

Letters of Administration

J. E. Parker

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that H. C. Parker 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, I therefore 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 de bonis non and after having settled up the estate to deliver the proceeds thereof as may be directed by law.



Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 5th day of April 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk

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J. E. Parker

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Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 5th day of April 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk

Will of Wm. C. Benton

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

I, Wm. C. Benton, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby give and devise my real estate and personal estate of my own lawful property to my wife Mary Benton and my daughter Julia Benton (if living) my dear wife and daughter to have and enjoy the full use and enjoyment of same during their natural lives and at their death to go to and belong to my son James W. Benton, Edward Benton and 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 wife's death I give and devise to my daughter Julia Benton and my son Oscar Mercer absolutely & without any condition or limitation.

I, Wm. C. Benton.

I do hereby appoint my father Wm. C. Benton as 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 5th day of April 1866.

John C. Reese

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

John C. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

J. E. Parker

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

John C. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration.

Esq J. J. Tucker

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that David 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, 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 the next County Court to be held and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to the estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator de bonis mortis and after having settled up the estate to deliver the residue to those who by law are entitled.



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

John C. Preece Clerk

Letters of Administration

Esq Elizabeth Porter

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County now in session that P. H. Porter 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 the next County Court to be held 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 by law are entitled.

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

John C. Preece Clerk

Letters of Administration

Esq J. H. Russell

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Perry E. Bates 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 the next County Court to be held 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 by law are entitled.

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

John C. Preece Clerk

Will of Hamilton Edwards

Hamilton Edwards do make

and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other will by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my other debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Edwards one hundred and forty two acres more being the land I now reside on one negro man John all of my stock of cattle, hogs, horse & mules, horses, hogs, and kitchen furniture, my farming utensils and what barn corn & fodder I may have on hand my wagon and gear to have and hold during her lifetime and to use and until a gift at her death is to be equally divided between my children namely: Elizabeth Mary Judah Joseph Harrison & Juliet and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Joseph W. Edwards my Executor and witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the 9th of February 1865.

Hamilton Edwards

Hamilton Edwards

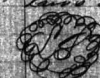
Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this the 9th of February 1865.

John F. McCreary
J. H. McCreary

Letters Testamentary.

Esq Joseph W. Edwards

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County that Hamilton Edwards 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 be issued to you, there are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the Will and take into your possession all of the property and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and to 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 State.



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

John C. Preece Clerk

Letters of Administration

To J. H. Oregon. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that J. H. Oregon late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 devolves on you as Administrator and after having settled the Estate to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 3rd day of July 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk



one Dollar Stamp
J. C. Reese
July 2, 1866

Letters of Administration

To J. H. Oregon. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John A. Reed late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 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 3rd day of July 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk

one Dollar Stamp
J. C. Reese
July 3, 1866

Letters of Administration

To Thelbert Wilkerson. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that George May late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do 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 July 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk

one Dollar Stamp
J. C. Reese
July 4, 1866

Letters of Administration

To James Marshall. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John Marshall late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 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 6th day of August 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk



one Dollar Stamp
J. C. Reese
August 6, 1866

Letters of Administration

To Washington Price. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Nathalia Price late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 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 6th day of August 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk

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J. C. Reese
August 6, 1866

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August 6, 1866

Letters of Administration

To J. H. Love. It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that J. H. Love late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 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 6th day of August 1866.

John C. Reese Clerk

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J. C. Reese
August 6, 1866

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J. C. Reese
August 6, 1866

Letters of Administration

Wm. K. Sawyer It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John W. Sawyer late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you: These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Deceased and return of 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 by law are entitled.



Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 22nd day of August 1866.

John C. Prews Clerk

Letters of Administration

David E. Palmer It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Robert 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: These 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 of 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 by law are entitled.



Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 22nd day of September 1866.

John C. Prews Clerk

Will of Amos H. Williamson I Amos H. Williamson of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. I give and bequeath to my son James H. Williamson and his heirs forever the lot or parcel of land in Mason or which I now reside being purchased and paid for by my last partner to one that I might have a happy case of my death I give and bequeath to my son John H. Williamson of Peyton Co. and his heirs forever all accounts against him or notes signed by him and made payable to me. I give and bequeath to my son E. H. Williamson (believed to be in Louisiana) all accounts against him or notes signed

by him and made payable to me. I give and bequeath to my son James H. Williamson (believed to be in Louisiana) and his heirs forever all accounts against him and all notes signed by him and made payable to me.

All the debts and claims of my estate I give and bequeath to my son James H. Williamson and his heirs forever forgiving them. This is my last request that he forgive a home and comfortable accommodation to my son John H. Williamson and E. H. Williamson should they ever need it.

Lastly I appoint my son John H. Williamson and James H. Williamson executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of Dec. 1865
James H. Williamson Clerk

Letters Testametary

James H. Williamson It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that Amos H. Williamson 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 having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testametary issue to you: These are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of the Will and take into your possession all the property and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all the just demands against the 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 22nd day of Sept. 1866.

John C. Prews Clerk

Letters of Administration

John D. Crocker It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John W. Sawyer late of said county died without a Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you: These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the Deceased and return of 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 by law are entitled.



Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 22nd day of Sept. 1866.

John C. Prews Clerk

Letter of Administration

To: J. P. Pearson
It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Poll Griffin late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you; These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the legal Chattel 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.



W. B. Pearson
Clk
Sept. 4
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 4th day of September 1866.

John B. Pearson Clerk

Letter of Administration

To: J. P. Dorch
It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Poll H. H. H. late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you; These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the legal Chattel 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.



W. B. Pearson
Clk
Sept. 8
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 8th day of September 1866.

John B. Pearson Clerk

Letter of Administration

To: Samuel Williams
It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that J. B. Taylor late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you; These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the legal Chattel 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.



W. B. Pearson
Clk
Sept. 9
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 9th day of September 1866.

John B. Pearson Clerk

Letter of Administration

To: John P. Johnson
It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Poll Griffin late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you; These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the legal Chattel 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.



W. B. Pearson
Clk
Oct. 1
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 1st day of October 1866.

John B. Pearson Clerk

Letter of Administration

To: John Pearson
It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Poll H. H. H. late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you; These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the legal Chattel 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.



W. B. Pearson
Clk
Oct. 2
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 2nd day of October 1866.

John B. Pearson Clerk

Letter of Administration

To: J. P. Dorch
It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Poll H. H. H. late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you; These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the legal Chattel 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.



W. B. Pearson
Clk
Oct. 3
1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 3rd day of October 1866.

John B. Pearson Clerk

Letters of Administration

To: J. P. Sullivan
County Tennessee now in session that the 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.



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Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 5th day of October 1866

John B. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

To: A. Dickinson
County now in session that Charles Walton 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.



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Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 7th day of November 1866.

John B. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

To: John B. McCallister
County now in session that Mrs. Lucinda Hudson 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.



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Witness my hand as Clerk and the Seal of the Court this 7th day of November 1866.

John B. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

To: J. B. Haskins
County Tennessee now in session that the 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.



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John B. Reese Clerk

Letters of Administration

To: J. J. Tucker
County Tennessee now in session that the 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.



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John B. Reese Clerk

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To: J. B. Wood
County Tennessee now in session that the 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.



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John B. Reese Clerk

Letter of Administration
 To Charles P. Edwards
 It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John Edwards 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 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 December 1866.

John C. Patten Clerk

Letter of Administration
 To J. P. Edwards
 It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John Edwards 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 deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

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John C. Patten Clerk

Letter of Administration
 To J. H. Davis
 It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John Edwards 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 deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

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John C. Patten Clerk

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Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 5th day of December 1866.

John C. Patten Clerk

Letter of Administration
 To William Parr
 It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John Edwards 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 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 December 1866.

John C. Patten Clerk

Letter of Administration
 To William Parr
 It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John Edwards 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 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 December 1866.

John C. Patten Clerk

Letters of Administration

Esq Charles D. Pearce

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John H. Pearce late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 November 1866.

John C. Pearce Clerk

Letters of Administration

Esq A. C. Perkins

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Abraham Perkins late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 November 1866.

John C. Pearce Clerk

Letters of Administration

Esq J. H. Davis

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John H. Davis late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 November 1866.

John C. Pearce Clerk

Letters of Administration

Esq Charles D. Pearce

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that John H. Pearce late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact 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 December 1866.

John C. Pearce Clerk

Letters of Administration

Esq William Dan

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that Samuel Robertson late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 Dec 1866.

John C. Pearce Clerk

Letters of Administration

Esq William Dan

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee now in session that J. H. Robertson late of said county died without a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you. These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the Goods Chattels Claims and Papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to 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 Dec 1866.

John C. Pearce Clerk

Letter of Administration
Wm. P. Seymour

It appearing to the County Court of Fayette County, now in session, that on a Biger date of said county, died without a will and the body has satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having found and qualified as directed by law and the Court having before that Letter 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 intestate and collect a true and perfect inventory thereof to the said 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 records to those persons by law entitled.



Wm. P. Seymour
 Dec. 9
 1866

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 30th day of December 1866.

John C. Moore, Clerk

Will of Wm. P. Seymour

The last will and testament of Wm. P. Seymour made this 27th day of September A.D. 1865 being of sound & disposing mind & memory.

1. I direct all my just debts to be paid.
2. I direct my executors to cause time & educate out of my general estate my children Calvin S. Seabilla & Ferdinand P. Seymour, the said Calvin & Ferdinand respectively until the respectively come of age, and Seabilla until she graduates such maintenance and education not to be charged upon him or her if the property hereinafter given them may be so.
3. The residue of my property of every kind, goods, personal or real, in action or possession to give to all of my children in equal shares charging however each child with such or these or hereafter may be charged against them respectively on my memorandums or account book and provided further that my son Ferdinand have to his share fifteen hundred dollars more than an equal share with the other children and provided further if my daughter Gilda die leaving no issue living at the time of her death the property given to her by this will shall go to such of her brothers & sisters living at the time of her death in equal shares the issue of a deceased brother or sister representing taking the share of the deceased parent and provided further the same is my will in regard to the property given to Seabilla in case she die leaving no issue living at the time of her death.
- These gifts in case of the death of said daughter or without of them embrace only lands slaves money & shares in action for money taken under this will.
4. Within a reasonable time after the qualification of my executors I direct them to partition my estate among the several children according to law and enough to complete the education

& maintenance of Calvin Seabilla & Ferdinand as herein before devised and according further of the share of said Ferdinand, the said fifteen hundred dollars which I direct my executors to invest in slaves and to collect & receive the hire & profits of the same until he comes of the age of twenty seven years paying such hire & profits to said Ferdinand or his benefit according to their discretion & being my will that said Ferdinand shall take no title to the capital or power to dispose of the same by contract before he comes of the age of 27 years but is to pay as to the said fifteen hundred dollars.

4. I direct my executors to partition in making the partition of my estate to allot my slave Thom, Mary Ellen to the share of each child or children as the said slave may respectively elect enjoining upon such as the said slave may be allotted to be sure to treat them humanely & kindly & ease both or either of said slave become dissatisfied with him or his allotment afterwards to allow them to elect again & change their respective homes & masters & I earnestly request such of my children to show & assist this to be done.

5. I empower my executors to sell at public or private sale any of my lands which they may be of opinion will be to the interest of the estate & my children to decide of.

And I direct that my executor be not required to give bonds or security for the performance of duty office unless in case of waste or mismanagement.

And I appoint my three sons Calvin S. & Edward M. & Ferdinand P. Seymour to be the executors of this will.

And of course reserved at all times the power to make alter, add to, or annul this will.

Witness my hand & seal the day & year first above written in the presence of the persons whose names are hereunto subscribed as attesting witnesses.

Wm. P. Seymour

Wm. P. Seymour, all in presence of each other
 J. T. Verrier

Wm. P. Seymour (Seal)

Codicil to Wm. P. Seymour's last will & Testament
 dated on the 27th day of September 1865 & witnessed by H. L. Smith & J. T. Verrier in which will I gave to my son Ferdinand P. Seymour fifteen hundred dollars more than an equal share with the balance of my children (as I regarded him deficient in mind & judgment) and I directed the fifteen hundred dollars so given to him to be laid out or invested in slaves but I now revoke that part of said will and that the said fifteen hundred dollars to be loaned out at interest or paid in some safe & profitable way of the interest or profits of the same to be applied annually to pay his necessary expenses & support and I now direct that the whole of the estate given to him by me by the aforesaid will & Testament be placed

into the hands of some proper trustee or guardian to be taken care of and such things necessary for such trustee or guardian solely for the use & benefit of said John Thompson & his heirs and assigns that such necessary trustee be faithfully & timely attended to & his interest in saying same provided & protected the County Court may appoint a trustee or guardian for him whenever he may desire under the rules of law governing such cases and if the Court should for any length of time fail to appoint a trustee or guardian my said Petitioner Thompson & his heirs & assigns may lawfully and lawfully do so without any objection or hindrance until the proper Court does appoint a trustee or guardian for him to protect his interest in saying same as aforesaid signed by me W. P. Thompson while in court and disposing thereof on the 14th day of July 1864.

W. P. Thompson

Letters Testamentary
To J. P. Thompson
In appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee that W. P. Thompson 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 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 property and to make to the said Court a proper 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 & 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 as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 14th day of Dec. 1864.

John C. Pears Clerk

Letters of Administration
To J. P. Packer
In appearing to the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee and in view of the fact that said county died leaving a will and the Court being satisfied as to your ability 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 with the will annexed. There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the lands chattels claims and papers of said estate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the said 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 de bonis ois and after having settled the estate to deliver the proceeds to those who are by the will.

Witness my hand as Clerk and the seal of the Court this 14th day of Dec. 1864.

John C. Pears Clerk

Will of Jeffery Murrell Dec.
Jeffery Murrell of the County of Fayette & State of Tennessee do make & publish this my last will & testament.

Item first I direct that all my debts be paid by Executor & Executor by one hereinafter to be named out of any money or hand belonging to my estate or to come into their hands from sale of property in event same becomes necessary.

Item second To my son Amos Murrell I give one acre of land & one negro girl out of my estate worth in cash One thousand Dollars.

Item third To William J. Murrell my daughter Alice Spivey negro woman Ephrona & her children now born & hereafter to be born viz: Sol John Lewis Betty Jimmy Commercially Able & Emma now born & Kelly & Ann. And the property & estate so bequeathed & devised herein to him William J. Murrell to be kept by his mother Mary J. Murrell in her possession as trustee for said William Murrell until he attains to the age of twenty one years & managed as he shall see most conducive to his interest.

Item fourth To my wife Mary J. Murrell I do hereby give and bequeath all the rest & residue of my estate & my land & description to have & to hold the same to her & her heirs forever. I also will & bequeath to my wife said Mary J. Murrell the tract of land on which I reside in Fayette County Tennessee & all my real estate to have & to hold during her natural life with power to sell & convey same in her discretion & with power arising from said sale to apply & appropriate one half of same to the payment of my debts & the other half of proceeds of such sale to be by her invested in land elsewhere & said land so purchased to be held by my said wife during her life & at her death to be the property of William J. Murrell to him & his heirs forever.

Item fifth I do hereby nominate & appoint George Thompson Executor & Mary J. Murrell Executrix of this my last Will & Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of June A.D. 1864.

Signed sealed & acknowledged in my presence

Charles Lynn
J. C. Young
J. H. Bell

Jeffery Murrell

Will of Lucie B. Roberts Dear

State of Tennessee Fayette County
from the first day of November 1856

I, Lucie B. Roberts of said county do hereby certify and guarantee to make this my last will disposing of all others.

In the presence of God Amen

And first after all my just debts and funeral expenses are paid it is my will and wish that my wife Emily P. Roberts have two hundred acres of the land whereon I now reside beginning at the South East corner of said tract and thence running North and West for a compassing or so to make Two Hundred Acres in and along across them including my present dwelling house. And it is my wish that she have out of my accounts any money I have and John and Nathaniel and if the money my woman Hannah and Mary and Harriette and their money in any other if there should not be her share and also that she have my carriage and two carriage horses and also that she have my Parrot and two in the Memphis and Charleston Rail Road or Twelve Hundred Dollars in money or the one or more and also one wagon and four equines and two geldings and also one cow and calves the first degree that all the sheep and pigs and house hold and kitchen furniture together with all the farming utensils the cotton gin and such things as belong to the farm also one gold watch 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 (and) my wife Emily P. Roberts and Emily A. Roberts my daughters Emily P. Patterson and Frances A. Allen and Lucy A. Allen my other daughters more also after my wife has got her share that the remainder of my accounts be paid

divided among the above named heirs including Lucy A. Allen my first and youngest daughter Emily P. Patterson Frances A. Allen and Lucy A. Allen and their children shall possess these forever and it is my wish also that my stock in the turnpike from Nashville to Chattanooga and my stock in the railroad from Nashville to Chattanooga together with all my other property that has not been heretofore disposed of be sold and the money equally divided together with the money I may have on hand among the above named heirs. But as I have given my son Gastly H. Roberts five hundred dollars in education more than I have given the other children I wish One Thousand Dollars deducted out of his part and Five Hundred Dollars left hundred over to be used by the Indian Mission Association at Navajo Alabama with the request that they send two Indian girls and one Indian boy in the Navajo mission and call one of the girls Frances Roberts and the other girl Emily Roberts and the boy Tim L. Roberts and that they apply the above named Five Hundred Dollars to their education and civilization or the interest of the above amount.

It is also my will and wish that John A. Williams be my Executor to execute and carry into effect this my last will and testament. But if he should decline acting as such then my wife Emily P. Roberts shall have the privilege of selecting some one with whom she will act in concert with in carrying out this my last will.

Given under my hand and seal this day and date above written

Signed and sealed in the presence of us:

J. B. Franklin
John P. Bailey
J. D. Bailey
J. L. Bennett
J. S. Lyons

Lucie B. Roberts

Witness the first of November the 15th 1863

Enclosed as the Southern army has destroyed and taken off a large proportion of my property it is my will and wish to provide further for the support of my wife Emily in addition to my foregoing will otherwise will and bequeath to her all the money that I may have on hand together with the bank notes at my death be that much or little for her own special use and benefit also that she have use of my negroes if for own choice including children. It is also my will and wish that the five hundred dollars left divided in the above will to the Indian Mission Association be transferred to the children of P. H. Roberts my son to wit: Ella Roberts and Fred Roberts my grandchildren and in connection that they have five hundred dollars upon making them five hundred dollars each and that it be put out on interest until they are twenty years old or get married but that they receive

the interest annually to pay for schooling and clothing, as to
 may need it, and as J. B. Walbridge's health has become so
 infirm it is my wish that my wife be at liberty to make her
 own selection of an executor to my estate in connection
 with herself.

Given under my hand and seal this day and day
 above written.

Signed and sealed in presence
 of

J. B. Walbridge

Samuel Long
 J. J. Bailey
 C. J. Hamilton

Will of Ebenezer Walbridge

Know all men by these presents, that I, Ebenezer
 Walbridge, of Suffolk County, Massachusetts, on the
 10th day of September, Eighteen hundred and fifty
 and five, being in my right mind, in the presence of my wife, do make the
 last Will and Testament, Blessed be God, thus:

Item 1st I Will, that all my Estate be given to my wife, Jane Walbridge,
 at my death, to be held, during her natural life, and that she
 shall support, out of said Estate, my afflicted son, Charles E. Walbridge,
 and at her death, of said Charles E. Walbridge, I desire that the Estate
 to a certain number of his afflictions, of that the Estate be
 Equally divided between my children, with the following exceptions:

Item 2nd My son, James E. Walbridge, in addition to his being an equal
 claimant with my children, of my Estate, shall have, by my will, one
 house, or the valuation of one, in money.

Witness

E. B. Walbridge

Thos. Medwin

Larry E. Medwin

(Probated at the February Term 1857.)

Will of John Cloyce

State of Vermont, I, John Cloyce, being
 of the County of Franklin, do hereby make and publish
 this Revocation of all former paper Writings by me made, on any and
 all occasions, as last Will and Testament, and which will be more
 particularly described below. About the year 1837, I, John
 Cloyce, made and signed a paper Writing, purporting to be my last Will
 and Testament, revoking my Estate, specifically, and which was
 witnessed by my son and subscribing thereto as witness, and was
 received by me as complete; and since that time, I said paper Writing
 purporting to be my last Will and Testament, has been lost, or has
 been placed in the hands of any other person, or persons, by me for
 safe keeping, or has in consequence of events and circumstances

that have occurred since the making of the said paper Writing, or any other made
 by me before, or after that time, purporting to be my last Will and Testament, I do hereby
 revoke, annul, and declare void, to all intents and purposes, and further, it
 is my present wish and desire, and so publish and declare, that all and every
 paper, writing, made, or purporting to be made by me, on any former occasion, as
 my last Will, should be held for naught, and make no pretence that I have
 in law or Equity, shall make paper Writing, heretofore made, be set up, or
 as my last Will and Testament.

Now should I make the further disposition of my Estate, by Will or deed, subsequent
 to the date of the revocation, then it is my Will, wish and desire, that my Estate shall be
 disposed of according to the laws of the State of Vermont, except as hereinafter directed.

It is my Will and desire, that my young daughter (known as Annie Lee) & B.
 Bayle, daughter of Drayton B. Bayle, have my say share, by the name of L. A. and I give
 and bequeath the same to her, as a specialty.

Having rendered important pecuniary aid to my son, J. E. Cloyce, at various
 times, and the same being as much as I am desirous of doing, It is my Will,
 wish and desire, that he have no further interest in my estate, real or personal, in
 any manner whatever; except that he hold some notes of his, or which I was his security,
 and paid the same, as such security, all such notes, as may be in my possession
 I desire delivered up to him, and no further account taken of them.

Signed and sealed, in the presence of this first day of Nov. 1856.

Witness

John Cloyce

J. W. Rennie

John Cloyce

(Probated at the February Term 1857.)

Will of Archibald Middlebrook

I, Archibald Middlebrook, of the County of Lapeer & State
 of Michigan, do make and publish this Writing, as my
 last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former

Wills by me, at any time made, on
 Clause 1st I Will and direct that all of my just debts, I bind.

Clause 2nd Being anxious to provide for my children, I do hereby make and publish this
 children, who are now young, and have to be raised and educated, to wit, my little son, Robert M.
 my two little sons, Charles Lewis, & Eliza Thomas; I hereby give and bequeath to my two sons
 in law, Joseph P. Middlebrook, & James P. Buffum, all of the money, & all of the property of every
 description of which I may be possessed upon the special trust & confidence that they will
 take and hold the same for the use & benefit of the said Robert M., Charles Lewis & Eliza Thomas;
 arranging the property hereby bequeathed to them, according to their last judgment & discre-
 tion, & paying for the education & maintenance of the said children out of the same,
 & dividing the same among them after paying the expenses of Education & maintaining the said
 children, Equally between them, when my two sons, Robert Middlebrook, his Majority; but my said son
 Robert M. is to have a riding horse, with equine, out of the property hereby bequeathed, and
 is to have a share of my said daughter's. Clause 3rd I hereby appoint my said sons in
 law, Joseph Middlebrook & James P. Buffum, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the 28th day of Sept. 1856.
 Signed, sealed, acknowledged, & declared as my last Will and Testament, by the Estate of said
 last Will and Testament, by the Estate of said deceased, at his
 request, have witnessed the same
 J. P. Rennie
 J. W. Rennie
 Archibald Middlebrook
 (Probated at the February Term 1857.)

Will of
Susan A. Miller

In the Name of God Amen Susan A. Miller of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs which I have thought and capacity to make this my last will and Testament stem 1st I resign and leave my spirit to God who gave it and my body to the Church to be buried in a plain Christian like manner and all expenses to be paid.
Stem 2^d I gave to my daughter Martha Jane Holloway all of my worldly possessions all of the money I may have at my death and all that may be coming to me or of whatever of this world's goods that may be coming to me for the use of the said Martha Jane Holloway & her present children
in witness where of I have this day set my hand and seal the 23 day of June 1863

Witness
S. B. Jaggott
C. Lucas

Susan A. Miller (Seal)

Will Probated March Term 1863

Will of
Benjamin W. Welker

I Benjamin William Welker of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee planter do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made
First- as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows I direct that all my debts and personal expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, but of moneys that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor from any portion of my personal Estate
Secondly- I give to my beloved daughter Willie B. the sum of one hundred and sixty Dollars in Gold, for scholastic purposes also one horse and that my Executor give to my beloved son Philip H. a Horse worth \$150⁰⁰ One hundred and Fifty Dollars to be paid for with any moneys that may come into the hands of my Executor from my Estate
said Horses are to be used on and for the benefit of my farm whenever services are needed as such, except when in use by my said children
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife (Eliza S. all of my Real Estate (including my Homestead on which I now reside) that I may die seized and possessed of, and that may come into the hands of my Executor, all my Horses (except those above mentioned) Cattle Sheep Hogs &c also all of my farming tools and implements of every description Wagons and Pleasure Carriages that I may die possessed of. All Household and Kitchen furniture of every description to have occupy and use during her life

natural life with this exception in regard to my personal Estate my Executor may at any time or as he may deem most advantageous or discreet to my personal Estate, may dispose, exchange or sell any of my Horses, mules or any other stock, farming implements, Vehicle & best lands out &c and that my Executor hand over into the hands of my beloved Wife (Eliza S.) the sum of \$500⁰⁰ Five Hundred Dollars in Gold (as a special gift to her) to be converted into her private and individual use
And I direct that my Executor conduct and manage my entire Estate by carrying on my farm - Keeping everything together as he may deem most judicious - Just as if I were Superintending the same myself that he is as fully empowered to take into his possession and control (as I myself) and so to be conducted until the death of my beloved Wife (Eliza S.) when there in shall be an equal division made of all my Real and personal Estate, and of all moneys that I may die possessed of or that may come into the hands of my Executor as any other person for them between all of my Children or their bodily heirs
my daughter Willie B. is to live with her Mother on my Homestead and to be supported out of my Estate until the death of her Mother or until she marries or before her Mother's death -
And lastly- I do hereby make ordain and appoint my beloved son (Edward B.) my Executor, and to serve without any security of this my last Will and Testament
In Witness where of I have here unto set my hand and affixed my Seal - This the Eighteenth day of August One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Six

Signed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the Testator and of each other
B. W. Welker
W. C. Jenkins
James W. Morris
Wm H. Welker

Benjamin W. Welker (Seal)

Will Probated March Term 1863

Will of James Bullock I James Bullock of Fayette County Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will & Testament

Item first I give & bequeath to my sister Julia & Seymour during her life & at her death to her children. in the representatives of such as may be then dead the following named Negro Slaves & their increase viz

Littleton a Man aged about 42 years

George " " " 26 "

Rachel " Woman " 20 "

Henry " Boy " 3 "

Will " Boy " " "

the two latter children of woman Rachel & one half of the real estate down in Fayette County Tennessee which property so am given to my sister Julia & her children I direct to be used by her for her sole & separate use & for the support of herself & children independent of her husband E. S. Seymour or any other husband she may have & no way to be subject to his control & management & not liable for his debts in any manner whatever & with this further provision that any encumbrance by the consent & wish of my sister Julia may sell said land & invest same in other property or loan out the money & pay her the interest on same annually. — Item second To my sister Molly House & her children living at her death & the representatives of such as may be dead I will & bequeath Negro girl named Roberta aged about 4 years & her increase & the other half interest in my land in Fayette County Tennessee upon precisely the same terms & limitations & conditions as stated as to the property given to my sister Julia Seymour with similar power to my executor to sell said land subject to same conditions as the half willed to my sister Julia. — Item third — All the rest & residue of my estate I give to my sister Julia & Molly in equal shares without any condition whatever. Item fourth. — I do hereby nominate & appoint Dr. Wm. Rhodes executor to this my last will & Testament

Given under my hand & seal this May 21st 1861

Wm. Rhodes
J. W. Bumpass

J. Bullock

Protested April Term 1863

Certificate of the request of Robinson Reeves on the death of the 1st day of February 1862 four days previous to his death which occurred on the fifth day of February 1862 called us to his bedside to witness what he had to say in regard to the disposition of his property. He was in his right mind and had previously made the same request to his family that he then made to us in this object in calling us was to witness what he said to wit that his family should remain at the same place they

were then living that nothing should be sold except what they did not need that what was not needed should be sold at private sale. That his son Thomas Reeves should take charge of the farm until he became of age — and that when he became of age he would know what to do

Feb 9th 1863
Protested April Term 1863

Thos. Reeves
James S. Powell

Will of Alexander Black of Fayette County Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and Testament

Item 1st — I direct all of my debt to be paid as soon as practicable by my Executrix hereafter to be named out of any of my estate or land or the profits of same hereafter to be made

Item 2nd — All of my Estate real and personal on hand of every description and I give and bequeath to my wife Louisa Black in trust for my children and our children and heirs with conditions and stipulations hereafter named and set out

Item 3rd — I have heretofore given and advanced to my daughter Caroline Buford in land and slaves property by me valued at six thousand dollars.

I have also given and advanced to my daughter Mary Bishop in land and a slave property by me valued at four thousand dollars

I have likewise given in lands and buildings to my son S. M. Black property by me valued at six thousand dollars which advancements I now here offer the value as above stated and direct that they and each of them account for same and for the said amount upon final settlement of my said Estate as hereafter to be directed

Item 4th — I do hereby give and bequeath all the Estate which I have on hand at my death to my wife Louisa Black in trust for herself and my children and our children now born and hereafter to be born with following conditions and stipulations to wit. That my said wife Louisa keep all my property and Estate together without any sale except in her discretion and that she divide same off to my children and our children not advanced as follows to wit: First the profits of my said Estate to be applied to the keeping up my plantation and the education of my children and our children and when my son James H. Black attains to twenty one years of age he to have assigned to him by my wife and Executrix property to the worth of four thousand dollars

and when my other children Alexander R. Black Alfred Jones Black and Alphonso Black respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years they each of them to have given off to them by my wife and Executrix property to value of four thousand dollars — And in event of other child or children born to us they in like manner to have property assigned to them at their attaining to twenty one years of age valued at four thousand dollars by my said wife

Item 5th — In event of Marriage of my said wife I direct that all my Estate real and personal be divided between her and my children Caroline — Mary — L. M. — James H. — Alexander R. — Alfred Jones — Alphonso

Will of James Bullock I James Bullock of Fayette County Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will & Testament
Item first I give & bequeath to my sister Julia & her children during her life & at her death to her Children, in the representatives of such as may be then dead the following named Negro Slaves & their increase viz

Settlen a Man aged about 43 years

George	"	"	"	26
Rachel	"	Woman	"	20
Henry	"	Boy	"	3
Will	"	Boy	"	1

The two latter Children of woman Rachel & one half of the real estate down in Fayette County Tennessee which property so am I given to my sister Julia & her children I direct to be used by her for her sole & separate use & for the support of herself & children independent of her husband C. L. Seymour or any other husband she may have & in no way to be subject to his control & management & not liable for his debts in any manner whatever & with this further provision that any creditor by the consent & wish of my sister Julia may sell said land & invest same in other property or loan out the money & pay her the interest on same annually. — Item second To my sister Molly House & her Children living at her death & the representatives of such as may be dead I will & bequeath Negro girl named Roberta aged about 2 years & her increase & the other half interest in my land in Fayette County Tennessee upon precisely the same terms & limitations & Conditions as stated as to the property given to my sister Julia Seymour with similar power to my executor to sell said land subject to same conditions as the half Will'd to my sister Julia. — Item third — All the rest & residue of my Estate I give to my sister Julia & Molly in equal shares without any Condition whatever. Item fourth — I do hereby nominate & appoint W^m Rhodes executor to this my last Will & Testament.

Given under my hand & seal this May 21st 1861

Wit

J. L. Pulliam
 B. W. Bumpass

J. Bullock Seal

Pro vated April Term 1863

Certificate of the request of Robinson Reeves on his deathbed

We certify that Robinson on the night of the 1st day of February 1862 four days previous to his death which occurred on the fifth day of February 1862 called us to his bedside to witness what he had to say in regard to the disposition of his property. He was in his right mind and had previously made the same request to his family that he then made to us. His object in calling us was to witness what he said to wit: that his family should remain at the same place they

were then living that nothing should be sold except what they did not need that what was not needed should be sold at private sale. That his son Thomas Reeves should take charge of the farm until he became of age — and that when he became of age he would know what to do
 Feb 9th 1862

Pro vated April Term 1863

Thos. Castles
 James S. Powell

Will of
Seander Black

I Seander Black of Fayette County Tennessee do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament

Item 1st — I direct all of my debt to be paid as soon as practicable by my Executrix hereafter to be named out of any of my estate on hand or the profits of same hereafter to be made

Item 2nd — All of my Estate real and personal on hand of every description and I give and bequeath to my wife Louisa Black in trust for my children and our children and her heirs with conditions and stipulations hereafter named and set out.

Item 3rd — I have heretofore given and advanced to my daughter Caroline Buford in land and slaves property by me valued at six thousand dollars.

I have also given and advanced to my daughter Miss Siskin in land and a slave property by me valued at four thousand dollars.

I have likewise given in lands and buildings to my son S. L. Black property by me valued at six thousand dollars & which advancements I now here offer the value as above stated and direct that they and each of them account for same and for the said amount upon final settlement of my said Estate as hereafter to be directed

Item 4th — I do hereby give and bequeath all the Estate which I have on hand at my death to my wife Louisa Black in trust for herself and my children and our children now born and hereafter to be born with following conditions and stipulations to wit: That my said Wife Louisa keep all my property and Estate together without any sale except in her discretion and that she divide same off to my children and our children not advanced as follows to wit: First the profits of my said Estate to be applied to the keeping up my plantation and the education of my children and our children and when my son James H. Black attains to twenty one years of age he to have assigned to him by my Wife and Executrix property to the worth of four thousand dollars

And when my other children Seander R. Black Alfred Jones Black and Alphonso Black respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years they each of them to have given off to them by my Wife and Executrix property to value of four thousand dollars — And in event of other child or children born to me they in like manner to have property assigned to them at their attaining to twenty one years of age valued at four thousand dollars by my said Wife

Item 5th — In event of Marriage of my said wife I direct that all my Estate real and personal be divided between her and my children Caroline — Mary — L. M. — James H. Black — Seander R. — Alfred Jones — Alphonso

and any others hereafter born Slave and Slave alike regard being had, to the advancement made to Haroline Mary and M- in which advancement my Wife and other Children are to share and also to share in any advancement to be made by my Wife as herein provided. And in said division so to be had upon Manner of my Wife or upon youngest Child arriving at 21 years of age my said Wife to have the Mansion House and improvements at her election at a fair valuation by commissioners appointed to partition and divide same by a competent court.

Item sixth — The share and interest of my daughter Mary Bishop hereafter to come to her or her Children from my Estate I give to her and her Children for her sole and separate use independent of her husband W Bishop and in no way to be liable for his debts or suit yet to his marital rights.

Item seventh — I direct that my Wife Louisa Black be and she is hereby appointed Executrix of this my last will and Testament and that without any bond or security to be given by her or to be required of her with full and further power to give off property and advance to any of my Children sooner than the time specified above, she charging such child or Children a fair valuation for same and taking receipt for same to be accounted for in final division and settlement.

Item Eight — I request my Wife to call upon J. B. Smith for advice and counsel in the matter of my Estate when she desires such aid and counsel — Given under my hand and seal this February 4th A.D. 1863.

Dest.

John B. Cooper

J. B. Pettit

J. B. Pulliam

Probated May 7th 1867

Leander Black Seal

Will of
J. B. Cleve

To all whom it may concern. Be it known that I J. B. Cleve of Oakland Fayette Co Tennessee, being Mindedful of my Mortality do make and write with my own hand this my last will and Testament on this the day and date below written hereby revoking any and all other that may have been made.

Item first. I will and design my body to the dust and my spirit to the Great God who gave it and wish to be buried in a neat plain, and not in a costly manner, beside my dear children and kind Father who have preceded me.

Item second. I desire that my personal effects consisting of 9 Bales Cotton some 4000th (most some other family supplies in excess of what may be used by my family my Horse and Buggy &c by sold by my Executor during the

year either publicly or privately as he may think best for cash Item Third. I desire that what moneys are owing me on claims due Cleve & Word as well as myself be collected as soon as possible which with what can be sold and the amount I have on hand together can be made to reach about five thousand dollars in currency which I desire my Executor to convert into Gold coin of 20th pieces as fast as he may receive it sufficient in amount to purchase three thousand (\$3000) in Gold which I wish him to pay into the hands of my Childrens Guardian within the space of two years or as soon as she or he be qualified the same to remain in her hands without interest until my three lovely Children respectively arrive at the age of eighteen (18) when to each as they may arrive at this age be paid by their Guardian the sum of Two Hundred and fifty (\$250) Dollars and the like amount be paid thereafter to them each subsequent year until each ones amount be exhausted. The three thousand in Gold or as near that as my means can purchase after leaving aside enough for the maintainance of my family for 2 years the \$3000 being alone for my Children and in case of their death that they also their one another (Means —

My Beloved and affectionate Wife Lucy I bless I constitute my Childrens Guardian, to whom I will the proceeds of any and all other personal effects after the amount necessary to purchase the three thousand (3000) \$ in Gold before named likewise the use of or the rents of my real Estate during her natural life the same then to go to my Children equally, I will and desire that Cornelius B. Smith act and be my hereby constituted my Executor to carry into effect this my last will and Testament Done and written by me in my calmest moment without any undue influence.

This the Twenty fourth (24) day of March Eighteen hundred and Sixty Seven.

J. B. Cleve

J. B. Smith

K. B. Word

Probated June Term 1867

Will of
Levi Ketchum

State of Tennessee } In the name of
Fayette County } Almighty God Amen
Levi Ketchum of

County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory but fully impressed with a sense of the uncertainty of human life do hereby make public and declare this paper writing to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of the first moneys which may come into the hands of my executors.

II It is my will and desire that as soon after my death as practicable my entire landed estate in Fayette County consisting of the tract upon which I now reside containing by estimation about One Thousand and fifty Acres be valued by three disinterested freeholders of said County to be selected by my executors that an account be taken by my executors of the advancements in money or other property which may have been made by me to either of my children so as to ascertain what would be the share of each of my children in said land including as well those to whom advancements have been made and those to whom no advancements have been made and including also my beloved wife as entitled to a Child's share for life and when said account is taken it is my will and desire that my executors be vested with full power and authority to make either of the following dispositions of said lands to-wit:

1. To sell said lands at such time and upon such terms as they may deem advisable, and distribute the proceeds of said sale between my wife and children deducting advancements to such as have been advanced and giving off to each of the minor children respectively their shares as they come of age or marry.

2. To retain the entire tract and allot to each of my minor children as they attain full age or marry their shares respectively - always remembering that my beloved wife is entitled to a Child's part for life and keeping an exact account so as to equalize the interest of all and equalizing the shares of those to whom advancements have been made in fractional shares of said land or otherwise, as to my executors may seem most just and expedient.

3 But if instead of one of the two foregoing provisions my beloved wife should prefer the following, it is my will and desire that she have her option, that is to say she may retain for and during her natural life my present homestead and the tract of land I hold under a deed of conveyance from Maurice Smith containing by estimation about three hundred and twenty acres, and in that event my executors are directed to dispose of the balance of said lands as above directed and the remainder after the termination of said

life estate to be disposed of under the limitations and restrictions above stated. And in

III In estimating the respective shares of my children in the foregoing disposition of my real estate it is my will and desire that my executors take into consideration the probable expenses attending the education and maintenance of my minor children.

IV It is my will and desire that my executors retain the lands in the State of Texas owned by me jointly with James R. Ketchum (they being one tract of 640 Acres held under a deed of A B Hardin recorded in the recorder's office of Polk Co. Texas in book B page — and the other a tract of "half a league and labor of land" held by deed of R Austin recorded in the recorder's office of Polk Co. in Book B page 251) for the term of five years after my death carefully attending to the payment of taxes and sending an agent to look after them if necessary. And after five years that said executors be vested with full power and authority to divide the same or sell and divide the proceeds thereof according to the directions given as to the division of my Fayette County Lands equally among my wife and children.

V It is my will and desire that all the surplus of my stock provisions and farming utensils be sold on such terms as my executors may deem advisable after deducting enough for the use of my wife and children under the provisions of this will. But the whole of my household and kitchen furniture to be at the disposal of my beloved wife for and during her natural life and at her death to be disposed of among my children as to my surviving executor or executors may seem just and equitable.

VI All the rest of my estate undisposed of in this will I wish held and used by my executors for the education and maintenance of my minor children, the disposition of the surplus if any to be made according to the foregoing directions.

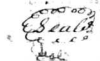
And finally it is my special request that my beloved wife, Georgiana Ketchum - my friend Madden Parker and my son-in-law Mr. Alex C. Howell act as the executors of this my will and that they do so without being required to give other security than their own personal bonds as such executors, given under my hand and seal this 25th day of Nov A D 1863.

Teste:

Teste: L M Scott

Teste: J B Thomas

Teste: John L Sneed

Levi Ketchum. 

Codicil. I do hereby revoke so much of the foregoing will as restricts my executors in the sale of my Texas lands and requires them not to dispose of the same until five years have elapsed after my death and I hereby commit the matter to their sound discretion to sell the said lands at such time and on such terms as they may think best the proceeds thereof to be appropriated under the directions and limitations

of said will. And I do hereby revoke any and all provisions made for my beloved wife out of the lands of which I may die seized and possessed and do direct and require my Executors to sell out of my real estate and out of the proceeds to purchase a home suitable to my wife and to be selected by her of value equal to her legal dower or interest in my landed estate to have and to hold the same for and during her natural life, and at her death to be disposed of under the directions and limitations of said will - or if my wife should prefer that the said investment in land should not be so large as to exhaust the whole amount of her legal dower interest in the lands of which I should die seized and possessed then I will and direct that any surplus remaining of said funds after the purchase of her home shall be invested for her use and benefit and that she shall enjoy the interest thereof for and during her natural life and at her death the principal to be disposed of under the limitations and directions of said will and I further will and direct in addition to the provision in said foregoing will contained by which my wife shall have the use of all all my household and kitchen furniture for life - that out of all my personal estate and all moneys which shall accrue otherwise than by the sale of my real estate, she shall have a Child's part absolutely and in fee simple. This done under my hand and seal this 25th July A.D. 1884

Weste John I J Sneed
Weste W H Allen

Levi Ketchum

Protested July Term 1884

Will of
Rev. A. T. Bishop

In the name of God Amen, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind and disposing memory and anxious to make disposition of the worldly estate it is his pleased providence to bless me with I do make ordain and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills or codicils I may as any others time have made

Item 1st I commend my Spirit to God who gave it and desire that my body shall be buried in a decent Christianlike manner

Item 2nd I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts and obligations shall be paid off discharged and liquidated as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys I may be possessed of or that may first come to the hands of my Executor herein after named

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my son William J Bishop all my Property of every Character and description real personal and mixed so have and to hold to him for and during his natural life and at his death to any Child or Children he may leave surviving him

Item 4th It is my will and desire and I hereby empower my said son William J Bishop should the same become necessary or

manifestly advantageous to the interest of his Children or Child to sell or dispose of any part portion or the whole of the property hereby bequeathed for its value and invest the proceeds of such sale or property of the same kind or of a different Character to be held by him in the manner indicated and directed in Item 3rd during his natural life and at his death to go to any Child or Children he may leave surviving or the proceeds of sale of any such property should the same be sold by him he may invest in any solvent secure Stock or may put the same out at interest he deriving the interest or premium during his natural life the principal to go to his Child or Children surviving him - my son William to derive and use for his own benefit in any manner he pleases the profits income &c of all my property during his natural life

Item 5th I hereby nominate and appoint my son William J Bishop my Executor and expressly direct that no security shall be required of him for the performance of his duties as such

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of May A.D. 1884

Signed Sealed and acknowledged
in presence of us and we have
hereunto set our hands and witnessed the same at the request of the
Testator and in his presence

E H Shelton
J W Crawford

Protested July Term 1884

Will of
Mary B. Wilkes

I Mary B. Wilkes of the County of Wayne State of Georgia being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. First I Loan to my Grand Daughter Mary S. Weaver during her natural life one Negro Woman named Amanda, and her two children Maria and Olivia and their increase if any, and at her death I Loan the same to her daughter Lelia S. Weaver during her natural life and should the said Lelia S. Weaver die leaving no heirs of her body it is my Will and desire that said Negroes with their increase if any, shall be equally divided among my children or their heirs; but if the said Lelia S. Weaver should marry and have heirs of her body I give and bequeath said Negroes to said heirs after the death of their said Mother Lelia S. Weaver and under no circumstances are said Negroes or their increase to be subject to the debts of the said Mary S. Weaver husband or any manner whatever to be disposed of so as to deprive her or her Daughter Lelia S. Weaver of their said service.

Secondly, The balance of my Negroes, as well those belonging to my former Estate, as those which I hold in my own right I wish to be equally divided among my children Elizabeth C. Gray, Mary G. Atkins Julia G. Rawlings Hannah B. Edwards and Lucretia A. Smith.

Thirdly, I wish my tract of Land upon which I now reside to be sold by my Executor and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute such Deed or Deeds as may be necessary, after selling the same either by public or private sale for cash or upon such credit as he may think proper and divide the proceeds equally among my four children Elizabeth C. Gray, Mary G. Atkins, Hannah B. Edwards and Lucretia A. Smith.

Fourth I give to William A. Rawlings as Trustee for my Daughter Julia G. Rawlings and her heirs the tract of Land upon which the said Julia G. Rawlings now resides to be held by him, with all other bequests which I make to the said Julia G. Rawlings as Trustee for the benefit of the said Julia G. Rawlings and her heirs; and at her death it is my Will and desire that said Land shall be sold by said Trustee and the proceeds equally divided among her children or their heirs, I give and bequeath to Mary G. Atkins one bed and bed clothes to Hannah B. Edwards one bed and bed clothes to Lucretia A. Smith one bed and bed clothes to William A. Rawlings one small bed and bed clothes and to my Grand Daughter Mary S. Weaver one small bed and furniture, all the remainder of my property of every description I wish my Executor to sell and pay all my just debts and if there be any surplus after my debts shall have been paid, I wish the same to be equally divided

among my children Elizabeth C. Gray, Mary G. Atkins Julia G. Rawlings Hannah B. Edwards and Lucretia A. Smith I also constitute and appoint E. B. Smith to be my Executor to carry this my last Will and Testament into execution, and request the Court not to require any security from him as my Executor further my hand and seal this third day of December 1853

Witness
J. H. Howard
James M. Whitney

Mary B. Wilkes (Dea)

Will of
Jane Davis

I Jane Davis of Tippah County State of Mississippi do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made First - I direct that my funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son L. H. Davis all of my Land in Tippah County known as Mountain Home to have and to hold at his own disposal during his natural life, he shall have possession of the same immediately after my death

Thirdly, Having provided for my only daughter Jane at the death of my son Lewis, the Land shall be divided equally between my surviving sons

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my sons R. B. Davis Sarah Davis and John B. Davis all my Moneys and Notes I may die possessed of to be divided amongst them each collecting for himself the Note that may fall to his share

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son L. H. Davis all my House hold and Kitchen Furniture

Sixthly, all my perishable property shall be divided or sold as they shall desire and divided equally between my three sons R. B. Davis, J. Davis and J. H. Davis

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and constitute James Bowden my Executor

Jane Davis (Dea)
Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator

this 1st day of December 1883-

W. J. Maclean (Seal)
J. H. Maclean (Seal)
C. J. Maclean (Seal)

Probated December Term 1883

Will of
John Sharp

I John Sharp do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any Monies that I may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I will and bequeath to Violet McKee who has been sufficiently advanced.

Thirdly To Margaret Hume who has been sufficiently advanced.

Fourthly To James M. who has been sufficiently advanced.

Fifthly To W. B. A. who died and left no children but had been sufficiently advanced.

Sixthly To Christopher K. who has been sufficiently advanced.

Seventhly To Franklin & all Monies Notes or any other property which I may be in possession of.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint P. H. Benson of the County of Monroe State of Missouri my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal, this the twentieth day of September 1883.

John Sharp (Seal)
Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this the twentieth day of September 1883.

Witnesses

J. P. Bondson
J. W. Roberts

Probated December Term 1883

State of Arkansas
County of Monroe

In the Probate Court for said County of Monroe
10th 1883

Now on this day the last Will and Testament of Thomas J. Brown deceased was produced in Court for Probate and the same having been proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the Oaths of the subscribing witnesses thereto the same was approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

J. H. Hearn Secy. of the
County and Probate Court of
Monroe County Ark

Know all Men by these presents that I Thomas J. Brown of the County of Monroe and State of Arkansas being in full health and sound mind and disposing Mind and Memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

First. I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Frances Brown sole executrix of this my last Will directing my said Executrix to pay all of my just debts, funeral expenses and the legacies hereinafter given out of my Estate; And it is my wish that bond with security shall not be required by the Probate Court of my said Executrix for the faithful execution of this my last Will.

Second. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Frances Brown absolutely and in fee simple the following tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Monroe and State of Arkansas to wit: The South west Quarter Section Twenty two (22) in Township One (1) North of the base line and in Range Two (2) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian containing One Hundred and sixty (160) Acres with all of the improvements privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging; to have and to hold the same to the said Frances Brown her heirs and assigns to her and their proper use and behoof forever;

Third. I give devise and bequeath to my four children to-wit Sarah Agnes, Thomas Madison, Elijah Garth and Eva Lillian Brown absolutely and in fee simple the following tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the said County of Monroe and State of Arkansas to-wit: The North west Quarter of Section Twenty two (22) The South East Quarter of Section Twenty One (21) and the North East Quarter of Section Twenty One (21) all in Township One (1) North of the base line and in Range Two (2) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian containing in the aggregate four Hundred and eighty (480) Acres with all of the improvements privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging; to have and to hold to the said Sarah Agnes, Thomas Madison, Elijah Garth and Eva Lillian their heirs and assigns to them and their proper use and behoof forever;

Fourth; When my oldest child then living shall have arrived at the age of Twenty One Years My Will is that my said Executrix shall select and appoint three disinterested householders to lay off and apportion to the said Sarah Agnes, Thomas Madison,

Elijah Garble and Francis Brown the said land, in the third clause of this my last will devised share and share alike and of equal value according to the quantity and quality thereof, and the same to be sold off and apportioned possession of the share allotted to and which shall be delivered to said children their heirs, or legal representatives by my said Executor.

Fifth In case either of my said Children should die before arriving at the age of Twenty One Years my will is that said Child part of my Estate both real and personal shall descend to and vest in the others of my said Children then living share and share alike.

Sixth All of the real and residue of my personal Estate of which I shall die possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease remaining after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses and on hand and in the possession of my said Executor at the time of my said Child shall then living shall arrive at the age of Twenty One Years shall be distributed by my said Executor Francis Brown the summing out of the same for her own proper use One Fifth thereof to my said Children Sarah Agnes, Thomas Madison, Elijah Garble and Lisa Lillian their heirs or legal representatives share and share alike.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in presence of the witnesses named below, this the Twenty seventh day of December in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty Five

Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of January 1866
 Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Thomas S. Brown as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who in his presence and in presence of each other and at his request have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

W. W. Wilkins
 James H. Branch

State of Arkansas } In the Court of Probate in Sevier
 County of Monroe } time Jan'y 10th 1866

In the matter of the last will and testament of Thomas S. Brown late of said County deceased.

Be it remembered that on this the 10th day of January A.D. 1866 personally appeared in open Court James H. Branch one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of the said Thomas S. Brown deceased now before the Court, the same having been exhibited to the Court in due form of law and after having been duly sworn on oath says that the testator Thomas S. Brown died in the County of Monroe in the State of Arkansas on the 5th day of January A.D. 1866 and the instrument purporting to be the said last will and testament of Thomas S. Brown now before me I recognize as the genuine will of

the said Brown, & in the presence of the said Thomas S. Brown and at his request and desire signed said will as a witness and saw the said Brown sign and seal the same with his own hand and declared in the presence of myself and W. W. Wilkins one of the subscribing witnesses that it was his last will and testament and desired us to subscribe our names thereto and that the said T. S. Brown at the time of signing and sealing said instrument as aforesaid and the making of said request was of sound mind and disposing memory, as such saying all of which was done in the County of Monroe in the State of Arkansas on the twenty seventh day of December A.D. 1865.

James H. Branch
 Be it further remembered that at the same time and place appeared W. W. Wilkins another one of the subscribing witnesses to said will of Thomas S. Brown deceased now before the Court and after being duly sworn on oath says that the testator Thomas S. Brown died in the County of Monroe in the State of Arkansas on the 5th day of January A.D. 1866 and the instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas S. Brown now before me I recognize as the genuine will of the said Brown, & in the presence of the said Thomas S. Brown and at his request and desire signed said will as a witness and saw the said Brown sign and seal the same with his own hand and declared in the presence of myself and James H. Branch one of the subscribing witnesses thereto that it was his last will and testament and desired us to subscribe our names thereto as such witnesses and further that the said testator was at the said time of signing and sealing said instrument and of making said request of sound mind and disposing memory, and that all of which was done in the County of Monroe and State of Arkansas on the Twenty seventh day of December A.D. 1865.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court by James H. Branch and W. W. Wilkins this 10th day of Jan'y 1866

D. D. Snellgrove Clerk

State of Arkansas } S. D. D. Snellgrove, Clerk of the Circuit
 County of Monroe } Court and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate
 Court in and for the County and State
 aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing last will and testament of Thomas S. Brown deceased together with the evidence of James H. Branch and W. W. Wilkins (the subscribing witnesses thereto) is a true and perfect copy of the original as this day filed in my Office for record and that I have this day duly recorded the same this 12th day of January 1866.

D. D. Snellgrove Clerk

State of Arkansas } I D D Snellgrove Clerk of the
County of Monroe } Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk
of the Probate Court in and for the
County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that the above
and foregoing five pages and this together with the slip
of paper thereto attached contain a full and complete
transcript of the last will and testament of Thomas Brown
deceased and the certificate of record thereon annexed and
also the action and proceedings of said Probate Court in
relation thereto approving the same and ordering it to be re-
corded as the same appears of record in my Office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of my Office at Clarendon
this 25th day of March A.D. 1856

D D Snellgrove Clerk

State of Arkansas } I William D Kerr Judge of the
County of Monroe } Circuit Court and Ex Officio Judge
of the Probate Court in and for the
County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that D D Snell-
grove whose genuine signature appears to the above and fore-
going Certificate is and was at the time of signing the same
the duly appointed and commissioned Clerk of the Circuit Court
and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and
State aforesaid that all of his official acts as such are entitled
to full faith and credit and that his said Certificate is in
accordance with the laws of this State.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my private seal at Clarendon
this 25th day of March A.D. 1856

W D Kerr Judge of the County
and Probate Court of Monroe
County Ark

Chancery Court at Samerille Tenn May Term 1855

John P Hendley
vs
Jemima Chambers
Jas J Seaguer
wife Martha
Adeline Chambers
Emma Chambers

Be it remembered that on this the 25th day of
May A D 1855 this cause came on for final
hearing and directions before the Hon John W
Harris Chancellor &c presiding upon bill an-
swer of Minor defendants and pro-confessors
to Jemima Chambers J^{rs}, Seaguer and wife
Martha Seaguer formerly Martha Chambers
taken and had at January Rules 1855 all

the said defendants having been duly served with process when
it appeared to the Court that on the 25th day of July 1853 William
P Chambers who was then a resident and citizen of Fayette County and
State of Tennessee departed this life leaving him surviving his wife
the said Jemima Chambers and their children above named the said
Martha since having intermarried with William S Seaguer that on
the 25th of July 1853 (three days previous to his death) the said
Chambers made his will in writing signed by him and attested by
Robert Flemming Joseph J Orpitt and Hyatt S Mackin who at
the request of the said Chambers and in his presence subscribed the same
as witnesses, the said Chambers was then of sound mind and disposing
memory and said will was written for him at his request by the writing
Robert Flemming at the House of the testator, the complainant and
the subscribing witnesses aforesaid being present at the making and
execution of the same, and it further appearing to the Court that
Complainant took possession of said will immediately after it was
made carried it to his House after having put it in an envelope and
kept same until the month of June 1854 when marauding soldiers
searched and robbed complainant's House and took from his House
said will since which time the same has been missing and same car-
ried off or destroyed by said soldiers when upon and upon the
facts and circumstances shown by the proof in this cause the Court
is of Opinion that the said paper writing was destroyed by some per-
sons without the authority or consent of the said William P Chambers
so that the same could not be produced for Probate in the County Court and
the Court being further of Opinion that in such a case a Court
of Chancery has jurisdiction to set up and establish said paper writing
as the last will and testament of the said W^m P Chambers and that
the same was the last will and testament of said William P Chambers
the Court doth thereupon declare that said paper writing was the last
will and testament of the said William P Chambers and that the same
was in substance and effect as follows Viz "I William P Chambers
do make this my last will and testament, I direct first that all my
just debts be paid, after that the residue of my Estate both real and
personal to be equally divided between my wife Jemima Chambers
and my children Martha, Adeline, and Emma Chambers but
to be kept together in the hands of my Executor until the death of
my wife or my youngest child becomes of age for benefit of

my Wife and Children their support and education of my Children, I appoint John P. Hendley Executor to the same, which was signed by said William P. Chambers and published by him in presence of said Robert Flemming Joseph P. Pophill and Joseph B. Mathem who became subscribers unto thereto, It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed in the said paper writing set forth as aforesaid be set up and established as the last will and testament of William P. Chambers deceased and that the same be certified by the Clerk of this Court to the County Court of Fayette then to be proceeded on and under as the last will and testament of the said William P. Chambers deceased, and that said Executor be allowed to Qualified as such under said will or in case he should find so to be come qualified that such other person as may by law be allowed to administer on said estate of said William P. Chambers deceased with the will annexed and it is further ordered that all the costs of this cause be paid out of said William P. Chambers Estate, that the same be paid by Complainant and allowed him against the estate and execution, issue therefor unless paid in sixty days.

State of Tennessee. J. F. E. McWhorter, C. & M. of the Fayette County. I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the decree entered in the case of John P. Hendley vs. William P. Chambers & al at the May Term 1868 of said Court - and that the same is of record in my office - Witness my hand and private seal (there being no seal of Office) at Office in Somersville Tennessee 1868.

Theo. F. McWhorter, Clerk

Will of
Levi M. Stodd

Be it known that I Levi M. Stodd of the State of Tennessee and County of Fayette being of sound Mind do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills made by me heretofore. Firstly, I allow my Executors to pay all of my just debts and burial expenses out of any Money that I have on hand or the control of.

Secondly, I Will and bequeath to my Wife Anne Josephine the plantation on which I live with all the farming utensils and crop provisions funds house hold and Kitchen, furniture her lifetime for the following purposes to be a home for my Children until they marry or become twenty one years of age that when each of my unmarried Children marry they are to get an equal portion of household furniture and stock with them that have married and at her death the plantation and stock and appurtenances are to be sold and divided equal between my following named eight Children to wit William M. Samuel B. Lydia Adelia, John L. Nannie Kate, Dinah W. Amanda W. Eddy Walker the four youngest Children has to be schooled and educated out of the before named property and effects exclusive of an equal division with the rest. If in the event my Wife should die before my youngest Child arrives at the age of twenty one years the sale and division is not to be until my youngest Child is twenty one years old; the place is to remain a home for my family until that time.

Thirdly, My Arkansas tract of Land of about fifteen hundred Acres is to be equally divided according to value between all of my Children to wit Lounger Jane William M. Samuel B. Lydia Adelia, John L. Nannie Kate, Dinah W. Amanda W. Eddy Walker my daughter Lounger Jane I gave her what I intended for her share of the home place and of stock and household furniture when she moved to Arkansas about the value of six hundred dollars and no remaining interest in the home place of Land I give to her one 1/4 Section of Land situated in Prairie County Arkansas the south west quarter of Section Twenty Nine 29 Township One North of the Base line Range Six 6 west of the fifth 5 principal Meridian.

I further will to Lydia Adelia my daughter the east half of the South east quarter of section thirty 30 the west half of the North east quarter of Section 32 thirty two all in Township One North of the Base line in Range Six 6 west of the fifth 5 principal Meridian in Prairie County Arkansas.

I further appoint my son Samuel Burrow to dispose of the remaining portion of Lands in the State of Arkansas in the way of rent or lease until each one of my Children is entitled to his individual share and Samuel B. to pay the Taxes of the Land out of the proceeds of rent or lease, I further appoint my Wife Anne

Josephine Todd the Executrix of my Will and as bond to be required of her for her faithful performance of the same
October 10th 1868

Witness
A. F. Gibson
G. W. Morrow

Levi McDowell

Proated July 7th 1868 Minute Book A Page 551

Will of W.
A. McDowell

I W. A. McDowell of the County of
Bazette and State of Tennessee do
make and publish this my last Will
and Testament making void all other Wills by me
at any time made.

First, I direct that all my just debts be paid
out of any Money that I may be possessed of or
that may come into the hands of my Executrix.

Second, I direct my Executrix to sell to the best
advantage either on credit or for cash as she may
see proper Seventy Acres of Land being the portion of
Land bought of J. W. Moreland and also to sell such
of the perishable property as she may be best able to do
without and if she can pay the debts without selling
the Land she may keep the Land to be subject to the
further provisions of this Will.

Third, I direct that all my property of every kind
(after paying any debts) be kept together and held in trust
for the support of my beloved Wife and for the Education
of my younger Children; &c.

Fourth I direct that if my Wife should see proper to
marry then in that case it is my Will to have a Receiver
Administration & the property divided according to Law
but if my Wife should remain a Widow then in that
case the property be kept together until my youngest
child arrives at the age of twenty one years and
further I direct that when my youngest child come
to the age of twenty one years then the property to be
divided between my Wife & children giving my Wife a
child's part of the perishable property and a dower in the land
but in the event my wife should die before my youngest
child becomes of age, that then the property be divided equally
amongst the children the older children giving an account of
any advancements made to them either before or after my
decease.

I do hereby nominate & appoint my beloved wife
Mary Martha McDowell my Executrix to this my last

will and Testament and I do hereby exonerate her from
giving bond & security as is usual in such cases
Given under my hand & seal this the 10th day of February 1868
Witnesses

W. A. McDowell (Seal)

Isaac M. atom

J. H. Young

Proated June 1 1868

Will of
Bliss H. Isbell

I Thomas H. Isbell do make &
publish this as my last Will & Testament.

Item First

I will and bequeath unto my wife Martha
M. Isbell to have & to hold during her Natural life the
House & lot purchased by me from W. A. Micon &
upon which are now reside & also one half of my
personal estate except as to house hold & kitchen
furniture & provisions on hand, Wagon & Mules &
farming implements which said articles so excepted
I give to my wife absolutely & which articles so
given to my wife absolutely are not to be taken into
account in the division of my Estate.

Item Second

The other half of my estate I give & be-
queath to my daughter Sarah E. Palmore for her
her two sons Thomas P. Isbell & John S. Palmore
for her support & for the education & maintenance
of her two Children with the condition & proviso
that if the said Sarah E. Palmore should marry
the property given to her & her children is to be equally
divided between them & her said husband is to have nothing
to do with the estate & property of her two sons above named.

Item Third

The estate in which I given my wife
Martha M. Isbell a life estate, at her death I give
to my daughter Sarah E. Palmore & her two Children
to be divided equally between them.

Item Fourth

I direct that my wife & daughter &
Grandsons live together & at the expense of my estate
so given above & no separate account to be kept
among them & any payments made out of my estate
by my Executrix to my Wife & daughter jointly while
living to be a good voucher to him & after the death
of either of them a payment to the survivor to be good
voucher for him in his account & settlement as Executor.

& the fund so paid over to be used for the joint use & benefit of my wife daughter & grandsons -
Item Fifth

At the end of two years my said son herein named is directed to hand over to my wife & daughter the personal estate which may then be in his hands, or if either of them be dead then to give & pay same to the survivor & their receipt to be an acquittance to him.

Item Sixth

I appoint J. William Vincent of this my last Will and Testament & dispense with his giving bond or security for the performance of the same -
 Given under my hand & seal this Eighth 1st 1858

Test

W. C. Frost
 J. G. Stetson

Thos. W. Waller

Codicil:

Since making my will above my wife has departed this life & I do now make this a Codicil to my last Will & Testament so above made viz -
 The property willed to my wife I now will & give to my daughter Sarah & Palmore & my two Grand children Thomas C. Waller & John S. Palmore to be equally divided between them.

Item Second I revoke Item Sixth Clause of my will above & appoint my daughter Sarah & Palmore executrix of this my Will & Guardian for her children, without her giving bond or security as executrix or Guardian & further that she be released from making any inventory or settlement & returns to the Court in any manner of my estate & that she have full power to settle & adjust & compromise any business connected with my estate
 This Feby 16 - 1858

Test

Thos. A. Wall
 W. C. Frost
 J. G. Stetson

Thomas H. Waller

Probated June 3. 1858 & July 10, 1858

Will of
 Jason Lapiter

Freight Co Tenn March 25th 1858
 I Jason Lapiter being fully improped with the uncertainty of life and more especially at this time when age and sickness both render it almost certain, that but a short time perhaps only a few days remain to me, do therefore ordain this my last Will and Testament.

1st That all my property with the exception of one bed shall be sold and converted into legal currency.
 2nd That after the payment of my just debts and the defraying of my burying and funeral expenses, I do bequeath to Polly Adams the sum of Two Hundred and fifty dollars as a mark of my esteem as well as to commemorate her in some small degree for her services while living with me.

3rd I bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy Lapiter all of my property of every kind and description whatever which may remain and be found after paying the costs and expenses of carrying out the provisions of the above named Will & Testament.

4th It is also my wish that E. G. Goldsch be my executor to carry out the provisions of the above named Will with only his individual bond for the performance of the same.

Witness
 J. B. Grimbey
 Henry Smith
 J. P. Smith

Jason^{sr} Lapiter
 mark

Probated June 2, 1858

Will of
 J. G. Waller

I J. G. Waller do make this my last Will and Testament.

1st I give and bequeath to my wife Martha J. Waller all and every thing I possess to hold and manage in her own name until my eldest son L. J. Waller becomes of age, then every thing to be held jointly until my youngest son H. A. Waller becomes of age and then an equal division to be made between them of all the personal property my wife retaining a power interest in the Land.

2nd My wife is hereby authorized to dispose of or sell any of my perishable property that may be necessary to pay my just debts.

3rd My wife Martha J. Waller is hereby empowered and authorized to confirm the sale of the Lands I made to L. J. Waller and H. A. Waller and make titles to same. Lastly I do hereby nominate and

appoint my Wife Mrs. Thos. A. Waller my Executor
and it is my request that she be not required to
give Security.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal, this the 20th day of April 1868

Signed & sealed in our presence
J. S. Sharp
Wm. B. Granberg
W. L. Burton

E. G. Waller Esq

Probated June 2 1868

Will of
C. B. Cole

I Champ B. Cole do make and publish this
as my last will and Testament hereby re-
voking 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 Monies that I may die possessed of, or may just
come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my Step Mother Mrs
Desia Cole the sum of Two Hundred dollars and also
in addition a sum of Gold and Silver which
I have in my possession.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my Nephew Stephen
P. Cole one of my Gold Watches and also my Breast-
pin and Collar Button

4th I give and bequeath to my Niece Mary E. Cole my
Silver Gold Watch

It is my will that all the Notes I hold against my Brothers
I should be marked out, The balance of my effects to be
equally divided between my Brothers and Sisters namely
Andrew. K. Cole, A. F. Cole, William W. Cole, Dr. Stephen S.
Cole, Malinda Henderson, Matilda Paine Adeline Cole
and Louisa Henry and Matilda Stone. The portion
of my effects to my sisters I intend for their individual use
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend
R. W. Pitman my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand
and seal this 23rd day of March 1868

C. B. Cole Esq

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator
this 23rd day of March 1868

Probated July Term 1868

W. W. Carr
R. W. Pitman

Will of
Geo. Parkham Esq

In the name of God amen
I, John Parkham, L. of the County of Fayette
and State of Tennessee being of sound mind
and disposing Memory but being mindful of the uncertainty
of life, do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Tes-
tament, in manner and form following, That is to say,

First, After the payment of my just debt funeral expenses to be
paid, I give to my older son Leonard Parkham One Thousand Dollars
to be paid him in cash and

Second, That the whole of the residue of my Estate real personal
and mixed I hereby bequeath and devise to my two younger sons
William K. and John Parkham Jr as tenants in common, for and
during their natural lives free from all their debts and liabilities the
rents profits and products thereof to be used for the use and benefit of
the said W. K. and John Parkham Jr for and during their natural
lives and for the support maintenance and education of their Chil-
dren and at their death the whole to be divided equally and share
and share alike between each of my grand Children the offspring of the
said W. K. and John Parkham Jr as may be living at the time of the
death of the said W. K. and John Parkham Jr and in the event of
the death of either without issue then the survivor to take charge of
and hold the Estate the uses and trusts aforesaid and at his death
the whole to be divided equally share and share alike among his
children and in the event that both die without issue then the whole
to come to my heirs at Law the true intent and purpose of this devise be-
ing that the property aforesaid shall vest for life in the said W. K.
and John Parkham Jr as trustees for the maintenance and education of
these Children and the support of themselves during their natural
lives and the remainder to be the absolute Estate of the surviving
Children of both or either of them and that no part of the same shall
be subject to the debts contracts or liabilities of the said W. K. and John
Parkham Jr in any event.

Third, I hereby constitute and appoint W. K. and John
Parkham Jr Executors of this my last Will and Testament - this 28th
day of March 1868

Witness
Geo. B. Smith
Geo. P. Shelton

John Parkham Esq

Probated October Term 1868

Will of
J. C. Humphreys

I John C. Humphreys of the County of
Bazette and State of Tennessee do declare this
to be my last will and Testament.

I desire all the property of which I may die possessed shall
pass and belong to my Wife and Children equally but not be di-
vided between them until the determination of the trusts
which I devolve upon my Wife to wit.

First I desire that the place on which I reside and have
resided for a number of Years near Somerville embracing about
111 Acres of Land shall remain in the possession and be un-
der the Control of my Wife during her life or Widowhood in
trust as a home for herself and our Children as a family
and she will so employ use and control it as to provide
hers and their comfort and contribute to hers and their support
and during that period I appoint her sole executrix of
my Will and Guardian of our Children under 21 Years of
Age and dispense with all security for the performance
of that trust or any other trust of this Will.

Secondly I wish my Wife during that period to receive
all income interests and profits of my Estate in trust to
apply the same for the support of herself and the support
and Education of our Children.

Thirdly I desire my friend Joel S. Pulliam to take into his
possession and safely keep certain U. S. Bonds commonly
called 5-20 of which I am now possessed of \$10000 each
and hope hereafter to procure more - also that he will collect all
Moneys due me and invest the same and all Money I may
leave on hand (except as hereinafter stated) in such Bonds if the
investment is then in his judgement safe and if not then in his
judgement safe in such other way as he may deem safe and
insure a certain perpetual return of lawful profit and that
he will collect the Coupons or interest on such Bonds or profits
on such investment and pay the Money into the hands of my
Wife during the period aforesaid to be employed by her in the
manner mentioned herein in the second clause - and I
herely dispense with all Security from Mr. Pulliam for the
performance of said trust or any other trust devolved upon
him by my Will.

I earnestly desire he will
accept this trust and that he will at all times advise my
Wife and Children in regard to their interests as a duty and
trust delegated to him from me.

Fourthly I give the possession and care of all other prop-
erty I may have to my Wife during the period aforesaid in
trust so to use and employ the same as to contribute to the
support of herself and our Children and hers and their comfort
and their Education but not to sell except by the advice and
consent of Mr. Pulliam - Of course many articles
will be worn out broken lost or otherwise unintentionally

destroyed and for these she is not to be accountable

Fifthly I desire my Wife to receive out of Money on hand or
due up so much there may be after payment of debts \$6000 - to
enable her to pay expenses of herself and the family until she
receives accruing income as provided for - My intention is that
she shall pay cash in the discharge of her trust and I am
not desirous that she shall incur any debt to charge the Estate.

She will apply the means she may have from time to time
in her discretion for the benefit of herself and the Children
and as their respective wants may in her opinion require -
no account being necessary or required of her to be rendered to the County
Court.

Lastly upon the determination of the trust referred in my Will
I desire Mr. Pulliam to take entire control of the shares of the
Minor and unmarried Children and so direct and apply them
as to secure their support and education - In case I
should hereafter make and advancement to a Child or Children
it must be accounted for in the division - This being
my Will in testimony thereof I hereunto set my hand this
14 day of August 1866

At the request of J. C. Humphreys J. C. Humphreys
in his presence and in presence
of each other we signed this paper as
witnesses he stating it to be his will
this August 12 1866
J. A. Hill W. C. Brent

In Jan'y 1868 I advanced my daughter Grace by giving
to her husband one Mule which I here value at One Hundred
and fifty dollars and in December 1867 and January 1868
I further advanced her in the sum of One Thousand Nine
hundred and Ninety three dollars and 30 cents by paying
that much for and to her husband to buy land for him and
these amounts I charge against my daughter Grace as
advancements to her. Jan'y 18th 1868

At the request of J. C. Humphreys J. C. Humphreys
in his presence and in presence of each
other we signed this paper as witnesses
he stating it to be his will
August 12 - 1866
J. A. Hill W. C. Brent

I make this further provision and addition to my foregoing
Will - Upon any of my Children Marrying or arriving at 21 Years
of Age - I give my Wife subject to the consent and approval of
J. S. Pulliam power and authority to advance to him or her
so arriving to 21 Years of age of Marrying from my Estate
as much as the sum of Two thousand Dollars but this

advancement only to be made and given off with a view to promote the comfort of the child and when it is clear in the opinion of my wife and Mr Pullham safe judicious and prudent to make such advancement. I have now in my possession (20) Sixty of the 5-20 \$1000 United States Bond and do not desire any further purchase of these Bonds made and I further give to myself and Mr Pullham authority and power in the event they deem it in interest of my family and in event subsequent Legislation on the subject of United States Bonds suggests it to be prudent and desirous to sell and dispose of part or all of the United States Bonds of my Estate and with product of such sale make investment in this property (taking title to my Wife for herself and Children) subject to the same trusts privileges limitations and responsibilities herein before indicated and set out as to other property.

Given under my hand this 12th day of August 1868

At the request of J. C. Humphreys in his presence and in presence of each other we signed this paper as witnesses he stating it to be his Will

August 12, 1868

W. G. Everett, J. A. Miller,

Probated October Term 1868

Will of
Edmund Taylor

State of Tennessee Fayette County

In the name of God Amen

I, Edmund Taylor of the State and County

above named, This day being of sound mind and perfectly rational, yet feeling that life is uncertain and that death is certain, I therefore make this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me in manner and form following, viz:

1st I resign my spirit into the hands of God who gave it wishing my body decently buried and all my Immortal expenses;

2nd My debts will be small & few yet I wish them all paid

3rd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife L. C. Taylor all my property during her natural life except the portions herein

after named at her death, I leave it to my two children W. A. Cogbill and M. A. Dunn the jointable property to be equally divided between them and the land divided as follows, beginning

at a stake in the north boundary line of M. A. Dunn's one hundred and fifty acre tract being the south east corner of W. A. Cogbill's house seat tract running due west to my north boundary

line my daughter W. A. Cogbill to have all west of said line and my daughter M. A. Dunn to have all east of said line during their

lives

life of their death I give and bequeath it all to their heirs.

4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter W. A. Cogbill one feather bed, table stand &c. and one tract or parcel of land lying in Fayette County Tennessee as a house seat beginning at the Old Rail Road at a stake in a 30 feet Road running South with said road to the south west corner of M. A. Dunn's thence East with same fifty poles to a stake thence North to the Old Rail Road, thence West with said Rail Road fifty poles to the beginning, and one tract known as the South West lot of my land containing all the land belonging to me lying South of the Old Rail Road West of a 30 ft Road running from my residence to the State line road containing by Estimation one hundred & eighty five acres more or less.

5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary A. Dunn one feather bed, table stand &c. and one tract or parcel of land lying in Fayette County Tennessee known as the Gates & Ballard tracts being the South East lot of my land containing by Estimation one hundred & fifty acres.

6th I appoint my beloved wife L. C. Taylor my whole & sole executrix of this my last will and Testament & having full confidence in her I request the Court not to demand any security from her in administering on this my last will, in witness whereof I have this day November the 12th A. D. 1868 set my hand and affixed my seal

Edmund Taylor

Witness
J. B. Canada
C. B. Lewis

Codicil to Edmund Taylor's Will

I In addition to what I have already given to my daughter M. A. Dunn I give & bequeath to her & her heirs the land lying beside the land already given to her to W. A. Cogbill's land to the edge of the Old Rail road thence East to her heirs land.

I also request that the Old rail road be kept open for an outlet

J. B. Canada
W. H. Cargill

Edmund Taylor

Probated January Term 1869.