

that if these my said Grandchildren shall on any way mistake the proceedings to subject my Estate for the repayment to them the said notes so paid by me the debt of their father out of the funds in my hands as their Guardian I demand that these 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 these my Grandchildren - But should my said Grandchildren decline to hold me or my Estate responsible for the notes so paid by me out of the funds in my hands as their Guardian & will provide a clear acquittance & full release of any claim upon my Estate for these notes so paid by me as above stated to my Executors then this Ordinal to be of no force & effect and I shall take & hold under my said will as to them provided & the notes so paid me 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 accurately given - I now declare that this Ordinal be attached to & constitute a part of my Will to all intents & purposes - This 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of July 1880

Admitted  
Signed, acknowledged & published  
in our presence & we have sub-  
scribed our names thereto as at  
testifying witnesses in the presence  
of the Sealer this 8th day of  
July 1880.  
J. O. Lane

J. O. Lane  
J. H. Dorch

Probated April Term 1881

Will of Josiah D. Evans.

Will of Josiah D<sup>ch</sup> Evans. In the presence of Almighty God  
I Josiah de Graffenried Evans  
doth, say, that I 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 in her own right & title & to do as she  
chooses with the property except of any home for husband & fifty  
five acres of the old No 1 de Graffenried farm my interest  
was in Mrs Anne's Estate. She being witness I will that she be  
my last Will & Testament. "May 18 - 1880"

only last letter  
Patience  
D. H. Collins  
C. Tucker

10<sup>th</sup> - 1880  
Lucas G. G. Evans

Probated May Term 1881

Will of Thomas A. Griest

Will of Thomas A. Swett  
I, Thomas A. Swett 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. Swett 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 should desire the proceeds of any real Estate she dees to the same 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 at publicly  
 Town under my hand this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1881  
 Witness M. H. Everett Thomas H. Everett  
 G. H. Slamps  
 Jas. Knox  
 Chas. McQuilly  
 M. J. Knox  
 P. 1st m. - Febr. 1881

Probated May Term 1881

Will of S. M. Davidson

Will of S. M. Davis - decd

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 thereto necessary for carrying on the business as usual or as new stands to be hers during her lifetime and the Net proceeds arising from the plantation annually to be divided equally between my wife and two children William L. and Dorcas D. Davis and in case there should another child be 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 another heir then in 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 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 revert back to my legal heirs. Sales appoint my wife Mary J. Davis my legal Administrator without giving bond or or receiving compensation to wind up my Estate, this is the sensible expression of my last Will & Testament.

Given under my hand & seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of

July 1881 in presence of

Witness

L. L. Davis

W. M. Morrison

J. M. Davis Seal

Testated July Term 1881

Will of J. M. Smith

In the name of God Amen, I  
J. M. Smith of Fayette Co

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 any funeral expenses and all my debts, be paid as soon after my death as proper & convenient, out of any monies that I may die possessed of, or may just come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give & bequeath all my real & personal property, to my wife Mary Smith, any my children to remain undivided & undivided during the lifetime of my wife. That is I will that all my farm & necessary appurtenances thereto remain undivided in her lifetime, and that all surplus property be sold, and the proceeds of same be put out at interest with good security, and that the interest or a necessary amount of it, be used for the support of my family, giving to each & every one an equal share in same. Thirdly, to all my children who have not received a horse, bridle & saddle, saw & pigs, cow & calf, & bed & bedstead, I bequeath the same, to be given them by my Executors as soon as they marry or become of age. I also bequeath the same above named property, to my wife. Fourthly, I direct that my life insurance policy, be collected at my death and be put out at interest as other money of my Estate, and the interest of same be used as before directed for the benefit of my family. To Shaw Smith and Maria Smith jointly, I bequeath one child's part of all my property, when a final division shall be made. I also hereby will nominate and appoint my wife Mary Smith, as Guardian for Shaw Smith Maria Smith and all minors of my own children, without bond or security. Fifthly, I further will, that after the death of my wife, all the Estate be sold, and that an equal and just division of the proceeds be made among the surviving heirs. I desire my heirs to share equally & direct that an account of the estate business be kept for said purpose. Lastly, I do hereby nominate & appoint Mary Smith, (my wife) J. M. Smith, J. L. Smith (my sons) and J. T. Newsum my Executors, without bond or security in Court. To carry out this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand &

seal, this the eighth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighty.

J. M. Smith Seal

Signed and acknowledged in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this the 8 day of Sept 1880

Witness

Wm. Coffey

Eli. Watson

J. D. Cook

James H. Williams

L. J. Smith

Testated September Term 1881

Will of Taylor Harris

State of Tennessee Fayette County

I Taylor Harris do make and

publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me made at any other time. First I direct that my funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that I may die possessed of, or may just come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give, and bequeath to my two Daughters Lucinda Harris & Ellis Harris, all of my personal property, of every description whatever.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint J. M. Cuckell my Executor and that without bond.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will, and Testament. Set my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1880

Teste

J. M. Cuckell

Charter Hammer

Taylor & Harris Seal

Testated September Term 1881



Will of A. S. Murphy After committing these papers to God who gave it to this body to the dust from which it sprang I will bequeath my property as follows. First after all my lawfull debts are paid I want my executor to make Wiley Murphy & wife Harriet (co) a deed of the land on which they now live hereon and the Josiah Williams place lying in Fayette County Tennessee I want the land secured to them in such that their creditors cannot take it from them I want my executor to collect any other claims I may have against Wiley. I also want the land I bought of Mrs Harriet lying in Fayette Co Tenn deeded to Ada Murphy Harriet the wife applied to her education or to her personally if she should die without children giving the land to her sisters. I want Austin Rhodes & son his father Sam Rhodes (co) to have twenty five acres on the Balthrop place to cultivate as long as they live want them to have plenty of dead timber for fire wood I want the balance of the Balthrop place & my half interest in the Jackson business house can be rented or sold as my executors think best. I want the Warner Moore land near Ashland Miss deeded to Mrs Warner Moore (nee Miss Leah) & her children I empower my executor to make warrants due to all the aforesaid lands or real estate. I want a \$1000 one thousand dollar bond given to Mrs Castle Church in Hardeman Co Tenn want it registered in Wm Murphy name & the interest applied to the church annually or as fast as due. I also want a one thousand dollar W. S. Bond given to Mt. Moriah Church Fayette County Tenn want it registered in my name & the interest applied to the church as fast as due. I also want a five hundred dollar W. S. Bond held & registered in my name & the interest used in keeping in good repair my husband & childrens graves also the graves of my parents & their children at Mt. Moriah Church. I don't want the balance of my estate divided I want it invested in some other safe way the interest equally divided between A. H. Rhodes, Joe C. Hervey & Nathan Rhodes as fast as it is due. They all have a plenty now of their own & could not appreciate the whole of my estate if given them. At A. H. Rhodes death give his interest to Joe Hervey & A. H. Rhodes.

A. J. C. Rhodes death give his interest to Albert if living & to Joe Hervey. After the death of A. H. Rhodes & Joe Hervey I want Joe C. Hervey's daughters to have all the interest of my estate I appoint A. H. Rhodes my executor without security. At his death I want a good reliable man to manage my affairs I want a bond & good security given want my heirs to see that it is done. I want my estate to remain undivided until Joe C. Hervey's Younger daughter is twenty five years old & then divide the whole between her & her daughters. This was written and signed by me the 27th July 1880  
Add. J. Murphy

Witness

John L. Latham

Signed acknowledged & published in our presence & we have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses in the presence of the Testator (April 17th 1881)  
Wm B. Dorch.

Probed December Term 1881

Will of W. A. Willard I W. A. Willard of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee of my own free will and accord being of sound mind but weak as to body health make this my last Will. 1st I will and direct that my Widow shall be provided for that she shall have 100 acres of land to have and hold during her natural life and at her death it shall be equally divided between three daughters to wit Mary McAlle Laura Bondurant & Siphronia Douglass said 100 acres must be set aside by Commissioner to the best advantage. It must include the dwelling house gin house & Cider Stables & 75 acres cleared land & 25 acres in timber also that she is to have all of the household and kitchen furniture together with all the farming tools gear & farm implements. She is to have 2 of the best horses or mules 2 cows & calves and 10 head of the best hog also 1000 sheep all to be set aside by Commissioner to have and hold in fee simple forever also she is to have \$1000 in cash out of the proceeds of sale furthermore I hereby select J. R. Wiggins to be my beloved widows advisors and that he give notice and have a sale at his own discretion and sell every thing that I have not designated to my widow except my land belonging to the homestead tract and all of the sale and proceeds of the present crop that he pay my burial expenses

and pay to my son Hartwell & Henry 5<sup>th</sup> and which is all I leave to them in this my present will as they have already received their share of my property and debts, if any remain, the balance to be applied to the debt in favor of J. A. Pulliam & Bates, also that my executor will proceed to sell my Memphis house and lot at his own discretion under such circumstances as he may deem advisable and apply the proceeds to the J. A. Pulliam debt if still not satisfied the remainder of my estate must be equally divided between my 3 daughters Mary McKim, Laura Bondurant and Sophronia Douglass, the balance of my land belonging to the homestead tract must be equally divided in value between my 3 daughters above named and it is expressly understood that they cede to them to have and hold forever but I hereby give them the privilege of selling the same and converting the proceeds in other lands taking the deed in their own names under my will to have and hold forever. Witness my hand and seal this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1881

Attest  
Jas H. Cope  
Louis C. Colwell

W. A. Hilliard  
Probated December Term 1881

Will of Ann C. Clark In the name of God Amen. I Ann C. Clark being of sound mind and of legal memory but mindful of the certainty of death and being desirous to make disposition of my worldly estate it has pleased Providence to give me the make ordering publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others will or wills of Codicils thereto by me at any time made

Item 1<sup>st</sup> my Spirit I commend to the God that gave it and desire for my body a decent Christian burial  
Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I desire that my debts shall be paid out of any moneys I may be possessed of or that may first come to the hands of my Executor or representative  
Item 3<sup>rd</sup> On the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1849 my late husband Ellipton Clark by deed duly recorded in the Registers Office Fayette County Tenn in Book C page 337 & 338 conveyed to Richard C. Clark in trust certain property among which property

was three hundred and eleven and one half acres of land in Fayette Co Tenn in Range 1 & Section 28. A lot out in said deed. And to which deed reference is here made, and whereas by virtue of said deed the power was given to me to direct by last will & Testament to whom the said land should be conveyed now by virtue of said deed and the power therein conferred. And vested, and in the Exercise thereof, It is my will & I hereby give and bequeath to my son in Compensation for and as an Evidence of my appreciation of his kindness & services to and rendered for me, the said L. B. Clark the said tract of land to him and to hold the same to him and his heirs forever. And I hereby direct as the Trustee named in said deed has departed this life in the Event that the same should be necessary to perfect the title to said land in my son L. B. Clark that another Trustee shall be appointed for this purpose or that whatever course may be necessary to accomplish this object shall be taken and had by my Executor or representative in the Event any other conveyance than this my will shall be needed.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> Should I die owing any bills after the payment of same it is my will and wish that the balance of my estate both real and personal & whatever character shall go to my said son L. B. Clark and I hereby give and bequeath the same to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> Having implicit confidence in my friend and neighbor James F. Lucas I hereby appoint him as my Executor to this my will, and earnestly request him to see that its provisions are carried out. And hereby release him from giving security. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1874

Ann C. Clark (Test)  
Signed sealed and acknowledged by Ann C. Clark as her last will and Testament in our presence and we have subscribed our names at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1874  
J. W. Phillips  
Witness { John Wilson }

Probated Jan. Term 1882



Will of Henry Willis. I Henry Willis of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, Being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last Will and Testament. I hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. First I commend my body to the great and my spirit to the God who gave it. I wish to be decently buried in my family burying ground at Chenogor with Baptist Church, and my grave together with the grave of my mother and children to be walled up with Portland Cement or of impervious material with some substantial enclosure. After my burial and my legitimate debts are paid I devise and bequeath to Elizabeth Willis my beloved wife and Companion all of my property both real and personal for her support and maintenance during her natural life, at her death I wish that her Body be Buried by mine and enclosed in like manner as mine. After her death and her Burial expenses are paid, I give and bequeath to Charlotte Smith Col. all Lands & Tenements that belong to my estate that lies West of the Townville Branch of the Memphis & Charleston Rail Road, and a tract of land that I have own in Gaigehead County State of Arkansas. These gifts to the said Charlotte Smith Col. are for the following intents and purposes and none other, viz. To raise and educate her children and to pay for the faithful support of her mother Mary Willis Col. These Lands and property not to be subject to the debts of the said Charlotte Smith Col. for her husband nor any one who is also to the said Charlotte Smith Col. I give a wagon and three mules. All Lands that I shall bring to my estate at my wife's Death that lies West of Townville Branch of Memphis & Charleston R.R. I desire sold by my executors in land lots and parcels as they may think to the best advantage & the Proceeds after the following request are paid to be turned over to my heirs at Law. I give to Mary Burnett my twice One Hundred dollars and to her Sisters and Sisters Children of B. & J. Williams five Dollars Each. To my Brother James T. Willis I give five dollars. To my Son R. J. Willis I give five dollars. To my Son Mary Matson I

give One Hundred Dollars for his kindness during my illness. To Bethe Johnson Col. I give fifty Dollars. To Gus Willis Col. I give fifty dollars. All other property not mentioned such as surplus stock, supplies, implements &c. I wish my executors to dispose of for the benefit of my wife and at her death to be divided amongst my legal heirs. Having full confidence in the fidelity and integrity of J. H. Phillips, W. H. Mortimer, Devotion Davis & J. H. Phillips, I hereby constitute and appoint them full executors of this my Last Will & Testament without Bond. In confirmation of which on this the 30th day of December in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and eighty one, I here make in the presence of witnesses affix my name and seal and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. Attest  
J. H. Phillips  
J. Mortimer  
Devotion Davis  
J. H. Phillips

Dated 30th Dec 1881

Will of William B. Douglass I William B. Douglass of Fayette County Tennessee, Being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors. Second I give and bequeath to Annie Green and her Children One thousand Dollars in land to have and hold for the sole and separate use of said Annie Green and her Children if she has any or any time free from the contracts or debts of any husband and she may have and my Executors will have said One thousand Dollars in land conveyed out of my estate and Annie Green. She having the full use & enjoyment of same, as I do not desire any husband she may have any power to sell or convey said land nor is it to be liable for his debts or contracts nor shall he have any rights in same by virtue of his marriage with her. With power to her to dispose of the same according to the form of law. If the said Annie should

do without injury of her body then said land shall descend to and belong to her brother James Douglass if living or if dead to any child or children of his body then living. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Henrietta B Douglass all the balance of my estate, real personal and mixed of every kind and description that I own or that I may be entitled to except as herein after stated and she shall have full power over same as her own property. But if she should die not leaving surviving her any child or children or the descendants of her child or children then all my estate not herein disposed of by me which may be on hand or in her possession when she dies shall descend to.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Henrietta B Douglass Executrix of this my last will and testament and she is not required to give Bond or Security as Executrix of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this day of August 1874.

Wm B Douglass

Signed & published by  
Wm B Douglass in presence  
as his will & in his presence  
as at his request as in the  
presence of each other have  
subscribed hereto our names  
as witnesses this 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1874

Celix McFarland  
H. N. Mitchell

This Testament heretofore made is hereby revoked by me & annulled in those lines especially which make any bequest to Mrs Anna Bell and to John Robinson and Willie Robinson, and not only this will but any and all others made by me before this day are hereby revoked.

Will of August Richardt. I August Richardt of the County of Fayette & State of Tennessee now conscious of being of sound and disposing mind & memory, do hereby make and declare this to be my last will & testament, hereby revoking any & all wills, by me at any time heretofore made. Item 1<sup>st</sup> - It is my wish & desire, I so direct that any & all just & legal demands that may be due owing by me at my death and my general expenses shall be paid out of any & all assets on hand or that shall be first realized & collected out of my Estate. Item 2<sup>nd</sup> - I give & devise to my beloved wife Melinda A Richardt for & during her natural life, the farm upon which we now reside, about one & a quarter miles North East of Searsville Tennessee it being the same that I purchased of Ezekiel Matthews & any & all additions thereto at any time by me made. Item 3<sup>rd</sup> - After my death & my beloved wife aforesaid, I give & devise to my son Frederick A Richardt - my said farm, to be above devised to my wife to use, enjoy, sell & dispose of if he should so wish & desire, but should be not marry & have lawful issue then at her death, if he should not have sold or disposed of said farm, or there should be any of it remaining, I hereby give & devise same to the children of my said Gustave A Richardt, to be held by them as tenants in common and I here make the special request of my said son Frederick A. that he make his will in order that he may carry out & make effective this clause of my will, in reference to the children of my said son Gustave A Richardt. Item 4<sup>th</sup> - I give & bequeath to my said son Frederick A Richardt, all of my household & kitchen furniture, my way or farming utensils & all of my stock, horses, cattle, & of every character & description. And I here specially enjoin upon him, that he shall maintain & support out of the profits & principal of all the property herein above devised to him, his mother as near as practicable in the same way & manner as she has been by me during our married life. Item 5<sup>th</sup> - I direct out of all the property, real & personal, or the profits arising out of same, so above bequeathed and devised to my said son Frederick A Richardt, that he the said Frederick shall as soon as practicable after my death pay to my son Gustave A Richardt the sum of \$100.00 one hundred dollars, without be-



ing required to account for interest on said sum of One hundred dollars. Item 6<sup>th</sup> I also direct, out of the said property so above bequeathed & devised to my said son Frederick that he shall also pay to Augusta Minerva & Charles Minerva Children of my deceased daughter Henrietta, former wife of W. B. Minerva the sum of One hundred dollars, to be equally divided between them, as each he is of age or married, or he may, if he so desire pay over the same to any person authorized, legally to receive said bequest the share to be paid to the married women, to their sole & separate use, free from the debt or even contracts of their husbands but my said son Frederick, in no event is to be charged with interest on said bequests. — Item 7<sup>th</sup> — I also direct, that my said son Frederick, out of the property so above bequeathed & devised to him, shall also, pay over to Rosa & Mary Plitz Children of my deceased daughter Augusta former wife of F. Plitz, each the sum of five hundred dollars, without being chargeable with interest on same to be equally divided between them & the same to be paid to them in the manner & mode prescribed for the Children of Mrs W. Edwards in item 6<sup>th</sup> above of this my Will. — It being my object & design that my son Frederick, aforesaid, out of the property so bequeathed & devised to him, or the profits arising out of same, shall pay One hundred dollars, to each of my three other Children as their representative to wit Gustave A. Reichardt, Minnie Minerva & Augusta Plitz. — Item 8<sup>th</sup> I further more give & bequeath to my sons Gustave A. & Frederick A. Reichardt, to be enjoyed by them in common My Piano either purchasing the half interest of the other as he may wish or desire. — Item 9<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate & appoint my said son Frederick A. Reichardt my executor without being required to give bond or bond and security nor to be required to make any inventory or settlement with the County Court — but only upon the payments of the bequests to my said sons Gustave A. Reichardt & to the Children of my said deceased daughter Henrietta Minerva and Augusta Plitz that he take the receipts & have same registered in the book of receipts in the office of the said County Court. — In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my

name & signature on this the 17 day of Feb. 1881  
Signed published & acknowledged August Reichardt  
signed in our presence and we have  
subscribed our names hereto as  
attesting witnesses at the request  
from the presence of the testator the  
said Will being on two double sheets  
of legal cap paper fastened together  
On this the 17 day of February A.D. 1881, one  
D. J. Morrison  
R. A. Rhea

Probated at May Term 1882

### Will of James Couterfield.

I James Couterfield do make and execute this my last Will and Testament. I will that my wife Emily shall have all my property Personal and real, that she shall enjoy all the benefits derived therefrom during her natural life, and after her death, that all I own be sold and awarded equally among my children, to wit: Nancy & Minnie, the children of Margaret C. Couterfield & Paul D. Couterfield all my effects & cash one thousand dollars paid to Mrs C. Edwards. I give that my son James Couterfield be executor to my will and that he serve without bond & security of him. Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 1882.

E. C. Stoville

W. K. Perry.

and to intended.

Probated at September Term 1882

### Will of J. A. Covington

I J. A. Covington do make and publish this my last will and testament. I will that as soon as I expire after my death that all of my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of my money on hand or may come into the hands of my executor.

Then I make the following bequests  
First. To my beloved wife Virginia J. Covington I give the dwelling house & lot I now live in (said house formerly purchased of W. H. Scott) also all the household & kitchen furniture in said house also one cockaway, and two million cows, and one hundred & fifty dollars for the purchase of covering & repairing the above named dwelling house.  
Second. To my son Amos J. Covington I give the farm purchased of W. L. Smith & wife situated two miles West of La Grange containing four hundred acres more or less, also, one tract of land.

containing eighty acres, said tract purchased from Falls Chapel at Chancery Sale - also the farming implements and stock on said place & the bounty for the year Eighteen Hundred & Eighty Two.

Third. I give my son Benjamin E. Covington I give my entire interest in the Abernathy farm - said farm lying and being partly in Fayette County Tennessee & Marshall County Wisconsin also the rents due on said farm for the years Eighteen Hundred & Eighty Two also I give to him the further sum of One Thousand Dollars.

Fourth. I give to my daughter Karmetta Allen a tract of land lying & being situated in Marshall County Wisconsin being a part of the South West quarter of Section Twenty Three T. 10. R. 10. and a part of the South East quarter of Section sixteen - containing by set-offment Eighty acres more or less, also the one story frame building attached to the East end of the brick store house owned by J. P. Piffard Esq. & now occupied by Covington & Allen - also I give to her Two Thousand Dollars in Merchandise at cost from stock of goods now in the name of Covington & Allen.

Fifth. I give to my daughter Julia A. Leach a tract of land situated in Fayette County Tennessee - a known as the Harby place, bounded by Mrs Pearce on the West & John Harby on the East containing one hundred & sixty acres more or less also the stock & farming implements and cents due for the year Eighteen Hundred & Eighty Two.

Sixth. Furthermore, will that after all the above bequests are carried out - should there be on the hands of my executor any money it shall be equally divided between my sons James E. Covington & B. E. Covington.

Seventh. I also appoint my son Benjamin E. Covington my Executor who is to act on behalf giving security on his bond as Executor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal to this my last will & testament. This July 19<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Witnessed by  
H. L. Anderson  
H. J. West.

Probated at September Term 1882.

Will of Devotion Davis.

Williston Fayette County Tennessee.  
April 28<sup>th</sup> 1882.

Know all men by these presents that

I Devotion Davis of Fayette County State of Tennessee District No 1st, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do here give and bequeath to my wife Minnah Davis, all of my property both Real and Personal, after my death should she be the longest liver to have and to hold in fee simple forever, to sell, or give or dispose of in any way she think proper, after my debts at all costs, I now

hereunto fix my hand and seal this in the year of our Lord One Thousand, eight hundred and eighty two,

Devotion Davis (Seal)

Witness  
John A. Shummett  
H. J. Burnett.

Probated at January Term 1883.

Will of N. R. Cartwright

State of Tenn Fayette Co. Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> 1890.

Being of sound mind, I hereby make

my last will & testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lora Cartwright and her lawful heirs, the piece of land known as the Granbury tract, bounded as follows: On the North by J. Melan & B. H. Folsom, On the East by Dr. Riddish, On the South by John Hamby, and on the West by N. R. Cartwright tract & Oakland road, containing Four Hundred & forty six acres, be the same more or less. And if she should not have any lawful heirs at the time of her death, said tract of land is then to go to my daughter Ann J. Clay & her heirs, I give at the death of Lora's husband if she has one.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. She is also to have one half interest in my, & her own 1 small house, 1 Cabin, that is on the place & now live.

Item 3. One half of all the stock, household & kitchen furniture that belong to me. Item 4<sup>th</sup>. 1 Piano.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>. She is to have One Thousand Dollars or more or less one half of all moneys on hand or that may be hereafter collected to be - belonging to my Estate.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Ann J. Clay & her lawful heirs, the tract of land on which I now live, also described as follows: On the North by the Lewis Pappas tract of land and on the East by J. Melan, Granbury tract John Hamby & Dr. Riddish; On the South by Annus Murrell. On the West by Dr. Riddish, containing three hundred and fifty acres, be the same more or less. If A. Clay, husband of said Ann J. Clay is to have and contrall said land as long as he may live, and should they dy and not leave any lawful heirs, the said tract of land is to then go to the aforesaid Lora Cartwright & her lawful heirs. Item 6<sup>th</sup>. My daughter Ann is to have the stock I have in the Mc R. A. Road. Item 7<sup>th</sup>. She is to have the other half of all moneys on hand or that may be hereafter collected, also the other half of all stock, household & kitchen furniture above mentioned.

I do hereby appoint Lora Cartwright & Ann J. Clay my daughters & co-exutors to execute the above and to pay all my indebtedness, and to make all collections & settlements and do not require them to give any bond or security for the same. Whereunto I set my hand and seal This 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sept. A. D. 1890.

N. R. Cartwright Test.  
Witness  
E. G. Riddish  
W. R. Cranberry.

Probated March Term 1893.



Will of James Fletcher Humphreys

State of Tennessee

Fayette County,

Feb. 23. 1853.

D. James Fletcher Humphreys,

being of sound mind and disposing memory, do this day make, publish, and declare this my last Will and Testament.

First, I give my body to the ground, and commend my spirit to the God that gave it.

Secondly, In consideration of the love and confidence that I have in my beloved wife and companion Sarah Elizabeth Humphreys, I will and bequeath to her, all of my property, both real and personal, I hereby appoint her sole Executrix of this my Will and request that she qualify at once as such, without being required to give bond or security as such Executrix, Given under my hand on this the twenty third day of February A.D. 1853

James Fletcher Humphreys

Wife  
H. B. Parker  
J. F. Johnson

Probated May Term 1853

Will of H. W. Sharp

H. W. Sharp of the County of Fayette

and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind

and memory, but aware of the uncertainty

of life, do make, publish, declare and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills or codicils, Codicils or Codicils by me at any time made.

I command my spirit to God who gave it, and desire that my body shall be interred in a decent Christian-like manner, at the discretion of my Executors.

It is my will, that out of any monies I may die possessed of, or that may come to the hands of my Executors, hereafter named, my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid, as well as adequate compensation to my Executors for their services, in carrying out this my will.

In the division and distribution of my property heretofore had by myself to my children, I have attempted to observe an equality, and in the distribution of my remaining estate, monies & property that have heretofore received by my children, shall not be accounted for, except as hereafter provided.

It is my will and desire that my lands in the County of Fayette State of Tennessee, in the State of Texas, or elsewhere that the same may be located, shall be disposed of by my Executors on the best terms they can get cash or on time, for sale or rent or lease, and my Executors are fully empowered to sell, rent or lease the whole or any part, or portions of my lands, and to make and execute any deed or deed or lease to the purchaser or purchasers, renters or leaseholders on the payment of the purchase money in compliance with the terms of purchase or lease, that may be legal or necessary, in as full and ample a manner, as if I were doing the same

in person, the proceeds of the sale of said lands, or rents of the same when received, to be equally divided among my children, and the representatives of such as are or may be dead, such representatives to receive the share, the deceased parent would have been entitled to if living, to them and their heirs forever. The share of any married daughter, and the share of the representatives of such as are or may be dead, to be held under the restrictions, limitations and conditions herein after expressed. It is my will and desire, and I direct that as soon after my death as convenient, that my Executors shall notify my children, and the representatives of such as may be dead, (my Executors in said division to represent the representatives of such of my children as are or may be dead,) of the time and place to meet at my late residence, and fairly and equally divide, all monies, notes, United States Bonds, Bank and Insurance Stocks, or other evidences of debts, due or owing to my estate, between my wife & my children, and the representatives of such of my children as are or may be dead, (the representatives of such child or children to receive the share their deceased parent would be entitled to if living) And that in such division, the interest on the notes, accounts, receipts or memorandums of money had and received against any of my children, or the husbands of any of them, or any of my grand children, whether of lawful age, or not, shall be calculated and added to the principal at such rate of interest as may be expressed in said notes, memorandums &c. if any rate be fixed, if not at six per cent per annum, and each child's share, or the share of the representatives of such child as may be dead, shall be charged with such amount, and they shall receive their said shares respectively, less the amount of said notes, accounts, receipts, memorandums, and interest respectively due. In said division the principle of said notes &c. to be added to the interest, the whole to be added to the market value of the property set out in this Item, and an equal division to be had of the aggregate amount of the value of property in this Item directed to be divided, and the amount of principle and interest so due by each child, or representative of a child to be deducted from their respective shares.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that the balance of my personal Estate, not herein already disposed of, except one feather bed, bedstead & furniture of her own selection, which I hereby give to my wife, shall be sold by my Executors on such terms as they may think best, and the proceeds of sale, after payment of debts to be divided as heretofore described in Item 5<sup>th</sup>.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire and I hereby direct that the property given to my married daughters shall be and enure to them, to their sole and separate use, free from the contract and liability of any husband they now have or may hereafter have, and free from any debts their husbands may owe or may hereafter contract, for and during their natural life, and at their death to their children and their heirs forever.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I hereby appoint my son Jewell J. Sharp and my son in law

W. H. Tarpe, Testamentary Guardians of such of my grand children as have no Statutory Guardians, and direct that they shall take charge of and manage the interest of such derived from my estate as herein before directed, either jointly or separately as they may elect, each being responsible only for what comes into his hands under this appointment.

Item 9<sup>th</sup>

It is my will and desire that the property given to my married daughter may be by them sold or exchanged, or invested in other property at any time their interest or property may be benefited, the property purchased or exchanged, or the proceeds of any property sold to be held by them under the restrictions, limitations & conditions set out in Item 7<sup>th</sup>.

Item 10<sup>th</sup>

Having implicit confidence in my son, David S. Sharp, and in William W. H. Tarpe, I hereby appoint them my Executors without Bond or Security save their individual Bonds, and authorize them to bid at the sale of any of my property that may be sold publicly, and when they comply with the terms of the sale, to acquire title to the property bought as other purchaser do, and also request that one or both of them may act under the appointment made in Item 8<sup>th</sup> as testamentary Guardian of my grand children, and desire that they shall take charge of and into possession, their respective interests & shares of my estate and manage the same for them until their respective marriages are reached. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1878.

H. H. Sharp

Signed, sealed, & declared to be last Will and testament of the Testator in our presence, and we have witnessed the same at his instance and request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other on the day it bore date.

J. P. Reid  
A. R. Munnell

I, Hardy W. Sharp, of the County of Fayette in the town of Mason in the State of Tennessee, do make this my Codicil, hereby confirming my last will, made on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1878. So far as this Codicil is consistent therewith, and do hereby provide, that the provision in Item 8<sup>th</sup> of my will, naming my late residence as the place of meeting to divide my effects between my children and their representatives, said meeting may be at the town of Mason or elsewhere, as my Executor may deem most convenient.

In said Item 8<sup>th</sup> of my will, it is provided that in such division the notes, accounts, receipts or memorandums of money had & received by any of my children, or the husbands of any of them, or any of my grand children, whether of lawful age or not, interest should be counted on such division of account up to said settlement after my death.

I have already lived longer than I had any right to expect, and should I live much longer, said provision in said Item 8<sup>th</sup> will become injurious to my elder children, they having been heavily advanced. While money stocks of every description have become of less demand & harder to secure, I therefore in this my Codicil modify & exchange

so much of said Item 8 as relates to counting interest up to the settlement after my death, and desire and provide by this Codicil that interest shall only be counted on such advancements up to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November A.D. 1878, the time which I have fixed as a basis for settlement, after which no interest shall be charged on advancements; In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal to this my Codicil the 16<sup>th</sup> of July A.D. 1878.

H. H. Sharp

Signed, sealed & declared to be my last only Codicil in our presence, and we have witnessed the same at his instance and request in his presence and in the presence of each other on the day it bore date.

J. P. Reid  
A. R. Munnell

I, Hardy W. Sharp, of the County of Fayette in the town of Mason in the State of Tennessee, do make this my second Codicil, hereby confirming my last will, made on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1878 so far as this Codicil is consistent therewith, and hereby revoke the appointment made in Item 8 & 10 of my will, appointing W. H. Tarpe, as one of the testamentary Guardians for my grand children, and as one of the Executors of my last will & testament & turn over to the remaining Executor David S. Sharp, all the obligations, trusts, emoluments and immunities conferred by said appointment on the said William H. Tarpe, to my sole and only remaining Executor David S. Sharp, whose appointment is hereby confirmed, In Testimony I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this my second Codicil the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 1879.

H. H. Sharp

Signed, sealed & declared to be my second & last Codicil in our presence, and we have witnessed the same at his instance & request in his presence & in the presence of each other on the day it bore date.

A. R. Munnell  
J. P. Reid

Probated July term 1883

Will of W. H. Tarpe Decd.

State of Tenn } In the name of God  
County of Fayette } Amen  
I, William H.

Tarpe being of sound mind but feeble in body, make and declare this my last will and testament, to wit: I give and bequeath to my wife Eliza W. Tarpe after my just debts are paid, all I did possessed of, real and personal, to dispose of as she please. Witness my hand and seal, March 1<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Witness

H. H. Tarpe

R. A. Donoh  
Thos. S. Neal

Probated August Term 1883



Will of L. E. Stanley.

Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> 1876.

Here Mr. S. Butler wrote and repeat-  
edly that she wanted to visit me.

It had" so long she said since she had seen me, my health  
got very bad and I concluded to write to her, and did, asking  
her to come, on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of July last, I wrote this  
letter to her, asking her to write as soon as she received it, and  
hoped she could start as soon as it came to hand &c. In a  
few days I received a telegram saying: If I would send her  
money she would come or start right away, as soon as received,  
or the money came to hand. I sent a Post Office money order for  
fifty dollars which was twice as much as was needed. I thought  
she could fix up a little, perhaps she would want to amuse  
herself, but instead of doing that, she brought her  
son with her, whose railroad fare had expensed both the other  
half of the fifty dollars, and both of them came in a very com-  
garb, and hints to me were often dropped that I ought to  
buy them some shoes and other things. The son did not  
forget to bring a large six shooter in an old carpet bag and  
that was all he had in it, I found out by a letter wrote  
to me that he is a married man and ought not to have  
left his wife as he did, but his mother and he wanted to keep  
it a secret. What their motive can be in that, I cannot  
learn, I think something is wrong in Denmark, by their actions  
in several things, I am led to believe that their object was  
or is to get what little I have. Here Butler often says she  
is pleased to see me improved so that my health is good to  
but often on the other hand says or intimates that I ought to die  
that I am old enough to die. She does this in rather a  
joking way to me, but whenever she speaks of others and asks  
their age, she always says they ought to die, they ought to be  
out of the way of the younger ones, and the young people  
cannot take what they have and enjoy it for what they had  
did them no good, they were too old &c. nearly as old as  
I was, I can see in her very actions and commentaries that she  
means what she says. She has a very tender feeling for  
her son, and I believe would go to any length for him, and he  
minds every word of her, whether right or wrong, and her religion  
is that if any person does wrong, they can't help it, that  
God has made them so &c. For certain reasons and her  
actions in one case, I have lost all confidence in her and her  
son too. Should I die while they are here, I want Dr. J. J. Pulliam  
to take charge of what little I have and give them enough to take  
them to their home (Bryan Texas) and not a cent more, for  
they have got enough for their share, I have a little one from them  
in money, and one Dr. Pulliam a Medical Bill, which is very con-  
siderable. I have a number of relations in Texas, if they are no  
better than these, I don't want them to have a cent neither.

I have a nephew, L. E. Stanley, living now in Weatherford, Parker  
County Texas, if he is all right he could have it all, if not, none.

Aunt Lucy Freeman &c. I want her to have one hundred and  
fifty dollars. She is honest and has protected my interest more than  
any one else ever had done, and even live in the room she now occupies, as  
long as she lives, if she wants to do so, and no one is to molest her  
in her right, and she has a cow and calf which I gave her a few years  
ago, when the cow was a little calf, because she saved its life.

I have not finished my wishes yet, but I am interrupted and  
much else, but it is as good as I can say now, and I want what  
I have said above carried out by all means if I have any friends  
to do it.

L. E. Stanley.

I will write more if I can at  
some future time, but parties  
will hear up or destroy this if  
they get the chance.

L. E. Stanley

Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1878.

To day the fever is reported very bad and I will leave for Mrs  
Harris this evening, but I will have to sleep in a bad place, and  
I don't know which is best, to stay at home or go out, as I am  
in bad health. It seems as if it is my death anyway.

I am here now alone except Aunt Lucy Freeman and if she  
lives and I die, I want her to communicate with Dr. J. J. Pull-  
iam and tell him what I have told her, I say this in case I  
die and she lives to tell him when he comes home &c. I will  
leave this to Aunt Lucy, I sign my name to this as  
my wish. My late Dr. P. can do as she thinks best, I want my  
glass late put in good condition I have a plenty to do it with.

All my kindred is distant, and they saw nothing for me  
L. E. Stanley

Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Rec'd a letter from Mrs L. A. Babb the first I ever received  
from her. She is my second cousin. They all hear that my  
health is bad and it makes them write. But if I have anything  
to leave to any of my relatives in Texas, I had rather Lucy Ann  
Babb who resides now at Wortham, Freestone County Texas, and  
L. E. Stanley, my nephews, who live at or near Weatherford,  
Parker County, to have what I have than any of the rest. I do  
not want Mary F. Butler or her son J. A. Butler to ever have one  
out of my Estate, should I leave anything. They got their share  
before hand in a way I did not like.

Thursday April 10<sup>th</sup> 1879.

Rec'd a letter from Mrs Lucy Ann Babb, Charley Harvill  
had received one from J. A. Butler, don't write to me but to him  
to find out how I am making it. If I had \$100,000 dollars.  
J. A. Butler, nor his mother Mary F. Butler should not have  
one cent of it if I could help it.

They went to and one last  
summer, and I soon found out  
that all they wanted was what  
little I had.

They cost me then between 2 and 3 hundred dollars, they  
are my little kin to me anyway, only 5<sup>th</sup> Cousins, but I must  
not hand one cent of my little when I die, and I want my  
friends to it if I have any friends here,

L. C. Stanley

Probated August Term 1853

Will of Julia A. Boyd

August 31<sup>st</sup> 1853

In the name of God, Amen,

Feeling the uncertainty of life, I  
Julia A. Boyd, do make this my last will and testament, I  
wish Mr John P. Edmondson who holds the notes for the sale of  
my house, to collect the money, pay all my just debts, pay out  
the remainder of the money as I direct. I give to my nephew  
John Smed Williams the sum of \$12,00 Twelve Dollars, to my niece  
Louisa Martin Boyd the sum of \$4000 forty five dollars, the remainder  
I wish to be divided between my sister Miss Mary McWilliams of  
Fort Smith, and my niece Anna Sate Mason of Brownsville, In  
case of my sister's death I wish Miss Julia W. Kennedy daughter of  
Miss Williams to have her portion, I give to my niece Miss  
A. R. Williams my bed & bedding, to my sister Mrs. Martin my cash and  
furniture belonging to my room, my trunk and wearing apparel  
I leave to my niece Mrs. A. R. Williams to and such things as  
she may think proper to my sister Miss Mary McWilliams.

Julia A. Boyd

J. J. Reid  
J. H. Boyd

Probated October Term 1853

Will of Thos R. Cook.

State of Tennessee, County of Haywood.

As it known that I Thos R. Cook, con-  
sidering the uncertainty of life, do make this my last will and  
testament hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me.

I direct all my just debts to be paid as speedily as possible, and  
I hereby invest the residue of my property, both real and personal  
and mixed of every kind in my beloved son James R. Cook and  
son in law H. H. Means and having full confidence in each of them  
I invest them with full power and discretion, to either sell, lease  
or invest any or all of my property according to their discretion  
and manage my whole property to the best of their discretion and judgment

for the following use, I direct one tenth of the income of my estate to be used  
by my said trustees for the support of my beloved son Stephen J. Cook  
and the balance of the income of my estate I direct my trustees to use for  
the support and maintenance of my beloved wife and unmarried daughters,  
Eva H. Cook, H. C. Cook, and Elvira H. Cook, until the marriage of  
any of my said daughters, or they shall cease to have any of the income  
of my estate, and the whole of the income of my estate, except the tenth part,  
set apart for the support of Stephen J. Cook, shall be used by my said  
trustees for the benefit and support of my beloved wife and my unmarried  
daughters aforesaid, until they shall all marry, or the youngest unmarried  
shall arrive at the age of twenty four years, then I direct that all  
the property in the hands of my trustees, shall be divided, my wife to  
take the part of my estate to which she would be entitled under the law,  
and the balance and residue of my estate to be equally divided among all  
my children, or their Representatives, and at the death of my wife, the  
part set apart to her shall be equally divided among all of my children.  
But the portion of my estate to be set apart to Stephen J. Cook is to  
invested in a trust or to be held by my trustees for the support and  
maintenance of the said Stephen J. Cook, and the said trustee shall  
not use more than the income on said portion of Stephen J. Cook for his  
support so long as he shall live, and in event the said Stephen J. Cook  
does not have issue of his body living at his death, I direct his  
portion or part of my estate to be equally divided among all my  
children, or their representatives, I further wish and direct that my  
wife, daughters before named, so long as they remain unmarried, shall  
occupy my residence as a home so long as my trustees and my  
wife shall deem and consider it to the interest of my estate to hold  
said property, but if they should consider it to the interest of my estate to  
sell or dispose of my house and residence or any portion thereof, they are  
either to buy or rent another for my wife and her family who live  
with her. I further direct my trustees and trustees that in event  
that any one of my children should ever be in indigent circumstances  
before the final division of my estate, and be in need of assistance for  
support, to use a part of the income of my estate, but not to exceed a  
fifth share of the income to relieve their wants and for their support.  
I further direct that my two youngest daughters, are to have a sufficient  
amount for my estate either from the corpus or income thereof to  
complete their education, and they are not to be charged with  
this in the division of my estate, I have full confidence in the  
judgment, ability and honesty of both my son James R. Cook and  
son in law H. H. Means, and direct that they execute this my will  
without security or being required to make any settlement in or  
with the courts, except to file an inventory of my estate, and on the  
final division of my estate to make a settlement showing what is in  
my hands belonging to my estate, I further direct that neither of my  
trustees shall be held accountable or bound for the acts of the other, but  
that each shall only be bound for his own acts, and in event that  
either of my trustees shall fail or refuse to act or accept this the



execution of this my will, or die or resign them in that event, I clothe and invest the other with full power as sole trustee and executor of this my will. And I invest the said accepting and acting under this my will, with all the power that I have herin before given them jointly and release him from giving him from giving security or from testament, as I have herin before given jointly. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1883. The A. Cook.

Witness  
G. H. Morrow  
T. J. Callaway.

Probated October Term 1883

Will of W. C. Jenkins Sr. In the name of God Amen. I, William C. Jenkins Sr. of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of good health of body, and of sound and disposing mind, and memory, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity so to do, make and publish this my last Will and Testament that is to say, First I direct that funeral expenses and all of my just debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any monies that I may be possessed of, or may come into hands of my Executors hereafter named.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Penelope Jenkins during her natural life, and while of sound mind, the use and rents and profits of all the land that I am now possessed of that is to say, four hundred and sixty five acres, being in two tracts known as the Hornsplain and Blain place, Also all the house hold and kitchen furniture, Also my buggy and harness for and during her natural life, and should the said Penelope Jenkins become of sound mind, and try dispose of said property, then I desire my Executors to take charge of said property, and allow her a competency thereof.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Penelope Jenkins, the sum of Five Hundred dollars to be paid at my death, or as soon thereafter as possible.

4<sup>th</sup> I desire that after my death all my personal property (not bequeathed) be sold upon terms most advantageous to my heirs by direction of my Executor.

5<sup>th</sup> Further I desire most earnestly that the land which I have loaned to my beloved wife Penelope Jenkins, that is the Blain tract be divided equally between my four children at her death. The Hornsplain tract divided or sold as will be most advantageous. Provided they settle their indebtedness before such division, so that all may receive an equal share. If such indebtedness is not settled before my death, that is to say, for loaned money for which I hold their several notes.

6<sup>th</sup> If after settling my estate there remain any monies not bequeathed it is my desire that it be equally divided among my four sons J. L. Jenkins, W. C. Jenkins, J. R. Jenkins & W. Jenkins, first applying each party share to extinguishment of notes which I now hold against them

so as to make them all equal in my Estate.

7<sup>th</sup> I do hereby nominate and appoint Charles M. Jenkins to be my Executor of this my last Will and Testament, to do and perform the same without giving bond for performance of same. Herby revoking all my former wills by me made. Witness my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1883.

Signed & sealed by said W. C. Jenkins and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who in his presence and presence of each other, and at his request have hereto subscribed our names as witnesses.

J. C. Harrell  
W. C. Harrell.

Probated February Term 1884

Will of J. M. Whitcomb. I make this my last Will & Testament. I wish property & effects to be divided as follows. First, I wish my land sold & the proceeds equally divided between my five grand children or their heirs.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give my two beds & bed clothing to my two grand daughters Martha & Sophronia Harrell. my wardrobe I give to Martha. I leave as my Executor W. C. Harrell & J. T. Newson, no bond shall be required of them.

G. F. Nelly  
H. H. Comy.

Probated March Term 1884.

Will of Ann M. Simmons. I Ann M. Simmons residing near Morocco, Fayette County Tennessee, make public and declare this as my last will and testament, and I hereby give, devise and bequeath my Estate and property, real and personal as follows, that is to say, First my funeral expenses shall be paid, I give and devise to H. C. and J. M. Simmons and their heirs one tract of land, lying and situated East of the State Line Road bounded as follows, One on the North by Harrell, East by Vanpelt creek, South by Vanpelt and Harrell, and on the West by Simmons, To be equally divided between the foresaid H. C. and J. M. Simmons by a line to be run East and West, H. C. Simmons to have the North half of said tract of land, and J. M. Simmons to have the South half. I also give and devise to H. C. Simmons and his heirs fifty acres of land off of my homestead tract, which includes my dwelling house, horse and calf lots, icks and stables, garden and orchard. I give and bequeath all of my personal and portable property to H. C. Simmons and Susan Mathey as follows. I give and bequeath to Susan Mathey one piano, and bed and one bedstead, one half of my table ware, and all of my wearing apparel, and one half of my bed clothes. I give and bequeath to H. C. Simmons my buggy and harness, farm wagon and harness, all

of my farming tools and implements, horses, mules, cows and hogs, household and kitchen furniture, and every article and species of perishable property which I possess, except the articles aforesaid given to Queen Molly. The remainder of my household tract of land one hundred and sixty acres, my Executors hereinafter named shall sell for cash after thirty days notice of sale, and the proceeds of said sale I give and bequeath as follows: To J. T. and W. D. Simmons and Queen Molly, two hundred dollars each, To Nellie, Martin and Walter Bryan, I give and bequeath fifty dollars each, To Emmet, Albion, Jeremiah, Bessie, Carrie, and Ann Eliza Sadler, I give and bequeath twenty dollars each. To Thomas H. Hammond I give and bequeath forty dollars. The balance of any equally to J. T. W. D. J. W. H. D. Simmons and Queen Molly. I hereby name and appoint as the Executors of this my Will, J. D. Crockett and M. H. Fisher, farmers and residing near Moore, Fayette Co. Tennessee.

In Witness whereof, I have signed, sealed and published, and declared this instrument as my will, this the first day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty two.

This instrument was signed, sealed and declared in our presence by the said M. H. M. Simmons as and for her will, and at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other have written our names as subscribing witnesses.

W. S. Harris  
J. M. Fisher

Probated April Term 1884.

Will of Jessie E. Galloway. This is to certify what I want done with my property. I do hereby give and bequeath my beloved husband W. E. Galloway, all of my real estate and all of my personal property except such as I see fit to give to others. I desire sister Nettie to take my watch and chain, set of jewelry, the ring Ma & Ca gave me, and all my jewelry, my forks & spoons (except any eating my cuff buttons, all bracelets), and keep them till George Bond, Charles Fox, May Bone, Eliza Fox, Charles Fox, Nannie Bond, Grace Wood and Jessie Thompson are gone, and then divide the above named articles between them. My eating my cuff buttons I want my beloved husband to have, and my bracelets given to Fannie Bondurant. All things not mentioned above, given to my beloved husband to dispose of just as he pleased or see proper. This is my will & desire, this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1882.

Witness,

P. V. Patrick  
J. S. Galt

Jessie E. Galloway

Probated May Term 1884

Will of William H. Toney, State of Tennessee Fayette County, I, William H. Toney, of the State of Tennessee, and County of Fayette, knowing the uncertainty of life and being in sound health, do make this my last will and testament, wherein all which herebefore owned, First, I will all my just debts paid. Secondly, I will to my wife during her widowhood, the place where I now reside including all out land with these conditions, that my two youngest children Christina & George is to be supported and educated as much as my other children have been with their second of age or more. Thirdly, I will to my son Almon and horse bills and saddle, the horse to be with one horse, and I will to him one featherbed and bedstead and bed close to go with it. Fourthly, I will to my daughter Christina one featherbed and bed and bed clothes to go with it. Also one side-saddle with fourteen dollars. Also one cow and calf. Fifthly, I will to my son George, one cow and calf. Sixthly, I will to my wife during her widowhood, my stock of horses, cows, hogs, sheep, and should they die while in her possession, she shall not be held accountable for the same. I also will her the use of my farming implements and Machine tools, also my waggon, carriage and buggy, household and kitchen furniture, should she be my, all of my property except that which shall be otherwise disposed of shall be hers, and she is to share equally with my children viz: Howard, Edward, Leander, Joseph, Alon, George, Eliza, Griffin, Martha, Gale, Emma, Stafford, Christina, Toney, Also I will to my step son Lucius Webb, one feather bed and bed clothes to go with it, I also will for my two sons Joseph & Alon to see to her and provide her and see that she doesn't want it, and I say in fee death I want my property to be sold and the money to be equally divided among my children. I don't want my wife to give security for the delivery of my property, for I think she will not want it. Given under my hand and seal, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1878.

Wm. H. Toney  
James A. Hopper  
J. M. Murphy

Seven I named my wife, Lucius Webb, has got his bed and bed close, Also Christina Toney, has got her saddle this the 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1880.

William H. Toney

Probated May Term 1880

Will of L. L. Davis I, L. L. Davis in my common mind and health, now make my will. In the first place I appoint my wife Martha Davis and my son Samuel A. Davis as my Administrators, to settle up and make of my debts. In the event that my son Samuel A. Davis and J. A. J. Foster refuse to go on their bond as Administrators, then they are to administer on my estate without giving bond at all. My wife and Sammie have full power and authority as Administrators to sell and convey any portion of my real or personal for the purpose of paying off my debts, Also to rent out any of my lands to the best interest and appropriate



it for the purpose of paying my debts. After my Estate is settled up, I then want my property equally divided among my wife and four children. In the event any of my children should die leaving no bodily heirs, then the real estate is to fall back to my original Estate. My daughter Fannie receiving a few hundred dollars Plans, my other children and to have that much more to make them equal with her. My wife Martha C. Davis and Samuel A. Davis are to have no compensation for winding up my estate except they are to be compensated out of my estate for their necessary expenses. The real estate that my wife gets during her lifetime. At her death is to go back to my original Estate. I desire that Ethel White my wife's grand daughter should have four hundred and fifty dollars at each time I may be necessary for the purpose of educating her. This the 23 day of December 1874

L. L. Davis

Witness:

Geo. H. C. Davis  
Jas. W. Simmons

Codified,

I entail all my real estate to my four children, and their bodily heirs.

L. L. Davis

Probated May Term 1884

Will of Luana C. Dyer.

I Luana C. Dyer of Fayette County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and in the fear of God, make this my last will and Testament.

I desire my land which I inherited from my father J. J. Smith containing 60 acres more or less to be divided between my three children as follows: Requiring at my West line, I wish twenty acres

half off the East line to run North and South and this 20 acres to my daughter Cord May Shiffen. The balance of my land containing 40 acres more or less I wish divided equally between my daughter Cord May Shiffen, the West half I give to my daughter Luana C. Dyer, and the East of half of said 40 acres I give to my daughter Lela Will Dyer, and each and every parcel of land I give to my daughters and their legal heirs, and no part or parcel of the above land shall be sold by my daughters and their husbands. But my desire and will is that the land shall descend perpetually from my children to their legal heirs. My sewing machine I give to my daughter Luana C. Dyer, and my household and kitchen furniture I leave to my husband and use during his life time, to be used at Lela Will Dyer's house, the house I now live in for family use. My love and prayer I give to my husband and daughter May Cord and self I give to my daughter Lela Will Dyer this 15 day May 1882.

Luana C. Dyer

Witness: Geo. J. Dyer, R. L. Dyer

Probated May Term 1884

Will of J. M. Webb.

In the name of God Amen,

I Jacob M. Webb of the town of Somerville, Wayne County, Tennessee, being of sound memory

and disposing mind, do hereby make and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills which may have theretofore been made by me.

1<sup>st</sup> I will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any money on hand, or which may first come into the hands of my executor after my death.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Webb for and during her natural life, all of my property of whatever kind, real personal or mixed which may remain after paying all of the expenses incident to my funeral, and all of my just debts, and whereas the rents of my real estate and the interest arising from my personal estate, may not be sufficient to keep up the repairs on the said real property and comfortable support her, I will and bequeath that she have the power and direction to use such amount of my said personal property or the money arising from sale of same from time to time as may be necessary to carry out such objects, giving her full discretion as to what personal property to sell, and when & where.

3<sup>rd</sup> I own a tract of land in Arkansas, containing about 160 acres Crittendon County. This I will and bequeath my Executor shall sell as soon as in her discretion may seem best, hereby giving her full power to sell and convey same in as full a manner as I could myself being alive, and that the proceeds of same be considered under this will as personal property subject to be expended under the conditions set out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> clause above.

4<sup>th</sup> Upon the death of my wife, I will and desire that all of my property of whatever kind remaining at that time be equally divided amongst my children, the children of my deceased child, taking the interest their parent would take were she or they alive.

5<sup>th</sup> Whereas my son-in-law D. H. Alsmell and my daughter Virginia M. shall live with me for a long time residing with us, it is my will and desire that they shall still reside with my wife so long as they may desire, and it may be pleasant for wife, without paying room rent or any board.

6<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that my Executor shall, as soon as possible, dispose of my stock of goods in my tin shop, giving her power to dispose of them publicly or privately as in her discretion may seem best to the interest of my estate and the comfort of my wife.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my further will and desire, that my beloved wife be my executrix to carry out this my will, and I do hereby release her from the necessity of giving Bond, and from making any settlement with the Court, as required by law. This I witness and sign at my hand, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1884.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged as and presumed, and we have subscribed our names as attesting witnesses in the presence of the testator.

M. J. Alexander

H. C. Trent

J. M. Davis M. C.

Probated July Term 1884

## Will of Hilary Garrison

I Hilary Garrison of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, do make, order and

publish, this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all wills at any time heretofore made by me, in manner and form following to wit:

I will devise and direct that my funeral expenses including head stone and marker to my grave, and all my just debts, if any be due at my death, be first paid out of my Estate.

Second, I will devise and direct that my beloved wife Mary shall have during her life, fifty acres out of the tract containing about 100 acres of land where I now reside, giving timber to grow, and including the dwelling house, to be set apart to her by my Executors hereinafter named, and as they may see apart by metes and bounds, so as to least injure the value or sale of the remainder, said 100 acre tract as a home and support for her during her life, and at her death, the said fifty acres are to revert back to and be equally divided between my children and grand children, herein of two named, and which said fifty acres is hereby provided for her (my wife) in lieu of dower and Homestead interest in my real property, and which interest (Dower &amp; Homestead) is hereby excluded from her.

Third, I will and direct that my Executors shall sell the remainder of my landed Estate for cash or on time to the highest bidder at as early a day as may be practicable after my death and the proceeds thereof shall be equally divided between my children and grand children.

Fourth, I will give, bequeath and direct that the remainder of my Estate including personal, mixed, and property of every kind, shall be sold at as early a day as practicable after my death by my Executors on such terms and at such times as they may deem best, and the proceeds thereof, and all remainder assets, shall be equally divided between my son J. W. Garrison, my two daughters, Rebecca, wife of Joshua Burrette, Rachel Matilda, wife of Raymond McCully, and my two grand children, each named Hilary, one the son of my dear son J. W. Garrison and the other the son of my dear son R. H. Garrison, and my said wife Mary, each to have and she share equally alike a part. And the each of either, or both of my said grand children dying leaving no children then surviving, the part or portion of the one so dying shall revert back to, and go equally to my said children, or their children.

The share or part given to my said wife Mary is to be hers in fee simple and in lieu of dower, and years allowance, as hereby excluded from her out of my remainder Estate.

Lastly, I hereby constitute, appoint, empower, and direct my son J. W. Garrison and son in law Joshua Burrette to be the Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Executed this the 20<sup>th</sup> dayof August A.D. 1851  
Hilary GarrisonAttest.  
Ch. R. Murrell  
J. P. Reid.

Probed September Term 1854

## Will of Julia Chambers

I Julia Chambers wife of Benjamin Chambers, do make and publish this as

my last Will and Testament, First: I desire that my husband Benjamin Chambers shall pay my funeral expenses as soon after my death as possible.

Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved husband Benjamin Chambers, all of my property of whatsoever kind, and where soever situated to sell, with or do with as he may deem proper, or dispose of in any way. Lastly, I do name my husband Benjamin Chambers as my Executor of this my Will, and release him from giving any Bond or security when he qualifies as such.

I set my hand and seal this the 8 day of Dec 1854  
Signed & published in my presence, and we have signed our names hereto in the presence

of the Testatrix, and in the presence of each other, this 8 day Dec 1854.

A. J. Faris  
R. H. Zachray.

Probed January Term 1855.

## Will of Thos. G. Neal

I Thos. G. Neal of County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of sound and

disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all previous wills whenever made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. I direct that all my just debts including the expenses of my last sickness and funeral shall be paid in full as soon as practicable after the qualification of my Executors.Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. After the payment of these debts and liabilities, I direct that all the rest and residue of my Estate shall be equally divided among my four (4) children, Emma J. Granbury wife of J. W. B. Granbury, L. M. Reid wife of John B. Reid, Kate H. Reid wife of J. J. Reid and my son Thos. G. Neal, or their descendants, the children taking the parents portion should I outlive any of them.Item 3<sup>rd</sup>. I wish and desire that the husbands of my daughters J. W. B. Granbury, John B. Reid and J. J. Reid shall not use or apply any of the property I herein bequeath to my daughters to the payment or liquidation of any debts that they or either of them the said husbands may have made or contracted previous to my death, and that they have full power and authority to use, invest, or dispose of the property in any way they may deem best for the best interests and benefits of their living and children.Item 4<sup>th</sup>. I direct that my Executors shall have full power and authority to sell any and all my Real Estate, and make titles thereto, and I give them full discretion as to the time and terms upon which same shall be sold.Item 5<sup>th</sup>. I desire and so direct that the division of my Estate



above order shall be made without any regard to such advancements to my children as I have made hitherto or may hereafter make during my lifetime. So far as said advancements are concerned my purpose had been and will continue to be to equalize them myself, and accordingly I desire that after my death no account shall be taken of said advancements, but the property belonging to my Estate at the time of my death, shall be equally divided as herein before directed.

Item 6<sup>th</sup>. I hereby appoint my sons in law Dr. H. H. Lumberg, John B. Reid and Dr. J. J. Reid as the Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, expressly releasing them from giving Bonds and security as required by law, but requiring them to give their personal obligations in the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars to faithfully discharge their duties as such Executors.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal publishing and declaring this to be my Last Will and Testament in the presence of the witnesses named below on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1884.

Signed sealed and published by the said Thos. B. Hart as his Last Will and Testament in our presence, and we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1884.

R. C. Roswell  
Geo. M. Hull,

Probated March term 1885,

Will of J. C. Hart.

Know all men by these presents, that J. C. Hart of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, knowing the uncertainty of human life and being sound in mind but feeble in body, do make and declare this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all others.

Item (1). I give and bequeath to my sons J. C. Hart and J. D. Hart all of my household and kitchen furniture, to be equally divided between them.

Item (2). I give and bequeath to my said sons J. C. Hart & J. D. Hart each of them the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be paid out of the first money realized after my death from a claim I have against the U. S. Government for about \$1000. The balance of said money I wish to be equally divided between my three sons J. C. Hart, J. D. Hart & S. R. Hart.

I do this on account of the care and attention bestowed upon me in my old age by my sons J. C. Hart & J. D. Hart.

Item. I do hereby nominate and appoint J. C. & J. D. Hart executors of this my last Will and Testament requiring of them no bond or security as qualifying as such. Witness my hand

and this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1884.

Witness:

Signed, sealed & published in our presence, and we sign as witnesses in the presence of the testator & in the presence of each other.

Aug 21, 1884

J. C. Hart (S)

W. C. Pierce

R. L. Moore

Probated June term 1885

Will of A. B. Pulliam

I, A. B. Pulliam of the County of Fayette State of Tennessee hereby make and declare my last will to be as follows:

First, I give to my wife and to our children now living, and to such child or children as may be hereafter born to us, the following property, My life Policy of Two Thousand Dollars in the strength of Home, as a member of Local Watcher Lodge No 1299, all my notes and accounts for rents of land, and for supplies for advancements made to hands and persons working or renting my land for the year 1879, and all notes & rents prior to that time, and all other notes and accounts that may be owing to me for professional services as a physician, and three boxes and my library of Medical books; All of said property to be divided equally between them.

2<sup>nd</sup>. It also is my wish and request that my Executors carry on and prosecute the suit for the recovery of my just share and interest in my father John W. Pulliam's Estate, and any sum so received to be divided equally among my wife and our children. And I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Eliza V. Pulliam the Executrix of this my last Will with power to sell any real or personal property that I may now possess or that may be acquired from my father's Estate, wherever situated in this State or elsewhere. And I give this wish to be given and of our children, and to have possession, control and management of all the money and property of our children, until each one of them becomes of age, and it is my request that she be allowed by the Court to qualify as Executrix and Testamentary. I further nominate and appoint Calvin C. Harris to act as Attorney for my Estate, and to collect and turn over to my wife, the notes and accounts and the life policy herein before willed, and to be the legal adviser of my wife in all matters, and to continue his services in the case of Pulliam vs Pulliam now pending in the Federal Court at Memphis Tennessee.

Test  
Thos. B. Hart  
Harry Shattow.

July 15, 1879

A. B. Pulliam

Probated July term 1885

Will of Lucien H. Cammell In the name of God, Amen.  
I, Lucien H. Cammell, County of Hill,  
State of Texas, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make and publish, as my last will and testament, I give and bequeath to my beloved sister Rosa Cammell my cotton gin and site in the County of Fayette, in the State of Tennessee, near the town of Hickory, which being one hundred acres bounded as follows: On the West by Jesse Bonnell, On the South by L. P. Shelton, On the East by Jesse Bonnell, On the North by Lewis Mumfrell. I now give and bequeath my two sisters equally and jointly, Julia Mumfrell and Betsey Davis, my place known as the Oak place, one hundred and thirty acres, situated in Fayette County, Tennessee, near Hickory, which being bounded as follows: On the East by George Church, On the West by C. C. Grimes, On the North by Pittman place, Pleasant Woodson, On the South by L. P. Shelton. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and declare to be my last will and testament, in presence of the witnesses named below, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty four (1884).

Lucien H. Cammell

J. M. Greenwald  
E. L. Meeks  
H. D. Taylor

Probated July term 1885

Will of Henry Lile I, Henry Lile, Son of Resolved Fayette County, State of Tennessee, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all those by me made at any time. I give, devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal as follows that is to say I direct that all my estate both real and personal be divided among my children to wit: Mintha, Sally, Candis, Allison, Fathan and Agnis equally share and share alike except as to the share of my daughter Sally, Agnis and Candis as heirs of the mentioned. I direct that one thousand dollars of the share of my daughter Sally be divided among my other children equally, share and share alike. I direct that five hundred dollars of the share of my daughter Agnis be divided among my other children equally share and share alike. I direct that the share or interest of my daughter Candis be by my executor invested in United States bonds or some other good security to be held by him until she becomes a widow then share and interest to be paid to her as her legal right but if my daughter Candis should die before she becomes a widow then I direct her share

of my estate to be divided between her Grandson Vandy Brooks and my Grand son Henry P. Griffin equally share and share alike. My reason for the above disposition of my daughter Candis share of my estate is that J. A. Lile husband of my daughter Candis from some cause or other he tells me he wants nothing that I have neither thanks me for anything I have he further says he has married Candis and is able to support her. I direct that my daughter Sally be allowed a reasonable compensation for her attention to my household affairs if she remains with me until my death. I appoint my son Luther Lile now of Arkansas my executor of this my last will and testament and direct that he be not required to give any bond as such I think he will do right. My witnesses whereof I do to this my will set my hand this the ninth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighty 1880

Henry Lile

Signed and published in our  
and we have subscribed our names  
in presence of testator  
The 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1880

J. C. Grant

A. P. Warr

Probated August term 1885

Will of Eddie Walker Todd

Will of Eddie Walker  
Todd Greenville, S.C. 1880

I, E. W. Todd make this my last Will and Testament  
First I direct that all my debts be paid; after my death  
next direct that my lands known as the Todd place more  
more east of Greenville District No 15 Fayette County  
Tenn bounded north by Thompson and Morrow East  
by Pick Taylor South by Taylor Thompson west by  
McFadden and Morrow containing four hundred acres  
more or less. I direct that Mrs. Belle McFadden wife  
of W. A. McFadden for her kindness to me have one  
fourth of said lands as her property that R. C. Thompson  
have one eighth 18 of said lands as his property and  
that my brother William M. Todd have one eighth 18  
of said lands as his property. And that one eighth 18 of  
the lands with one half interest in mother's place be  
appropriated to placing a Tomb Stone on my mother's  
grave with one hundred dollars for the benefit of Mount  
Comfort Church and that one eighth 18 of said lands  
be appropriated to defray my burial expenses and be  
appropriated to placing a Tomb Stone on my grave and  
the remaining portion of said lands to be appropriated  
by my executor for his use and pay my indebtedness



Alphonsa and that Robert Morrow is to have my watch  
and that Mrs Parthuta Morrow have my gold watch  
and that Joe Todd have one dollar I appoint the  
M. Fadden to execute this my will after my death without  
bond or security having confidence in him to do so  
Thos J. Boehart Witness E. H. Todd  
S. M. Morrow Witness  
Probated January Term 1886

Will of J. P. Kerr  
I, J. P. Kerr of the County of  
Tazewell and State of Tennessee  
do make and declare this to be my last Will and  
Testament, I then give and bequeath to my  
beloved wife Mary C. Kerr the tract of land on  
which I now reside containing two hundred and  
thirteen acres together with all the improvements  
and appurtenances thereto belonging during her  
natural life I also give and bequeath to her the  
said J. P. Kerr all the live stock consisting of horses  
mules cattle hogs which I may have or stand at  
my death together with all the household and  
kitchen furniture (except that which belongs to my  
daughter Emma and my her room) also my farming  
tools of every description my wagon buggy and  
harness belonging to each & further I do  
direct my executor herein after mentioned to pay  
to my beloved wife J. P. Kerr the sum of two  
thousand dollars out of the first money that may  
come into their hands of my estate. I then  
I have given to my daughter Mary A. Perry at various  
times as charged on my book the sum of Five  
thousand and ninety seven dollars now I give  
and bequeath to her the further sum of nineteen  
hundred and three dollars I then  
I have given to my son James B. Kerr at various  
times heretofore the sum of Five thousand dollars  
as charged on my book I now give and bequeath  
to him the additional sum of Five thousand dollars  
I then I have given to my daughter Susan  
C. Coppidge at various times heretofore the sum of  
Five thousand dollars in cash and a deed to eight  
acres of land valued at Five hundred dollars  
as charged in my book making in all the sum of  
Twenty five thousand dollars I now give and bequeath  
to J. P. Kerr in trust for the said Susan C. Coppidge  
the additional sum of Fifteen hundred dollars to

be paid to her as she may need it if any of the  
lands of this trust remain in the hands of the said  
J. P. Kerr at her death it is my will and desire that  
it be equally divided amongst my grand children  
then living I then  
I have given to my daughter Louisa  
J. Perry at various times heretofore the sum of Five  
thousand and ninety four dollars and fifty cents  
as charged in my book I now give and bequeath  
to her the additional sum of nineteen hundred and  
five dollars and fifty cents  
I then I have given to my son W. P. Kerr  
heretofore one gray mare valued at one hundred  
dollars I have also deeded to him a tract of one  
hundred and thirty one acres of land lying in  
the second civil District of Haywood County Ten-  
nessee and bounded as follows On the east and  
north by the lands of J. P. Kerr on the west by the  
lands of N. Caldwell and on the south by the  
Stanton & Estanaula road running to Liberty Church  
lot and around said lot to J. P. Kerr line said  
tract of land was valued at Four thousand and  
Twenty five dollars making in all the sum of Four thousand  
one hundred and Twenty five dollars the deed referred  
to above was made to him a deed of gift during  
his natural life and then to his children he has  
become dissatisfied with said deed and refuses to  
have it recorded I therefore give and bequeath to him  
the above described tract of land during his natural  
life and then to his children and account of said  
advancement being charged on by book as my other  
children  
I then I have given to my son J. P. Kerr at  
various times in cash and otherwise as charged on  
my book the sum of Three thousand and Twenty  
dollars I now give and bequeath to him an additional  
amount of Nine hundred and Twenty nine dollars  
I then I have given to my daughter Francis  
Mills as charged in my book one house and lot  
in Ponceville valued at fourteen hundred and  
fifty dollars and Five hundred and fifty dollars  
in cash making in all Five thousand dollars  
I now give and bequeath to her the additional sum  
of Two thousand dollars  
I then I have given to my daughter Esthy E.  
Kerr heretofore as charged in my book the sum  
of Five thousand dollars I now give and bequeath  
to her the additional sum of Two thousand dollars

Item 10 I have given to my son B. P. Kerr  
heretofore as charged in my bequest the demand and  
Sixty one acre of land by deed of gift it being a  
part of the Shepard tract which I value at four  
thousand and twenty five dollars

Item 11 I have given to my grand daughter Mary  
F. Alexander one hundred acres of land known  
as the Coffman tract valued at one thousand  
and fifty dollars and cash at various times  
amounting to nine hundred and fifty dollars making  
in all the sum of Two thousand dollars and I  
make no further donation to her in this my  
last Will and Testament

Item 12 I hereby instruct my executors herein  
after mentioned to take charge of all my effects  
after my death that is not specifically devised in  
this Will and sell and dispose of the same in order  
that the several amounts bequeathed herein may be  
realized by the legates of the Will.

Item 13 Should there not be enough of my estate  
to pay to each of my distributees the amounts named  
in my Will then I direct that a pro rata distribution  
be made to each according to with the exceptions of  
the bequest to my wife whom I desire shall have  
her entire bequest. I further direct my executors  
after the death of my beloved wife to sell the real estate  
bequeathed to her and divide the proceeds equally  
among my grand children

Item 14 Should there be any thing remaining of  
my estate after paying to each of the legates the  
several amounts named in this Will I direct my  
executors to divide the same equally among my grand  
children share and share alike

Item 15 I do hereby nominate and appoint my  
son in law James Perry and my son B. P. Kerr  
executors to this my last Will and Testament upon  
their individual and joint bond without security  
given under my hand and seal this 24th day  
of November 1881

Witness

H. A. Tanner  
G. N. Albright

B. P. Kerr (read)

Probated January Term 1886

Will of A. H. Brewster

J. C. Brewster I had you to divide my  
and Prof. W. Polley among my son +  
Sister Give to the Child George + Emma 1882 one hundred +  
fifty dollars more than to John + June You all know my reason  
for this difference Pay June + John their 1/2 of the dues they paid  
for me do this as John and June partners  
May the 5. 1885  
A. H. Brewster  
Probated February Term 1886

Will of A. H. Phillips

I Andrew Phillips do make and sign  
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 moneys  
that I may be possessed of Secondly if my wife Eliza Jane Phillips  
should survive me I give and bequeath to her all of my  
personal property that I may have on hand at my death to  
her own use and the benefit of my two daughters Mary E.  
and Luverne Phillips to sell and convey as she see best all  
of my land except the Canada place with all the furniture  
to her use and benefit and the benefit of the said Mary E. and  
Luverne Phillips her life time Third I give and bequeath to  
my son Andrew Jackson Phillips the place known as the  
Canada Place to have possession and control the first of  
January 1884 fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Mary E. Phillips my home tract the place that at now  
reside on and contains one hundred and sixty acres at the  
death of my said wife also one of the best places that may  
be on hand at the death of my said wife and my stock and  
and six hundred dollars in money first at the bequest of  
my two daughters Mary E. and Luverne Phillips all of the  
house hold and kitchen furniture I give and  
bequeath at the death of my said wife to Luverne Phillips  
the place known as the 100 place and said to contain  
twenty two acres and two Cove and Calves and at the  
death of my said wife it is my will that the McKnight  
Place and all the personal property that may be on hand  
that is not mentioned in my will shall be sold  
and after paying all the debts that may be contracted by  
me or my wife be equally divided between all my children  
in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and  
seal this the 3 day of May one thousand Eight hundred  
and eighty three  
Andrew Phillips  
State of Tennessee Personally appeared before me J. C. Griffin  
Taylors County Notary Public for said County Andrew  
Phillips the within named bargainer  
with whom I am personally acquainted and ac-



nowledged the foregoing Instrument to be his act and deed for the Purpose therein expressed  
Witness my hand and seal of Office this 3 day of  
May 1883



J. E. Sniffen  
Notary Public  
Notated February Term 1884

Will of D. S. Boswell. I D. S. Boswell of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do make known and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following:  
First I will devise, bequeath and give to my beloved wife Mary. Whatever she may elect to take with the aid and assistance of three discreet disinterested business men in the election to have the same so elected and set apart to her in her own right out of my personal and mixed property so that it does not exceed what would be secured to her under and by virtue of the law of the said State in value. Then after the death of the said men so selected she so proceed to what and have set apart to her by mortgage and mortgage out of my landed estate a number of acres sufficient with judicious management for her as a comfortable home and support for her during her life; and I further recommend that she be liberal in the aforesaid election and setting apart to our dear children and that the same be done at the earliest practicable moment after my death and in no event shall she receive or have so set apart to her in value the amount out of my personal and mixed and landed estate than that to which she would be entitled under and by virtue of the law of the said State, had I died intestate. Then after the foregoing shall have been done.

Second I will devise give and bequeath and direct that the remainder of my whole estate including property of every kind shall be into possession of my heirs after my decease, and out of this remainder if any debts or money they pay first all my debts if any be due and unpaid then the remainder thereafter shall go to and be equally divided between my four sons namely John E. Eugene W. Robert P. and H. C. Boswell and my two daughters namely Betta wife of H. H. McHardy and Emma McHardy and my two grand children named Albert and Ella Boswell and the children of my son Albert D. Boswell - then the said named two grand children together are to receive a share only equal with one of my said children and in line of my sole son Albert D. who is hereby named and named for

any interest whatever in the division and settlement of my estate. Now the event that one or both of my said grand children die leaving no children behind, but of them survivors, then the interest of the one or both so dying shall revert to and become a part of my estate and go equally and be divided between my children beneficiaries as before herein provided. The division and distribution of the aforesaid last remainder I will and direct shall be at the earliest practicable moment possible after my death. It is provided however that should my executors deem it best and necessary to the interest of my said children and grand children beneficiary to sell any or all of my property of this remainder, personal mixed and real to make a more equal and satisfactory division it must be done on a written petition drawn up and signed by my said children beneficiary who all of full age and three discreet disinterested men and whose signatures must appear to the petition approving same and directed to the executors stating property to be sold, terms of sale, time and place of sale, and how sold to be made and the proceeds or sales is to be divided and distributed as herein before directed; and in the event a sale is so made of any or all of this remainder property my executors are hereby empowered to so sell to make sold or divide and convey the right and title to the property so sold in full payment to the purchaser or purchasers on receipt of the purchase money. The said petition so written and signed must be acknowledged and have recorded by the executors in settlement with the Court.

I hereby constitute empower appoint and direct my son J. E. Boswell and son-in-law H. H. McHardy the executors to this my Will and testament and hereby relieve them from giving security on their bond or bonds as the law requires, and further services as executors no compensation is to be allowed them, other than their necessary expenses, lawyer fees and costs of settlement incident in the Courts. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will on this 19 day of August A.D. 1881

Attest  
J. B. Reid  
J. R. McNeill

D. S. Boswell Decd.

Probated April Term 1884

Will of H<sup>on</sup> Harris. I H<sup>on</sup> Harris of Fayette County Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and publish this my last Will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all previous Wills whenever made. I hereby give and bequeath all my property of every kind real and personal to my beloved wife Sarah, and having full faith and confidence in her love and affection for our children I leave it to her choice and discretion to make such provision for them and each of them as she may think best either now or hereafter. I also clothe her with full power to sell or dispose of whatever property she may desire. Whether said property may be real or personal, and that without the aid or intervention of any Court. The property which I give to her consists principally of my right and equity to redeem certain tracts of land situate in Fayette County Tennessee District No. 11 and I wish her to redeem said tracts or such of them as she may desire to redeem, whenever she may desire so to do it being understood that I give her the entire right and title to my said equity of redemption to said tracts of land absolutely and in fee simple. And I give and bequeath to her all my other property in the same way and my heretofore expressed confidence that she will properly provide for our children is not to be deemed or construed as a trust upon said property in their favor but only as a request that I provide for them as she may think best. I also nominate and appoint my beloved wife Sarah to be the Executor of my will expressly excusing her from giving bond and security as required by law but also having every confidence in her ability to care for and manage my estate desire that she be not required to account to any Court for the property which may come into her hands as such Executor or to make any Settlement of her account as such Executor but to have the complete and unfettered control over the property herein bequeathed to her as I now have - and I have should my life be spared and I recover from my present illness. I also request her to pay whatever just debts I may now owe and which now visit

in force against me at such times as she may  
think best, and as to her may be most convenient.  
This request does not extend to that part of my  
indebtedness which is bound by my discharge  
in bankruptcy.

And witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my  
signature in the presence of the witnesses whose  
names are undersigned and who sign their  
names as such witnesses at my special request  
Done at my residence in Fayette County Tennessee  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1879.

Witness  
Rich<sup>d</sup> H. Harvey  
J. H. Riddick

Prolated May term 1886

Will-  
Will of Evan George, died. I, Evan George, of the County  
of Payette and State of Tennessee  
being of sound and disposing mind and memory do  
hereby make publish and declare this my last Will  
and testament hereby revoking and making void any and  
all other Wills by me heretofore made

Item 1st I direct my funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid at once after my death by my Executor the same to be paid out of that portion of my estate not specially devised in the next three following items of this my will --

Item 2 I will bequeath and devise to my beloved wife Jane B. George Nine Thousand Dollars in U.S. 4% Bonds or nine U.S. 4% Bonds of One Thousand Dollars each with any coupons attached thereto or in lieu and instead thereof Ten Thousand Dollars in currency if she prefers it, the Ten Thousand Dollars to be raised by a sale of U.S. Bonds or other Bonds belonging to my estate - My wife can take the Nine Thousand Dollars in Nine U.S. 4% Bonds with Coupons attached or Ten Thousand Dollars in currency just as she may wish or prefer - I also will and devise to my beloved wife Jane B. George all my household and kitchen furniture and the House & Lot in Portsmouth Tennessee where we now reside and all my real estate in Haystack County Tennessee and all real estate of which I may die seized and possessed wherever situated: all of which personal and real I give and devise to her absolutely and in fee simple.

Item 3 I will and devise to Mrs Kattie T. Greenham of Somerville  
Tennessee, Two Thousand Dollars in currency (\$2000)



Item 4 - I will and devise to Sam George Five Hundred Dollars in Currency (1880)

Item 5 - The balance and residue of my estate, after all my just debts are paid and all costs and expenses of Administration, I will and devise to my Nephews and Nieces, the children of my brothers and sisters equally share and share alike. I do not name any of them because the names of some of them I do not know, but it is my wish, will and intention that all my Nieces and Nephews the children of my Brothers and Sisters shall equally and share & share alike have the residue of my estate after the payment of debts and the legacies set out in the four prior Items of this my Will -

Item 6 - I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Jane B. George Executrix of this my last will and testament, and I desire, direct and request that she qualify without giving Bond or Security. I give her full power to sell Bonds or any other property belonging to my estate, so as to discharge the pecuniary among the legacies entitled thereto and so as to carry out the provisions of this my Will. I request her to retain as Council in the management and settlement of my estate H. C. Morrison of Tennessee. And witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> June 1886 -

Sam George

At the request of Sam George, and in his presence, & the presence of each other, we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, by stating that the foregoing is his will & having signed same in our presence this June 20<sup>th</sup> 1886 -

J. B. Dalton  
J. D. Fuller  
H. C. Morrison

Codicil

I hereby make the following Codicil to my foregoing will and the same is as follows: I will and devise to my Brother William George One Thousand Dollars in money and I will and devise to my sister Jane Bond One Thousand Dollars in money the same to be paid to them by my Executrix prior to the payment of Legacies as set out in Item Five (5) of my foregoing will. And all other respects my foregoing will is to stand in full force and effect.

And witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> June 1886 -

Witness  
H. C. Morrison

H. R. Smith  
H. A. Ealy (set 25 1886)

Probated July term 1886

Will of H. M. Price decd.

Know all men by these presents that I H. M. Price have this day the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1880 conveyed into the hands of John Price my son all of my real estate & personal property to have & to hold the said John Price agreeing to take charge of said property and cultivate & do all necessary improvements on said farm and take care of his mother or two sisters and over a support will belong to the said John Price his heirs & assigns for ever after his mother's death then the said property is to be divided equally between each heir all property that is not needed on said farm can be sold to the best advantage and an account kept of same I H. M. Price make a deed of gift of one share to each daughter the said shares to be valued and the valuation to be equally divided between them the names of said shares are: 1000 & 2000, List of personal property 2 Horses 2 cows and calves this includes all personal property this I acknowledge to be my will by witnessing my hand and seal this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 1880

Witness

A. J. Davis

H. C. Boalo

H. M. Price (Seal)

Per J. W. Jordan

Probated Sept term 1886

Will of J. C. Stafford decd.

State of Tennessee. Know all men by these presents that I J. C. Stafford do make & publish this as my last Will and testament hereby revoking & making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that any funeral and burial expenses and all of my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, but if any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Louisa Stafford twenty five Dollars in money that she has in her hands.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Grand Son W. C. Durham the remainder of my money that may be left in the hands of my executor.

Fourthly I do hereby nominate and appoint John W. Davis as my Executor, in Witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1886 J. C. Stafford (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1886

Witness

J. M. Williams  
J. P. Phillips  
Probated September term 1886

## Will of D. C. Russell decd

The last will and Testament of D. C. Russell. Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind & memory blessed be thought god for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

first I will all of my honest debts be paid first I give and bequeath unto my son David Curry One hundred & twenty eight acres of land known as the Lee Walker track of land on which my dwelling house stands situated lying and being in the State of Tenn Fayette County 500 & 3

also one track or parcel of land of 41 1/2 acres bought of John W. Jones in Dis 1803 also one track or parcel of land of 41 1/2 acres bought of Williams Palso & his wife Betty Palso containing in all 210 1/2 acres

I will that my beloved wife Mary A. Russell live with my son David Curry and I will her support be drawn from the 210 acres of land named above as my son David Curry pay to my beloved wife Mary A. Russell one hundred dollars each year as long as she remains my Widow and this shall be in lieu of dower. Now in case my wife Mary A. should Mary again this support shall cease forever.

I also will and bequeath to my two sons George Alexander and John Craig and my Daughter Ellie Levenia the remainder of my lands lying and being in Fayette Co & Haywood County Tenn. the same to be equally divided between them. I will that my son George Alexander share as parts of land I intend to his children.

I also will and bequeath to my Daughter Ellie Levenia my Piano.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my three sons George H. Russell and John C. Russell & D. C. Russell my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1886

D. C. Russell (Seal)

Probated September term 1886

Will of W<sup>m</sup> C. Trent

J. Williams C. Trent of Fayette County Tennessee do make & publish

this my last Will & Testament.

Item First After the payment of my debts I will overrequest all my property real & personal to my wife Mary V. Trent & our children now born or hereafter to be born to be held & used by my wife for the support of herself & our children & for the education of our children, with full power in my said wife to sell any or all of my property & to make title to same, & to buy & sell any other property in her discretion with proceeds of said sales & to settle & compromise any matter wherein my Estate is interested & concerned.

Item Second: I do hereby appoint my wife Mary V. Trent Executrix of this my last Will & Testament & distinctly, relieve her from giving bond or security before any Court for the performance of the trust & further that she be not required to make any settlement as Executrix or as Guardian for our children & to keep any accounts against herself or our children, but request her to give all our children an equal share in my estate & to educate them alike so far as practicable. & having full confidence in her & her management & reason I give her such discretion as herein stated

Given under my hand & seal this March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1886

Test

J. L. Pulliam  
Jos. A. Hill

Probated Oct. term 1886



## Will of Chas. Lynn Decd

I Chas Lynn do make and publish this as my last

Will and testament, hereby revoking and relating void all other Wills, by me at any time made.

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife C. H. Lynn the Place known as the Cross Place in Civil District 9 Fayette County, Tennessee. Also to my said wife all the Live stock, Household & Kitchen furniture, and Farming implements, Buggy & wagon.

And also I Give and bequeath to my said wife Eight Thousand Dollars in money.

2<sup>nd</sup> I direct that all my real Estate be sold by my Executor, and said Executor is hereby empowered to make title to the purchaser of said real estate.

3<sup>rd</sup> All the remainder of my Estate, not disposed of as above mentioned, to be divided equally between my two sons T. H. Lynn and J. C. Lynn.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Jas. W. Kerr my Executor, and I do further appoint the said Jas. W. Kerr under the Will as Trustee to take charge of my son J. C. Lynn's part of the property, until he shall attain his majority. And I hereby release the said Jas. W. Kerr from giving bond and security as Executor and Trustee. Witness whereof I do, at this my will, set my hand & seal, This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1886

Witness

Charles Lynn

S. Matthews  
G. W. Smith

Probatd at Nashville Tenn 1886

## Will of Hugh Coffey

State of Tennessee, Fayette County  
March 29<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1884

I Hugh Coffey do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament I will to pay my debts and Funeral expenses - and then all my effects both real and personal to my beloved wife Martha Ann for her use and benefit during her life - or so long as she desires the property to remain in its present condition - Should she desire to break up house keeping, There all to be sold and she supported out of proceeds as long as she lives - I desire that my son Sam shall live here during the life of his Mother or so long as she keeps house, and have out of the proceeds of Estate all stock he may raise (horses cattle hogs and &c), over and above support of family, by using and disposing of the perishable property, as he thinks best; I will that after the death of my wife the remaining effects be divided among my children or their heirs. Except the children of Elizabeth Bentley and David M. Coffey they having been provided for previously - I desire that my daughters now unmarried shall each have a cow and calf out of my Estate I will that my two sons Thomas S. Coffey and Sam M. Coffey be my Executors - that no bond be required of them - but that they serve without such requirements, signed in presence of

J. D. Haglwood

H. H. Perry

Hugh Coffey

Probatd Feby Term 1887

## Will of E. Wigglesworth

State of Tennessee, Fayette County.

Be it known by this writing

that I Eleaphor C. Wigglesworth of the above County State do make this as my last Will & Testament (being of sound mind) on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1886. I will to my wife, Mattie A. Wigglesworth, all right & title to my real estate containing 354 acres in 9<sup>th</sup> Civil district of above County & State during her widowhood, unless there shall be a child born of her as my heir, in which case she will have only one half interest and the heir born the other half.

But should she marry again or die without issue by me then the Estate is to be heirs by Wiley Hollowell and the Hollowell sons of my uncle S. S. Hollowell decd. Should there be a child born unto me, then the whole Estate would be heirs by him or her at the death or marriage of my widow. My personal property I will in the same way, after all debts owing by me shall have been paid. My wife being authorized to sell all crops or other personalty to support herself & pay all debts

signed in presence of  
W. E. Hollowell

E. Wigglesworth

Probatd March Term 1887

## Will of W. F. Cargill Decd.

Considering the uncertainty of life and the possibility of misunderstandings & disputes and to avoid costs, costs and Lawyers fees I make and establish this my last Will and Testament revoking and setting aside all others.

Section 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my wife Josephine Cargill take possession of all my estate at my death Without Bond or Security pay all debts owing by me, and collect all which are due me - hold evidence and control all of said property as she may deem best for that purpose  
 Sect 2<sup>d</sup> It is my will that my wife Josephine Cargill, after all the debts and obligations of my estate are discharged and satisfied, shall have all my personal and real property absolutely, to use and dispose of as she may see fit or desire  
 Witnesses  
 E. R. Leake  
 M. R. Gossett  
 W. F. Cargill

April 15<sup>th</sup> 1887

Probated May Term 1887.

## Will of S. K. Watkins

I Stephen K. Watkins of the County of Fayette & State of Pennsylvania, being at this moment of sound health in mind & body but conscious of the uncertainty of all human life, do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, first commending my spirit to the mercy of God who gave it.

I Give bequeath & devise to my wife Grace one half of my lands stock farm implements, Insurance Policies and all things I may die seized & possessed of during the time of her natural life or Widowhood - I also Give her my pair of horses - The Buggy and Harness belonging to her - she having bought the Buggy and Harness with her own money which she received from W. H. South from her Fathers Estate - These shall not be taken into consideration in the division - The Brewster Place of 250 acres on the East side of the Somerset and Holly Springs Roads belong to my wife Grace - she having bought it at the sale of said land - and paid for it with the money received from her Fathers Estate and from the Estate of her Sister Sallie C. Humphreys.

At the death or marriage of my wife Grace all of my lands shall belong to our children John H. Watkins and Richard L. Watkins.

To my sons John H. Watkins and Richard L. Watkins

I give & bequeath one half my lands stock and implements, and Insurance Policies and at the death or marriage of my wife Grace the remaining half shall belong to my sons John & Richard - That is during my wife life or Widowhood They shall have one fourth of the entire estate and at the expiration of that time they shall have one half each.

That part of my Fathers Richard Watkins old tract of 1000 acres and 112 1/4 acres of the Thornton lands that I die seized and possessed of I give & bequeath to my sons John H. Watkins and Richard L. Watkins one fourth each during my wifes lifetime or Widowhood and after that time one half each - These Lands I give to them and their heirs forever to have & to use but not to sell or convey these lands or any part of them. They can be divided and used but they or their heirs have no right to sell or convey any part of these lands.

The Policy on my Life in the Active Life Insurance Co for \$5,000 to make payable to my wife and the Policy in the Knights of Honor for the benefit of my wife and children. These Policies I intend to be divided between my wife & my children in the same way as my other Property - One half to my wife and the other half to be divided between our children equally - The estate that I may have at the time of my death my wife may exercise her own judgment as to the best way to liquidate them. But I would suggest that she sell the Brewster place and pay the debts and if there is not enough pay it with the proceeds of the farm.

I nominate constitute and appoint my wife Grace Executrix of my last Will and Testament and Guardian of my children. With R. M. Conner as advisor. If my wife should die or marry before my children become of age I appoint R. M. Conner their Guardian. I will and direct that they be qualified in the usual way by the usual oath and upon their personal bond Without security - and that neither my wife Grace or R. M. Conner shall be required to give security as guardian of my children.

If we should be so fortunate as to have more than two children they shall be entitled to the same as John & Richard in every particular. This given under my hand and Seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1887

S. K. Watkins (Seal)

Witnesses

Probated July Term 1887