

Dec 24 1892

I John H. Smith. Make and Publish this My
last will and Testament Making void
all former wills by me made at any
time written or spoken. I direct that my
funeral expenses be first paid out of any
means that I have. and then to pay all of
my Just debts out of whatever effects
that may go into my Executors hands.
Then I give to my Two Children Rella and
Eugene Each a horse Saddle & Bridle if they
should not get them in their possession
before I die. And I direct that my lands
and Indian Creek known as the Northcut
land be sold at private sale leaving it
optional as to time with my Executors
when to sell it. and the proceeds of Sale go
to my wife for her to use as she may see
proper. And I give to my wife Sarah
Jane my home place and all the land there
belonging to me to her during her life and
if she should die before her Sister Minnie
then it go to Minnie Johnson during her
natural life. and at her death to be equally
divided between all of my Children or
their heirs. but would say for that that
it would not pass out of the family.

and farther I give to my wife after my
debt are paid all and every thing in the
way of notes or cash that I may die posses-
sed of and to this my last will I name
and appoint my wife Sarah Jones and
her sister Jennie Johnson my Executors
to this my will and they are not required
to give bond and security. This day and
date first above written.

John A. Smith

Municipal will

The last will of Mrs L'E Smith. we Mrs T E
Welch and Mrs Barbrie Freeman, being called
on by Mrs L'E Smith to witness her will some time before
her death: which is follows to wit:
At first she said she wanted all her debts paid her
funeral expenses. And her effects as soon after her
death as possible. And her if any ^{was left} after paying
her funeral expenses and debts to go to her Church.
Mrs L'E Smith died the 31st day of March 1886

Witnessed

T E Welch
B. S. Freeman

Mrs. L. E. Smith
Will

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Last Will of
Dr. C. A. Smith
Given this October
4th 1888
recorded Aug 1/91
\$200
Ward ellz

State of Tennessee Madison
County October 4th 1888

I P. A. Smith do here
by make this my Last Will of
my Goods Real Estate & Personalty
unto the following Persons to wit
I Herely Give & Will unto Amanda
F. Duncan five Dollars Out of my
estate to Be Paid in Money at
my Death or as Soon as Practible
thereafter I also Give & Will unto
Luisy Hardins Heirs Five Dollars
to Be Paid in Money Out of my
estate at my Death or as Soon
thereafter as Practible I also
Give & Will unto Genetty Russell
Heirs Five Dollars to Be Paid in
Money Out of my estate at my
Death or as Soon thereafter as
Practible I also Give & Will unto
Mary Smith Heirs Five Dollars
to Be Paid in Money Out of my
estate at my Death or as Soon there
after as Practible I also Give
& Will unto my wife Mary Smith
The entire Remaining Part of my estate
Real & Perso to Have & to Hold During
Her Natural Lifetium

I also will and bequeath that after
my wife Mary Smith have the
use of my entire estate Both Real
and Personal except the Portion
~~I have of my estate~~ I have already
willed to the Portion Before named in
This ~~my~~ Last Will During Here
Natural Lifetime I Then will & give
unto Daniel Nordin & Joseph J
Sharp my entire estate Both Real
& Personal ~~that they~~ But Left-
at my wife Mary Smith Death
to have & to hold and to use, sell
or dispose off as They Please as
I Give them The Said Daniel Nordin
& Joseph J. Sharp my said estate
equally to be divided Between them
Selves forever in Witness I have
Here unto set my Hand & seal This
The Above Day & Date Written
Witness

P A Smith
Sealed

8/3/91

Judy McCasland
John W. Gamme
G. H. Whitlow

Jan. 21st 1890.

N.B. Smith's

will probated

April 3/1843

McLeod

clerk

The Last will & testament of W. B.
Smith, I do hereby devise and
bequeath to my beloved wife M. D.
Smith all of my property of every
kind, to mine to her sole benefit;
and I do hereby appoint her my
Executor without bond.
This June 8th 1892. W. B. Smith Seal
Witness: S. A. Welch
R. N. McFiori

Approved by the 2 witnesses
April 3/1903

I John D. Spaine of the County of Hardin
and State of Tennessee do make and publish
this as my last will and Testament. fully aware
being and making void all other wills by me
made at any other time

First I direct that my funeral expenses and
and all my debts be paid as soon after my
death as possible out of any moneys that I
may die possessed of or may hereafter come into
the hands of my executor hereinafter named -

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Elizabeth two Beds and their furniture together
with a large Chestboard and Bureau all of which
stand in the Eastern room of my present dwelling

I also direct that my executor pay to my said
wife Elizabeth the sum of One thousand dollars
by installments annually as she may need it
and my estate can spare the money

Thirdly I direct that all my real and
personal estate (except my negro boy George and
and the property herein before bequeathed to my
wife be sold by my Executor either publicly
or privately as he in his discretion shall think
best. And the proceeds of such sale divided
after providing for the above named bequest
of One thousand dollars to my wife. and some
named hereafter among those of my Grandchildren
hereinafter named as they may severally become of
the age of Twenty One years or their necessities

require it. My Executor may distribute
the portion going to each one, in such manner
as to provide for or her interest or as they may
respectively need it. The Grandchildren referred
to in the foregoing bequest are the following to
wit John Green Chastotte and America Britton
Children of William and Patsy Britton also Charlotte
and John Belcher the Children of Eliza Belcher
also John Chastotte and James DeSpain the children
of Peter DeSpain also all the Children of Loty
McIntosh. That she now has or may hereafter
have also all the Children of Emily Thompson. That
she now has or which she may hereafter have, each
one of said Grandchildren, to have an equal
share of the proceeds of the sale above referred
to. I also in like manner give and bequeath
to the Grandchildren above named and referred
to all the balance of my property or proceeds
of sale of same, of every kind and description
except that herein before disposed of or which
may be herein after mentioned.
Fourthly. It is my desire that my Executor shall
pay out of the sale of my property to my Son
Marshall DeSpain the sum of Three Hundred dollars
and to my Son Peter DeSpain the sum of One Hundred
dollars and to my daughter Sockey Bell the sum
of Ten dollars and to my Son John DeSpain the
sum of Five Hundred dollars provided my
said Son John shall take that sum of Three

in presence to
is my desire that
should pay him
above referred to
Hundred dollars
my desire that in
like manner
and the proceeds
bequeathed above
Fourthly I do here
give W G Camp
my last will and
that he may be per
In Testimony
Set my hand and
first day of May
hundred and

Signed Sealed and
acknowledged in our
presence of
and at his request
Set our hands as Witnesses
this first day
One thousand eight
fifty three
W H Taliaferro
J G Campbell

in presence to my Negro boy George but it
is my desire that he have the boy George if he
should prefer him to the Three Hundred dollars
above referred to. Should my Son prefer the three
Hundred dollars to the Negro boy George it is
my desire that my Executor shall sell said boy
in like manner as the rest of my property
and the proceeds disposed of in like manner as
bequeathed above

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my
friend W. G. Campbell as the Executor to the
my last will and Testament and request
that he may be permitted to act as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this the
first day of March One thousand eight
hundred and fifty three

John G. Desjardins (Gent)
Mark

signed sealed and

acknowledged in our presence

who in the presence of the Notary

and at his request have hereunto

set our hand as Witnesses to the

same this first day of March

One thousand eight hundred and

fifty three

A. N. Paliatens

J. G. Campbell

State of Tennessee
Harden County. I, James D. Martin, Clerk of
the County Court of said County,
hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and
complete copy of the last Will and testament of
John LeSpain deceased now on file in my office
whereby my hand at office this 16 day of January
A.D. 1861
James D. Martin Clerk

John LeSpain

Will Copy

Clerk fee - 90

Attest
J. D. Martin

Said

Monday, November 21st AD 1853

Be it remembered that at a Circuit Court begun and held for the County of Hardin at the Court House in the town of Savannah in said County on the 3rd Monday, it being the 21st day of November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty three, present and presiding the Honorable Elijah Walker Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee, lawfully summoned and qualified as such Judge, rendering &c

Tuesday, November 22nd AD 1853

Do not With pursuant to a government, present and presiding the Honorable Elijah Walker Judge &c

Washington G. Campbell
 03 The servant of John
 Luther P. Bell, Susan Bell
 his wife, John D. Spain, Peter
 D. Spain, Marshall D. Spain
 William Thompson of Lumpkin
 Thompson his wife
 This day came Washington G. Campbell and child
 a 14th Judicial Circuit Court, purporting
 to be the last will and
 testament of John D. Spain
 which, before
 the Court, was read
 and the contents thereof
 were explained to the jury
 and the Court found that
 the same was a true and
 correct copy of the last
 will and testament of John
 D. Spain.

Wherefore is in the Court and
 figures following to wit:

"I John D. Spain of the County of Hardin
 and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this
 my last will and testament, hereby revoking
 and making void all other wills, by me made
 at any other time. I wish that my funeral
 expenses be paid, as soon after my death as possible
 out of any moneys, that I may die possessed of or may

first come into the hands of My Executor hereafter
named. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my
beloved wife Elizabeth, two beds and their furniture
together with a large Chest, Cupboard and bureau,
all of which stand in the Eastern room of
my present dwelling. I also direct that my Exe-
cutor pay my said wife Elizabeth the sum of
One thousand Dollars, by instalments annu-
ally as she may need it, and my Executor shall
the money. Thirdly, I direct that all my real and
personal Estate, except my negro boy George, and
the property therein before bequeathed to my wife
be sold by my Executor, either publicly or privately
as he, in his discretion shall think best; and
the proceeds of such sale (after providing for
the above named bequest of One thousand
Dollars to my wife, and some named here
after) among those of my grand children
herein after named, as they may severally
become of the age of twenty One years, or their
necessities require it. My Executor may distribute
the proportion to each one, as to promote his
or her interest. Or as they may respectively need
it. The grand children referred to in the foregoing
bequest, are the following; to wit, John Brown
Charlotte and American Brittain Children
of William and Patsy Brittain, also Charlotte
and John Walker the children of Caleb Walker
also John, Charlotte and William the
children of Peter DeSpain, also all the children
of Lotty McIntosh, that she now has or may here
after have; each one of said grand children
to have an equal share of the proceeds of the sale
above referred to.

I also in like manner give and bequeath to the
grand children above named and referred to
all the balance of my property (or proceeds of sale
of same) of every kind and description, except
that herein before disposed of, or which may
be hereinafter mentioned. Fourthly, It is my
will that my Executor shall pay out of the sale
of my property to my son William DeSpain
the sum of three hundred Dollars, and to
my son Peter DeSpain the sum of One hundred
Dollars, and to my daughter Lotty (Call the
sum of Ten Dollars, and to my son John
Spain the sum of three hundred Dollars,
provided my said son John ~~DeSpain~~ take
that sum of three hundred Dollars in prefer-
ence of my negro boy George. But is my will
that he have the said boy George if he should
prefer him to the three hundred Dollars
above referred to. Should

other children, &c.
in this grand child will be retained in the fore-
bequest, and the following to wit: John Brown
Charlotte and Annicea Brittain children
of Melvina and Putney Brittain, also Charles
and John Walker the children of Charles Walker
also John, Charlotte and James DeSpain the
children of Peter DeSpain, also all the children
of Lotty, W. Antoin, that the now has or may here-
after have; each one of said grand children
to have an equal share of the proceeds of the sale
above referred to.

I also in like manner give and bequeath to the
grand children above named and referred to
all the balance of my property (or proceeds of sale
of same) of every kind and description except
that herein before disposed of, or which may
be hereinafter mentioned. Fourthly: It is my
will that my Executor shall pay out of the sale
of my property to my son Marshall DeSpain
the sum of three hundred dollars; and to
my son Peter DeSpain the sum of one hundred
dollars, and to my daughter Lotty Bell the
sum of ten dollars; and to my son John D
Spain the sum of three hundred dollars;
provided my said son John DeSpain take
that sum of three hundred dollars in prefer-
ence of my negro boy George; But is my will
that he have the said boy George, if he prefers
prefer him to the three hundred dollars
above referred to. Should my son prefer the
three hundred to the negro boy George, it is
my will that my executor sell said boy in
like manner as the rest of my property, and
the proceeds be disposed of in like manner
as bequeathed above. Lastly: I do hereby
nominate and appoint W. Campbell, as
the Executor of My Last Will & Testament; and
request that he see my property sold as a-
foresaid. In testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and affixed my seal
this the first day of March One thousand
Eight hundred and fifty three

John DeSpain

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in our
presence, who, in the presence of the Testator
and at his request, have hereunto set our

hands as witnesses to the same, this the first day of March One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty three

Attest
J. S. Campbell

And the said J. S. Campbell, the register above mentioned, said paper writing, and that the said paper writing is the last Will and Testament of the said John Delpain de; and that the said John Delpain de; died And beneath as specified and set forth in said paper writing, and this he is ready to verify

Attest
Attor for Plaintiff

And the said Defendants, Larkin P. Bell John Delpain, Peter Delpain, Marshall Delpain, William Thompson and Henry Thompson who claim to be heirs and distributees of the estate of the said John Delpain de; and say, that the said paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said John Delpain de; proposed and admitted by the said Plaintiff to be the last Will and Testament of said John Delpain de; is not the last Will and Testament of the said John Delpain de; and this they pray may be enjoined of by the court

Attest
Attor for Defts

And the Plaintiff doth the like

Attest
And thereupon this Cause is continued by consent until the next term of this Court

Monday March 20th AD 1854

Be it remembered that at a circuit Court began and held for the County of Hardin at the Court House in the town of Savannah in said County on the 3rd Monday, to wit the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord 1854, One thousand Eight hundred and Fifty four, present and presiding the Honorable Elijah Mather Esq. of the 14th Judicial Circuit of the State of Georgia, lawfully commissioned and qualified as such Judge presiding &c

Thursday April 20th 1854

Court put adjourning to a session

Depair did, and a copy of the said
paper nothing purporting to be the Last
Will and Testament of said John Depair
did, procured and averted by the said
Plaintiff to be the Last Will and Testament
of said John Depair did, is not the Last
Will and Testament of the said John
Depair did, and this they pray may
be enjoined of by the Court.

Wm. H. Hamilton, Senr.
Att'y for Defts.

And the Plaintiff doth the like
And thereupon the cause is continued by consent until
the next term of this Court.

Monday March 20th AD 1854

Be it remembered that at a circuit Court
begun and held for the County of Hardin at
the Court House in the town of Havanna
in said County on the 3rd Monday, to wit
the 20th day of March in the year of our Lord
One thousand Eight hundred and fifty
four, present and presiding the Honorable
Elijah Walker Judge of the 4th Judicial
Circuit of the State of Tennessee, lawfully
convened and qualified as such
Judge presiding &c

Tuesday March 21st AD 1854

Court first adjourning to adjourn into
morning the Honorable Elijah Walker Judge
presiding

Washington B. Camp, bill	this day came
W. B. Hunscomb, et al. then	the parties by
Patrick P. Bell, Peter	their attorney
Depair, Susan Bell	whereupon
Marshall Depair	by the parties
John Depair, William	by their attor-
Thompson & Sampy Thompson	nies, and it appear-

ing to the Court, that the following words
in the third clause of the paper writing
purporting to be the Last Will and Testament
of John Depair did, were committed in the
free manuscript at the last term of this Court.

to wit, "Also all the children of Humphry Thompson
that she ^{now} or ever had or may have. It is therefore ordered by the Court
that said bond be amended, by inserting
the said bond as aforesaid. On motion
made immediately after the request to the
children of Lolly M. Sutorh. is said third
Clause of said Will and before the words
"Each One of said Grand Children", Wherefore
came a Sum of good and lawfull men of this
County of Hancock, to wit, James McEhee, James
Smith, William McEhee, James Cash, John
Wilton, William Lyster, Miles Thomas, Joseph
Crawley, Richard Johnson, John Bandy
John Hall, & S. B. Hitt, who being duly sworn
tried and sworn, well and truly to try the
joined between the parties, and a true and
good and lawful verdict, and the same
affirmed. On the day that they find
the issue in favor of the Plaintiff, and that
the paper mentioned in the pleading, in
this cause, is the said Will and Testament of the said
John DeSpain de. It is therefore concluded by
the Court, that the said paper writing be set
up and established as the said Will and
Testament of the said John DeSpain de.
and that the same be certified to the County Court of
the County of Hancock, and that the same be
in the Book of Wills in said County Court. It is further
considered by the Court, that the Plaintiff recover of
said Defendants, on the motion of William McEhee,
security in the prosecution bond, the costs in this
wholly expended, and that Execution issue

Monday November 7th A.D. 1853

Be it remembered that at a County Court began and
held at the Court House in the Town of Savannah on the
first Monday its being the 7th day of November in the year
of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & fifty three
present & presiding the worshipful James Martin Clerk
Doan, John McRae, and others of their fellow Justices
of the peace and Justices of said County duly commissioned
and qualified to hold said Court presiding &c

Then & there the following proceedings were had
to wit,

and your favor of the Plaintiff, and that the paper writing mentioned in the pleading in this Cause, is the Last Will and Testament of the said John D Spain &c. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing be set up and established as the Last Will and Testament of the said John D Spain &c. and that the same be certified to the County Court of the County of Hamilton and that the same be recorded in the Book of Wills in said County Court. It is further considered by the Court, that the Plaintiff recover of said Defendants, on execution of William H Cherry security in the present Cause, the costs in this behalf expended, and that Execution issue.

Monday November 4th A.D. 1853

Be it remembered that at a County Court begun and held at the Court House in the Town of Savannah on the first Monday its being the 4th day of it running in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty three pursuant to providing the worshipful James D Martin Clerk Doran, John McRae, and others of this fellow Justice of the Peace and Justices of said County duly commissioned and qualified to hold said Court presiding at

Then & there the following proceedings were had to wit,

Larkin F. Bell, Susan Bell } Petition to revoke probate
Peter D Spain, Marshall D Spain } of Will &c
John D Spain & Wm Thompson }
vs
W. G. Campbell Executor of }
John D Spain Dec'd. } the petitioners to set aside

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the petition of the petitioners to set aside and annul the probate of the paper writing which was admitted to probate at the September term of the Court 1853 as the last will & testament of John D Spain Dec'd and to have the same proved in solemn form and it appearing to the Court that W. G. Campbell who is named as Executor in said paper writing has been called to appear at the term of the Court and answer said Petition. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said probate of the said paper writing as the last will & testament of the said John D Spain Dec'd be revoked and annulled and that said Executor W. G. Campbell be required to prove the same in solemn form and that the said Larkin F. Bell, Susan Bell, Peter D Spain, Marshall D Spain, John D Spain and Wm Thompson, thus at law of John D Spain Dec'd.

have now Contested the probate thereof. It is further ordered
and Considered by the Court, that this Cause be transferred to
the next Term of the Circuit of Hardin County, that an issue
be made up under the direction of said
Court for trial. They having entered into bond with
Wm H Cherry Security in Sum of five hundred Dollars
as required by law &c

State of Tennessee I W H Duckworth Clerk of the County
Hardin County Court of said County hereby Certify that
the foregoing is a true perfect & complete
Transcript of the records at the November Term 1853 of the
County Court of said County, witness my hand at office
November 25th 1853

W H Duckworth Clerk

State of Tennessee I John S Lewis Clerk
Hardin County of the Circuit Court of
Hardin County hereby cer-
tify that the foregoing is a true perfect
and complete Transcript from the files
made up in the said Circuit Court of
said County to try the said James H. Lewis
with and Wm by the said parties, their
Attorneys, and also all the Orders
made in the progress of said cause in
the said Circuit Court, and the Cause
of the Jury and Indictment of the
said Court in the foregoing
witness at Office

State of Tennessee, I, John S. Lewis Clerk
Hardin County, of the Circuit Court of
Hardin County hereby cer-
tify that the foregoing is a true, perfect
and correct transcript from the
made up in the said Circuit Court of
said County, to try the said James Lewis
said and from the said parties, their
Mentioned, includes all the orders
made in the progress of said cause in
the said Circuit Court, and the finding
of the Jury and judgement of the
said Court in the premises. Witness my
hand at Office, this 23 day of Sept. 1895
John S. Lewis
Circuit Clerk
for Hardin County

L.D. Shaw & others
in Manuscript

W. G. Campbell

filed the 22 of
Sept 1850

G. M. Hamilton
Clerk

Check for 2.00
= paid

Warren Sparks

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Wm of Warr
Sparks

Coill
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this day 1895-

Warr Sparks

Witness

John Smith
Jed Smith
Wm Sparks

About 30 acre Begin at or alter
Land & the Bourgh Land & Run
to Hardin creek then down
the said creek both a/cr turn
Road the Rock up to Road
where i said where i told
My wife Mary Sparks
i also give Wm Sparks a 19 acres
of Land in Better Spring on
Hardin creek joining John Howards
& the Renai Sparks Land that is
for the said Wm Sparks to pay
one Hundred dollars on
said Land debt

State of Tennessee
Hardin County
i this day make my will to
wit First give my wife Mary
Sparks a five line ~~land~~ it
to Run in the Land i give
Thomas Sparks my son & Bro
Guthrie & Mary & Guthrie Spence
Smith all of this Land is to be
together ~~in~~ and the same
Rents is to be pay until all
Land & debt is paid
then the said divide it if by
I think but i also give ~~my~~
Sparks / Got in Parents of Land
^{Amelia Sparks children}

I know all men by this ^{pressing} ~~pressing~~
that I make ~~this my~~ ^{last} will
& Testament as ~~my~~ that I am in
my right mind that am going
to leave this world in the
place I give my soul up to
God in the second place
I give all my money ~~up to~~
land & property ~~up to~~ ^{to} my
beloved sisters to wit Jane Steel
& Sarah Steel their life time
then to be divided Equal
between the ~~their~~ rest of the heirs
I appoint N. S. Lindsey my Execu-
tor to sell off my properties & put
the money out on Interest ~~my~~
land I do not want sold till
this 1st of 1868 ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{sister}
Testimony whereof I set my
hand & seal

Test
Joseph Carroll
9 J 1868

John C. Stealy

Will of

1866

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State of Tennessee Hardin County
I John C. Steely do make and publish this my
last will and testament hereby revoking and making
void all other wills by me made at any time
first I direct that my funeral expenses and all
my debts be paid as soon after my death as
possible out of any monies that I may die
possessed of or may first come into the hands of
my Executor Secondly I gave and bequeath to
my beloved wife Elizabeth Steely during her
life time or widowhood all of my effects both
real and personal & at the death of my wife
I want all of the ~~effects~~ ^{effects} both real and personal
to go to my three youngest sons ^{equally} William Reece
John Calvin & Richard Thomas & lastly I do hereby
nominate and appoint Reece White my executor
with full power at any time to sell or dispose
of any article or articles that in his judgement
would be an advantage to the family and
I hereby authorize my beloved wife Elizabeth
with the consent of my Executor in case any
of my children that is now single should
marry in her life time to give off any property
to them that she may think proper.
in witness whereof I do to this my will
set my hand and seal this the 10th day of
April 1866 John C Steely Seal

Signed Sealed and published
in our presence and we have
subscribed our names ^{trusts} in the
presence of the testator
the day and date above written

Test Joel Kilburn

David ^{his} Williams
mark

Witness J. C. Harrison
Provier By David Williams

James Street
from Charles & point
will (cert. can 1853)

Charles & point
1853
Charles & point
1853



A Copy of
Henry Shaws
Deed Will

Chas R. per \$100

Exhibit (a)

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In the name of God Amen.

I James Stevens of State of Virginia
and Hardin County being of sound mind
and disposing Memory do make this my Last
will and Testament in manner and form following
that is to say.

First, I will that all my last debts be paid
Second - I will that my beloved wife shall keep
all the following named property with the
Increase together. (Viz one woman named Mary
One Eve one Minnie one Bay. Ezekiel One Mary
One Willy one Ben one Robert One Kelly one girl
Rebecca one Bay Willie one Abraham one Julius
One girl named Martha one Luiza one Manerva
and the residue of my property in manner and form
following until the youngest child be come of age
One year of age viz.

As my child becomes of age or marriage
under twenty one year they shall receive
part of their Legacy to be valued by three
Disinterested Men those Men to be chosen by the
Executor such parts of the property as my Executors
may think best.

Third, I will my beloved wife during her
natural life her household and kitchen furniture
One Cow and calf one horse, twenty head of stock
hage all her Choice and one year provision also
the 200 acre tract of Land where I now live
with its appurtenances with an Equal part of
the residue of the property with my children the
division of the property to take place when the
youngest child becomes of age at the death of my
beloved wife the property given or claimed for
that may not have not proved be sold as a

Majority of my Legates may think best and
Equally divided between my Legates
Fraudh. and I hereby Casteth and explain
My beloved wife Elizabeth Stevens such as my
wife or the Courts may choose my Executor and
Executor or Executor and Sole Managers of this my
Last will and Testaments and shall have power
to buy and sell any part or parcel of properties
at any time either real or personal as they
may deem Expedient and best to the interest of
the Estate I witness Whereof I have Adventured
Set my hand and fixed my Seal this the
28th day of March One thousand Eight
Hundred and Thirty Eight
Signed Sealed in the presence of
Wells Lucas Henry Stevens

In the back of said will is the following
(To wit)
Last will and Testaments of Henry Stevens
Entered in Inventory Book (C) page
92 Oct 4th 1858 J. H. Ellis clerk

By New York City
State of New York }
County of Hardin } Clerk of the County
Court of said County here by Certified
Master foregoing is a perfect and complete
Copy of Henry Stevens Last will which now
lies in my office
Witness my hand at office
8th day of December A D 1853
W. H. Duessworth Clerk
of Hardin County

I John D Stout being of perfect
mind, and memory, do make and ordain this
my last will and testament in matters

First I gave and bequeath to my two
beloved sisters Isabel Stout and Polly
Stout after the payment of all my just
debts and funeral expenses, all my property
to the tract of Land I now live on
and all stocks and other property
belonging on my farm except 1 gray
horse which I gave to E. W. Stout and
1 bay mare which I gave to R. W. Stout
the above named property to belong to
my beloved sisters until their natural
life and at their death to go to the
above named E. W. Stout

and Lastly I appoint

John Wood as my Executor to this my
last will and testament I her unto
authorize my name to be affixed
on the 2 day of January 1877

John D. Stout (Sd)

signed in the presence of us
C. C. Williams
R. W. Stout

John Wood
A. H. Stout

W. W. Hamlin
A. W. Stout

The following statement was made
in the presence of us: My will as
above named provided the said
R. W. Stout should live to be a man
if not to fall back

Signed in the presence of us, Isabel Stout

A. W. Stout
C. C. Williams
John Wood

Polly Stout

and memory do make and ordain this
my last will and testament in matters

First - I gave and bequeath to my two
beloved sisters Isabel Stout and Polly
Stout after the payment of all my just
debts and funeral expenses, all my property
to the tract of Land I now live on
and all stocks and other property
belonging on my farm except - 1 gray
horse which I gave to A. W. Stout - and
1 bay mare which I gave to R. W. Stout
the above named property to belong to
my beloved sisters ~~until~~ ^{during} their natural
life and at their death to go to the
above named R. W. Stout -

and Lastly I appoint -

Polmer Wood as my Executor to this my
Last will and testament - I her unto
authorize my name to be affixed
on the 2 day of January 1877

John D. Stout (Seal)

signed in the presence of us
C. C. Willcocks Polmer Wood
R. W. Stout A. H. Stout

W. P. Rountree
A. W. Stout

The following statement was made
in the presence of us: My will as
above named provided the said
R. W. Stout should live to be a man
if not to fall back
signed in the presence of us
Isabel Stout

A. W. Stout
C. C. Willcocks
Polmer Wood
W. P. Rountree
R. W. Stout
mark

Polly Stout

Declaration or now existing Will made by
Mrs Lucy W. Perbet on her death bed in the
town of Saltville, Hardie County Tenn. is
her own dwelling house and on about
the 24th day of February 1876 in the
presence of Dr. John H. Logan, Mr. Lucy
Shannon, Mrs. Sarah A. Carroll, Miss Ann
Murphy and others.

Witness that her sister Mary E. Shannon have
all of her wearing apparel and Jewelry
Second. That Mrs. E. A. Dickson have her
best and nicest Table ware consisting
of one Castor and set of knives & forks, one
glass pitcher, one waiter, and one set of
China containing forty four pieces
and Mrs. Lucy Shannon to have her Sewing
machine.

Third and last her husband E. E. Perbet
to have her watch and all the balance
of her property.

John H. Logan.
Lucy M. Shannon
Sarah A. Carroll
Ann Murphy

James Thomas Sr's Will

I James Thomas Sr. of the County of Hardin and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out any moneys I may die possessed of, or that may first come into the hands of my Executor to be hereafter named.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Eliza C. Thomas, all my lands of every description and personal property, to have and to hold during her widowhood, or until our youngest child comes of age, for the purpose of supporting and educating and raising the following named children, to wit: Allen Thomas, Augustus Erwin Thomas, Annizza V. Thomas, Robert Edward Lee Thomas and Richard F. Thomas, the children of Eliza C. Thomas.

But should the said Eliza C. Thomas marry or die, then it is my will that

all my property both personal and
real to be divided between equally between
the within named children to share
and share alike.

I hereby nominate and appoint
S. B. Busks Executor of this my
last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do to this my
last will and testament, set my hand and
seal. This the 23rd day of Oct. A.D. 1876.

James Thomas *(seal)*

Copy of
James Thomas's
Will.

Thomas Tidwell

1892



The last will and testament of Thomas Tidwell
of Savannah Hardin County Tenn made the
22 day of September 1892 In the name of God Amen
I Thomas Tidwell of Savannah Tenn Hardin Co.
of the age of 20 years Dec 23. 1857 and being of sound
mind and memory do hereby make my last will
and testament in manner following that is to say.
~~First my oldest son T. M. Tidwell~~

First it is my will that my funeral expenses and
all my just debts be fully paid.

Second I give and bequeath to my oldest son
T. M. Tidwell five Hundred Dollars which four
hundred and sixty nine dollars and ninety cts. is paid

Third I will to my son W. C. Tidwell when collected
by the administrator three hundred dollars in
cash one third entrust in the Mrs. E. Johnson
Dowry

fourth I will to my son Alexander Tidwell five
Hundred Dollars which is done paid

fifth I will my son Sammie Tidwell my home
Place to take care of me and my wife
Elizabeth Tidwell our life time

and set to our necessities while alive all so 2 mules
and wagon and all my farming utensils and
all my crops grown the past season and one ^{cow} and
calf and all my sheep and hogs.

My wife Elizabeth shall have my mare and one
cow and calf. And give the use of my black ~~smith~~
tools to all four of my sons above named in my will
Next my Daughter Sarah ^{Cossey's} ~~Cossey's~~ heirs whose names
are as follows. To wit: Cossey, Dellar Cossey and
Cettar Cossey. three little girls shall have one hundred
dollars in cash to each one. Their guardian be
appointed when my administrator has collected
and settled up all my debts, and be put out on
trust until each one has become of age.
Should one depart ^{from} this life before the age then the
money be divided equally between the others
Next my Daughter Mary E. Walker's heirs whose name
is Arthur Harrison Walker have one hundred
dollars in cash and one mule at the age of 21 years
in case he should depart from this life before
that age his part shall be divided equally
among my own children living.

My son Sumner Tidwell is to give him
the mule when he is of age his ^{appointed} ~~guardian~~ ^{he} ~~shall~~
if after all expenses is paid I will to my step
son & step daughter Banister Talley and
Alice Cossey five dollars each.

Lastly I appoint my son Alexander Tidwell to be
the executor of this my last will and testament
hereby revoking all former wills by me made
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this the 22 day of Sept 1891.

Thom^{his} Tidwell
mark

The above instrument consisting of two sheets,
was now here subscribed by Thom^{his} Tidwell the
testator in the presence of each of us and was
at the same time declared by him to be his last
will and testament and we at his request

sign our names hereto in his presence as attesting
Witnesses to
Signatures and marks
Alex Tidwell
Fayet ^{his} Smith
mark
Sarah Ann Smith

and also I want my son Uriah to keep possession of the house ^{and} lots where he now lives until my land is sold or ^{until} he can have a chance to build ^{and} also to have all of the loose lumber which I have

Third I give to my daughter Mary wife of John R Hindmon \$50.00 ^{and} give to her ^{and} her Husband all the notes & claims which I hold against them ^{and} also to them one half of my Bee hives

Fourth I give to John T. Turners heirs \$50.00 and all claims which I hold against their mother

Fifth I give to my son J. A. Turner \$50.00 and all the claims which I hold against him

Sixth I give to my daughter Catherine \$50.00 and all the claims that I hold against her

Seventh I give to my son S. W. Turner \$50.00 and all the claims which I hold against him

Eighth I give ^{and} all claims

Ninth I give to ^{and} all claims

Tenth I give to my Daughter ^{and} my Daughter's claims which I hold Perry Jones.

It is my desire my personal property have given away ^{and} take notes with my debts which remain the property sold ^{and} remains after this paid out as above ^{and}

J. W. Turner
W. C.
Branchedingill
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Dated March

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Eighth I give to my son W. J. Turner \$50.00
 and all claims which I hold against him

Ninth I give to my Daughter Jane Jones \$50.00
 and all claims which I hold against her

Tenth I give to my daughter the Bodily heirs
 of my Daughter Jane Jones, \$50.00 and all
 claims which I hold against her & her husband
 Perry Jones.

Eleventh It is my desire that my Executors sell all
 my personal property except that which I
 have given away on a credit of twelve months
 and take notes with good security and also collect
 any debts which may be due me as well as for
 the property sold and when collected all that
 remains after the payment of debts to be
 paid out as above hereafter mentioned

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W. J. Turner
 Will

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J. C. Mendenhall
 J. C. Mendenhall

Eleventh } It is my will & desire that after
my death, my land be sold by my Executors
on a credit of one & two years taking notes and
good security & retaining a lien on the land & on
upon the payment of said purchase money
my Executors are authorized & directed to execute
deeds for said land to the purchasers.

I. G. W. Turner
of Tenn. being of
in view the unce
to settle my work
This my last will
all other wills by

Twelfth After my estate is wound up, all the
money which may be left, is to be left in the
hands of my son Uriah, which is to be paid to
my wife Narcissa A. Turner as his & John R. Hindman
the books he needs it. If after her death any monies
remain in his hands, it shall belong to him.
I also give to my wife, one hog & two barrels
of corn, & the other hog to Uriah Turner & the bal-
ance of the corn

First } It is my will
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as which may
for that purpose

Second } I give & give
S. Turner
Henry & John & ha
one Bureau, one
two beds with all
belongs to them &
no & also, I give
I hold against

I do hereby appoint ^{my} trusty friends J. J. Fraley
& Bartlett Greer, Executors of this my last will
& Testament, with full power to execute the
same.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my
hand & seal this the 12th day of Nov 1881

G. W. Turner Seal

Signed, sealed and
acknowledged in our
presence, Nov 12th
1881

John T. Damm
John M. Leary
Nathaniel Britton
mark

Original Will of
Jacob Vanhook, Died
Filed & Probated May 2nd 1892
and Recorded in Will Book
No 2 pages
in Co. Cl. Hordville

In view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, in the name of God, I Jacob Vanhook of the County of Hardin and state of Tennessee.

being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make publish and declare this, my last Will and Testament; hereby, revoking and making void all others by me at anytime made.

Item 1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts, be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any

monies that I may dispose of, or may first come into the hands of my executor to be hereafter named.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath my land on the Tennessee River in the 16th Civil district of said County as follows to wit:
lot no 1 to the heirs of John A. Vanhook deceased
lot no 2 to the heirs of J. N. Vanhook deceased
lot no 3 to the heirs of Mariab B. Pickens wife of E. S. Pickens during her natural life and the heirs of her body at her death
lot no 4 to the heirs of Casander G. McLaren

Will or otherwise as follows
lot no 2 to the heirs of John A. Vanhook deceased
lot no 3 to Mariab B. Pickens during her natural life, and at her death to the

Item 1st heirs of her body.
let No 4 to the heirs of my daughter
was under G M Larn

Item 5 I give the tract of land containing 149 1/2
acres on which Sarah J. Fontman de-
lins and deeded to me by John A
Vanhoose to the heirs of J. N. Danhorns

Item 6 I give to my daughter Sarah J.
Fontman and the heirs of her body
my home place on Turkey Creek in
the 3rd civil district of said County.

Item 7 I give to my two daughters all the
money that I may have on hand at
my death not otherwise appropriated
to be equally divided between them
Mariah B. Pickens and Sarah J.
Fontman

Item 8 I do hereby nominate and appoint
E. S. Pickens, J. Fontman and
W. D. Powers my executors to this
my last Will and Testament.
In witness where of I do this my last
Will and Testament set my hand
This 26th day of June A.D. 1890
Testator - Jacob Vanhoose

Witnesses -
J. E. Powers.

The Will of Jacob Bauhous
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