

acknowledges themselves bound to observe and do all such things as are required by the Court and ordered to be done now and that the said C. L. Allen was thereupon duly qualified as the law prescribes.

John T. Armour
Will

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

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that may be due me of or may first come into the hands of my Executor secondly I give and bequeath to my dear and beloved wife Barbara Julia and her natural life time and at her death thereafter make such disposal of them as she may think proper and I also and bequeath to my daughter Sophia Isabella the following slaves to wit Aドドson Carolina his wife & child to her heirs her bodily heirs - and I thereby give to my son Harris Armour Sally and Esie.

Thirdly I give to my son John Petersons a negro man to be held for Nathan Squier Lewis Joseph Edwards and Ruth to be retained on the farm for 2 years until it be thought practicable by the family to sell them sooner and at the expiration of two years if my wife thinks proper she shall keep the said negro subject to her will until her death then my children shall all be made equal my wife shall hold the proportion 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 Petersons Allto

I do direct whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 25th day of March 1858

First Mary M. Hart

Poly Baile

John T. Armour

State of Minnesota April Term County Court 1858
Taylors County 3rd This day was produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John T. Armour deceased and thereupon came into open Court Mary M. Hart and Poly Baile subscribing witness to the said paper writing who being first duly sworn deposed and say that they are personally acquainted with John T. Armour in his lifetime and that they were called on by him to sign said paper writing as witness thereto and were so in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other and that they saw him sign and hear him acknowledge the same to be his last Will and Testament and that they knew him to be of sound mind and disposing mind at the time of signing and attesting aforesaid paper writing.

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. Armour deceased and that the same be entered of record.

Henry Harris
Will

I Henry Harris of the County of Taylors and State of Minnesota being of sound and sound mind and in good health but knowing the uncertainty of human life do make and publish this my last last and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills made by me at any time.

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

Item 2nd I lend to my wife Phony Harris during her natural life four slaves Negro, Tom, Lewis, Nancy & Ann, also land her during her natural life two hundred & twenty acres land off the south end of my tract with all improvements theron, my son Howell 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 Phony Harris Clerks of all kinds necessary also house hold & Kitchen furniture as much of each and such as she thinks she need, also Bacon, corn, fodder, feed, sugar flour & for one year support.

Item 4th I lend to my grand daughter Elizabeth M. Brown to 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 Howell and the residue of my Negro and personal property to be equally divided between all my children the amount each one receive from me during my life time to be counted the share to each one 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 Estella 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 Howell Harris to him and his heirs and assigns forever, the Negro 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 five.

Item 7th Of the one hundred acres land loaned Elizabeth M. Brown Ammonelle 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 Bush Bowman, 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

securely but release them from me

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

J. L. Gause

Henry Harris Esq.

Frances G. Gause

Elizabeth Brown
mark

State of Pennsylvania April 1858 from County Court 1858
At the County 3rd this day was produced in open court a paper purporting it to be the last will and testament of Henry Harris Esq. and whereupon came into open court J. L. Gause and Elizabeth Brown and Elizabeth White, subscribing witnesses to the said paper writing and who being first duly sworn deposed and say that they were personally acquainted with the testator the said Henry Harris in his lifetime and that they were called on by him the said Henry Harris 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 Harris 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 commanded by the Court that said paper writing be established as the last will and testament of Henry Harris Esq. and that the same be witnessed and thereupon came into open court Joseph Harris, Alfred Harris and J. W. Harris who were appurtenant Esquire in said court with an instrument and not required to enter into bond with security, was therupon duly qualified in open court to carry out the true intent and meaning of said last will and testament of Henry Harris Esq. for

See by the Court

Charles Lyne Chair.

Malachi Morris

Will

I Malachi Morris of the County of Fayette in State of Pennsylvania being of sound and disposing mind and memory and long desirous while in this condition to dispose of my estate among the objects of my having no need for furtherance of my wishes and intentions make publick 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 settle upon my body the title of burial in such manner as they may think proper.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Morris, two negro slaves, to wit, Isaac, Nancy, John, Hartwell, George and his wife Adeline, Anna and Mary and Susannah, together with their future increase, also two bales and half a hundred and ten acres to be settled by her, and of the first choice also one yoke of oxen and a team, an boat complete, also two miles first choice and one buggy horse, the same to drive in my buggy, also fifteen hundred dollars in cash or good cash notes to arise out of the sale of my estate as herein after forwarded, also two thousand pounds of pork, fifty barrels of bacon and four barrels of fodder - The above named property I give to my beloved wife also entirely to her and her heirs forever, to as well and expense of, as she may think proper.

Thirdly, I have heretofore advanced some of money to my son James W. 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 James W. 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 valued 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 in the deduction 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 direct that said notes and accounts shall not be collected from him, and further that the said Note 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's land being the same that I purchased of J. G. Richardson and by him convey'd to me; for a more particular description of which I prefer to describe Richardson's tract to me now of record in the Register's office of Fayette County Pennsylvania, 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 families and issue

To Mr. Eliza and his children, Louisa, March, Yvonne, Linda, Elizabeth & James, Martha, and children Abby & Catherine Peter, I have also advanced to him in money and other property the sum of one hundred and ninety five dollars and thirty four cents. The sum of value at nine thousand two hundred and sixty two dollars and fifty cents. The negroes I value 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 four cents. This sum of thirteen thousand nine hundred and eighty three dollars and eighty four cents I wish to be regarded as an advancement to my son George W. Morris, and to be taken and estimated in the account, and charged against him in the division of my estate as herein after set forth.

If it please God 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 value 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, Job, to value Jacob, Lewis, Abby, Roger, Julie and Martha and her children and their future increase. The negro slaves I value at three hundred dollars. I have also expended upon him to enable him to obtain his Medical education large sums of money, and have otherwise advanced to him other sums of money making altogether a money advancement to the amount of seven thousand and 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 and restrictions, 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 so given to him as aforesaid, shall revert to my estate and be divided equally among my children, and the posthumous child of my daughter Mary B. Carter to be held by my son George Morris in trust for his and for her children and not to be subject in any manner to the debts or contracts of his husband, Isaac J. Carter, and in all things to be clothed with same trust conditions and restrictions as imposed upon the property herein after given to her, and intended for her. My children above named to wit, my sons James W. Morris, George W. Morris and my daughter Mary B. Carter, and should either one of them at the happening of such contingency die, then the grand children or children as aforesaid to represent the stock of the deceased parents. Lastly, I have heretofore advanced and given to my daughter Mary B. Carter, wife of Isaac J. Carter in consideration

sum of three thousand two hundred and forty three dollars and five cents. I have also loaned to Mary G. Carter, and from the labor and services of the following named negro slaves to wit, Millie Charles, Bob, Anna, Tom, Penny, Matilda, Marriet, Simon, Sarah, Isipu, Lear, Tom, Edga, Sam, Anthony, Abby and Alice, the above named negro slaves, I do allow at three thousand nine hundred dollars. And wishing to bequeath 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 G. Carter and her children, those now living as well as those that hereafter may be born is held in fee for their use and benefit all the abovesigned negro slaves and their future increase in this clause above named.

I also give and devise to my son George W. Morris as such trustee and to hold in fee for like uses and purposes, two hundred acres of land on which the said Isaac J. Carter and his wife Mary G. now, now, lying on the North side of the road running west from Mason and adjoining the lands of Dr. Readell being the same tract of land conveyed to me by said Isaac J. Carter, for a more particular description of which referred is made in said Deed 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 thousand dollars. I have further advanced to my said daughter Mary G. 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 G. & her children, all of which will be fully shown by referring to said Deed of Gift now registered in said County of Fayette. I have also loaned in money to said Isaac J. Carter Twenty two dollars and thirty 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 eighteen 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 the aggregate amount I wish to be charged against said Mary G. 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 G. 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 this 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 G. Carter and her children now living and that may hereafter be born of her, and shall permit the said Mary G. to have and enjoy for her use and benefit and for the support and education of her children, the profits arising from the labor and services of said negro slaves as well as the use and profits of said land and those negro slaves and every one of them and their future increase as well as their services, labor and hire, on the tract of land, shall by said trustee be held for ever and forever discharged from any and all debts, contracts and liabilities of the said Isaac J. Carter, of every estate

and discretion whatever said the said Trustee is hereby constituted with full power to receive for his use and expenses the estate or accumulation to him in trust as aforesaid for the use and benefit of my daughter Mary B. 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 sold, and appropriate the proceeds of such slaves to his use and benefit; and for the support and benefit, and for the support and education of her children, and with a view to that end, shall have him as such Trustee with full power & authority in the premises stand upon the death of my daughter, the said Mary B. Carter, my son George W. Morris as such Trustee shall take possession of my said negro slaves and the said lands, and shall collect and receive said lands and negro slaves for the use and benefit of the children of said Mary B. Carter, to the entire exclusion of her late husband the said Isaac J. Carter, and shall never permit said negro slaves or any one of them to be removed out of the County of Gloucester or out of Gloucester - It is my will and desire that Isaac J. Carter shall have no further portion of my estate or have any benefit directly or indirectly under my will, and that the bequest and devise herein as aforesaid as well as hereinafter made in trust for the benefit of my daughter Mary B. and her children, shall be held for the use and benefit of her the said Mary B. and her children and the survivors of them, to the intent and condition of the said Isaac J. Carter, so forthly - It is my will and desire and it is my main intent that my Executors herein after named and appointed after giving general notice of the time and place of sale by printed hand bills and announcements in one or more news papers shall sell the residue of my estate after payment of satisfaction of such special legacies, at publick auction to the highest bidder - The sale to be made at my present residence on the negro slaves and personal property to be sold on a credit 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 purchased 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 until a year 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 Bills of Sale for the negroes and a Deed or Deeds for the land -

Eighthly: It is my will and desire and it is my main intent that my executors vend up my estate as soon as practicable to meet to the best advantage for the interests of all concerned - Now that my will is now made and intentions may be more fully known, I do declare that it is my will and desire and intention that my executors to Morris, George W. Morris, my daughter Mary B. and my grandson Edmund J.

whether shall all be made equal in the division and distribution of my estate, and for that reason and to accomplish that purpose I have upon this the present occasion and given as wide as the amount thereof, so that neither doubt or difficulty can arise in knowing what my intentions are, or in carrying them out - After the payment of my just debts and funeral charges, and other 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 lands negroes and all other property, be equally divided among my two sons James W. Morris, George W. Morris, my daughter Mary B. Carter and my grandson Edmund J. Walker before being had to the above specified amounts advanced and given to each - In that no misconstruction may arise here, I state more explicitly the basis of the division to be made the amount of the specific Legacy and advancements to my son George W. Morris is thirty thousand nine hundred and eighty three dollars and eighty five cents. To George W. Morris, can receive no part of the proceeds of the sale aforesaid, until my son James W. Morris my daughter Mary B. Carter and my grandson Edmund J. Walker are all and each made equal to him being to out of the proceeds of the sale aforesaid that is unto each and James W. Morris, Mary B. Carter and Edmund J. Walker shall receive such sum out of the proceeds of the sale aforesaid, as will of the money on hand or note for money due me as will make the share of each amount to £ 13983¹³ before being had to the amount of the specific Legacies and advancements to each as herein before set out and declared - After all shall have thus made equal, the balance of the proceeds of such sale and of money on hand and collected out of rods and account due me, I wish to be equally divided among my two sons James W. Morris, George W. Morris, my daughter Mary B. Carter and my grandson Edmund J. Walker My sons James W. Morris and George W. Morris, and my grandson Edmund J. Walker to have and to hold the Legacy given to each absolutely in full, except that Edmund J. Walker shall hold the negro slaves given to him upon the conditions and with the restrictions and limitations as to his dying without leaving issue as aforesaid - The share of my estate to Mary B. Carter, as well the specific Legacy and divisor as her share in the division of the proceeds of the sale aforesaid and the money on hand, and arising from note and account due me to be held by the said George W. Morris as Trustee aforesaid and for the uses and purposes above set out and indicated and on no wise to be subject to the debts contracts, or liabilities of her husband the said Isaac J. 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 described for the use and benefit of said Mary B. Carter and her children, or in the exercise of his best judgement and discretion he should think fit 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 so referred 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 out of the sales of the land Negro and other property, in 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 said tract here above acres, or if he shall think fit for the family to my self and convey the said two hundred acres and with the proceeds of the sale thereof and the said sum above the same to purchase another tract of land for the use and benefit, as aforesaid of said Mary to. Carter and her children, to be held in Trust as aforesaid for the uses and purposes aforesaid.

The residue of the money falling to said Mary to. Carter and myself from the sales aforesaid, and the money due me and 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 of trust upon undivided security, and use and appropriate such interest in the education of the children of said Mary to. Carter, and upon the death of said Mary to. Carter the said lands and negro slaves 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 to. Carter, then surviving, or if she be dead, bearing issue surviving, such issue to have the share of deceased parents - if living would be entitled to.

And further to know how to 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 sales aforesaid and the money aforesaid and due me, be not sufficient to make my other children and my grand son equal with George W. Morris, George W. refund and pay over to each until all are equal - then no fear however that it will be necessary for him to refund, etc if necessary he must do so -

Lastly, I hereby appoint my two sons James W. Morris and George W. Morris, Executors of this my last Will and Testament - in witness of all which I have here set my hand and seal this 7th day of April 1858

In testimony before signing

Mal Morris (test)

and sealing -

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 New York, July First County Court 1858

On the County of Ulster this day was produced and exhibited to the Court a written paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Malachi Morris dec'd who had his last residence in the County of Ulster and State of New York, And thereupon came into open Court John Jones and W. S. Morris, the subscribing witnesses to the same, who after being duly sworn, deposed and say that they were well acquainted with the said Malachi Morris, the said Testator; that he signed, sealed and established 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 so 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 abiding their names as WITNESSES thereto in the presence of the said Malachi Morris the said Testator, and in the presence of an 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 bond in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars payable and conditioned as the law directs, with W. C. Melan, John St. Melan, Samuel J. Nutt and Calvin Jones, as their securities, which bond was acknowledged in open Court by the said obligors 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

Received by the Court

Charles Lynn Chairman

Margaret Cox
Will

I Margaret Cox of the County of Franklin in the State of Pennsylvania do make and publish & this as my last Will & Testament.

I 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 a double Marble Monument be placed over the grave of Joseph Cox my late husband & myself in the grave ground at Sommerville Cemetery with such inscriptions as my friends or relatives may direct & that the costs of same not to exceed of thirteen Dollars.

Item Second: I give & bequeath to my slaves George & Linda with the except of those whom I 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 some time the title here shall be in my said grand daughter Alice whom I leave with total trust & humanity the said slaves George & Linda to be the sole separate property of said Alice & independent of the control of any husband she may have.

Item Third: Whereas my husband Joseph Cox by virtue of his will changed Sally Mr. Cox with Twenty five hundred Dollars which he paid afterwards as endowment for Samuel Cox & Henry his son to make him equal with my other grand children so will & direct that she receive from my estate in slaves to the value of Twenty five hundred Dollars as a special legacy to be held by my Nephew Sipho Cox a resident of Florida & directed for the said Sally Mr. Cox independent of any legacies she may have the proceeds & hire of said slaves to be used by said Sally Mr. Cox to have for her sole & separate use.

Item Fourth: after the payment of any debts due & death that all the rest & residue of my property be equally distributed among my grand children viz: Alice, Sally Mr. Cox, Alice Cox & Lavinia & Sipho G. Cox & their heirs & descendants of them as may be surviving at my death in accordance with the following directions viz: The slaves & interests which may be going to my grand daughter Alice & Sally Mr. Cox & their heirs to be for their sole & separate use independent of the control of any husband they or any of them may have & in no way to be liable for debts or contracts of such husband or husband and with the further direction that my Nephew Sipho Cox who now resides in the state of Florida to take control & management of the property herein mentioned in my grand daughter Alice's name & manage it as trustee for her & her heirs without giving any bond or security for same. That slaves to my three grand sons to be to them & their heirs forever.

I do hereby nominate & appoint my Nephew Sipho Cox who now resides in Florida & I. Caldwell a resident of Franklin County Penn. Executives to this my last will & testament.

I do in consideration of my hand & seal this the 20th day of July A.D. 1857

Test

Ruth A. Henry
John Caldwell

Margaret Cox Esq^r

Beccid: I Margaret Cox am making my foregoing Will here conclude to modify same in this particular. I wish to my daughter in law Ruth A. Henry of my late Lawyer Mr. Cox due to all the house hold & furniture consisting of every sort & kind I have & own, in addition to house keeping to be her absolute property in her own right & to be disposed of as she may deem proper this date 28th 1857

Test
S. A. Hill
Robert W. Murphy
Rich'd H. Harry
John Caldwell

Margaret Cox Esq^r

State of Pennsylvania March Seven County Court 1858
of the County An instrument or paper in long purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Margaret Cox who deceased dies left 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 therof - Said paper writing bearing date 20th day of July A.D. 1857 & signed before her 28th 1857 - which said paper writing is stated by Ruth A. Henry & John Caldwell thereupon came the said Richard Harry & John Caldwell in open Court & were duly sworn to answer questions, who state that they & each of them signed & attested as witness at the request of said Margaret Cox the said paper writing on the respective days that it bear date & was her pleasure as her last Will & Testament and that they each of them state that the said Margaret Cox 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 Cox & death or her that the same be duly recorded.

Lucy F. Lyne
Will

I Lucy F. Lyne of the County of Fayette in
State of Pennsylvania, being of sound mind and
desiring memory do make this my last Will and Testament and
I give to my Stephen Stephen R. Watkins my Negro boy slave
I give to my Stephen Thomas Watkins my Negro boy slave
I give to my Niece Ann R. Watkins my Negro Woman slave, and
her son Henry to her during her natural life, and at her death to her
children.

I give to my Niece Lucy Lins Watkins my Negro boy Negro man slave
to her during her natural life, and at her death to her children
Should the said Negro woman slave have future increase, between
they may be equally divided between my Nieces Mary Jane Watkins
and Annath Lucy Watkins.

I give to my Niece Lucy M. Watkins, after my just debts and taxes, all
the money due me on a note I held against the Estate of Rueben Jenkins
deceased also all that is due on a note I held against her the sum of forty
Mr. Watkins for services rendered dollars.

My writing date I give to my Niece Susan P. Hartley, my balance left to
my Niece Martha W. Burford, The balance of my furniture I give to
my Niece Mary R. Watkins.

I hereby appoint and desire my friend Alex. Blue Bottland 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

Just

Lucy F. Lyne

Junius G. Moore

State of Pennsylvania August Term County Courts 1858
Say the County 3 This day having been produced in open Court
a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Lucy F. Lyne deceased there being but one subscribing witness to said
paper Junius G. Moore there came into open Court with the said
Junius G. Moore the said subscribing witness to said paper writing
John B. Ballou who being first duly sworn deposed and says
that he was personally well acquainted with the said Lucy F.
Lyne the testator in her lifetime and he is perfectly familiar
with her hand writing and has often seen her write, and he truly
believes that her signature as appears to said paper writing is
in her own proper hand writing and also that he recently saw
said paper writing to be in her own proper hand writing.

And thereupon came into open Court Junius G. Moore a subscriber
witness to said paper writing and who being first duly sworn
deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with
Lucy F. Lyne the testator in her lifetime and that he was called
on by the said Lucy F. Lyne to witness said paper writing and
signed the same as witness thereto at her request and on her
presented, and that he saw the said Lucy F. Lyne sign said paper
writing and that he knew her acknowledge the same to be
last Will and Testament, and that he believes the same to be

wound and discharging 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. Lyne deceased and that the same be admitted to Record.

J. B. Muller who was appointed Executor in said last Will and Testa-
ment and having declined to act or qualify as such - and upon applica-
tion it is ordered by the Court that Wm. B. Worth be appointed
Administrator with the Will annexed of all and singular the Goods
and chattels rights and credits of the said Lucy F. Lyne deceased and there-
fore the said Wm. B. Worth came into 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 thereunto and gave as his security an said
Romeo P. G. Pulliam who also came into open Court and signed and
acknowledged the same as such security, thereunto which Bond was Rec-
ognized by the Court and ordered to be Recorded and whereupon the said
Wm. B. Worth was then duly qualified as the law prescribes, in open
Court.

James A. Burgoj,
Webb

Mr. Towles 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:

First My Negro Woman to be given to my Sister Sallie
Rolly to be given to my Sister Jennie the Ashaway.

And Julia to be given to Brother Eaton, and you'll act on my Estate
here in the

presence of } July 7th 1858
John W. Towles }
J. A. Cherry }
C. H. Friesar }

A paper writing purporting to be the non capacitive Will of James A. Burgoj
deceased, was this 9 day of August 1858 presented to the Worshipful the
Honorable Court of Fayette County Pennsylvania 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 W. Towles and William
Eaton and J. A. Cherry that said James A. Burgoj 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 a copy whereof and same
by the Court that said paper writing be admitted to probate as the
non capacitive Will of said James A. Burgoj. And thereupon came into
open Court John W. Towles who was appointed Executor in the
non capacitive Will of said James A. Burgoj deceased and entered into bond
as such Executor himself as principal in the sum of thirty two hundred

dollars and damages and acknowledge the same in open Court said Bond contended as the law directs and gave as his bond to a sum of \$1000. Mr. Scott and C. H. Foster who also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court as Sureties in said Bond which sum was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded and the said John McGehee was then and duly qualified in open Court as the law prescribes as such Surety.

Martha Fellow's
Will

In the name of God, Amen & Martha Fellow of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, 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 command 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 Waller all my estate real and personal of which I may be possessed to her own proper use and benefit, and it is my desire that if my Niece Mary E. Brown desire at any time need the assistance of friends, that in that case my beloved Jane Waller constitute to her aid in such manner as she may find convenient, to her execs in such.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my said Sister Jane Waller sole executrix of this my last will and testament, In testimony whereof I have unto set my hand & seal this 22nd day of July, anno Domini 1857

Martha Fellow ^{her signature}
Witnesse
M. R. W.
D. G. Foster
C. H. Bogart

mark

State of Pennsylvania, September, Union County Court, 1858
Fayette County, This day was produced in open Court a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha Fellow deceased for probate thereof and thereupon came into open Court Mr. Abner James & C. H. Foster subscribing witnesses to said paper writing whereupon said witness deposed and say that they each of them were personally acquainted with said Martha Fellow the Testator in her lifetime and that they were called on by the said Martha Fellow the Testator to sign said paper writing as witness thereto, and that they agreed thereto as witnesses to said paper writing in her presence at her request and that they saw her make her mark to said paper writing and heard her avow she left the same to be her last Will and Testament, and that they only 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 is established as the last Will and Testament of said Martha Fellow deceased.

and ordered to be recorded.

John Thompson came into open Court James Walker who was appointed Executor in due last Will and Testament and came into Court his self as aforesaid, testified as the law directs in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and gave as his bond to John Thompson and H. S. Foster who also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged the same as Sureties thereto which sum was received by the Court and ordered to be recorded, with the said James Walker was then duly qualified as Executor in open Court as the law prescribes.

Cashier W. Brown,
Will

Cashier 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 form following to wit, etc. all my just debts to be paid.

1st At my death I give unto my great grand children the sum of my gross son Melvin B. Waller and his wife Margaret Jane Waller natural body the following negro slaves Charles, Betty, Sally, John, Sam & their increase my Grandson James Waller B. Waller is to have the use of said negroes as long as he should live Charles, Charles and Betty Waller good care of.

2nd I give my Grandson Mr. B. Waller my horses and carriage all my cattle and hogs and waggon.

3rd I give unto my three Grand daughters Harriet C. Brown, Sarah C. Brown and Helen L. M. C. Brown all of my house hold furniture to be equally divided between them I appoint Ruth James Seale my Executor to this my last Will and Testament. Brown under my hand and seal this 13th 1858

Ruth J. M. Waller
Smith Newlin

Cashier W. Brown

State of Pennsylvania, September, Union County Court, 1858
Fayette County, This day was produced in open Court a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Esther W. Brown deceased for probate thereof and thereupon came into open Court C. H. Bobo and Smith Newlin subscribers witnesses to said paper writing who being first duly sworn deposed and say that they were personally acquainted with Esther W. Brown the Testator in her life time, 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 knew her acknowledge that she required 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 is established as the last Will and Testament of the said Esther W. Brown deceased and that the same be admitted to record.

Dr. James Hales who was appointed Executor in said last Will and Testament came into open Court in person and declined acting as such Executor. And upon application to the Court it is ordered that Rufus H. Benson be appointed Executor with the Will annexed to carry out the true intent and meaning of said last Will and Testament, whereupon the said Rufus H. Benson came into open Court and administered to the same as such Administrator with the Will annexed, acknowledged as the law directs and acknowledged the same in open Court as for in effect sum to the sum of One Thousand Dollars, and gave as his bond to an acre of land

Per Benson and J. P. Brian who also came into open Court and
Sigma and acknowledged the same in open Court as such documents which
Bona was bound by the Court and returned to the Plaintiff and the Court.
John A. Benson was then duly qualified as a Notary Public,
and with the Will annexed to the law passed.

Will of
Rain A. McLaughlin

I do remember that before went
to a County Court began and held for
the County of Stewart and State of
New York Monday the 2nd day of April 1855 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 Rain A. McLaughlin deceased was produced in
open Court and the Recitation thereof duly given by the
Clerks of John S. Brown and Jonathan Nolen subscribing
unto it and the same is ordered to be Recorded
and Leander C. McLaughlin the Executor thereto named
came into Court and was duly sworn as the Law directs.
It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letter Testimony
is given to Leander C. McLaughlin Executor as aforesaid.
The before mentioned Will is in the words and figures following
(to wit)

Rain A. McLaughlin of the County of Franklin
State of New York being in full health but of sound mind
desiring Mind Make and publish this as my last Will and
Testament.

1st. It is my direction that all my just debts be paid
2nd. After the payment of my debts then I direct that all my
Property both Real and Personal of every kind and description
whatever be Equally divided between my beloved wife Leander
McLaughlin and my three dear sons Leander C. John S. and
Charles Alexander McLaughlin share and share alike.

3rd. That in the division of my slaves my said wife to
have of the slaves my boy Tom and about thirty five years
old and my girl Peggy now about eight years old
they are to be Valued at their fair Cash value in two
divisions and Constituted to that extent part of her in
my Estate.

4th. The place upon which I now live would in my opinion
be worth more valuable to my heirs than in money and
I suggest for their consideration that they own and
hold the same jointly and that when they shall die
all legatees and not to allow of any contrast of claim.

of success here by strangers or third persons.

5th. My just debts owing by any of said children herein named
I consider them as my own debts and direct them to be paid in my
own debt herein before mentioned.

6th. I hereby appoint my son Leander C. McLaughlin Executor to this
Will and give him full power to execute all deeds that may have
been out for titles and to manage my said Estate under this
Will as his judgment shall dictate not intending hereby as in any
wise to hold him accountable for any mistake he may make in the
executing of the same - and because I have the most full and com-
plete 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 here unto set my hand and seal this
6th day of March 1855

That I
John S. Brown
J. T. Nolen

Rain A. McLaughlin

Will of
Benjamin Becker

I Benjamin Becker Considering the uncertainty of
my 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.

Whereas I direct that all of my just debts shall be paid
before I die I give and bequeath to my beloved wife I. G. Becker and
my son R. W. Becker the Plantation on which I live with all of
my stock of cattle of every kind, horses, Mules, Sheep, Dogs, Cows &
Pigs, all of 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
Sarah, Reb, Tom, Angelina and her child Charles, Lucy &
Mary, Ennis Pet and Henry and any other children which the
said female may have and to hold to my said wife I. G.
Becker and my said son R. W. all of the said property for ever
during their joint lives but, if my said son R. W. should
die, my said wife I. G. living 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 said slave
Tom, who on the death of my said son R. W. to give and bequeath
to my son Thomas J. Becker upon the death of my said wife I. G. to my
said son R. W. being also dead, I Will and direct that my said
plantation shall be equally divided between my two sons
Nicholas D. and John J. Becker and the said slaves mentioned in
this the second clause of my Will shall go to and be the property
of my said son Thomas J. Becker of my said wife I. G. should
die my said son R. W. surviving 8 years and dying with the

whole of the said property to him the said Plaintiff except my said Slave Sam, whom I give and bequeath to my son Thomas S.; but of my said son Henry to whom he shall be leaving no legitimate issue, then and in that event, I will and do direct that my said plantation shall be equally divided between my two sons Nicholas 19 and John A. Coates and the said Slaves together with the income of the female shall go to and be the property of my said two sons Thomas & Coates.

Clause 3rd My debts up to be charged upon 2/3 part of the four thousand property mentioned in the second clause of this my Will I mean by four thousand property all the property herein mentioned except slaves.

Clause 4th I give and bequeath to my son Thomas S. that his woman Jenny and her children, which said slaves now in his possession, together with the future increase of the females.

Clause 5th I give to my son Nicholas 19 Coates my negro woman Helen and her four children together with the future increase of the female.

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

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

Benjamin Coates

Signed, sealed, published
and declared, as and for
his last Will & Testament
by his testator in our presence
in his presence and at
his request, have subscribed
the same, as to the premises thence
for witnesses

J. W. Smith

J. A. Hill

I Benjamin Coates having made my last Will and Testament on 18th day of July 1856 to make and ordain this writing as a Codicil thereto. I will and direct that the planter whom where I lately purchased of Robert Chapman, be sold by my Executor in such terms as they think best for the interest of my heirs & representatives, either at publick or private sale as they may determine and that the proceeds of sale be applied in first payment of the four thousand money which may be owing for land, and that the balance be equally distributed among all my heirs & representatives, as to the my said estate the 12th day of July 1857

Benjamin Coates

Signed, sealed, published
declared, as and for his last Will and Testament
in our presence who in his
presence and at his request
have subscribed the same.

Roger Carter
J. R. Mosby.

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 Esq. for Probate thereof and therupon came into open Court J. A. Hill one of the subscribers unto 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 in 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 and declared the said paper writing to be his last Will and Testament in his presence, it is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of the said Benjamin Coates Esq. 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 Esq. and therupon came into open Court Roger Carter 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 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 believed him to be sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing the same; it is therefore ordered and directed by the Court that said paper writing which is attached to the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Coates Esq. 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 the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ 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 enjoining all others by me hereof made -

Item First & such my Executrix hereafter to be named to pay all of my just debts as soon after my decease as possible -

Item Second, I wish all my property of every kind and description kept together on my lands in Fayette County Tennessee on the plantation kept up and lands cultivated just as though I was alive; until my oldest child arrives at the age of twenty one years or marries the said child Martin 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 arrives 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 Stock which I have in the Memphis and Louisville 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 marry 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 attain or come to full age, then I will that part so left be and bequeathed to the child shall die to be equally divided amongst all of the remaining children left to be kept together by my Executor until each one of the remaining children shall arrive to full age or marry and no male child arrived at the age of twenty one years or marries then I wish allotted

to each one an equal share of the portion that may be allotted to said child until she may die - and the part so allotted to each of my daughters I wish to be further sole and separate use of my said daughter you from the debts of any husband she may marry during the life of said daughter if none and at her death to be equally divided amongst the children of said daughter.

Item Third, in case of my beloved wife Betsy Ann shall remain a widow and so long as she remains a widow I wish her to be supported on my plantation in a gentle 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 shall have accrued 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 occurs to be entitled and used by her during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided amongst all my children.

Item the Fourth - I wish my Executor for the proceeds of my Corp 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 Corp 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 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 and easiest in the use and benefit of the estate - and I direct that he may sell any Stock that he may acquire 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 his hand as Executor, give my word to my hand and seal this 14th January 1859.

Signed and sealed in our presence the date above written,

John C. Corbin

O. Dickman

State of Tennessee January Term County Court 1859.
Fayette County, ^{on the day foregoing in the year of our Lord} Ch. Paper written and signed to be the last Will and Testament of Laban Holt Dated for Laban Holt and witnessed by John C. Corbin and Oliver Dickman testifying before me and preparing who affixing first duly sworn deposes and say that they were personally acquainted with the said Laban Holt

In testator and that the said paper writing to be his last Will and Testament and that they were called up by the said Testator Holt to sign the said paper writing as Testator's choice and did so at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other and that they only believed the said Testator 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 including its purports to be from the last Will and Testament of John Holt Decedent and that the same have been fully proven and established according to the acts of Assembly in such Case made and affirmed. It is further ordered by the Court that the said Will be recorded. And therefore Committed Open Court Thomas Rivers who was appointed in said last Will and Testament as Executor choice 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 for payment of him on his bond as such Executor and Trustee the said Thomas Rivers were then and still is qualified to carry out the true intent and meaning of said last Will and Testament as executed thereto in Open Court as the law prescrib'd.

Elizabeth Olive

Will

I Elizabeth Olive, do make & declare
to be my last Will & Testament.
I do hereby give & bequeath to my beloved
Blair Barker heretofore Brother & now
Barker, or his survivors of them, the sum of £100, on which he all now
earns, & which was devised to me by Blair Barker, to be used by them
or his survivors of them so long as they live, as herein mentioned; and in
the event of a marriage by either or any of them, then their intent is in a
husband & wife, & they so marrying to have no further control or a share
of same: And at the death of all my survivors before the said house
is sold to above named to go to Blair & his absolute property of any
child Blair above named in his & wife's power: The right intent of
this Testimonial provision being to provide a home to my un-married
Sister & my children so long as they may choose to use the same, having
at all times more than £100 a year. This the 3rd day of December AD 1822.
Signed in the presence of
John McIlroy
John McIlroy

State of Mississippi, No. 10, County of Court No. 1

Fayal County, 3rd This day was produced in Open Court a paper writing
pertaining to be his last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Olive named in paper
writing above, and thereupon committed open Court Elizabeth Holt for his
M. Clerk certifying before her said paper writing, that being first duly
sworn deposes and says that they have previously acquainted with

Elizabeth Olive the Testatrix, in her life time, were that they were called upon by the
said Elizabeth Olive to witness the same as her last Will and Testament, and
deposited same as Testaper choice in her presence, and at her request, and
that they and her brother John Holt, one heard her acknowledge the same to be her last
will and testament, and that they believe her to be of sound and disposing
mind and memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same.

It is therefore ordered and directed by the Court, that said paper writing be
published as the last Will and Testament of the said Elizabeth Olive aforesaid
and that the same be admissible to record. —

Will
of
Alice Stevens

In the name of God, amen. I, Alice Stevens, of the County
of Fayette and State of Mississippi, being in good health of body,
and of sound mind, and being desirous to sette my
Worldly affairs whilst I have Strength and Capacity,
do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former
Wills by me at any time herefore 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 G. Stevens, during her natural life, the
tract of land on which I now reside containing three hundred and twenty five acres, also
the house thereon lying immediately North of said tract, and which is a part of the six
tract, also, all my growing utensils, or so much thereof as she may need, also all
my household and kitchen furniture, and a full supply of corn and fodder, oats
and other feed of all kinds necessary for stock; also a plentiful supply of Pork,
Lamb, mutton and twenty five pounds of good brown sugar, one hundred pounds of
good Coffee, five barrels of good flour, and sufficiency of every other article necessary
for family use for one year; I also give her the following named negroes to her
Alexander, Britton and his wife Lucretia, and their Master, Adams, Meley,
Lucius, Caroline, Calvin, David, Monroe, with their wives; also, one
good mule Waggon, and four choice horses, with the Waggon 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 will, or otherwise, to Mr. 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 ten Pairs of
New, 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 granted to my wife unconditionally.

Item 4th; all my negroes, not named above, & money over and above
what is disposed of above, is to be divided into three equal parts, after the
payment of the expenses of the sale of the land, which I desire may be sold,
one part of which I give to my son, J. H. Stevens, one part to my daughter
Elizabeth Matheson, and the third of my body, and one part to each of them
as trustee for the use and benefit of the body heirs of my daughter.

Sayd done testifying, and that a copy of the body part of my daughter Lucy Anna Smith die before they become of age full term said there part shall be held by said trustee for the use and benefit of her survivors.

Item 5. I hereby constate and appoint Jeth. P. Miller, Esq. of this my last Will and Testament, my attorney and power to sell that part of the my tract of land which has not been given to my wife and to make a deed to the same; Also I hereby bestow both power and authority to sell the lands given to my wife (after her death) unto my son or heirs to the same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 12th day of November One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.

Witness: Thomas J. Phillips
John L. Scott
Wm. A. Hastings

Attestion: C. P.

¶ State of Simpson, County Court Fayette County, January Term, 1859.
Fayette County ¶ An instrument, or paper Writing, purporting to be the last

Will and Testament of Alvin Atthens who departed this life in this County, on the day of December 10, 1858, at his residence, in this County he resided at the time of his death, was produced to the Court for probate thereof & the executors, Thomas J. Phillips & John L. Scott, heirs of the testator, being directed to file the said paper Writing, bearing date November 12, 1858, it purporting to be the last Will & Testament of said Alvin Atthens, after having been duly sworn deposing that they were acquainted with the said Atthens, at & known to the executors of said paper Writing by him, that the said Alvin Atthens, at the time of his death, resided in Fayette County, Simpson, & that he signed some paper Writing as his last Will and Testament on the day it bears date, and that they at his request, on the same 12th day of November 1858, signed same as Probate, & his presence & at his request, as his last Will & Testament, & that they & each of them truly believed that the said Atthens at the time of the execution of said paper Writing, & at the time they witnessed same, had a sound & distinguishing mind & memory. It is therefore considered by the Court that such instrument, or paper Writing as aforesaid is that it purports to be, the last Will & Testament of said Atthens 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 & direct the said instrument of Writing as aforesaid, as the last Will & Testament of the said Alvin Atthens deceased & gives full credit that the said Will be Recorded. - And Whereas Jeth. P. Miller, the trustee named in said last Will & Testament came into Court & laid claim to lands in the sum of Sixty Thousand dollars annually as principal & gains of said lands & Thomas Miller as his attorney for the performance of said trust which said lands was acknowledged by the parties & received by the court as satisfactory & thereupon said Jeth. P. Miller was duly qualified as Executor of said last Will & Testament of said Alvin Atthens deceased.

Will of
William Swift

In the name of God, man, & William Swift, of the County of Fayette and State of Simpson, do this 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1857, make this my will and testament:

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 and C. H. Swift, W. D. Swift (unmarried) and Eliza C. Jones, the amount of Twelve hundred dollars each; and I wish my minor 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 schooled and boarded & educated out of my estate, free of charge; I also appoint my sons, C. H. Swift, W. D. Swift, my executors, either one or all may act, and should I and my wife die before all of my chattels pass, or be one 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 trust it out, as they may think most advisable for the interest of my heirs, and I also wish the trust of one of my heirs in case of purchase of the estate of Edmund H. Jackson shall be sold at any time after my death, as my wife and executors may think proper and best 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 and C. H. Swift (one legatee). In testimony whereof I have at my home & seal this day and date first written

Witness: J. H. Scott
A. J. Cooke

¶ State of Simpson, County Court, March Term, Monday, the 7th March 1859.
Fayette County ¶ A paper Writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mr. W. D. Swift as he was this day produced in Open Court for probate thereof, and there presented into open court, A. J. Cooke and A. J. Cooke, subscribing witnesses to the said paper Writing, who being first duly sworn, deposed and say that they were personally acquainted with the said W. D. Swift, the testator, in his life time, and that they were called upon by the said W. D. Swift, to sign the said paper Writing as Attestors thereto, and that they did so at his request, and in his presence and that the said W. D. Swift acknowledged in their presence and hearing, that he signed and executed said paper Writing, as his last Will and Testament for the purpose therein mentioned, and that they believe him, the said W. D. Swift, the testator, to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore considered by the court that the said paper Writing has been fully established as the last Will and Testament of the said W. D. Swift deceased, and that the same be admitted to record.

Will of
Jeth. P. Smith

J. Jno P. Smith, of Fayette County & State of Simpson, do make & declare this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all other wills made by me, c.

Item 1st I direct that my debts be paid, as soon as practicable after my death.

Item 2nd I give unto my wife, Eliza, during her natural life

In witness whereof, the land or lands on which the above named testator now stands, cause for the benefit of his wife & children, Agnes Davis & William Jane Smith, as a sume. I also give to my wife in the sume of \$1000 to dispose of as she pleases, from my estate, but, nevertheless, I give to Peter & Billie, also, two other daughters, her three hours or more to care & culture, one Barnard & George, and Chapman's girls, 2 sons & 2 daughters, the land of both houses, all of the property on land, 2 Red houses, all the household & kitchen furniture, and house.

Item 5^o To Agnes B. & Billie P. & C. I give & bequeath to them, during my life, \$1000, fully payable, being (without) Payable & Receivable, at first to be kept & remained undivided for their use & enjoyment, until my ultimate age of 15 years, then a division may be made of the same by these witnesses, One Paid & Received, to each of said Daughters, to them, same shall hence forward.

Item 6^o To my daughter Penelope John Smith, I give & bequeath, heretofore & hereto
till, Sally Ann, Mary, Bobby, Elizabeth, Anna, Anne, & Emma, to have & to hold the same, to her & the heirs of her body forever.

Item 7^o To my Grand Children, Ruth, Martha, and Christopher & Linda, children of James & Rosina A. Smith, I give & bequeath, heretofore & hereto
till, and long thereafter, 1/16th part of stock in the New Haven & Boston
Hartford & New Haven, also 1/16th part of stock in the New Haven & Boston
Hartford Company, which said stocks, shares & stock to be given, is to be held
by my son, Samuel G. Smith, as trustee manager for my said Grand Children.

Item 8^o To my daughter Penelope John Smith, by her name to be
known to be born, I give & leave, Jacob & Anna, to be known, and called by
said son, S. G. Smith, for their use & benefit, independent of the control of the
husband of the said Penelope John Smith, in as may be held & payable, etc.

Item 9^o To my son John E. Smith, I give & bequeath, to him, all, &
whatever he has & will receive, also, all my land & property, of open land
(not timbered) he holds & holds to him this hand present.

Item 10^o The land herein devised to be my wife, during her lifetime, or
life, as above stated, I wish, at her death, or marriage, solely by her husband, etc.
possession of the same divided equally among my children, young & old, then
& the representatives of them, as they be deceased, but, then to be held under the
same relations as the other property hereinbefore devised.

Lastly, I appoint Jacob P. Williams my Executor to this my last will and
testament, second, named my husband, the 1st day of January, 1856,
Signed, M. Parker

John P. Smith

M. Parker

State of Tampa, August Term, A.D. 1859.

Pinellas County, On instrument or paper writing, purporting to be his last will & testament of John P. Smith, who departed this life in this County on the 18th day of June, A.D. 1857, in Pinellas County he executed at the time of his death, which said paper writing is presented to the law office & sealers of the said John P. Smith to bear date unto the 25th day of January, A.D. 1858, it is attested by M. Parker & W. B. Norton, his attorney & the Clerk of Probate, Tampa, & the power & these presents, before the Clerk of the said M. Parker & W. B. Norton, Subscribing witness, to whom paper writing so attested avouches that they have acquainted with the said John

P. Smith, & the this, at his request & instance, doth him express said paper writing & bears him
stated & declared the said paper writing to be his last will & testament, & the key & seal of them, at
the request of the said John P. Smith, signed this name to the said paper writing as witnesses
at time some purpose to bear date, & that at the time said John P. Smith signed same & at
time they did sign same at his request, at his will, to the said John P. Smith, Vice of same
& dispensing same & having & fully capable of making a last will & testament. And the Court
being of opinion that said instrument or paper writing as aforesaid, is that it prospects
to bear date, the last will & testament of the said John P. Smith, deceased, & that same has
been fully proved & established, according to the act of Assembly, in such case made & provided
the Court doth therefore Order & declare, the said instrument of writing as aforesaid, is
the last will & testament of the said John P. Smith, deceased, & own further that the same
be recorded.

And thereupon came into Court, Jacob P. Williams, the Executor named in said
will, & entered into bond himself as principal, in the sum of Fifty Thousand dollars
& gave J. A. Patterson & W. B. Norton as his securities thereto, which said bond
was acknowledged by all the parties in open court, & which was by the court
received & ordered to be recorded, & thereupon the said Jacob P. Williams, was
 duly qualified as such Executor.

Will of
James Davis

In the name of God, amen, I, James Davis of the County
of Tampa and State of Tampa, being of sound mind and
memory, and considering the uncertainty of this present
and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish
and declare this to be my last will and testament; That is to say, first, after
all my lawful debts and fees are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and
personal, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows, to wit, To my beloved wife
the land and appurtenances situated thereon, said land lying and being in the
County of Tampa and State of Tampa; This said land at my wife's death, is to go
to my true Sons, Francis Wilson and Joseph B. Davis, and the appurtenances thereto
to John Davis, my eldest son, his heirs and assigns Five dollars \$5.00, to my
four daughters, Martha Chappel, Delilah Parker, Elvina I. Cannon, Mary Price
their heirs and assigns, Two dollars \$2.00 Likewise, I make constitutions and appurtenances
my first named Son, Francis, and P. H. Bennett to be executors of this my last
will & testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made; In witness whereof I
have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the 17th day of June, in the
Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty-four,

James Davis

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said James Davis, in our
presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time
published and declared the above instrument to be witnessed to be his last will
and testament; and we at the Testator's request, and in his presence have signed
our names as witnesses hereto.

Witness, Casper J. Bennett

William H. McAllister

State of Tampa, August Term, County Court, A.D. 1859.

Pinellas County, On instrument or paper writing, purporting to be his last will
and testament of James Davis, who departed this life in this County on the
day of Sept. 18, in which County he resided at the time of his death.

which said paper writing is purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Davis bears date the 7th day of March 1824 and is witnessed by George A. Bennett and William M. Cushing, the former to be the son of the testator, the latter his son; and wherein it is recited by the witness of the said George Bennett and William M. Cushing that they do subscribe to and acknowledge the same described that they were acquainted with the said James Davis and that they at his request and instance have been engaged in preparing writing and sealing this Will and Testament to be his last Will and Testament; and that they and each of them at the request of the said James Davis signed their names to the same paper writing as witnesses to him some purpose to have done; and that at the time said James Davis was sane and at sometime intelligent at his request, as his witness the said testator James Davis was of sound and disposing mind notwithstanding, and fully capable of making a last Will and Testament; when he sent being of opinion that said instrument or paper writing as aforesaid is that it purports to be to make the last Will and Testament of the said James Davis, and that same has been fully present & intended according to the act of assembly in such case made and provided; the Court will therefore advise and declare the said instrument of writing as aforesaid is the last Will and Testament of the said James Davis, thereafter to be known further that the same to record.

Will of In the name of God, Amen. I Charles B. Braman,
of the County of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania,
Ellen B. Williamson, my wife, being of sound and disposing mind,
but disabled by several bodily afflictions of the property
and capacity of disposing of my worldly property and effects, do make
and ordain this my last Will and Testament to be my will. I am John
Rebecca Bent, who has had the care and trouble of this, from my early childhood
until the present, discharging the duties of a fond and affectionate Mother,
so far as it was possible for her to do, I do for the last time affix my
signature, and to her (Rebecca Bent) all and every part of my Estate
estate, after paying my just debts, and hereby leave & bequeath my wife
Ellen B. Williamson, Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony of this my last Will and Testament, I have countersigned my
hand and affixing my seal the second day of September, Anno Domini
Eight hundred and fifty nine.

John R. Manning
Notary Public

Ellen B. Williamson, Executrix

State of Pennsylvania, October Term, County Court, 1829, Tuesday the 6th
Fayette County. This day was presented in open court an instrument
to paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Ellen
B. Williamson, deceased, which therefore came into the hands of the Clerk of Court
and Clerk's office, and by that they were personally examined with the said
Ellen B. Williamson, the testator in his life time; and that they were taken
upon her to sign said paper writing, as testifiers thereto, that they did
so in her presence, and at her request, and in the presence of each other, and

that Ellen B. Williamson signed and acknowledged said paper writing in her presence, as his last Will and Testament, and that they believed the said Ellen B. Williamson to be of sound and disposing mind and capable of the sense of signing and acknowledging the same; It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court, that said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of the said Ellen B. Williamson, deceased, that the same be established as such, and in record of record. And therefore comes into open Court Lewis Williamson, his Executor appointed in said last will and Testament of Ellen B. Williamson, deceased, and he comes into open Court, in the name of his executors, Testators and Creditors at law, as such Executor, in the name of his executors, Testators and Creditors at law, and acknowledges the same in open Court, its principal terms, and gives as his security to said Court, Peter Clark and Richard Harvey. He also comes into open Court and signs and acknowledges the same as his daughter John, which said John was executors by the Court, and ordered to be recorded; and he said L. B. Williamson was then duly qualified as such Executor, to carry into the true intent and meaning of the last Will and Testament of the said Ellen B. Williamson, deceased, in open Court as the law directs.

Will of

Charles B. Braman

In the name of God, Amen. I Charles B. Braman,
of the County of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania,
being of Strong Mind and Despoiling Memory,
and Calling to mind the uncertainty of human
life, do hereby constitute and appoint this to be My last Will and Testament,
herself revoking all former Wills and Instruments by me made.

1st. It is my Will and desire that my Corporeal Body be decently buried
and my burial expenses be paid out of any Money or Property which I may
die delayed and prepared of.

2nd. It is my Will and desire that my Executors, herein after named,
have the graves of myself and family buried in as a good and Substantial manner
With Edged Brick or Stone, and also to have neat Tomb Stones Erected to the Memory
of myself and family, and the Expenses for Erecting the same to be included in my
funeral Expenses, and paid out of my Money or Property which I may die delayed
or prepared of as herein before described.

3rd. It is my Will and desire that all of my just debts be paid, and to
enable my Executors, herein after named to pay the same, It is my Will and desire
that all of my Estate, both real and personal be sold, Except such of my house
hold and kitchen furniture as my wife, Rebecca Braman may need for house keeping
which were house hold & kitchen furniture. I do hereby give, bequeath and devise
to my son John Rebecca; It is also my Will and desire, that all of my Estate be
both real and personal (Except such as is above excepted) be sold as herein
named to him, all of the proceeds to be sold for cash, and my law to be set one half
for cash and and the balance on a credit of twelve months, the purchase to go
bond with appears security, as so on after my demise as my Executor, herein
after named may demand it best for the interest of my Estate, or

4th. It is my Will and desire, that after paying my funeral expenses including
the Tomb Stones herein before described to be erected to the Memory of myself and
family, and the payment of all of my just debts out of the Money arising
from the sale of my Estate, both real and personal, which I may die delayed
or prepared of as before described. It is also my Will and desire that the residue
of the money arising from the sale of my Estate be divided as hereof follows.

5th. I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my Grandson, Charles M.
Wheeler, One Thousand dollars, to be paid out at interest, until he arrives at

The age of twenty-one years; all the said C.P. Braine, owing to his age
to be very well and desire that my Executor pay over to the heirs of Thomas
C. Braine all debts. With the intent that my Executor shall account
but if the A.B. Braine's son's estate be less than at the age of twenty-one
years, then and in that event he is my Executor and desire that said legacy, with
its interest, be equally divided between his three surviving brothers, to wit, the
3rd, J. H. Braine and J. D. Braine.

6. I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my three sons, G. W.
Braine, J. H. Braine and J. D. Braine, five hundred dollars each, which
respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years, and shall be one and
no more of said brother's share before they attain 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 brothers.

7th. I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my Executor business man
three hundred dollars, in trust, for the separate & sole use & benefit to himself,
for the heirs of my daughter Sarah A. Whitney, as the heirs of the
late Sarah A. Whitney, 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. Whitney.

8. I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my son Charles B. Braine
Three Thousand dollars; the above amount of three thousand to be placed in
the hands of my Executor, hereinafter named, for the purpose of supporting and
Educating of my said son C.P. Braine, but shall be left to him in his
hands to arrive at the age of twenty-one years; then it is my will and desire that
the said amount of Three Thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be in
the hands of my Executor then unfinished, be equally divided between all
of my Grand Children.

9. I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my Grand Children, R.
Rebecca A. Braine, Three Thousand dollars, to be known first, and it is my
desire, that the above named Three Thousand dollars be paid over to my dearly beloved wife, Rebecca A. Braine, as soon after the
sale of my negroes and lands above named, as my Executor business man
can possibly make it convenient to do.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint John Webster of the
County of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, Executor of this my last Will
and Testament; In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this the 18th day of October A.D. 1859.

Witness: J. B. Dyer
J. M. Griffen

C. P. Braine (Signed)

State of Pennsylvania Tuesday 8th November Term County Court 1859.
Fayette County A paper writing was the day produced in open
Court purporting to be the last Will and Testament of C.P. Braine dec'd
for Probate thereof; whereupon came into open Court J. B. Dyer
and J. M. Griffen, testifying to paper's title, who being first duly sworn
deposes and say that they were personally acquainted with the said C.P.
Braine. He dictated in his right hand, and that they was written upon by
said C.P. Braine. He dictated, to sign said paper writing, in state you
think, that they did so in his presence, that the said C.P. Braine

said to me above-mentioned paper writing in their presence, he last Will and Testament, and that they
had cause to be of law and desiring this instrument at the time of signing and acknowledging the
same, it is therefore ordered and desired by the Court, that said paper writing is the last Will and Testa-
ment of said C.P. Braine dec'd, and that the same be established as such, and taken of record;
and therefore came into open Court John D. Heath, the Executor appointed in said last Will and
Testament of the said C.P. Braine dec'd, and taken into bond as such, for himself as人民, in
the sum of Twenty-five Thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs, and signed and acknowledged
before me in open Court, and gave as his securities an slave Name, J. W. Dyer and W. H. Dyer
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 Webster has been duly qualified as such Executor in open Court as he testifies.

Will of

In the name of God, amen! I Thomas Dillard, of the
County of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania, 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, Jan; Also, I give to my son, Harry A.
Dillard, Negro Woman, Austin; Also, I give to my daughter Lucy Ann Dillard, Negro
Woman, Jane, and her two children, viz., Margaret, and her infant child, Eloy.

I value Negro Woman and Child at Sixteen hundred Dollars, and I don't
choose to be charged with said Sixteen hundred Dollars in the division of my estate,
I value Negro Woman Jane, Margaret and Child Eloy 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 Negro Man Austin at Sixteen hundred Dollars,
and wish my son Harry charge with Sixteen hundred Dollars in the division of
my estate; I value Negro girl, Martha, at the time I give her to Virginia, at
Eight hundred Dollars, and wish my daughter Virginia to be charged with said sum of
Eight hundred Dollars in the division of my estate; I have given my Daughter Lucy
a negro girl, Corinne, which I value at One Thousand Dollars, and I want
Corinne to be charged with said One Thousand Dollars in the division of my estate.
My Watch I don't sell, and go into general division; all the remainder 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 wish sold on a credit of six months and the proceeds of the negroes and
household, 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 the hand received, according to the valuation
I have placed upon them; I will and direct that the negro girl, Martha and
Child Austin goes to my daughter Virginia, and all the money she 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 Lucy Ann, a memorandum of which is in the back of my book, a small one
of \$100. dated 2nd Oct. 1854. I do hereby hereby appoint my son in law
Thomas Rivers, Executor to this my last Will and Testament, with full power
to carry out the same in every particular. Given under my hand and seal
the 1st day of June 1859. In testimony

Sally Rivers
Mallie Rivers
P. H. Cannon

Two Dollars *P. H. Cannon*

State of Summerville Tuesday 3rd November Term, County Court 1869
 Fayette County 3rd day of November a paper Writing was this day produced in Open Court purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Delano deceased for publishing and Testifying Comes into Open Court, R. H. Cramer, a Notary Public & Law Lawyer being the first duly sworn deposed and said that he was personally acquainted with Thomas Delano the Testator in his life time and that he saw Thomas Delano call upon him to sign the said paper Writing as a Notary Public, and that he did so in his presence and at his request, and that the said Thomas Delano a documentary in his presence that he signed & executed the said paper Writing as his last Will and Testament, and that he believed the said Thomas Delano the Testator to be of sound and disposing mind, and memory, at the time of acknowledging the same, It is therefore ordered and directed by the Court that the said paper Writing be established as the last Will and Testament of the said Thomas Delano the 3rd and that the same be Recorded.

Will Of Seminole, Fayette County August 13th 1869
Walter Phillips Whereas I have just discovered that my late
 made several years ago, early in front of
 my only Sister Sarah C Phillips, in her
 or Mistake, I hereby declare that my said Sister Sarah C Phillips is my
 sole heir and Executrix, and that this instrument is to be taken and held
 to be my last Will and Testament despos of whatever property I may die
 before or of. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the
 day and date above written. J. Walter Phillips Pg 1

State of Summerville, Fayette County Court 1862
 Fayette County 3rd This day was produced in Open Court a paper Writing pur-
 porting to be the last Will and Testament of Walter Phillips deceased, and
 thereupon came into Court George Phillips & Wm C Phillips, the same
 first duly sworn, deposed and say that they are and have personally known
 well acquainted with Walter Phillips the Testator in his life time, that they
 have often seen him write, and are familiar with his handwriting
 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 people's handwriting, and that the same is most probably
 to be the last Will and Testament of the said Walter Phillips as a
 It is therefore ordered and declared by the Court that said paper Writing
 be so established as the last Will and Testament of the said Walter Phillips, and
 that the same be Entered of Record.

Will Of 3rd I am desirous to convey at that I have
 3rd Exposed more fully in a Will for the last
 3rd living years, which seems to be mead
 3rd I will my affectionate wife to have entire
 control of my estate without being required to give bond or security for
 the same together as much as possible with the assistance of my son David
 First paying all my indebtedness as the may stand last, and then out of my
 children, and as they become of age or marriage to give them all or a part
 of their property as the may think proper, and I do give and leave for the same
 with its increase to my wife part, which may be taken off in case she

marries this I have always desired, still stand, and hope no law will interfere
 with me in carrying it out. Feb 26th 1860.
 witness, H. D. Dickerson
 J. S. Dickerson

State of Summerville Tuesday 3rd April Term, County Court 1860.

Fayette County 3rd A paper Writing was this day produced in open Court purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hugh D. Nelson, deceased, and who deposed this day in Fayette County Summerville, on the day of 1860. And thereupon came into Open Court for Dickerson, one of the subscribers witness to said paper Writing, the same first duly sworn, deposed and say that he was personally acquainted with H. D. Nelson the Testator, in his life time, and that he was called upon by the said H. D. Nelson, the Testator, to sign said paper Writing as a Notary Public, and did so at his request, and in his presence, and that he saw H. D. Nelson, the Testator, acknowledge his signature to the said paper Writing to be his own people's handwriting, and that he signed and executed said paper Writing in his presence as his last Will and Testament; and that he believes him to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, at the time of acknowledging the same.

It is therefore ordered by the Court, that said paper Writing is what it purports to be (to wit), the last Will and Testament of H. D. Nelson deceased, and that the same be established as such and admitted to record; And thereupon came into Court H. L. Con, Notary of H. D. Nelson deceased, who was appointed Executor in said last Will and Testament of the Estate of the said H. D. Nelson, dec'd, and was duly qualified in Open Court as such Executor, the not giving any bond as such Executor as required by the last Will and Testament of the said H. D. Nelson deceased.

Will Of

State of Summerville, I. William Stephens, of the State and
 Fayette County, 3rd County aforesaid, do make and
 William Stephens, Publish this as my last Will & Testament, hereby
 revoking and making void all other 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, Lucy
 Stevens, during her natural life, the land I now hold on, the household
 & kitchen furniture, Stock, & Farming tools; Third, I wish my son
 Lewis Stevens, to live with my wife Lucy 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 & bedding & household, and half of my Stock of all description
 & Farming tools & that sume & fifth, I give and bequeath to my daughter
 Martha A Godby, two bed & bedding & sheets, & the other half of my Stock;
 Six, I give and bequeath to my grand children, to that, Martha Stevens, &
 David Stevens, & John Bellairs, and Thursday A Stevens, the money and
 my from the sale of land sold to Dr. P. C. Warren, amounting to
 about fifteen thousand dollars and a quarter, to be equally
 divided between the aforesaid grand children; Seventh, I give and
 bequeath to my grand son Lewis Stevens & wife Morris Park, four
 dollars; Eighth, I direct the balance of my property not before named
 to be sold, the money divided between my son Lewis Stevens & my

Daughter Nancy with wife Lucy, I do hereby nominate and
appoint lawfully W. Ward my Executor to carry out my wishes as
to the my Will at my house and take the same into consideration.
Wm. Warren
Signed sealed and published as our true and well known instrument
Our names being on the presence of the Testator this 1st day of May 1903
Test. Dan'l E. Warren

A. Morgan

State of Sampson Monday 7th day June County Court 1850
Sampson County B. W. Thompson Esq. Plaintiff having filed his
process at open court for probate brought, presenting to have his
Will and Testament of Wm. Thompson deceased the original of his last
Sampson County, Sampson with the Will of Wm. Thompson deceased bearing
date July 1st 1850. Who therewith came into court and
J. Edwards and A. Warren Subscribing witness to said paper purporting to be
purporting to be his last Will and Testament of whatsoever he had
after having duly caused deposit made by him that they now came into court
to witness the same W. Thompson the Testator in his life time made his
Will called upon by him. He said Mr. Stevens his attorney to whom he
had charge had paper writing as the last Will and Testament and the
same was as he excepted and as he presumed, and that Stevens
had Stevens the Testator, signed & acknowledged the same by marking
in this premises as his last Will and Testament and to have
believe the same W. Stevens to be of sound and disposing mind &
memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same
It is therefore considered by the Court this he said paper writing as the
it purport to be, to be the last Will and Testament of Wm. Thompson
deceased, and that he same be established and construed as such
and such. And thereupon came into open Court J. Edwards,
the Executor named in said last Will and Testament of Wm. Thompson
deceased, & Certified and sworn to such paper writing as the same
Sampson County, conditioned as he can direct, and as he can
acknowledged before him in open Court as purposed herein, and
gave us his deposition before said Court, & Notary public, who also
who also came into open Court and agreed and acknowledged unto the
said paper writing as his depositions were same, which were then read
by the Court and ordered to be recorded & done. So much done.
W. Morris was then duly questioned as witness to say if
he has any objection to the said last Will and Testament of
Wm. Thompson deceased in open Court as the law requires.

Well as

Will of John Brown
Soylto County Escheat
published this day last March and by
testament, hereby revoking and canceling
and all other Wills by me made (as I have set my hand) or written
expenses and all my just debt be paid as hereinafter mentioned
as before and for ever; but I give this instrument of writing

first come into the hands of my Executrix. 2^d I give to my son H. C. Brown for his use and benefit
of himself & his wife Frank & Sarah, and if he and Thomas M. Brown die before I do, his
share back to her, and one bed & furniture. 3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Emily A. Brown,
three negroes, namely (Miss) Jerry, Jacob & Whalley, and one bed & furniture. 4^d I give my daughter Mary
A. Blomfield, one bed & furniture. 5^d I give Mary A. Blomfield & Third Child, my negro Mary Jerry
(Candy) for their support. 6^d I give to my son William D. Brown, one negro girl, Lucy, to him
and his heirs forever. 7^d I give to George and William Brown, sons of Peter P. Brown deceased, a six
million tenth. 8^d I wish my land, and all other property I may die seized off, sold, and equally
distributed between all my heirs, except James E. Brown is not to have any part of the proceeds
of land, namely, Martha's portion. The heirs of John P. Brown, Helen Brown, Mary A. Blomfield
Thomas M. Brown, Emily A. Brown & William D. Brown. I hereby constitute & appoint my two
sons, James E. Brown, and Wm. D. Brown Executors, to execute this my Will, given under my
hand and seal this the eighth day of September one thousand eight hundred and
fifty-eight, 8th Sept. 1858, in the presence of
Albert G. Montague

John Broadhead

the sailor

H. Bradshaw

State of Tennessee, Monday, 4 June Term, County Court, A.D. 1860.
Baptist County, B. In instrument or paper writing this day presented to
a Court for probate thereof purporting to be the last Will and testament of John
Brown deceased, who departed this life in Baptist County Tennessee, on the day of
July, 1859, whereupon came into open Court J. Montague, & W. Bradshaw and George
Taylor, subscribing witness to said paper writing, who after having been first
questioned, deposed and say that they had personally acquainted with John Brown,
testated in his life time, and that they were called upon by the said John Brown,
testator to witness and sign as witnesses, and 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
only believed the said John Brown, the testator to have been of sound and
clearing mind and memory at the time he acknowledged said paper
writing. It is therefore considered by the Court that said paper writing is
had it purports to be (that) the last Will and testament of John Brown,
that the same has been proven and established as such. And it is further
decreed 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
John Brown deceased, and entered into Bond as such executors, at
leastard, in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned as this
is directed and signed above acknowledged the same in open Court,
a principal witness and gave as their securities our said Bond
Montague and W. Bradshaw who also came into open Court and signed
an acknowledgement same in open court as security therefor, which said
bond was approved by the Court and ordered to be Recorded, and the
said Francis E. Brown & Mr. D. Brown were then duly qualified as executors
of said estate as appears in open Court as the law directs.

Will Of In the name of God Amen I doth declare
of the laws of Somerville People being hereunto
H. S. Dickason bearing of sound mind & memory and concerning the
uncertainty of his final and transitory life do
therefore make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be my last Will &
testament, that is to say, first, after all my lawful debt and dues, and
discharged, the residue of my Estate, real, personal & mixed, I
give to my wife, Charity, to do as she pleases. Myself, I have no Male
constitutes, and appoint my wife, & my son, John, & his Constitutes &
Executor of this my last Will & Testament, without being compelled to
giveth any security, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.
In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand & affixed
my seal this first day June in the year of our Lord One thousand eight
hundred & eighteen. H. S. Dickason

County Court June term A.D. 1860.
Wayne County An Instrument or paper writing purporting to be the last
Will & Testament of H. S. Dickason, who departed this life on the 7th day of
May A.D. 1860, in this County, in which County he resided at the time of
his death, was produced to the Court for probate thereof, & thereupon it
was proved by the Oaths of John C. Cooper, W. H. Bullock, John D. Stanley
& J. L. Lewis that they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said
H. S. Dickason because, that said hand writing is generally
known by the acquaintances of the deceased, & that they the said John
C. Cooper, W. H. Bullock, John D. Stanley & J. L. Lewis do truly believe
said last Will & Testament & every part thereof, is in the handwriting of said
H. S. Dickason, & is being further sworn by the Oath of J. L. Lewis, that same
Will was found after the death of said H. S. Dickason, among his
valuable papers & other valuable effects, & the handwriting of opinion
that such instrument or paper writing as aforesaid is that it purports to
be to wit, the last Will & Testament of said H. S. Dickason deceased,
& that the same has been fully proved & established according to law
in such cases made & provided, the Court will therefore order & allow
the said Instrument of Writing aforesaid, bearing date June 1st 1859
to be that it purports to be, the last Will & Testament of H. S. Dickason.
And ordered further, that said Will be recorded
and thereupon came into Court Charity Dickason & John S.
Dickason, Executrix & Executor thereto named in said Will, &
first duly qualified as such by taking the Oaths prescribed by law
Security having been dispensed with by the testator.

Will Of I hereby make the following disposition
of Property, real, personal and mixed; to
Josiah Stigginson On the first day of January of next year,
I all of my Real Estate here, in lands
to be resold at public auction, the rentals giving bands with sufficient
security, and only to pay the money but to return the property in as good
order as when purchased, and lead and make able or suitable
described to be sold up by value or money. These rates together with the

on hand at the time of my death may be reviewed every twelve months by the testator paying
up the interest and giving good security so that the debt ^{is} ~~will~~ ^{to} be fully paid; if at any time a
debt should become doubtful, I wish such brought on it immediately. If any one owing
the testator should fail to come forward, pay up interest and renew their notes with good
security within one month after being due, just to be brought before us.

All money left after paying just debts may be leave out upon good security
subject to review annually. All negroes & other household servants or my
wife may wish to retain, may be hired out to. All notes given for any kind of debt
and the estate shall be made jointly and severally by the persons making them, and shall
begin ^{1st} or either of us promised to pay ^{1st} with these signatures to each note.

To the money arising from rents, hire of negroes, Interest on debts due the estate,
shall annually amount to a sum more than sufficient to defray the current
expenses of the family, the surplus to be invested in the same manner as the
general money of the estate, viz., loaned out on good paper. In no instance
shall more interest than what is lawful be taken. I wish the accommodations
to be confined to persons living in Wayne County, to no others.

I wish this business conducted as much as possible without an appeal
to law, if however any one should so far forget his true interest as to suffer
himself sued on these debts, he will in that event forfeit all right to further
accommodation, he nor either of his securities shall ever have any money
again from this source. I wish the business is to give up the all debts
may fall due on the first day of January, so that persons wishing to get
money can have their notes paid and handed in to the agent by that time, and
also that there may be a specific time for payment of interest reserved to this
will enable the agent in a few days of each year to transact the whole business
the agent to be appointed by the County Court.

I wish the property kept together, just as it now, to be used and taken care
of by my wife for her convenience and benefit, and for the common use and
and benefit of herself & the children, I wish no sale or division of any kind
with the exception of my medicines and Shop furniture, these to be sold at public
auction after my wife has selected such articles as she may need for her
use or for the use of the children. I should like one of the girls marry, she is to
have an equal division of the whole property, in money, notes, real &
personal estate with the exception of the Mansions house and such ser-
vants as my wife shall wish to have, she to be charged with these in any de-
sire. I wish my wife to retain the Mansions house, and for this to be kept in
the family forever. She to be charged with the same, on the division of the property
to the children, but it becomes necessary by the marriage of one or more of them
to be made by this Committee persons appointed by the County Court.

J. Stigginson

January 1st 1860.

I hereby appoint my wife, as my son in law, W. D. Dorcas, W. H. Bullock
my agents and executors, to carry out the above Will & Testament, relying
on his ability and honesty, I require no security to carry it into effect
June 1st 1860.

It is my will and desire that my wife, Mary C. Stigginson, be paid
the sum of one hundred dollars per annum out of the general fund of
my Estate, this sum to be paid for two years, only my wife

reiced Martha Marry, in which Court it is to close at the time of his marriage; I make You & Coates to act as joint Executrix with my Wife & Son in law Mr. B. Smith, of my Estate. I make this as a portion of my last Will & Testament; said You & Coates is not to be required to give any security.

J. J. Coates

signed in our presence this 11th April 1860.

G. W. Reeves

J. J. Coates

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

Lexington County, ³ Be it remembered that on this the 2^d day of July A.D. 1860 was produced to the Washigton County Court of Lexington County, Charles Lyon, Curator, & Mr. Charles J. H. C. Webster, member of the Decorum Court, Proceedings a paper Writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of J. Higginson, written on a sheet of paper signed by Higginson January 1st 1848 in which paper Writing on three pages of same is Mr. Wm. H. Coates appointed Executrix & Executor to his said Will & Testament, copy in words as follows: "I hereby appoint my wife & son in law Mr. B. Smith & Thos. H. Coates my agents & Executives to carry out the above Will & Testament" & dated June 1st 1848. I sign'd Higginson. And thereupon came into Court Wm. H. Coates, Stat. G. W. Reeves, At. 13. Higginson & George W. Reeves who after being duly sworn deposed as follows, to wit, Wm. H. Marry stated that some weeks previous to the death of Dr. J. Higginson, which was on the 9th of June A.D. 1848, in Lexington County, at request of him he said Dr. J. Higginson to appear to the office of him he said Dr. J. Higginson & gave the paper Writing here described as his Will in the care of him he said Higginson among his valuable papers it carried same to the said Higginson, who said same over & often having done so he did nothing by his direction then causing same to writing or ledger in his hands for safe keeping & thereupon he said Higginson, Wm. H. Coates, Thos. G. Bell, William B. Lyman & George W. Reeves, upon oath solemnly stated that they verily believed the writing to be given respect to & every part of it to be in his he said Higginson & with the exception of following words "I. H. Coates" in his name written third & fourth lines from bottom of said paper Writing, that they said same to be in the hands writing of said Dr. J. Higginson, and that his hands writing is generally known by his acquaintances, & thereupon Wm. H. Coates took two Bonds "I. H. Coates" now witness in presence of said Higginson and at his request, And thereupon said produced to the Court a further paper Writing signed by the said Dr. J. Higginson & bearing date the 11th April 1860 & attested by G. W. Reeves & J. J. Coates, & thereupon the said George W. Reeves & J. J. Coates, after having been duly sworn deposed as follows, to wit, that they & each of them signed two paper Writing on the day same purports to bear date as a codicil to the will of the said Dr. J. H. Higginson, & in his presence & by his request & in the presence of each other, as witnesses to same, and he said Higginson made at the date of making said Codicil to wit, the 11th day of April A.D. 1860, of sum of one hundred dollars to be paid to the said George W. Reeves, And thereupon the Court being satisfied that the said two paper writings as above signed to be true and that they pur-

pose to be to act as last Will & Testament of said Dr. J. Higginson, date deceased same to be his last Will & Testament, & Order herein to be rendered as such. c.

Thereupon the D. Coates, R. B. Stinger & Mr. B. Smith, the Executors & Executrix named in said last Will & Testament, came into Court & entered into bond in the sum of three hundred thousand dollars for the performance of the trust imposed in them by the testator & County being desirous with the D. Coates, & others duly qualified as such Executors & Executrix. c.

Will of

James Paine

Somerville, March 10th 1860.

In the name of God I make the following bonds:

To W. T. Paine and Brownell Paine, I bequeath my

Library, to divide, sell, or dispose of as they please.

To M. C. Shultz, and Louise A. Paine, I bequeath the Colored Neg. Servt, & his equally deserved share & to her, I leave my Writing table & two apd. Chair. The money now in the Savings Institution at Lexington Virginia, was all put in there by me or been money except four hundred, which was Originally your mother, but which has been at one time or other drawn out, for Educating boy; of this money nine hundred and sixty dollars more in the Savings Institution at Lexington Virginia, I give and bequeath to my daughter Louise A. Paine Five hundred dollars, and to Henrietta Paine my infant daughter, I give and bequeath Four hundred and fifty dollars; the residue which may be necessary to the sum to fifty dollars, together with \$ 1. M. C. Shultz bond \$ 60, in hands of H. Lewis I give and bequeath to my daughter M. C. Shultz, & I give and bequeath to my grand Paine, my wife off. the money \$ 150. so, or that may be in her hands at my death, she pay by funeral expenses, for I owe no other debts, besides I bequeath to her all the money that we possess the Somerville Congregation, or any money that may be paid by the congregation on current year, & the living room wch. Kitchen furniture, Razors, Laces &c to be sold on a credit, and the money appropriated to payment of house rent, and servants hire, & I hereby appoint, Constitute and authorize to act as Executor my sons Wm. T. Paine, and D. B. Paine.

James Paine.

State of Lexington, July term, A.D. 1860.

Lexington County, ³ On this the 3^d of July 1860 a paper Writing bearing date the 10th day of March A.D. 1860 purporting to be the last Will & Testament of James Paine, with his name signed to same, & who died on April 7th 1860, was produced to the Washington County Court of Lexington County, & thereupon it was proven 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, first request that she preserved & take care of same & as soon as last Will & Testament, & Mr. T. D. Godford, L. B. Willard, John Brister & John C. Cooper after having been duly sworn, deposed & say that they & each of them are acquainted with the hand writing of the said James Paine & that his hand writing is generally known by his acquaintances, & that they & each of them verily believe his writing (above referred) and every part of it to be in his (the said James Paine's) hands, And thereupon the Court doth order & declare the said paper Writing as above referred to, to be used & purposed to be to wit, the last Will & Testament of James Paine deceased, & ordered same to be recorded as such. c. And thereupon came W. T. Paine & Mr. B. Paine the Executors named in said Will, into open Court & entered into bond in the sum of five thousand dollars as Executor, and gave Mary J. Paine & Louise A. Paine & John C. Cooper as their executors to same, for

The performance of their trust as such Executrix, their bond being satisfactory to the Court, was received & ordered to be entered of record, and the said testator fully qualified as prescribed by law.

Will of
Joseph Lynn

I, Joseph Lynn of the County of Jefferson and State of New York, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby making and Making void all other Wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of, or had may first come into the hands of my Executors, as 2^d. I give and bequeath to my four grandsons, viz. H.C. Bond, also called Bond, A.P. Bond and John Bond, (in addition to what has already been given to their brothers) One hundred dollars, to be equally divided between them.

3^r. I give some bequests to my grandsons, Turner Adams, and one hundred dollars, to be kept in the hands of my Executed parties now and benefit provided that only the interest on same demand be used for him until he arrives at the age of twenty one years.

4. & Lastly, I direct that all the balance of my estate of every kind, to settle with the proceeds be equally divided between my following named Children to share alike, viz., Benjamin F. Lynn, husband of Mary (widow of George Bang) Charlotte Johnson, wife of John Johnson, live born 1824, still, wife of Nelson Burnside, Nancy Marshall, wife of Col. George Marshall, Elizabeth Johnson, wife of Nathan Johnson, and Charles Adams, to whom we have given: I hereby nominate and appoint my friend George Thompson my Executor to this my last will and Testament.

Made in the town of Leon, and signed in the presence of
D. Phelps. This the 19th day of March in the year of our Lord 1859.
W. S. M. Howell

Joseph Lynn

State of New York, County of Jefferson, July 2nd 1860.

As the Compt - the Instrument or paper writing, set forth in open Court for Probate therof purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Joseph Lynn deceased, and who departed this life in the County of Jefferson on the day of 1859, since paper writing bearing date 19th day of March 1859, also Thompson came into open Court, Wm. S. M. Howell, one of the subscribing witnesses hereto, who after having been first duly sworn, deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with Joseph Lynn his testator in his life time, and that he was called upon by the said Joseph Lynn, 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 due to all 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 the said Wm. S. M. Howell presence, and that he verily believed the said Joseph Lynn, his testator, to have been of sound and disposing mind since signing at the time of signing and executing said paper writing as his last Will and Testament. It is therefore commanded by the Court that said paper writing is what it purports to be. (to wit)

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Lynn deceased, that he same has been fully proved and established as such, also ordered further, that the same be recorded, & Anna Thompson come into open Court, George Thompson, the Executor named in the last will and testament above mentioned, bind himself to bear as such Executor, in the sum of Eighteen thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, and signed and acknowledged the same in open Court as principal testator and gave as his securities on same, Wm. S. M. Howell and Charles Lynn, who also came into open Court and signed and acknowledged same as his securities thereon, which sum same were received by the Court, and ordered to be recorded; also the said Geo. Thompson was then duly qualified as such executor as aforesaid in open Court as required by law.

John Wray

Will

The last Will of John Wray of Taylor County, Penn. Item 1. To my daughter Susan Wray, I give the tract of land containing about 40 acres situated in Taylor County, Thompson on the road leading from Somerville to Laramie about four miles from the former place, and being the same land held from Michael Alexander; I also give to her the slave Moses, Rasha and his children, James & Shelly, and their increase, also the slave named Shelly 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 enjoyment, the debts, contracts, or engagements of her present, or any future husband, toward 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 children, absolutely and forever, the second of children taking the share of their respective parents due.

Item 2. To my daughter Martha C. Bell I give five slaves named, James and his two children, Isaac & Leah, will I give to the said uses and purposes, and upon the same trust and terms in respect to m^r, husband and present and future as any heretofore declared in respect to the slaves and negroes made to said Susan, her husband and children; if the said Martha should die, not leaving at the time of her death any child or children or issue of such, the slaves & her shall fall unto and go as is by this will declared, to the residue of my estate.

Item 3. To my son Christopher, I give the tract of land on which James H. Henry now resides, containing six hundred acres more or less, when he arrives to the age of twenty one, I desire my wife, Christopher, to enjoy the benefit of half the land and use of half the negroes, now on the farm, during her natural life; I wish, 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, Augustus, Shoring with the balance; I desire that he shall receive a thorough Collegiate Education.

Item 4. The residue of my property or all kinds, my will is, that the use and benefit thereof shall be had and enjoyed by and between my remaining unmarried children, Eliza Abbott, Augustus & Julia, for their maintenance, care for their Education, and as each of said children comes of age or marry, to them respectfully, shall be abled of such property, a share equal to the respective shares given to Susan, Martha, Mary & Virginia.

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

descendants & heirs, as his heirloom & legacy in respect to the property legatee to said husband. & the residue of the slaves, land and other property that may remain after all the slaves of said Chaffin shall have been set apart, he and his heirs thereof shall be held and enjoyed by my wife Elizabeth for and during her natural life; & her death; all such residue shall be divided among my children, and their descendants of such as are deceased, the remainder of a deceased child taking the share of such child. The uses and benefit of the bellarmes of my lands, shall be held and enjoyed by my wife during her life, 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 son-in-law James Thompson & myself, to execute this Will, in witness whereof I have countersigned my hand, this 1st day of October A.D. 1860.

Witness Thomas Jones Jr.
John Wray
C.S. Edwards

John Wray

State of Minnesota, August 1st, 1860.

Hayes County, 3rd Recollect I remember that on this the 6th day of December A.D. 1860, a paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of John Wray, deceased, bearing date 1st day of October A.D. 1860, & witnessed by Thomas Jones & C.S. Edwards, was produced before the Probate Court of Fayette County, & rejected for probate thereof, as the last Will & Testament of said John Wray, deceased, and therefore Thomas Jones, one of the subscribers thereto to said last Will & Testament, after having been duly sworn deposes & says that he was acquainted with the said John Wray many years previous to his death, that his place of residence was in Fayette County, Minn. at & known to his health which occurred on the 1st day of June A.D. 1860. I that he at the request of his wife Mary on the 1st day of October A.D. 1860, signed said paper writing in presence of me at the request of him the said John Wray as his last Will & Testament, & that he signed same as a witness at the request of him the said John Wray, and that he the said John Wray, 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 it, on the 1st day of October A.D. 1860. It is my further desire & intent, adjoin & declare the said instrument or paper writing to be what it purports to be, to wit, the last Will & Testament of John Wray deceased, & ordered same to be recorded.

Henry Dupree

Will

I, Henry Dupree, citizen of the County of Fayette in the State of Minnesota, being in my judgment sound and sound in mind, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, making all other Wills herebyfor made before, in manner and form as follows:

I give my soul to God, the year & day, in hope of his merciful pity.

1st My Will & desire is that my slaves hereafter named, shall sell the whole of my estate both real & personal, that he shall sell the same on a credit of four months, unless in case of death, or from date, unless the purchasee makes very first on all of his

deed purchased, if so six per cent interest shall be discounted, my wages shall be rated to the highest bidder, so as not to beat mine and my wife, and the profits from all the children, on a credit of twelve months with interest from date, and if the purchasee is cash, six per cent interest shall be allowed; the stock of every description, and the plantation utensils, household & kitchen furniture, corn, fodder, sheats, wheat, hay, oats, peas, cotton seed and potatoes, shall be set on a credit of twelve months, land & good security shall be taken in each case and a lien upon the land.

2nd Long Enclosed will bring me in a decent provision, by the side of my bed, a fine horse, cow at the head & one at my feet, really engaged.

3rd I give to my daughter Sarah E. about wife of Linton Scott of Beaufort County, Virginia, one gold twenty dollar eagle, as a keepsake in remembrance of me.

Item 4th I give to my grand daughter Mary, the daughter of Linton Scott & Sarah E. about, one twenty dollar gold eagle, as a keepsake in remembrance of me.

Item 5th I give to my grand daughter Rebecca Lundy, the daughter of Linton & Sarah E. about, one twenty dollar gold eagle, for a keepsake in remembrance of me.

Item 6th My Will is, and desire is that the proceeds of my whole Estate shall be equally divided into four equal parts, the first fourth part, I give to my son Lewis H. Dupree, the second fourth part, I give to my son Peter H. Dupree, the third fourth part, I give to my son Harry H. Dupree, and the last fourth part, I give to my grand children of Lester H. Taylor, my daughter & wife of Richard H. Taylor, in trust of their widow portions of my Estate, and that this fourth part shall come to my wife one thousand dollars for advancements to them by me & there & their & brothers, & for themselves, the residue shall be equally divided between Virginia Ann Carolina Taylor, Sarah Jane Rebecca Taylor, Mary Elizabeth Taylor, and Ichabod Thomas Taylor, my four grand children by Lester Lane Taylor, my daughter Lizzie & Richard W. Taylor, & that their portion shall remain in the hands of my trustee until they become of age, or marry 18, shall be kept on interest for their benefit; I now call & understand that Lester Lane Taylor died in Memphis, & the said H. W. Taylor brought the said children to my house with the corpse & left them there till then on the 13th day of May 1861, and left them away to November 1869, eight years, I charge the said Richard W. Taylor for the benefit of the said children, five hundred dollars a year need to him and his wife soon after their marriage, and charge him five hundred dollars for advancements made to the said four children, in clothing, Schooling, & Doctors bills, which two sums makes one thousand dollars; now it is my Will & desire that the said Taylor will pay to his wife some children the sum of one thousand dollars, which will reconstitute them in the thousands dollars that I took out of their legacy, as above advancements for their benefit, for advancements made to their father & mother, as aforesaid; This is my last Will and Testament.

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

Witness: J. O. Drury
J. G. Sato Jr.

Henry Dupree Esq.

State of Minnesota, August 1st, 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 therefore came into open court, J. O. Drury

and of G. Littlejohn Subscribing whereunto & said paper Writing after being first duly sworn deposes & says that they were personally and well acquainted with the said Henry Dugay the testator in his lifetime, and that they were called upon by the said testator to sign said paper Writing, as witness thereto as his last will and testament and as such at his request wrote in his presence, and in the presence of said Mrs. Ann, and that the said Henry Dugay the testator signed the paper Writing and acknowledged the same in their presence, to be his last will and testament, and that they have since to have been of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same, that is therefore Ordained and declared of the court that said paper Writing is that it purports to be, to wit, the last will and testament of the said Henry Dugay deceased, and that the same be Entered of Record.

Fagg William

Sabango Jan 20 A.D. 1857

Well

Because life is uncertain and I know not
have soon and unexpectedly my life
therefore I. Williams Fagg makes this my
last will and testament: In the name of God, amen, I give and bequeath to
my wife Mary Drew Fagg all my personal and real estate, after my
lawful debts shall be paid out of the same, every thing that I now as
to myself, is after I am dead to be owned and possessed by my wife
Mary Drew and by my own hand I. Williams Fagg Esq
(Endorsed) My last will & Testament, written the 20th day of January
in the year of our Lord 1857.

I. Williams Fagg

State of Minnesota County Court October Term 1860

Hayes County, B. C. I. Williams, that on the 15th day of October A.D. 1860 was presented to the County Court of Hayes County Hayes, Charles Lynn Chairman, and William Johnson & W. H. McAllister members of the grand jury presenting
a paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of
William Fagg deceased late of said County, written on a large
sheet of paper and signed "William Fagg Esq" & dated January
20 A.D. 1857 and thereupon came into Court John Bent, J. A.
Brookman, Mattie F. Bent, and Franklin D. Bent, who after being sworn
deposited as follows, to wit, John Bent stated that after the death
of said William Fagg that upon examining the seals of the said William
Fagg he found in one of the drawers thereof a pocket book and in the pocket
book and he found thereon paper writing, as produced in Court, together with
other valuable papers such as notes for negro head receipts & a sum of
said F. D. Bent, Mattie F. Bent & Franklin D. Bent, stated that he saw
paper writing, and the signature thereto, is wholly in the hand writing of
said William Fagg where & when that the hand writing of the said William
Fagg was at the time of his death generally known to his friends
and acquaintances. And thereupon the Court being satisfied that
the said paper writing so above referred to is what it purports to be, to wit,
the last will and testament of the said William Fagg, made the same
same to be his last will and testament, and ordered the same to be recorded
the tenth

Ann M. Littlejohn

Well

I, Ann M. Littlejohn, being of sound mind and memory
and knowing the uncertainty of life do make and retain this to
be my last will and testament in manner and form following:
hersby revoking all others by me hitherto made
First, I give to my daughter, Lucy M. Williams, my Negro woman Sophia her sons Well and
Willie with her future future slaves.

Second, I give to my daughter, Mary Jane Wood, my negro child, Lucy.
With her future slaves during her natural life, and at her death I give them Ann and
Mary, with her increase, to her daughter Mary R. Williamson during her life, and at her
death to her children.

Third, I give to my daughter, Ann M. Williams, during her natural life, and at her death,
to her children, not subject to the Consett or liable to the debts of her present or any
future husband, my Negro man Stephen, and his wife Jane. With her natural
and future increase, also, my negro woman Martha with her future increase,
and my negro girl Olivia, daughter of Sophia, and her future slaves, also the
slaves with which she now resides, her slaves given her by me are reserved to
the negroes after Shelly Combs, I also give my daughter Anna M. Williams
my carriage, all my house hold and kitchen furniture purchased since the
death of my late mistress except to Shelly Combs, & Charles H. Van Etteman
or Mr. Salter B. Harris Past Master of the St. Luke giveth to the said Shelly Combs
my bed, I will have to be sold or divided as Williams Joseph
and Willie J. Littlejohn gave me their wheel in Wilson to said my master to
Shelby give my daughter Ann M. Williams the slave left to me to be known
either in furniture or money as may be used in case she should not sell
for their part, then I give the whole to my daughter Ann.

I desire my Executor to purchase a stone & have the steone made in
memory of Farmer. I constitute and appoint Anderson Lyon, Executor to
my Will, and that he shall be relieved to qualify without giving security,
and I do furthermore make the same Lyon constable of all the District that I have
herein willed to my daughter Ann M. Williams and her children, and do
hereby convey to said Lyon the land situate on that purpose made no other.

At my death, I give my son in law J. H. Williams all that is due me
on his debts for the hire of my negroes, after paying off the first debts
out of them, and purchasing the slave known heretofore mentioned, and a
great plain tomb stone for my grave on McWayne Street. I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of December 1859.

Ann M. Littlejohn Esq

I wish my Executor to have all my debts before the division of my
property

Ann M. Littlejohn

J. F. Grinnell
W. J. Brattens

State of Minnesota January 20th County Court, Wednesday 10th 1861
Hayes County, This day was produced in Open Court, a paper
writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of W. Ann M.
Littlejohn, deceased, for probate whereof, whereupon, came into
Open Court Jemius F. Grinnell, one of the before naming negroes, master,
who being first duly sworn deposed and said that he was acquainted
with Mrs. Ann M. Littlejohn, in her lifetime, that she acknowledged

The Execution of said Paper Writing in his presence, as his last Will and Testament, and that he signs the same at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of Mr. S. Wallenworth, other Subscribing Witness; and he also states that he believes him to be of sound and disposing Mind and Memory at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore Ordered and directed by the Court, that said Paper Writing is what it purports to be, to wit, the last Will and Testament of Mr. Sam'l Sampson Staffor, and that the same be recorded.

Sampson Staffor

I, Sampson Staffor, being in full health, but of mind and declining power, do make this my last Will and Testament: First, I desire that all my effects shall be sold by my Executor herein after named, such as is necessary reserved, and the proceeds equally divided amongst my children: 2^o I desire that my time shall be divided equally amongst my children, each one having his portion over off; And if any of them should wish to sell, they may do so to one of the other heirs, but to no one else, and I wish it to remain in the family, and a third part to any one out of the family shall not be valid: 3^o I desire that my Counter shall lay off to my daughter, Mary, & one Elizabeth, & one hundred dollars provision, for her maintenance & service is what I desire: 4^o I desire that my growing land shall be cultivated by children who are living with me, and after settling the Stock (which shall be done upon their arrival) paying my negro hire, Master bills, and funeral expenses, &c^o, & shall have the balance: 5^o I give to my daughter Elizabeth, a Cow and Calf & one Cow and Lamb, I also give her a Hallow Jew, with five pigs: 6^o I desire that my children shall take all my notes and accounts in hand and collect them, and pay to my children their equal portions: 7^o I hereby appoint James A. Thompson, my Executor, signed and dated the 24th day of May 1860, in presence of Wm. Murphy, and W. H. Tracy.

Sampson ^{his} Staffor
W. H. Tracy
Wm. Murphy

Style of Sampson, 3rd Monday 3rd December term County Court 1860
I say to County, This day was produced in open court a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Sampson Staffor deceased, for probate thereof; Whereupon came into open court William Murphy and W. H. Tracy, Subscribing Witnesses thereto, who after being first duly sworn deposed and said that they were personally acquainted with Sampson Staffor in his life time, and that they were called upon by the said Sampson Staffor to sign the said paper writing as Witnesses, and did so at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, as his last Will and Testament, and that they signed and acknowledged in their presence said paper writing as his last Will and Testament, and that they believed him to be of sound and disposing Mind and Memory at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore ordered and directed by the Court, that said paper writing is what it purports to be (to wit) the last Will and Testament of Sampson Staffor, and that the same be recorded.

in the presence of each other, and that the said Sampson Staffor signed said paper writing by making his mark thereon and acknowledging the same in their presence, to be his last Will and Testament, and that they believe the said Sampson Staffor was of sound and disposing Mind and Memory at the time of signing and acknowledging the same: It is therefore Ordered and directed by the Court, that said paper writing is what it purports to be, to wit, the last Will and Testament of the said Sampson Staffor, 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 making void 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 leave before or, or may first come in the hands of my executors: 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.

Mary H. Bugg
Signed sealed and published in my presence, and I do know and acknowledge our names here to be present of the testator this 10th day of September 1860:

Anthony D. Conner

John H. Conner

State of Mississippi, Monday 4th March Term County Court 1861
Lafayette 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 D. Conner and John H. Conner, Subscribing Witnesses thereto, who after being first duly sworn, deposed and said 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 believed her to be of sound and disposing Mind and Memory at the time of acknowledging the same; It is therefore ordered and directed 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 recorded as such, and admitted to record.

C. Bland.

Wise

O. Bland's
Bill
Note of Lumberton January 1st 1861
Daggett County I. O. O. F. Island
Living of Seamed Compt, do date January
3rd last Will and Testament, as follows:
After paying all my just debts, I give to my Aunt Eliza
Bland, the unit of land on which I now reside, all of
the house hold furniture, Stock of Every description (Horse, Mules
& cattle) Farming utensils, Everything as it now stands upon
the plantation, to gather 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 until
Aunt Eliza Bland; Should she not but live until Eliza, then at
Aunt Eliza's death to go to R. J. Bradman, P. R. Williamson &
Jesse Brown Equally or their Children, or if dead to my aunt
Sallie D. Hodge, the plantation known as my place,
The tract of land purchased by my father from Collier,
to gather with all the negroes now kept on said farm, all
of the Stock of Every description, belonging to said farm (Horse
Mules & cattle) Farming utensils and Every thing 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 deaths to go to R. J. Bradman, P. R. W.
Williamson and Jesse Brown, or their Children, to be divided
equally between the three after first giving to R. J. Bradman
Five Thousand Dollars, then the balance equally division between
R. J. Bradman, P. R. Williamson, & Jesse Brown, If there be less
of them and without Children, the property to go to those sur-
living or their Children: I hereby appoint Richard J. Bradman
as my Executor to carry out and execute this my last
will and testament, without giving bond and security
Signed: O. S. Williamson

R H Cannon

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Date of January 3, Monday & March term County Court 1861
Fayette County. This day was produced in open Court a
paper Writing bearing date Jan'y 9th 1861 purporting to be the last
Will and Testament of O. Blane deceased, for probate thereof
and thereupon came into open Court W. A. 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 O. Blane his testator in his life
time, that he was called upon by the late O. Blane to sign
said paper Writing as a witness thereto, and this was at the
request (and in his presence) and that the late O. Blane
a chartered banker in his presence and knowing that he was an
Executor said paper Writing as his last Will and Testament.

and that he believed him, the said O'Blane, to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of acknowledging the same. It is therefore ordered and directed by the Court that said paper writing is what it purports to be, to wit, the last Will and Testament of the said O'Blane deceased, and that the same be established as such, and admitted to record. And also was produced this day in Open Court, another paper writing, without date, signed (O'Blane), at his last Will and Testament, in the disposition of his jewelry, there being no witness present, whereupon came into open court Mr. D. Williamson, who after being first duly sworn, deposed and said that he was personally acquainted with O'Blane the testator in his life time, and that he had often seen him write, and that his hand writing was well known to him, and that he truly believes said paper writing, and the signature thereto, and being but thereof to be in the said proper handwriting of said O'Blane deceased, and that the said O'Blane the testator, a few days before his death, delivered to him, in proper person the said Mr. D. Williamson, for safe keeping, said paper writing, and also charged the name of R. J. Brodnax to that of W. F. Brodnax 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 O'Blane, to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of making said request and delivering the same to him, the said Mr. D. Williamson. It is therefore Ordered and directed by the Court that said paper writing is what it purports to be, to wit, the last Will and Testament of O'Blane 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 I command I leave to my Aunt Blanche my
Watch and hair Chair; as long as she lives; at her death, to my
Aunt J. D. Hodges; to dispose of as she pleases at her death, the skirt with
my (B. Blanche's) embroidery & my other vestments belongs to my aunt Blanche;
My Diamond Ring I leave to K. J. Brodrax; Diamond Buttons to Dr. T. A.
Brown; My Father's Watch to P. D. Brown; Breast pin with my Father's monogram
I leave to my aunt J. D. Hodges; My Diamond Breast Pin to K. J. Brodrax;
My Bent Gold headed cane, to Jas W. Williamson; as memento my home & seal

Amelia Jernigan

Will

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 Lenny, my Negro girl, Ellen, to go with my carriage, Waggon, Mule, and household furniture. And She, the said Elizabeth Lenny, receives any thing from a suit in Court, in the Probate Court in Somerville, in reference to her master; Then in that event I desire her the said Elizabeth Lenny, to pay to my daughter, Frances Morgan, two hundred dollars, I having given to the best of my children bequeath and Equal Share: And I hereby appoint the said Elizabeth Lenny, Executrix to this last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand seal this 10th
day of March A.D. 1861
Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of
Charles Field

Joseph Burton

Samuel J. Pickens

State of Sumpter Monday 1st April 1861 County Court 1861

Hawthorne County, S.C. At Paper Writing was the day produced in open court, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Amelie Ferguson Deed for Probate thereof; wherein Complainant complaint against Charles Field, one of the subscribing Witnesses to said paper writing, also being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he was personally acquainted with the said Amelie Ferguson, the Testator in her life time, and that he was called upon by her to sign said paper writing, which he did at her request, and in his presence, and also in the presence of Charles Field, and Joseph Burton, also a subscriber thereto to said paper writing, as Notary Public, and that the said Amelie Ferguson signed said paper writing by making her mark thereon and acknowledging that same in his presence and hearing, as his last Will and Testament, and that he believed the said Amelie Ferguson to be of sound and disposing mind and memory at the time of signing and acting according to same; It is therefore ordered and directed to the test that said paper writing is that it purports to be, to wit, the last Will and Testament of Amelie Ferguson deceased and that the same be established as such, and admitted to record.

Charles Field

Will

Oscella County, January 1st, 1861
I, Oscella Blane, 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 Blane, the sum of £100 on the 1st March, to divide, all of the household furniture, Stock of every description (Horses, Cattle & Cattle) Herring barrels, long string, and other slaves upon the plantation, together with all the negroes now kept upon this place, the house property (both real and personal) given to my Aunt Eliza Blane during her natural life, after her death, to go to my Aunt Sally D. Hodges, Slave to the said Aunt Eliza Blane. Should the said Aunt Sally die, my Aunt Eliza Blane's wealth to go to Rich. Bradman, P. D. B. Brown & J. P. Brown, equally, or to their children; I give to my Aunt Sally D. Hodges, the plantation Slaves as my slaves, the tract of land purchased by my father from Mr. Adams, together with all the negroes now kept on said farm, also of the Stock of every description belonging to said farm (Horses & cattle, Herring barrels and everything pertaining

to said plantation; the foregoing property, both real and personal, given to Aunt Eliza Blane, and also that given to Aunt Sally D. Hodges, is given to them during their natural lives, and at their death, to go to Rich. Bradman, P. D. B. Brown & J. P. Brown, or their children, to be divided equally between the three, after first giving to Rich. Bradman Five Thousand Dollars, then the balance equally divided between P. D. Bradman, P. D. B. Brown & J. P. Brown; should either of them die without children, the property to go to their surviving, or other children.

I hereby appoint Rich. J. Bradman, as my Executor, to carry out and execute this my last Will and Testament, without giving bond and security.

W. L. Williamson

P. Eliza (test)

R. J. Cannon

At my last Will & Testament, I give to my Aunt Eliza Blane, my Watch and Chain, as long as she lives, at her death, to my Aunt S. D. Hodges, to keep, & as she pleases at her death: The Locket with my (P. Eliza) diamond & my initials in it, belongs to my Aunt E. Blane; My Diamond Ring, I leave to Rich. Bradman; Diamond buttons, to Dr. J. Brown; My Father's Watch to P. D. Brown; Breastpins with my Father's Initials, I leave to my Aunt S. D. Hodges; my Diamond Breastpins, to W. J. Bradman; My best gold headed cane, to my W. Williamson as Executor of my last Will & Testament. P. Eliza (test)
(Endorse) Will disposing of Jewelry. R. J. Cannon

State of Sumpter Monday 4th March 1861 County Court 1861

Hawthorne County, This day was produced in open court, a paper writing, bearing date January 1st 1861, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Oscella Blane, for Probate thereof, and wherein Complainant produced W. L. 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 Oscella Blane the Testator, in his life time, that he was called upon by the said Oscella to sign said paper writing as a Notary Public, and did so at his request, and in his presence, and that the said Oscella acknowledged in his presence and hearing, that he signed same reciting his property, as his last Will and Testament, and that he believed said Oscella to be of sound mind disposing mind and memory at the time of executing 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 Oscella Blane, and that the same be established as such and admitted to record.

Also was produced this day my Open Court another paper writing without date, signed (Oscella Blane) as his last Will and Testament in the disposition of his Estate. There being no Witnesses thereto, wherein came into open Court, W. L. Williamson, who after being first duly sworn, deposed and said that he was personally acquainted with Oscella Blane the Testator in his life time, and that he had often witnessed trials, and that he firmly believes said paper writing was signed thereto, and every part thereof, to be in the true paper, hand writing, of the said Oscella Blane, deceased; and that the said Oscella the Testator, a few days before his death, delivered to him in person, the said W. L. Williamson, for safe keeping, the said paper writing, and also changed the name of R. J. Bradman to that of R. S. Bradman, in said paper writing; and also made known to him the said Williamson the contents and purposes of said paper writing, and requested him,