

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:

1st I resign my spirit into the hands of God who gave it wishing my body decently buried and all my funeral 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 100 acres 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 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

W. H. 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 inside the land already given to her to W. A. Cogbill's land to the edge of the Old Rail road thence East to W. A. Dunn's 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.

Will of Alexander Barraman

I Alexander Barraman of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do hereby make and declare this my last Will and testament, humbly acknowledging my dependence on Divine Providence.

First I direct that all my just debts be paid.
Second, I give devise and bequeath all the property I may be possessed of to my youngest Son Alexander Barraman, subject to the provision in favor of my Beloved Wife Mary Barraman and her sister Delilah Griffin following - that is I wish my property kept together as long as my Wife lives and remains my Widow and be under her control and in her possession for the support of herself and my said youngest son Alexander Barraman and for the education of the latter and should my son and my said Wife sister have a home together and reside on my land.

The place on which I now live of about ninety five acres and upon the death of my wife or upon her marriage the whole is to be absolutely and exclusively the property of my said son Alexander Barraman.

The profits or income and use of my property is to be controlled by my wife during her widowhood for the purposes aforesaid. But the principal is not to be spent and I expect the property as to be funded and controlled by my wife during that time as to afford her and my son a maintenance and some schooling to the latter as the means will afford, and secondly that my wife sister may have a home with them as long as she and the said Delilah Griffin continue single and no longer.

I hereby appoint Robert Morris guardian for my said Son Alexander Barraman and executor to this my last will and testament.

I revoke and annul all former wills by me made, and in testimony of this my will I hereunto set my hand this 20th day of August 1867.

Alexander L. Barraman

In presence of
date attested before us this 20th day of August 1867.

Thos. G. McCallan

J. S. Perry

Protested April Term 1868

Will of James Ketchum

I James Ketchum sound in mind and much afflicted in body and knowing the uncertainty of life do this the 3rd day of Nov 1868 make my last Will and Testament.

First All my debts must be paid as soon as possible. When that is done I wish my executors to sell the tract of land situated on Sulphur Creek Dallas County Arkansas the whole of it if possible if not the whole so much of it as can be sold but would prefer selling the whole tract if can be done. This a house and lot I own in the Town of Princeton Davis that sold some the proceeds of the money used in purchasing my Wife Maria J. Ketchum a suitable home near Hickory Grove or some other place as she may choose where she can have the advantage of schooling my children I wish my executors if possible to keep the taxes paid on the residue of the land I own in Dallas and 300 acres situated on Washita River in Washita County if it can be done and when it can be done sell a sufficient amount of it to defray the expenses of schooling my children as it may be needed from time to time the proceeds used for nothing else and just as much I wish sold as will furnish means to defray the expenses of schooling, and the residue of the land to be divided equally among my children as they become of age.

Now if it be not possible for my Beloved Wife Maria Jane Ketchum to support the family without selling this land a sufficient quantity of it must be sold to keep them from want. And at the death of my Beloved Wife Maria J. Ketchum the property all to be divided equally among my children each one sharing alike.

I do hereby appoint John Thomas, Garrison and my Wife Maria J. Ketchum executors to this my Will and Testament without Securities.

Test

C. Watson
J. Ketchum

I signed Jan 20th 1869.

James Ketchum

Protested May Term 1869.

Will of D. B. Rose

In the name of God Amen I D. B. Rose of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, Considering the uncertainty of life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say, First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my Estate, Real and Personal, I give to my Beloved Wife Virginia during her natural life a Widowhood to manage as she can for the good of all concerned, and for all her Executions in the County of Fayette, good and valid in law as if I had acted myself, or otherwise I desire that whatever of the Estate remaining that it be sold and

an equal division to make between all my children and my Wife & my children to be more fully understood. I the said Peter Ross give to my Wife & my children the complete power to transact all the business pertaining to my estate

P. P. Ross

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Peter Ross in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us; that the above instrument so subscribed was his last Will and Testament and so at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as Witnesses.

James F. Bury
Richard S. Wiering
John D. Anderson

Probated May Term 1869.

Will of H. C. Simmons I H. C. Simmons In the enjoyment of a sound mind calling to mind the uncertainty of life and wishing that my intentions be fully understood after my death do hereby declare this my last will and Testament. After my death shall have returned to God give and bequeath to the tomb I give that my much beloved wife Sarah H. Simmons if she should then be living, should inherit whatever I may leave of this world goods after paying my debts I may then owe, out of any monies due or out of the sale of my property I give leave at my death whether real or personal, I hereby appoint my said beloved wife my sole executrix to sell or otherwise dispose of any species of property I may leave and control the same as her good judgment may dictate without giving bond or security to the County Court for her faithful performance.

In testimony whereof I set my hand & seal this 11th day of April 1866
In presence of
W. H. H. H. H.
Lee Paulson

H. C. Simmons
James
Tennessee

Probated August Term 1869.

Will of Henry Warren

I Henry Warren of Fayette County

do make & declare this my last Will and Testament. I first willing my spirit to God who gave it & my body to the Earth.

Item First

I will & devise to my wife Eliza Ann the place or places I live in the Town of Somerset Tennessee & lots bought with same & attached - also 42.0 acres of land in Hardeman County Tennessee known as the W. Howell place - also my insurance policy of Ten Thousand Dollars & my equal share of my rail Road stock with my five children - All my household and kitchen furniture of every description - one two horse wagon & team - all my stock of every description horses mules cattle & dogs. One Boatway & harness & the horse that works in same. to be her property absolutely & in fee to dispose of as she thinks proper & for her own use & benefit.

Item Second

Out of the balance of my property I direct I will all my just debts to be paid as soon as practicable.

Item Third

To my children Anne Francis - Priscilla Samuel A. & Emma Ophelia Warren I give & devise my tract of 11 1/2 acres of land in Shelby County Tennessee bought from John C. Cooper - also all my other estate real & personal of every kind & description to be divided equally among my five children - with power & authority in my wife to sell & dispose of all the property as willed to my children except the 11 1/2 acres in Shelby County Tennessee to give above & to make titles to same or selling and put however to the advice of C. W. H. H. H. of Hardeman County Tenn & Joel S. Pulliam as to such sale or sales.

Item Fourth

I do hereby nominate & appoint my wife Eliza Ann Warren executrix of this my last Will & Testament & trustee for my children without bond or security to be given by her.

Given under my hand & seal this 11th day of April 1866
Signed in our presence & in presence of each other & at request of Henry Warren as his last Will & Testament April 11 1866
James F. Bury
Richard S. Wiering
John D. Anderson

Probated October Term 1869.

Amesbury Hill
of R. R. Moore

On the 26th day of May 1867 Robert R. Moore deceased in his last sickness at his own habitation in the County of Fayette State of Tennessee declared in the presence of the undersigned whom he especially requested to bear witness thereto that his Will was as follows viz: - That he gave and conveyed and all of his debts he paid, as soon as practicable, out of any moneys that may first come into the hands of his Executors. And that as much money he had left to the said each of his children - now living - have already received, as will make them all equal. And that his grand daughter, Minnie Patchard, daughter of his daughter Julia F. Patchard now deceased and first wife of Horace S. Patchard, received five hundred dollars out of his estate, and no more.

And that his land be sold next fall by and at the discretion of his Executors and if there remains anything after settling as above stated, that it be equally divided between his Children now living. That the said Minnie receive of Charles receiver and manager - his minor son - Horace R. Moore's portion of inheritance, until he becomes twenty one years of age, and then deliver the same to him.

And that his son James R. Moore and his son in law James J. Sharp be authorized to carry the will into effect. The said Robert R. Moore died on 26th May 1867. In witness of all which we have hereunto subscribed our names as the witnesses above indicated.

A. W. Chaffin C. E. Moore J. H. Sharp
Probated October Term 1867.

Will of State of Tennessee Fayette County
W. T. Morgan. Now all given by these Executors that I William T. Morgan of the County and State above written, being of sound mind and disposing memory and knowing the uncertainty of human life, do make and declare the following my last will and Testament; revoking all other Wills by me made whatever (I write).
I give to my beloved Wife Elizabeth T. Morgan all my property both real and personal during her natural life, at her death she to dispose of one half of the same as she may feel disposed, the other half to go to my natural heirs (children or their heirs).

I wish should any thing happen during my absence from home on my present trip two several notes to Anderson W. H. amounting to Six hundred and fifty five two dollars, & 50¢ paid out of any moneys that may be in hand or the first that comes in hand.

I wish my debts to be paid as practical as the assets can be collected to do the same.

Should I die this year I advise my Executors to continue the business during the remainder of the year, so as to make the rest out of the Goods on hand.

And lastly I appoint my beloved Wife Elizabeth T. Morgan my sole Executrix without Security - she availing herself of the Council and advice of her Nephew Edmund R. Sprague in the management of the same.

Given under my hand and seal this day and date first above written.
Witness
J. H. Sharp
John H. Holden
W. T. Morgan
Probated November Term 1867.

Will of
Young Edwards

In the name of God Amen
I Young Edwards feeling that it is
now his and entirely competent in my
right mind do make this my last Will and Testament by
I give to my beloved wife Mary all of my property
personal and real after my just debts are paid. And
as I now leave it on this place and at the death of
Will that it all be equally divided among my children
except Will's share to be my executor.
Nov 3rd 1869
Young Edwards
Test.

John S. Johnston
John W. Durham

Probated December Term 1869

Will of
J. R. Wood

In the name of God Amen
I John R. Wood, being of sound mind
but believing that I am near on my
death do make this my last Will & Testament.
First it is my Will that all my just debts be paid.
Second I Will & bequeath to my beloved Father & Sister
Amanda the residue of my estate to be divided equally
between them.

Thus in case of the death of my sister Amanda before
she marries or becomes of age it is my Will that my
Father retain in his possession my sister Amanda's half
of my estate & at his death to be given to my half sister
Elizabeth Robinson Woodson.

John R. Wood

November 29 1869

J. R. Wood

Test.
J. S. Johnston
J. W. Durham

Cardinal
It is my Will that my Father W. Wood act as executor
of this foregoing will & Testament on the day of my death.
Nov 29 1869
J. R. Wood

John S. Johnston
John W. Durham

Probated December Term 1869

Will of
Fielding C. Gardner

I know all Men by these presents that
Fielding C. Gardner of the County of Fayette
Tennessee do make and constitute this
my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills
and Testaments to wit: that after paying all my just debts if any
there be, I give to my Wife Ann Gardner James M. Gardner
and Frederick C. Gardner each a Quarter Part in Fee Simple to
have and to hold separately and distinct from all else, as their
own property. Furthermore, I desire as soon after my decease
as is practicable for all that I am possessed of both real and per-
sonal to be sold for cash and the money equally divided between
all of my legal and lawful heirs namely Ann Gardner who
is my wife, James M. Gardner, Frederick C. Gardner and Isaac H.
Culliam my Children, lastly I nominate Frederick C. Gardner
my truly love, to be the executor to carry out this my Will ac-
cording to the laws of this Commonwealth, without Security
being required of him, to collect all money due me and what
I may have in hand and report the same on Inventory
according to legal proceedings, in Confirmation of the above
I affix my hand and seal this 27th of April 1869 in the presence
of those who are my witnesses

F. C. Gardner
J. E. Waller
J. E. Cornell

Fielding C. Gardner

Probated January Term 1870

Will of
John H. Kae

I John H. Kae of the County of Fayette State
of Tennessee do make and declare this to be my
last Will & Testament.

Step 1. After my debts are paid, I do give and bequeath
to James J. Holloway my present Partner all my Estate real
& personal of every sort & kind to him & his heirs forever.

Step 2. I do hereby request James J. Holloway to provide
for the comfort & support of my Sister Mary Adams & her two
unmarried daughters Becka & Missouri Adams as long as
my Sister lives & as long as her daughters remain with her
unmarried they & my said Sister are to be supported comfort-
ably out of my Estate at the discretion of said James J. Holl-
oway residing them comfortably.

Step 3. I do hereby nominate & appoint James J. Holloway my
Partner, Executor of this my last Will & Testament.

I affix my hand & seal this November 27th A.D. 1869

John H. Kae

James J. Holloway
Isaac H. Culliam
J. E. Waller
J. E. Cornell

Probated January Term 1870

Will of
H. H. Sharp

State of Tennessee, Fayette County
I, H. H. Sharp of the County and State

above mentioned being unable to write but of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item: My Wife and dearest is, and I do ordain, that all of my property real personal and mixed remain together and be managed by my Wife until my eldest child arrives at the age of twenty one years, provided, my Wife remains a Widow and unmarried, but, if my Wife should marry either before or at any time during the minority of any of my children, I wish my estate divided as the law provides and a Guardian appointed to take charge of whatever property my children may be entitled to that are under the age of twenty one years. If however my Wife continues to remain single I wish her to keep all the property together and from the income of the farm & stock pay all my just debts, support the family and educate my children as liberally as the means derived from said source will enable her to do and when my eldest child arrives at the age of twenty one years, if he desires it I ordain that three business men free holders in the neighborhood unconnected with the parties by consanguinity or affinity, be called in and together with a proper surveyor set apart to said child one third part in value of all the lands remaining after deducting one third part of the same for the widow. Should it ever be necessary under the provision of this Testament to set apart such dower, and do so with all three of the children as they arrive at lawful age, none of my desire it, but I would advise that they continue to live together if they can in peace and quietude at least until the children marry, so they can be mutual helps to each other, and such return of said freeholders & surveyor reported under their hands & seals to the County Court of said County and recorded by the Clerk of said Court, shall vest absolutely & forever in such child a good and valid title to such lands as set apart.

In order to carry out the above arrangements I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Susan P. Sharp sole executrix to this my last Will & Testament and request the Honorable Court to receive the legal requirements of the Court in and case of entering into Bond & security for the execution of the trust committed to her.

Witness my hand and seal this 11 day of October A.D. 1869, at my house on the day it bears date and W. H. Sharp as witness.

What

Julius P. Woodfolk
J. C. Christie

H. H. Sharp

Proated May Term 1870

Fayette County, State of Tennessee

March 18 1869

Will of
John S. Jackson

I, John S. Jackson being of sound mind and memory, do hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary A. Jackson a firm and permanent right entire estate, both real and personal, to have and to hold the same as she remains a widow for the benefit of her and her children. To wit: Alice J. Jackson, Maria C. Jackson and John S. Jackson.

In the event of a second marriage on the part of the said Mary A. Jackson, it is my will that she have an equal share with her aforesaid children. It is my wish and Will that my wife Mary A. shall be my sole executrix and that she shall not be required to give either bond or security.

Witness

Wade Foster
Robt Walker

John S. Jackson

Proated March Term 1870

Will of James Logue

I, James Logue of the County of Wilson and State of Tennessee do make and publish

this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former, & this by me at any time made.

First I direct that all just debts be paid by my executors.

Secondly, Previous to my marriage with my present wife, I had been entered into a marriage contract in which I had provided that I should live and dispose of my estate as I might see fit. I had then married my friends to use and dispose of her property, and would be left without the means of support unless provided for by me, and being unwilling that she should be left destitute, I will and bequeath to my friend James Hamilton the house in which we now live together with the other buildings enclosed in the yard and a small field adjacent and also a large adjoining the yard on the west and the stable in the road set together with about four acres of said lot extending to the center of the creek, and the right to grind out off of my convenient part of the land adjoining. I also will him my negro woman Mary, one horse one cow two feather beds, bedstead and furniture in trunk, however and for the following and no other purpose, that is to say, I do to hold said property for the sole and separate use of my wife for and during her life she is to live in the house and have the entire benefit of said property and is to be provided in the same by my said son-in-law who is to have the legal right to control the same, but this bequest is alone to provide my said wife with a home and a place to wait on her & the place not to be cut & nor the slave to be removed by any other person. I do give the will to the said James Hamilton the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in trust, which he is to place at interest and pay over the interest annually to my said wife during her life, and at her death of

said property shall be divided between my legatees herein
after named. I give to my wife all the land I own and shall
sell the said property to be divided into five equal shares
my son John Logue and my daughter Mary to give each one share to
them & their heirs & assigns forever. I give to my daughter Cordelia
one other share in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter
Cordelia Leach for her sole and separate use during her life and
after her death to be equally divided between her children and
if she has no children & in that case to the representatives of the children
of said Cordelia. To my friend Sterling B. Hamble I will two
shares of my estate in trust for the use and benefit of
my daughter Mary Ann Safford & the other for my grand daughter
Eleanor Leach one share each. The said Sterling B. is to hold
one share of my said estate for the sole and separate use of
my said daughter during her life and if her husband shall
survive her my said trustee shall allow him the use & benefit
of said interest after the death of my daughter during her life
the remainder interest after the death of my said daughter and
her said husband shall be equally divided between my two
sons John Safford & Logue and the children of my daughter
Cordelia Leach. The other share will be to the said Sterling B.
as trustee is to be held by him for the sole and separate use of my
said grand daughter Eleanor Leach for and during her life
and after her death to be equally divided between her chil-
dren if she has any but for want of such children the interest
so set apart for her use during life is to be divided as directed
above or as the interest above set apart for Mary Ann Safford
good is directed to be divided and between the same legatees.
My negroes are to be sold by these Comfortable Commissioners
directed by my legatees or appointed by the County Court
and divided into five lots as near equally as conveniently can
be done and my daughter Mary Ann Safford shall be au-
thorized to select the lot that is to be held for her benefit.
The land is to be divided or sold as my legatees think best and
in the event of a sale the above named trustees shall be fully au-
thorized to convey the interests assigned to them and receive the
proceeds and hold the same or purchase other property to be
held in trust and finally divided in the same way. My said
trustee with the consent of my said daughters and grand daugh-
ters may also sell any slaves or slaves that are placed in their
charge as a lot or more the same but the proceeds are to be held
or reinvested & the property held and finally divided as provided
for in the first instance. The property held by the trustee ap-
pointed for the use & benefit of my wife is to be divided & re-
directed for the other part of my estate after the death of the trustee
is finally sold and the proceeds to be sold and convey the same
for the purpose of making such division. It is not intended

in the event of a sale of a slave held in trust that any person
shall give their consent to the sale but the daughter or grand daugh-
ter for whose benefit such slave is held, my intention is that a
final equal division of my property be made among the five legatees
above named to discharge the aforementioned debt & have first for &c
made much to be taken into the account. I have kept the account
which will be referred to govern the final division. But this clause
is not in any way to effect the disposition I have made above of
the remainder interest in property held by the trustee herein appointed
to hold one share of my property for the use of Mary Ann Safford but
to direct that five equal shares shall be made in the first instance.
My son Safford is living on a part of my land which I have
always intended for him and which he will receive as a part
of his share of my estate at valuation. I have executed a deed
which will give boundaries &c. The Commissioners appointed
or selected to value the slaves may also value the land as well
as the balance if needed.

I appoint my two sons John Logue and Safford & Logue my
executors to execute this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 20th day of October A.D. 1853

Attest

James Hamilton
J. W. Elain
J. J. Crittendon
Witnesses.

James Logue

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Will of Sherrod Harris. I Sherrod Harris of the County of Marshall
and State of Mississippi being of sound
mind & of legal age and publish this my last Will and Testament.
And first I give and bequeath to Rebecca Harris the following
described land with all the appertinances thereto belonging
during her natural life (to wit) beginning at the N.W. corner
of the north boundary line of section thirty six in Township
(11) R. (4) west three running south one hundred and twenty poles
thence west three hundred and twenty poles thence north one
hundred and twenty poles to the Half mile stake in the north
boundary line of section thirty five (10 R. 4) west three east
two hundred and twenty poles to the beginning containing two hun-
dred and forty acres, and at the death of my said beloved wife Re-
becca Harris the title to and in the above described land shall
be vested in my youngest son J. B. Harris his heirs and assigns forever.
And my wish and desire that the said beloved
son J. B. Harris shall live with his mother Rebecca Harris in
joint use of the described land but according to the pleasure
and direction of my said wife Rebecca Harris, the balance of my

landed Estate I give and bequeath unto Jane my wife
 down (with) I W Harris John W Harris W W Harris
 wife Harris and Mary W Harris equal shares and interest
 that the above children shall pay unto the following named
 sons and daughters the same herein specified as follows
 unto the heirs of J Harris deceased (\$250) currency Five
 Dollars only as he has already received his full share of
 my Estate, to R D Harris (\$700) Seven hundred Dollars
 to my daughter Pamela H Brownson (\$100) One hundred
 Dollars only as she has also received a full share of my
 Estate, to Mary W Freeman (\$700) Seven hundred Dollars
 for her services and to the heirs of her body, to Elizabeth
 Ann Abington (\$700) Seven hundred Dollars for her ser-
 vices and to the heirs of her body and unto I W Harris (\$700)
 Seven hundred Dollars, all the above named sums to the
 different legates may be paid or discharged either in land
 or money, except the two small sums which shall be paid
 in money, should any of my children be indebted to me
 at the time of my death, It is my will that they shall only
 pay the principal without any interest as as to my stock
 of House rules cattle Hogs and all other stock together with
 the Farming utensils, waggons Buggies Carriage all the House
 hold and Kitchen furniture and all other means of my Estate
 not otherwise herein expressly distributed. It is my will that
 it shall remain in the possession and use of my beloved wife
 Melissa Harris until she thinks proper to give off to the younger
 children such ~~part~~ as she can spare from time to time
 as they may need so as to make their share of necessary articles
 of Household furniture and fixtures equal to those that have
 already been furnished, and that that is remaining at her
 death to be equally divided among my children, and in case
 there arises a dissatisfaction or disagreement about the dis-
 tribution or division of my Estate, It is my will that there
 be no law suit, but that the legates select five or seven
 men of discreet judgment as referees, and they have this
 my last will and Testament before them for their examination
 they shall make a division, and their decision shall be final
 and lastly it is my wish and will that my son I W Harris
 act as Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I Sherrod Harris the Dictator
 have to this my last Will and Testament written on one
 sheet of paper set my hand and seal this day of July 1866
 one thousand eight hundred and Sixty six, signed sealed and
 delivered in the presence of,

Benj Poyelle
 Thomas Poyelle
 J R Poyelle
 J W C Poyelle

Sherrod Harris

Executor to the above Will

1st In the event of my decease I should be in possession of the place
 at Clinton Mississippi which I purchased of A D City. It is my will
 and wish that my beloved wife Melissa Harris shall have the use
 of said place during her natural life or during her pleasure, and
 that when she shall die or give up said place it shall fall into the
 hands of my Executor to be distributed among my heirs as the residue
 of my Estate.

2nd Whereas on the 21st day of March A D 1868 I purchased of W H
 Felt Board of the town of Commerce in Fayette County Tennessee a cer-
 tain lot in said town described in a title Bond executed to said
 Board to me and bearing date as a fore, for which I paid
 the sum of Eight hundred Dollars and executed my obligation
 in the amount in said title Bond and bearing date with
 said title Bond, each for the sum of Seven hundred dollars
 and one penny on the first day of January 1870, and the other
 payable on the first day of January 1870, now be it known that in
 the event of my decease before the settlement of these obligations, It is
 my will and wish that whenever W W Freeman or I W Freeman
 my daughter and wife of said W W Freeman shall pay of the
 two notes of Seven hundred dollars as before mentioned and
 deliver the same to my Executor said Executor shall cause
 to be made to my daughter I W Freeman or to her heirs a deed in
 fee simple to the above mentioned lot.

3rd Whereas during the latter part of the year 1867 I purchased of
 William Albright a certain tract or parcel of land in the County
 of Shelby and State of Tennessee containing according to the
 book of my recollection one hundred and Sixty seven acres for
 which I paid in cash the sum of Twelve hundred dollars leaving
 a balance unpaid of Twelve hundred dollars to meet which
 deferred payment my son J W Harris executed his note to said
 W Albright and whereas a deed to said tract of land has
 been made to me by said William Albright, now be it known
 that in the event of my decease before the payment of said note
 of Twelve hundred dollars, It is my will and wish that
 when the said J W Harris shall pay said note, my Execu-
 tor shall make or cause to be made to Melissa Harris the wife
 of the said J W Harris or to her heirs a deed in fee simple
 to the above mentioned tract of land.

Now should any dissatisfaction occur among any of
 the parties, it is my will and wish that no suit shall be
 instituted but it shall be settled according to the plan laid
 down in the foregoing will.

In testimony whereof I Sherrod Harris the Dictator have
 upon this and seal to this Codicil to be attached to my last
 Will and Testament this the twenty sixth day of May
 in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty Eight
 Sherrod Harris

Will of
W. A. Rutledge

I William A. Rutledge of the County of Fayette do hereby make this as my last Will & Testament

Item First I give to my wife Martha B. Rutledge & my daughter Emily A. Rutledge & their heirs their Homestead & they have some of land on which I own several places being all of a tract of 360 acres except 20 acres this I have agreed by me to be conveyed to Martha B. Rutledge off of East end of said tract of 360 acres to be managed by my wife for her own & daughter Emily A. Rutledge benefit & use.

Item second I will & bequeath to my daughter Mary Annis Barnett & her heirs one Tract of land eight & 1/2 acres of land purchased of Marcus D. Jackson & being South part of said tract of land known as the Hammond tract.

Item third I give and bequeath all the rest & residue of my estate of every description to my wife Martha B. Rutledge & our two children Mary Annis & Emily A. to be held and used by my wife for her use, comfort & benefit & for the use & benefit of our two children named above & the same to be given off to them at her discretion as to time when given & amount to be given to each of our said children & without any interference from any one.

Item fourth I appoint my Wife Martha B. Rutledge Executrix of this my last Will & Testament & I authorize her our children Mary A. Rutledge & exonerate her from giving bond or security before the Court or in Court with full power to sell the land so given to my daughter Emily A. & also to sell any of the personal property given herein to her & our children & to reinvest if necessary & deemed proper by her. In fine to act & manage as if I were alive - And for that it is my express wish that no public sale of my effects be had & that my wife be relieved from giving any inventory or report to the Court unless she chooses so to do - or to make any settlement in Court unless she prefers so to do - I desire to put her to as little trouble & inconvenience in the management of my estate as possible.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this March 1st 1870

Test: signed in our presence on day & date above & witnessed at request of

W. A. Rutledge
M. D. Jackson
J. D. Williams

Tested & Affirmed 1870

Will of
George W. Reeves

I George W. Reeves of the County of Fayette do hereby make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

Item First After the payment of my debts by my Executor hereafter to be appointed out of any of my estate real or personal I give that my Executor pay to my son Horace D. Reeves One Hundred Dollars to be applied by him towards purchasing a watch for his own use & benefit.

Item second I have given my son William H. Reeves a good watch & a collegiate education & in the distribution & settlement of my estate he is not to account for any advancements what ever given or made to him or for him.

Item third I give to my son Bernard Reeves my watch & chain - I own any gold watch & chain.

Item fourth I name & request my Executor herein after named after the settlement of my estate by him as Executor & payment of my debts to partition & divide & distribute same equally among my four children William H. Reeves Horace D. Reeves Bernard Reeves & Ida Margaret Reeves first however receiving enough means to pay & defray the education of my daughter Ida Margaret & for which she is not to be charged in partition & distribution of my estate.

Item fifth I do hereby nominate & appoint my Brother John C. Reeves Executor of this my last Will & Testament & that he is exonerated by me from giving bond or security for the performance of his trust herein & I further cloth him with full power to sell for the payment of my debts if necessary & also to reinvest in other property for benefit of my children or to give off to such as are of age their share & interest in my estate & make all necessary deeds & conveyances for same.

Given under my hand and seal this July 28 1870

Geo. W. Reeves
J. D. Williams

Tested May Term 1870

Dec 28th 1869
 Will of J. H. Cole
 I give and my daughter Emma D. Cole the One thousand Dollars mentioned in my last will. I have also given to my three daughters Mattie Collier and Emma Collier to the amount of One hundred Dollars each, as their death well set.

Also give to my stock in the Memphis & Charleston Rail Road consisting of Twenty six shares of \$25 per share amounting in all, Sixteen hundred dollars and sundries \$16.70 & dated May 22nd 1866 to the children of my son Joseph Cole deceased and also one hundred Dollars in Cash to make all my heirs equal.

Witness

J. H. Cole
 Geo. Thompson

I, J. H. Cole wish to be fully understood with regard to the Rail Road stock given to my Grand children of my son J. B. Cole. If the Stock is not at par or worth dollar for dollar, I wish them to have enough to make it equal to money, as to make up to them as much as I have given to the other children.

Witness

Wm. A. 2nd 1870
 Geo. Thompson

Prolated May Term 1870

Will of David Davis

Know all men that I, David Davis of Fayette County Tennessee being of sound mind do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, I will and Bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly Davis my entire estate both real and personal that I may be seized and possessed of at the time of my death and it is my will also that my beloved wife Polly Davis shall act be executed to this my last will & Testament given under my hand and seal this the fourteenth day of September One Thousand eight hundred and sixty seventh and signed in the presence of

Witness

Benjamin Powell
 W. Cargill
 D. H. Cargill

David Davis

State of Tennessee Fayette Co July 16th 1869

This indenten made & acknowledged that I David Davis being now in sound mind has this day bequeathed to my wife Mary Davis & David Davis my home stead place lying in the State & County above mentioned to have & to hold & to their heirs & to be equally divide by running

a line North & South and to take effect at my death in witness whereof I have set my hands & seal this day & date above written

Witness
 W. Cargill
 D. H. Cargill

David Davis

Will of J. C. W. Moore

I, C. W. Moore of the County of Fayette & State of Tennessee do make and declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

Item 1st I the tract of land on which I reside known as the Walton tract I give to my wife Mary for & during the term of her natural life & during & controlled at her will & discretion & I also give to my wife Mary for & during her natural life all my household & kitchen furniture & stock & farming implements of every kind & description & among one piece of all provisions & provisions on hand at my death & every thing connected with the farm on the Walton or some place to be used by her & during her natural life & at her death the land to be sold by my son J. C. W. Moore on a credit of one two & three years to the highest bidder & reserving a lien on the land for payment of purchase money & upon all the purchase money being paid the purchase money to be perfect or he when selling may make a deed covering a lien on land for the purchase money & title not to be perfect until all the purchase money is paid. The stock & farming tools & furniture & other goods on the Walton place at death of my wife to be sold on 12 months credit taking from purchase money with two approved securities.

Item 2nd I give to my son John Sidney Moore the tract of land I purchased of Higgins under sale made by Chas. W. Bond & deans at Commerce Tenn for the term of five years & full of rent or interest & at end of five years my son J. C. W. Moore is to pay into my estate ten Dollars per acre for said Higgins tract of land & upon his so making the payment of ten Dollars per acre on said land & so purchase his title to said Higgins tract of land to be perfect & unencumbered & to belong to him & his heirs in his own right.

Item 3rd I desire my wife Mary to have the use & benefit of all the money & cash that may be due & belong to my estate after my debts are paid & she to pay no interest on same & to use the profits of same as she sees proper.

Item 4th At the death of my wife I desire all my estate divided equally among my four children including proceeds of sale of Walton tract & the money on Higgins land to be paid into my estate by J. C. W. Moore if five years shall have elapsed & money on land & proceeds of sale of property left to my wife during her life & all my property of every description to be equally divided among my said four children J. C. W. Moore

Caroline Stallins, Berline McCully & Eliza Ann Childs
 The slaves and interest going to my children Caroline
 Stallins & Berline McCully to be divided one to them
 money & their receipt to my executor to be good receipt
 to them. The slaves going to my daughter Eliza Ann
 Childs. I wish my son John Sidney to act as
 executor for her & her children & to use same for her
 interest & benefit & at his discretion to invest same
 in a house for her & her children, independent of
 the control of her said husband & give no way to be
 liable for his debts or contracts.

Item 5a

I appoint my wife Mary Bonds & John Sidney Childs
 Executors & Executor of this my last will & testament
 & desire them to faithfully execute & carry out my will
 & trusting in their fidelity to my children I desire that
 they be relieved from giving any security but desire
 that they give bond without surety before the County
 Court for the performance of the trust imposed in them
 as Executors & Executor of this my will & that my
 son give his individual bond at death of my
 wife for performance of his duties as executor for my
 daughter Eliza Ann Childs before the County Court
 of Fayette County Tennessee.

Given under my hand this 29th day of Sept 1870

The Testator made his
 mark on our presence & test
 by his directed request
 attested this paper as his
 last will & testament: this

29th day of Sept 1870

Charles J. Bonds
 David C. Harrison

Attested Sept Term 1870

Will of
 John Boyd

State of Tennessee
 Fayette County

In the name of God Amen
 I John Boyd being desirous
 while in good health to make a disposition of my Real and
 Personal Estate, do make and publish this my last Will and Tes-
 tament, revoking any and all other wills or wills by me heretofore
 made and declaring the same null and void;

1st I desire that my funeral expenses shall be paid
 2nd I desire that all my Just debts shall be paid by my
 Executors hereafter to be named out of the available
 assets on hand at my death if they are sufficient if not to
 dispose of said Personalty as can be best spared off of
 the premises in order to discharge the same.

3rd I will and bequeath at my death to my children by
 my former wife to wit: Edw. Fayette St. Madison Tamm Demaris
 Ashley and Monroe M. Boyd each a horse worth seventy five
 Dollars to be delivered to them as they shall become of age or
 marry. In my Executors out of such stock as may be on
 hand and belonging to my estate and in the event that
 it is necessary to purchase them or any portion of them
 my Executors are authorized to do so out of the available
 on hand or make sale of some Personalty such as they
 think most advisable for the accomplishment of the
 foregoing devise.

4th I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Boyd
 all of my Real and the remainder of my Personal Estate
 during the natural life, and it is my desire that my
 children above named remain with her until they shall
 arrive at the age of manhood, womanhood, or marriage
 and that the farm shall be kept up by my wife all days,
 and that my children above named assist in the same
 also that the family shall subsist off of the proceeds of the same
 as they may do while I am living.

5th I desire that at the death of my Wife, that my real and Per-
 sonal Estate shall be equally divided between my sons and daugh-
 ters that are the heirs of the body of my wife Mary (Boyd) to wit: H. Adiah
 Bishop, Donator, Edw. Fayette St. Madison T. Demaris St. and
 Monroe M. Boyd, share and share alike.

6th I desire that what I have heretofore given to my children
 who have long since left me (to wit) Mary who intermarried with William
 Boyd, Edward Boyd and John A. Boyd, to be theirs absolute and
 that they not be required to render an account of the same, and
 that they have no claim or interest in my estate above devised
 having already given them as much as I desire them to have.

7th I do hereby appoint as my Executors to this my
 last Will and Testament, George Thompson and D. W. Reese
 In witness whereof I do to this my Will
 set my hand and seal this 24th day of Jan'y 1872

The words "I" in the above is
added before signing -

Test
J. C. Caldwell
John C. Caldwell

John Boyd

1st I John Boyd do make and affirm this as a Codicil to
my last Will and Testament and for the purpose hereafter
specified - since the making, signing and sealing
the above my last Will, I have feared God in His
Providence to remove me from this to the other land my
son John Boyd, it is my wish and desire, that each
portion of my Estate, as I wish he should receive, and
and provided he should have in that clause of my Will
shall come to the Children named in said clause, that
may be living at the time specified that they shall receive
share and share alike of my Estate both real and personal.

2nd I further wish and desire and so will it that in
the event that either ^{one or more} of my children named and provided
for in said 5th clause of my will, should die before
I do, that the same provision as I have made in the
first clause of this Codicil shall apply to each of my
children as many as he living ^{at my death} and so provided and
provided for in the 5th clause of my will to which
this Codicil is appended - and that they share equally
of my Estate both real and personal. It is my
desire that nothing in this Codicil shall change the
provisions in my foregoing will in either clause
except the 5th and only in that as as to devise my
Estate in the event of the contingencies set forth in
this Codicil.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and
affixed a seal this 15th day of May A.D. 1877
(the 1st day of May) John Boyd

Test
John C. Caldwell
J. C. Caldwell

Protested Oct Term 1878

Will of
Walter P. Shea

In the name of God Amen
I, Walter P. Shea of the County of Fayette
State of Tennessee, being of sound and

disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this
my last Will and Testament to wit: I commend my Soul
to God who gave it trusting for salvation on the alone merits
of Jesus Christ my redeemer, my body I desire shall be bur-
ied in decent Christian burial. To my beloved wife Mary
Shea and bequeath for and during her natural life the House
and Plantation where I live, bought by me from C. A. Shaw
and known as the Haskins Place with all the live stock &
household and kitchen furniture thereon belonging to me
at the time of my death.

To my son J. William Shea I bequeath one hundred and
fifty acres of the Plantation whereon I live lately bought
by me from the Tatum family which hundred and fifty
acres are to include the dwelling house and outhouses and
all the eastern side of the whole tract with right of way
to the spring & the use of water therefrom which one hundred
and fifty shall be held by him solely and exclusively in
trust for the benefit of his wife and child in for the
support of them and himself.

A further provision of this devise on trust is that the said
J. William Shea shall be fully authorized to sell and dispose
of the premises thus devised, whenever he may think it
better for the interest of his family, and to convert
the proceeds of said sale in other property to be held in
trust for the purposes above mentioned.

To my son Walter P. Shea I will and bequeath my undivided
half of the Plantation bought by us from J. A. Shaw known as
the Haskins Place with its appurtenances. Upon the decease
of my said wife Mary Shea, I will that the residue of my
personal real and personal shall be equally divided amongst
themselves by my other children Margaret P. Shea Elizabeth
P. Shea Lucinda Miller Doct. Abraham Shea Ella P. Cary Mary
Fannie Shea, except the share of Mary Fannie which I wish to be
five hundred dollars more than the other shares.

I constitute and appoint my sons J. William Shea Abraham
Shea and Walter P. Shea executors of this my last Will and
testament without giving bond hereby revoking all former
wills by me made.

In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal
this 16th day of April One thousand eight hundred and eighty eight.

W. P. Shea

Protested Oct Term 1878.

William Rhodes having education - when he is twenty one years old he is to have the Clerk. I want my executor to take a ten foot bond & pay the coupon annually to Rev Hugh Goffee after his death the bond to be given to my childrens I want my executor to take a ten foot bond & pay the coupon annually to Saml & Ruth Rhodes (colored) after their death the bond to be divided among my childrens. I want two thousand dollars in gold paid to Joe, by my executor, which in connection with the three thousand I gave her here before, I want Wm Henry to use as he thinks best only I want him to secure Joe a good home & support in case of his death. Joe & Blount to give my executor their recipe for all the gold they received it being that much of their interest in my estate. I want about fifteen thousand dollars of my surplus money put in ten foot bonds & want five thousand more put in five ten & 20 Government Bonds of the late issue, I want Eastern United notes to be held in 20 Bonds & about two if he wishes it, my executor can put more in bonds if the children wish it. I give my executor six or eight months to make out an inventory list to the Court & he need not give bond & security until the list is made out at which time he will give a. H. Murphy or H. C. Briggs or both, of them for his securities. Likewise I make constitute & appoint Wm Murphy my executor to this my last will & testament whereof I have into and been in my name & affix my seal - done in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & twenty one first month of June 1871.

Test
Wm Rhodes
Wm Rhodes
Codril to my last Will & testament, I fully empower H. Murphy my executor to sell the tract of land on which I now reside in Fayette County Tenn, and all other perishable property he may deem necessary, without any order from Court & make a good & lawful deed. I authorize him to make a good warrant deed, just as binding as if I had made it myself. I further empower my executor to sell all my lands in Arkansas & make a good warrant deed to the same without any order from Court, either in law or equity. This the seventh day of June eighteen hundred & twenty one. Given under my hand & seal
Test
Wm Rhodes
Wm Rhodes
Probate March 8th 1872

Will of Martha M. Ford
I Win the 20th day of June of 1871
County of Lawrence State of Tennessee do make this my last Will and Testament, fully knowing and making void all former Wills by me made this Test I make.
I give and bequeath all my personal and real estate to 1. Wm Williams & Rhos and Rhosins, which consists of one Store House in Sams, with Tennessee value of fifteen hundred dollars, and one thousand dollars which is out at interest. And he shall be the only heir to my personal and real estate.
I give to Edward C Ford One Dollar, and to Les B Ford One Dollar and to Peter Rhos One Dollar, and to Wm Samuel Holloway One Dollar and to Wm Sally Ford One Dollar.
I also give and bequeath to Wm Williams & Rhos all monies accruing to my personal and real estate. And I do fully make and ordain Wm Williams & Rhos executor of this my last will and testament.
In witness whereof I set my hand and seal this the first day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Sixty eight.
Test
Martha M. Ford

Probate December Term 1870

Will of Wm Rhodes
I Wm Rhodes of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee being of sound mind memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last Will & Testament. That is to say First after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows. (to wit) All my personal & real estate remaining in bonds or to be equally divided among my children with the exception of Easton, who I wish to have one thousand dollars and a share in an equal interest. I want that thousand dollars in a United States bond & the surplus to be used by my executor for his education. I want Robert Willis to have the life interest in the Polaris (in the State insurance company) I want by my executor two payments have been made amounting to fifteen thousand & four hundred dollars. After this Polaris is paid out I want then to have an equal share of my estate. If my executor can cash the Polaris, I want just for Robert Willis one thousand and more than an equal share. I give & bequeath to William Rhodes Henry one 20 Government bond a ten foot bond of one thousand dollars & to be held by Robert Henry & the surplus to be used for

Will of
Isabella Hemm

Be it known that I was Isabella Hemm of the State of Tennessee County of Fayette hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby making all other wills made by me, first direct that my burial expenses be paid, and all just debts against my estate. Second I direct as Samuel K Morrow has attended to my business for years past and that he has paid for services and money expended for my benefit. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Margaret Thomas Hemm my Spanish and its contents including the china ware. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my Grand Son John Deloy Hemm that portion of the homestead land on which I reside west of a line commencing at the northeast corner of West Morrisons land running due north fiftythly I give and bequeath to my living daughter Polly the remaining portion of the homestead lands after paying all just debts and expenses against my estate. Sixthly I direct be any thing left belonging to me after this I want it divided equally between the 4thly heirs of my Son John I Hemm. And I appoint Samuel K Morrow Executor of this my will without requiring of him since 25th 1871

Witness E W Morrow Isabella Hemm
K Morrow

Dated August 7 1871

Will of
Henry Snellings

See the name of Rod. Hemm & Henry Snellings of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being now on a serious and painful bed of sickness, but in my apprehension and belief in the full and perfect possession of all my faculties, and being of sound and disposing mind and memory, having before me the great uncertainty of life and fully conscious of my relation to my dear wife and beloved children with an earnest desire as nearly as I am able to make an equal and equitable provision for my wife and each one of my children now or that may be hereafter in the legal time here do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby making all others 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 moneys or money arising from the sale of the personal property and growing crop not otherwise disposed of under the will of which I may be possessed of I desire that the residue of money remaining in the hands of my executor after my debts are all paid shall be divided into two equal parts, of which my first set of children John Henry, William Thomas and Susan Alice shall receive one part, and my beloved wife Martha Isabella and her children Sarah Madeline, Charles Franklin, Mary Eliza and Winnie Bell the other part. I direct my executor to pay the wages of Taylor Malone out of the money arising from growing if this is not sufficient the residue is to come out of my two thirds of the crop now growing. I direct my executor to sell my entire stock of cattle, Hogs and sheep, my Spring wagon, one horse and one mule not disposed of otherwise under this will and to hold the funds arising from such sale for the payment of my debts and the purposes mentioned above I give and bequeath to my three oldest children viz John Henry, Wm Thomas, and Susan Alice, my parlor room furniture consisting of one mahogany bedstead bed and its clothing, one mahogany bureau one mahogany washstand and rack one cherry washstand & rack one Mahogany table and six or seven bottomed oak chairs and one Mahogany bedstead bed and clothing from upstairs, to be held in common by them, share and share alike.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha I the use and enjoyment of the residue of my household and all my kitchen furniture during the term of her natural life and at her death the same is to go to my four children of her begetting viz Sarah M, Charles F, Mary E. and Winnie Bell to be divided between them as nearly as may be in equal shares and if any disputes arise between them the same may be settled by any number of disinterested persons that may be agreed on by them. I further give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Isabella the use and enjoyment for the term of her natural life, my Plantation wagon and my two mules named Tom and Bob which at her death I will to go to her children named above to be divided in equal shares between them. I give and bequeath to my son John Henry, a black mare named Mollee; to my son William Thomas a white colored mule

named Ket, and being on Charles Franklin the son
Cottell here my executor to receive out of the crop,
now growing in my place after the one third agreed
to be, has been paid for working same, for the sup-
port of my blind wife Martha Sabella and her
four children by me and herein named one thousand
pounds of meat thirty barrels of corn, four
sticks of fodder, my share of the potatoes grown in
the place and the Duster in hand.
Out of the money remaining after the payment of
my debts I desire my executor to purchase first for
Susan Alice a horse with saddle of or about
the value of the mare that I have given to John
Henry.

I direct and desire for the tract of land on which I now
reside to be divided into two equal parts of as nearly
equal value as it is possible for it to be done the sur-
viving one to be so drawn as to give to each one of the
two parts an equal amount of wood, past and rich
land and I hereby empower my executor to run or
have the said line run by a competent surveyor I
desire the lower half of said tract of land and
the house in which I now reside with the garden
orchard and all appurtenances thereto belonging to
my beloved wife Martha Sabella for the term of her
natural life and at her death I desire and bequeath
the same in fee to her children by me to wit John
Charles Madona Charles Franklin Mary Eliza and
Winifred all in equal shares as tenants in com-
mon, their respective heirs, executors and assigns
I desire and bequeath in fee to my eldest son John
Henry, William and Susan Alice the upper half
of my tract of land the house now occupied by Mrs
John Snellings and Robert Snellings with the priv-
ilege of moving the same on their part of the land,
which right is hereby distinctly reserved and the said
House Cotton Dress & furniture remaining for my wife Martha
Sabella the privilege of giving her children there if
she so desires; the same to be by them both in equal shares
as tenants in common their respective heirs executors
and assigns.

I hereby constitute and appoint said Mr Taylor
to be the executor of my Will and the kind friend
of my son William and daughter Susan Alice who
being their respective Managers and the said Susan
Alice and all other heirs of my said son John
Henry and all other heirs of my said son John
Henry and all other heirs of my said son John

Henry be expedient for their maintenance and edu-
cation and to do what may for the benefit of said children
respectively. Having now disposed of all the property I have on
earth I commend my spirit to my ever faithful Creator
and I hereby empower my wife and children to do
things for me as they see fit in order of I do to
this my Will with my hand this the fourth day of July
1871 I the said Martha Sabella on third page third line
written before signing and page 4 left blank Henry
Snellings Signed by said Henry Snellings as and
for his last will and testament in the presence of
of us or at his request in his sight and presence
and in the presence of each other have subscribed our
names as attesting witnesses

J. R. Kichey
W. H. McNeill

Codicil to my Will by this codicil I desire and bequeath
to Moses Parks and John Dewart their heirs and assigns
respectively the schoolhouse and one acre of land ad-
joining thereto as trunks to hold forever for the pur-
pose of furnishing a school house for the community
and in no case to be used for any other purpose so
far as this Codicil goes my will I write In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the fourth
day of July 1871 Henry Snellings Signed by the
said Henry Snellings as a codicil to his last will
and testament in the presence of us or at his
request in his sight and presence and in the presence
of each other have subscribed our names as attesting
witnesses

Probate Augt, 1871 J. R. Kichey
W. H. McNeill
Will of
Martha Sabella

We the undersigned having been called on by Mrs
Sabella Remond in her last sickness just previous to
her death at the house of S. T. Morrow where she had
been confined by sickness for several weeks and at
whose house she died in which she disposed some
of her property to be disposed of after her death
having communicated the same to writing.

She desired and directed if there ^{was} money
enough on hand that a new bedstead & bureau
should be purchased and given to Miss Jane
Montgomery for her kindness if there is not money
enough there can be a selection made out of the
furniture on hand.

3rd She desired and directed one little dining

to be given to Mrs. Minna Reams to have during her lifetime and at her death to go to John Spence and his Wife

3rd She desired and directed that one of her bureaus to be given to a colored woman named Mary Ann for her faithful services.

4th She desired and directed her Library except the Bible given to Mrs. Minna Reams to be equally divided between the four children of her late Son John T. Ammons.

5th She desired that the bedding and bed clothes and Table Ware except a set of China well ready disposed of should be equally divided between the four children of John T. Ammons.

6th She directed that her House hold furniture should not be sold publicly if private sale could be made.

7th She desired and directed that Samuel R. Morrow should divide the property herein mentioned and carry out her wishes as to the same.

Witness where of we have reduced the same to writing and signed our names as Witnesses this 7th Day of August 1871

S. R. Morrow
Probate of September 4/81 R. Morrow

Will of

Samuel Subank.

In the name of God amen

I Samuel Subank of the State of Tennessee County of Fayette being of sound disposing

mind but laboring under severe bodily affliction and knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made.

1st I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary J. Subank sole Executrix of this my last will and testament.

2nd I wish her the said M. J. Subank to be qualified without giving any bond or security.

3rd I request that she pay all my just and lawful debts out of any property she may in her judgment think best.

4th I give and bequeath to her my wife M. J. Subank after having paid all my just and lawful debts all of my property of every description that may be left to manage the same as she in her judgment may think best to give off the same to our children or any of them what she may think best requesting her to do a better part by our widowed daughter Mary Campbell than the other so long as she may remain a widow should Mrs. Campbell marry I request that she share as one other

Children

In Witness where of I have this day set my hand and seal this 10th day of Sept 1871
Saul Subank Seal
Test Rich. H. Harvey
Jas. Wearis

Dated October 3rd 1871

Will of
Wm. P. Dowdy

I William P. Dowdy of the County of Fayette & State of Tennessee do make & declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

Item First: I do hereby appoint my wife Lucy E. Dowdy Executrix of this my last Will & Testament & Guardian for our Children & receive her from entering into or giving bond or security either as Executrix or as Guardian as aforesaid.

Item Second: I have twenty one Shares of Stock in the Memphis & Charleston Rail Road Company & accrued dividends due on same which I give & bequeath to my youngest son William P. Dowdy Jr. The dividends now due on same & yet to fall due to be invested by my wife in Stocks in said Rail Road Company until my said son William Preston Dowdy attains to twenty one years of age for his use & benefit at the discretion of my Wife meaning by this that she may stop the investing dividends in stock & hand over & pay to my said son William Preston Dowdy Jr. before his attaining to twenty one years in event he shows capacity & discretion to manage said Rail Road Stock in the Opinion of my Wife.

Item Third: All the rest & residue of my Estate real & personal of every kind & description I give & bequeath to my wife Lucy E. Dowdy & our Children Richard Oscar Mary Virginia & Florence Mary Thelma Davis Lucy Ella Sam Edgar Monnie Kate & William P. Dowdy Jr. to be managed used & controlled by my Wife Lucy E. Dowdy for the joint benefit support & maintenance & education of our Children & with this request wish that she educate our Children out of said Estate so given herein to her & them in and with this further proviso that in event of any one of our Children marrying or attaining twenty one years of age my Wife Executrix & Guardian may give to him or her a reasonable part of my estate real or personal or part of stock in her discretion & such part or share so given off to such Child or Children not to exceed the equal Share or Shares of the remaining Children not advanced in making said gift or advancement my Wife's interest in my Estate to be estimated equal & same as that of our Children.

Item Fourth: The Hiram Guy land of about 100 acres & the land I purchased at John W. Ryers Trust sale & also all the Moscow Town lots now owned by me I do hereby give my wife Executrix of this my Will full power & authority to sell & convey or dispose of same or any or all of said Guy Trust Land & Ryers Land & Town lots in or near Moscow Tennessee

publicly or privately for cash or on a credit & to make general warranty deeds to same to the purchaser or purchasers, to mortgage in other property or loan the funds out taking bonds with two or more good & approved securities. I meaning hereby that the purchaser or purchasers of said Gay & Dyer lands to have a quiet enjoyment of said lands & to make title upon obtaining the deed of my Executrix & said purchasers not to look after or be affected any way by the kindred of said funds by my Executrix.

Item Fifth: I nominate & declare my wife's Executrix from making any report or Inventory of my Estate or any settlement of her account as Executrix & only inasmuch as to use her best efforts to educate & rear our Children & make them honourable useful members of society knowing that she will faithfully & earnestly discharge the trust & confidence I have herein reposed in her for the comfort & enjoyment & benefit of herself & our Children.

Item Sixth: I have 500 acres of land in Prairie County Arkansas as formerly belonging to David Rife & which I bought at tax sale & also have which on 400 acres of land in Prairie County Arkansas as formerly owned by P. A. May & now under trust deed to me for my benefit. I want my Executrix to make a purchase of said land at trust sale for benefit of my estate she is at liberty to buy some for my estate & to sell & convey same together with the other tract of 500 acres mentioned in this item above upon the same terms & conditions as mentioned in "Item fourth" of this my Will relative to Gay & Dyer lands.

Given under my hand & seal this August 38th A.D. 1867
Wm. P. Dowdy (Seal)

Signed Sealed & declared in presence
of W. P. Dowdy to be his last Will & Testament
& he requested us to Witness same as such

W. D. Monroe
J. L. Pulliam
R. Gibson
W. H. Lane

Codicil Made this the 17th day of August A.D. 1871, to my Will of date August 38th 1867 hereby republishing the Will so made with the Codicil to same

Since writing my said Will I have obtained a valid deed to the 400 acres of land in Arkansas as referred to as P. A. May land & also have deed from P. A. Soukston for 80 acres of land in Prairie County Arkansas & now desire my Executrix & Executor as named herein to have full power to sell said lands 400 acres & 80 acres in addition to the lands & town lots in my Will directed to be sold & to make titles to same to purchasers;

Since writing my foregoing Will we have changed

name of my youngest son from William P. Dowdy Jr. to that of Eugene Preston Dowdy & this legacy & devise to him is now to be by him taken & held under name of Eugene Preston Dowdy.

Item 5th I do hereby appoint J. L. Pulliam Executor to act with & assist my wife as Executrix of this my Will and in event sales of my lands & lots in pursuance of directions & provisions of this my Will & Codicil as to form or said conveyances but with this further provision viz in event of death of my Executrix or resignation & non qualification as Executor my wife Susan E. Dowdy Esq. to execute & carry out in full the provisions of my Will & Codicil in all respects;

In Witness whereof I have here to set my hand this August 17th 1871
Wm. P. Dowdy (Seal)

Test. Aug. 17-1871

R. Gibson

W. H. Lane

W. D. Monroe

(Probated January 9th 1872.)

Will of
Mary Osier

State of Tennessee & Will of Mary Osier
Fayette County &

In the name of God Amen Know all men that I Mary Osier of the State and County aforesaid being of good sound mind and memory, blessed be God, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

1st I Command my soul to God Who gave it and my body to be decently entred.

2^d As regards my worldly Estate, it is my Will and desire, that all my just debts be paid, as soon after my death, as my representatives can with due regard to the interests of my Estate.

3^d I do give and bequeath to my daughter Angeline Stlaughter one note held by me given by Wilson Stlaughter January 31st 1866 for one Hundred and Ninety dollars and Ninety nine Cents with all interests accruing thereon, at my Death.

4th I also give and bequeath to the Heirs of my beloved Son Calvin I and Paris L. Osier six Hundred Dollars, to be equally divided between them and paid to them from time to time as their needs may require and further that the Widows and Heirs of the said Calvin I. and Paris L. Osier be released from all dues for Board or otherwise that may be due unto this date.

5th I give and bequeath to my Son in Law W. Isaac Stlaughter five Dollars (\$5.00) to be paid to him in Lawful Money at my Death.

6th I give and bequeath to my son Atlas L. Osier fifty acres of Land in the south East corner of my Plantations, upon which I now reside during his natural life together with the joint use of building thereupon with my son John Wesley Osier and my daughter Mary C. Osier also one bay Horse Mule named Jim and one feather Bed with the sufficient clothing therefor at my

Death

7th I give and bequeath to my son John Wesley Crier my Entire tract of Land (40) fifty acres given to Atlas & sister, viz Eighty four acres sold to Dr. H. Haskill previous to dated purchase from W. L. Hunt and Dr. H. Taylor upon which I now reside upon the following Conditions (to wit) that the said John Wesley Crier pay to my daughter Mary C. Crier five Hundred dollars in money at the earliest time he may make said amount by the Cultivation of said Land and further that he pay to my daughter Mary M. Haskill five Hundred dollars in notes that are now and may hereafter be given to me by her Husband William M. Haskill or in money of said notes are previously collected to my death, I further bequeath to my son John Wesley Crier One Black Horse and Mule called Jeff together with one feather bed with sufficient clothing therefor at my death

8th I further Will that all my effects not mentioned in this Will, be sold and proceeds be equally divided between all the heirs to this Will at my death

This 13th day of November A.D. 1867

Test
Dr. H. Patrick

Mary C. Crier (Seal)
Mark

A. B. Shurby, nominate and Appoint my son John Wesley Crier and my friend Dr. H. Taylor as Executors to the foregoing my last Will and Testament in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Nov 13th 1867.

Test
Dr. H. Patrick
Dr. H. Taylor
J. C. Robertson

Mary C. Crier (Seal)
Mark

Codicil to my last will & Testament being in sound & disposing mind Whereas my daughter Mary C. has married since the making of this last will & Testament so also Atlas & my son has died I do revoke & recall the (6th) sixth article of said will in every part as to each of said children viz Mary C. & Atlas & but balance of said will remains in full force & effect.

This September 2nd 1871

Test
Dr. H. Taylor
J. C. Robertson

Mary C. Crier
her Mark

Probated January 3rd 1872

L. Dupre
Will

In the Name of God Amen
I Lewis J. Dupre of the County of Fayette, and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and in usual health and in view of the uncertainty of human life make this my last Will and Testament revoking all others herebefore made

First I will any soul to God who gave it my body to the earth

Secondly I want all of my just debts paid

Thirdly I will to my Niece Betie C. Clippin One Thousand Dollars

Fourthly I will to my Nephew George J. Dupre One Thousand Dollars

Fifthly I will to my Nephew Enald W. Dupre One Thousand Dollars

Sixthly I will one hundred Dollars to Calyabett Dupre (Colored) my former slave for faithfulness to me during the War and also whatever she may be owing at the time of my death

Seventhly I desire, A plain Marble Sill with suitable Inscription for a Head & Foot board to be put at my grave

And lastly I will the Residue of my Estate to be divided into three equal parts one part to be given to Dr. Peter H. Dabbs

one part to be given to Dr. A. B. Shurby one part to be given to the Church of Sister Oliver Taylor who was the wife of Richard Taylor now dead

My reason for not willing Sister Sarah Grant any thing is that her advantages was far better both in her education and property to my other

Sister & Brothers - I desire that Dr. P. W. Dupre and James A. Clippin or either one of them will be executors

of my estate

July 28 1867

Witness

J. C. Braswell
J. C. Braswell

Lewis J. Dupre

Probated March 6 1872

John Hunter
Will

I, John Hunter of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make and publish in presence and form following

Will first that my personal expenses and all my debts be first paid out of my estate

2nd I give and bequeath to my Grandson John D. Hunter the tract of land divided to me by my Son Geo. D. Hunter known as the John Hunter tract containing about two hundred (200) acres. I have heretofore given by deed to the said Geo. D. a tract of land containing about one hundred and fifty two (152) acres known as the David McRister Tract I give also to the said Geo. D. all the lots I hold against him.

3rd I give and bequeath to my Son J. P. Hunter the tract of land on which he now resides, made up of the following tracts or parcels of lands to me from the following persons Cyrus Hughes Lewis and Elletts, containing in whole or aggregate about four hundred and sixty nine (469) acres I also give to the said J. P. Hunter all the notes I hold against him and whatever amount of money may have been due me for rents of land.

4th I give and bequeath to my Son Geo. D. Hunter the residue of my real estate of lands to me in several tracts or parcels from the following persons one from Brown of about three hundred and thirty (330) acres one from Jones of about three hundred and ten (310) acres, one from B. H. Porter of about thirty five (35) acres and one of about forty four (44) acres evidence by grant to me from the State of Tennessee in whole or aggregate of about seven hundred and three (703) acres I also give to the said Geo. D. the notes I hold against him.

5th The remainder of residue of my estate at my death not herein specially bequeathed consisting in Monies, Bonds Notes in fact every thing, I Will shall bequeath divided between my two sons the said J. P. D. Hunter share and share alike.

6th And lastly

I do hereby annul and appoint my said two sons Geo. D. and J. P. Hunter the Executors to the my last Will and Testament in manner

and form aforesaid
Witness my hand this 1st day of June
One thousand eight hundred and thirty one
1831 A.D.

Attest
J. H. Hunter
J. D. Hunter

John Hunter

Probated March Term 1834

James McWhorter
Will

December 1st 1831
I, James McWhorter a resident of
Fayette State of Tennessee being
of sound mind and memory

do hereby make my last Will and Testament in my
last Will and Testament I bequeath all of my land
property to her and to hold during her lifetime at her
death to be divided between my Brothers John Charles Mc
Whorter and Joseph McWhorter my dear wife
I direct my mother to do with as she thinks best

Signed by me this December the twelve, eighteen
thousand and thirty one

Attest
J. H. Anderson
J. P. Lloyd

James McWhorter
By J. H. Anderson
In his presence

Probated March Term 1834

Wm Taylor
Will

Praden Station Fayette County Tennessee
The last Will and Testament of William
Hinton Taylor of Fayette County Tennessee considering
the uncertainty of this mortal life and

being of sound mind and memory do make and pub
lish this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following that is to say

1st I want set just debts paid after my just debts
to have them paid the all of my property both
Real and personal remaining in the hands of my wife
Mary Margaret Taylor for her good & the use of my two
children James William Taylor and Effie Margaret
I hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary Margaret Taylor
her sole executrix of of this my last Will and
Testament hereby revoking all former will by me
made or intended which I have herunto set my hand
and seal this 2nd day of February eighteen hundred and
thirty two

Wm Taylor

The above instrument consisting of one sheet was
now here subscribed to by J. P. Braden by the signature of
O. A. Taylor in the presence of each of us and was
at the same time declared by him to be his last
will and testament and we at his request signed
our names hereto as attesting witnesses.

Probated March Term 1872

Concupiscent Will
J. R. Love

On the 16th day of Jan'y A.D. 1832
W^m Love Decl^d in his last sickness
at his own residence in the Town
of Danvers, Fayette County

Tennessee in the progress and hearing of the under-
signed declared that his will and wishes were followed
Chad. He directed that the foregoing business at the
time being carried on in Somersville by Love and
Thomas should be continued and conducted as her-
etofore by his Love wife and his partner Wm Thomas
as long as it should be agreeable to the parties
named Wm Robert Worries Service in the business to
be in ~~aid~~ of his Love's labor

Second: He directed that so far as his ^{estate} ~~estate~~ ^{interest} ~~interest~~ ^{land} ~~land~~ was concerned he desired Mr. Ely to take it back if he preferred doing so. But that he desired to keep and retain the house for so that his ^{own} ~~own~~ ^{own} wife would have a house to fall back on.

David decided that his father should look after a certain note in the hands of a lawyer or some one at Collierville against himself and his brother & W. Love given for the purchase of a slave Henry before the war.

W J Thomas
Washington
D D Worrell

The above is the donation of W. C. Rice as to his donation in relation to the Grocery business, the Whittaker land and the house land as well as the donation that his father should be granted a certain debt but I do not remember that the consideration for which the note was given was mentioned of so it escaped my memory - This is ^{said} ^{W.C.} Jan'y 1876

W.D. Hafford
Providence March Term 1872

Will of
Edmund Taylor

I Edmund Taylor of the County of Fayette and State of
 Tennessee Make and ordain this as my last Will and Testament,

Thereby purchasing and making void, all other wills Letters
made by me. Doct I give and devise to my son Howell Taylor one hundred and forty
acres of land siting that part of the land known as the Love tract reserved by me
at the purchase thereof.

2^d My sons Hapell & Robert shall pay to the Estate six hundred dollars for the marriage
tract land & my daughter the said Mary Wth shall give hundred dollars & Robert two hun-
dred dollars.

8th The two hundred acre tract known as the Campbell land, held in a former will to my son Robert, I transfer to my son Samuel A. Taylor in view of an agreement between them, Samuel transfers to Robert all his & his wife's interest of their lands in New Co. Ark. for the 5th Campbell tract.

Fourth - I give & devise my home tract of land, with all its appurtenances, six hundred & forty acres, more or less, to my son Samuel A. Dwyler, together with all the household furniture, with the exception of one bed & Read & iron outfit for my daughter Mary A. Read, the books are not included, they are to be equally divided among the children, all the kitchen furniture, blacksmiths tools & all plantation utensils to do with ^{all} the logs ^{all} the sheep ^{all} the cattle after that what is left ^{of all my personal property} equally divided among my six children.

Fifth My three daughters Sarah Mc Alexander Mary E. Road Gulcad Smith
have received money instead of land,

I certify, I changed the above half to all Oct. 27, 1859 E. Taylor.
 The money due me from any of the children is to be equally divided,
 without collecting interest thereon, among the six children, also my Rail
 Road stock is to be equally divided.

14th It is my wish that my three sons & sons in law get together after
after my death & all funeral expenses being paid, make an equal
distribution agreeable to my will without any recourse to courts or law.
Entered in the third line from bottom of first page & fore signing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal
this 6th of April 1867.

W. A. Churton }
S. C. Simpson } Witnesses

E. Taylor

Cod, I give the Carriage & harness to my daughter Mary & Read,
& sorrowfully to her daughter Charlie

R. V. Saylor }
S. C. Simpson } Notary

E. Taylor

This is to Certify that I have transferred the Marten Land to Howell & son Robert Containing 100 acres two thirds to Howell & one third to Robert they have settled for it August 24 - 1868

E. Saylor

Protested April 1, 1892

Will of
Anderson Jackson

I Anderson Jackson of Haystack County, said
State of Tennessee do make and publish this
my last Will and Testament hereby giving
and making void all others by me at any time made.

First - I desire that my personal expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that may be possessed or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Elisha Jackson of Jackson to him & his heirs forever the whole of the tract of land on which I now reside containing two hundred acres after the death of my wife Martha Ann Jackson, I being my wish and desire that my wife should have the use of one half of the farm during her lifetime I also give to my wife & Horace two cows and six sheep and my stock of Hogs I also give her all my household and other furniture during her lifetime.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Edmund Jackson to him and his heirs forever the tract of land lying west of my home place containing one hundred acres more or less and known as the Sherrod Tract.

Fourth - I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Son Ann Wilder to her and her heirs the tract of land lying west of my son Edmund's Tract containing one hundred acres more or less and known as a part of the Sherrod Tract.

Fifth - After the Estate of my deceased son John Jackson pay me some fourteen hundred dollars, and interest thereon money I advanced him I then give and bequeath to his Children William B. John O. and Martha E. Jackson together enough money to make their interest equal with my Children.

Sixth - After my death & after all my personal Effects are sold and all moneys collected it is my wish and desire that it be equally divided among my Children.

Lastly - I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Edmund S. Jackson and Elisha Jackson my Executors.

In witness whereof I set to this my Will at my hand this the 12th day of February 1870 One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy.

Anderson Jackson

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator, this the 12th day of February 1870.

J. D. Johnston
J. C. Roberts

Supplement 3

It is also my Will that money belonging to my beloved Children William B. John O. and Martha E. Jackson be kept in the possession of my sons Elisha and Edmund Jackson and by them used to the best advantage for the benefit of said Children until the time of death again witness whereof I set to my hand this the 12th day of February 1870.

this the 1st day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Seventy two.
Anderson Jackson
Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. This the 1st day of March 1872.
J. D. Johnston
J. C. Roberts

Witnessed & sealed April 2 1872

Will of
John Davis

I John Davis being of sound mind and am admonished by the increasing infirmities of old age that

I cannot soon die, do with the fear of God before me, write this my last will Testament (namely)

I John Davis do hereby will Legnath and give to my beloved wife Willie Davis all of my personal and real estate and that said Willie Davis shall have the right power and authority to sell the tract of land upon which I now reside either privately or publicly at any time which she may see best to do now being gone & grant to my beloved wife Willie Davis the right power and authority to make the purchases of this my tract land a bona fide deed in fee simple and that my beloved wife Willie Davis shall use for her support and support whatever monies may be realized from the sale of said tract land & whatever other property I may possess at my death and of those is property left after I give a support for my beloved wife Willie Davis (during her lifetime) at her death it shall be equally divided between the heirs of my last will & except Benjamin Davis my son and the heirs of Mary Ann Eastlands whom I now begin forever disinherit from having any part of my estate whatever. It is also my will & wish that Henry B. Sherrod shall be my Executor to settle up my estate and also shall be my beloved wife Willie Davis Guardian during her lifetime given under my hand and seal this the 12th day of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine 1869 Sept 4th.

Witness
Wm Martha Appalwood
Elisha B. Edwards
H. C. Bayers

Called as I have the day bargained & sold transferred and conveyed and have made to the R. C. Sherrod his heirs & assigns in fee simple

* I do hereby certify that my last will and testament is the same as the one which I have signed and sealed and I do hereby certify that my last will and testament is the same as the one which I have signed and sealed

to the tract of land on which I now reside
 therefore as much as if any part of the above
 will should conflict with this it is most my wish
 that that part should be void and the rest to remain
 as before above this 3rd Oct 1862

Witness my hand and seal

J. M. Harris

John M. Harris
 mark

Cordell R. E. I John Davis becoming more informed
 and feeling I cannot soon die I am with the fear
 of God before me make this my last will and
 testament. It is my wish that my beloved wife
 Maria shall have the full benefit of a Will which
 I have against A. C. Harris for twelve hundred
 dollars payable 25th December 1868 any and
 every portion of said sum and interest two dollars
 the said sum being in debt to J. C. Harris
 twelve hundred dollars that she shall have power
 and authority to collect herself getting out
 of the debt and its proceeds among her debtors
 A. C. Harris as stated in a former will to be
 Guardian of it is my wish that my Daughter
 Corah Ann Harris shall have full power to be
 disinherited from having any part of my estate
 It is also my wish that my Daughter
 Mary Davis and her heirs shall be forever dis-
 inherited from having any part of my estate
 It is also my wish that my son John
 Davis and his heirs shall be forever disinherited
 from having any part of my estate my
 last of my first will & first and last that does
 not conflict with this my second will
 & my last will and testament shall remain
 in full force given under my hand and
 seal this 11th December 1862

Witness { J. M. Harris
 { J. C. Harris

John M. Harris
 mark

Attest Mary C. R. E.

State of Tennessee Fayette County

Will of
 John M. Harris

I John M. Harris of Moscow Fayette
 County Tennessee a Grocer by occupation
 do make this my last Will. I give and

Devise and Bequeath my Estate and property Real and per-
 sonal as follows that is to say I first want to be Decently interred
 and secondly I want all my just debts to be paid and then I
 want my Daughter Corah Ann Harris first to get my life policy
 and all of the Proceeds of the notes, judgments, and accounts now
 in the hands of W. M. Alexander when collected, a list of which
 will be found in a Book Marked A. with my papers to hold
 herself and to her Bodily heirs, and my House and Lot in the
 Town of Moscow Tenn. to her (and all of the notes and accounts
 of the Grocery Store applied to pay off my debt, as a debt
 my Brother A. C. Harris to till keep up the Grocery and out
 of the profits of same to take care of himself and pay for
 Corah Ann Harris schooling and cloth her I want her to have
 a good English Education and if she in the Providence of
 God should be called off, and leave no Bodily heir or heirs
 then I want all of the life policy and papers in W. M. Alex-
 anders hands to go to Corah Ann Digraft, Daughter of
 Wm B. Digraft and namesake of my Child, And thereby
 appoint as my Choice Joseph C. Crockett as my Executor
 and Guardian for Corah Ann Harris to execute and
 carry out this my Will. In Witness Whereof I have signed
 and sealed, and published, and declared this instrument
 as my Will at Moscow Fayette County Tennessee on the
 2 day of January 1872.

John M. Harris (Seal)

The said John M. Harris at said Moscow on the said date
 signed and sealed this instrument and published and
 declared and declared the same as and for his last
 Will, and we at his Request and in his presence and
 in the presence of each other have hereunto written our
 names as subscribing Witnesses

Test.
 J. D. Crockett
 R. R. M. Hulie

Probated June 3, 1872.

* I do declare my last will after my hand and
 being seen and the law due to be made under
 from having any last of my estate

to the tract of land on which I now reside
 therefore as much as if any part of the above
 will should conflict with the will now my last
 wish that part shall be void and the first to remain
 as expressed above, this 3rd Oct 1869

Witness J. C. Rogers

John M. Harris

W. C. Edwards

Codified Will. John Davis being one of my
 and feeling I cannot soon die as with the fear
 of God before me make this my very last will and
 Testament. It is my wish that my beloved wife
 Maria shall have the free benefit of a dower which
 I have against all persons for under hundred
 dollars payable 25th December 1869 and until
 I am summoned I want and demand two dollars
 the arrearages being it down to 1000 dollars
 I want under dollar that the above power
 and authority to suffer hereby giving out
 of the estate and its proceeds and of the profits
 of the same as shall be found and paid to be
 Guardian. It is my very last wish that my Daughter
 Sarah shall and my other place forever be
 disinherited from having any part of my estate
 It is also my very last wish that my son John
 my Daughter and her heirs forever be
 disinherited from having any part of my estate
 It is also my very last wish that my son John
 David and his heirs place be forever disinherited
 from having any part of my estate and
 part of my last will and Testament that does
 not conflict with the my second will
 and my last will and Testament place remain
 in full force. Given under my hand and
 seal this 11th December 1871

Witness { J. C. Rogers
 W. C. Edwards

John M. Harris

Attested Casey C. R. D.

State of Tennessee Fayette County.

Will of
 John M. Harris

I John M. Harris of Moscow Fayette
 County Tennessee a Grocer by occupation
 do make this my last Will. I give and

Devise and Bequeath my Estate and property Real and per-
 sonal as follows that is to say I first want to be Decently intred
 and secondly I want all my just debts to be paid and then I
 want my Daughter Corah Ann Harris first to get my life policy
 and all of the Proceeds of this policy, judgments, and accounts now
 in the hands of W. M. Alexander whom collected, a list of which
 will be found in a Book Marked A. with my papers to hold
 her self, and to her Bodily heirs, and my House and Lot in the
 Town of Moscow Tenn. to her (and all of the notes and accounts
 of the Grocery I want applied to pay off my debt, and I want
 my Brother A. Q. Harris to stile keep up the Grocery and out
 of the profits of same to take care of himself and pay for
 Corah Ann Harris schooling and clothe her I want her to have
 a good English Education and if she in the Providence of
 God should be called off, and leave no Bodily heir or heirs
 then I want all of the life policy and papers in W. M. Alex-
 anders hands to go to Corah Ann Duglafs, Daughter of
 Wm B. Duglafs and namesake of my Child, And I hereby
 appoint as my Choice Joseph D. Crockett as my Executor
 and Guardian for Corah Ann Harris to execute and
 Carry out this my Will. In Witness Whereof I have signed
 and sealed, and published, and declared this instrument
 as my Will at Moscow Fayette County Tennessee on the
 2 day of January 1872.

John M. Harris (Seal)
 This said John M. Harris at said Moscow on the said date
 signed and sealed this instrument and published and
 declared and declared the same as and for his last
 Will and gave at his Request and in his presence and
 in the presence of each other have hereunto written our
 names as subscribing Witnesses

Test
 J. D. Crockett
 R. R. Wheeler

Probated June 3, 1872.

Will of Thomas H. Hewitt being of sound mind and disposing memory do make & declare this my Last Will and Testament, thereby revoking all other Wills or Will by me at any time made

Item 1. It is my Will that I shall be buried in a proper manner, My funeral Expenses, and all my just debts to be paid out of any monies, I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executors hereinafter named

Item 2. It is my Will and desire and I earnestly request that my Wife and Children shall remain on the place on which they now reside until the youngest Child shall arrive at the age of Twenty one or until in the judgement of my Wife their interest would be promoted by a removal.

Item 3. The balance of my Estate after payment of debts, I give and bequeath to my Wife and Children the same to be under the Control of my Wife for the benefit of herself and my Children to be used by her as she may think best for herself and them.

Item 4. It is my Wish and desire and I hereby appoint my Wife Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and Testamentary Guardian of my Children without bonds or security and in the Event she declines to act, It is my desire that the Rev. Bishop of Alabama shall be appointed in her room & stead.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st May 1872.

Thomas H. Hewitt

Signed sealed & declared to be the Last Will of Thomas H. Hewitt in our presence, and we have signed our names as subscribing Witnesses thereto at his request & in his presence & in the presence of each other this 1st May 1872.

Joseph W. Trotter
G. H. Hunt

Probated June 4 1872

Will of Charles Michie for the name of Sd. Anne Charles Michie of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make certain public and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

That is to say

First— After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the Residue of my Estate, Real and Personal whether in possession or Expectancy I give bequeath and dispose of, as follows

Second— To my beloved daughter Olive M. Winston, I give bequeath and devise all my right title and interest to the tract of Land on which I now reside— known and described as being situated East from the Town of Lagrange in Fayette County Tenn, and designated as the University Tract of 1,000 One thousand acres and on which is situated my Home stead called "Wood Lawn"

Third— To my other beloved daughters Virginia Pettit, Victoria Sneed and Cornelia Parkam, I give bequeath and devise a piece of land near the said Town of Lagrange Tennessee, purchased by me of Cobb and known and described as my Cobb Tract and containing Compact acreage 330 Three Hundred and Thirty acres to be divided equally between my said daughters Virginia "Vic" and "Nelly" and also my said three daughters, Mrs. Pettit, Mrs. Sneed and Mrs. Parkam, I give and bequeath all of my personal property now on the place, Comprehending and Comprising all the Stock, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, together with all my Household and Kitchen Furniture, Silver Plate, and the plantation Utensils also, I have two good Gold watches which my said daughters Virginia "Vic" and "Nelly" must have and make such a division of the watches and other personal property as will be amicable and just in their discretion.

Fourth— The Gold headed Cane presented to me by Dr. Pettit, I wish my beloved daughter Virginia, to have

Fifth— The Real Estate that I give to my beloved daughter "Vic" Wife of James E. Conner, out of my Cobb tract I give to her and her Children and do not intend that the same shall be subject to the Control Contracts or debts of her Husband, but to go to her and the Heirs of her body, to their own proper use and benefit & free from all Contracts debts or liability of her said husband.

Sixth— My Library of Books, I also give and bequeath to my said three daughters "Virginia" "Vic" and "Nelly" together with the other personal property, and they must divide them to suit themselves.

Seventh— I make Constitute and Appoint my beloved Nephew Frederick S. Essett to be the Executor of this my Last Will and Testament thereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at my residence this the 10th day of April A.D. One thousand

Eight Hundred and Twenty two

C. Michie

The above and foregoing instrument was subscribed by the said Charles Michie in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be his last Will and Testament and we at the Testator's request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have signed our names as Testators here and written opposite our respective names our respective places of business this the 10th day of April A.D. 1872

C. F. Hodge, Layman
M. P. Williams, Layman

Probated June 4, 1872

Will of
Mary Eliza Swift

Know all men by these presents that I Mary Eliza Swift being of sound mind, and duly appreciating the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and its responsibilities do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, in presence, I do give and bequeath my whole estate, both real and personal and chose in action and property of every description after all of my creditors shall have been paid, to my dear beloved children Henry A. Swift John P. Swift Eliza E. Swift Francis M. Swift Cora Ann Melvina Swift, and I do hereby appoint my dear beloved sons Henry A. Swift and John P. Swift my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, with their my last instructions for the management of same to wit:

I wish my executors to keep my whole Estate under their control and management according to their discretion, for the use and benefit of all my children, until such time as any or either of my children may become of age according to law, or marry, and then it is my desire that my executors shall appoint my Brother Wm. M. Mayo, M. L. Anderson H. L. Swift to apportion the interest or several share to any such child becoming of legal age, or marrying, either so property in kind or value in money which apportionment shall be received by any of my children on their becoming of legal age or marrying as their share of my Estate and my Executors may sell any of my property and over the agreement and advice of any two of the foresaid Commissioners shall be the action of all them provided the said Commissioners influencing shall have notice of their action before the apportionment is made, whether by division in kind or by sales and feeling the helplessness of my two daughters I do hereby specially give the several portion bequeathed

x to carry out the purpose of this Will
The apportionment of any two of the foresaid Commissioners

my two daughters Eliza E. Swift and Cora Ann Melvina Swift in this my last Will and Testament in article to them and their children, nor shall the principle of any money or chose in action so bequeathed to them be trusted upon or used by them but shall either be kept at interest or invested in real estate or stocks for their use and benefit by my executors under the advice of the aforesaid Commissioners or the confirmation of the County and Probate Court of Haystack County Tennessee, and I do hereby free my two sons Henry A. Swift and John P. Swift my Executors from any obligation of giving security for carrying out and executing this my last Will and Testament, having full confidence in their integrity and personal responsibility upon the death or neglect or refusal to act of any or either of the Commissioners above appointed my executors shall fill their place by appointment under confirmation of the County and Probate Court for Haystack County Tennessee, my true intent and meaning in the bequests herein given and bequeathed to my two daughters Eliza E. Swift and Cora Ann Melvina Swift is that they shall have the free use and benefit of all the benefits profits and interest and rents without let or hindrance except the principal, and said property shall not be disposed of except in the manner herein before specified,

Witness my hand and seal this June 21st Eighteen hundred and twenty two,

Witness

H. P. Taylor

M. L. Anderson

Mary E. Swift

Probated August Term 1872

Will of
Anos David

In the name of God, Amen: I Anos David of the Town of Somerville, Haystack County Tennessee, being of sound and disposing mind, and memory do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills, by me heretofore made, to my two single Daughters Ann Christian and Mary Devineaux, have continued with me, taken care of me, and worked to support me, through my declining years of Old age; and have also, taken care of, and supported my three orphan Grand Children, Kate A. Willie A. and Lewis D. Shope, I hereby give, bequeath, and Will, to my two daughters aforesaid to wit, Ann Christian David and Mary Devineaux David, All of my property, Real and personal, with all debts, and claims, due me, or that may hereafter become due me, to hold jointly or fee simple, and dispose of as they may see proper, And I hereby

appoint my daughter Sarah, as my Executor to carry into effect this my last Will and testament, and request the County Court to have her qualified, as Executor, without requiring Bonds and security, or requiring her to render an inventory of said property, or make any report to the Clerk of said Court in regard to my estate.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 16th day of March 1872.

Witness

John H. Maury

Thos. L. M. Callahan

Amos David (Seal)

Codicil No. 1, to my foregoing Will, my reason for making all of my property held together is that if separated, and equally divided, there will not be enough left in the hands of my two single daughters to enable them to continue keeping house; and as they have made the most I have, I wish them to have the benefit of it. But it is my wish, and will, that my daughters Ann Christian and Mary Devora will at some future time convey to their sister Louisa C. Sadler of Granada Mills, about one fourth in value of the property hereby conveyed by will to them as above.

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of April 1872.

Amos David

Probated September 3, 1872.

Wife of
Wm. Statham

State of Tennessee Fayette County

Shew all men by these presents that I

William Statham of the County of Fayette

and State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory do

therefore make and declare this to be my last will and

testament

That is to say, first after all my lawful debts

on hand and discharged the residue of my estate

real and personal, I give bequeath and dispose of as

follows

To my wife Sarah Statham I bequeath to

by the following provisos to wit To her Michael

Sarah Statham during his natural life. A Negro woman named Mary

Ann named Prase. A negro woman named Mary

and her child Daisy also one hundred acres

of land including the residence on which I live

plus one horse and buggy one goat of one and

other stock I bequeath to my wife Sarah Statham

for the support and maintenance of a family

The said Sarah Statham to have and hold the above named property for her use and benefit during her natural life then to be divided between my heirs

The residue of my personal estate is to be divided

equally between my sons Amos Anderson Statham's heirs

to wit the Parishmen William Statham Reuben Johnson Mary

Johnson Lloyd Statham Jane M. Matthews Mary Ann

Parishman Martha Statham Thomas Statham Sarah Statham

is Statham. The property belonging to the heirs of

Reuben Johnson Dec. Emily Johnson and consorts

Anthony Matthews and C. W. Johnson Trustees of this

portion of my estate until they become of age the

portion of my estate belonging to the heirs of Anderson

Statham Dec. to be held in the hands of Sarah Statham

as long as she remains the Widow of Anderson Statham Dec.

for her life and the use of the heirs of Anderson

Statham Dec. Sarah appoints Anthony Matthews and

C. W. Johnson Trustees. All of my real or landed es-

tate to remain undivided until my young est

son Thomas Alie Statham is 21 twenty one years of

age with the exception of 16- sixteen acres of land

known as Johnson's which he is to have for 100

hundred dollars in cash as soon as the title can be

perfected in me at the sale or the permission of my

landed estate my son Thomas Alie Statham and

my daughter Sarah Francis Statham one to have

2500 five hundred and fifty dollars each to make

them equal with any other children

Thomas Alie Statham is to have one house one bed &

covering and one years schooling Sarah Francis

Statham one bed and covering I have by consents

and appoint Anthony Matthews C. W. Johnson & W.

Parishman Executors of my last will testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name

and affixed my seal this 15th day of September in the

year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and

fifty eight 1858

Witness

J. B. Baird

W. M. Johnson

W. M. Statham Seal

Probated Oct Term 1872

Will of
Allen Cassette

In the name of God I, Allen Cassette of Fayette and State of Tennessee being of a sane and disposing mind and in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will hereby revoking all others

Item first I desire my body to be conveyed to the earth whence it came and my soul to be returned to God who gave it

Item second I desire all my just debts to be paid after my death as soon as it can be conveniently done

Item third I give, bequeath and devise all the property real and personal of whatever kind which I may die seized and possessed of to be equally divided between my beloved wife Eliza, Caroline Mary Jane Moore, Thomas H. Cassette, William Henry Cassette, Susan F. Wade, H. Cassette, R. Cassette, Virginia H. Cassette, Tennessee H. Cassette my legal children

Item fourth I give my wife the my three youngest children to wit, Eliza F. Cassette, Virginia H. Cassette, and Tennessee H. Cassette a bed and furniture or thirty dollars in money over and a love. The provision made for them in Item third in order to make them equal with my other five children who have been provided by me a bed and furniture

I do hereby appoint and designate my sons Thomas H. Cassette and William Henry Cassette my executors to execute this my last will

Allen Cassette died
The said Allen Cassette at his residence on the day therein mentioned signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same to be his will and we at his request and in the presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our names as subscribing witnesses on the 16th of February 1872

A. W. H.
C. W. H.
J. H. H.

Protested Oct Term 1872

Will of
Elizabeth Patton

In the name of God I, Elizabeth Patton feeling that life is uncertain & that death is certain to all men do this day being the 9th day of Novr 1868 make my last will & testamentary revoking all others heretofore made by me in manner & form following

On the 1st place I wish all my just debts to be paid by my executors hereafter named
On the 2nd place I give & give unto my son Joshua J. Patton the sum of Five Dollars as his full share of my Estate

On the 3rd place I give & give unto my Daughter W. Patton the sum of Five Dollars as her full share of my Estate

On the 4th place I give & give unto my Daughter the sum of Five Dollars as her full share of my Estate
On the 5th place I give & give unto my son J. Patton the sum of Five Dollars as his full share of my Estate

On the 6th place I give & bequeath all the balance of my Estate to my 2 single Daughters Elanora Jane & Elanora Patton to use as they may think fit or equally divided if necessary to them & their heirs forever But in case they die with out having heirs then after provision is made for one of them when he arrives at 21 years I will & bequeath all the property given to my 2 Daughters in detail to my 2 Grand Children W. H. & Elanora Owens

On the 7th place I wish W. H. Owens to live with my 3 Daughters until he becomes of age or 21 years old I further wish my 2 Daughters last Elanora to school him until he gets a good business education & when he becomes of lawful age to receive from his Mother a horse Buggy & saddle worth about \$100 & such other house hold & personal property as they may think best to give him

On the 8th place I lastly appoint my 2 Daughters Elanora Jane & Elanora Patton my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & testament & I give them full confidence in them that they will do all things right & faithfully carry out my wishes in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand the above written Oct

Elizabeth Patton
J. H. H.
J. H. H.

Elizabeth Patton died

Protested Nov Term 1872