

acted, subjoined themselves as witnesses and sworn to the contents of the same as presented by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the said John T. Atkinson was thereupon duly qualified as the law prescribes.

John T. Atkinson
Well

I, John T. Atkinson do make and publish
this as my last will and Testament hereby
revoking and making void all other
wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that may be due or paid of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my dear and beloved wife Catherine Julia and both her natural life time and at her death to their heirs such disposal of them as she may think proper and I give and bequeath to my daughter Sophia Haddock the following Slaves to wit: Anderson, Gordon, his wife & child, to her and to her bodily heirs - and I thereby give to my son Harris James Sally and Esau.

Thirdly I give to my son John P. Atkinson a negro woman and child to wit: Nathan Square Lewis Joseph Edmonson and Bart to be retained on the farm for 2 years unless it be thought profitable by the family to sell them sooner and at the expiration of two years if my wife thinks proper she shall keep the negro woman and child subject to her will until her death then my children shall all be made equal. My wife shall hold the possession of the farm and land so long as she may live or remain upon the land but at her death or removal the land shall be equally divided between my children.

I thereby give to my son John P. Atkinson the 1/2 of the land whereof I do to this my will but my land and death this 25th day of March 1858.

Wm. Mary M. Hart

John T. Atkinson

John T. Atkinson

State of Tennessee: April Term County Court 1858
Taylors County: This day was produced in open Court a Paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of John T. Atkinson deceased and thereupon came in to open Court Mary M. Hart and Polly Bailey Subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with John T. Atkinson in his lifetime and that they were called on by him to sign said Paper writing as witnesses thereto and came in in the presence of his request and in the presence of each other and that they saw him sign and heard him acknowledge the same to be his last will and Testament and that they believe him to be of sound mind and disposing mind at the time of signing and acknowledged the same.

It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last will and Testament of the said John T. Atkinson deceased and that the same be entered of Record.

Henry Harris
Well

I Henry Harris of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee being of sound and sane mind and in good health, but knowing the uncertainty of death in life

do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me at any time.

Item 1. I desire all my just debts to be paid as soon as possible.

Item 2nd I lend to my wife Rhenny Harris during her natural life four slaves, viz: Sam, Lewis, Nancy & Ann. I also lend her during her natural life two hundred & twenty acres land off the South end of my tract with all improvements thereon, my son David to live with her if they can agree if not he is to build himself a residence on the same tract off at an end.

Item 3rd I give to my wife Rhenny Harris stock of all kinds farming utensils, household & kitchen furniture as much of each and such as she thinks she need, also Bacon, corn fodder, flour, sugar flour &c for one year's support.

Item 4th I lend to my grand daughter Elizabeth M. Brown & her sole & separate use during her natural life free from the control of her present or any future husband Negroes worth one thousand dollars, also one hundred acres land and at her death I give the same to her child or children.

Item 5th All the residue of my land I desire to be equally divided between all my children except David and the residue of my Negroes and personal property to be equally divided between all my children. The amount each and receive from me during my life time to be considered the share to each and my sons of both the real and personal estate I give to them and their heirs and assigns forever. The share to each one of my daughters I lend to them during their natural life to their sole and separate use, free from the control of their present or any future husband and at their death I give the same to their children, but should the children of my daughter Elizabeth Truman die without leaving child or children in that event her share of my estate to go to my children.

Item 6th After the death of my wife I give the land loaned to her to my son David Harris to him and his heirs and assigns forever. The Negroes loaned her to be equally divided between all my children upon the same terms and conditions and subject to the same limitations and to go in the same way as my estate is disposed of in Item four.

Item 7th Of the one hundred acres land loaned Elizabeth M. Brown Annanias Williams is to have the use of twenty five acres during her life.

Item 8th My son Alfred Harris is appointed agent to take charge of and attend to David to him an share of my estate.

Item 9th Lastly I do hereby appoint my three sons my Executors and having the utmost confidence in them I do not require them to give

seriously but release them therefrom and

Given under my hand and seal and declare my last will and Testament this 7th January 1858

Wm. Morris

James W. Morris

Elizabeth Morris

Henry Morris Clerk

State of Tennessee April Term Circuit Court 1858

Dayle County } This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Henry Morris dec'd and therefrom came into open Court Jas. W. Morris and Elizabeth Morris and Elizabeth White, subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing and who being first duly sworn depose and say that they are personally acquainted with the Testator the said Henry Morris in his lifetime and that they were called on by him the said Henry Morris to sign the said paper writing as witnesses thereto and did so in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other and that they saw the said Henry Morris sign the said paper writing and hear him acknowledge the same to be his last will and Testament and that they believe him to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same. It is therefore recommended by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last will and Testament of Henry Morris dec'd and that the same be admitted and thereupon came into open Court David Morris, Alfred Morris and J. W. Morris who were appointed Executors in said last will and Testament and not legimate to enter into Bond with Security, was thereupon duly qualified in open Court to carry out the true intent and meaning of said last will and Testament of Henry Morris dec'd.

Order of the Court

Malachi Morris
Will

I Malachi Morris of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory, and being desirous while in this condition,

to dispose of my estate among the objects of my family do now in furtherance of my wish and intention, make, publish and declare this my last will and Testament, revoking any last will and Testament by me heretofore made, in manner and form following to wit, First, It is my wish, upon my decease that my family shall bestow upon my body the rites of burial in such manner as they may think proper.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth Morris, kind negro slaves, to wit, Isaac, Mary, John, Bartwell, George and his wife Adeline, Anne n.c. Mary and Georgiana, together with their fostered married, also two beds and bed furniture and bedsteads to be selected by her, and of the first choice also one yoke of oxen or goats, or both complete, also two Mules first choice and one buggy horse, the one I drive in my buggy, also fifteen hundred dollars in cash or gold notes to arise out of the sale of my estate as herein after provided, also two thousand pounds of pork, sixty barrels of corn and four stacks of fodder. The above named property I give to my beloved wife absolutely to her and her heirs forever, to do with and dispose of, as she may think proper.

Thirdly, I have heretofore advanced some of money to my son Samuel Morris amounting without interest to the sum of ten thousand two hundred and eighty six dollars and ninety cents, and I have charged him, said Samuel Morris for five barrels of corn furnished him, twenty two dollars and fifty cents, and for a surveyors chain and compass twenty five dollars making the total amount of ten thousand three hundred and thirty four dollars and forty cents. I have also given him a negro man named Washington slave at one thousand dollars, making as the amount of his advancement eleven thousand three hundred and thirty four dollars and forty cents, this amount to wit, eleven thousand three hundred and thirty four dollars and forty cents I wish to be charged against said James W. Morris as an advancement made by me to him, and to be taken and estimated on the account in the division of my estate as herein after set forth. The negro man Washington I give and bequeath to the said James W. Morris his heirs and assigns forever. And the notes and accounts which I hold against said James W. Morris are merged in the above amount, and therefore it is my will and I do direct that said notes and accounts shall not be collected from him, and further that the ~~same~~ same shall be cancelled and delivered to him and all accounts and charges against him shall be declared settled in full as above.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son George W. Morris, to him and his heirs and assigns forever, the tract of land on which he now resides, containing seven hundred and fifty acres, and known as the Richardson land being the same that I purchased of J. L. Richardson and by him conveyed to me, for a more particular description of which I refer to said Richardson's deed to me now of record in the Register's office of Fayette County Tennessee, in which said County of Fayette the land lies, also give to my son George W. Morris, to him and his heirs and assigns forever, the following named negro slaves, and their fostered married

To Mrs. Eliza and her children, Louisa, Maria, Lewis, Charles, Charlotte & Francis, Martha, and children Mary & Catherine Peter, have also advanced to him in money and other property the sum of thirteen hundred and ninety five dollars and thirty five cents with interest at nine thousand two hundred and sixty two dollars and fifty cents - The negro slaves at three thousand five hundred and twenty five dollars making in the aggregate the sum of thirteen thousand nine hundred and eighty three dollars and eighty five cents - This sum of thirteen thousand nine hundred and eighty three dollars and eighty five cents I wish to be regarded as an advancement to my son George W. Morris, and to be taken and intimated in the account, and charged against him in the division of my estate as herein after set forth -

Fifthly - To my grand son Edmund J. Walker to him and his heirs and assigns forever, I give and bequeath a saddle horse now in his possession valued at one hundred and fifty dollars, a gold watch valued at one hundred and ten dollars, and now in his possession, and the following named negro slaves, to wit, Isaac, Jacob, Lewis, Amy, Roger, Julia Ann, Rachel and her child August and their future increase - The negro slaves I value at twenty eight hundred dollars - I have also expended upon him to enable him to obtain his Moderate education large sums of money, and have otherwise advanced to him other sums of money making altogether a money advancement to the amount of twenty thousand and a sixty five dollars and twenty five cents and the aggregate of all of the above is the sum of five thousand eight hundred and twenty five dollars and twenty five cents which I wish to be regarded and charged against him as an advancement, and to be taken and estimated in the division of my estate as herein after set forth - But the gift and bequest of the above named negro slaves and their future increase is to be subject to the following conditions and limitations, to wit, If the said Edmund J. Walker should die without child or children surviving him, the lawful issue of his body then and in that event, the said negro slaves and their increase given to him as aforesaid, shall revert to my estate and be divided equally among my children, and the portion or share falling to my daughter Mary C. Carter to be held by my son George W. Morris in trust for her and for her children and not to be subject in any manner to the debts or contracts of her husband, Isaac J. Carter - and is in all things to be clothed with same estate conditions and restrictions as imposed upon the property herein after given to her - and intended for her - My children above named to are my sons James W. Morris, George W. Morris and my daughter Mary C. Carter, and should either one of them at the happening of such contingency herein, then the grown child or children as aforesaid represent the share of the deceased parent - Lastly, I have heretofore advanced and given to my daughter Mary C. Carter wife of Isaac J. Carter and to said Isaac J. Carter in cash the

sum of three thousand two hundred and forty three dollars and four cents - I have also loaned to Mary C. Carter, and from the same have the possession and service of the following named negro slaves to wit, Milly, Charles, Rebecca, Sam, Penny, Matilda, Harriet, Simon, Sarah, Susan, Leas, Ann, Eliza Jane, Anthony, Henry and Alice, the above named negro slaves, I value at three thousand nine hundred dollars, and wishing to secure to my said daughter and her children as well those now in existence and being as any she may hereafter give birth to, that part and share of my estate which I design for them, I give and bequeath to my son George W. Morris, as trustee for my said daughter Mary C. Carter and her children, three now living as well as those that hereafter may be born to hold in fee for their use and benefit all the above named negro slaves and their future increase in the clause above named -

I also give and bequeath to my son George W. Morris as such trustee and to hold in fee for their use and purposes, two hundred acres of land on which they the said Isaac J. Carter and his wife Mary C. now reside, lying on the North side of the lead running west from Mason and adjoining the lands of Mr. Lindsay being the same tract of land conveyed to me by said Isaac J. Carter for a more particular description of which reference is made to said papers and to me of record in the Register's office of said County of Fayette in which said land lies - This tract of land I estimate at the value of thirteen hundred dollars - I have further advanced to my said daughter Mary C. Carter, by deed of gift, certain negro slaves named and described in said deed of gift, which was made to said George W. Morris as trustee for said Mary C. and her children, all of which will be fully shown by referring to said deed of gift now deposited in said County of Fayette - I have also loaned in money to said Isaac J. Carter twenty two dollars and twenty eight cents, the negro slaves conveyed in said deed of gift I value at two thousand and forty seven dollars and fifty cents - These two amounts make the sum of two thousand and seventy dollars and eight cents - And the aggregate of the whole as above set out in this clause is the sum of ten thousand five hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty three cents - and this aggregate amount, I wish to be charged against said Mary C. and so estimated on the account of the division of my estate as herein after set forth - And more fully to declare my intention and will in regard to the share of my estate intended for my said daughter Mary C. Carter wife of Isaac J. Carter, and her children as well those now in being as those that may hereafter be born of her, it is my will and desire and I do now declare that my son George W. Morris as such trustee shall hold the above named negro slaves in the clause mentioned and their future increase and the above described tract of land, for the use and benefit of my said daughter the said Mary C. Carter and her children now living and that may hereafter be born of her, and shall permit the said Mary C. to have and enjoy for her use and benefit and for the support and education of her children, the profits arising from the labour and services of said negro slaves as well as the use and profits of said land and the negro slaves and every one of them and their future increase as well as their services, labour and hire, and the rent of said land, shall by said trustee be held for and forever discharged from any and all debts, contracts and liabilities of the said Isaac J. Carter of any and

and description whatever. And the said Trustee is hereby clothed with full power to receive profits and improve the estate as mentioned to him in trust as aforesaid for the use and benefit of my daughter Mary C. Carter and her children, and my son George W. Morris as such Trustee may in the exercise of his best judgment and discretion either permit the negro slaves to remain in his possession, or have them out, and appropriate the proceeds of such sale to her use and benefit; and for the support and benefit, and for the support and education of her children, and with a view to that her father, and him as such Trustee with full power & authority in the premises. And upon the death of my daughter, the said Mary C. Carter my son George W. Morris as such Trustee shall take possession of any said negro slaves and the said lands, and shall control and manage said lands and negro slaves for the use and benefit of the survivors of said Mary C. Carter, to the entire conclusion of her last husband Isaac I. Carter, and shall never permit said negro slaves or any any of them to be removed out of the County of Smyth or State of Virginia. It is my wish and wish that Isaac I. Carter shall have no further portion of my estate or have any benefit directly or indirectly under my Will, and that the legacies and debts to me as aforesaid as well as hereinafter made in trust for the benefit of my daughter Mary C. and her children, shall be paid for the use and benefit of her the said Mary C. and her children and the survivors of them, to the entire exclusion of the said Isaac I. Carter.

Seventhly: It is my will and desire and is I order and direct that my Executors hereinafter named and appointed after giving general notice of the time and place of sale by public auction sell the same either in one or more sales papers with all the residue of my estate after payment & satisfaction of such specific Legacies, at public auction to the highest bidder. The sale to be made at my present residence and the negro slaves and personal property household and kitchen furniture and all other personal property to be sold on account of twelve months the purchaser being required to give bond with good and sufficient security. The land to be sold and paid for in four payments, to wit one fourth of the purchase money to be paid in hand, and the balance in one, two, and three years, with interest on the last two payments the purchaser being required to give his bonds with good and sufficient security for the purchase money with a lien on the land for the deferred payments. When the purchase money for the negroes and land shall have all been paid in full, my said Executors are hereby empowered to execute Wills of Sale for the negroes and a Deed or Deeds for the land.

Eighthly: It is my will and desire, and is I order and direct that my Executors wind up my estate as soon as practicable and to the satisfaction of all concerned. And that my will and wishes and intentions may be more fully known, he has declared that it is my Will and desire and intention that my son George W. Morris, George W. Morris, my daughter Mary C. and my grandson Edmund J.

Walther shall all be made equal in the division and distribution of my estate, and for that reason and to accomplish that purpose I have specified the property advanced and given as well as the amount thereof, so that neither doubt or difficulty can arise in showing what my intentions are, or in carrying them out. After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, and after the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, and after the payment to my beloved wife of the Legacy left to her it is my will and desire that the proceeds of the sale of my land negroes and all other property, be equally divided among my two sons James W. Morris, George W. Morris, my daughter Mary C. Carter and my grandson Edmund J. Walther referred being had to the above specified amounts advanced and given to each. And that no misconception may arise here, I state more explicitly the basis of the division to be made. The amount of the specific Legacy and advancement to my son George W. Morris is three thousand nine hundred and eighty three dollars and eighty five cents. As George W. Morris, can receive no part of the proceeds of the sale aforesaid, until my son James W. Morris my daughter Mary C. Carter and my grandson Edmund J. Walther are all and each made equal to him George W. out of the proceeds of the sale aforesaid: that is, until each and James W. Morris, Mary C. Carter and Edmund J. Walther shall receive such sum out of the proceeds of the sale aforesaid, or out of the money on hand or notes for money due me as will make the share of each amount to \$1398.⁸⁵ referred being had to the amount of the specific Legacies and advancements to each as herein before set out and declared. After all shall have been thus made equal, the balance of the proceeds of such sale and of money on hand and collected out of notes and accounts due me, I wish to be equally divided among my two sons James W. Morris George W. Morris, my daughter Mary C. Carter and my grandson Edmund J. Walther my sons James W. Morris and George W. Morris, and my grandson Edmund J. Walther to have and to hold the Legacy given to each absolutely, in fee, except that Edmund J. Walther shall hold the negro slave given to him upon the conditions and with the restrictions and limitations as to his dying without living issue as aforesaid. The share of my daughter Mary C. Carter, as well as the specific Legacy and division as her share in the division of the proceeds of the sale aforesaid and the money on hand, and arising from notes and accounts due me be held by the said George W. Morris as Trustee aforesaid and for the use and purposes above set out and indicated and no no vice to be subject to the debts contracts, or liabilities of her husband the said Isaac I. Carter.

And the said George W. Morris as such Trustee is hereby vested with full power and authority to sell the tract of land herein devised for the use and benefit of said Mary C. Carter and her children, if in the exercise of his best judgment and discretion he should think it best so to do, and apply the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of another and more suitable tract, to be held by him as such Trustee in like manner and under the same restrictions, conditions and limitations as the said tract of two hundred acres as aforesaid, and as such Trustee he is hereby vested with full power and authority,

and is directed to apply and use three thousand dollars falling to said Mary to and issuing out of the sale of the land, negroes and their property, on the purchase of an additional tract of land for said Mary to and her children, to be held in trust as aforesaid: that is George W. Morris the said trustee may expend and use the three thousand dollars aforesaid in the purchase of a tract of land adjoining the aforesaid land, or if he should think it best for the family to sell and convey the said two hundred acres and with the proceeds of the sale thereof and the said three thousand then purchased another tract of land for the use and benefit and support of said Mary G. Carter and her children, to be held by him in Trust as aforesaid for the use and purposes aforesaid.

The residue of the money falling to said Mary G. Carter and issuing from the sale aforesaid, and the money due me on hand at my decease, over and above the sum of three thousand dollars the said George W. Morris as such trustee shall keep out at interest upon undoubted security, and use and appropriate such interest in the education of the children of said Mary G. Carter and upon the death of said Mary G. Carter the said lands and negroes and money, and all property so held in trust by the said George W. Morris as such trustee shall be divided equally among the children of the said Mary G. Carter then surviving, or if some be dead, leaving issue surviving, each issue to have the share of the deceased parents - if living would be entitled to.

And further to show to and satisfy my children that I am and wish them all to be equal in the division and distribution of my estate, I direct, that if the proceeds of the sale aforesaid and the money on hand and due me, be not sufficient to make my other children and my grand son equal with George W. then he George W. refund and pay over to each until all are equal - I have no fear however that it will be necessary for him to refund, but if necessary he must do so.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint my two sons James W. Morris and George W. Morris, Executors of this my last will and testament - do to all of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of April 1858

Entered into before signing
and sealing -

Mal Morris

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have attested the execution in the presence of the testator, and of an another the date above.

Calvin Jones
W. S. Morris

State of Tennessee, Shelby County Court. 1858

In the County of Shelby, Tennessee, this day was produced and exhibited to the Court, a written paper purporting to be the last Will and testament of Malachi Morris deceased who had his last residence in the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, and thereupon came into open Court Calvin Jones and W. S. Morris, the subscribing witnesses to the same, who after being duly sworn, depose and say that they were well acquainted with the said Malachi Morris, the said testator; that he signed, sealed and published the said paper writing as his last Will and testament on the day of the date thereof and also then and there acknowledged the due execution of the same, in their presence - The said witnesses further depose and say that the said Malachi Morris was, when he executed said last Will and testament of sound and disposing mind and memory and that he then and there called upon and requested said witnesses to attest the same, which they did by subscribing their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Malachi Morris, the said testator, and in the presence of one another - And thereupon the Court declared that the said paper writing was duly proven and established as the last Will and testament of the said Malachi Morris, and the same was ordered by the Court to be recorded -

And then came into Court James W. Morris and George W. Morris the Executors therein named and appointed and entered into bonds in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars payable and conditioned as the law directs, with W. S. Meland, John St. Meland, Samuel S. Hunt and Calvin Jones, as their securities, which bond was acknowledged in open Court by the said obligators therein, and was by the Court received and ordered to be filed and recorded - And thereupon the said Executors James W. Morris and George W. Morris were duly qualified as such Executors, and letters testamentary were ordered to issue to them.

Recorded by the Court

Charles Lynn Chairman

Margaret Coe's
Will

I Margaret Coe of the County of Fayette in the
State of Tennessee do make and publish & then
as my last will & Testament

Item First: I direct that out of any money in hand or other
property if not cash funds enough in my possession when I die
that I double marble monuments be placed over the graves of
Joseph Coe my late husband & myself in the graveyard at
Sammerville Tenn: with such inscriptions as my friends or rela-
tives may direct & that the cost of same not to exceed fifty dollars -

Item Second: I give & bequeath to my grand daughter the African
negroes George & Linda with the express direction wish & desire
that she treat them with indulgence & leniency & suffer them to
have such privileges as are consistent with their condition.
My object being that they have such privileges as free persons
of color should have while at same time the title same shall be
in my said grand daughter Alice whom I know will treat them
well & humanely the said slaves George & Linda to be the sole & sepa-
rate property of said Alice and independent of the control of any
husband she may have -

Item Third: Whereas my husband Joseph Coe by deed to his
will charged Sally M. Coe with twenty five hundred dollars
which he paid after wards as endorsed for sum of \$2500.00 being
desirous to make her equal with my other grand children as
well I direct that she receive from my estate in place of the value
of twenty five hundred dollars as a special legacy to be held by
my nephew Jesse Coe a resident of the County of Johnson for the
said Sally M. Coe independent of any husband she may have
The proceeds & hire of said slave to be used by said Sally M. Coe &
same to be for her sole & separate use -

Item Third: after the payment of my debts & debts of others
all the rest & residue of my property be equally divided & same
to & amongst my grand children viz: Alice - Sally M. - Mary Ellen
Coe - Levia H. - Junius & Jesse & Coe I leave & leave alike & same
of them as may be surviving at my death in record made with the
following directions viz: The share & interests which may belong to
my grand daughter Alice - Sally M. - Mary Ellen - Coe & Coe are to be
for their sole & separate use independent of the control of any
husbands they or any of them may have & no way to be liable for the
debts or contracts of such husbands or husbands and with the further direc-
tion that my nephew Jesse Coe who now resides in the State of Tennessee
to take control & management of the property herein devised to my
grand daughters & hold same & manage it as trustee for them & that
without giving any bond or security for same. I leave same to
my three grand sons to use to them & their heirs forever -

I do hereby nominate & appoint my nephew Jesse Coe who resides in
Tennessee & is a resident of Fayette County Tenn. Executor
to this my last will & Testament.

GIVEN under my hand & seal this the 20th day of July A.D. 1857
Test
Rich^d B. Harvey
John Caldwell

Margaret Coe (Pity)

Credited: I Margaret Coe now making my foregoing will have concluded
to modify same in this particular - I will give to my daughter in law Mary
Coe widow of my said Joseph Coe dec'd all the house hold & kitchen furniture
of every sort & kind I have & own, and ability to house keeping to be her absolute
property in her own right & to be disposed of as she may deem proper this
Sept. 28th 1857 -

Test
Rich^d B. Harvey
John Caldwell

Margaret Coe (Pity)

State of Tennessee } March Term County Court 1858
County of } An instrument or paper purporting to be the
last will & Testament of Margaret Coe who resided in this County
on the day of February A.D. 1858 in which County she resided at the
time of her death was produced to the Court for probate thereof - Said
paper writing being dated 20th day of July A.D. 1857 & signed & sealed Septem-
ber 28th 1857 - which said paper writing is held by Rich^d B. Harvey & John
Caldwell & thereupon came the said Rich^d B. Harvey & John Caldwell
in open Court & were duly sworn to answer questions who state that they
each of them signed & attested as witnesses at the request of said Margaret
Coe the said paper writing on the respective days that it bears date & in
her presence as her last will & Testament and that they each of them state
that she the said Margaret Coe was at the time of execution of said last will
& Testament of sound & disposing mind & memory & thereupon the Court doth
declare the said paper writing dated & attested as above to be the last will
& Testament of said Margaret Coe & doth order that the same be duly recorded

Lucy F. Lynde Will

I, Lucy F. Lynde 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 give to my Nephew Stephen R. Watkins my Negro boy Andrew I give to my Nephew Thomas Watkins my Negro boy Andrew I give to my Niece Sam R. Watkins my Negro Woman Caroline, and her son Henry to her during her natural life, and at her death to her children.

I give to my Niece Lucy Lynde Watkins my Negro boy George and share to her during her natural life, and at her death to her children. Should the said negro Woman Caroline have future increase, I desire they may be equally divided between my Nieces Mary and William and Annamah Lucy Watkins.

I give to my Niece Lucy M. Watkins, after my just debts are paid, all money due me on a note I held against the Estate of her husband deceased also all that is due on a note I held against her the said Lucy M. Watkins for certain named dollar.

My writing I give to my Niece Susan P. Bartow, my Niece to my Niece Agatha W. Bartow, the balance of my furniture I give to my Niece Sam R. Watkins.

I hereby appoint and desire my friend Oliver Nelson to act as Executor to this my last Will and Testament, given under my hand and seal this the 23rd day of December A.D. 1853.

Test
Lucy F. Lynde (Test)
Junius G. Bond

State of Tennessee August Term County Court 1855
Fayette County } This day having been produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Lucy F. Lynde deceased there being but one subscribing witness to said paper Junius G. Bond there came into open Court with the said Junius G. Bond the said subscribing witness to said paper writing John B. Ballance who being first duly sworn deposed and says that he was personally well acquainted with the said Lucy F. Lynde the Testator in her lifetime and he is perfectly familiar with her hand writing and has often seen her write, and he verily believes that his signature as appears to said paper writing is in her own proper hand writing and also that he verily believes said paper writing to be in her own proper hand writing.

And thereupon came into open Court James B. Bond a subscribing witness to said paper writing, and who being first duly sworn deposed and says that he was personally acquainted with the said Lucy F. Lynde the Testator in her lifetime and that he was called on by the said Lucy F. Lynde to witness said paper writing and signed the same as witness thereto at her request and on her promise, and that he saw the said Lucy F. Lynde sign said paper writing, and that he heard her acknowledge the same to be her last Will and Testament, and that he believes her to be of

sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last Will and Testament of the said Lucy F. Lynde deceased and that the same be admitted to Record.

A. B. Ballance who was appointed Executor in said last Will and Testament and having declined to act or qualify as such - and upon application it is ordered by the Court that John B. Bond be appointed administrator with the Will annexed of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said Lucy F. Lynde deceased and that from the said John B. Bond came in to open Court and entered into Bond himself as principal in the sum of Eight Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court as principal thereto and gave as his security, on said Bond John L. Pulliam, who also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged the same as such security, thereto which Bond was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded and thereupon the said John B. Bond was then duly qualified as the law prescribes, in open Court.

James A. Burges Will

Mr. Justice - I request that after my death that my property be held out until there be a sufficient quantity of money to pay all my just debts - After which I wish my property to be divided as follows to wit:
Nimble my Negro Woman to be given to my sister Sallie.
Polly to be given to my sister Fannette Hathaway.
And Julia to be given to Brother Eaton, and you to act on my estate

Said in the
presence of
John M. Soules
J. A. Cherry
C. H. Frear

July 7th 1858

A paper writing purporting to be the non capacitated Will of James A. Burges deceased, was this 2 day of August 1858 presented to the Honorable the County Court of Fayette County Tennessee, for probate - The said Court being in session - It being the August term of said Court - And it appearing to the satisfaction of said Court, from the evidence of John M. Soules and William E. Co. and J. A. Cherry that said James A. Burges on the 7th day of July 1858 in his last illness at his usual place of residence did make and publish as his last Will and Testament and disposed of his property as stated in said paper writing - and it further appearing to the Court that said Will was reduced to writing as aforesaid within ten days from the making thereof, It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the Court that said paper writing be admitted to probate as the non capacitated Will of said James A. Burges. And thereupon came into open Court John M. Soules who was appointed Executor in the non capacitated Will of said James A. Burges deceased and entered into Bond as such Executor himself as principal in the sum of thirty two hundred

dollars and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court said Bonds Considered as the law directs and gave as his Executors an said Bonds Mr. Seath and E. H. Brown who also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court as Executors in said Bonds which same was received by the Court and ordered to be Recorded and the said John M. Seath was then duly qualified in open Court as the law provides as such Executors

Martha Feltwell
Will

In the name of God Jesus Christ Marthas Feltwell of Fayette County Tennessee being of sound mind and memory but calling to mind the uncertainty of life do make and ordain this my last will and Testament to wit, I commend my spirit into the hands of God who gave it trusting for salvation alone in the merits of Jesus Christ the Redeemer my body I wish to be buried in decent Christian burial.

It is my will and desire that after my decease all my just debts be paid by my Executor herein after mentioned out of my Estate.

I give and bequeath to my beloved sister Jane Walker all my Estate Real and personal of which I may hereafter possess to her and her heirs and assigns and it is my said that if my niece Mary E. Brown should at any time need the assistance of friends, that in that case my said sister Jane Walker contribute to her aid in such manner as she may find it proper for her need in such.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my said sister Jane Walker sole executrix of this my last will and Testament, In testimony whereof I have set my hand & seal this 22nd day of July A.D. 1857.

Witnessed
M. R. Hays

E. H. Brown

G. H. Cogbill

Martha Feltwell (Seal)
Mort

State of Tennessee September Term County Court 1858
Fayette County } This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Martha Feltwell Dec^d for probate thereof and therefrom came into open Court Mr. Brown and D. S. Baister subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing who being first duly sworn depose and say that they each of them were personally acquainted with said Martha Feltwell the Testatrix in her lifetime and that they were called on by the said Martha Feltwell the Testatrix to sign some paper writing as Witnesses thereto, and that they signed the same as Witnesses to said paper writing in her presence and at her request and that they saw her make her mark to said paper writing and heard her read and acknowledge the same to be her last will and Testament, and that they each believed her to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of making her mark to said paper writing and acknowledging the same. It is therefore declared by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last will and Testament of said Martha Feltwell Dec^d.

and ordered to be Recorded.

And therefrom came into open Court Jane Walker who was appointed Executrix in said last will and Testament, and entered into Bonds her duty as such Executrix in the sum of Two thousand Dollars, and gave as her sureties Mr. Brown and D. S. Baister who also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged the same as sureties thereto which Bonds was received by the Court and ordered to be Recorded, and the said Jane Walker was then duly qualified as Executrix in open Court as the law provides.

Catharine W. Brown,
Will

I Catharine W. Brown knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life and certainty of death being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and Testament in manner

and from following to wit: I do all my just debts to be paid.

2nd At my death I give unto my great grand children the heirs of my grand son Meliza B. Walker and his wife Margaret Jane Wallen natural body the following negroes Charles, Betty, Betty John Tom, and their increase my son or daughter Meliza B. Walker is to have the use of said negroes as long as he should live Sarah, Chanda and Betty taken good care of.

3rd I give my grandson Mr. B. Walker my horses and carriage all my cattle and hogs and wagon.

4th I give unto my three grand daughters Sarah C. Brown, Sarah P. Brown Nelson & M. E. Brown all of my house hold furniture to be equally divided between them I appoint Dr. James Deake my Executor to this my last will and Testament which I sign under my hand and seal this 12th Jan 1858.

Cath. W. Brown

Catharine W. Brown (Seal)

Smith Newton

State of Tennessee September Term County Court 1858
Fayette County } This day was produced in open Court a Paper Writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Catharine W. Brown Dec^d for probate thereof and therefrom came into open Court E. H. Brown and Smith Newton subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with Catharine W. Brown the Testatrix in her lifetime, and that they were called on by her to sign the same as Witnesses thereto, and did so in her presence and they each of them heard her acknowledge that she signed sealed and executed the same as her last will and Testament, and that they believe her to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same. It is therefore declared by the Court that the said paper writing be established as the last will and Testament of the said Catharine W. Brown Dec^d and that the same be admitted to be Recorded.

Dr. James Deake who was appointed Executor in said last will and Testament came into open Court in person and declared acting as such Executor, and upon application to the Court it is ordered that Dr. J. B. Deake be appointed as such in the the will annexed to carry out the true intent and meaning of said last will and Testament, whereupon the said Dr. J. B. Deake came into open Court and entered into Bonds as such Administrator with the will annexed, and as the law directs - and acknowledged the same in open Court as before said that in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars and gave as his sureties and said Bonds

Don Benson and J. P. Benson also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court as such signatures which Bond was taken by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the same Benf. B. Benson was then duly qualified in open Court, as such name with the Well known as the true person.

Will of
Rais A. McLaughan

Be it Remembered that hereafter Court
at a County Court began and before

the County of Stewart and State of Tennessee on Monday the 2nd day of April 1865 at the Court House in the Town of Dover a majority of the Justices of said County being present and Court having been duly opened by proclamation made by the Sheriff of said County the following among other proceedings were had which is in the words and figures following to wit:

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Rais A. McLaughan deceased was produced in open Court and the Executhe thereof duly sworn by the Oaths of John S. Dixon and Jonathan Nelson Subscribing & signed thereto and the same is ordered to be recorded. And Leander S. McLaughan the Executor thereof named same into Court and was duly sworn as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letter Testimony be given to Leander S. McLaughan Executor as aforesaid. The before mentioned Will is in the words and figures following (to wit)

I Rais A. McLaughan of the County of Stewart & State of Tennessee being in full health but of feeble mind disposing mind make and publish this as my last Will and Testament.

1st I give my direction that all my just debts be paid.
2nd After the payment of my debts then I direct that all my Estate both Real and personal of every kind and description whatever be equally divided between my beloved wife Catharine McLaughan and my three dear sons Leander S. John S. and Charles Alexander McLaughan share and share alike.
3rd That in the division of my Estate my love as for to have if she desire my boy Tom now about thirty four years old and my girl Lizzy now about eight two years old they are to be valued at their fair Cash value in such division and constitute to that extent part of share in my Estate.

4th The place upon which I now live would in my opinion be worth more valuable to my legatees herein named and I suggest for their consideration that they own and build the same jointly and that when they will sell it all together and not to allow of any contract of claims

of any one here by the agent or third persons.

5th My just debts cannot be any of said children herein named considered them as my own debt and direct them to be paid in my own debt herein before mentioned.

6th I hereby appoint my son Leander S. McLaughan Executor to this Will and give him full power to execute all I have said in this Will as his judgment shall dictate not intending hereby or in any way to hold him accountable for any mistake he may make in the executing of the same and because I have the most full and complete confidence in his judgment honesty and integrity I direct that he shall not give security for the discharge of his duties under this Will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th day of March 1865

Test:
John S. Dixon
J. T. Nelson

Rais A. McLaughan

Will of
Benjamin Cooke

Benjamin Cooke Considering the uncertainty of life and the duty of being prepared for death do make and ordain this writing as and for my last Will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made.

Clause 1st I direct that all of my just debts shall be paid.
Clause 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife S. C. Cooke and my son Ben. M. Cooke the plantation on which I live with all of my stock of cattle of every kind, horses, mules, sheep, hogs, cows & pigs, all my plantation utensils of every sort, house hold and kitchen furniture, all provisions on hand at the time of my death of every sort, the growing crop, my buggy & waggon, and my slaves, Isaac, Abel, Tom, Angeline and her eight children, to wit, Louisa and her child not named, Minerva and her child Abner, George, Mary, Eunice Pat and Henry and any other children which the said female may have and to hold to my said wife S. C. Cooke and my said son Benf. M. all of the said property for and during their joint lives but, if my said son Benf. M. should die, my said wife S. C. leaving I give and bequeath the whole of the property herein mentioned in this second Clause of my Will to my said wife for and during her life except my slave Isaac, who on the death of my said son Benf. M. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas S. Cooke upon the death of my said wife S. C. my said son Benf. M. being also dead, I will and direct that my said plantation shall be equally divided between my two sons, Abraham P. and John S. Cooke, and the said Isaac mentioned in this the second Clause of my Will shall go to and be the property of my said son Thomas S. Cooke, if my said wife S. C. should die, my said son Benf. M. surviving I give and bequeath the

whole of the said property to him the said Ben^l. except my said slave Sam, whom I give and bequeath to my son John Thomas S., but of my said son, I think I should determine no legitimate issue, then and in that event, I will and direct that my said plantation shall be equally divided between my two sons Nicholas B. and John S. Coates and the share I have together with the increase of the female shall go to and be the property of my said son Thomas S. Coates.

Clause 3rd. My debts are to be charged upon & paid out of the perishable property mentioned in the second clause of this my Will I mean by perishable property all the property herein mentioned except slaves.

Clause 4th. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas S. Coates woman Dinny and her children, which said slave was in his possession, together with the future increase of the female.

Clause 5th. I give to my son Nicholas B. Coates, my negro woman Hyson and her four children together with the future increase of the female.

Clause 6th. I give and bequeath to my son John S. Coates my two negro boys Wavy & Joe.

Clause 7th. I nominate and appoint my son Thomas S. Coates my friend Joseph R. Massey, Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my seal on this the 18th day of July 1856. The witness on the second page in lines 5 and 6 made before signing.

Benjamin Coates

Signed, sealed, published and declared, as and for his last Will & Testament by the said Ben^l. in our presence who for his presence and at his request, have subscribed the same, as witnesses thereto.

Jos. W. Trotter

Jos. A. Hill

I Benjamin Coates having made my last Will and Testament on 18th day of July, 1856 do make and ordain this writing as a Codicil thereto, I Will and direct that the plantation which I lately purchased of Robert Capron, be sold by my Executor on such terms as they think best for the interest of my heirs & representatives, either at public or private sale as they may determine and that the proceeds of sale be applied first in payment of the purchase money which may be owing for said land, and that the balance be equally distributed amongst my heirs & representatives. As Witness my hand & seal this 12th day of July 1857

Benjamin Coates

signed sealed, published and declared, as & for a Codicil to his last Will & Testament in our presence who in his presence and at his request have subscribed the same.

Joseph Massey

Jos. R. Massey

December Term County Court 1858

This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Coates Dec^d for Probate thereof and thereupon came into open Court Jos. A. Hill one of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing and who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with Benjamin Coates the testator, in his life time and that he was called upon by the said Benjamin Coates to witness the same as his last Will and Testament, and that he signed said paper writing as witness thereto, in the presence of said testator and at his request, and that he believes him to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing the same, and that the said Benjamin Coates signed sealed and declared the said paper writing to be his last Will and Testament in his presence; it is therefore concluded by the Court that the said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of the said Benjamin Coates Dec^d and that the same be admitted to record and was also produced in open Court attached to said paper writing a paper writing purporting to be a Codicil to said last Will and Testament of the said Benjamin Coates Dec^d and thereupon came on to open Court Joseph Trotter one of the subscribing witnesses to said paper writing and who being first duly sworn deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with Benjamin Coates the testator in his life time and that he was called upon by the said Benjamin Coates the testator to sign said paper writing as witness thereto as a Codicil to his last Will and Testament and did so at his request and in his presence and that the said Benjamin Coates signed sealed and published said paper writing which is attached to his said last Will and Testament as a Codicil thereto in his presence and that he believes him to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing the same; it is therefore concluded and decreed by the Court that said paper writing which is attached to the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Coates Dec^d be established as a Codicil thereto and that the same be admitted to record as such.

Will of Laban Holt January Term County Court
1859

In the name of God Amen
I Laban Holt a resident Citizen of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all others before me made. I wish my Executor hereafter to be named to pay all of my just debts as soon after my decease as possible. I wish my Executors to keep together all my property of every kind and description kept together on my lands in Fayette County Tennessee and the plantation kept up and lands cultivated just as though I was alive; until my eldest child arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries then I wish the said child Martha Holt to have allotted to her one fourth of my estate of every kind and description except Rail Road Stock - and then I wish my Executor to keep the balance of my estate together until my second child Mary Ann arrives to the age of twenty one years or marries then I wish to be allotted to her one fifth of my estate of every kind and description except Rail Road Stock - and then I wish my Executor to keep the balance of my estate together to keep up the farm until my third child comes to the age of twenty one years or marries then I wish my said child Sarah Elizabeth to have allotted to her one fourth of all my estate of every kind and description except my Rail Road Stock, and then I wish my Executor to keep up my farm and keep all my estate together until my second child Lucy Thomas arrives to the age of twenty one years or marries then I wish to be allotted to her one third of my estate then on hand of every kind and description except Rail Road Stock, and then I wish my estate kept together until my youngest son John Laban arrives to the age of twenty one years, then I wish him to have allotted to him one half of my estate of every kind and description also forty shares of Rail Road Stock which I have in the Memphis and Charleston Rail Road and I do hereby direct and Will that the portion of property which each of my daughters shall receive shall be for their sole and separate use free from the debts or contracts of my husband they may make, and at the death of each one of my daughters I wish the portion be given to them to be equally divided amongst their children. And I will and direct that in case of the death of either one of my children before they marry or come to full age, then I will that part so Will'd and bequeathed to the child shall die to be equally divided amongst all of the surviving children but to be kept together by my Executor until each one of the surviving children shall arrive at full age or marries, and so with child arrived at the age of twenty one years or marries then I wish allotted

to that one an equal share of the portion that may be Will'd to said child that may die - and the part be allotted to each of my daughters I wish to be for their sole and separate use of my said daughters free from the debts of any husband they may marry during the life of said daughter of mine and at her death to be equally divided amongst the children of said daughter. And I wish, in case of my beloved wife Patsy Ann shall remain a widow and so long as she remains a widow I wish her to be supported on my plantation in a quiet style - to remain on the plantation until my youngest child arrives at full age and then for her to have a full share or child's part of my estate during her natural life. But in case my wife marries before my youngest child that may be living arrives to the age of twenty one years then I wish my wife to receive the portion that had been received or may be received from her father's estate - and in case my wife never marries I wish the portion of my estate which she receives to be enjoyed and used by her during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided amongst all my children.

I then the fourth - I wish my Executor for the proceeds of my crop and the dividends of my Rail Road Stock to educate and support my children and support and maintain my wife - And if there is a surplus on hand of money arising from crops or from the dividends of the Rail Road Stock I wish my Executor to make a judicious investment of the same as he may think most to the interest of my estate - and in case my Executor thinks any of my negroes become uncontrollable and thinks it advisable to sell any of them I hereby authorize and direct him to sell such as he may think advisable, not concern in other negroes for the use and benefit of the estate - and I will that he may sell any stock that he may regard as surplus and in case of need to buy more and in all things do and act for the best interests of the estate.

I do hereby appoint my friend Thomas Rivers to act as my Executor to this my last Will and testament and do not make any security to be required of him on this bond as Executor, given under my hand and seal this 14th January 1858.

Witnessed and sealed in our presence
the date above written.

John C. Capel
O. Dickinson

I state of Tennessee January Term County Court 1859,
Fayette County. That I have seen and read the last Will and testament of Laban Holt and that I am thereof and therefore come into upon Court John C. Capel and O. Dickinson subscribing the same to said paper writing who after being first duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with the said Laban Holt

Laban Holt (Seal)

The testator and that the said David and aforesaid gave in their presence the said paper writing to be his last will and testament and that they were called upon by the said Robert Holt to sign that said paper writing as witnesses thereof and did so at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other and that they only believed the said Robert Holt to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same. It is therefore and declared by the Court that said paper writing is the last will and testament of the said Robert Holt deceased and that the same has been fully proven and established according to the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided. It is further ordered by the Court that the said will be recorded. And therefore Remitted to Judge Thomas Rivers who was appointed in said last will and testament as Executor thereof and entered into bond as principal in the sum of Eighty thousand Dollars it being required in said last will and testament that as security he requires of him as his bond as such Executor. And therefore the said Thomas Rivers was then declared qualified to carry out the true intent and meaning of said last will and testament as executor thereof in open Court as the law provides.

Elizabeth Olive

Will

I, Elizabeth Olive do make & declare
This to be my last will & testament.

I do hereby give & bequeath to my loving
children Barker, Lyman, Robert & Charles

Barker, or the survivors of them, the house whereon which he all now resides, & which was devised to me by Oliver Barker, to be used by them or the survivors of them so long as they live, or remain unmarried; but in the event of a marriage by either or any of them, then their interest therein is hereby & is to cease, & they are marrying to have no further control or interest therein. And at the death of all my aforesaid children, the said house & lot is above described to go & become the absolute property of my child Oliver Olive & his heirs & assigns forever. The explicit intent of the Testamentary provision being to secure a home to my unmarried children & my children so long as they may choose to use the above house & lot. Given under my hand & seal this 3rd day of November, 1852.

Test. H. Brown

John Maffey

Eliza Maffey

State of New Hampshire, November Term, County Court, Not.

Fayette County. This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Olive deceased, paper writing thereof, and thereupon came into open Court Eliza Maffey, and H. Brown, both of whom before me to said paper writing, the being first duly sworn, depose and say that they have personally acquainted with

Elizabeth Olive, testator, in her life time, and that they have called upon by the said Elizabeth Olive to witness the same, as her last will and testament, and signed the same as witnesses thereof in her presence, now at her request, and that they saw her make her mark, and heard her acknowledge the same to be her last will and testament, and that they believe her to be of sound mind disposing mind and memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same. It is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court, that said paper writing be established as the last will and testament of the said Elizabeth Olive deceased, and that the same be admitted to record.

Will of
The Adams

In the name of God, amen, I, Abner Adams, of the County of Fayette and State of New Hampshire, being in good health of body, and of sound mind, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs while I have strength and capacity, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item 1st. I resign and give my spirit to the God who gave it, and my body to the Earth, to be buried in a plain and Christian like manner, and all Expenses to be paid, and also all my just debts to be discharged as soon as possible, out of the proceeds of such of my property as may be sold.

Item 2nd. I give to my beloved wife, Mary Adams, during her natural life, the tract of land on which I now reside containing three hundred and thirty-two acres, also the above land lying immediately North of said tract, and which is a part of the King tract; also, all my farming utensils, or so much thereof as she may wish, also all my household and kitchen furniture, and a good supply of corn and fodder, oats and other feed of all kinds necessary for stock; also a plentiful supply of Pork, two hundred and twenty-five pounds of good brown sugar, one hundred pounds of good Coffee, five barrels of good flour, and sufficiently of every other article necessary for family use, for one year; I also give her the following named negroes, to wit, Alexander, Broton and his wife Dorothea, and their children, Adams, Mealey, Susan, Caroline, Calvin, David, Monroe, with their miscellany; also, one good white Wagon, and four choice Poles, with the Wagon harness, all of which property, except that which is named for her years support, is to be returned to my Estate, at the death of my said wife, and is to be divided and disposed of, as the remainder of my property is herein after bequeathed.

Item 3rd. I give to my beloved wife, the following named property to dispose of, as she may think proper, by sale, or otherwise, to wit, Sally, a negro girl, my Carriage and harness, and Carriage horses, also my stock of cattle, hogs, and sheep, or as many of the same as she may desire; also two Bars of furniture, also two hundred dollars in Money, out of the proceeds of the Crop which may be on hand at my death; the title to the property above named in Item 3rd is hereby vested in my wife unconditionally.

Item 4th. All my bequests, not named above, & Money now in my possession, what is disposed of above, is to be divided into three Equal parts, unless the provisions of the remainder of the King tract of land, which I desire may be sold, one part of which I give to my son, I. H. Adams, one part to my daughter, Elizabeth Hutchinson, and the heirs of her body, and one part to said son, as trustee for the use and benefit of the body heirs of my daughter.

Lucy Ann Cantelupo; and Martha Cither of the bodily line of my daughter Lucy Ann Cantelupo dies before the coming of her full age. Said third part shall be sold by some trustee for the use and benefit of the survivors.

Item 5. I hereby constitute and appoint Joel Pullman Executor of this my last Will and Testament, with authority and power to sell that part of the Negro land of some which has not been given to my wife, and to make a deed to the same; also I hereby set aside both former and authority to sell the land given to my wife (after her death) and to make and on deeds to the same. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 12th day of December One thousand eight hundred and Eighty Eight.

Witness: Thomas J. Haffner

John C. Hart

John A. Haffner

State of Tennessee, County Court, Haystack County, January term 1859.
Haystack County. An instrument, or paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said John A. Haffner, who deposes this life in this County, on the day of December 12th 1858, at his residence, in this County, he resides at the time of his death, was produced to the Court for probate thereof. Thereupon Thomas J. Haffner & John C. Hart, sons of the said John A. Haffner, to said paper writing, bearing date November 12th 1858, & purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said John A. Haffner, after having been duly sworn, stated and testified that they were acquainted with the said John A. Haffner, at & prior to the execution of said paper writing by him; that the said John A. Haffner, at the time of his death, resided in Haystack County, Tennessee; & that he signed said paper writing as his last Will and Testament, on the day of his death, and that they, at his request, on the said 12th day of December 1858, signed same as witnesses, in his presence, at his request, as his last Will and Testament, & that they & each of them verily believe that the said John A. Haffner, at the time of the execution of said paper writing, & at the time they interpose same, was of sound & disposing mind & memory. It is therefore Concluded by the Court that such instrument, or paper writing, as aforesaid, is what it purports to be, to wit, the last Will & Testament of said John A. Haffner deceased, and that the same has been fully proven & established according to the act of assembly in such cases made & provided; The Court doth therefore order & declare the said instrument of Writing as aforesaid, to be the last Will & Testament of the said John A. Haffner deceased, & order further that the said Will be recorded. And thereupon Joel A. Pullman the Executor named in said last Will & Testament came into Court & swore on his oath in the name of God, that Thomas J. Haffner living as principal & gave John A. Pullman & Thomas Rivers as his Executors for the performance of said last Will & Testament, was acknowledged by the parties & witnesses of the Court as satisfactory & thereupon said Joel A. Pullman was duly qualified as Executor of said last Will & Testament of said John A. Haffner deceased.

Will of
William Swift

In the name of God, Amen, I William Swift, of the County of Haystack, State of Tennessee, do this 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord 1857, make this my Will and Testament, 1st I wish that all my debts be paid; and that I leave all of my property, both real & personal to my wife, Eliza A. Swift, during her life or her widowhood; I have given to my married children, Martha A. Cole, daughter of William Swift, Mrs. J. Swift (unmarried) and Eliza C. Jones, the amount of Twelve hundred dollars each, and I wish my married children to have like amount of Twelve hundred dollars each, either in cash or property at valuation at the time they may marry, or become of age, and I also wish my minor children to be educated and boarded & clothed out of my estate, free of charge; I also appoint my sons, John C. Hart, J. A. Swift, and W. J. Swift, my Executors either one or all may act, and should I and my wife die before all of my children marry, or become of age, I wish in this case they be provided for, as to board, schooling, clothes &c out of my estate, and in case also of one of our deaths, I leave it discretionary with my Executors to sell my land, or rent it out, as they may think most advisable for the interest of my estate, and I also wish the tract of land of one hundred acres which I purchased of the Estate of Edmund Haggason do not be sold at any time after my death, as my wife and Executors may think proper and be for the interest of my estate; the balance of my estate after the above provisions are carried out I wish to be equally divided amongst all of my children, including Martha A. Cole, child of my daughter Martha A. Cole, doct (one daughter). In testimony whereof I have set my hand & seal, this day and date first written.

Witness: J. A. Haffner

1st 5th 1857 (Seal)

State of Tennessee, County Court, March term, Monday, the 7th March 1859.
Haystack County. A paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of W. J. Swift, doct, was this day produced in open Court, for probate thereof, and thereupon came into open Court, J. A. Haffner and J. J. Coker, subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing, who being first duly sworn, depose and say that they were personally acquainted with the said W. J. Swift, the testator, in his life time, and that they were called upon by the said W. J. Swift, to sign the said paper writing as witnesses thereunto, and that they did so at his request, and in his presence, and that the said W. J. Swift acknowledged in their presence and hearing, that he signed and executed said paper writing, as his last Will and Testament for the purposes therein mentioned, and that they believed him, the said W. J. Swift, the testator, to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, at the of acknowledging the same; It is therefore Concluded by the Court, that the said paper writing has been fully established as the last Will and Testament of the said W. J. Swift deceased, and that the same be admitted thereunto.

Will of
John P. Smith

I, John P. Smith, of Haystack County & State of Tennessee, do make & declare this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills made by me.

Item 1st I direct that my debts be paid, as soon as practicable after my death.
Item 2nd I give unto my wife, Sarah, during her natural life

the age of twenty-one years; at the same time I do declare, and it is my will and desire that my Executor pay out to the said child, the said sum of one hundred dollars, with the interest which may thereupon have accrued, but if the said child should die before he arrives at the age of twenty-one years; then and in that event, it is my will and desire that said legacy, and its interest, be equally divided between his three surviving brothers to wit, John C. Dillard, Jr., William and J. M. Dillard.

I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my three sons, John C. Dillard, Jr., William and J. M. Dillard, five hundred dollars each, which respectively arrived at the age of twenty-one years; and should any one or more of said brothers die before they arrive of age, then it is my will and desire that said legacy or legacies, and the interest accruing thereon, be equally divided between the surviving brother.

I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my daughter Sarah A. Dillard, three hundred dollars, in trust for the support and education of the said child, for the heirs of my daughter Sarah A. Dillard, as the heirs of the said Sarah A. Dillard, become of age of twenty-one years; it is my will and desire that a proportionable part of the above named legacy of three hundred dollars be paid to each one of the said heirs of the said Sarah A. Dillard.

I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my son, Charles B. Dillard, three thousand dollars; the above amount of three thousand to be paid in the hands of my Executor hereinafter named, for the purpose of supporting and educating my said son, Charles B. Dillard; but should my son, Charles B. Dillard, die before he arrives at the age of twenty-one years; then it is my will and desire that the said amount of three thousand dollars, be so much money as may be in the hands of my Executor hereinafter named, be equally divided between all of my three children.

I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my daughter, Rebecca A. Dillard, three thousand dollars; to be paid in full, and at her own disposal; it is my will and desire, that the above named three thousand dollars be paid over to my dearly beloved wife, Rebecca A. Dillard, as soon after the date of my decease and lands above named, as my Executor hereinafter named may possibly be most convenient to do so.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint John Dillard of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee Executor of this my last Will and Testament; In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of October A.D. 1859.

Witness: J. M. Dillard

J. M. Dillard

State of Tennessee, Tuesday, 5th November 1859, County of Fayette. A paper writing was this day produced in open Court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Dillard, dec'd, for Robert Thompson; when Thompson came into open Court, J. M. Dillard and J. M. Dillard, subscribing witnesses thereto, who being first duly sworn, depose and say that they were personally acquainted with the said John Dillard, the testator in his life time; and that they had called upon him since John Dillard the testator, to sign said paper writing, as Robert Thompson, that they did so in his presence; that the said John Dillard

signed and acknowledged said paper writing in their presence as his last Will and Testament; and that they believed him to be of sane and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same; it is therefore ordered and decreed by the Court, that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of said John Dillard, dec'd, and that the same be established as such, and entries of the same.

Now Thompson came into open Court, John Dillard, Jr., the Executor appointed in said last Will and Testament of the said John Dillard, dec'd, and entered into bond as such Executor, himself as principal, in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, Certificate as the law directs; and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court; and gave as his securities on said bond, J. M. Dillard and J. M. Dillard. Who also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged themselves as securities on said bond, which bond was received by the Court, and ordered to be recorded; and the said John Dillard, Jr. then duly qualified as such Executor in open Court as the law directs.

Will of Thomas Dillard

In the name of God, Amen! I, Thomas Dillard, of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others.

Item first, I give to my daughter Mary Dillard, the negro woman, Riley, and her child, John; also, I give to my son, William Dillard, the negro man, Sallie; also, I give to my daughter Lucy Ann Dillard, the negro woman, Jane, and her two children, viz, Margaret, and one infant child, Eliza.

I value the negro woman, Riley, and child at thirteen hundred dollars, and I want Eliza to be charged with said thirteen hundred dollars in the division of my estate; I value the negro woman, Jane, Margaret and child, Eliza, at fifteen hundred and fifty dollars, and I want my daughter Lucy Ann to be charged with the \$150 in the division of my estate; I value the negro man, Sallie, at thirteen hundred dollars, and I want my son, William, charged with thirteen hundred dollars in the division of my estate; I value the negro girl, Martha, at the time I give her to Virginia, at eight hundred dollars; and I want my daughter Virginia to be charged with said sum of eight hundred dollars in the division of my estate; I have given my daughter Sallie a negro girl, Corinna, which I value at one thousand dollars; and I want Sallie to be charged with said one thousand dollars in the division of my estate; my Martha, I want sold, and go into general division; all the contents of my negroes, I desire to be sold, on a credit of six months, by my Executor, either privately or publicly, as he may deem best; and all the household furniture I have sold on a credit of six months and the proceeds of the negroes and furniture, and money on hand to be applied to the payment of my debts; and the balance to be equally divided amongst all of my children, charging them in the division with the negroes they have received, according to the valuation I have placed upon them; I will and direct that the negro girl Martha and child be sold and given to my daughter Virginia; and all the interest they may get from my estate, and all bequeathed her, shall be held by her to her sole and separate use, free from the dominion and control of her husband. I owe a debt to Sallie, about a memorandum of which is in the back of my book, a small one of J. M. Dillard's 2^d Oct. 1858. I do hereby hereby appoint my son, John, Dillard, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, with full power to carry out the same in every particular, given under my hand and seal this 17th day of June 1859.

Sally Dillard

Martha Dillard

John Dillard

Thos. Dillard

State of Tennessee, Tuesday 2^d November Term, Circuit Court 1869.

Charles County, 3^d John Dickerson, a paper Writing was this day produced in open Court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Dickerson deceased, and thereupon came into open Court, N. B. Cameron, a subscribing Witness to said paper Writing, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with Thomas Dickerson the testator, in his life time, and that he saw Thomas Dickerson call on him to sign the said paper Writing as a witness there to, and that he did so in his presence, and at his request, and that the said Thomas Dickerson acknowledged in his presence that he signed & executed the said paper Writing as his last Will and Testament, and that he believed the said Thomas Dickerson the testator to be sane and disposing mind, and Memory, at the time of acknowledging the same. It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court that the said paper Writing be established as the last Will and Testament of the said Thomas Dickerson deceased, and that the same be recorded.

Will of

Walter Phillips

Seamsville, Hayles Co. Tenn. August 13th 59.
Whereas, I have just discovered that my wife, Theresa, I have just discovered that my wife, Theresa, made several years ago, early in favor of my only sister, Sarah E. Phillips, is not my last Will and Testamentary disposal of whatever property I may be possessed of; In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this day and date above written.
J. Walter Phillips

State of Tennessee, Tuesday 7th February Term, Circuit Court 1860.

Hayles County, 3^d This day was produced in open Court, a paper Writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Walter Phillips deceased, and thereupon came into Court, George Phillips & Wm. C. Phillips, the living first duly sworn, deposed and say that they are and have been personally and well acquainted with Walter Phillips, the testator, in his life time, that they have often seen him write, and are familiar with his hand Writing, and that they firmly believe that his signature as appears to some paper Writing, purporting to be his last Will and Testament, is genuine, and is in his own proper hand Writing, and that he came to that it purports to be to be the last Will and Testament of the said Walter Phillips deceased.

It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court that said paper Writing be established as the last Will and Testament of the said Walter Phillips deceased, and that the same be taken on record.

Will of

H. D. Neilson

I am desirous to convey that I have expressed more fully in a Will for the last twenty years, which seems to be genuine.

I wish my affectionate wife to have entire control of my estate without being required to give bond, or security before she can do so, as far as possible with the assistance of my son. I wish I could pay all my indebtedness, as they may think best, and liberally my children, and as they become of age, a money, to give them also a part of this property as they may think proper, as I design all I have left to be to remain, except my wife's part, which may be taken off in case of

survive. This I have always desired. Wm. Neilson, and hope so long this subject will be in carrying it out. Feb 24th 1860.

Witness, J. S. Dickerson

And N. Neilson.

State of Tennessee, Tuesday 2^d April Term, Circuit Court 1860.

Charles County, 3^d John Dickerson, a paper Writing was this day produced in open Court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hugh D. Neilson, deceased, and who deposed this day in Charles County Tennessee, on the day of 1860. And thereupon came into open Court, J. S. Dickerson, one of the subscribing Witnesses to said paper Writing, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with H. D. Neilson, the testator, in his life time, and that he was called upon by the said H. D. Neilson the testator, to sign said paper Writing as a witness there to, and did so at the request, and in his presence, and that the said H. D. Neilson, the testator, acknowledged his signature to the said paper Writing to be his own proper hand Writing, and that he signed and executed said paper Writing in his presence as his last Will and Testament; and that he believed him to be of sound mind and disposing mind and Memory, at the time of acknowledging the same. It is therefore ordered by the Court, that said paper Writing be established as the last Will and Testament of H. D. Neilson, deceased, and that the same be established as such, and admitted to record. And thereupon came into Court, H. S. Neilson, widow of H. D. Neilson deceased, who was appointed executrix in said last Will and Testament, of the estate of the said H. D. Neilson deceased, and was duly qualified in open Court as such executrix, she first giving an bond as such executrix as required by the last Will and Testament of the said H. D. Neilson deceased.

Will of

William Stephens

State of Tennessee, J. William Stephens, of the State and Charles County, 3^d County, do hereby and do make and publish this as my last Will & Testament, hereby

revoking and making void all the Wills by me at any time made; First, I direct that my funeral expenses, & my just debts be paid, as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of, or may first come to the hands of my Executors; Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Selvy Stevens, during her natural life, the same I have now lived on, the household & kitchen furniture, stock, & farming tools. Third, I wish my son, Lewis Stevens, to live with my wife, Selvy Stevens; Fourth, after the death of my wife, I give and bequeath to my son, Lewis Stevens, the tract of land I now reside on, containing about one hundred & fifty acres, & one bed & bed & distance, and half of my stock of all description & farming tools & that Lewis Stevens, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Cooper, a bed, her bed & bed & distance, & the other half of my stock. I give and bequeath to my grand children, to wit, Marshall Stevens, & David Stevens, & John Stephens, and Mary Ann Stevens, the money arising from the sale of land sold to Dr. D. H. Warren, amounting to about seven hundred & sixteen dollars and a greater, to be equally divided between the above named grand children. Seventh, I wish & bequeath to my grand son, Lewis H. Stevens, & Selvy Stevens, each five dollars. Eighth, I direct the balance of my property not disposed of to be sold, the money divided between my son, Lewis Stevens, & my

Daughter, Mary, as it fully, legally, & do hereby authorize & appoint Samuel W. Warren, my Executor, to take charge of the my Will, let my hand and seal this 10th day of July 1856.

I gave sealed and published in and became, & we have entered our names both in the presence of the Testator, the 10th day of July 1856. Daniel E. Warren

State of Tennessee, Monday 7th May Term County Court of Taylor County. In a will and testament in paper writing, was the my produced in open Court for probate thereof purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Wm. Brown deceased, who departed this life in Taylor County Tennessee, on the 10th day of July 1856. When thereupon came into open Court D. E. Warren and A. Warren subscribing Testator to said paper writing as purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said Wm. Brown deceased, after being duly sworn, depose and say that they have personally acquainted with the said Wm. Brown the Testator in his life time, and that they were called upon by him, the said Wm. Brown the Testator, to sign and subscribe said paper writing as the last Will and Testament, and that they did so at his request, and in his presence, and that during the time the Testator signed & acknowledged said paper writing in their presence, as his last Will and Testament, when that they fully believed the said Wm. Brown to be of sound and disposing mind & memory at the time of signing and acknowledging said paper writing. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is that it purports to be the last Will and Testament of Wm. Brown deceased, and that the same has been established as such, and as such, and thereupon came into open Court, namely, Wm. Brown the Executor named in said last Will and Testament of said Wm. Brown deceased, & entered into bond as such Executor, in the sum of \$1000.00, and thereupon came into open Court, and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court as principal, and gave as his securities on said Bond, S. Montague and W. Brown. The said Wm. Brown also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged the said Bond as his securities on said, which said Bond was returned by the Court and ordered to be recorded. And the said Wm. Brown has then duly qualified as such Executor to said last Will and Testament of Wm. Brown deceased in open Court as the law requires.

Will of John Brown State of Tennessee, I John Brown Taylor County do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me made, & I hereby give, devise and bequeath all my just debts to be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that I may the day after my decease

first come into the hands of my Executor. I do give to my son, H. E. Brown, for his use and benefit of Thomas A. Brown, Frank Brown & Sarah, and of the said Thomas A. Brown, die before, and if he come back to home, and one bed & furniture. I do give and bequeath to my daughter, Emily A. Brown, three negroes, namely, (Mills), Jerry, Jacob & Sally, and one bed & furniture. I do give my daughter Mary A. Hamilton, one bed & furniture. I do give Mary A. Hamilton three Children, my negro man Jerry (Candy), for their support. I do give to my son William D. Brown, one negro Eric, to be kept by him for his support. I do give to George and William Brown, sons of Peter Brown deceased, five dollars each. I do give my land, and all other property I may die seized of, sole and equally divided between all my heirs, except Thomas E. Brown, is not to have any part of the proceeds of land, namely, Mathias Cochran, the heirs of John J. Brown, Nelson Brown, Mary Hamilton, Thomas A. Brown, Emily A. Brown & William D. Brown. I hereby constitute & appoint my two sons, Thomas E. Brown, and Wm. D. Brown Executors, to execute this my Will, Even under my hand and seal this the eighth day of September One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty eight. Sept. 1858, in the presence of

John Brown (Seal)

State of Tennessee, Monday 11th June Term County Court of Taylor County. In a will and testament in paper writing, was the my produced in open Court for probate thereof purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Brown deceased, who departed this life in Taylor County Tennessee, on the day of 1856. When thereupon came into open Court J. Montague, S. D. Bradsher and George A. Taylor subscribing Testator to said paper writing, the aforesaid having been first duly sworn, depose and say that they have personally acquainted with John Brown the Testator in his life time, and that they were called upon by the said John Brown the Testator, to sign and subscribe said paper writing as his last Will and Testament, and that they did so at his request, and in his presence, and that the said John Brown the Testator, acknowledged the Execution of the said paper writing, as his last Will and Testament, in their presence; and that they fully believed the said John Brown the Testator to have been of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time he acknowledged said paper writing. It is therefore considered by the Court that said paper writing is that it purports to be the last Will and Testament of John Brown, & that the same has been proven and established as such, and it is further ordered that it be recorded as such last Will and Testament. And thereupon came into open Court, Francis E. Brown, and William D. Brown, the Executors named in said last Will and Testament of said John Brown deceased, and entered into Bond as such Executors, in the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs, and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court, as principal, and gave as their securities on said Bond, S. Montague and S. D. Bradsher, who also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court as securities thereon, which said Bond was approved by the Court and ordered to be recorded. And the said Francis E. Brown & Wm. D. Brown have then duly qualified as such Executors in open Court as the law directs.

reice should marry; in which event it is to close at the time of her marriage; I made Thos. B. Cooke to act as joint Executor with my Wife & son in law Mr. B. Dorset, of my Estate. I make this as a portion of my last Will & Testament; Said Thos. B. Cooke is not to be required to give any security.

Signed in and procured this 14th April 1860.

J. H. Reeves

J. J. Cooke

State of Tennessee, County Court, July Term, A.D. 1860.

People's County. Be it remembered that on this the 3rd day of July A.D. 1860, was produced to the Honorable County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee, Charles Lynn, Chancery, & Wm. Rhodes & R. T. Probst, members of the Decreed Court, providing a paper Writing, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of J. Higgason, written on a sheet of paper & signed J. Higgason January 1st 1858, & which paper Writing on three pages of same is written the appointment of Executors & Executors to the said Will & Testament, viz. in words as follows: "I hereby appoint my Wife & son in law, Mr. B. Dorset, & Thos. B. Cooke, my agents & Executors to carry out the above Will & Testament," & dated June 1st 1858 signed J. Higgason, and thereupon came into Court Wm. Chancery, Thos. B. Cooke, Wm. B. Dorset, & George W. Reeves, who after being duly sworn, solemnly depose as follows, to wit, Wm. Chancery stated that some weeks previous to the death of J. Higgason, which was on the 9th of June A.D. 1860, in Fayette County Tennessee, at request of him, the said J. Higgason, he repaired to the office of him the said J. Higgason, & found the paper Writing hereinafter described as his Will in the iron safe of him the said J. Higgason, among his valuable papers, & carried same to the said J. Higgason, who said same over & after having done so the Will & Testament by his direction was conveyed given to Dorset or lodged in his hands for safe keeping, & thereupon the said Wm. Chancery, Thos. B. Cooke, William B. Dorset, & George W. Reeves, upon Oath severally stated that they truly believe the Writing is a true & correct copy of the last Will & Testament of the said J. Higgason, & that the exceptions of following words "I Thos. B. Cooke, in witness whereof this 4th & fourth lines from bottom of said paper Writing, which they state is not in the same Writing of said J. Higgason, and that his name Writing is generally known by his acquaintances; & thereupon Wm. Chancery stated the words "I Thos. B. Cooke, was substituted in procuring of said J. Higgason, and at his request." And thereupon was produced to the Court a further paper Writing signed by the said J. Higgason & bearing date 14th April 1860, & attested by Wm. B. Dorset, & J. J. Cooke, & thereupon the said George W. Reeves & J. J. Cooke after having been duly sworn depose as follows, to wit, that they & each of them signed said paper Writing on the day same purports to bear date, as a Certificate to the Will of the said J. Higgason, viz. his presence & by his request & in the presence of each other, as witnesses to same, and the said J. Higgason was at the date of making said Certificate to wit, the 14th day of April A.D. 1860, of sound & disposing mind & memory; And thereupon the Court being satisfied that the said two paper Writings as above referred to are correct, and that they have

part to be to wit, the last Will & Testament of said J. Higgason, do hereby declare to be his last Will & Testament, & Order be made to be recorded as such, & thereupon the said Cooke, & Thos. B. Dorset, & Wm. B. Dorset, the Executors & Executors named in said last Will & Testament, came into Court, & entered into Bonds in the sum of three thousand dollars for the performance of the duties imposed in them by the Statute, & security being thereupon made by the said J. Higgason, & were duly qualified as such Executors & Executors.

Will of

James Paine

Somerville, March 10th 1860.

I, the said J. Higgason, do hereby make the following bequests:

To Wm. B. Dorset, and Wm. B. Dorset, I bequeath my Library, to divide, sell, or dispose of as they please, to Mr. B. Dorset, and Wm. B. Dorset, I bequeath the Colored Bay Horse, to be equally divided between them. To Mr. B. Dorset, I have my Writing Book & two other Books. The money now in the Savings Institution at Lexington, Virginia, was all put in there by me of my own money, except four hundred, which was originally your mother's, but which has been at one time or other drawn out, for Educational purposes; of this money I have hundred and sixty dollars now in the Savings Institution at Lexington, Virginia, I have and bequeath to my daughter, to Wm. B. Dorset I have hundred dollars, and to Wm. B. Dorset my infant daughter, I have and bequeath four hundred and fifty dollars; the residue which may be secured by this time & fifty dollars, together with J. Higgason's bond (60) in favor of J. Higgason, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Wm. B. Dorset. I give and bequeath to Mary Jane Paine, my Wife, all the money to wit, 100, 50, or that may be in her hands, at my death, to pay my funeral expenses, for I owe no other debts, besides I bequeath to her all the arrears due me from the Somerville Congregation, for my money has been loaned by the Congregation on current years. The Dining room and kitchen furniture, Bacon, Cows &c. to be sold on a credit and the money of 100 pounds to be paid me or my heirs, and I bequeath to her. I hereby appoint, constitute, and authorize to act as my Executors, my sons, Wm. B. Dorset, and J. Higgason.

State of Tennessee, July Term, A.D. 1860.

Fayette County,

On this the 3rd of July 1860, a paper Writing bearing date the 14th day of March A.D. 1860, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of James Paine, which had some signed to same, & who died on April 7th 1860, was produced to the Honorable County Court of Fayette County Tennessee, & thereupon it was proved by the Oath of Mary J. Paine, that the said James Paine, previous to his death, lodged in her hands for safe keeping, the said paper Writing, above referred to, as being his last Will & Testament, with request that she preserve & take care of same as such last Will & Testament, and thereupon J. Higgason, Wm. B. Dorset, & J. Higgason, after having been duly sworn, depose & say that they & each of them are acquainted with the same Writing of the said James Paine, & that his same Writing is generally known by his acquaintances, & that they & each of them truly believe the Writing (above referred to) and every part of it, to be in his (the said James Paine's) hand; And thereupon the Court doth hereby declare the said paper Writing as above referred to, to be that it purports to be to wit, the last Will & Testament of James Paine deceased, & order be made to be recorded as such. And thereupon came Wm. B. Dorset & Wm. B. Dorset the Executors named in said Will, into Court, & entered into bond in the sum of three thousand dollars as Executors, and gave Mary J. Paine & Wm. B. Dorset & John C. Cooper as their executors to same, for

the performance of their trust as such Executors, which have been satisfying to the Court, was received & ordered to be entered of Record; and the said Court duly qualified the Executors by law.

Will of Joseph Lynn

I, Joseph Lynn of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. I direct that my personal Expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of or that may and come into the hands of my Executors. I have one daughter to wit four young sons, viz. W.B. Bond, his mother Bond, A.B. Bond and W.B. Bond, (in addition to what has already been given to said daughter) One hundred dollars to be Equally divided between them. I have one daughter to wit my grand son, Turner McLean. One thousand dollars to be kept in the hands of my Executors for his use and benefit, provided that only the interest on said sum be used for him until he arrives at the age of twenty and years. I direct that all the balance of my Estate of Every kind be sold and the proceeds be Equally divided between my following named Children to have to wit: Anne Alice, viz. Benjamin McLean, Sydney Mary (Widow of George Bond) Charlotte Johnson, Wife of John Johnson, Evelina McLean, Wife of William Bond, Nancy McLean, Wife of Philip McLean, Elizabeth Johnson, Wife of William Johnson, and Charles Bond, to them and their heirs forever. I hereby nominate and appoint my friend George Thompson my Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

Made in the presence of me, and signed in the presence of Detrepper. This the 19th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1859.
W.B. Bond
W.B. Bond
W.B. Bond

State of Tennessee, Monday 2nd July Term County Court 1860.

The Clerk of the County Court do hereby certify that this day presented in open Court for Probate thereof, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph Lynn deceased, and who departed this life in Fayette County Tennessee on the day of 1860, said paper Writing bearing date 19th day of March 1859. And Thompson came into open Court, W.B. Bond, one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, who after having been first duly sworn, depose and says that he was personally acquainted with Joseph Lynn the testator in his life time, and that he was called upon by the said Joseph Lynn, the testator to witness and sign as Witness the said paper Writing, as the last Will and Testament of him the said Joseph Lynn, and that he did so at his request and in his presence, and that the said Joseph Lynn, the testator, signed and acknowledged said paper Writing as his last Will and Testament, in his life time, the said W.B. Bond, one of the subscribing Witnesses, and that he firmly believed the said Joseph Lynn, the testator, to have been of sound and disposing mind and memory, at the time of signing and executing said paper Writing as his last Will and Testament. It is therefore concluded by the Court that said paper Writing is that in purports to be (to wit)

the last Will and Testament of Joseph Lynn, died. That the same has been fully proved and established as such, and ordered further, that the same be recorded. And Thompson came into open Court, George Thompson, the Executor named in the last Will and Testament above mentioned, and entered in bond as such Executor in the sum of Eight thousand dollars and bond as the last Will and Testament, and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court, as promisor bond and gave as his securities on same, W.B. Bond and Charles Lynn, who also came into open Court, and signed and acknowledged same as his securities thereon, which were then received by the Court, and ordered to be recorded; And the said Geo. Thompson was then duly qualified as such Executor as aforesaid in open Court as required by law.

John Way

Will

The last Will of John Way of Fayette County Tenn. Item 1st To my daughter Susan I give the part of land containing about 90 acres situated in Fayette County Tennessee on the road leading from Somerville to La Vergne, about four miles from the former place, and being the same purchased from Nelson Alexander; I also give to her the three Slaves, Keturah and her two children, James & Hatty, and their increase, also the three named Slaves to have and to hold the said land and Slaves, and their increase to the said Susan for and during her natural life, for her separate use and subject to the debts, contracts, or engagements of her present or any future husband towards the education and maintenance of her present and future children; and upon her death, the said land and Slaves, and their increase shall become the property of her said present and future children and descendants of "Slaves" absolutely and forever, the "descendants" of children taking in the share of their respective parents &c.

Item 2nd To my daughter, Martha I give five Slaves, named James and her two children, Minerva & Leah, Will & Mary, the said ones and purposes, and upon the same trusts and terms in respect to my husband and present and future as and heretofore declared in respect to the above and bequest made to said Susan; her husband and children; in the said Martha should die, not leaving at the time of her death any child or children or issue of such the husband to her shall fall unto and go as is by this Will declared as to the residue of my estate.

Item 3rd To my Son, Abner I give the part of land on which James McHenry now resides, containing six hundred acres more or less, when he arrives to the age of twenty one; I desire my Wife, Elizabeth, to enjoy the benefit of half the land and use of half the negroes, man on the farm, during his natural life; I trust, after the death of my wife, that he have the choice of four negroes on the place, and all the balance of the negroes to be equally divided amongst my children, the negroes sharing with the balance; I desire that he shall receive a thorough Collegiate Education.

Item 4th The residue of my property of all kinds, my will is, that the same once benefit thereof shall be had and enjoyed by and between my remaining unmarried children, Elizabeth, & daughters & parties, for their maintenance and for their education, and as each of said children comes of age or marry, to them respectively, shall or about of such property, a share equal to the respective shares given to Susan, Martha, Mary & Virginia.

The property which I may at any time by virtue of this Will, fall or come to my said daughter shall stand to the same purposes and separate uses and upon the same trusts and terms as to their children &c.

descendants & heirs, as are herebefore declared in respect to the property bequeathed to said John. The residue of the lands and other property that may remain after all the shares of said children shall have been set apart. The real and lawful thereof shall be had and enjoyed by my wife, Elizabeth, for and during her natural life; at her death, all such residue shall be divided among my children, and their descendants of such as are deceased, the descendants of a deceased child taking the share of such child. The use and benefit of the balance of my lands, shall be had and enjoyed by my wife during her lifetime to be divided among my daughters and their descendants of children, the descendants taking the share of their deceased parents.

I appoint my wife, Elizabeth my executor, James Williams & myself my executors. This Will, in the presence of Thomas Jones & myself, the 16th day of October A.D. 1857.

Witness: Thomas Jones
G. S. Edwards

John Mory

State of Tennessee, August Term, A.D. 1860.
Fayette County. This is to Remembrance that on this the 6th day of August A.D. 1860, a paper Writing, purporting to be the last Will & Testament of John Mory, deceased, bearing date the 16th day of October A.D. 1857, and signed by Thomas Jones & G. S. Edwards, was produced before the Honorable County Court of Fayette County, Tennessee for probate thereof, as the last Will & Testament of said John Mory, deceased, and thereupon Thomas Jones, one of the subscribing Witnesses to said last Will & Testament, after having been duly sworn deposes & says that he was acquainted with the said John Mory many years previous to his death, that his place of residence was in Fayette County, Tenn. at & near to his death, which occurred on the day of June A.D. 1860, & that he at the request of the said John Mory, on the 16th day of October A.D. 1857, signed said paper Writing as above stated, at the request of him the said John Mory, as his last Will & Testament, after he signed same as a Witness at the request of him the said John Mory, and that he the said John Mory was of sound & disposing mind & memory at the time he executed said paper Writing as his Will, & at time he signed same as a Witness, to wit: on the 16th day of October A.D. 1857, & thereupon he signed date order, adjudge & decree & declares the said instrument as paper Writing to be what it purports to be, to wit, the last Will and Testament of John Mory deceased, & ordered same to be recorded.

Henry Dupree
Will

In the name of God, amen, I Henry Dupree, of the County of Fayette and State of Tennessee, being in my proper mind and sound memory, do hereby

and ordain this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other Wills herebefore made by me, in manner and form as follows:

I give my soul to God, who gave it me, in hopes of bliss eternally. My Will & desire is that my executor hereafter named, shall sell the whole of my estate both real & personal; that he shall set my lands on a credit of four annual installments, with interest from date, until the purchase money and part of all of the

said purchase, if so, six per cent interest shall be discountered; my negroes shall be sold to the highest bidder, so as not to hurt them and wife, and the profits from the children, on a credit of twelve months, with interest from date, and if the purchase is cashed, six per cent interest shall be allowed; the State of every description, and the plantation utensils, hives, tools &c. and her provisions, corn, fodder, shingles, wheat, rye, oats, peas, cotton seed and potatoes, shall be set on a credit of twelve months, and a good security shall be taken in each case and a lien upon the land.

No 1. I give my executor \$1000 money, in a decent manner, by the side of my wife, and show a home for, and at the head & end of my life, dearly engaged.

No 2. I give to my daughter, Sarah & about, wife of James about, of Knoxville County, Tennessee, one gold twenty dollar eagle, as a keepsake in remembrance of me.

No 3. I give to my grand daughter, Mary, the daughter of James about & Sarah & about my daughter, one twenty dollar gold eagle, as a keepsake, in remembrance of me.

No 4. I give to my grand daughter, Rebecca Lundy, the daughter of James about & Sarah & about, one twenty dollar gold eagle, for a keepsake in remembrance of me.

No 5. My Will & desire is that the balance of my whole estate shall be equally divided into four equal parts. The first fourth part, I give to my son, Lewis L. Dupree; the second fourth part, I give to my son, Peter W. Dupree; the third fourth part, I give to my son, Henry L. Dupree; and the last fourth part, I give to my grand children, of Hester & Taylor, my daughter & wife of Richard L. Taylor, in lieu of their father's portion of my estate; and that the fourth part shall stand my estate one thousand dollars for advancements to them by me to their father & brother, for themselves, the residue shall be equally divided between Virginia & John Caroline Taylor, Sarah Jane Rebecca Taylor, Mary Elizabeth Taylor, and Rebecca Nathan Taylor, my four grand children by Hester Lane Taylor, my daughter & wife of Richard W. Taylor; & that their portion shall remain in the hands of my executor, until they become of age, or marry, or shall be kept on credit for their benefit; & I do understand that Hester Lane Taylor died in Memphis, & the said H. W. Taylor brought the said children to my house with the corpse & set them down that them on the 13th day of May 1849, and took them away in a November 1849, eight years, I charge the said Richard W. Taylor with the benefit of the said children, five hundred dollars advanced to him and his wife soon after they was married, and charge him five hundred dollars for advancements made to the said four children, in clothing, schooling, & doctors bills, which two sums make one thousand dollars; now it is my Will & desire that the said Taylor Will pay to his the said children the sum of one thousand dollars, which Will reinstate them in the thousand dollars that I took out of their legacy, as above advancements for their benefit, for advancements made to their father & mother, as above; This is my last Will and Testament.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my son, H. W. Dupree, my lawful executor, to carry out the purpose of my Will, in manner & form as above stated, in Testimony, thereof I set my name & affix my seal this 7th of March 1860.

Witness: J. C. Lusk
J. E. Lusk

Henry Dupree

State of Tennessee, August Term, County Court, Monday, 6th 1860.
Fayette County. This day was produced in open Court, a paper Writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Henry Dupree deceased, for probate thereof; and thereupon came into open Court, J. C. Lusk

The Execution of said paper Writing in his presence, as his last Will and Testament, and that he signed the same at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of the said Matthew, the other subscribing Witness; and he also stated that he believed him to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore Ordered and decreed by the Court, that said paper Writing is what it purports to be, to wit the last Will and Testament of Mr. Ann. M. Littlejohn, and that the same be recorded.

Sampson Stafford

Will

I, Sampson Stafford, being in feeble health, but of sound and disposing mind, do make this my last Will and

Testament: First, I desire that all

my real estate shall be sold by my Executor hereinafter named, such as is heretofore reserved, and the proceeds equally divided amongst my children: 2^d I desire that my time shall be divided equally amongst my children, each one having his portion run off; and if any of them should wish to sell, they shall do so to one of the other heirs, but to no one else, as what it is to remain in the family, and a deed made by one out of the family shall not be valid: 3^d I desire that the dower shall lay off to my daughter, Margaret and Elizabeth, and Andrew, the young provisions for Educational allowance is what I desire: 4th I desire that my growing crop shall be cultivated by children who are living with me, and after gathering the stock (which shall be done upon they are sold and paying my negro and doctor bills, and funeral expenses, they shall have the balance: 5th I give to my daughter, Catherine, a cow and calf, one ewe and lamb; I also give her a feather sow, with five pigs: 6th I desire that my Executor shall take all my notes and accounts in hand and collect them, and pay to my children their equal portion: 7th and lastly, I appoint James A. Thompson, my Executor, signed and sealed this 14th day of May 1860, in presence of W. Murphy and N. Yancey.

William Murphy

N. Yancey

Sampson Stafford
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State of Tennessee, 3rd Monday 3rd December Term County Court 1861

Jay's County. This day was produced in open court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sampson Stafford deceased, for probate thereof; whereupon came into open court William Murphy and N. Yancey, subscribing Witnesses thereto, who after being first duly sworn depose and say that they were personally acquainted with the said Sampson Stafford in his life time, and that they were called upon by the said Sampson Stafford to sign the said paper writing as Witnesses thereto, and did so at his request, and in the presence and

in the presence of each other, and that the said Sampson Stafford signed said paper writing by writing his name thereto, and acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last Will and Testament, and that they believe the said Sampson Stafford was of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same: It is therefore Ordered and decreed by the Court, that the said paper Writing is what it purports to be, to wit, the last Will and Testament of the said Sampson Stafford, and that the same be recorded.

Will of

Mary H. Bugg

I, Mary H. Bugg, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other Wills by me at any time made:

First, I direct that my funeral expenses, and my debts be paid, as soon after my death as possible, out of my monies that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor: Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved Nephew, William H. Bridgewater, the sum of five hundred dollars: Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my beloved Brother, Benjamin P. Bridgewater, all the balance of my effects: Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Benjamin P. Bridgewater my Executor. In Witness Whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 10th day of September 1860.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 10th day of September 1860.

Anthony B. Crowder
John A. Crowder

State of Tennessee, Monday 4th March Term County Court 1861

Jay's County. This day was produced in open court, a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary H. Bugg deceased, for probate thereof; and thereupon came into open court, Anthony B. Crowder and John A. Crowder, subscribing Witnesses thereto, who after being first duly sworn, depose and say that they were personally acquainted with Mary H. Bugg the testatrix in her life time, and that they were called upon by her to sign said paper writing, as Witnesses thereto, and did so at her request and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, as her last Will and Testament, and that they signed and acknowledged in their presence said paper writing, as her last Will and Testament, and that they believe her to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore Ordered and decreed by the Court, that said paper Writing is what it purports to be (to wit) the last Will and Testament of Mary H. Bugg, and that the same be established as such, and admitted to record.

C. Bland.

Will

State of Tennessee, January 9th 1861.
 Fayette County. I, Charles Bland,
 being of sound mind, do make this my
 last Will and Testament, as follows:

After paying all my just debts, I give to my aunt Eliza Bland, the best of lands on which I now reside, and of the house hold furniture, stock of every description (horses, mules & cattle) farming utensils, everything as it now stands upon the plantation, together with all the negroes now kept upon the place; the above property (both real & personal) given to my Aunt Eliza Bland during her natural life; after her death to go to go to my aunt Sallie D. Hodge, should she survive her aunt Eliza Bland; should she not out live Aunt Eliza, then at Aunt Eliza's death, to go to R. J. Brodnax, P. H. Brown & J. J. Brown equally in their children, or I give to my aunt Sallie D. Hodge, the plantation known as my quarter, the best of lands purchased by my father from his estate, together with all the negroes now kept on said farm, all of the stock of every description, belonging to said farm (horses, mules & cattle) farming utensils, and everything pertaining to said plantation; the foregoing property, both real and personal, given to Aunt Eliza Bland, and also that given to Aunt Sallie D. Hodge, is given to them during their natural lives; and at their death, to go to R. J. Brodnax, P. H. Brown and J. J. Brown, or their children, to be divided equally between the three, after first giving to R. J. Brodnax five thousand dollars, then the balance equally divided between R. J. Brodnax, P. H. Brown, & J. J. Brown, & their children of them & their children; the property to go to those surviving or their children; I hereby appoint Richard Brodnax as my Executor to carry out and execute this my last Will and Testament, without giving Bond and Security Witness: M. S. Williamson

R. J. Brodnax

C. Bland

State of Tennessee, Monday 4th March Term County Court 1861.
 Fayette County. This day was produced in open Court a paper Writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of C. Bland deceased, for probate thereof and thereupon came into open Court M. S. Williamson one of the decessor's witnesses to said paper Writing, who after being first duly sworn deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with C. Bland the testator, in his life time; that he was called upon by the said C. Bland, to sign said paper Writing as a witness thereto, and did so at the request and in the presence of, and that the said C. Bland is acknowledged in his presence and hearing that he signed and executed said paper Writing as his last Will and Testament.

and that he believed him, the said C. Bland to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same. It is therefore Ordered and declared by the Court that said paper Writing is that it purports to be, to wit: the last Will and Testament of the said C. Bland deceased, and that the same be established as such, and admitted to record.

And also was produced the day in open Court, another paper Writing, without date signed (C. Bland) as his last Will and Testament, in the disposition of his jewelry, there being no witness thereto; whereupon came in open Court M. S. Williamson, who after being first duly sworn deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with C. Bland the testator, in his life time; and that he had often seen him make Wills, and that his hand Writing was well known to him; and that he truly believes said paper Writing, and the signature thereto, and being that thereof to be the true proper hand Writing of the said C. Bland deceased, and that the said C. Bland the testator, a few days before his death, delivered to him, in proper presence the said M. S. Williamson, for safe keeping the said paper Writing, and also charged to him of R. J. Brodnax to that of M. S. Williamson in said paper Writing, and also made known to him, the said Williamson, the contents and purposes of said paper Writing, and requested him, the said Williamson, to deliver said paper Writing to R. J. Brodnax; and believed him, the said C. Bland, to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of making said request and delivering the same to him the said M. S. Williamson; It is therefore Ordered and declared by the Court that said paper Writing is that it purports to be, to wit: the last Will and Testament of C. Bland deceased in disposition of his jewelry, and that the same be established as such, and admitted to record; said last mentioned paper Writing is as follows:

As my last Will & Testament I leave to my Aunt Eliza Bland, my Watch and hair Chain, as long as she lives, at her death, to my Aunt S. D. Hodge, to dispose of as she pleases at her death, the said with my (C. Bland's) likeness & my letters in it, belongs to my Aunt Eliza Bland; my Diamond Ring I leave to R. J. Brodnax; Diamond Buttons to P. H. Brown; my Father's Watch to P. H. Brown; Breast pin with my father's likeness I leave to my Aunt S. D. Hodge; my Diamond Bust Pin to R. J. Brodnax; my Bent Gold headed cane to M. S. Williamson; as witness my hand and seal
 C. Bland

Amelia Jernigan

Will

I know all men that I, Amelia Jernigan, being of sound mind, and desiring to make this my last Will, First, I desire to Commend my Soul to God; and to have my body decently

buried, and I want all my just debts to be paid: In the next place, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Jernigan, my Negro Serv. Ellen, together with my Carriage, Wagon, Mule, and household furniture. And also, the said Elizabeth Jernigan, receives any thing from a suit in Court, in Eastern District Court in Tennessee, in reference to her dower; then in that part, I desire her, the said E. Jernigan, to pay to my daughter, Margaret Morgan, two hundred dollars, & having given to the best of my children her share, and equal share. And I hereby appoint my daughter, Elizabeth Jernigan, Executor to this last Will and Testament.

In testimony hereof, I have set my hand and seal the 15th day of March A.D. 1861

Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

Charles B. Field

Jesse Benton

Sealed & Witness

State of Tennessee, Monday 4th March Term Court 1861

Haystack County, 3rd at Court Meeting was the day produced in open Court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Amos Jernigan deceased for probate thereof; thereupon came into open Court Amos B. Pickens, one of the subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing, who being first duly sworn, deposes and swears that he was personally acquainted with the said Amos Jernigan, the testator in his life time and that he was called upon by him to sign said paper writing and did so at his request and in his presence; and also in the presence of Charles B. Field, and Jesse Benton, subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing, as Witnesses thereto, and that the said Jernigan signed said paper writing by making his mark thereon, and acknowledged the same in his presence and hearing as his last Will and Testament and that he believed the said Amos Jernigan to be of sound mind and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing said and acknowledging the same; It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court that said paper writing is that it purports to be, to wit: the last Will and Testament of Amos Jernigan deceased; and that the same be established as such; and admitted as such.

Attest: Charles B. Field

State of Tennessee

Haystack County, 3rd January 9th 1861

Will

I, Amos Jernigan, being of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testament, as follows:—

After paying all my just debts, I give to my aunt Eliza Blount, the wife of John Blount, deceased, all of the household furniture, stock of every description (horses, oxen, & cattle), farming utensils, every thing as it now stands upon the plantation, together with all the negroes now kept upon the place, the above property (both real and personal) given to my aunt Eliza Blount during her natural life; after her death, to go to my aunt Sally B. Blount, widow of the deceased Amos Blount; should she not outlive my aunt Eliza, then at my aunt Eliza's death, to go to Robt. Brodnax, P.D.B. Brown & Jeph. Brown, Equally or to their children. I give to my aunt Sally B. Blount, the plantation known as my granter's, the tract of land purchased by my father from St. Charles, together with all the negroes now kept on said place, all of the stock of every description belonging to said place, horses & cattle, farming utensils and every thing pertaining

to said plantation. The foregoing property, both real and personal, given to Aunt Eliza Blount, and also that given to Aunt Sally Blount, is given to them during their natural lives, and at their death, to go to Robt. Brodnax, P.D.B. Brown and Jeph. Brown or their children, to be divided Equally between the three, after first giving to Robt. Brodnax, Jeph. Brown and Jeph. Brown, the balance Equally divided between Robt. Brodnax, P.D.B. Brown & Jeph. Brown; should either of them die without children, the property to go to those surviving, or their children.

I hereby appoint Richard S. Brodnax, as my executor, to carry out and execute this my last Will and Testament, without giving Bond and security.

Witness: Wm. Williamson

R. S. Blount (Seal)

R. S. Blount

At my last Will & Testament, I give to my aunt Eliza Blount, my 1/2 of my land, as long as she lives, at her death, to my aunt S. B. Blount, to be divided as she pleases at her death. The Locket with my (Blount) Locket & my watch in it, belongs to my Aunt Eliza Blount, my Diamond Ring, I leave to Robt. Brodnax; Diamond buttons, to Dr. J. Brown; my Father's watch to S. B. Blount; my watch, with my station clock, I leave to my Aunt S. B. Blount; my Diamond Bracelet, to Robt. Brodnax; my best gold-headed cane, to Wm. Williamson as my executor, my best gold-headed cane, to Wm. Williamson as my executor, my best gold-headed cane, to Wm. Williamson as my executor.

(Endorse) Will disposing of Jewelry, & Blount.

State of Tennessee, Monday 4th March Term Court 1861

Haystack County, 3rd This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing, bearing date January 9th 1861, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Amos Jernigan deceased for probate thereof; and thereupon came into open Court, Wm. Williamson, one of the subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing, who after being first duly sworn, deposed and said that he was personally acquainted with Amos Jernigan the testator, in his life time, that he was called upon by the said Amos Jernigan to sign said paper writing as a witness thereto, and did so at his request, and in his presence; and that the said Amos Jernigan acknowledged in his presence and hearing, that he signed and executed said paper writing, as his last Will and Testament, and that he believed him to be of sound mind and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court, that said paper writing is that it purports to be, to wit: the last Will and Testament of the said Amos Jernigan deceased; and that the same be established as such and admitted to be such.

And also was produced this day in open Court, another paper writing, without date signed (Blount) as his last Will and Testament in the disposition of his Estate. There being no Witnesses thereto, thereupon came into open Court, Wm. Williamson, who after being first duly sworn, deposed and said that he was personally acquainted with Amos Jernigan the testator in his life time, and that he had often seen him make, and that he knew him to be of sound mind and disposing mind, and that he was called upon by the said Amos Jernigan to sign said paper writing as a witness thereto, and did so at his request, and in his presence; and that the said Amos Jernigan acknowledged in his presence and hearing, that he signed and executed said paper writing, as his last Will and Testament, and that he believed him to be of sound mind and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court, that said paper writing is that it purports to be, to wit: the last Will and Testament of the said Amos Jernigan deceased; and that the same be established as such and admitted to be such.