

Margaret Elph to
Solomon Shaw to
October Term 1840

State of Tennessee Gibson County

Al. Margaret Elph James Bratton and
Wright H. Wardell are held and jointly
bound unto James H. Polk Governor of the State for the
time being and his successors in office in the penal sum
of four hundred dollars for which payment able and truly
to be made we bind ourselves our heirs, executors and
administrators jointly and severally firmly by these
present bonds with our seals this 5th day of October 1840

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that
if the above bounden Margaret Elph, Administrator of the
estate and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of
James Elph deceased do make or cause to be
made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods
and chattels rights and credits of the said deceased which have
or shall come to the hands and possession of any other person
or persons for him and the same to make do exhibit or cause
to be exhibited to the next County Court whose orders of
administration shall give and the same goods, chattels and credits
of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any
time after shall come to the hands or possession of said Margaret
Elph or into the hands or possession of any other person
or persons for him do will and truly administer according
to Law and further do make or cause to be made a true and
just account of her said administration within two years
after the date of these presents and all the rest and the
residue of said goods, chattels and credits which shall be found
remaining upon the said administrators account the same
being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall
deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as
the same shall be due unto pursuant to Law and if it
shall appear that any last will and testament was made by
the deceased and the Executors or Administrators therein named
do exhibit the same to the County Court making request to have it
examined and approved by the said County Court and if the said
Margaret Elph above Bound being thereunto requested do render and deliver the said Letters of
Administration (approbation of such testament being first had
and made) in the said Court then this obligation to be void
and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue

Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of Oct 1840
Margaret Elph
W. H. Wardell
J. Bratton

Wiley Wade to
Solomon Shaw to
Oct Term 1840

State of Tennessee Gibson County

We Wiley Wade Solomon Shaw & James H. Woodward
are held and jointly bound unto James H. Polk Governor
of the State for the time being and his successors
in office in the penal sum of twelve thousand dollars for which payment
able and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs, executors and
administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents do make
our seals and date this 5th day of October 1840

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above
bounden Wiley Wade, Administrator of all and singular the goods
and chattels rights and credits of said deceased do make
or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular
the goods and chattels rights and credits of said deceased which
have or shall come to the hands possession of any other person or persons
for him the said Wiley Wade or into the hands and possession of
any other person or persons for him and the same to make do exhibit
or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court whose orders of adminis-
tration shall give and the same goods, Chattels and credits of the said
deceased at the time of his death or which at any time after shall
come to the hands or possession of said Wiley Wade or into the hands or
possession of any other person or persons for him do will and truly
administer according to Law and further do make or cause to be made
and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of
his said administration within two years after the date of these presents
and all the rest and the residue of said goods, Chattels and credits
which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators account
the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall
deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same
shall be due pursuant to Law and if it shall appear that any last will
and testament was made by the deceased and the Executors or
Administrators therein named do exhibit the same into Court making
request to have it examined and approved accordingly if the said
Wiley Wade above Bound being thereunto requested do render and
deliver the said Letters of Administration (approbation of such testament
being first made) in the said Court then this obligation to be void
and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue

Wiley Wade
Solomon Shaw
J. H. Woodward

Wm. Williamson to
Adm. Bond to
Oct. Term 1840

State of Tennessee Gibson County
We Beverly A. Williamson & Joseph Williams and
John and firmly bound unto James R. Polk
Governor of the State aforesaid, for the time

being and his successors in office in the penal sum of four
thousand Dollars for which payment, We and truly to be
de bind our selves our heirs executors and administrators jointly
and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals
and dated this 5th day of October 1840

The condition of the above obligation is
such that if the above bounden B. A. Williamson Administrator
of all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and Credits of
Leidy Williamson deceased do make or cause to be made a true and
perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and
Credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession
or knowledge of him the said B. A. Williamson or into the hands and
possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do
exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court which
orders of administration passed and the same goods Chattels and
Credits of said deceased at the time of his death or which at any
time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said B. A.
Williamson or into the hands or possession of any other person or
persons for him or him and truly administer according to said
and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account
of his administration within two years after the date of these
presents and all the rest and residue of said goods Chattels
and Credits which shall be found remaining upon said Admin-
istrator's account the same being first examined and allowed by
the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons
respectively as the same shall hereunto pursuant to said
and if it shall appear that any last will and testament
was made by the deceased and the executor or executors therein
named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have
it allowed and approved accordingly if the said B. A. Williamson
above bound Being shewn to request so answer and deliver the
said letters of administration (approbation of such testament
being first had and made) in the said Court then this obligation
to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and
virtue Given under our hands and seals this 5th day of Oct. 1840

B. A. Williamson
Joseph Williams

State of Tennessee Gibson County 354
Rachel Wade to Wm. all men by These presents that we Rachel
Wade bind to Wade William Wade and George Wade of the County
Nov. Term 1840 and State of Tennessee and truly to be made
J. B. Sibell Chairman of the County Court of said County and his successors
in office in the sum of Ten thousand Dollars to be paid to said
justices or his successors in office or assigns, to which payment well and
truly to be made, we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly
and severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated
the 2nd day of Nov. 1840
The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above
bound Rachel Wade was this day chosen and appointed Guardian of Frances
J. Elizabeth O. Priscilla P. America C. Robert C. Mary C. and Mary C.
Wade minor heirs of John Wade deceased We should the said Rachel
Wade well and truly perform the duties of Guardian towards the said
minors, orphans and in all respects discharge her duty faithfully then this
obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue
Rachel Wade
William Wade
George Wade

John Tollis to Adm. Bond Nov. Term 1840
State of Tennessee Gibson County
We John Tollis, George Reason, and Christopher C. Wright are held
and firmly bound unto James R. Polk Governor of the State aforesaid
for the time being and his successors in office in the penal sum of
Two hundred Dollars for which payment well and truly to be made
we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and
severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated
the 2nd day of Nov. 1840
The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above
bounden John Tollis Administrator of all and singular the Goods
and Chattels rights and Credits of Luke Tollis deceased do make
or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular
the Goods and Chattels rights and Credits of the said deceased
which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge
of him the said John Tollis or into the hands and possession of
any other person for him and the same so made do exhibit or
cause to be exhibited to the next County Court whose orders of
Administration passed and the same Goods and Chattels and Credits
which shall of the deceased at the time of his death or which at
any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said
John Tollis or into the hands of any other person or persons for

him do well and truly administer according to Law and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his said Administration within Two Years after the date of these presents and all the rest and the residue of said Goods and Chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto pursuant to Law and if it shall appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the deceased and the Executors or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said John Collins above bound being thereto required to render and deliver the said Letters of Administration (or probations of such Testament being first made and made) in the said Court then this obligation to be of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue Given under our Hands and Seals this 2nd day of Nov 1840

John Collins (S)

George Mason (S)

Christopher L. Wright (S)

Hardy Hunt to State of Tennessee, Gibson County to { Admr. Bond to, Mr Hardy Hunt, Peyton Woods and John Over all and family held and bound unto James H. With Governor of the State of said, for the time being and his successors in Office to the penal sum of Eight hundred Dollars for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 2nd day of Nov 1840

The above obligation is such that if the above bounden Hardy Hunt, administrator of all and singular the Goods and Chattels rights and Credits of John Holmes deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods and Chattels rights and Credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Hardy Hunt or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where orders of Administration passed and the same Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Hardy Hunt or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his administration within Two Years after the date of these presents and all the rest and the residue of said Goods chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto

and all the rest and residue of said Goods, chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto pursuant to Law and if it shall appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the deceased and the Executors or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Hardy Hunt above bound being thereto required to render and deliver the said Letters of Administration (or probations of such Testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue Given under our Hands and Seals this 2nd day of Nov 1840.

Hardy Hunt (S)

Peyton Woods (S)

J. Over all (S)

State of Tennessee, Gibson County

George I. Harris to { Mr George I. Harris, William Morton and Mrs H. Bond to { Singleton are held and firmly bound unto Jas. H. With Governor of the State of said, for the time being and his successors in Office to the penal sum of Two hundred Dollars for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 2nd day of Nov 1840

The conditions of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden George I. Harris administrator of all and singular the Goods and Chattels rights and Credits of the said deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the Goods and Chattels rights and Credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said George I. Harris or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where orders of Administration passed and the same Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said George I. Harris or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his administration within Two Years after the date of these presents and all the rest and the residue of said Goods chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto

pursuant to Law and if it shall appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named do certify the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly of the said Judge. Finitis ubi bound being the same required do render and deliver the said Letter of Administration, annotation of such Testament being just had and made) in the said Court their said obligations to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue Given under our hands and seals this 2nd day of Nov. 1840

Gov. Lewis *LD*
 Wm. Mott *LD*
 Wm. A. Livingston *LD*

Samuel Cross } State of Tennessee }
 to } Will }
 October the 3rd 1840

Now we men by these presents that Samuel Cross hath this day set too to fix and settle my business the weaker in body but firm in mind and hath appointed Samuel Bogel my lawful Executor to fix and settle my business as follows this being my last Will and Testament that all of my just debts be paid and after they are paid then the balance to be divided as follows my son John Cross to have ten Dollars and all my indebted notes and an instrument of writing something like a will on my Brother and allow my son William Cross to have ten Dollars and too notes that I hold on him and note for fifty five Dollars the other for eight all my Daughter Elizabeth Bogel children to have ten Dollars and also my Daughter Martha Hovington to have ten Dollars and the obligations that I hold on her husband for their property that she have in there possession that I bought and paid for and the rest of my property to be divided as follows my bedstead and bed and furniture and family Bibel and him book and Christ and twenty five Dollars to Daughter Anna Bogel and the balance to be divided between my two youngest Daughters equal to wit Mary de Larnie and Anna Bogel this being my last will and Testament Given under my hand and seal this day and above written attest

John Cross
 William ^{his} Bogel
 E. C. Green ^{mark}

Samuel Cross *LD*

Samuel Bogel to } Know all Men by these presents that we
 to } Cross Bogel } Samuel Bogel, Absalom Knox and Armstead
 Nov. Term 1840 } Executors do hereby bind and firmly bound unto his
 H. Polk Esq. Governor of the State of Tennessee
 and his successors in office in the just and full sum of Three hundred Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 2nd day of Nov. 1840

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Samuel Bogel has this taken upon himself the burden and execution of the Will of Samuel Cross deceased Now if the said Samuel Bogel will and truly execute the same by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the legacies contained in the said Will as far as the assets may come into his hands will execute and the Law charge him and make a true and perfect Inventory of the Goods and Chattles of the deceased and return the same in the time prescribed by Law then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Samuel Bogel *LD*
 Absalom Knox *LD*
 Armstead ^{mark} Bogel *LD*

State of Tennessee Gibson County Nov Term 1820

We Lemara & Nora George & Joseph & Sarah George was late and formerly bound unto James H. Polk Governor of the State of Tennessee for the term being and his successors in office in the Penal sum of three hundred dollars for which payment will and they to be made till now and is by our heirs Executors and Administrators heretofore and lawfully bound by these presents sealed with our Seals and date this 4th day of November 1820

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if the above bound Lemara & Nora Administrators of all and singular the goods and Chatter rights and Credits of James H. Polk deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the goods and Chatter rights and Credits of said deceased which have or shall come to the said persons or knowledges of him the said Lemara & Nora or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him or her and truly administer according to Law and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of her said administration within two years after the date of these presents and all the rest and the residue of said goods Chatter and credits which shall be found remaining upon said administration account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto Pursuant to Law and if it shall appear that any last Will and testament was made by the deceased and the executor or Executrix thereof is named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Lemara & Nora above named being thereto required do render and deliver the said Letter of Administration (approbation of such Testament being first made and allowed) in the said Court when this Obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue

Given under our hand and Seals this 4th day of November 1820

Lemara & Nora
G. & J. George
J. B. George

Seal
Seal
Seal

James T. Hunt Appointed Bond Nov Term 1820

I Jacob B. Shull Chairman of the County Court of Gibson County by the direction of the Court and in their behalf do hereby bind William J. Cannon an apprentice of the age of fifteen years to James T. Hunt with him to live and work as an apprentice until he attains to the age of twenty one years during which time the said William J. Cannon shall obey all the lawful commands and faithfully serve the said James T. Hunt in all respects subject to his authority and control according to Law and his duty as an apprentice and James T. Hunt on his part covenants that he will teach and instruct the said William J. Cannon the art of Farming and to read and write and cipher through the single rule of three or cause the same to be done if he has sufficient capacity and he will also constantly find for said William J. Cannon sufficient diet Lodging washing and apparel and other necessary attend to an apprentice both in sickness and in health and will take care of his morals and treat him with humanity and at the end of time to give him a horse Bridle & saddle Pair of Cattle worth one hundred dollars in his own hands & seals this 2nd Nov 1820

James T. Hunt
Wm Hunt

Seal

The Last Will and Testament of Wm. H. Higgins deceased

State of Tennessee
Gibson County

In the name of God Amen I William Higgins of the County & State aforesaid being in an infirm state of health but of perfect mind

memory do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the following manner (23)

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary during her natural life or widowhood the following Negroes (23) Saml. Mary and her increase, Manah & her child Saml & Thomas & William to gether with all my household & kitchen furniture all of my plantations including all my stock of every description all the Crop with us the mnt & the contents of the Smoke house. Also twenty five acs of cleared Land, whatever she may choose so as to include the buildings and Spring with full privilege of timber land of every kind on any part of my land for the purpose of having life the house and plantations and the balance of the plantation to be cut out every year and the proceeds of the cut to be equally divided between her & and my three children (23) Michael, Mary & Anne. She is to possess all the above named property for from incumbrance as above stated during her natural life or widowhood. at which period of time all the above named property shall return to my heirs as shall be hereafter described

2nd I give and bequeath to my daughter Dorothy wife of James Morris one negro girl named Fanny & her child who is now in her possession to her and the heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever

3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah wife of Thomas Richardson one negro boy named Joseph and one negro woman named Doby with her child Martha and her child who are now in her possession to her and the heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever

4th I give and bequeath to my son Michael M. Higgins the negro boy named Saml at the death or marriage of my wife also a negro boy named Dave who is now in his possession also one half of my land on which I now live on an equal division between him and Mary

5th I give and bequeath to my son William Higgins one negro boy named Woodward

6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah wife of Abraham Knox one negro girl named Sally with her two children and all her increase and one negro boy named Doby

all of whom are now in her possession to her & the heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever

7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah wife of John Nelson one negro girl named Sarah & her child John & all her increase one named Mary & her child Thomas with all her increase at the death or marriage of my wife one further her and her heirs for or to two hundred dollars in money or notes and one half of the land in which I now live as stated — heretofore the above named negroes is given to her & the heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever

8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann wife of Peter Parker the following negroes (23) Mary and her child & a girl named Sally who are now in her possession and one boy named William at the death or marriage of my wife to her & the heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever

9th I give and bequeath to my two living daughters (23) Mary & Ann Higgins fifty dollars to each in money or store but if once the money to be kept & divided among my children

10th I give and bequeath to my son Michael M. Higgins one negro boy named Peter whom I now hold under a mortgage & if redeemed the redemption money to go to him in lieu of the Boy & if not at my death if not redeemed is to go to Michael

11th I give and bequeath to my grand child James Higgins son of Michael M. Higgins a negro boy named James about six years of age if said grand child lives if not I give said negro to my grand child William Moore

12th I give and bequeath to my grand child James Higgins son of Michael M. Higgins a negro boy named James about six years of age if said grand child lives if not I give said negro to my grand child William Moore

13th I give and bequeath to my son Michael M. Higgins all the land arriving from a deed of Trust & hold on ninety six acres of land belonging to Hugh M. Kelly

14th I give and bequeath to each of my daughters at my death twenty dollars

15th I give and bequeath to my wife all the money in specie that is in the house or that may be at my death together with a hundred dollar note on John Jones & fifty dollars in money or notes

16th It is my will that all the property given and bequeathed to my wife except the negroes after her death be equally divided between Mary, Michael, Sally, Mary & Ann after all expenses of any are paid

17th It is my will that after the above items are all paid that there should be a surplus that it be equally divided between my three sons

16th I have hereby appointed my son Michael M. Huggins and
Attendant Thomas W. Escherting and also foregoing I declare to be
my last will and testament revoking all others by me heretofore
made I

In the above inventory I have under past my second name this 16th
day of May 1837
Wm. Huggins Esq

William Higgins Seal

Robert Aschete
Richard B. Aschete
St. Higgins

Know all men by these presents, that we Abraham Enos Robert Nesbitt and Michael Haggard Esquires of the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee are sold and firmly bound unto John R. Polk Esq. Governor of the State of Tennessee and his successors in office in the full and full sum of ten thousand Dollars for the payment of which we and our heirs to be made in and with each of us, bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and jointly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of December 1820—

The bondwriten of the above obligatiens is such that whereas the above bound Absolom Wroth hath this day taken upon himself the burthen and execution of the said of William obligatiens deceased most of the said Absolom Wroth will and duly execute the same by paying first the debts of said deceased and then the Legacies contained in said will as far as the assets may come in his hands will execute and the Law charges him and make a true and perfect Inventory of the said Land and Chattels of the deceased and return the same in the time prescribed by Law then the obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue Absolom Wroth Esq

and Venture	Absolute Trust	Lead
	Robert Knight	Lead
	Mc Mc Higgins	Lead
	J L Corner	Lead

State of Tennessee Gibson County

It shows all now by these presents that we Polly Spots John McIlwaine
William P. Wilson of the County and State aforesaid are here and
firmly binding unto Joseph McIlwaine Chairman of the County Court for
said County and his successors in office in the sum of four thousand
Dollars to be paid to said Justice or his successors in office or assignees to
which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs
executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these
presents sealed with our seals and attested this 7th day of November
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The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Poly Yates was then my Slave and appointed Guardian of William Carver's Son, Thomas J. Yates and Prescott Yates heirs of J. Yates Slave. Now should the said Poly Yates will and truly perform the duties of Guardian towards the said minor offspring, and in all respects discharge her duty - faithfully then this obligation to heron due to remain in full force and motion

Dist. A. L. L. L. L. L.

her
 Poly + gates *Dist B*
 John McElroone *Dist B*
 Wm P. McElroone *Dist B*

I Joseph B. Dible Chairman of the County Court of Gibson County by the direction of the court and in there be kept as truly and John Hargrove an orphan of the age of seventeen years to Thomas B. Claiborn & pro L Davis with him to live and work as an apprentice until he arrives to the age of twenty one years of age during which time the said said John Hargrove shall obey the lawful commands and faithfully serve the said Thomas B. Claiborn & pro L Davis and be in all respects subject to there authority and control according to law and his duty as an apprentice

And the said Thomas B. Claiborne & John L. Davis, on their part
 Promise that they will teach and instruct the said John
 Hargrove in the art and mystery of Book Binding and to read and
 write and Cypher through the single rule of Three or Cause the same
 to be some if he have sufficient capacity and they will also
 constantly find for the said John Hargrove sufficient food buying
 clothing and apparel and other necessaries suited to an Apprentice
 both in sickness and in health and also take care of his morals
 and treat him with humanity and at the end of the time will give
 him twenty five dollars in good money.

Best

Al. Sumner 6/2

Charborn Davis Ho
Per Thos B Charborn
Love Relation. Charborn

The Last will & Testament of Tho^rmas Ormes to saye John Will

I Thomas Ormes of the County of Gibson and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made

And first I direct that my body be decently entombed in a manner suitable to my Condition in life and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I will and dispose of the same as follows First I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses together with the necessary expense of packing in my grave be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any moneys that I may see proper or that may first come into the hands of Executors John any portion of my estate real or personal I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Ormes my Boy Moses or any or two more or selling out of my flock of 4 horses on hand at my death or which she may choose to take me to my wife Polly Ormes a certain negro woman named Mary and a certain negro Boy - named Samson both Slaves for life and also one bed chamber & furniture to be selected by her and all the beds furniture ~~which~~ which I may possess except so much as may be necessary to furnish two other beds and also all my other household and kitchen furniture And I also will and bequeath to my said wife the south half of the tract of Land on which I now live the whole tract containing about one thousand & thirty seven & a half acres embracing my dwelling and also two saddle lands & meadows Thence I will and bequeath to my Father Eli Ormes the north half of my tract of Land as above described during his life and at his death it is to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be divided equally among his legal heirs

Fourthly I will and bequeath to my Sister Mariah Ormes a certain Negro Girl named Martha a slave for life and I will to my Sister Casper Ormes a certain Negro Girl named Ammy and a slave for life I also will to my Sister Polly Ormes a certain Negro Girl named Lily and a slave for life

Fifthly It is my will that all my real and personal estate not otherwise heretofore or hereafter in this my last will and testament appropriated or specifically devised be sold by my Executors at publick auction on a credit of not less than six nor more than twelve months - Sixthly it is my will that the proceeds of the sale of my real and personal estate mentioned and devised to be made in the fifth Clause

of this my last will and testament after my just debts are paid be equally divided between my Father Eli Ormes and my wife Polly Ormes and my Brothers Moses Ormes Nathaniel Ormes John Ormes James Ormes and Clay Ormes and my Sister Mariah Ormes Casper Ormes Polly Ormes and Sally were Sally Wooten have wife of John Wooten have or their legal representatives

Seventhly I will that the negroes herein bequeathed to my said Sisters Mariah Casper & Polly devolve to them as herein directed and that the title remain in them or their heirs of their body lawfully - Lastly I do hereby make execute and appoint my beloved friend Minor A.P. Grogby and my beloved wife Polly Ormes Executor and Executrix of this my last will and Testament

In Testimony Whereof I the said Thomas Ormes the said testator have to this my will written in on one sheet of Paper set my hand and affixed my seal this twentieth day of November in the year of our Lord eight hundred and forty

Signed Sealed & published

Thomas Ormes

in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed in the presence

of the Testator and of each other

Blanca M. Alexander

John W. Alexander

W. F. Hays

Subscribed by the Executors Bond to January Term 1841

I know all well by these presents that in &c. P. Grogby & James A. Harwood are held and firmly bound unto James H. Hays Governor of the State of Tennessee and his successors his office in the sum and full sum of three thousand dollars for the payment of which said bond and truly to be made in and each of us signed ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators severally jointly and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this fourth day of January 1841

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above named Minor A.P. Grogby has this day taken upon himself the Bond and Execution of the will of Thomas Ormes deceased one of the said A.P. Grogby will and truly execute the same by paying first the said debts of the said deceased and then the legacies contained in the said will as far as the apts may come into his hands will execute and the Law charge him and make a true and perfect inventory of the goods and chattels of the said deceased and return the same in the time prescribed by Law then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

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James M. Bride's Will Proven January Term 1841

In the name of God Amen I James M. Bride of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory thanks be to God, nothing and unwilling all or his wills by me heretofore made do hereby make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following To Wit

1st I wish and desire that my Body be decently buried and as to the worldly estate which it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of the same as follows

1st I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid soon after my decease as possible out of any moneys that may be possessed with or may first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate real or personal

2nd Secondly I give and bequeath to my sons William & Hugh M. B. and James M. Bride one Certain tract of land known as the Porter Tract containing two hundred and sixty one acres and some more to be divided between them so that William & Hugh M. B. Bride is to get each one hundred acres and James M. Bride the balance

3rd Item the 3rd I give to James M. Bride the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars to make up for the deficiency in land

4th Item the 4th I give and bequeath to my four daughters Hester A. R. Sarah Nancy & Mary M. B. each two hundred and twenty five dollars when ever they become of age or marry

5th Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel M. Bride the piece of land known as the Henderson tract with fifty acres off of the tract on which I live adjoining the above mentioned tract

6th Item 6th I give to my loving wife Lucy M. Bride the balance of the tract on which I live during her life or until my two little sons John B. and Jesse M. B. arrive to the age of twenty one years I also give I also give the following Slaves during her life or widowhood in manner and form following To Wit I give her one Man name Barnes and one woman name Maria during her life and the following during her widowhood to Wit Len. and his wife Sally Maria Garrison, Madam. Love & Fanny. this property is not to be sold for any contract she may make but may be hired out also I give her my stock of horses cattle hogs & sheep horses hogs & chickens furniture & plantation and any crop

7th I give to my two sons John B. and Jesse M. B. when they arrive to the age of twenty one years the land I which I left my wife above to be equally divided between them 8th I wish my wife to have the interest on what moneys may come into hands to assist her in raising my children until they come of age or marry and share their proportionable share and should any of my children die without heirs I wish their property to be divided equally between my other children

9th Should my wife die I wish that the property given to her during her widowhood be equally divided between my children also whatever money may be on hand belonging to my estate to be equally divided and also the slaves I have left her during her life and then in case to be equally divided between my children at her death

And I the said James M. Bride do hereby make and ordain and appoint my friend Allen Doda and my loving wife my Executor and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of May 1840

Signed in the presence of

James M. Bride test

John V. Rains

James A. Harwood

Thomas G. Turner

Allen Doda to Executors Bona January Term 1841

Known all men by these presents that an Allen Doda Sheriff of the State of Tennessee and his deputy in office in the first and true sum of witnesses and for the payment of which will and truly to be made use and each of us bind our selves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and jointly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 4th day of February 1841

The consideration of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Allen Doda hath this day taken up on himself the burden and execution of the Will of James M. Bride deceased now of the said Allen Doda will and truly execute the same by paying first the debts of the said deceased and then the Legacies contained in the said Will as far as the assets may come into his hands then execute and deliver the same to the heirs and make a true and perfect conveyance of the goods and chattels of the said deceased and return the same in the time prescribed by law - then this obligation to be void and to remain in full force and virtue

Test
Abner M. B. R.

Allen Doda

Robt. Joyce

M. & Jennings

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John A Kerr Constable Bond to January Term 1841

Know all men by these presents that we John A Kerr James Wright
Gulb Howard Alvin King & William Dutton are hale and firmly
bound unto James H Webb Esq Governor of the State of Tennessee and his
Successors in office in the full and true sum of four thousand dollars
for the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind each of
us and ourselves our heirs executors and Administrators jointly severally
Solemnly and firmly these presents sealed with our seals and dated
this 14th day of January 1841 The Condition of the above
Obligation is such that whereas the above bound John A
Kerr has been duly elected to serve as Constable for the County
of Gibson & Saxe State now of the said John A Kerr shall well
and truly pay and satisfy such persons to whom the same
may be due all sums of money by him received by virtue of any
process put into his hands for that purpose and shall in all
things belonging to his office well and truly demean himself
during his Continuance therein then this obligation to be void
otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Test
H. K. Kinnick

John A Kerr Esq
James Wright Esq
Gulb Howard Esq
Alvin King Esq
William Dutton Esq

James B Blakemore Surety Bond off Olley A Blakemore January Term 1841
State of Tennessee Gibson County. Know all men by these presents that we
James B Blakemore and William B Blakemore of the County and State aforesaid are
hale and firmly bound unto Samuel Booth Chairman of the County Court for said
County and his Successors in office in the sum of seven thousand dollars to be paid
to said Justice or his Successors in office or assigns to which payment well
and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and Administrators
jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 3rd day
of January 1841 The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound
James B Blakemore was this day chosen and appointed Guardian of Olley A
Blakemore here of Olley A Blakemore deceased he the said Olley A Blakemore being over
the age of fourteen years. Now shall the said James B Blakemore well and truly
perform the duties of Guardian towards the said minor orphan and in all
respects discharge his duty faithfully then this obligation to be void
else to remain in full force and virtue

Test
H. K. Kinnick

James B Blakemore
W B Blakemore

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Jacob I Smith Guardian Bond Davidson Term January Term 1841
State of Tennessee Gibson County. Know all men by these presents
that we Jacob I Smith & Little John Wilkins of the County of Gibson
and State aforesaid are hale and firmly bound unto Samuel Booth
Chairman of the County for said County and his Successors in
office in the sum of six thousand dollars to be paid to said Justice
or his Successors in office or assigns to which payment well and
truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs executors and
Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents
sealed with our seals and dated this 5th day of January 1841

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that
whereas the above bound Jacob I Smith was this day chosen and
appointed Guardian of Admon f. Laura S. Laura A. Davidson
minor here of A. B. Davidson deceased Now should the said Jacob I Smith
well and truly perform the duties of Guardian towards the said
minor orphans and in all respects discharge his duty faithfully then this
obligation to be void else to remain in full force
and virtue

Test
H. K. Kinnick

Jacob I Smith Esq
Little John Wilkins Esq

Bennet Ragau to Guardian Bond February Term 1841

State of Tennessee Gibson County

Know all men by these presents that
we Bennet Ragau George A Penn and Caswell L. Lammont of the County
and State aforesaid are hale and firmly bound unto Samuel Booth
Chairman of the County for said County and his Successors in office in the
sum of six thousand dollars to be paid to said Justice or his Successors
in office or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made we
bind ourselves our heirs executors and Administrators jointly severally
and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 1st
day of February 1841 The Condition of the above Obligation
is such that whereas the above bound Bennet Ragau was this day
chosen and appointed Guardian of Elizabeth A. Agnew here
of Albert Agnew deceased Now should the said Bennet Ragau well
and truly perform the duties of Guardian towards the said minor
orphans and in all respects discharge his duty faithfully then this
obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

B. Ragau
G. A. Penn
C. L. Lammont

William E. Brown to
Administration Ben
E. C. Lambert
February Term 1841

State of Tennessee, Bedford County.
We Mr & Edward Dea Laster & Henry F English
and his heirs and jointly bound unto James H Dea
Governor of the State aforesaid for the time being
and his successors in office in the penal sum of one thousand dollars for which
payment well and truly to be made in kind ourselves our heirs executors
and administrators jointly and severally jointly by these presents
sealed with our seals and dated this first day of February 1841

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above
Brown William E Brown Administrator of all and singular the goods
and Chattels rights and Credits of Ephraim C Lambert deceased do make
or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular
the goods and Chattels rights and Credits of the said deceased which
have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the
said William E Brown or into the hands and possession of any other
person or persons for him and the same as exhibit or cause to be
exhibited to the next County Court where orders for administration
shall be made at the time of his death or which at any time after shall come
to the hands or possession of the said Mr E Brown or into the hands
or possession of any other person or persons for him as well and
truly administer according to law and further do make or cause
to be made a true and just account of his administration within two years
after the date of these presents and all the rest and the residue of said
goods Chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon said
administration account the same being first examined and allowed
by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons
respectively as the same shall be due unto pursuant to law and if it
shall appear that any last will and testament was made by the decedent
and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same
into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly
if the said Mr E Brown above bound being thereunto required do deliver
and deliver the said letter of administration (approbation of such
testaments being first had and made) in the said Court then the
obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in
its full force and virtue here under our hands and seals
this 1st of February 1841

Test H. M. M. & C. W.

Wm E Brown
Ephraim Laster
Henry F English

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Thos E Hail Adm of James E Hail February Term 1841

State of Tennessee, Bedford County.

We Thomas E Hail Adm of James E Hail
Annual Book are held and jointly bound unto James H Dea
Governor of the State aforesaid for the time being and his successors in office in the
penal sum of seven hundred & fifty dollars for which payment well and
truly to be made in kind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators
jointly and severally jointly by these presents sealed with our seals and
dated this first day of February 1841

The Condition of the above obligation
is such that if the above administrator Thomas E Hail as administrator of
all and singular the goods and Chattels rights and Credits of James
E Hail deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect
inventory of all and singular the goods and Chattels of the said decedent
which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him
the said Thos E Hail or into the hands and possession of any other person
or persons for him and the same do make as exhibit or cause to be
exhibited or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where
orders of Administration shall be made and the same goods Chattels and
Credits of the said decedent at the time of his death or which at
any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Thos
E Hail or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for
him as well and truly administer according to law and further do
make or cause to be made a true and just account of said administration
within two years after the date of these presents and all the rest and
residue of said decedent's Chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining
upon the said administration account the same being first examined
and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person
or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto pursuant to law
and if it shall appear that any last will and testament was made by
the decedent and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit
the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved
accordingly if the said Thos E Hail above bound being thereunto required
do deliver and deliver the said letter of administration (approbation of
such testaments being first had and made) in the said Court then
this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full
force & virtue here under our hands and seals this first day of
February 1841

Test H. M. M. & C. W.

Thos E Hail
John H. Hail
Samuel Booth

Andrew Allison Will to February Term 1841

In the name of God I, Andrew Allison of the State of Tennessee and County of Gibson being of sound mind and memory knowing that all men must die do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament Commending my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian manner and as to the worldly estate which God has blessed me with I give and dispose of in the following manner

1st I give and bequeath to Margaret E. A. Brown the heir of my deceased sister Rebecca \$500 five dollars.
2nd I give and bequeath to my Brother Joseph Allison five dollars.
3rd I give and bequeath to my Brother J. M. Allison five dollars.
4th I give and bequeath to my Brother John Allison five dollars.
5th I give and bequeath my sister Margaret \$500 five dollars.
6th I give and bequeath to my sister Nancy \$500 five dollars.
7th I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth \$500 five dollars and \$500 five dollars.

8th I give and bequeath to my Brother Henry Allison my tract of Land lying in Gibson County and State of Tennessee containing one hundred and two acres and all other property of what ever kind not mentioned above which may be found rightfully belonging to the I give and bequeath to my Brother Henry Allison to whom I appoint Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this Eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty

Andrew Allison Esq
John Carr.

Henry Allison Executor Bond To February Term 1841

Know all men by these presents that the Henry Allison George D. Penn & Elmer J. Quilley are held and firmly bound unto James R. Polk Esq. Governor of the State of Tennessee and his successors in office in the just and full sum of four thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made all and each of us bind our selves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and formally by these presents sealed with our seals and dated the first day of February 1841

The condition of the above obligation is such that where as the above bound Henry Allison hath this day taken upon himself the Burthen and Execution of the will of Andrew Allison deceased Now if the said Henry Allison well and truly execute the same by paying first the debts of said deceased and then the legacies contained in the said will as far as the assets may come into his hands well execute and the Law charge him and make a true and perfect inventory of the goods and chattels of the deceased and returned the same in the time prescribed by Law then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Henry Allison Esq
Elmer J. Quilley Esq
George D. Penn Esq

John D. Hapel Guardian Bond March Term 1841

State of Tennessee Gibson County.
Know all men by these presents that we John D. Hapel, Jordan Hapel & Bradley Hapel of the County and State aforesaid are held & firmly bound unto Sam. Booth Chairman of the said County Court for said County and his successors in office in the sum of one thousand dollars to be paid to said Justice or his successors in office or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and formally by these presents; sealed with our seals and dated this 1st day of March 1841

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound John D. Hapel was this day chosen and appointed Guardian of Sarah M. Over minor in of James M. Over Now should the said John D. Hapel well and truly perform the duties of Guardian towards the said minor orphans according to all respects discharge his duty faithfully then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

John D. Hapel Seal
P. Hapel Seal
Jordan Hapel Seal

Peter Jones admr Bond of *Elizabeth Jones* March Term 1841
State of Tennessee to Lewis County

I Peter Jones are here and firmly bound unto *James K. Polk* Governor of the State of Tennessee aforesaid, for the time being, and his successors in office in the penal sum of *Twenty thousand dollars*, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals, and dated this *1st* day of March 1841.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above named *Peter Jones* Administrator (with the well mixed) of all and singular the goods and chattles, rights and credits of *Elizabeth Jones* deceased, do make or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattles, rights and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of him the said *Peter Jones* or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited, to the County Court, where orders for administration passed: and the same goods, chattles, and credits of the said deceased, at the time of his death, or which at any time after shall come to his hands or possession of the said *Peter Jones*, or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly administer according to law: and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his said administration within two years after the date of these presents, and all the rest and residue of said goods, chattles and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administrators account, the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto, pursuant to law; and if it shall appear, that any last will and testament was made by the deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed, and approved accordingly, if the said *Peter Jones* above bound bring the same to a quid, do render, and deliver the said letters of administration (a probate of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court; then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue. Given under our hands and seals, this first day of March 1841.

Test Notarius &c

Peter Jones Seal

Andrew B. Simmons admr Bond of *James M. Simmons*, March Term 1841

State of Tennessee to Gibson County
Andrew B. Simmons, *John C. Gillespie* and *Ebenzer Dunlap* are here and firmly bound unto *James K. Polk* Governor of the State aforesaid, for the time being, and his successors in office in the penal sum *two hundred & seventy dollars*, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents, sealed with our seals and dated this *1st* day of March 1841.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above named *Andrew B. Simmons* administrator of all and singular the goods and chattles, rights and credits of *James M. Simmons* deceased, do make or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattles, rights and credits of said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands (possession or knowledge) of him, the said *Andrew B. Simmons* or in the hands and possession of any person or persons for him, and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where orders for administration passed: and the same goods, chattles, and credits of the said deceased, at the time of his death, or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said *Andrew B. Simmons* or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly administer according to law: and further do make or cause to be made, a true and just, account of his said administration within two years after the date of these presents, and all the rest and residue of said goods, Chattles and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account, the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto, pursuant to law; and if it shall appear, that any last will and testament was made by the deceased, and the executor or executors therein named, do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said *Andrew B. Simmons* above bound bring the same to a quid, do render, and deliver the said letters of administration (a probate of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court; then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue. Given under our hands and seals this first day of March 1841.

Test Notarius &c

Andrew B. Simmons Seal
John C. Gillespie Seal
Ebenzer Dunlap Seal

Uriah Dickens & William Tate administrators of John Tate. March Term 1841

State of Tennessee Sebm County

We Uriah Dickens, Wm Tate, Richard Dickens & Daniel K. Kelly, archdeals a family bond unto James K. Polk Governor of the State aforesaid for the time being, and his successors in office in the personal sum of Eight hundred dollars, for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 1st day of March 1841.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound Uriah Dickens & William Tate, Administrators of all and singular the goods, and chattels, rights and credits of John Tate, deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands possession, or knowledge of him the said Uriah Dickens & William Tate, or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where orders for administration passed, and the same goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased, at the time of his death, or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Dickens & Tate, or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly administer according to law, and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his Administration within two years after the date of these presents, and all the cost and the value of said goods, Chattels, and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account, the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively, as the same shall be due unto, pursuant to law; and if it shall appear, that any last will and testament was made by the deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said Dickens & Tate above bounden bring thence unto required, do render and deliver the said letters of administration (a probate of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court; then this obligation to be void and of no effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Given under our hands and seals this 1st day of March 1841

Test M. K. Kelly

Uriah Dickens
William Tate
Daniel K. Kelly
R. Dickens

George D. Blair administrator of John Dickey March Term 1841

State of Tennessee Sebm County

We George D. Blair, David D. Blair, and John B. Wright, are held and firmly bound unto James K. Polk Governor of the State aforesaid, for the time being, and his successors in office in the personal sum of two thousand dollars, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 1st day of March 1841.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that if the above bounden George D. Blair Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights & credits of John Dickey deceased, do make or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands, possession, or knowledge of him the said George D. Blair, or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court, where orders for administration passed, and the same goods, Chattels, and credits of the said deceased, at the time of his death, or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said George D. Blair, or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him, do well and truly administer according to law, and further do make or cause to be made, a true and just account of his said Administration within two years after the date of these presents, and all the rest and the residue of said goods, Chattels and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account, the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively, as the same shall be due unto, pursuant to law; and if it shall appear, that any last will and testament was made by the deceased, and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said George D. Blair above bounden bring thence unto required, do render and deliver the said letters of Administration (a probate of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court; then this obligation to be void and of no effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue. Given under our hands and seals this 1st day of March 1841.

Test M. K. Kelly

George D. Blair
David D. Blair
John B. Wright

Walrus I Born Head of Lion Broom bears

State of Tennessee Gibson County

Know all men by these presents that the Walrus I Born Benjamin Broom James B McWhorter & Isaac H Broom Deeds Broom of the County and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Samuel Booth Chairman of the County Court for said County and his successors in office in the sum of Five thousand dollars to be paid to said Justice or his in office or assignee to which payment will and truly to be made we have ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 1st day of March 1831

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Walrus I Born James B McWhorter & Isaac H Broom being of said County and State now should the said Walrus I Born well and truly perform the duties of Guardian towards the said minor orphans and in all respects discharge his duty faithfully then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

Test

W C Holmes

Walrus I Born Es
J B McWhorter Es
Isaac H Broom Es
James B Broom Es
Benjamin Broom Es

W C Holmes Secy of Margaret Broom to Bond

Know all men by these presents that we Benjamin C Holmes Hugh G Bone & William Holmes of the County and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Samuel Booth Chairman of the County Court for said County and his successors in office in the sum of Five hundred dollars to be paid to said Justice or his Successors in office or assignee to which payment will and truly to be made we have ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 5th day of April 1831

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Benjamin C Holmes was this day chosen and appointed Guardian of Margaret Broom being of said County and State now the wife of said Holmes

now should the said Benjamin C Holmes well and truly perform the duties of Guardian towards the said M Bone and in all respects discharge his duty faithfully then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

W C Holmes Es
H G Bone Es
Robert Holmes Es

Samuel Malone Secy of the heirs of Charles Phillips to say 1831
State of Tennessee Gibson County

Know all men by these presents that we Samuel Malone Robt Dabbs J B Cole & Henry G Phillips of the County and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Samuel Booth Chairman of the County Court for said County and his successors in office in the sum of five thousand dollars to be paid to said Justice or his Successors in office or assignee to which payment will and truly to be made we have ourselves our heirs executors administrators jointly and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 3rd day of May 1831

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Samuel Malone was this day chosen and appointed Guardian of say, Boston Child of Charles Phillips being of said County and State now should the said Samuel Malone well and truly perform the duties of Guardian towards the said minor orphans and in all respects discharge his duty faithfully then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

Test W C Holmes

Samuel Malone Es
Robt Dabbs Es
J B Cole Es
H G Phillips Es

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 The Hall & Charles Porter Admin Bond of John Hall & Charles Porter

State of Tennessee Pickens County, We William Hall Charles Porter
 D B Dickson & James L Baldridge are held and firmly bound unto James
 W Polk Governor of the State aforesaid for the time being (and his
 successors in office in the penal sum of six thousand dollars for which
 payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors
 and administrators jointly (and severally firmly by these presents
 sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of June 1841)

The condition of the above obligation is such that if
 the ~~above~~ bounden William Hall & Charles Porter Administrators
 of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of John
 Hall deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect
 inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and
 credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the hands
 possession or knowledge of them the said Hall & Porter or into the
 hands and possession of any other person or persons for them and the
 same so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next
 County Court where orders of Administration passed and the same
 goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death
 or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of
 the said Hall & Porter or into the hands or possession of any other person
 or persons for them do well and truly administer according to law and
 further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of these said
 administration within two years after the date of these presents and all
 the rest and residue of said goods Chattels and Credits which shall
 before remaining upon the said administrators accounts the same being
 first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay
 unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto
 pursuant to law; and if it shall appear that any last will and
 testament was made by the deceased and the executor or executrix
 therein named do exhibit the same into Court making request to
 have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said William
 Hall & Charles Porter above bound being thereto required do appear
 and deliver the said letters of Administration (approbation of such
 testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this
 obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force
 and virtue Given under our hands and seals this 7th day of June 1841

Test
 Attest James L. B.

William Hall — Seal
 Charles Porter — Seal
 D B Dickson — Seal
 James L Baldridge — Seal

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 James B Carter Admin Bond of Richard B Carter dec'd

State of Tennessee Pickens County — We James B Carter Isaac N Mayfield
 Isaac Lemmons & Edwin B Foster are firmly bound unto James W Polk Governor
 of the State aforesaid for the time being and his successors in office in the penal
 sum of four thousand dollars for which payment well and truly to be made
 we bind our selves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally firmly
 by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of June 1841

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above
 bounden James B Carter Administrator of all and singular the goods and
 chattels rights and credits of Richard B Carter deceased do make or cause to
 be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and
 chattels rights and credits of the said deceased which have or shall come to the
 hands possession or knowledge of him the said James B Carter or into the hands
 possession or knowledge of any other person or persons for him and the same
 so made do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where
 orders for Administration passed and the same goods, chattels and
 credits of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time
 after shall come to the hands or possession of the said James B Carter or into
 the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well
 and truly administer according to law and further do make or cause
 to be made, a true and just account of his said administration within
 two years after the date of these presents and all the rest and the residue of
 said goods Chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said
 administrators account the same being first examined and allowed
 by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons —
 respectively as the same shall be due unto pursuant to law and if it shall
 appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased
 and the executor or executrix therein named do exhibit the same
 into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly
 if the said James B Carter above bound being thereto required do
 appear and deliver the said letters of Administration (approbation of
 such testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this
 obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force
 and virtue Given under our hands & seals this 7th day of June 1841

Test
 Attest James B.

James B Carter — Seal
 Isaac N Mayfield — Seal
 E. Lemmons — Seal
 Edwin B Foster — Seal

Joseph Massey to Constables Bond 1841

Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Massey, Anna Phelan John Watts & Abraham Bradford are held and firmly bound unto James C Polk Esq Governor of the State of Tennessee and his successors in office in the just and full sum of four thousand Dollars for the payment of which William truly to be made we and each of us bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 7th day of June 1841

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Joseph Massey has been duly elected to serve as constable for the County of Gibson & Davis State now of the said Joseph Massey shall well and truly pay and satisfy such persons to whom the same may be due all sums of money by him received by virtue of any process put into his hands for that purpose and shall in all things belonging to his office well and truly demean himself during his continuance therein then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

that
Attest

Joseph Massey — Seal
Anna Phelan — Seal
John Watts — Seal
Abraham Bradford — Seal

State of Tennessee? Know all men by these presents John County 3 that we Archibald Keathly Bryan Caranay & Jesse Caranay of the County and State aforesaid are held and firmly bound unto Samuel Booth Chairman of the County Court for said County and his successors in office in the sum of eight thousand dollars to be paid to said Justice or his successor in office or assigns to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 25th day of July 1841

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound Archibald Keathly was this day chosen and appointed guardian of Mary Archibald Sepoy M Branch Nancy D & Eliza Branch minor heirs of Bryant Branch now should the said Archibald Keathly well and truly perform the duties of guardians towards the said minor orphans and in

all respects discharge his duty faithfully then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

Archibald Keathly Seal
B Caranay Seal
Jesse Caranay Seal

Know all men by these presents 3 Constable Bond 3 that we William West James July Term 1841 3 Baldridge Barret Branch & J. A. Emmersand are held and firmly bound unto James C Polk Esq Governor of the State of Tennessee and his successors in office in the just and full sum of four thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we and each of us bind ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 6 day of July 1841

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound William West has been duly elected to serve as constable for the County of Gibson & said State now of the said William West shall well and truly pay and satisfy such persons to whom the same may be due all sums of money by him received by virtue of any process put into his hands for that purpose and shall in all things belonging to his office well and truly demean himself during his continuance therein then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Wm West Seal
James L Baldridge Seal
J A Emmersand Seal
Barret Branch Seal

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Samuel Booth Adm^r Bond July Term 1841

State of Tennessee } We Samuel Booth Jas P Kellon
Gibson County } & Jas A McAss are held and
firmly bound unto James H. Polk Governor of the
State aforesaid for the time being and his successors
in office in the penal sum of Three Thousand
dollars for which payment well and truly to be
made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors
and administrators jointly and severally firmly
by these presents sealed with our seals and
dated this 5th day of July 1841

The condition of the above obligation is such
~~that~~ that if the above bounden Saml
Booth administrator of all and singular the
goods and chattels Rights and credits of Amos
S Wallace deceased do make or cause to be made
a true and perfect Inventory of all ^{and} singular
the goods and chattels rights and credits of the
said deceased which have or shall come to the
hands possession or knowledge of him the said
Samuel Booth or into the hands and possession
of any other person or persons for him and the
same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited
to the next County court where orders for adminis-
tration passed, and ^{some} the goods chattels and credits of the
said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time
after shall come to ^{the} hands or possession of the said Saml
Booth or into the hands or possession of any other person or
persons for him do well and truly administer according to
law and further do make or cause to be made a true and full
account of his ^{and} administration within two years after the date
of these presents and ^{all the} great and residue of said goods chattels
and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said
administrators account the same he first Examines and allowed
by the county court shall deliver and pay unto such person or
persons respectively as the same shall be due unto, pursuant
to law, and if it shall appear that any last will and a
testament was made by the deceased and the Executor or
Executors therein named do Exhibit the same in to court
making request to have it allowed and approved acco-
-ingly if the said Samuel Booth above bound being

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hereunto required to render and deliver the said letters
of administration (approbation of such testament being
first had and made) in the said court. Then this obligation
to be void and of no effect or else to remain in full
force and virtue given under our hands and seals this
the 5th day of July 1841

acknowledged in open court } Samuel Booth
Jas A McAss
Jas P Kellon

John W. Northham adm^r of John Miller at July Term 1891

State of Tennessee Gibson County

We John W. Northham L. S. Williams & John McNease are here and firmly bound unto James H. Polk Governor of the State of Tennessee for the time being and his successors in office in the penal sum of five hundred dollars for which payment shall and truly to be made on legal our selves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 6th day of July 1891

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound John W. Northham Special Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of ^{John Miller deceased do make or cause to be made or cause to be exhibited} ~~John Miller deceased do make or cause to be made or cause to be exhibited~~ ^{all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said deceased} ~~John Miller deceased do make or cause to be made or cause to be exhibited~~ ^{which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said John W. Northham or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made or exhibited or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where orders for administration proper and the same goods chattels and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said John W. Northham or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his said administration within two years after the date of these presents and all the rest and residue of said goods chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon the said administration account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such persons persons respectively as the same shall be due unto pursuant to Law and if it shall appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved according if the said John W. Northham above bound being thereunto required so render or deliver the said Letters of Administration (approbation of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue. Given under our hands and seals this 6th day of July 1891}

Not
Attest
McNease Clerk

John W. Northham *John W. Northham*
L. S. Williams *L. S. Williams*
John McNease *John McNease*

Edmund W. Rains adm^r of John Hays August Term 1891

State of Tennessee Gibson County

We Edmund W. Rains James Howard & John Latta are here and firmly bound unto James H. Polk Governor of the State of Tennessee for the time being and his successors in office in the penal sum of five hundred dollars for which payment shall and truly to be made on legal our selves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 2nd day of August 1891

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound Edmund W. Rains Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of John Hays deceased do make or cause to be made a true and just account of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of said deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of him the said Edmund W. Rains or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so made or exhibited or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where orders for administration proper and the same goods chattels and credits of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said Edmund W. Rains or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him do well and truly administer according to Law and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of his said administration within two years after the date of these presents and all the rest and residue of said goods chattels and credits which shall be found remaining upon said administration account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due unto pursuant to Law and if it shall appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased and the executor or executors therein named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Edmund W. Rains above bound being thereunto required do render and deliver the said Letters of Administration & approbation of such testament being first had and made in the said Court then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue. Given under our hands and seals this 2nd day of August 1891

Attest in open Court
Attest
McNease Clerk

Edmund W. Rains *Edmund W. Rains*
James Howard *James Howard*
John Latta *John Latta*

Joseph T Benson Constable Bond August Term 1881

Know all men by these presents that we Joseph T Benson Sheriff of Jones & Samuel H Smith are here and firmly bound unto James B Polk Esq Governor of the State of Tennessee and his Successors in office in the just and full sum of four thousand dollars for the payment of which well and truly to be made we and each of us bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 3rd day of August 1881

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound Joseph T Benson has been duly elected to serve as Constable for the County of Gibson said State now of the said Joseph T Benson shall well and truly pay and satisfy such sum or sums to whom the same may be due all sums of money by him received by virtue of any process put into his hands for that purpose and shall in all things belonging to his office well and truly demean himself during his continuance therein then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Joseph T Benson *Seal*
Samuel H Smith *Seal*
Jas B Jones *Seal*

Attest in open Court
At Nashville Clerk

John W Rains Bond to Superintendent August Term 1881

Know all men by these presents that we John W Rains for M. H. P. Kemp Stubb's John W Rains & N. S. Webb are of the County of Gibson and State of Tennessee are here and firmly bound unto Robert Plurine Superintendent of Public Instructions for the State of Tennessee (and his Successors in office in the penal sum of four thousand one hundred & thirty nine dollars \$4139.00) for which sum well and truly to be made we and each of us bind ourselves our heirs Executors Administrators and every and each of us jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 3rd day of August 1881

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas as by an act of Assembly establishing a system of common schools in the State of Tennessee John W Rains Trustee of said County of Gibson is by Law authorized to receive all moneys for the benefit of common schools for said County of Gibson in said State of Tennessee in from the moneys

none of the above bound John W Rains Trustee of said County of Gibson shall well and truly pay over all moneys he may receive for the benefit of common schools in said County of Gibson agreeable to the Statutes in such Cases made & provided and agreeable to the instructions of the Superintendent of public instructions of the State of Tennessee and so and perform all other acts as required by Law of him the said John W Rains as Trustee of said County in regard to the common school funds then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force & virtue

Attest in open Court
At Nashville Clerk

John W Rains *Seal*
J. H. P. Kemp *Seal*
Benj. Stubb's *Seal*
N. S. Webb *Seal*

W. L. Barton to Geo. W. Barton of the Barton Bros Sept Term 1881

State of Tennessee Gibson County. Know all men by these presents that we W. L. Barton James Bobbitt and Samuel Baker of the County and State of Tennessee are here and firmly bound unto Samuel Barton Chairman of the County for said County and his Successors in office in the sum of two thousand two hundred dollars to be paid to said Sustain or his Successors in office or assignees to which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 8th day of September 1881

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound W. L. Barton was then and chosen and appointed Quartermaster of the Co. of Col. M. Thomas S. R. R. E. M. W. S. Barton Senior heir of Thomas Barton deceased and should the said W. L. Barton well and truly perform the duties of Quartermaster toward the said Senior Company and in all respects discharge his duty faithfully then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue

Attest At Nashville Clerk

W. L. Barton *Seal*
Jas Bobbitt *Seal*
Samuel Baker *Seal*

John S. Hill to and Bond of A. J. Noble Dist Sept Term 1841

State of Tennessee Gibson County. We John S. Hill Milton N. Johnston & J. C. Hill the heirs and formerly bondsmen unto James R. Polk Governor of the State of Tennessee for the time being and his successors in office in the penal sum of two thousand dollars for which payment well and truly to be made within ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and date this 7th day of September 1841

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bondsmen John S. Hill Administrators of all and singular the goods and Chattle rights and Credits of ^{James R. Polk} deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and Chattle rights and Credits of said deceased which have or shall come to the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him and the same to make do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where orders for administration proper and the same goods Chattle and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the said John S. Hill or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him ^{the said John S. Hill} as well and truly administer according to law and further as make or cause to be made a true and just account of his said administration within two years after the date of these presents and all the rest and residue of said goods Chattle and Credits which shall be found remaining remaining upon the said Administrators account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due thereunto pursuant to law and if it shall appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased and the Executor or Executors thereof named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said John S. Hill above bound being (approbation of such testament being first had and made) in said Court then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue. Given under our hands and seals this 7th day of September 1841

J. S. Hill Seal
M. N. Johnston Seal
J. C. Hill Seal

Daniel Tenkle to and Bond Benj Chelmsford Dist to Sept Term 1841

State of Tennessee Gibson County. We Daniel Tenkle & Thomas W. Melnam are heirs and formerly bondsmen unto James R. Polk Governor of the State of Tennessee for the time being and his successors in office in the penal sum of six hundred dollars for which payment well and truly to be made well and truly ourselves our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and date this 7th day of Sept 1841

The Condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bondsmen Daniel Tenkle Administrators of all and singular the goods and Chattle rights and Credits of Benj Chelmsford deceased do make or cause to be made a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and Chattle rights and Credits of said deceased which have or shall come to the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him and the same to make do exhibit or cause to be exhibited to the next County Court where orders for administration proper and the same goods Chattle and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his death or which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of said Daniel Tenkle or into the hands or possession of any other person or persons for him as well and truly administer according to law and further as make or cause to be made a true and just account of his said administration within two years after the date of these presents and all the rest and the residue of said goods Chattle and Credits which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators account the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively as the same shall be due thereunto pursuant to law and if it shall appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased and the Executor or Executors thereof named do exhibit the same into Court making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly if the said Daniel Tenkle above bound being (approbation of such testament being first had and made) in the said Court then this obligation to be void and of none effect or else to remain in full force and virtue. Given under our hands and seals this 7th of Sept 1841

Daniel Tenkle Seal
Thos W Melnam Seal