

Joseph A. Baker's last will & testament

I Joseph A. Baker of the County of Hardin and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory but being in full health and being desirous to so dispose of my business and property as to save litigation and trouble in the settling of my estate.

I do therefore make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item 1 I will and bequeath to my wife Augusta Baker for and during her natural life or widow hood the tract of land on which I now reside containing seven hundred and ten acres.

Item 2 I will and bequeath to my children the remainder interest in the aforesaid tract of land to rise in possession at the death or marriage of my wife Augusta Baker.

Item 3 I will and bequeath to my wife Augusta Baker the whole of my personal estate after the payment of my debts to be by her freely enjoyed forever.

Item 4 I hereby appoint my wife Augusta Baker the executrix of this my last will and testament and direct that she shall be permitted to qualify by the County Court without giving bond or security. This 25th day of July 1865.

Witness:

J. A. Kendall.

David Welch.

Item 5: In order that no controversy may arise in the construction of this my last will and testament. I will and bequeath to my wife Augusta Baker the Mangum tract of land or if said land is redeemed by Mangum the proceeds of said land to be by her freely enjoyed forever. July 25th 1865.

Attest:

E. Walker

B. A. Duckworth

J. A. Baker

Eliza Harbor's last will and testament

Know all men by these presents that I Eliza Harbor of Hardin County and State of Tennessee being in full health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall die seized or possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit:

Item 1 First my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my executors herein after named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

Item 2 I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Harbor all my household and ~~other~~ furniture and all of my perishable property to dispose of at her will.

Item 3 I also give to her use use improvement and income of my dwelling house land and its appurtenances situated in Hardin County on Indian Creek to have and to hold the same to her for and during the term of her natural life.

Item 4 I also give to her the use of all my slaves or personal property to have and to hold the same to her for and during the term of her natural life.

Item 5 I also give to her all my notes and money on hands after making E. D. Harbor and Nancy E. Maclean and Malinda I Harbor and Ester Peromela Harbor up equal with the rest of my heirs given off heretofore and at the death of my wife my will is the same to be divided equally with my heirs and the lands to be sold and the proceeds divided equally between my heirs to wit: Jas. B. Harbor, Elizabeth A. Baird, Eliza C. Harbor, Daniel T. Harbor, Eliza D. Harbor, Nancy E. Maclean, Malinda I Harbor, Ester Peromela, N. L. Harbor. I also will that all my personal property and lands and all my effects to be sold at the death of my wife and the proceeds equally divided between the above named heirs I also will that Jas. B. Harbor be my executor of this my last will and testament. Witness I have this day affixed my hand and seal the 27th day of April 1863.

Eliza Harbor

Attest
John Baird
Jas M Baird
Eliza C Harbor

Joel Cassey's last will and testament

State of Tennessee I Joel Cassey do make this my will Hardin County Tenn. which I do dispose of my property and estate in the following manner to wit:-

Item 1 I do set apart Eleven hundred dollars a trust fund in the hands of the executor of this my will to be placed at interest annually and the interest thereof annually to be ~~paid~~ divided into seven equal parts and two seventh parts thereof to be given to my black man Cyrus (my old slave) every year so long as he lives and one seventh part thereof to my slaves, David Ransom, Daniel Henry and Madison each of them one seventh part of the said interest every year so long as they live and on the event of the death of any of them the said slaves their portion to be divided equally among the survivors. If there should be but one living he to have all of the said interest annually so long as he lives.

Item 2 I do give to my wife Rebecca Cassey all of the remainder or balance of money on hand and all of my cash notes writings obligations or securities for money to her only use and benefit to dispose of as she may think proper and also all of my household furniture. And again I give to my said wife Rebecca Cassey all of my other property and estate real and personal during her natural life. Remainder to Conway D. Boyles whom I make and appoint Executor of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28th day of June 1853.

Signed sealed and published

in presence of
John A. Smith
Sterling C. Evans

Joel Cassey

Nancy Youngs last will and testament

I Nancy Youngs of the County of Hardin State of Tennessee do hereby direct that my body be buried decently and that all of my just debts be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Administrator.

I desire that my mother have the following stock to wit my mare and mule. 3 milk cows and calves and one yearling and all of my stores &c. &c. I further direct that my Blacksmith tools be sold and proceeds of sale go to my mother. I direct that my outstanding debt be collected. I give them to my dear mother. I also give to her my two beds and bedsteads with the bed clothing and all of my wearing clothes. I further direct that my Negro man Squire be sold and the proceeds of the same after paying expenses of his sale I give and bequeath to my little nephew little James Solomon. I further give to my little nephew James Young the proceeds of a certain note that I hold against the estate of R. L. Young died of four hundred dollars with interest. And I do hereby nominate make and appoint the following ones as my administrators or executors my mother Mary A. Young, John A. Smith and A. J. Solomon without giving security. In witness whereof to this my last will and testament I have set my hand and seal this the 28th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three signed sealed published and delivered by the said Nancy Young the Testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

John A. Smith
James R. Young

Nancy Youngs

John N. Woods last will and testament

I John N. Woods of the County of Hardin and State of Tennessee do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any time.

I will and direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any money of which I may die seized or which may first come into the hands of my executor.

I will and direct that my Negro man Sam Ambrose aged somewhere about forty years and my Negro woman Maria aged about twenty years and my boy George aged three years be free at my death if the laws of the State of Tennessee will then admit of them being set free and that my executor aid my said Negro slaves in complying with the provisions of the law for obtaining their freedom under this my last will.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Anne in case I should die having children the whole of the balance of my estate both real and personal during her lifetime or widowhood and at the death of my wife it is my will and desire that all my ^{said} estate should go to such child or children as I may have surviving, and in case my said wife should marry it is my will that she have the one third part of my personal estate after the payment of all my debts except the three Negro slaves herein directed to be free and forever in my land and that my said children have all the balance of my said estate. And in case I should die having no child or children surviving me it is my will and desire that all my estate both real and personal shall be equally divided between my said wife and my wife's sister Misses Shipp. to them and their heirs forever in equal moieties. I hereby appoint my friend Thos Maxwell executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this the 27th day of Sept 1861. Signed sealed and executed in our presence this 27th of Sept 1861

John McDougal
Joseph Boyd

J. N. Woods

Major Robertsons last will & testament

State of Tennessee I Major Robertson do make and
Harden County I published this my last will and testament
being looking and making void all other wills by me at
any time made.

First

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my
debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out
of any money that I may be possessed of or may
first come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly

I give and bequeath to my son James Thomas Rob-
ertson my negro boy Jim to him and his heirs for
ever.

Third

I give and bequeath to my son John Patton Robert-
son my negro man Beville also a certain piece or parcel of
land off the North east corner of my land beginning at my
North east corner and running with a line I have
marked until it strikes his land on which he now lives.

Fourth

I give and bequeath to my son Callahill Rob-
ertson my negro girl Suat also my land on which I now
live ~~also~~ but a certain piece or parcel off the North
east corner of my land which I have willed to my
son John L. Robertson, further it is my will that Cal-
lahill Robertson take care of and find a home for
my four grand daughters Sarah Elizabeth Finner Martha
Finner and Sarah Young Norwood and Isabella Jane
Norwood as long as they remain single.

Fifth

I will and bequeath to my daughter Nancy El-
enor Byrd and her bodily heirs five dollars.

Sixth

I will and bequeath to my daughter Anna Byrd
or her bodily heirs five dollars.

Seventh

I will and bequeath to my daughter Parthena
Boltman her bodily heirs five dollars.

Eighth

It is my will that the two remaining negroes Fan-
nie and Manerva be sold with the balance of my prop-
erty that I may be possessed of at my death and the
proceeds after paying my debts be divided equally
between my daughters also what money may be on
hand at my death Mary Young Norwood
Elizabeth Ann Parrott and Eliza Finner or their

Major Robertsons will Continued

Widely heirs.

Ninth

I do hereby nominate and appoint R. H. Roberts
and J. Lamball my executors. In witness whereof
I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 17th
of June 1864.

Signed sealed and published in presence of and
we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence
of the testator.

R. L. Grinn } attest -
Jas. F. Roberts }

Major Robertson

James Frazier will

In the name of God amen. I James Frazier of the
County of Harden and State of Tennessee being
of sound mind and reason and knowing the un-
certainty of human life and also the mutability
of word by affairs do make and publish this my
last will and testament and as executrix appoint
my beloved wife Minerva and as executors my sons
Harrison A. and Robert Frazier.

First

I wish to be buried in an orderly and decent
manner and direct the expenses of the same to be
taken out of my estate.

Second

That all my just debts shall be paid by my ex-
ecutors as soon as convenient, may serve.

I desire to give and bequeath all my estate
both real and personal to my beloved wife to hold
undivided in the event of her not marrying but
in case of her marriage I wish a legal division of
property and if necessary guardians appointed
for minor children.

Should my wife remain a widow until
our youngest child becomes of age I then de-
sire a division of property to take place my
wife to have one third of the same and the

James Frazier - continued.

Remainder to be divided amongst my children so that they may share alike my wife to hold her share during her natural life and then to revert to the children equally.

As I have already given my older children upon arriving at age that sum of (\$100⁰⁰) one hundred dollars I desire the same to be done for the younger in like manner as they become of age and further if the money is not in hand such property as can best be spared to sell for this purpose and the proceeds paid to them.

I wish my younger children to be comfortable by clothed and morally and practically educated as far as circumstances may justify in the judgment of my executor and if means be necessary to sell property for this purpose discretionary power with the executor.

It is my earnest wish in compliance with the foregoing specifications of this my will that among those interested good feeling and harmony may ever reign.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

R. H. Lane } Attest
R. M. Carnell }

This 27th day of Sept 1860.

James Frazier

John J. Williams last will and testament.

I John J. Williams of the county of Hardin and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory but feeble health do make ordain and publish this my last will and testament revoking and rescinding all other wills made by me at any other time.

I lend to my wife Catharine the plantation where we now live and all the tracts of land belonging to it the tract that I bought of A. D. Kerr including fifty acres. I bought of Dr. George Johnson adjoining said Kerr tract on the North west corner so long as she remains single or unmarried and no longer.

I give and bequeath unto my said wife Catharine all my household table and kitchen furniture. Horses or horses her choice that may be left on the plantation at my death. One wagon. One yoke of oxen. Four cows & calves. Fifty head of stock hogs if there are so many. My buggy and harness and extra buggy wheels. It is my will and desire that my executor hereafter named pay over to my wife on three hundred dollars as she may need it for the purpose of building her comfortable dwelling house on the place we now live on and to help to furnish it with furniture. I also want her to have three pairs plow gear and four plows all the poultry that may be on the place and my wheat thrasher and fan.

It is my will and desire that my wife have the use or rent of store house in Savannah that I occupied last just which she desires for five years after the present war is over should they not get destroyed.

It is my will should any of the negroes that went off with the federal soldiers or was taken by force of arms by them come back or be reclaimed in any way or be paid for that my wife have a child's part of them during her life or widowhood or as long as she remains single if paid for she is to have the pay forever.

It is my will and desire that my executor hereafter named shall pay over

To my wife one hundred dollars per year for four years to enable her to better support and maintain the small children.

I give and bequeath to her and her heirs the house and lot in the town of Laramie that James Graham gave me. It is also my wish that she have as many sickles from where my house was burnt at the time when the manhouse was burnt as she may want to put houses she may build on the place we now reside on.

I have made some advances to my daughter Elizabeth Broyles say one negro girl \$600.00 On negro boy girl \$450.00 On mare \$100.00 On ladies saddle \$20.00 Two cows and calves \$30.00 Some table furniture \$20.00 Two beds and furniture \$50.00 On bureau and press \$25.00 On day chair for \$5.00 Kitchen furniture \$100.00 Cash \$100.00 and the debt owing to me by her husband L.H. Broyles it may be taken as advanced if he does not pay the money the debt due of notes.

I have made advances to my daughter Julia Herring as follows in negro \$700.00 Horse and lot \$450.00 On mare \$120.00 On ladies saddle \$20.00 Two cows and calves \$30.00 Two beds and furniture \$50.00 Cash \$100.00 and the debt that her husband J.A. Herring owes me by note and of may be taken as advanced if he does not pay them.

I have advanced to my son James Williams one negro man \$800.00. He sold my goods to Draken \$600.00 He owes for balance on that horse \$150.00 Cash advanced him at his ground pa's \$60.00 at the time of the mud run.

It is my will and desire that my children that has had no advances be made equal to those who had advances before them that has had gets any more that is say make Elizabeth Broyles equal Julia Herring and all the balance of my children equal to them thus it is my will and desire that my son John have \$100.00 in money or property and my gold watch more than the oldest children. I want Sallie to be made equal to Elizabeth Broyles Julia Herring and James Williams and my son Henry and daughter Mary to have one hundred and fifty dollars ^{each} more than the oldest children. My sons Joseph and Alfred to have two hundred

and dollar each more than the oldest children and Thomas and Ella to have two hundred and fifty dollars each more than the oldest children. I do this because the five younger children to raise and educate all the rest and residue of my estate to be equally divided between all of my children.

Last of all I appoint my sons James Williams and A.S. McDougal executors to this my last will and testament this the 11th day of November 1863. Signed and sealed in the presence of:
R.A. East } Attest
John East } John J. Williams

I James D. Martin Clerk of the County Court of Hardin County State of Tennessee hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the last will and testament of John J. Williams deceased. Given under my hand at office March 5th 1864.

J.D. Martin
- Clerk -

J.H. Stul's will

Known all men by these presents that I make this my last will and testament that I am in my right mind that I am going to leave this world. In the first place I give my soul up to God. In the second place I give all my money land and property and notes up to my blood sister to wit, James Stul and Sarah Stul their life time then to be divided equally between the rest of the heirs. I appoint N.S. Rindson my executor to sell off my property and put the money out on interest. My land I do not want sold until the departure of my sisters. This Nov 27 1865. In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal.
Joseph Carroll } Attest
N.J. Stul } J.H. Stul

Sarah Rose's last will and testament

I, Sarah Rose of the county of Harrison and State of Tennessee Considering that I am mortal do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner viz:-

First I commend my soul into the hands of God and my body to be interred in a Christian manner at the discretion of my heirs

Second Allow my funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid out of my personal estate.

Third I allow my daughter Elizabeth Snow to have my land and plantation on which I now live on the south side of the creek. I also allow her to have one third of my stock horses and my pided cow and calf and the two little ones. I also allow her to have her claim in the household and kitchen furniture.

Fourth I allow my daughter Martha Penhance to have the horse given by her paying ten dollars to the estate as I have never given her a saddle and the rest of my personal and real estate to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided among all my heirs Elizabeth Snow excepted.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th of Dec 1853.

Signed in the presence of us this day and date above written

Samuel Watson

Margaret Watson

Sarah Rose

Proven by said Watson in open Court August 27th 1865

Elias Michells last will & testament

State of Tennessee I, Elias Milliken this day I am Harrison County. Not being long and being in good mind I make this my last will and testament that is to say

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all debts to be paid. My desire is that my sister Jane Milliken to have all the household and kitchen furniture. My desire is that my black woman Nancy shall have my bed and clothing. I also give my interest in the Maxwell land to John Wood. I also give the bottom land 80 acres to be equally divided between Mary Paris and Candice Paris my desire is that Jane Milliken should have one hundred and fifty dollars out of the debt that is owing to me if they ever be collected. I do hereby nominate and appoint John Wood my executor

In witness whereof I do set my hand and seal this 3rd day of Oct 1865.

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator
Archibald Lamb } attest
Jm Finger

Elias Milliken

Proven Dec 27th 1865 by two witnesses.

Joseph Gifford's last will and testament

In the name of God amen. I Joseph Gifford of the county of Hardin and State of Tennessee being in full health and of sound and disposing mind and memory calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing whom the estate with which it has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my death while I have strength and capacity so to do. Do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all other last wills and testaments by me heretofore made and

First

I commend my immortal being to him who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried with little expense or ostentation by my executors herein after named and as to my worldly estate and all the property real and personal or mixed of which I shall be seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I do hereby sign and dispose thereof in the manner following to wit:

My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid out of my estate as soon after my death as shall by them be found convenient. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Rosannah Gifford all my land being and lying in the county of Hardin and State of Tennessee in district No 5 on the waters of Indian creek horses cattle and hogs and all my household and kitchen furniture all of my corn and fodder and farming utensils to her and to hold the same to her and her executors. Administrators and assigns forever. In testimony whereof I the said Joseph Gifford here to this my last will and testament contained on one sheet whereof subscribed my name and of filed my said this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two.

W. H. Brown

J. F. Dickham

} attol.

Brown in open court

May 7 1866.

Joseph Gifford

Andrew Boyd's last will and testament

I Andrew Boyd of the County of Hardin and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made -

First

It is my will and desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts shall be paid by executor.

Second

I will and bequeath to my nephew W. C. Boyd the son of R. H. Boyd all the estate real and personal that I may die seized and possessed of

Third

I hereby appoint Bro. R. Kendall executor of this my last will and testament signed and published this April 1853.

J. D. Donohoe } attol.
B. B. Alexander }

Andrew Boyd

R. W. Crump's will

In the name of God amen. I Richard W. Crump of the County of Hardin State of Tennessee being of sound ^{and disposing} mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time made -

First

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as early as possible out of any monies that I may die ~~possessed~~ of or which shall first come into the hands of my executors here in after named

Second

I direct that all my property of which I may die seized and possessed both real and personal after paying my said debts shall be kept together during the widowhood of my beloved wife Elizabeth Crump for the support of herself and our children and if she shall marry then I

Richard Crumps will continued

I direct that she shall have an equal child's part of my said property to be hers absolutely and in the event of her death without marriage then I direct that my said property of all kinds both real and personal together with all monies and all other of etc. shall be equally divided among all my children share and share alike in the manner hereinafter directed.

Third I direct that the portions that shall fall to my daughters under the second clause of this will they shall have for and during their natural lives free from the debts and not subject to be disposed of by their husbands and at the death of my said daughters to their children forever.

Fourth I direct that my children be thoroughly educated so far as in the sound discretion of my executors their habits inclinations and other circumstances may justify and that an account of the expenses of the educating of each be kept by my executors and that each account in for the amount so expended in the education of my estate.

Fifth I hereby authorize and empower my said executors if it shall become necessary for the convenience comfort or interest of my family to sell either privately or publicly as they may deem best any part of my real estate or any one or more of my slaves and invest the same in the purchase of other real estate or slaves which shall be all intents and purposes stand in the place of and be subject to the same disposition as herein before mentioned and for this purpose I hereby authorize and empower them to execute all necessary acquittances bonds and deeds of conveyance.

Sixth I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Crump and my friends Selia Shull and Calvin Shull Executors and Executrix of this my last will and testament this 9th day of June 1854. R. W. Crump

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of testator
J. B. Hassell
Jas. B. McGinnis } attest

John C. Stealy's will

State of Tennessee I John C. Stealy do make and publish Hardin County 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.

Second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Stealy during her lifetime or widowhood all of my effects both real and personal and at the death of my wife I will all of the effects both real and personal to go to my three youngest sons equally William Rice John Calvin and Richard Thomas and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Rice White my executor with full power at any time to sell or dispose of any article or articles that in his judgment 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 lifetime 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.

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator the day and date above written.

For Kilbourn } attest
David Williams }
Mark

John C. Stealy

Rebecca Casey's Will

State of Successor This is the last will and testament of me Rebecca Casey. I do hereby direct that my body be decently interred that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any monies that I may die seized and possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executor or administrator.

I give bequeath and devise all my estate both real and personal to my beloved brother Thomas F. Baldwin and his heirs except such minor provisions as I herein after make.

That my brother have all of my household wares and furniture.

I direct that while the negroes after my death chosen to live and make a support for themselves that they remain upon my home place without paying any hire. But when from choice or otherwise removed then my farm go to my brother Thomas F. Baldwin.

I direct that my executor or administrator and my brother T. F. Baldwin with the negroes mentioned in the clause of my husband's last will giving them after my death the interest of eleven hundred dollars that they make such arrangements with the negroes as to satisfy them and let the sum before mentioned of eleven hundred dollars be released and go directly or immediately as a part of my estate to my brother.

I desire that my friend John A. Smith have a reasonable compensation besides what the law may allow him for his attention to my business and the winding up of my estate and do hereby nominate him make and appoint my friend John A. Smith executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof to this my last will I have set my hand and seal the third day of April 1865.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the said Rebecca Casey the testatrix, as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names
J. S. Perry
R. A. Hardy
J. S. Perry
Rebecca Casey

J. S. Perry's Will

I J. S. Perry do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all other debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

Second I give and bequeath to my dear wife J. C. Perry and her bodily heirs exclusively all the property of whatever kind I may die possessed of have a claim upon or interest in (I intend this to include property real, personal, notes, accounts, &c) to have and to hold forever subject to her or their debts only she to manage, control or convey it according to her own will and pleasure provided the proceeds are appropriated to her or their uses.

Last. I nominate and appoint my wife Jane C. Perry my executrix and demand that the Court require of her no bond.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will set apart my hand and seal this 16th day of August 1861

J. S. Perry Jr. Seal

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 16th day of August 1861.

James Amis
James Adams } attest

M. L. Polk's will

I Michael R. Polk do make and publish as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other made

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into my hands of my executor

Second I give and bequeath to my son Charles M. Polk 1 horse saddle and bridle worth \$225⁰⁰ also 1 cow and calf and 1 bid

Third I give and bequeath to my son W. M. Polk 1 horse saddle and bridle worth \$225⁰⁰ 1 cow & calf & 1 feather bed

Fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Phoebe Polk 1 horse saddle & bridle worth \$225⁰⁰ and $\frac{1}{6}$ of the bed clothing on hand

Fifth I give and bequeath to my daughter Cynthia E. Polk 1 horse saddle & bridle worth \$225⁰⁰ 1 cow & calf & $\frac{1}{6}$ of the beds & bed clothing now on hand

Sixth I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary A. Polk 1 horse saddle and bridle worth \$225⁰⁰ 1 cow & calf and $\frac{1}{6}$ of the beds and bed clothing

Seventh I give and bequeath to my son Jas. J. Polk 1 horse saddle and bridle worth \$225⁰⁰ 1 cow & calf and $\frac{1}{6}$ of the beds and bed clothing on hand

Eighth I give and bequeath to my daughter Ella J. Polk 1 horse saddle and bridle worth \$225⁰⁰ 1 cow and calf and $\frac{1}{6}$ interest of the beds and bed clothing on hand

Ninth I give and bequeath to my son John Harvey Polk 1 horse saddle and bridle worth \$225⁰⁰ 1 cow & calf and $\frac{1}{6}$ part of the beds and bed clothing on hand

Tenth I bequeath and give to my minor children my two young mares and cattle for their special benefit also 15 head of ~~large~~ sheep also 3 sows and pigs for the benefit of the three youngest children also two yoke of oxen known as buck & Jack and bright & her with the new wagon for their special benefit of the farm

Eleventh I wish all the lands to be rented until John Harvey Polk comes to be 18 years of age. The above mentioned lands to be equally divided amongst seven of my children to wit Chas. M. Polk

Forward -

M. L. Polk's will continued

Phoebe Polk Cynthia E. Polk Mary A. Polk James J. Polk Ella J. Polk and John H. Polk

Eleventh

I give and bequeath to my son W. M. Polk \$300⁰⁰ to be paid over to him when John Harvey comes to be 18 years old all the upland to be shifted every other year on the east side of the creek all the bottom on the side to be tilled two years in corn and one year in wheat or oats. The Harbours land to be run in corn as long as thought to be practicable the lands on the east side of the creek to be changed every year all the upland next to the house to be run in pasture after 1867. Charles M. Polk is to have preference of cultivating a certain piece of bottom near a certain grass lot containing 18 acres which he is to pay 20 barrels of corn per year and the shares that come off and is to work said land every other year in corn and to keep up a good fence also two pieces of upland in corn that the said Charles M. Polk has been cultivating is to be sowed next year or be out and none of the said uplands to be run in cotton no land to be cultivated on the east side of the creek after 1867.

I wish the rents of said land to be appropriated to the support and tuition of the minor children and also the farm to be kept up out of said funds and also the children to have equal rights &c in the aforesaid proceeds of the aforesaid farm so long as they remain together the remains of any to be put out at interest until John H. Polk comes to be 18 years of age and then to be equally divided amongst the six children now at home - I further wish that the six children now at home have so much land as they may wish to tend for of rent.

Twelfth

I do hereby nominate and appoint my executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal Dec 7th 1866. M. R. Polk
Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 7th Dec 1866
J. R. Deaky attest
J. H. Polk

James Graham's will

In the name of God Amen I James Graham of the County of Hardin and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and testament

I resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my executors in regard to my worldly possessions I wish it equally divided between my children viz: Ursula Porterfull Elizabeth Palmer, Lathrine Williams Mary Waggon Sarah Boyd Maria J Dickson and as I have given some of them land under deed of gift heretofore I wish it understood that their land is to be valued but not to take into consideration any improvements that have been made by them and those who have received no land I will and bequeath money to make all equal and as I have kept an account of all I have given my children I wish it to be understood that their accounts are to be deducted from an equal share of what I now have it is my will that my mills and the land called the mill tract and a small tract south of the mill and north of of a tract I gave my daughter Jane Dickson be sold.

In regard to my beloved wife Elizabeth P. Graham we have a written contract signed and witnessed I wish it to be carried out and as I have bought a negro woman since our marriage it is my wish that if my wish to buy to buy her that my executors sell her and the child to her at the price paid for the woman.

In regard to all my other property real and personal not heretofore named I wish it either sold or divided at the discretion of my executors so that an equitable division can be made between all my children above named.

I appoint and constitute A. H. Kindell and M. M. Dickson my executors to this my last will and testament wherein I have set my hand and seal this the 28th day of July 1861

James Graham

In presence of
L. D. Morrow
L. D. Irvine

James Plummers will

State of Tennessee, In the name of God Amen I Jesse Plum Hardin County being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do make and deem this my last will and testament in the words following to wit:

My soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian manner

It is my will and desire that all my just debt shall be paid and funeral expenses.

It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary A. S. Plummer to have the two beds, shades and furniture that she fetched to my house when we married.

It is my will and desire that my son Emory P. Plummer have two beds, bedsteads and furniture.

It is my will and desire that my daughter Elizabeth P. White to have one bed and furniture.

It is my will and desire that my land whereon I now live, horses, hogs, cattle, house hold and kitchen furniture, poultry, farming utensils, wagon, gun and all other things upon my premises with the crop of corn and wheat excepting the down of my roof for the next year all the balance of the sixth article to be sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds to be equally divided between my wife Mary A. S. Plummer, my son Emory P. Plummer and Elizabeth P. White my daughter.

I do appoint N. W. Corry and Paul Perkins executors of this my last will and testament heretofore all others this 30th day of November 1856.

Witness my hand and seal

Jesse Plummer

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of

Jesse Plummer
E. D. M. Perkins

Ben Dary's Will

I Ben Dary at my death want my debts paid out of my manse effects. and then I want my wife Mary Ann Dary to have the balance of my manse and after my debts are paid during her widowhood if in case she Mary Ann Dary should marry I want her at marriage to have half of my manse and effects and the half I want equally divided between my brother Tho^s Dary and brother J. R. Dary and sister Margaret Watson and sister Sarah Jane Rogan -

If she Mary Ann Dary, does not marry at her death I want my manse and effects divided equally between the above named relations and her as subject to her Mary Ann Dary's disposal of her interest as she may see proper.

I want my brothers, Thos Dary
Ben Dary and J. R. Dary to be my executors.
H. A. Shook
J. H. McBride *Witness* Ben Dary

L. H. Broyles' Will

State of Tennessee I L. H. Broyles of the county and State of Hardin County do hereby make this my last will and testament this 20th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six.

In the first place I here desire to show what I have already given to each of my children as advancements of my estate and the value thereof as fixed by me at the time such advancements were made while ever previous to and up to the year 1861

To my son Conway I give in goods at Oldtown	\$2500.00
900 acres of land where he now lives	4000.00
His debts to me as my books show	1645.00
The house and lot on Main Street opposite main mill	6000.00
3 slaves valued at	2000.00
- In all -	\$10745.00

R. H. Broyles' Will continued

Forward:

To my son Lewis Hively goods at oldtown	\$2500.00
The lot of ground on which he lives	350.00
3 slaves valued	3100.00
655 acres of land for which I give him a deed	3275.00
Stock wagon and farming implements	460.00
His debt to me as my books show	1475.00
Tuition paid for his school	225.00
Cash at two different times - family expenses	100.00
His note taken to Hayes (taken by soldiers)	222.84
One other note due 18th Nov 1860	145.00
In all	\$13869.00

To my daughter Mary	
3m slaves valued at	\$1000.00
Cash at different times	300.00
In all	\$1300.00

To my son Hayes	
I give in goods at Saramah Store	\$5000.00
3 slaves valued at	5000.00
675 acres land to which I made him a deed	3375.00
Proceeds of lot No 37	800.00
Lot on the bank of the River Crocker on Main St	300.00
In all	\$14475.00

To my daughter Nannie	
3 slaves valued at	\$3000.00
Stock of farming implements on Oldtown farm	1000.00
Cash advanced	6000.00
Capital in store at Oldtown	2000.00
All the different tracts of land embraced in the Oldtown farm containing about 900 acres	6000.00
In all	\$12600.00

all of the above old town lands I hereby will to my daughter Nannie including all the household furniture
And my sons Hayes being the largest beneficiary in and the advancements above stated it is my will that all the rest of my children be made equal to him and therefore will to my daughter Mary to be paid after my death the sum of seven thousand one hundred and seventy five dollars which sum will make her equal

Re N Brooks will continued

Forward:

to my son Hays. I also will to her my daughter Mary my gold watch without charge. And to my son Conway I will the sum of thirty seven hundred and thirty dollar which sum will make him equal to Hays. And to my daughter Nannin I will the sum of Eighteen hundred and seventy five dollars which sum will make her equal to Hays. And to my son T. Huby I will the sum of six hundred and six dollars which sum will make him equal to Hays. The remainder to be equally divided amongst all my heirs after my burial I require my executors to have the graves where my wife and children are buried walled in and decently and substantially.

I hereby appoint my sons Conway S Brooks and Lewis Huby Doyle my executors to this my last will and testament.

I require of them no bond or security for the faithful performance of the same. My Confidance is sufficient.

In testimony whereof I have written at my hand and seal the date above written

H. C. Goran
S. C. Jones

Witness H. Brooks Jr

Tom. J. Rea's Will

That and broketh June term Jun 4th 1866 in Shelby County Court.

I Thomas J. Rea of the County of Hardin and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of the frail transitory life do hereby make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say.

After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit:

To my sister Eden Jan Rea. Joanna Howell Sallie Tucker. Is then then above mentioned I want

Tom. J. Rea's will continued

Forward:

the property equally divided between them. To my sister Elizabeth Jan Campbell I will the amount of five dollars

List of Property.

Two tracts of land One of them containing one hundred and forty acres the other one hundred and six^{ty} seven acres lying on the east side of the Tennessee River in the 6th Civil district. One tract of land containing two hundred acres lying on the west side of Tennessee River in the 10th Civil district. One hunting case silver watch I will to Jeff Tucker. Likewise I make constitute and appoint my friends R. D. Tucker. Thos Maxwell R. J. Howell to be executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and fixed my seal this the first day of September 1862. I also hold one note against R. J. Howell for (\$1185⁰⁰) one hundred and eighteen dollars and fifty cents of which I would dispose of and appropriate with the other property to my three sisters

H. H. Rea
H. M. Sibra
A. B. Christman

Witness

State of Tennessee Shelby County Court June term 1866
A paper purporting purporting to be the last will and testament of Tom J Rea was this day presented and read in open court for probate and record

Then came into court H. M. Sibra one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who was duly sworn and upon whose testimony the same was found to be the last will and testament of Tom J. Rea dead, and the same is admitted to probate and record

State of Tennessee Shelby County Court
I John Beagan clerk of the county court of Shelby County do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and perfect copy of the will of Tom J Rea dead the origin of which is on file in my office also of all proceedings here in the County Court at its June term 1866 regarding the probate of same.

Witness John Beagan clerk at office in Memphis and seal of office this 9th of Jun 1866.

Witness John Beagan clerk at office in Memphis and seal of office this 9th of Jun 1866.

Joseph Duncan's will

State of Tennessee March 22nd 1862
Harrison County

I Joseph Duncan do make and publish the
my last will and testament hereby bequeathing all others.

I give my soul to God who gave it and my body to the
earth from which it came

I direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as con-
venient or convenient

I give to my beloved wife Harriet Duncan all my
household and kitchen furniture and paravents of every
kind and all the cattle that has come of the farm her
father gave her and one year's provisions after my
death

I give to my said wife the land called the pleasant
land containing 155^{or} 52 by deed and also Egypt containing
200 acres by deed during her natural lifetime or widow-
hood and also eastern rock hill the land whereon my family
now resides by deed two hundred acres the above property is
intended for the support and schooling of my present wife
children should she marry it is to be for the children giv-
ing her a child's part of the same.

I direct that my other lands to wit the pine lands
lying on English fork of Turkey Creek east side of Ten-
nesssee in Harrison County by deed 370 acres but it
has been measured and has 414 acres and eastern
rock hill on the Gray place by deed 260 acres on
lick Creek west side of Tennessee River and also
one tract of land in McNairy County Tennessee
Goshen or the old George place by deed two hundred
acres and also I have a bond on W. B. Campbell for
48 acres of land in McNairy County Tennessee
the tracts of land and bond is to be sold and
the proceeds divided among all my children all
that has got money or property is her charged first
R. N. Duncan one hundred dollars and a small note
I hold against him. To W. C. Duncan one
hundred and fifty dollars and a note also for
one hundred and fifty dollars due Dec 2 1859
To Francis M. Duncan sixty dollars and

Joseph Duncan's will continued

a note for five dollars due in 1840, To James
Duncan one hundred and twenty dollars. To
Melberry H. Fifty dollars to Mary Ann Ridgford two
hundred and forty six dollars and 59 cents. To Nancy
Jane H. Pares thirty eight dollars. To Joseph P. Duncan
thirty one dollars and fifty one cents in a note due Dec 28
1858. To Sarah H. Stratton fifty dollars each one of
the above heirs is to account for all they are charged with
then those that has got nothing is to be made equal taking
what is charged and all that is to come making all my
children equal the former and the latter which is
Jas. H. P. Duncan Noah G. P. John A. B. Eley & Samuel
P. Napoleon B. and Edwin E. Duncan my baby all
the latter is to be made equal in the money that lands
sell for that is set apart for sale as soon as practi-
cal after my death, and at the death of my wife Harriet
Duncan or marriage the land that is reserved for me, my
and small children is to be sold and also all the
property and equally divided into all my children
and should she marry she is to have a child's part
equal with all my children

My black woman Rachael Margrille is to have
given to my wife for the purpose of raising
the children in the same manner and under the
same rules and regulations that the rock hill place
and Egypt. And the property that is reserved
for the maintenance and raising my family my
wife present children is to have all the bed and
and clothing at her death. In witness whereunto I
set my hand and seal

Joseph Duncan

Signed and published in our presence and at the
request of the testator in his presence and in
the presence of each other this 16th April 1862.

John A. Panchovan } James Williams
W. H. Smith } Hamilton Smith
James H. Ward } John A. Burns

Sallie Kestons will

I, Sallie Keston, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, blessed by Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First I give my daughter Caledonia Johnson the house and land where she now lives, deeded to me by Henry Hazen.

Second I want my bed and bed clothing to be equally divided between my two daughters Sarah Ann Bennett and Caledonia Johnson.

Third I want my executor to give to my two grand daughters Ellen and Emily Moore two dollars each out of the proceeds of my personal estate and fourth and lastly as to all the rest and residue of my estate goods and chattels of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath the same to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Scott. In case of the death of Elizabeth Scott it is my will that her part of my estate be equally divided between Sarah Ann Bennett and Caledonia Johnson last I hereby appoint J. M. Bennett my sole executor to my last will and testament signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us the 23rd day of January 1869.

John H. Register
J. R. Shipman

Sallie Keston
near

Thomas F. Frazer's will

Unionville Aug 27th 1868

In the name of God amen. I Thomas F. Frazer of the town of Unionville and County of Massac State of Illinois of the age twenty eight years and being of sound mind and memory do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say:

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Florida A. Frazer all of my chattel property consisting of mules a horse cattle hog &c and all my moneys now and accounts after fully paying my funeral expenses and all my just debt. Also the lot land on which I now live during her natural widowhood. In case of her marriage it is my will that all my estate shall descend to my child or children. And I do hereby appoint Wm D. Reid of Hardin County Tennessee my sole executor to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal day and date above.

Thomas F. Frazer

Wm D. Reid

The foregoing will was read in our presence and the said was at the date thereof signed sealed and published and declared by the said Thomas F. Frazer as and for his last will and testament in presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto was at the date thereof declared to us by Thomas F. Frazer the testator therein named to be his last will and testament and he at the same acknowledged to us and each of us that he had signed and sealed the same and we thereupon at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other signed our names thereto as attesting witnesses.

Thomas R. Blugger residing in Massac Co. Ill
Jas H Scott

State of Illinois
Massac Co.

Witnessed

Thos. F. Frazier will continued

forward:

State of Illinois SS
Massac County In County Court of said County
in Probate October term 1868.

Personally appeared in open Court Thomas R. Duggan and James M. Scott subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Thomas F. Frazier died late of Massac County, deceased who being duly sworn according to law do depose and each for himself that the foregoing is the last will and testament of the said Thomas F. Frazier died that they subscribed their names thereto as the attesting witnesses at the request of the said testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other on the 27th day of Aug. A.D. 1868 that he then and there subscribed his name thereto in their presence and declared the same to be his last will and testament and the said testator at the time of executing the same as aforesaid was of full age of sound mind and memory and under no constraint

Thos. R. Duggan

James M. Scott

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court this 26th day of Oct A.D. 1868.

Herrie P. Stalup Clerk

State of Illinois SS.

Massac County I Herrie P. Stalup Clerk of the County Court of said County in the State aforesaid (the said Court being a Court of Record and having a Seal) do hereby Certify that the annexed instrument in writing in writing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Thomas F. Frazier died as proven and admitted to Record in said Court on the 26th day of October A.D. 1868

as appears of Record in said Court in my official record under my hand and the Seal of said Court at the City of Metropolis in said County 6th day of Oct A.D. 1868

Herrie Stalup

Clerk

John Hardin will

State of Tennessee I John Hardin of the State of Tennessee Hardin County and County of Hardin being of sound mind and memory but weak of body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die Do make and publish this my last will and testament for the division and equitable distribution of the worldly possessions with which it has pleased God to bless me to wit:

I do give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth I Hardin for and during her natural life or widowhood all my real and personal estate except what shall be herein after disposed of otherwise

I direct that all my lands be equally divided among my three sons J. M. Hardin, Gibson Hardin and John P. Hardin as they shall arrive at the age of twenty one year provided my wife Elizabeth I Hardin shall not be living or my widow at said time but if she shall be still living and a widow I direct that one third part of my land on the North side of Indians Creek be given to each of them as they arrive at the above age excepted to be had to the value of the land

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane P. Hardin One thousand ~~one hundred~~ and sixty six and two thirds dollars instead of an interest in the land to be paid to her at the age of twenty one year by my executor in negroes or money or both

I direct that my executor sell my negro man Charles and such other surplus property as he may deem expedient publicly or privately at his discretion and on such terms and at such time or times as he may deem expedient

I direct that after the death of my wife Elizabeth I Hardin and the satisfaction of the above bequeaths that all the property except the negro be sold and the proceeds together with all the money that may remain in the hands of my executor be equally divided among my four children above named and the remaining negroes also be equally divided among the same if practicable if not then to be sold and the proceeds be equally divided among them

(over)

John Hardin's will continued

I direct that my executor make to my brother Robt. Hardin a good and valid deed to two tracts of land lying on the north side of Indian Creek in Hardin County, Tenn near Radams Mill. One containing two hundred acres the other twenty four acres said deed to be made when the said Robt. Hardin shall arrive at the age of twenty one years and give his receipt in full for his part of his fathers estate to me as his Guardian

I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother Benjamin Hardin sole executor of this my last will and testament with full power to transact all business necessary in the execution of the same.

Witness under my hand and seal the 14th day of April A.D. 1855.

John Hardin *Test*

Read and published in presence of Joseph Hardin Gibson Ashworth

A true copy

W H Duckworth *Att*

Benjamin Hardin's will

Hardin County, Tennessee April 15th 1840.

I Benjamin Hardin of said County and State considering the mutability of things do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

I hereby constitute and appoint D. M. Smith to be the sole executor of this my last will and testament directing my said executor to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and the balance hereafter given out of my estate.

Benjamin Hardin's will continued

After payment of my said debts and funeral expenses I give to my son David Hardin the following described tract of land. The home place containing 160 acres and 8 1/2 acres lying south joining said tract and to have so much timber off of the 15 1/2 acre tract as the executor thinks necessary and to have one third of the 95 1/2 acre tract.

I give to my two daughters Sarah and Maria the following land to not be divided equally between them. The Cherry tract containing 165 acres also the balance of the 20 1/2 acre tract that I have not given David which is 120 1/2 acres.

I give to my other two daughters Eliza and Rebecca the following described tract of land. The 90 1/2 acre tract and the 15 1/2 acre tract adjoining 90 1/2 acre tract and the balance or two thirds of the 95 1/2 tract I also give them one hundred dollars in money apiece to make them equal with the other girls.

I give to my wife Rebecca Hardin the place and all the land and stock for the use of the family during her life term excepting so much of the land as David may want to cultivate.

I give to my executor full power to sell and transact all business necessary and after the death of my wife I want all my personal property to be sold and equally divided between all my children after making the three youngest equal with the oldest.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
 of Benjamin L. Hardin
 James H. Hardin
 Ben Hardin *Test*

State of Tennessee I, James Milliken do make this my
 last will by which I do dispose of my
 property and estate in the manner following.

I do set apart and give to my sister Mary
 Davis my horse and cow and all my household and
 kitchen furniture also all the money that I may be
 seized and possessed of.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this the 16th day of April 1866

James Milliken

Signed and sealed in the

presence of
 Henry B. Hixley
 John Wood

Ozannah Atkins - will.

I, Ozannah Atkins do make and publish this as my last
 will and testament hereby revoking and making void
 all other wills by me at any time made.

I desire that my funeral expenses and all my
 debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of
 any money I may be possessed of or may find come
 into the hands of my executor.

I give and bequeath to my grandson John
 Atkin and Napoleon Runcaster (a boy that I have raised),
 each one horse saddle and bridle, cow and calf
 bed and furniture, sow and pigs and one flock of ox
 or when they go to themselves.

I give and bequeath to my three granddaughters
 Mary E. F. Louisa E. E. A. and Manerva A. F.
 C. P. Atkin each one cow and calf, bed and furniture
 and one sow and pig when they go to themselves
 and to Manerva one hundred dollars more than
 the rest.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary
 Penma Atkin all the remainder of my estate
 both real and personal during her natural

Ozannah Atkins - will. Continued

life and at her death I give it equally to the
 five above named legates and their heirs but should
 any of the legates think proper to sell their in-
 terest in the land to another legatee they can do
 so and make a good title but to no other person.

I do hereby nominate and appoint John
 Perkins my executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my last
 will set my hand this 30th day of March one
 thousand eight hundred and seventy her

Signed and published in
 her presence and we
 have subscribed our names
 here to in the presence of
 the testator this 30th day of
 March 1870 -

Ozannah Atkins

Witnesses
 Ephraim Broughs
 W. M. Smith
 G. W. Allen
 C. P. Wood

James L. Smith's will

Nov 21 1859.

I make and publish this my last will and testament.

I desire that my funeral expenses and all
 my just debts may be paid out of the money that
 is either on hand or may be collected.

I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret
 Smith my home place with all the adjoining lands
 also all my household and kitchen furniture
 all my stock of all kinds together with the following
 slaves Isaac and Susan and Grimes during her nat-
 ural life or widowhood upon the following conditions
 that my three youngest sons John Smith George
 Smith and Andrew J. Smith shall have the privilege
 of living on my land and making it their home
 free of charge and that she is to give my three
 sons together with my three youngest daughters a
 reasonable education and cloth and supply them

State of Tennessee. I, James Milliken do make this my last will by which I do dispose of my property and estate in the manner following.

I do set apart and give to my sister Mary Davis my horse and cow and all my household and kitchen furniture also all the money that I may be seized and possessed of.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 16th day of April 1866

James Milliken

Signed and sealed in the presence of

Henry B. Hixley

John Wood

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Ozannah Atkins mill.

I, Ozannah Atkins do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby making and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

I desire that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

I give and bequeath to my grandson John Atkins and Napoleon Runcaster (a boy that I have raised) each one horse saddle and bridle. Cow and calf and furniture two and pigs and one flock of oxen when they go to themselves.

I give and bequeath to my three granddaughters Mary E. J. Rouse E. E. A. and Manava A. T. C. D. Atkins each one cow and calf - bed and furniture and one hog and pigs when they go to themselves and to Manava one hundred dollars more than the rest.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Remma Atkins all the remainder of my estate both real and personal during her natural

Ozannah Atkins mill. Continued

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life and at her death I give it equally to the five above named legatees and their heirs but should any of the legatees think proper to sell their interest in the land to another legatee they can do so and make a good title but to no other person.

I do hereby nominate and appoint John Atkins my executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand this 3rd day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

Signed and published in my presence and we have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator this 3rd day of March 1870.

Ozannah Atkins
mark
Witnesses
Ephraim Dorough
Wm. Smith
J. H. Hixley

James L. Smith's will

Nov. 25 1859

I make and publish this my last will and testament.

I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts may be paid out of the money that is either on hand or may be collected.

I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Smith my home place with all the adjoining lands also all my household and kitchen furniture all my stock of all kinds together with the following slaves Isaac and Susan and Grimes during her natural life or widowhood upon the following conditions that my three youngest sons John Smith George Smith and Andrew J. Smith shall have the privilege of living on my land and making it their home free of charge and that she is to give my three sons together with my three youngest daughters a reasonable education and cloth and supply them

James L. Smith will continue

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as long as they may choose to stay with her.

I further desire that the negroes that I may have after give my six children shall remain under her control and work and the labor go to support them until they respectively become of age or marry and then to be divided to each one as designated after with the exception of enough of the property to pay my just debts and charges. I also desire that she give my six children above named a good horse saddle and bridle and other furniture suitable for house keeping as they become of age or need it.

I give Pleasant M. Smith my negro girl Caroline in addition to what I heretofore gave him.

I give to my son Wm. J. Smith my negro boy Joseph in addition to what I have given him heretofore.

I give to my son David M. Smith and my son James M. Smith my tract of land that I purchased of John H. Burges and that they now live on to be equally divided by two disinterested men and if they can't agree take the third one also Solomon and Vena to be divided according to value this land and negroes is given in addition to what they have had before.

I give my daughter Sarah I Young my negro woman and her child Wiseman together with her increase and if her and her son James M. Young should die without bodily heirs then the said girl with her increase to be divided between P. M. W. J. A. C. and J. M. Smith and their heirs.

I further desire at my daughters death if it should occur that D. N. Smith should take said girl and her child or children and keep them until her son J. M. Young shall arrive at the age of 23 years of age of charge on his D. N. Smith's part and take good care of her and her children.

I give my son John Smith my negro girl Risa together with her increase.

I give to my son George my negro girl Phileas together with her increase.

James R. Smith will continue

Forward

I give to my daughter Sabel J. Smith my negro girl named Milly together with her increase.

I give to my daughter Margaret J. Smith my negro girl named Ebaline together with her increase.

I give to my daughter Alia Smith generally known by the name of Pake my negro boy named Rer.

I give to my son Andrew J. Smith my negro boy named Paul and if either of my six youngest children dies before they become of age and receive their negroes I desire that it should be made up to them out of the portion that is set apart to Margaret Smith my wife and if either of the six youngest children should die their portion to be divided among the remainder of the youngest.

I further desire that at my wife's death or marriage that my land and negroes given her and all the balance of the property given her shall be equally divided between John Smith George Smith J. J. Smith Margaret J. Smith Alia Smith and S. J. Smith my six youngest children.

I further wish my boy Morris sold for the best price that can be got and a boy bought with the proceeds and the title taken to my wife in the same way the balance of the property is and at her death or marriage to go to my six youngest children.

I appoint P. M. Smith, Wm. Hawk and John Smith (my son) my executor.
James R. Smith

Levin Cantrell will

In the name of God Amen. I Levin Cantrell of Hardin County Tenn being of sound mind and memory but weak in body do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all will or will codicils or codicils at any time hitherto made.

I commend my soul to God who gave it and desire that my body be buried in a decent Christian manner.

It is my desire that my executor herein after named shall pay out of any monies that may first come into his hands my funeral expenses and just debt.

It is my will and desire that my beloved and affectionate Eleanor do have all my real and personal estate consisting of land negroes stocks and all other property of which I may die seized and possessed during my natural lifetime and at her death it is my will and desire and I hereby give and bequeath unto Thozza Cantrell daughter of James M and Thozza Cantrell his wife to have and to hold to the said Thozza Cantrell and the heirs of her body all my ^{personal} property that remains after my beloved wife except enough to bury my wife decently and in a respectable manner and the legacies herein after mentioned and in case the said Thozza Cantrell should die without issue or should die before my beloved wife it is thus my will and desire that all the property ^{of the said Thozza Cantrell} ^{to be divided equally} her brother and sisters to have and to hold to them and to their heirs forever.

It is my will and desire that at the death of my beloved wife Eleanor Cantrell should there be so much cash on hand and I hereby give unto Farrisson Emily daughter of my brother James M Cantrell and Thozza his wife ^{to be divided equally} her and the heirs of her body.

It is my will and desire that at the death of my beloved wife Eleanor should there be so much cash on hand and I hereby give unto Oliver H P Cantrell son of my brother James M Cantrell and his wife Thozza Five hundred dollars to him and his heirs forever.

It is my will and desire and I hereby desire that should there not be cash enough on hand

Levin Cantrell will continued

Forwards - at the death of my wife Eleanor to discharge the legacies given in them fore and first to Farrisson Emily and O.H.P Cantrell that the amount of cash so on hand at the death of my wife be equally divided between them.

It is my will and desire and I hereby name, name and appoint my nephew Levin M Cantrell my executor to carry this my last will and testament into execution.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of November 1851.

Levin Cantrell (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence and in the presence of each other and of the testator at his special instance and request.

E.H. Shilton Witnesses
J.M. Cantrell

Elisha Pack's will

In the name of God Amen I Elisha Pack being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say

First - After my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate I give I give bequeath and dispose of as follows. I wish my wife to keep possession of everything as though I was living for her support and family. If she changes her life by marriage one third of the land and a child's part of the property

At her death all to be sold and equally divided between my children. Then that they not had a horse saddle and bridle and cow to be made equal my wife to give equal while she lives.

The money coming from John Packs estate to be equally divided with her and Oliver who collected -

Elisha Packs will continued

Forwards

I make and constitute and appoint Francis A. Pack and Peter to be executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made
This May 30th 1859 - Elisha Packs

Eliph. Harbor
H. S. Blount
E. P. Blount

Witnesses

Decided to above will -

July 4th 1860.
Addition to the will. I wish a young man bought for my daughter Nancy Packs out of the money coming from John Packs estate when collected to make him equal share with the balance of the children

Also J. A. Pack on young man out of the money coming from said John Packs estate when collected to make him equal share with balance of the children

The balance of the money coming from John Packs estate to me equally divided between my wife Harriet Packs and my children -

I also wish all arising from the will that is coming to Elizabeth Weston to be given to her and my children -

Witness not required of Executor
Elisha Packs

W. D. Reed
J. M. Cunningham

Witnesses

Eleanor Cantrell's will -

State of Tennessee I, Eleanor Cantrell being weak in Hardin County, ~~and~~ but of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for us all one to do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows -

In the first place it is my desire to be buried in a decent Christian like manner and it is my desire that my executor herein after named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses

It is my desire that my niece Fannie E. Cantrell have the sum of two hundred dollars out of my estate in addition to the five hundred dollars devised to her by my husband whose will it is not my will or desire to disturb or alter in any manner whatever. I being my own property I herein bequeath by this instrument

It is my will and desire and I do hereby bequeath unto my Nephew J. H. Cantrell two hundred dollars and one horse and saddle and bridle in addition to a former legacy bequeathed to him and his sister Fannie above named by their uncle Reuben Cantrell -

It is my desire that my nephew R. M. Cantrell and my nephew O. H. Cantrell and my niece George Cantrell have my farm and I further will and bequeath all my money and all kinds of property that I may die seized and possessed to my sister George Cantrell's children that after the above bequest all my money and effects consisting of whatever it may be equally divided amongst them - and lastly it is my will and desire and I do hereby nominate and appoint my Nephew Reuben M. Cantrell executor to this my last will and testament hereby utterly revoking and disannulling all other wills by me made and publishing this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of 1855 - Eleanor Cantrell

Signed and acknowledged in our presence of each other and the presence of the testator at testator's request -
W. D. Reed
J. M. Cunningham

J. G. Moore's will

State of Tennessee September 10th 1846.

I J. G. Moore do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others. That is to say I will that my executors shall take possession of all my real and personal estate. I will that my executor shall sell enough of my personal and real estate to pay all my debts.

The remainder of my property I will and bequeath to my wife Martha Moore during her natural life. I will if my wife Martha Moore dies previous to Zimman Hickman becoming of lawful age I will said property to Zimman Hickman and if Zimman Hickman dies with out issue I will said property to my brother Thomas Moore during his natural life at his death to revert to my lawful heirs.

I will if my wife Martha Moore dies after Zimman Hickman becomes of lawful age that said remaining property revert to to brother Thomas Moore his natural life and at his death to my lawful heirs.

I will that Doctor J. D. Beale be the executor of my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal this day and date above written

J. G. Moore 

Attest:

J. H. Mabry
W. M. McAfee.

I. W. Ross's Will

I Isaac W. Ross being of sound mind and disposing memory make this my last will and testament. That a sufficient quantity of money that may be on hands or the first collected be appropriated for my burial expenses.

I further will that my executor as soon as convenient after my death proceed to collect all moneys due me and if there should not be a sufficient to pay all my indebtedness to sell personal property sufficient to pay all my debts on such terms as he may think best.

For the love and affection I have for my son Aniel H. Ross I do advance and will to him Fourteen hundred and forty five dollars in money and two dolls at one hundred dollars. Two beds and furniture at thirty dollars. One bureau at fifteen dollars one cow and pigs at five dollars. One cow and lamb at two dollars this being the full amount of all the advancements made by me to my son A. H. Ross.

For the love and affection I have for my daughter Mary E. Ross I have this day allowed to her one hundred and two acres of land to be laid off on the North side of my land beginning on a white oak on the banks of Zimman river thence up the river and thence east to the extreme east boundary thence north and west to the beginning so as to include said one hundred and two acres which I value said one hundred and two acres in division of my estate at Fourteen hundred and forty five dollars. Also one mare and milk cow valued at twenty five dollars. One mare calf at twenty five dollars two beds and furniture at thirty dollars. One bureau at fifteen dollars. One cow and calf at twelve dollars this being the full amount of my advancements to her up to this date to make her equal in advancements with my son Aniel H. Ross.

For the love and affection I have for my wife Mary E. Ross I will and bequeath to her the remaining

Isaac H. Ross's will - continued -

Toward:

of my land and all the property belonging to me and at my death after the payment of all my debts during his lifetime or widowhood and then I will that all the stocks and property remaining on hand to be disposed of by my executor as he may think best except the household furniture which I want divided between my son Aniel H Ross and daughter Mary E Ross.

I further will that the proceeds arising from the sale of the stocks and other personal property be equally divided between my son Aniel H Ross and my daughter Mary E Ross. And the lands equally divided between my son Aniel H Ross and my daughter Mary E Ross so as to include to my daughter Mary E Ross the buildings where I now reside and adjoining the lot I have already set apart for her.

I hereby appoint for my executor my son A H Ross to execute and carry out this my will and testament. I hereby waive the necessity of my executor being required to give bond or security.

This December 6th 1861

In witness whereof I this day set my hand and seal

I. H. Ross - *[Signature]*

J. L. Walker Witness
W. H. Ross - *[Signature]*

Soliver Brooks's will -

Know all men by these presents that I Soliver Brooks of Hardin County and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and in my proper senses being convinced of the fact of the certainty of death and in my present condition I cannot live long I with due consideration do ordain this my last will and testament and all other wills made previous to by me to null and void. Now first and all it is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of my money or means left at my death. Secondly I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Brooks all the remainder of my possessions money household and kitchen furniture lands and tenements stock and farming utensils to her and to hold the use and dispose of for her support during her natural life but not to waste to sell not give for any other purpose but for a comfortable support during her life or widowhood but if she should marry another man then all to be arrested out of her hands lands and everything else and sold and equally divided amongst my children Isaac D Brooks, Mahella J Hosage, James L Palk Brooks, George M D Brooks, Luther R Brooks and Octavia Brooks except the black jilly belonging to my wife at this time worth one hundred dollars that more or one of equal value together with a new side saddle blanket and bridle worth twenty five dollars to be given to my daughter Octavia Brooks over and equal division with the rest of my children. But during my wife's natural life or widowhood my children that is and remains single have the privilege of cultivating the land and raising grain to keep up the stock and family and anything they may make over and above a decent support for them as a family and the stock whether meat or grain or fodder they can have to put to their own use until they marry then to have and give as any other children that are married with respect to any privilege on the farm and as I have already given Isaac D Brooks and Mahella J Hosage three hundred

John Brooks will continued-

Forward

Dollars each I will that it stand as a part of the legacy and if either of the four youngest children should marry during my wife's lifetime if her and my executors thinks she has anything surplus that would be beneficial to them for housekeeping they can give it to them and keep an account of the same which go against the amount that Isaac D. ^{Brooks} and Mahulda J. Aborn to receive nothing more until each of the other four youngest have received their hundred dollars or find an equal division to be made except the above named more saddle birds and blanket to Estera.

Now I will that if misconduct or neglect of my wife Mary Brooks or my child is destroying or wasting the property then my executors to take charge of all the personal or movable property and sell it or otherwise put it out of their hands so as to secure it for their use and I want my executors to notice that thing in particular and will that in addition to the above that my wife daughter Petunia receive and have six months schooling if it can be had anywhere in the country. I will that after the death of my ^{wife} daughter or if she should marry that my executors sell my land and all the rest of my property and make a division amongst my children according to the above directions.

I now will appoint and ordain David Davis and William Nichols to be my executors to carry out and execute this my last will and testament in the name of and presence of Almighty God Amen

John Brooks ^{his} [Seal]
Signed Sealed acknowledged and determined in the presence of us on this 22nd day of Feb in the year of our Lord 1864

Enos Rose
H. N. Rose

May Abrams - will -

Known all men by these presents that I May Abrams of the county of Herdini and State of Tennessee considering the uncertainty of this life and being of sound mind and memory do make declare and publish this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Wm. G. Abrams my shirt and wearing clothes and the books in said chest.

I give and bequeath to my son Joseph W. Abrams my bed and bed clothes and my oldest trunk.

I do give and bequeath to my grand son John G. A. Shelby my large new sashel and a part of the things in it such as suit line and if my Mary has a coat I wish him five D. A. Shelby and his sister Martha Josephine to have it.

I do give and bequeath to my grand daughter Martha Josephine Shelby my new trunk and a part of the clothes contained in it such as is necessary for her to have. But I wish the trunk and its contents to remain with my son Wm. G. Abrams and his wife Sarah until she is capable of taking care of it.

I also give and bequeath to my son Wm. G. Abrams a note which I hold on him and my boxes spinning wheel and card and all of my plunder and after all of my just debts are paid and my head stone bought and paid for I wish the balance of my money which is on hand at my decease to be divided as follows - to wit.

First

I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son James Roberson five dollars and the balance to be equally divided as follows. I give my son Wm. G. Abrams 1/3 and to my son Joseph W. Abrams 1/3 and I give to my two grand children John G. A. Shelby and his sister Martha Josephine Shelby 1/3. I give and bequeath to my two sons W. G. Abrams and Joseph W. Abrams my mare - I nominate and appoint David Davis executor of this my last will and testament.

May Abrams will continued

Forward

In testimony whereof I have to this my last will and testament subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 27th day of January 1862.

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the said May A. Abrams as and for her last will and testament in presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

W. R. Perkins
J. E. White

JOSE'S Will-

Know all men by these presents that I D. B. Rose of Hardin Co. Tenn. being of full health but of sound mind do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills heretofore by me at any time made and all my worldly estate and property real and personal or mixed that I may be possessed of or am entitled to at my death I do hereby bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit-

That all my funeral expenses be paid by my executor as soon as convenient for them to do so.

That I will and bequeath to my wife Sallie D. Rose all my property and effects after all my just debts are paid.

That my wife Sallie D. Rose and Mary B. Thomas be my executors to this my last will and testament I request that Mary B. Thomas sell all my real estate and pay the proceeds to my wife Sallie D. Rose - this March 19th 1872 D. B. Rose

Signed and sealed by the said D. B. Rose - this his last will and testament and we in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

A. J. Hall
J. H. Howell

Joseph Wilkinson's will

In the name of God I Joseph Wilkinson of the County of Hardin and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit - To my son Robert J. Wilkinson I give ten dollars to my son John J. Wilkinson ten dollars and to my daughter Virginia Davis ten dollars the balance of my estate both real and personal I give and bequeath to my present wife and to her children this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made - In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this the 16th day of January in the year of our Lord 1866 -

Joseph Wilkinson

The above instrument was subscribed by the said Joseph Wilkinson in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be his last will and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto -

J. M. Good
L. H. Elwood