

Will of J. L. Pulliam

I, J. L. Pulliam of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee do hereby make & declare this to be my

Last Will & Testament

- Item ① I direct my executors to discharge & pay off my debts & liabilities as soon after my death as practicable out of any of my Estate except that in the next clause given & devised to my wife Betty & except that given & devised in Item ⑦ clause & my daughter Amelia Pulliam to her sole & separate use and in this view and purpose to free my Estate from debt I desire my Executors at once without delay to inform I am liable as security or endorser for any payment to institute proceedings to have my Estate freed from such liability & responsibility.
- Item ② I give & bequeath to my wife Betty Pulliam absolutely & in her own right to use & dispose of as she pleases, the several lots & parcels of land in Fayette County Tennessee & near Somerville as follows viz. Parcel of about 30 acres & adjoining the residence lot upon which we live & which lot was devised upon the inheritance from my mother & said lot of 1st acre purchased of Antebellum Farmers, & 1/2 acre North of residence lot & upon which many stables are erected & purchased of H. E. Mackinnon; The Shreve lot of about 1/2 acre being South of 1st acre lot referred to above; The Wrentham bottom lot of about 1/2 acre South of above road, & 1/2 acre of land to which I have deed of Mrs. Minerva Joyce & South of Tobacco fields, & lying about 1/2 mile North of Mrs. Minerva Joyce. John W. Mackinnon, William A. Mackinnon & Thomas E. Mackinnon then tracts & parcels of land purchased of E. C. Chapman & containing about 60 acres. The two tracts & parcels of land to me purchased of J. G. A. Hill & part of the Third Mackinnon tract near to a South of Somerville Tennessee & being about 30 acres, also the Nelson - Archer & Condon lots South of last lot & residence upon which we are now living - Also the A. H. Appleberry residence & lots attached to same being about 200 acres - Also the George A. Phillips place bought by one of E. C. & Mackinnon at two different times & partly bought two tracts of about 18 1/2 acres & the other of about 100 acres - Also the John A. Johnson lots & residence of about 57 1/2 acres - Also all my wagons, plowing implements & farming tools, & all other implements of husbandry - all money & money upon the lot, partly of land so as is described & all my mules, horses, steers, & cattle, hogs, sheep, on the lot upon which we live & upon the place so devised to her. Also all carriages & harness - all fence-holds, kitchen furniture & all provisions & supplies on hand on lots described above & all crops growing upon place above described also \$10000 Tennessee dollars of United States Bonds now on

- my safe also ten thousand Memphis Gas light stock & five thousand dollar stock in Merchants National Bank of Memphis & all my books except law library given to W. P. Hobson.
- Item ③ I give to my brother J. J. Pulliam my wearing apparel of every kind & decoration & my double-barrel shot gun & all articles being now in his possession.
- Item ④ To my sister Mrs. Tempe J. Hobson I give the change & lot above which she now resides & by me purchased of J. J. A. Pulliam, to her & her heirs forever absolutely & in her own right.
- Item ⑤ My brother Dr. Alfred S. Pulliam is owing me a large debt together with smaller debts amounting to about Ten thousand dollars. And I have & hold a debt on my father's Estate for Twenty Two hundred dollars & interest since 1850 & 1858 being two payments on debt land of \$1100; each which debt & interest now amounts to near Five thousand dollars & which last debt is admitted by A. S. Pulliam to be a charge on the debt tract of land now occupied by him - These two debts I wish collected & the money loaned out at interest upon Mortgage & unquestioned personal security. The interest to be paid every six months to Eliza V. Pulliam wife of A. S. Pulliam & her children now born or hereafter to be born of her marriage with A. S. Pulliam in equal share. The share to her children to be applied to their education, support & board in event their father from ill health or any other cause is unable to support & educate them & to carry out this item I appoint my brother J. J. Pulliam Trustee for the said Eliza V. Pulliam & her children with full power as Executor of this my will to collect said debt from A. S. Pulliam or to purchase property from him in discharge of same & property so purchased to be held for the said Eliza V. Pulliam & her children by A. S. Pulliam, now born or hereafter to be born & the share of any of said children that may die to go to & belong to the surviving children - And this property so devised & given as stated in this item to be in no way subject to the control & management of the said A. S. Pulliam or liable for his debts in any manner whatsoever.
- Item ⑥ My son Libary & now safe in my office I give & bequeath to my nephew George P. Hobson.
- Item ⑦ To my daughter Amelia Pulliam I give my half of Moscow farm - The Henderson tract of land The 15 acre Bowers tract upon which is residence & gin house and about eleven acres West of Lexington road recently purchased of J. A. Hill - And about one hundred & fifty two acres of the Bowers tract South of Henderson tract & East of Lexington road - Also the Milam & Boring tracts of about 40 acres each off the West end of the Boring tract & next to the Benjamin Cook tract of land - Also 50 acres of land purchased at Antebellum sale of J. V. Wrode assigned of Carpenter, also tract purchased of William Smith of about 20 acres on & north of Hatcher Run. Also tract of

about 30 acre purchase of J. A. Hill next to Gutter tract also the tract of about 100 acres purchased of John L. Perry, Executor of George H. Perry & North of Hatchie River. That tract I intend to let each of said sons occupy by and as an office & store house warehouse, the tract to be by them north of P. D. Summers drainage. The tract above said East side of public square bought by me of the Union Bank of Tennessee and Fifteen thousand dollars in United States 5-20 Bonds now in my safe, for her sole & separate use independent of any husband she may have & not subject to his debt or liability for his Contract & at her death same to belong to her children with power in her now to sell United States Bonds & reinvest or loan out fund under advice & approval of my Executors with Mortgage on Real Estate & two good securing interest payable every 6 months.

Item ⑧ Of the residue of my estate I give to my wife Ten thousand dollars in United States currency to be used by her as she may wish & for the education of any one or more of my nephews & nieces that she may wish to provide for on to be by her used for her own benefit & she not to be liable to account for same to my Executors or to be responsible to any one for use she may make of same. This provision not to interfere with any of prior provisions items of this my will.

Item ⑨ J. Q. Lane & myself own Little tract of land jointly of 12 acres upon which I have paid all the purchase money that has been paid. J. Q. Lane not being able to pay any of it & we own the Mr. R. Hendon tract of about 20 acres that of debt land upon which Mr. Lane paid one half of the purchase money. These two tracts of land I desire Mr. Lane to control & manage as he deems proper to sell or rent & when sold or rented after deducting pay to him for such services to pay my half to my Executors and in this land matter Mr. Lane is not to be charged with interest upon land purchased as paid for by him as stated above either up to this time or in future until he effects a sale upon his selling, my wife Betty Pulliam to join him in making deed to purchaser.

Item ⑩ Joseph A. Hill is due to me a large debt out of which I desire One thousand dollars to be given to each of his children by his marriage with my sister Rachel Caroline & same to bear interest from my death & to be collected & placed in hands of guardian to be appointed for said children & to be by him used for their schooling & education. The balance of debt so due & owing to me by said Hill to be collected by my Executors in default of said Hill paying to pay cash interest thereon each six months that is to say six cents per annum payable at the end of each & every six months.

debt so referred to upon J. A. Hill was contracted by the purchase of Real Estate some of which are now in common & my Executors have authority & empowered to purchase from him any Real Estate he may wish to sell as a credit upon said debt to me. Item ⑪ Whitfield Boyd Geo. A. Washby and me large debt for money loaned them to carry on their mercantile business in Knoxville Tennessee & so long as they will pay us the interest promptly every six months I desire them indebted upon payment of interest upon principal of said debt. A portion of the debt so due to me is upon Mr. W. W. W. & M. B. Jackson & I desire that this also be managed as above debt - that is so long as they pay every six months & keep the debt renewed, so as to save the labor of Statute of limitation they are not to be forced when said debt under the solvency of debt becomes questionable in which event active means are to be taken to collect same or secure same by liens upon Real Estate & personal property.

Item ⑫ My friend Whitfield Boyd owes me a large debt for money loaned him for the Dickinson tract of land, also for rent of H. E. Hall place this year all of which debt is due to me & I desire the interest paid up upon said the rent of said place paid in full each & every year & I desire further that Mr. Boyd have the H. E. Hall place at quit rent paid for same. When per cent interest thereon upon his paying for same amount I paid which amount was my half with a deduction of 12 1/2 per cent & which deduction is to be credited upon said debt & allowed to Mr. Boyd. And I further authorize my Executors to purchase from Whitfield Boyd any & as much of the same as he may wish to sell in payment of debt he owes to me & to take title to my daughter Amelia for same.

Item ⑬ My gold watch & chain I give & bequeath to my nephew John L. Hobson.

Item ⑭ All the rest & residue of my Estate Real & personal I will & bequeath to my daughter Amelia Pulliam to dispose of as she deems fit & to use as in her judgment as she may deem best & proper for the interest of her self & those of her consins, my nephews & nieces whom she thinks will appreciate the means & means thereof to procure a thorough education & profession leaving this however entirely to her discretion to give or loan or withhold as she may deem fit & proper & not clothed with any special trust in favor of said nephews or nieces in opposition to the views & wishes of my daughter Amelia Pulliam. This residue is placed with me Special trust & has none of the restrictions put upon Estate given to her in 7th item of this my will.

Item ⑮ I appoint J. Q. Lane one of my Executors to this my will with power to rent out my lands so given & devised also to my wife & child & to divide with them

directly without going before any Court & request him to keep said up as well as practicable under the present system of labor & this trust reposed in him to be executed without delay for security & that he simply qualify by taking usual oath for Executors - The Trust reposed in J. P. Pulliam & J. P. Dorch entirely to Real Estate & is in no way connected with the duties & trust of any other Executors & he not to be responsible for their acts or they for his acts under the provisions of this my will.

Item (6) I appoint my brother J. P. Pulliam & my friend W. B. Dorch Executors of this my will to manage & control the settlement of debts & equity to me & to pay off my debts & liabilities and with full power to compromise & settle any & all transactions relating to my Estate to take property Real or Personal in payment of such debts to purchase Mortgages & Trusts I have in the property so mortgaged to me if deemed to interest of my estate & to sell same & all my Real Estate not specifically devised hereunder to reinvest or loan out as they may deem best the funds arising from such sales when made & had and they are relieved by me from giving any security for the same but they are to execute and discharge bonds in sum of fifty thousand dollars each for the performance of the trusts & they not to be liable or responsible for the acts of each other - And in the performance of this trust I request said J. P. Pulliam & W. B. Dorch to settle regularly & promptly once a year with County Court Clerk of Fayette County & keep funds marked in residuary clause herein actively at interest for payment of my debts & liabilities & to defray expenses of Amelia Pulliam & And in this connection the property given to my wife & the property in 7th clause of this my will & all its profits & interest to go at once into the hands & control of Betty & daughter Amelia & my Executors in no way responsible & liable for same as its interest or profits.

Item (7) I own a house & lot in Memphis Tenn on Carroll Avenue & also about 10 acres of land on the Delta Road near Memphis part of the J. P. Pulliam land & which last parcel of land is in litigation in Supreme Court of State of Tennessee these parcels of land with all other real estate owned by me & embraced in the 14th item of this my will I desire rented out or sold if real estate party & persons to go to & belong to my daughter Amelia Pulliam as indicated in 14th item of this my will.

Item (8) In the settlement & management of debts due & owing to me I desire my Executors & whomever they consider the debts safe & secure upon parties paying interest promptly at the end of each & every six months

to let the principal remain at interest & in any case when the debt bearing of doubtful solvency to secure said by liens or mortgage or purchase of property tending thereby in every instance to my daughter Amelia Pulliam & her heirs.

Item (9) I give to my Executors J. P. Pulliam & William B. Dorch full power to compromise, settle & adjust all matters touching the closing up of business of my Estate & to sell any & all property of my estate embraced in item 14th of this my will & to invest proceeds & in this connection to sell such real estate as I own in common with J. J. Holloway & John K. Hill or to purchase from them any such estate so far as owned in common & to take title to same to Amelia Pulliam, lease or rent out same for one or more years & to do any & all things in about my estate that they think advisable & best for the interest of my wife & child - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal to this my last will and testament so set out above & including 22 pages - interlined on 1st page just above last line - on 6th page "J. P. Pulliam" interlined just above last line & on 7th page "J. P. Pulliam" interlined above third line "I own said in my office" & on 13th page above 6th line interlined "interlined upon". July 17th 1876.

At the request of J. P. Pulliam & in his presence we signed this paper as witnesses thereto - We stating to us it was his last will & testament, Given under our hands this 17th of July AD 1876.
Angeline J. P. Pulliam
Thos. B. Dorch.

Codicil.

I desire my Executors to retain W. B. McCormac as attorney in all business connected with the adjustment & settlement of my Estate. July 17th 1876
J. P. Pulliam
Notated March Term 1877.

Will of J. H. Morrow Decd.

April the 15-1877.

W. B. Morrow will

first as soon after my death as possible that all my debts be paid out of my effects. Secondly that all my property remain undivided until my youngest children become of age and then to be equal division among all my children with his exception one hundred and twenty (\$120.00) Dollars among them I have given to George W. Morrow that the amount be taken care and then the equal division be made this is given.

Honourable Justices and Justices of the Peace for the County of Fayette
he executed to the said

Witness

D. C. Boyd

J. A. Boyd

Noted my own 1877

Will of J. J. Holloway. J. J. Holloway of the County of Fayette
and State of Tennessee - being of sound
disposition of my property do hereby make order and publish the
my last will and Testament as follows

1st I wish my wife Mary Holloway to be sole executrix of my will
and that she be not required to give security as required by law in such
executrix - unless in case of her marriage - in which event after
her marriage she is to share alone with my children in the division
of my property

2nd I make my wife with full power and authority to sell
and convey any property which I may own or possess legally or
Equitably which she may see proper and to give the same in any way
she may see proper to be subject however to restriction in case of her
Marriage

3rd I make my wife with full power and authority to settle all claims
for and against my Estate - by compromise or settlement or
Exchange of property or in any manner as full and complete as
I could do for myself and that she be not held responsible on her
to any legal for her act as executrix of this my will

4th I wish my wife to advise and consult with my Brother D. M.
Holloway and my Son J. J. Holloway and G. D. Still in all the business
relating to my Estate and affairs

5th I wish my wife to manage and control my entire estate
personal and real - to educate and maintain all the minor children
at the expense of my estate until they are each twenty one years
old

6th After all my debts have been paid and a reasonable allowance
provided and reserved for the education and maintenance of the minor
children my wife with the advice and consent of her said advisors
D. M. and J. J. Holloway and G. D. Still may divide off and set
apart some parcel or parcel of my property to any of my children
with children as she may think proper - provided always that
each child with the Mother share share each equally in the division
of my estate May the peace and love of God be with each and
all of them.

Signatures acknowledged in our presence
and in the presence of each other and
declared by J. J. Holloway to be his last
Will and Testament this 11th day of June 1877

Stephen J. Cook

G. D. Still

Noted July 1877

J. J. Holloway (Seal)

Will of Harlow Daylor. I Harlow Daylor of the County of Fayette
State of Tennessee here the day made the my
last Will - Testament hereby making revoking and other wills heretofore
made by me

It is my will that my estate be equally divided between
my two children viz. Edmund Daylor & Lois B. Alexander
that each party pay an equal part in liquidating my debts - even if it
be necessary to sell a portion of the land of each division. My wife
is to have a homestead in the S. E. corner of the tract including dwelling
house and house about the yard gin house and over spring
Edmund to have homestead at the mother's death after giving her 100
acres of land in a body of homestead or his tract as he may prefer or
pay her fifteen hundred dollars. J. D. Alexander & Edmund to have
undisturbed possession of the same - State or as long as they live
together in the same house with the Mother the homestead corner
Tennessee about 400 acres of land

Lois B. Alexander estimated to be about four hundred (400) acres of
land the same already designated as J. D. Alexander's which is hereby
conveyed to my daughter Lois B. Alexander - her heirs for the said Lois &
separate use and benefit free from the debts & contract of her husband or
any other except a part may be necessary to pay her proportion
part of my debts - in that event only she may sell and convey enough
to pay her proportionate part. The balance of the land is to be conveyed to
my son Edmund including what is known as his place. Each of these
three acres are made giving a good title when all my debts are paid
as provided above.

I appoint my son Edmund Daylor Executor of the my last Will
& Testament & Refuse then let & J. D. Alexander settle all matters
between them and if they need consult consult with R. D. Daylor.
J. D. Daylor or W. M. Smith the decision of any two of them shall
be final without any recourse to law. My wife retains all
the kitchen stove and bed furniture & enough stock provisions & farming
implements to carry on her farm & at her death the books to be divided
between the children & the furniture remain with the homestead.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this 5th day of November 1877 fifth mo

R. D. Daylor

J. D. Daylor

J. M. Brown

Harlow Daylor (Seal)

Noted July 1877

Will of Thomas Craig. State of Tennessee Aug 26 1875
Thomas Craig of Fayette County State
of Tennessee Civil Dist. 14th a Farmer make the my last Will
I give devise and bequeath my Estate & Property Real and Personal
as follows to Daniel Craig Mary Purcell David M. Craig Saml
Craig Thomas Craig Francis Craig William Craig Benjamin

Thomas Day and Catharine, he appoints Mr. J. H. Halloway
his executor & the will

Witness
D. Co. Boyd
J. A. Boyd

Tested my own 1877

Will of J. J. Halloway

I, J. J. Halloway of the County of Fayette
and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind,
disposition of my property do hereby make, ordain and publish this
my last will and Testament: To wit—

1st I wish my wife Mary Halloway to be sole executrix of my will
and that she be not required to give security as required by law unless
excused— unless in case of her marriage in which event after
her marriage she is to share alike with my children in the division
of my property.

2^d I make my wife with full power and authority to sell
and convey any property which I may own or possess legally or
equitably which she may see proper, and to make the same in any way
she may see proper to be subject however to satisfaction in case of her
marriage.

3rd I give my wife with full power and authority to sell as she may
see fit and against my estate— by compromise or settlement or
change of property or in any manner as full and complete as
I could do for myself and that she be not held responsible in liability
to any legal for her acts as executrix of this my will.

4th I wish my wife to advise and consult with my brother J. M.
Halloway and my son J. H. Halloway and G. D. Still in all the business
relating to my estate and affairs.

5th I wish my wife to manage and control my entire estate
personal and real, to educate and maintain all the minor children
at the expense of my estate until they are each twenty-one years
old.

6th After all my debts have been paid and a reasonable allowance
provided and reserved for the education and maintenance of the minor
children my wife with the advice and consent of her said advisors
J. M. and J. H. Halloway and G. D. Still may divide off and set
apart some parcel or parcels of my property to any of my child-
ren or children as she may think proper— provided always that
each child with the Mother shall share each equally in the division
of my estate. May the peace and love of God be with each and
all of them.

Lynna Sealed & acknowledged in our presence
and in the presence of each other and
declared by J. J. Halloway to be his last
Will & Testament this 11th day of June 1877.

J. J. Halloway
J. D. Still

Tested July 1877

Will of Samuel Daylor

I Samuel Daylor of the County of Fayette
State of Tennessee here the day made the my
last Will & Testament hereby appointing making and all other wills heretofore
made by me.

It is my will that my estate be equally divided between
my two children viz. Edmund Daylor & Lora B. Alexander
each party pay an equal part in liquidating my debts even if it
be necessary to sell a portion of the land of each division. My wife
is to have a homestead in the S. E. corner of the tract including dwelling
house and house about the yard gin house and near spring
Edmund is to have homestead at his mother's death after giving Lora 100
acres of land in a body of homestead or his tract as he may prefer &
pay her fifteen hundred dollars. I. D. Alexander & Edmund are to have
an uninterrupted possession of the above lots—State or as long as they live
together in the same house with the Mother the homestead con-
tains about Rounders (400) acres of land.

Lora B. Alexander Estimated to be about four hundred (400) acres of
land the same already designated as I. D. Alexander which is hereby
conveyed to my daughter Lora B. Alexander when her first husband
departs use & benefit, free from the control & contract of her husband or
any other except a part may be necessary to pay her proportionate
part of my debts in that event only she may sell and convey enough
to pay her proportionate part. The balance of the land & money to
my son Edmund including what is known as his place & each of these
things are made giving a good title when all my debts are paid
as provided above.

I appoint my son Edmund Daylor, Executor of this my last Will
& Testament & prefer that he & J. D. Alexander settle all matters
between them and if they need counsel consult with R. D. Daylor.
I do Daylor or M. M. Smith the decision of any two of them shall
be final without any recourse to law. My wife retains all
the kitchen & out house, furniture & enough stock provisions & farming
utensils to carry on her farm & at her death the books to be divided
between the children & the furniture remain with the homestead.
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my seal this 5th day of November 1874. fifth mo.

R. D. Daylor
J. D. Alexander
J. H. Barrett

Samuel Daylor. 3

Tested July 1877

Will of Thomas Gray

State of Tennessee Daylor County
Thomas Gray of Daylor County State
of Tennessee Civil Dist. 14th a Farmer make the my last Will
I give devise and bequeath my Estate & Property Real and Personal
as follows to James Craig Mary Purser David M. Craig Saml
Craig Thomas Craig Francis H. Craig Adeline Crawford Benjamin

Oray & Lewis Simmons each an and agree that if the person my wife estate I desire the my death of land to sell with any other property I may have in my death. I appear before the Court a record of Fayette Co State of Tennessee a term, Session the my last will.

In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my last will at the residence of Jeremiah Burnett Co and State above mentioned October 26th 1870.

The said Thomas Craig as said Executor on the day of October 1870 and of the above said Co and State signed and declared the instrument and published and declared the same as a for his last will and we in his presence and at his request in the presence of each other here have signed written our names as Subscribing witnesses this 26th day October 1870.

Probated July Term 1877.

J. Burnett Clerk
J. G. Burnett Deed

Will of Addison Lewis Calmes. The Last Will & Testament of Addison Lewis Calmes

I Addison Lewis Calmes citizen of Fayette County Tennessee being of sound mind & disposing mind and advancing in age and conscious of the uncertainty of life and being desirous of disposing of what little property I have been enabled to acquire while I am in possession of health & of a sound disposing mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & Testament hereby making any & all wills that I may have at any time heretofore made

Item 1st I commend my spirit to God who gave it and desire that I should be buried according to the custom of the Baptists Church of which I am a member.

Item 2nd I desire what little debt I owe & my funeral expenses to be paid first out of the first money realized from my estate.

Item 3rd I give bequeath to my two daughters Judy now the wife of Moses Persons Lammie D and the wife of Isaac Persons to their sole separate use free from the debt & liabilities or control of their present or any future husband they may have. My present tract of Land 3 1/2 Sects. 34 & 35 & 36 half Acre of Land being the same land the I together with Moses Emanuel Persons bought of the Georgia Hickam Co. & Co. & Co. of the State of Georgia by Deed of the 28th of March 1873 & recorded in Register's office of Fayette County Tenn Book No 3 page 273-474. By Wm. J. G. Gorman & family as witnesses which by age

ments of the parties purchasing agree to & described as to shown in said Deed Lot No 3. Sec 34 & 35 & 36 & 37 & 38 & 39 & 40 & 41 & 42 & 43 & 44 & 45 & 46 & 47 & 48 & 49 & 50 & 51 & 52 & 53 & 54 & 55 & 56 & 57 & 58 & 59 & 60 & 61 & 62 & 63 & 64 & 65 & 66 & 67 & 68 & 69 & 70 & 71 & 72 & 73 & 74 & 75 & 76 & 77 & 78 & 79 & 80 & 81 & 82 & 83 & 84 & 85 & 86 & 87 & 88 & 89 & 90 & 91 & 92 & 93 & 94 & 95 & 96 & 97 & 98 & 99 & 100 & 101 & 102 & 103 & 104 & 105 & 106 & 107 & 108 & 109 & 110 & 111 & 112 & 113 & 114 & 115 & 116 & 117 & 118 & 119 & 120 & 121 & 122 & 123 & 124 & 125 & 126 & 127 & 128 & 129 & 130 & 131 & 132 & 133 & 134 & 135 & 136 & 137 & 138 & 139 & 140 & 141 & 142 & 143 & 144 & 145 & 146 & 147 & 148 & 149 & 150 & 151 & 152 & 153 & 154 & 155 & 156 & 157 & 158 & 159 & 160 & 161 & 162 & 163 & 164 & 165 & 166 & 167 & 168 & 169 & 170 & 171 & 172 & 173 & 174 & 175 & 176 & 177 & 178 & 179 & 180 & 181 & 182 & 183 & 184 & 185 & 186 & 187 & 188 & 189 & 190 & 191 & 192 & 193 & 194 & 195 & 196 & 197 & 198 & 199 & 200 & 201 & 202 & 203 & 204 & 205 & 206 & 207 & 208 & 209 & 210 & 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At the instance & request of the Dictator & in his presence we here witness & subscribe this his Last Will & Testament July 28th AD 1873 J. L. Dickerson Jr.
Probated August Term 1877

Will of Laura A. Reed. I Laura A. Reed of Fayette County Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory do make declare and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby making any and making void all others by me at any time made. I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of the money and other personal property I may be possessed of and devised and referred to in the last item and residuary claims of this my will. I wish and bequeath the house and Lot in Somerville Tennessee on West of the Depot and Depot grounds of the N. C. R. R. and upon which I now reside with my father and mother to Stephen J. Carme or his heirs for the use of my father and mother for support of my father Mary J. Cooper and Mother Parmela J. Cooper for and during their natural lives and so long as

my or either of them may live - the said Stephen J. Carnes will hold the legal title to said house and lot in the city of Jones for my said father and Mother who will occupy said premises and have the exclusive use and benefit of same as long as they or either of them may live and in the event they or either of them do not choose to reside and live upon said premises, the said Stephen J. Carnes will use same and pay said rent to them or to the Surrogate, as long as they or either of them may live.

At their death or at the death of the last dying I will and do wish that the said Sonatishy shall terminate and said house and lot shall then go to and belong to my two Nieces Florence H. and Laura M. Cooper to be held and enjoyed by them as tenants in common in fee simple share and share alike to take effect from and after the death of my said Father and Mother.

I own an one half undivided interest in about 1 1/2 acres of land near the M.C. & N.D. in the 14th Civil District Shelby County Tennessee. Mar. Central Station on said said land. My said one half undivided interest in said 1 1/2 acres land I will and devise to Henry Cooper Carnes Son of my Sister M. C. Carnes.

Fourth I will and bequeath my gold watch to my Stephen will leave to Cooper son of my deceased brother Matthew F. Cooper.

Fifth I have Four Thousand Dollars in money loaned to different parties in a most trustworthy place and loaned out under the supervision of George F. Holt as my agent. This Four Thousand Dollars and all the rest and residue of the estate and property real and personal that I may own at my death and not specifically devised herein after paying out of same expenses and debts as specified in the fourth clause of this my will, I will devise and bequeath to Stephen J. Carnes as Executor for the use benefit support and support of my aged Father and Mother Henry J. and Pamela J. Cooper as long as they or either of them may live. And I hereby wish and desire that said Executor shall loan out said money held by him under the clause of my will at the legal rate of interest in State with good security, either in secured by some deed on land and he will collect the interest annually and pay same over to my said father and Mother as long as they or either of them may live.

At their death or at the death of the last one dying I will and bequeath all the money and property embraced in this clause to my three Sisters Mrs. J. J. Elam Mrs. M. C. Patton and Mrs. E. L. Carnes to be equally divided among them share and share alike and to be paid over to each in person by my executor or trustee

appointed. The share and interest of said Mrs. J. J. Elam and Mrs. M. C. Patton and Mrs. E. L. Carnes. I however desire to show each to each of them to the separate and sole use of each. to be held and owned by each free from the control and control rights of their present or any future husbands and not liable for the debts or contracts of the present or any future husbands of either of them. I hereby nominate and appoint Stephen J. Carnes Executor of this my last will and testament, and trustee to execute and carry out the behests herein created and placed on him for the benefit of my Father and Mother. I also release him from giving security as trustee or as executor and he will only be required to execute his individual bond in the penal sum of Two Thousand Dollars.

In witness whereof I do to this my will with my hand this the 28th day of May 1877. Laura A. Reed Signed and published in our presence by Mrs. Laura A. Reed at her last will and testament and at her request we have this day signed our names, heard or witnessed to the contents in her presence and in the presence of each other. This my 28-1877.

J. H. Ruffess
L. Agnew, Clerks

Testated October Term 1877

Will of W. M. Barron. Know all men by these presents that I W. M. Barron of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory and being fully conscious of the uncertainty of human life do now make and publish the following as my last will and testament.

1st I desire that my funeral expenses and all debts I may owe to be paid out of proceeds of my personalty by my executor herein after named or after that I bequeath to my Sister M. L. Dyer all my household and kitchen furniture and my Luggage and I desire that it be his absolutely and I desire further that if there is not sufficient of my personalty to pay my debts that the same be paid from proceeds of real estate.

2nd I will that my lands be sold out and hereby bequeath of the proceeds of the same to the Legn of Stephen Barron and Dallar to my father Thomas Barron to be used as he may see fit during his lifetime and at his death the remainder if any to pass to my Sister M. L. Dyer and her children.

The remainder of the proceeds of land to be equally divided between by Brothers W. J. Barron L. L. Barron and J. A. Barron

3rd

I desire that the above mentioned sale of land be made at the discretion of my Executors, provided however that proceeds of said proceeds be sold and be equally divided between my dear Brother & my Sister.

4th

And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my Father Thomas Barron and my Sister's husband R. L. Dwy, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, empowering either of them to execute the same in case of the death of the other and I have above and desire to have released the said John Dwy & R. L. Dwy from giving bond and security to execute this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I the said W. M. Barron have this day set my hand and seal to this as my last Will.

June 17th 1877

W. M. Barron

Signed in the presence of

C. D. Thompson &

A Weber

Printed & Published Term 1877-

Will of Richard Rivers

Madison Term July 26th 1875

I Richard Rivers of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby appointing and naming John Dwy all others to me at any time make

First

to discharge that my funeral expenses and all my debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible and of any money I may be possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly

I give and bequeath to my son Lazarus Rivers and his heirs forever my home stead tract of land called Hopewell containing one hundred and fifty acres of land lying in the district no 5 Fayette County Tennessee also eighty acres of land lying north of said tract of land known as the Crittenden place in being a part of my original tract divided to J. P. Rivers and by him sold here to "Waco" which I hope he will take care of and improve.

Thirdly

I give and bequeath to my son Lemuel Rivers and his heirs forever the tract of land on which J. T. Crittenden now lives known as Woodlawn, containing one hundred and fifty eight Acres except five acres which was reserved for a Grove Yard by R. T. Crittenden Sr and R. T. Crittenden Jr in their deed to me also a tract of land containing fifty acres more or less lying north of the tract known as the Crittenden place in being the same divided to me by R. T. Crittenden Sr and R. T. Crittenden Jr for making two hundred and twenty three acres in the said tract of land which I hope will take care of & improve.

Fourthly

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Harriet Victoria Rivers (who has always been kind and attentive to me) and to her heirs forever a tract of land containing two hundred and twenty five acres as a part of the new Woodlawn place and originally a part of the same extending to C. D. Leary's Southern Boundary line. Also the best Bed & Sheet Cornfield my daughter's sofa the pair Looking Glasses two Parlor Tables One set China & Glass ware One China Cup & my metal Handle knives forks.

Fifthly

Fifthly

I give and bequeath to my Grand Children Anne Rose Leary and Willie River Leary my Buggy Harness and some more for with the request that they will take care of me.

Sixthly

I give and bequeath to my friend John Crittenden the best and all my Carpenter Tools. Also to his wife Mrs. Harriet Crittenden the best Cow or the One she may select also to Richard Crittenden Son of J. T. Crittenden my Silver Watch and Double Barrel Pistol.

Seventhly

I desire that after satisfying the above financial gifts that the residue of any of my property be equally divided & sold and the proceeds divided between my son Lazarus Rivers and my daughter Harriet Victoria Rivers. The gifts as recorded above are in addition to what I have heretofore given my children and with all good intention and sound judgment as has ever been my lot to possess I earnestly hope I will feel that it may be satisfactory to all parties and with respect to my memory, then may be my laughing over my trial to carry out the same. I have selected William J. Dwy.

Lastly

I do hereby nominate and appoint William J. Dwy my Executor to carry out this my last Will and Testament and it is my Will and desire that he shall not be required to give security as my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my Will at my hand this the Twenty Sixth day of July 1875 Richard Rivers

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this the 26th July 1875

Richard J. Dwy
Robt L. Maden
Dwight H. Taylor

This is a Codicil to my last Will and Testament dated 26th July 1875. Whereby I have given J. T. Crittenden the best and all my Carpenter Tools and to his wife Harriet Crittenden the best Cow or the One she may select.

and to his child Richard. Cuthbertson being before me and
Double Henry Jones I hereby make the gift to said Cuthbertson
Wife and Child and I now declare that it is my will that the
property the said gift be disposed of as follows that is to be
Equally divided between my three children I do know Elizabeth
and Harriet Victoria Gray. In Witness whereof I have written
at my hand this Sixth day of January 1876.

Richard Jones.

Signed By the said Justices Richard Jones as well for a Justice
to his Court Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his
request in his sight and presence and in the presence of each
Other have subscribed our names as attesting Witnesses
J. P. White
W. J. McCall

Witnessed October Term 1877

Will of Fanny Chappell. I Fanny Chappell resident of
Dayton County Tennessee now
being of sound mind and disposing mind and
conscious of the uncertainty of life do make and publish this
my last Will and Testament hereby revoking any and
all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.
Item the first. I desire that all my funeral expenses
and just debts to be paid out of the first money coming
belonging to my Estate if there shall be more on hand at my
death. Item the 2^d of such worldly goods that I
kind Providence has been pleased to bestow upon me
I desire to dispose of same after discharging expenses and
debts enumerated in item first of this of this my will
in the following way and manner.

Item the 3^d I give and devise to my son William
the 1/2 of Land I purchased from W. D. Davis containing 201
acres. Bounding as follows on the East by W. D. Davis
on the North by Stephen Cannon and W. D. Davis on the
West by W. D. Davis on the South by McCallum. I
desire that the land above mentioned be Equally divided
between my six sons I desire that my son Perry hold the
portion which he now lives. I also desire that my son
William have the portion that he now lives on. My daughter
Sarah from the wife of A. Knight. These have forty
shares out of my Estate. I desire that my daughter
Susan the wife of John Skinner shall have one share
I also desire my daughter Elizabeth shall have one share
and the two and a half for Sam and that she shall share
Equal with Sabastion Rolles and Collin in the remainder

of my Estate at my death. Lastly I do hereby nominate
and appoint Fanny Chappell my Executor without bond
In Witness whereof I do this Will set my hand this
Sixth day of October One Thousand Eight Hundred and
Seventy Seven

Signed and published in our
presence and we have subscribed
our names hereunto in presence
of the testator this the 6th day of
October 1877

Fanny Chappell

William D Davis

J. P. Chambers

Witnessed November Term 1877

Will of Robert Dean. The last Will of Mr Robert
Dean being of sound mind at
the time of making and publishing this my last Will
and Testament. I give and devise all my Estate real and
personal whosoever I may be deemed to be possessed by
Robert Bruce Sloan to have and to hold to and for his
heirs and assigns forever upon the use and trusts follow-
ing. Namely in trust to pay all my funeral expenses
and debts. Secondly to pay to Maggie Webb (my wife)
one half of the amount of my real and personal estate
after settling the same to the best advantage possible
that her husband Calvin Webb died or abandoned her but if
the said Calvin Webb husband of Maggie Webb should
outlive Maggie Webb and does not abandon her then
the said Maggie Webb is not to have any of my Estate
real or personal but the one half must be paid to her
(Maggie Webb) children of the first and if she has
no children then provided she dies before her husband
Calvin Webb or he does not desert her any thing
my wife Emma Dean and her children is to have the whole
of the amount of my Estate personal and real if she
Emma Dean has no children she is to have it for
her sole use.

And I hereby give to Robert Bruce Sloan my full
full Power and authority to sell any or all of my
real Estate at private or public sale and in such the
process as he may deem best for the interest of
my heirs.

And I hereby nominate constitute and
appoint my said Son Robert Bruce Sloan Executor
of this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
name by making my mark in presence of witnesses
and affixed my seal this the 17th day of March in
the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred

and Seventy Three

Proctor ^{his mark} Dean

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Robert Dean in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last Will and Testament and we at the instant upon and in his presence have signed our names, as witnesses thereto, and written opposite our names our respective places of residence

R. R. Wheeler Master
L. L. Davis man Mason
H. H. Ragsdale Mason

Proctor November Term 1877

Will of J. E. Brown In the name of God Amen
I J. E. Brown of the County of Gallaway State of Tennessee of the age of fifty years and being of sound mind and memory do make public and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following, that I do say.

First I give and bequeath to John Spratt Brown son of J. E. Brown and his present wife Mary Adeline Brown all the property both personal and real that I am possessed of at my death and the aforesaid property that I have Willed and bequeathed to the aforesaid John Spratt Brown is to be appropriated to his education or the Education of the said J. E. Brown

Secondly I do will that H. D. Brown to and his Guardians for the aforesaid John Spratt Brown keepers of Bond on the said property that I J. E. Brown have herein above given and bequeathed And should the said J. E. Brown die before he has arrived to the age of Twenty One I will that H. D. Brown or to him shall said property and should the said H. D. Brown die before his son John E. Brown my Will is that a Guardian be appointed according to Law

Thirdly I will that should the aforesaid persons H. D. Brown & J. E. Brown both die before Mary A. Brown the present wife of J. E. Brown that the said Mary A. Brown is to have and to hold the above mentioned & named property to do with the same as she may see proper

Witnesseth this my hand and Seal
Gallaway Tennessee October 20th 1875

J. E. Brown
J. H. Allen
J. H. Brown
J. E. Brown

Proctor November Term 1877

Will of Josiah Mcaples In the name of God Amen

I Josiah Mcaples of the County of Desha State of Arkansas being weak in body but sound in mind and memory do make and publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary Mcaples to be my sole and only executrix and as such to have charge of my Estate exercising full and ample control without being required to execute any bond of any kind or character After the payment of all my just and legal debts by my executrix aforesaid I give bequeath and assign my entire Estate and property real and personal of every kind and description to my much beloved wife Mary A. Mcaples and her heirs.

It is my express will and intention that the share here in this Will shall include and embrace every species of property of which my Estate may consist at my death Having confidence in the judgment and capacity of my said wife Mary A. I leave all my Estate to her. Counselling friends and concerning my business thereof

In Witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my Will at Raleigh in the County of Shelby State of Tennessee on this the 20th day of July in the year of our Lord 1876

Josiah Mcaples (Seal)
The said Josiah Mcaples at Raleigh Shelby County Tennessee on the day of 1876 signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as such for his last Will And we each of us at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have written and signed our respective names and subscribing witnesses Thereto

H. B. Galloway Clerk
J. H. Partridge Clerk
J. H. Coleman Clerk

Proctor Nov Term 1877

Will of David B. Smith
I, David B. Smith, of the County of Wayne, State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing mind and remembering as hereby made by me last Will and Testament, whereby all other wills by me heretofore made are hereby revoked, I give to my son D. J. Smith, the House and Lot upon which he now resides and also the Lot which he has purchased. — I give to my Daughter Lavinia White, the House and Lot upon which I now reside and also the Lot attached to same. — I give to my Daughter Lavinia White, the Lot of Cook Street and Spring Street.

I also give to R. P. White for the use and benefit of my grandsons, Judiah Tucker, Kirtland, my son, House and Lot on Main Street in the Town of LaGrange State of Tennessee with the distinct understanding that his Executors or Administrators shall not control any part or portion of the same, but shall have given to R. P. White for the use and benefit of said Judiah & Kirtland.

I hereby authorize and empower my executor whom I shall hereafter appoint to make and execute a conveyance such to D. J. Smith of Fifty Acres and Sixty Acres of Land, it being the South portion of a tract of Land purchased of Henry Stewart, containing about Eighty Acres.

I also authorize and empower my executor to collect my government claim against the U. S. in the hands of John Myers a claim against Memphis Tenn. and if collected to retain any amount of same for his own use and benefit and to pay the balance to my Daughter Lavinia A. White and one third to R. P. White for the use and benefit of my grandsons Judiah & Kirtland.

I also authorize my Executor to sell my Lot in the Town of LaGrange near the Depot known as Lot #1 on Main Street also a Lot in Port Dickerson in Shelby County Tennessee and also authorize my Executor to attend to and settle any other business which I may ever have mentioned.

I also appoint R. P. White as Guardian of my grandsons D. J. Kirtland without requiring him to give bond or security as such.

I hereby appoint my son D. J. Smith as executor to the my last Will and Testament without requiring him to give bond or security as such.

Given under my hand this the 10th day of May A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Seventy Three (1873)

D. B. Smith
J. P. White

Probed January Term 1878

Will of Richard T. Brodnax
I, Richard T. Brodnax of the County of Fayette, State of Tennessee, being sound both in mind and body do make this my last Will & Testament as follows:

I give my Daughter Mary Jane wife of John Perkins Maslin Two Thousand Dollars. I give my Daughter Florence wife of Jas. M. Maslin Two Thousand Dollars. (I have before given my son William I. and Richard T. Two Thousand Dollars each) and the above sum given to Mary J. and Florence is designed to make them equal to William I. and Richard T.

The remainder of my ^{entire} estate both real & personal (consisting of Land, debts due me, money stock of money, disbursements, Leases held, Furniture &c.) is given to my black wife (she paying all my just debts) to be paid properly given to her during her natural life should she remain my widow but in the event she should marry then & in that case she shall take a child's part in the same, and the balance equally divided between my children & their living or their descendants, those having such a part of the same, I give to them accounting for the same in the division. My intention is and the true meaning of this my last Will and Testament is that my wife shall take charge of my entire estate, step into and occupy my place, control and so pay & collect all debts due me and do any and everything as fully as I myself could have done during my lifetime, without any administration whatever. She may use & let my coat of clothing and supporting said R. D. Dammie, one and a half Cents a week until they are married or become of age, at which time they are to receive Two Thousand Dollars each as they marry or become of age (which will be made up of my children equal — Africa as she may give to each of the children such sum as she may think proper having in mind that each must have an equal amount. I wish my estate in the hands of R. T. Brodnax for to remain until the business continues my wife taking my place in said business and she paying the salary of a first class clerk.

In the event that my wife should die before all of my children now single should marry or become of age I then I appoint my son William I. and Richard T. as my executors without giving bond and security and that they complete the education of the children. I will also divide them out of the general funds left at the death of my wife and give to each as soon as they shall be of age Two Thousand Dollars each as they marry or become of age and so on until the last one is married or become of age — at which time a general division shall take place, give to each as they

dependents an equal share - during my wife's lifetime I request that my sons William P. and Richard I. may aid and assist their Mother in the management of her business. I wish it distinctly understood that my wife during her widowhood is not to be accountable to any one for her acts and that she shall not be made to give bond and security for that everything I now possess shall be as fully under her control and management as now under mine.

Witness my hand and seal this fifth day of June 1867

Witness

J. B. Coan
Thos. W. Parrish

Richard T. Bodman (ex)

Probed January Term 1878

Will of John Willfong. In the name of Almighty God Amen and that of Tennessee Considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby writing and moving void all Wills heretofore made by me in error and from twist.

First Item

It is my Will that my spirit should return to the great God who gave it and that my body return to the dust from whence it came.

Second Item

It is my Will that my Executor pay first all my debts and of the first money coming into his hands.

Third Item

It is my Will that my beloved wife Eliza Willfong shall have all my real and personal Estate in the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee to wit the place I now live on and two other Tracts or parcels of Land containing by estimate nearly as follows one tract Thirty Seven Acres two other each Twelve Acres. It being all my real Estate and the following property to wit. Jack a Negro man. Patsy a woman Ellen a girl. Rose a girl. Bob a Boy and all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind and all my stock of every kind whatever to have and to hold for her separate and maintenance during the term of her natural life and after her death all my real Estate above mentioned together with the aforesaid slaves and their increase and stock of every kind I do give and bequeath to Thomas C. Coan and I nominate & appoint John C. Coan Executor to my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 20th day of February 1855

Witness

J. B. Coan
G. B. Allen

John Willfong

Probed May Term 1878

Will of Mrs Eliza Willfong.

Terre Haute Tennessee April 17th 1872
I Eliza Willfong give to Clara Ann

During the following articles of household furniture, 1 Wardrobe my Bedstead. I sleep on my back. I want my Bed Cloths, wearing Cloths and Pillow Cases divided between Mrs Lucy Luck and Clara Ann. I give all the above articles. I purchased since the death my husband Mr John Willfong.

Eliza Willfong

Sarah A. Corbin
Eliza Willfong

This is my last Will and Testament
Eliza Willfong

Probed May Term 1878

Will of J. M. Yancy. January 24th 1873

In the name of God Amen I J. M. Yancy of the County of Fayette and State of Tenn. in view of the uncertainty of human life and being in weak health both in body and mind do make this my last Will hereby writing and moving void all Wills heretofore made by me. I wish that all of my just debts be paid. Secondly I will let my beloved wife Temperance J. Yancy to have my back of Land to have and to hold during her natural life. Thirdly I Will that my wife Temperance J. Yancy have all of the proceeds of the Land her natural life. Fourthly I Will my wife J. M. Yancy have all of my stock consisting of Horses Mules Cows Hogs. Sheep Patsy also Hays Buggy Farming Utensils also House hold and Kitchen Furniture. I Will that she hold said property without giving security.

Fifthly I will my daughter Mary J. Yancy have Six Hundred Dollars at the death of my wife in money a Feather Bed and Bed Cloths for same and her to share Equally with the rest of my children in the maintenance of my Estate. My reason for giving my daughter Mary J. Yancy this amount more than the rest is to repay her for services rendered the family. I will that my son John W. Yancy a Feather Bed and Bed Cloths. I will that this amount be taken out of my Estate that I mention Mary J. Yancy John W. Yancy and the amount of my Estate be equal divided between my children namely Anna Murphy Mary J. and John W. and my two grand Daughters to have their Mothers part. Lastly I Will that one portion of my Estate ever go into the hands of their Father Thomas Bodman but that some

suitable person are as their guardians until they arrive at age or marry. I also will that my dear James & Eliffin assist my wife in carrying out the provisions of this my will and should he be the longest lived of her death to become my executor.

Witness

Geo. D. Dupue

John L. Hagen

J. M. Young

Protested June Term 1878

Will of Louisa Port. I Louisa Port. being of sound mind and feeling gratified to transact my business hereby make this my last will and testament. I hereby will that my dear daughter Laura shall have full control over all my estate both personal and real to rent sell or dispose of as she thinks best for her own interests and the interest of my other two dear children Eudora and Jefe. I further will that if she thinks best to will the land the title given by her shall be as good and valid as if given by me. I further will that when my dear Jefe. Jefe. shall arrive at majority that my property or the proceeds of it shall be equally divided between my three dear children Laura Port. Eudora Port. and Jefe. Port.

I hereby appoint my dear daughter Laura executor of this my last will and testament without being by the required to give bond for the faithful performance of the same. Given under my hand and seal this the 31st of December 1877

Witness {Witness {Witness {Louisa Port. (Seal)
Geo. D. Dupue {Geo. D. Thompson {J. M. Young

Protested June Term 1878

Will of J. M. Young I Jonathan Young do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and rendering void all others previously made. I will that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be paid. I will that my property both personal & real be equally divided among my living children or their heirs or my decedents to accomplish which as near as I can I give that each one that has not had any land money or personal property such as his furniture Corn Cattle

shall at my death be made equal with those who have. I will that my executors carry out as near as possible my will in regard to this matter. I have given to my daughter Myphia husband. H. C. Newson \$1000 in Cash. I have had furniture - one Cow and Calf. I will bequeath to my son James the place upon which he has built - containing 80 acres more or less. Beginning at the South West Corner of my tract and running North with J. M. Whitcomb line to the Cornville & Jackson road on or about 80 feet thence due East for enough to 80 acres running South to my South boundary line - out to be valued without taking into consideration any improvements - he has made thereon or may make before my decease and is to be the Estate for all over the value of \$1000 -

I will that my son Richard H. and Martha & Susan have the place upon which I reside with all appurtenances belonging thereto including the house & all out houses so set off as to contain 160 acres beginning at Son James. H. C. Newson's farm on the road and come North to H. C. Perry's & H. C. Newson's line East with said H. C. Perry's South boundary line for enough to make said quantity by running South to line of York & I shall give my son Samuel. I shall let Weatherinlaw & M. Whitcomb live with my son Richard and Martha (dang.) as long as she lives. Just as she has lived with me. I having given them more value than rest on the account.

I bequeath to my son Samuel D. the North East portion of my tract East of Son James portion & West of D. H. Pinckney and North of Hall track and South of track allotted to Richard & Martha containing 80 acres. I will that the Blair track be sold as early as practice - He and his heirs disposed of as directed. I will that the remainder left after all parts have been allotted as directed in my home place be sold or divided as my children may deem proper.

I hereby appoint my sons Richard H. and J. S. Newson also Son-in-law Wm. O. Newson my executors to carry out this my will and testament. This the 1st July 1878.

Attest
C. F. Huly
H. H. Perry

Protested September Term 1878

Will of John McShiner

Forward Fayette County Tennessee
February 24 1878

In the name of our Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost Amen.

"For the amidst of life we are in death." - this surely is a most solemn truth and should impress upon every individual the paramount importance of making proper preparation for his or her departure hence, and also of disposing of whatever he or she may possess.

First of all, I desire to make record, that I die in the communion of the Catholic Church (in the true sense of the word Catholic) "in the confidence of a certain faith" in the receipt of reasonable religious and "help" hope." I am sure my soul will be in the hands of my Heavenly Father certainly in proper charity with the world. I wish my body to be buried beside my dear wife in Forward Cemetery, Memphis. I request that only the Civil Officer of the Church, without any sermon, be sent on the occasion of my burial, and that simply and that simply the announcement of my death be made in "The Churchman" New York the Memphis papers and the Knoxville Falcon. Let all the burial expenses including coffin &c be of a suitable but not extravagant character, avoiding every thing like ostentation. I request that if any of some durable material be so placed at the head of my dear wife and myself as to be commemorative of both, leaving only the date of our birth and death, which can be found on my will.

I request that my small collection of books be transferred to my beloved Bishop and friend, the Rt Rev. C. C. Cavanaugh to him as he may see fit, reserving for my daughter those which belong to her mother and also a few illustrated and educational books, which I hereby request the Bishop to select for her.

Everything else that I possess is hereby given to my dear child whom I love so tenderly and whom I affectionately and warmly commend to the guidance and blessing of our Heavenly Father. I wish her means not already provided to be increased in good school and paying accounts and to be extended for her. I wish her to be educated in a thorough Church School of the Protestant Episcopal Church. I hereby appoint my beloved brother-in-law David H. Poston as my executor and request him to act as the guardian of my precious child.

The money that I have on hand and on deposit in the Union and Planter Bank, Memphis my savings by gift money for a long time and intended for the living of myself and family at least for a time should I be without a penny may be appropriated to the payment of my burial expenses &c.

My daughter owns a lot on Fort Pickens, half interest in the share of land in Fayette Co Tennessee and one share of stock in the Union and Planter Bank Memphis purchased in the name of my wife. For my papers will be found

evidence of my small possessions much the greater part of which came through my wife.

This document may not be written as accurately as it should be, yet it expresses my will, written in sound mind. It is the only one that was written.

John McShiner
I request Mr. Poston to notify my brother in law J. Thomas Snowden Esq., Baltimore, Maryland of my death whenever it may occur.
Dated December Term 1878.

The Last Will & Testament of
John McShiner of La Grange Tenn.

I John McShiner considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory do make of sound mind and memory do make

and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz:

Article 1. It is my desire first, that all my debts remaining unpaid at the time of my death be fully paid out of any funds on hand and other assets of my estate and that the remainder of my property of whatever kind be disposed of after the following manner (that is to say):

1. To my daughter Jane Hannah Hardeman, I give the home stand together with the lot of land known as the "College Lot" for her use and benefit during her life and I desire that at her death both the Homestead and the "College Lot" be given to her children.

2. All the household and kitchen furniture belonging to me I desire to be the property of my daughter the said Jane H. Hardeman to be disposed of as she may think proper.

3. The silver service which was presented to me by the young men of the Congregation of the Sacred Presbyterian Church in the city of Memphis, I give to my daughter Jane H. Hardeman.

4. To my daughter the said Jane H. Hardeman I also give the tract of land known as the tract of land known as the "Coast Lot" consisting of three hundred acres more or less and which was purchased with the proceeds of sale of the place known as the "Pledge place" which last was given by me to my daughter the said Jane H. Hardeman.

5. All one bond for \$1000 of the Mutual Storage Company of Memphis, I give to my daughter, the said Jane H. Hardeman for her official benefit and to be under her sole control said bond being No. 40.

6. All to the same I give a tract of land lying in Wata Co. Mississippi fully described in deed from H. H. Lewis of Gainesville, Ala to J. H. Gray.

Article II

1. To my son Daniel H. Gray I give a tract of land near La Grange known as the "Cobb tract" containing two hundred and eighty acres more or less.

Explanation of the foregoing Will.

This Codicil is added as an explanation of Section 5 of Article 1 of my Will, as found on page 3.

I desire to state that inasmuch as at a period subsequent to the date of the Will I disposed of Bond No 40, calling for \$1000 of the Mutual Storage Company of Memphis for the sum of one hundred dollars it is my will that the proceeds of said sale whatever they may amount to at the time of my death shall be given to my daughter Jane H. Woodman for her special benefit and to be under her sole control; the only change being in the substitution of the proceeds of the sale of the bond instead of the bond itself as described in said section 5 of Article 1 of the foregoing Will.

Witness my hand and seal this twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven Signed sealed in presence of

W. H. Scott

H. H. Glover

Protested November Term 1878.

Summit Tennessee October 14th 1874

Will of E. J. Eastham
I E. J. Eastham of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of sound disposing mind, memory and understanding, do hereby make declare and publish this my last will and testament. I will and devise and hereby bequeath to my beloved niece Mary Isabelle Old and the lawful heirs of her body, all my real and personal estate of every description which I may die possessed of after my debts are paid. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on this 14th day of October 1874

Attest

G. D. Alexander

Thos. G. McChland.

Protested December Term 1878.

3. Also to the same I give a tract of land lying on Prairie County Arkansas containing one hundred and twenty acres more or less.

3. Also to the same I give one bond for \$1000 on the city of Memphis said bond being already in his possession.

4. Also to the same I have loaned one bond for \$1000 on the city of Memphis for which I hold his note whereby he binds himself to erect therewith a monument to perpetuate the memory of my family on the Elmwood Cemetery near Memphis Tenn. and when this condition is complied with this note of his is to be cancelled.

5. Also a certain lot of land known as the "Lumber tract" described in deed of Robert Loker to John H. Gray if not disposed of at the time of my decease, I give to my son Daniel H. Gray.

Article III

1. I desire that the proceeds of my Life Insurance Policy in the New York Life Insurance Company the number of which is 8296 and which is now in the hands of J. P. Chestland of Memphis shall be equally divided between my daughter Jane H. Woodman and my son Daniel H. Gray.

2. The lot on Monroe Street in Memphis I give to be regarded as for the joint use and benefit of my daughter Jane H. Woodman and my son Daniel H. Gray so that if wanted the proceeds are to be equally divided between them and when sold the proceeds shall be shared by each equally.

Article IV

My Library I wish disposed of as follows:

1. My own family I wish to select for themselves such books as they may desire to keep and divide them among themselves.
2. If after such division there should remain any books which would be of value to a young minister unable to purchase a library such books I wish to be given to such minister.

Article V

In general should there be any articles of property omitted in the above enumeration I desire an equal division to be made of all such articles among the foregoing legatees.

Article VI

The foregoing I desire to be my last Will and Testament and to be accepted by my children as a final settlement of my estate and my request is that they shall agree to accept this distribution of my estate without any further or different arrangement.

Witness my hand and seal this seventh day of March in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and twenty seven.

Signed sealed in presence of
J. P. Abbott
H. H. Wright

J. H. Gray, Esq.

Morgan Fayette Co. I then being the last with sound testament
State of Tenn. } of J. S. Mill being of sound mind, I
do hereby appoint John J. Stager of

Morgan Tenn. as my executor or agent to administer on my
estate without bond to collect and pay my debts and pay over
the proceeds of the same to my wife and daughter.

In Witness whereof I set my hand and seal this 5th
day of October 1878 in the presence of the witnesses whose
names are hereto subscribed

J. S. Mill

Witnesses

Joe C. Shuster

J. W. Cullumwater

Testated January Term 1879

Will of L. M. Black

I, L. M. Black do make and declare
this to be my last Will and Testament here
making and making null and void all other last Wills and Testa-
by one heretofore made and

First I commend my immortal being to Him who gave
it and my body to the earth to be buried with little expense or
ostentation.

Item First I give devise and bequeath to my wife Francis
Kelen Black all my estate both real and personal to have and
to hold as her own forever above all others.

Item 2nd I appoint my wife Executrix of this my last Will
and Testament without giving bond or security and without qual-
ifying as such by oath or otherwise in Court and with power
upon probate of my will to take charge of my estate in her own
right without making any settlement in Court.

Given under my hand and seal this February 10th 1879

Test A. H. Walker

L. M. Black (sig)

July 7th J. L. Pulliam

John C. Henderson

Testated February Term 1879

Will of Fada Stallings

State of Tennessee Fayette County

I Fada Stallings of the above named
State and County, make this my last Will. I give devise and be-
queath my estate and property, real and personal as follows: that
is to say I give and bequeath to my son William Stallings Three
Hundred Dollars that the said William Stallings owe me at
this time towards Money from me. I also give to my Grandson
Hoscoe Denton One Hundred and Eighty Dollars borrowed money
which is now due me. I also give to my Grand son Sidney Stal-
lings one Hundred and Twenty Dollars and to Ella Stallings
Sixty Dollars in cash to Exquit the said Hoscoe Denton
after the above distribution has been made. I give and be-
queath to my daughter Lucinda Denton one half of all
moneys that is in my possession and all that shall be ad-
judged in accounts or notes that is due me. I also give the said
Lucinda Denton all of my wearing clothing and one half of my
bed clothing. I give to my Grandson Sidney Stallings two thirds of
the remaining half of all moneys belonging to me. I do also give to
the said Sidney Stallings one half of my bed clothing my bed
stead and all of my household furniture. I also give to my
Grand daughter Ella Stallings one third of one half of all
moneys due me. I appoint W. C. Pierce of the above named
State and County Executor of this my last Will, in witness
whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared
this instrument my last Will on this the 20th day of May 1876.

Fada Stallings

The said Fada Stallings on the 20th day of May 1876 signed
and sealed this instrument and published and declared the
same as and for his last Will, and He at his request and
in her presence and in the presence of each other, have here-
unto written our names as Subscribing witnesses.

W. C. Pierce

J. E. Pierce

Testated April Term 1879

Last Will and Testament
of Wilson Luckadee Jr.

State of Tennessee Fayette County
Sheweth all men by these presents
that I Wilson Luckadee, being

in all other Will previously made do make and confirm this
my last Will and Testament. That after all my just
debts have been paid, I desire that my son Rufus shall be
included among my just Creditors, he having taken care of me
and his mother in my old age and infirmity. I will that
he be paid out of my Estate one hundred dollars per year and
the year 1872, and that he have his pro-rate of what is left
with the rest of the heirs. I will that Feltie W. Cowan and
her bodily heirs have their share of my estate. I will that Feltie
Hootley and her bodily heirs have their share. I desire that
my grandson Wilson Walker the heir of my daughter Mattie
and his share placed in the hands of a careful Guardian
for his use and benefit. I will that everything my my effects
real and personal remain here just as I have them as long
as my dear and beloved wife Grigg shall live and that
my son Rufus have charge of my effects as now and that
he take care of his mother and that he be charge no costs
or anything else beside the care and expense of his mother.
It is my Will that my friend John A. Crowder be my Executor
and that he act without bond. - Security.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of May 1878
Wilson Luckadee (Jr.)

Attest

P. K. Andrews.

A. H. Perry

Probated April Term 1879

Last Will and Testament
of Robert Knox

State of Tennessee Fayette County
I Robert Knox of the County and
State above mentioned, being of sound

mind & disposing memory do make this my last Will and Testament
writing & making void all other wills by me at any time made
or any parts of wills & do make this my last Will and Tes-
tament. I will that my funeral & burial expenses be
paid out of any moneys that may come into the hands of
my executor, or any money that I may be seized or possessed
of. I desire; - I will that my executor immediately after my
death or as soon after as practicable sell all the perishable &
personal property that I may die seized & possessed of - & pay all just
and equitable debts I may owe out of the proceeds of the personal
property - & if there should be any left of the proceeds after paying my
debts & carrying out this my last will and Testament - I give &
devise & bequeath it to my youngest daughter Cornelia Ann Knox -
If there should not be money sufficient accruing from the proceeds
of my perishable & personal property to satisfy all my debts at my
death, I will & bequeath that a sufficient amount of my real
estate be sold by my executor to satisfy the remainder of my debts
then due. Third: - and in addition to the foregoing I give
devise and bequeath to my daughter Cornelia Ann Knox the tract
of land that I now reside on - containing four hundred &
acres more or less - being & lying in the County of Fayette
& State of Tennessee being a part of Range 3, Section 10,
Township 1 - & Range 3 west - bounded as follows: - North by
Sherman & Yancey, East by Peter & Geo. South by Mrs. Styer
& West by the heirs of Mc Donald & Mrs. Thornton - I give, devise
& bequeath to my daughter Cornelia Ann Knox the above said
personal property & real Estate during her natural life, & at
her death to her heirs issuing from her body, and if she
should die without having any lawful issue of her body
I bequeath that the above said personal property and real
Estate be divided among my other children, to wit: - James
Knox, John Knox, Mattias Knox, Mrs. Mary Webb, Mrs. Elvira
Thurmon, Let. Knox, Robt. Knox Frank Knox & Peter Knox
making each heir equal after counting to each what he or she
has already received. I further will that my daughter Cornelia
Ann Knox have full control of the above said property & real
Estate during her life & that she may use the proceeds arising
therefrom in any manner she may think proper - shall not be
made accountable for the disposition she may make of
same or any part thereof. I also bequeath that she or my agent
acting for her shall not be vested with the power to sell
or dispose of said real Estate or any part thereof.
I appoint Smith P. Phillips of the State of Tennessee
& County of Fayette Executor of this my will -
In witness whereof I have signed and added & published

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and declared this instrument as my will - at Millington,
Tazewell County, Tennessee.

Robert Knox
The said Robert Knox at Millington, Tazewell Co Tennessee
on the 4th day of October One Thousand Eight hundred
and seventy seven (1877) signed and sealed this instrument
published and declared the same as and for his last
will - And we at his request & in his presence & in the
presence of each other have hereunto written our names as
subscribing witnesses -
J. D. Cranford
G. J. Cranford

Probal 6 June Term 1879

Last Will and Testament
of Eliza S. Bodnar Dec

I, Eliza S. Bodnar do
make and publish this as
my last Will and testament

hereby revoking and making void 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
monies I may die possessed of, or may first come into
the hands of my Executors.

Secondly, I give and bequeath my entire estate of
lands, money, chaise, furniture, live stock &c with the
exceptions below, to my four children Eliza Bodnar,
J. Keach Bodnar, Willie F. Bodnar, and Mary
Alice Bodnar, to be divided equally among them.

The exceptions - First, to my son Eliza Bodnar, I give and
bequeath the cow and calf he now claims, also a watch
which he becomes of age - Secondly, to my son J. Keach
Bodnar, I give and bequeath the cow and calf he now
claims, I also direct that he shall be allowed to keep
the watch left him by his father. Thirdly, I give and
bequeath to my sister Lucy F. Keach, my piano and
sewing machine and in case of her death, to my daughters.

Fourthly - I give bequeath and devise to my brother
E. P. Keach One Hundred acres of land, part open and
part in woods to be cut off from my five hundred acre
tract in Tipton County Tennessee near the Louisville and
Memphis Rail Road, about three miles from Macon
the same devised to me by my mother Lucy F. Keach to
have and to hold, the same for his natural life and to go to
his children living, at the time of his death, I also give and
bequeath to the same brother E. P. Keach, the gray mare
he now has in his possession. Fifthly, I give and bequeath
to my brother W. H. Keach, my dining room chair and

safe, also my rocking and old Birdie cow - Sixthly, to my brother
D. L. Keach I give and bequeath the parlor cabinet and one of
the hall chairs. Seventhly - to my brother J. H. Keach I give
and bequeath the red and white cow named Rose - Eighthly I
give and bequeath to my brother W. F. Keach my green sofa
and one of the hall chairs. Ninthly, I give and bequeath to
Mary Willard Henderson wife the cow named Judy. Tenthly
I direct that my subscription of \$50.00 to the Church, shall be
paid the same as my debts. I give and bequeath my furniture
beds, bedding, table ware, silver ware, chaise, books, pictures
and all other useful articles not above given or bequeathed to
my children to be divided equally among them, and left for
their use - Except such furniture and other articles as my executors
may deem of no use and unsuitable for my children.

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Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my brothers Robt.
L. Keach and James H. Keach my Executors, and I request
their some brothers Robt. L. and James H. Keach to act as
Guardians to my children for witness whereof I do this my
Will, set my hand, this, the 9th day of June One Thousand
eight hundred and seventy seven.

Eliza S. Bodnar
Signed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed
our names hereto on the presence of the testator this the 9th day
of June 1879.
J. D. Cranford
G. J. Cranford
Probal 6 September Term 1879

Will of Wm L -
McClaran

I William L. McClaran of Tazewell County
Tennessee make this my last Will.

I give devise and bequeath my Estate and
property, real and personal, as follows: I give and bequeath to
Eugene Davis son of Elizabeth Davis dec'd, five hundred dollars.
I give and bequeath to David Davis daughter of Mary J. Davis
five hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to Willie Davis son of
Mary J. Davis five hundred dollars. I do not wish to give Mary J.
Davis anything she bring in easy and independent circumstances
and above stated. I give bequeath and devise to Keach St. Hand
my daughter the land notes I hold against Peter Person and
the principle and interest amounting to two thousand one hundred
and eighty dollars, and also One thousand four hundred,
dollars. If Peter Person fail to pay the notes and the land
notes I devise the said land to my said daughter Keach St. Hand
and that instead of one thousand four hundred
that one thousand and eighty dollars be given her. I give
bequeath and devise to my daughter Harriet Frances
Conwell and her (lastly) heirs and her dec'd and heirs five
(125) acres of land to be cut off on the North side of my

three hundred acre tract of land by running a line East and West. I also give and bequeath to my daughter, Harriet Frances Consett and her heirs One thousand five hundred and eighty dollars. I give bequeath and devise to my daughter, Emily L. McClaran One hundred and seventy five acres of land off of the Southern portion of my three hundred acre tract of land. I also give to my daughter, Fannie L. McClaran One thousand five hundred and eighty dollars (\$1580). I give and bequeath to my son, G. A. McClaran two thousand dollars. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Fannie L. McClaran One thousand five hundred dollars. The balance of my estate, consisting of waggon and team, cattle, cows and calves, Hogs, Household and kitchen furniture, I wish to be kept by my wife, Fannie, ~~to use~~ and Martha A. Ward until Fannie becomes, barely one year of age, then to be equally divided between Fannie McClaran, G. A. McClaran, Martha A. Ward and Fannie Consett. I appoint my son, G. A. McClaran of Moscow, Fayette County Tennessee Executor of this my will. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed with published and declared this instrument as my will at Moscow on the 12th day of August 1873.

William L. McClaran (Gent)
 The said William L. McClaran at Moscow on the 12th day of August signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last Will. And we at request, and in the presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

Testated at Moscow Term 1879

G. A. McClaran
 J. A. McClaran
 G. A. McClaran

Will of R. G. Pumphrey

I Robert G. Pumphrey of Knoxville Fayette County Tennessee do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void 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 monies that I may die possessed of, or may just come into the hands of the person executing this my Will.

Second. I give and bequeath all the property I may die seized and possessed of, of every description and kind, to my niece, Fannie Caldwell, Georgia C. Caldwell and Vivian C. Caldwell equally, share and share alike.

I will and direct that my brother, George H. Pumphrey, if he be indebted to me at the time of my death, shall be allowed to pay said indebtedness in annual installments of Three Hundred Dollars (300) I do not desire that he be forced to pay more than three Hundred Dollars each year, until his entire indebtedness to me is discharged, but he can pay more than that amount annually if it is convenient and he desires to do so. I desire that the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee shall appoint an Administrator to execute this my will, that said Administrator be required to give Bond with good security.

In witness whereof I, do to this my Will, set my hand this the 29th day of April 1879.

Signed, and published in the presence of and we have subscribed our names hereunto as witnesses, in the presence of the Testator and at his request. This April 29th 1879.
 W. P. Alexander
 H. C. McCrean

R. G. Pumphrey

Testated February Term 1880

Will of Lelia Armstrong do I Lelia Armstrong do
make and publish this
my last Will and Testament truly avowing all former
Wills by me at any time made.

Item 1 I will and direct that my funeral expenses and all just
debts I may owe and the expenses of executing this my will
be paid out of my personal estate.

Item 2 - I will and devise to my Aunt Mrs C. L. Bower
of Miami Missouri Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1500) to
be paid her out of my personal estate.

Item 3 - I will and devise to my sister Virginia Armstrong
and my Brother Lapsley Armstrong, share and share alike
the residue of my personal estate after paying out of same the
expenses and debts mentioned in Item 1 and the legacy
mentioned in Item 2 and I also devise to them the said
Virginia and Lapsley all my share and interest in the
Watkins place near Somerville Tennessee the same being the
place purchased by our mother from J. B. Butler

Item 4 I will and devise to my sisters Virginia Armstrong
(Amie C. Armstrong, Mary A. Armstrong) and Francis J.
Armstrong, Moorhead and to my Brother Lapsley Armstrong, share
and share alike, all my interest in and to the real estate in
Fayette County Tennessee which I inherited from my father
Thos L. Armstrong and from my deceased Brothers and sisters

I hereby nominate and appoint H. C. Noorman of Somerville
Tennessee Executor of this my last Will and Testament and
I request that he be qualified as Executor without giving
any bond or security as such Executor.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 6th day 1880

signed in our presence by
Lelia Armstrong and in
her presence and in the presence
of each other and at her
request we have attested
same as witnesses to this her
last Will and Testament this
6th day 1880

Wilson A Harris
H. C. Noorman

Testated February Term 1880

Lelia Armstrong

Will of H. C. Gigg's I Henry C. Gigg's of Fayette
County and State of Tennessee
do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

Item first I will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth
Gigg's her Father's Plantation in Hardeman County Ten-
nessee as the Charles Murphy place, containing about two
hundred acres, all in one body, also all the property she is
entitled to from her brother's Estate William Murphy, except the
land in Lee County State of Arkansas, I also will her
ten thousand Dollars in money or in U. S. Bonds and notes
exclusive of any Gold she may have, also half of all the perishable
property including half of the household furniture except the
Furniture which is my daughter's, also I will her the Quarter
Section of land I own in Cloon County State of Missouri
five miles South of Carroll, also the place in Fayette
County Tennessee about five miles East of Somerville
called the Remfrow place, I will her this place except one
hundred and four or Eight acres that I had surveyed by
Capt. Phea and have his certificate of Survey, it is the place
Richard Atkinson now lives on, I will all the above mentioned
property to my wife Elizabeth Gigg's absolutely.

Item second I will the place on which I now
reside one mile East of Somerville containing about five
hundred and fifty acres to my daughter Sarah V. Gigg's
but I want my wife Elizabeth Gigg's to have and control
the house the yard, the lot, the orchard and the garden during her
life or widowhood. I also will my daughter Sarah V. Gigg's
the Boyds Land adjoining the above described place on the
East containing about two hundred acres.

I also gave unto my daughter Sarah V. Gigg's the tract of
wood land I bought of Jacob Webb lying about half mile
nearly East of the Boyds tract containing about fifty four
acres. I also gave unto my daughter Sarah V. Gigg's my
farm called the Gigg's place lying about five miles East
of Somerville on the Bolivar Road. said farm I bought
from D. J. Chant, E. P. Mc Neal and Estate of
Johnson containing in all about Seven hundred and fifty
acres, all the above mentioned Lands or places, the Woodson
or home place, Boyds Webb, Arent Mc Neal, and Johnson
tracts I will to my Daughter Sarah V. Gigg's independent
of any husband she may have, not liable for any debts or
obligations he may make, if she should marry and have
children, she can give it off to them when they marry or
become of age if she wishes, and at her death all the above
mentioned property to go to her children if she marry, and
have children with a further proviso that she has the
privilege of applying to the Chancery Court of Fayette
County Tennessee for an order to sell said disson beds

lands or any part of them, the said Chancery Court selling said lands or any part thereof and remitting in real Estate selected by her. I also gave unto my daughter Sarah V. Griggs all the lands that belong to the Estate of Charles Murphy in Lee County State of Arkansas - also all the lands belonging to the Estate of William Murphy in said County and State. I want her to have and control said lands as she wishes. I will and bequeath to my niece Agnes Atkinson the One Hundred and forty or eight acres of land surveyed by Capt. Rhoad as heretofore mentioned, said place she and her husband is now living on the said place to be hers during her life and at her death to go to her children. she has by her husband the said Atkinson. she may apply to the Chancery Court of Fayette County Tennessee to sell said place and remitting in other lands selected by her - said selected lands to be deeded to her and her children by the said Atkinson by the said Chancery Court. Any other property that I may be possessed of at my death not herein mentioned it is my will that said property shall be my wife Elizabeth Griggs absolutely.

I hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth Griggs my Executor without giving securities to her Bond.

This March 16th 1878

Witness
Ada F. Murphy
A. H. Rhodes

W. G. Griggs

Protested July Term 1880

Will of Wm. Polk dec'd. I William Polk of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, do hereby publish this as my last Will and Testament, which is as follows, I direct my Executor, from my personally to pay all my law and debt and funeral expenses.

And I further direct that any balance of personally that I may die possessed of be given to my wife Margaret E. Polk during her lifetime and should any of said personally be left at her death, one half to be at her disposal, and the other half to be given to my daughter Mrs. Harriet E. Thomas and the heirs of her body.

And I further direct that my present homestead on which I now reside near Hickory Grove Fayette County Tennessee be my wife Margaret E. Polk during her lifetime and at her death, to be divided by fair partition, one half to be at her disposal, the other half to be given my daughter Mrs. Harriet E. Thomas and the heirs of her body.

I further direct that my farm and my former homestead situate and lying in Civil District No. 9 Fayette County Tennessee be given to my daughter Mrs. Harriet E. Thomas and the heirs of her body. But I direct that the rents accruing from said farm the present year 1880 be given to my wife.

I And I do appoint Charles V. Thompson as my Executor, and I hereby release him from giving bond and security as required by law.

In witness whereof I have here to set my hand and seal, in the presence of the persons whose names are subscribed as attesting witnesses, this the 29th day of May 1880.

Attest

S. S. Gill
A. Weber

Protested August Term 1880

Will of W. D. Hafford. I W. D. F. Hafford being of sound mind and disposing memory do make publish this as my last Will testament I direct all of my debts to be paid out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my Executor. I will and bequeath of my property both personal and real to my beloved wife Maria E. Hafford. I appoint Maria E. Hafford my Executor and do not desire that she be required to give bond & security nor to be required to make any inventory or settlements as such Executrix with the Court. Signed under my hand and seal this Dec 22nd 1881 W. D. F. Hafford
 In presence of the testator and of each other and at his request.

H. P. Kelson
 Thos. E. McCallan

Proated January Term 1881

W. E. Daylans Will.

Codicil

I will and devise my Daylans to Allick Daylan the best of land I have lately taken back from Jas. Paed cold containing 12 1/2 acres I will and devise to the said Allick Daylan. The tracts and parcels of land devised in my foregoing Will to Emily and her children, to her for life and at her death to her children named in my said Will I now revoke all or change in this way that is, it is my will that the said Emily Daylan and her said children John, Lucy, William and Kate and any child born of her within 6 months from this date, shall have and own said tracts and parcels as tenants in common share and share alike, and I likewise devise to the said Emily and her children all my personal property after the payment of my debts, my debts to be paid out of personal property and legacy to Allick Daylan if necessary before going in legacies to her children. I likewise appoint J. H. C. Tucker Executor of this Codicil to my foregoing Will. The interest in real estate herein devised to Emily is for her life & at her death to go to her said children. Signed under my hand this
 Jan 27th 1881

Teste
 Geo. E. Ware
 C. Tucker

W. E. Daylan

Proated at the March Term 1881

Will of Robert Minsett. I, the name of God among
 I Robert Minsett of the County
 of Fayette State of Tennessee being of sound body and
 mind knowing the uncertainty of life do make this my last
 Will & Testament in writing all other heretofore made.
 That is to say: I give & bequeath to my daughter Joanna
 Bell & her children, the house & lot on which I &
 Sparks now live & bounded E by the Mr. C. R. P. I by
 the Rockwell by Jas. Minsett by the Waltherman lot
 2nd I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Ann all the
 remaining property both real & personal which I
 may possess at my death after all my just debts
 shall have been paid to hold the same during her
 natural life with plenary power to sell & convey as
 she may desire & grant & sell the title thereto & at her
 death I desire that the property which may then
 be in her possession to be divided equally share &
 alike between our children Jas. E. Minsett P.D.
 Minsett & Joanna Bell in the event that Robt Minsett
 should not be living at the death of my wife
 Ann Minsett & he the said C. D. Minsett should have
 no living child or children Then I desire that the
 property be divided share & share alike between Jas. E.
 Minsett & Joanna Bell. I hereby constitute & appoint
 my beloved wife Ann sole Executrix of this my last
 Will & Testament & desire that she be not required to
 give bond or security for the execution of the same.
 In witness whereof I hereto set my hand &
 This Oct 31st 1876 Robt Minsett

Wm. Morris Witness
 Wm. G. Greenway witness
 Egan George Witness
 E. A. Smith

I want my beloved wife Ann Minsett to have sole
 management of all my property until her death
 Robt Minsett

Probated March Term 1881

Will of Flora T. Edmondson. I Flora T. Edmondson
 of Somersville Fayette County
 Tennessee do declare this to be my last Will and Testament
 I give and devise all the property of which I may die
 seized and possessed, or that I may be entitled to from any
 and all sources to my husband John P. Edmondson of Fayette
 County and State of Tennessee. And I hereby constitute
 and appoint my husband the said John P. Edmondson
 my Executor without bond or security and I desire
 that he shall not be required to make settlement or
 showing of any kind to the County Court or any other
 Court. This being my will, in testimony thereof I
 hereunto set my hand this day of Sept 30th 1880
 At the request of Mrs. Flora T. Edmondson

Flora T. Edmondson in her presence
 and the presence of each other we
 signed as witnesses she stating it to be her Will.
 This Sept 30th 1880 (eighty)

M. R. Armstrong
 Annie E. Armstrong

Probated March Term 1881

Last Will & Testament of Peter Culp

I Peter Culp, resident of Fayette
County Tennessee hereby make
of and intend & desiring

being fully conscious of the certainty of death &
the brevity of life, do make and publish this as my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking any & all wills
heretofore by me at any time heretofore made.

1st It is my wish & desire to dispose of all the worldly
estate that I kind & solvent Father has bestowed upon
me & with a view to that end make the following devise
& bequest. 2nd It is my express will & desire in
the event of my death that my remains shall be deposited
in the graveyard at Mount Pleasant beside those of
my former wives who have shared with me Joy &
privations of this life and direct that my Executor see that this
request be carried out in such manner as he in a wise would
be consonant with my former life.

3rd As soon as practicable after my death I desire &
direct my Executor to defray the necessary funeral expenses
& to pay off out of the first monies realized from my estate all my
just debts & liabilities if there should be any and it is my desire
& intention to fully settle off all of them before my death.

4th I give bequeath & devise all my Estate both
real & personal to my children or to their children &
grandchildren representing them in equal portions
share & share alike and to make them & said shares
& interest equal. I direct my executor hereafter appointed
to sell all of my real Estate amounting of about 370
three hundred & seventy acres & being the tract upon I
have resided for about the past forty years in Fayette
County Tenn about 1/2 acre & half more. Said tract of
land to be sold upon such terms & times & with as little
expense as practicable as in his sound discretion will
be for the benefit of my children & their representatives
And also to sell or dispose of all of my personal prop-
erty of every character & description upon like terms as
that of the real Estate & divide out the proceeds arising
from same equally between those who are entitled to
same.

5. I hereby nominate constitute &
appoint my friend Dr. R. T. Patterson as Executor of
this my Will, have full confidence in his integrity
& relieve him of the necessity of giving with bond or
bond & security or of being required to make affidavit of
his transaction in the execution of the trust. He is to
represent me in all matters in settling up my Estate
to file with the County Court of Fayette County to be
entered of record the amount of my Estate that comes into
his hands and to pay out for debts & liabilities & the

amounts paid over to each heir & distributed under this
Will, taking receipts of said heirs or their Executors &
spreading same on record. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto subscribed my name on this the 28th day of
November 1878.

Sign & published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names
as attesting witnesses in the
presence of the testator on this
the 28th of November 1878
Thos J. Phillips
Wm J. Fables

Peter Culp

On this the 28th Nov 1878 I make this a codicil to the above Will
& wish it to be a part of same that my wearying apparel & that
of my last wife be not sold, But I wish mine divided
among my children and my last wife's clothes & bed clothes
be given to Mrs M. F. Stimlett by my Executor in such
manner as he may elect. November 28, 1878
Attested by us in presence of
testator & at his request

Thos J. Phillips
Wm J. Fables

Codicil to my last Will & Testament
I Peter Culp having herebefore on the 28 day of Novem ber
A D 1878 made & published my last Will & Testament, do
make & ordain this as a Codicil thereto to wit -
Having been informed that it is the intention & purpose of
my three grandchildren, Frank P Culp William J Culp
& Fernando W D Culp, children of my son Jackson O
Culp now dead & his wife Elizabeth, who died & daughter
of William Norman dead to hold me or my Estate responsible
for the payment of three several notes executed by their
father Jackson O Culp to William Norman their
Grandfather for borrowed money amount not now
recalled, the payment so made by me, their grandfather
out of funds paid over to me, as set forth & explained by
said P Phillips Administrator or Executor of the said
William Norman dead & being the share & interest of their
mother in her father's Estate. This payment of their
father's debt I believe to be honest & that I was
authorized to do so. Now having on my said last
Will & Testament, to which this is I Codicil, provided
for these my said Grandchildren to receive, as such
three children one share - an equal part & portion
of my Estate with my other children, heirs & devisees
I desire that this change be made in my said Will

that if there my said Grandchildren shall on any way meet with proceedings to subject my Estate for the repayment to them the three notes so paid before the date of their father out of the funds in my hands as their Guardian I direct that there any of my said Grandchildren shall receive no part of same in my said Estate but it shall be disposed of as directed under my said Will to the other heirs & devisees - they taking they taking the share of there my Grand Children - But should my said Grandchildren decline to hold one or my Estate responsible for the notes so paid by me as above stated to my Executors then this Codicil to be of no force & effect and I shall take & hold under my said will as to them provided the notes so paid are on file in the Office of the County Court of Fayette County Penn in my settlement as Guardian of my said Grandchildren when the date & amount can be accounted for - I now declare that this Codicil be attached to & constitute a part of my Will to all intents & purposes - This 14th day of July 1880

J. P. Gulp

Admission

Witnessed, acknowledged & published
In our presence & we have sub-
scribed our name, Hereto as at
testifying witnesses in the presence
of the Mediator the 8th day of
July 1880. J. C. Lane

J. O. Lane
J. H. Dutch

Probated April Term 1881

Will of Josiah D. Evans.

Will of Josiah DeC. Evans, In the presence of Almighty God
Special de Grafton in Evans
deth. Gay the 10th of May 1880 will and bequeath to my beloved
wife Susan H. Evans all my worldly possessions both real
& personal of which I am now possessed or may become
possessed, to have under your right & title & to do as she
chooses with the property, amount of any home for hundred & fifty
five acres of the old N. & W. de Grafton in a farm my sister
Mrs Agnes Davis Estate. She being witness I will then to be
my last Will & testament "May 10 - 1880"

Witness
D. H. Collins
C. Tucker

10th - 1881
Joseph G. G. Evans

Probated May Term 1881

Will of Thomas A. Givitt

Will of Thomas A. Smith

I, Thomas A. Smith being of sound mind and a disposing disposition make this my last Will and Testament. After paying all my just debts I will that my dear wife Victoria E. Smith shall have entire control of all my property both personal and real and dispose of any or all of the same as she may think best for herself and our children and any deed or conveyance she shall make shall be as good and valid as made by myself. If after disposing of any property she shall desire the proceeds many real Estate the deed to be made in the name of my children but my wife to have entire control of same during her natural life. I hereby request my wife to carry out the provisions of this Will without being required by the Court to give bond or security.

Given under my hand this the 12th day of February 1881
Witnesses M. H. Everett Thomas H. Everett
G. H. Stamp
Jas Knox
Chas McQuilly
M. J. Knox
P. H. + 1 m. Febr 1881

Probated May Term 1881

Will of S. M. Davis decd

Will of S^r David dead I Samuel M. Davis of the County
of Fayette & State of Tennessee
considering the uncertainty of life being sound in mind do
make this my last Will and Testament to Wit, I will and
bequeath to my wife Mary J. Davis the tract of land on which
I reside with all the stock of every description farming tools
and all that appertains therunto necessary for carrying on the
business as usual or as new stands to be here during her life-
time and the Net proceeds arising from the plantations annually
to be divided equally between my wife and two children
William L. and David D. Davis and in case there should another
child born to me then in that case it to have an equal division
with the others I will and bequeath the ballance of my property
to be equally divided between my children but should there
be an other heir then on that case it to have One Thousand
Dollars more than the others for its education. Now after
the death of my wife I will & wish to vest the title & title of
this my home place on my children and their bodily heirs
and in the event either of them should die without an
heir then the property to pass it back to my legal heirs
I also appoint my wife Mary J. Davis my legal Adminis-
tratrix without giving bond or receiving compensation
to wind up my Estate this is the sense or expression of
my last Will & Testament.
Given under my hand & seal this 8th day of