seibell
 April 2nd
 1866

Letter of Administration
 To: J. Charles Lyons
 It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee more in session that J. W. Seibell 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. There 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 the next County Court; to collect and pay all debt due 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 April 1866.
 John C. Reese Clerk



One full
 Court
 J. W. Seibell
 April 2nd
 1866

Letter of Administration
 To: J. W. Crawford
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John C. Reese Clerk

Will of Wm. C. Benton

I, William C. Benton do hereby publish this my last Will & Testament.

I, Wm. C. Benton: I will & bequeath to my father William Benton for & during his natural life all my interest legal & equitable in the real estate & personal estate of my grandfather James Whitlauer my grandmother Mary Whitlauer & my mother Julia Maria Benton (deceased) my desire & purpose hereby to convey all my share & interest in the estate of the Whitlauer family my said father to have the full use & enjoyment of same during his natural life and at his death to go to & belong to my full brothers James W. Benton Edward Benton & my nephew

Oscar Mercer or as many of them of them as may be surviving absolutely & without any condition or limitation.

I, Wm. C. Benton

All the estate which I have received by my right Mother's daughter of J. F. Higginson & which I am entitled to receive I will & bequeath to her absolutely & unconditionally subject to her disposal.

I, Wm. C. Benton

I do hereby appoint my father Wm. C. Benton as J. L. Pulliam Executor of this my last will & testament with full power incident thereto & they or either of them to give any bond or security for the performance of their duties.

Witness my hand & seal this May 2nd 1866.

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Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 7th day of May 1866.

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