



Testamentary where of I do hereunto set my hand and seal at this  
day and date above mentioned witnessed four times before assigned  
Witness  
William L Jones  
William L. Johnson  
Moses Bridges Secy

State of Tennessee, County of West September Term 1849  
Grassman County } Then the last will and Testament of Moses Bridges  
decd. was produced in open Court for probate  
Whereupon came William L Jones and William L Johnson  
subscribing witnesses to said will who being duly sworn  
depose and say that they were acquainted with the Testator  
in his life time that this said will was a signed sealed  
published declared & acknowledged by said Testator to be his  
last will and Testament in their presence and that he was  
of sound mind and disposing memory at the time he executed  
the same and that they signed their thereto as witnesses  
in the presence and at the request of the Testator and on the day  
at he was date. Whereupon it was ordered by the Court that  
said will be Recorded as the last will of the Testator. Attest  
E Taylor Clerk of said Court at office September 4<sup>th</sup> 1849  
E Taylor Clk.

Be it Enacted: Be it Enacted of these Charles Tennessee a firmman of color do  
make this my last will and Testament, 1849 I declare that all  
my just debts be paid out of the property that I own other than  
my negroes &c effect that object as well as the other purposes  
of this will my Executions are authorized to sell and dispose of  
such portions of my property real or personal as may be  
required. It is my calculation tho that the debts that will  
be due me money on hands will be sufficient to pay  
my debts and I direct that funds be first applied to that  
purpose and I direct that my Executions to see an execution  
my wife Paula and her children now owned by me & as this  
is the great object of making this will I direct them or those  
who may hold the execution of this will to use all lawful  
ways & means to effect that object and if necessary they are to  
sell them to some other estate or place in order to effect their  
execution provided it cannot be done by the Laws of  
Tennessee & I charge my estate after the payment of debts  
with the cost and expenses that may be incurred in carrying  
this part of my will into effect and I allow my Executions  
a reasonable compensation for their trouble independent  
of their expenses for carrying this provision into effect & after  
satisfying the above objects I leave all the rest residue of my  
property to my wife & children to be equally divided among  
them after they are set free & Lastly I constitute & appoint