

Will of Thomas Amis

November 16, 1799

In the name of God, Amen. I Thomas Amis of the State of Tennessee and County of Hawkins. Knowing that it is ordained for all men once to die & being sick and weak but of sound mind & memory. Do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following (viz)

First I bequeath myself to Almighty God fully believing in his Almighty wise Providence & mercy to all his Creatures after this life to rest in peace. And as to my worldly goods and Chattels that he has been pleased to put in my Care in this life, I dispose of in manner and form following.

Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Lucy all my Cash in hand at my Decese with all my Stock of every kind & species, Also all my plantation tools & utensils including Wagon &c and all my Household and Kitchen Furniture of every kind & all the present crop of all soils whatever to her and Her Heirs forever. I also lend to my said wife all my lands on Big Creek containing Three Hundred and fifty acres in three tracts including the place where we now live. Also the tract of land otherwise called Brooks now live containing One Hundred Acres adjoining the land my son Willis lives on with my Mills Mills and the utensils thereunto belonging, and my Smiths etc. all of which said land I lend her during the time she remains my widow, and at her death or marriage I give the same to my son Hayes Amis & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son John Amis what may be received from the Cargo Seize from me by the Spanish Commandant at Port Stretcher in June 1786. I also give him the tract of land he now lives on adjoining the town of Rogersville and lying the East Side of the main Road. Also the lower part of my six Hundred and forty acre tract of land, to be laid off by a line to run square with the upper end of the tract he now lives on, to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give unto my son Willis Amis the upper part of my six hundred and forty acre tract of land, it being the balance of which I give my son John in the said tract.

Item I give to my son Lincoln Amis the four lots in the town of Rogersville which I purchased of Daniel Hamblen. I also give him all my lands lying the West side of the main road and adjoining the town of Rogersville.

Item I give unto my son Thomas Gale Amis all the Certificate

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by me funded in the Continental Loan Office in North Carolina
the 25th of August 1791 Amounting to Dollars one hundred
and fifty two dollars and forty cents. To him and his heirs forever.
Item. My will is that the rest of my estate consisting
of Slaves Bonds Notes Judgments Book accounts &c shall be
equally divided between my wife Lucy Annis and my Children
except Thomas Gale Annis and Haynes Annis as I consider them
legacies to be made equal otherways with the rest of my Children
After the following deduction to be made viz out of my daughter
Tabitha's share Six hundred and sixty six and two thirds
dollars each & out of my daughter Danny's & my son John's
shares three hundred & thirty three & a dollar each. I make these
deductions for negro already given them. It is my will and
desire that my friends John Bay Esq, Col James Ouston M^o
Vernonia Esq, Joseph M^oreum Esq, and William Howard Esq
or a majority of them do make the division of the above
mentioned Slaves Bonds Notes Judgments Book accounts &c such
division when made to be made of record in Court which shall
stand good in law. And if any of my Children should die
without leaving a lawful Heir then I will their legacy to be
equally divided amongst those of my Children who have a share
in the last mentioned legacy of Slaves Bonds Notes Book accounts
or their lawful representatives. It is also my will and desire
that my Library of all my Books be kept together for the use of
my school.

And lastly I do appoint my wife Lucy my Executrix to the
my last Will and Testament. Nothing all other Will or Wills
to be made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this Twentieth day of November One thousand Seven
hundred and Ninety seven.

Signed and sealed in presence of
Willm Ford (Jurat) Isaac
Lambert James Herbert John
Spencer Ball (Jurat)

Thos Annis (P^r)

Will of William Annis

December 31 1809

Meditating on the uncertainties of life, I make this my
last Will and Testament. I bequeath my soul to the mercy of
my maker Almighty God, and bequeath my worldly estate in
the manner following:

I bequeath to my dear beloved brother Haynes Annis my negro Sam
I bequeath to my dear beloved brother James Annis my negro boy
Frank. Also what is now coming to me in the State of Maryland.
I bequeath to my dear beloved sister Nancy my negro girl Middy
and I wish my brother Haynes Annis Executor to settle my
affairs and do bequeath Dapt and Joe to him for his trouble
Say my brother Haynes Annis and should the debts due me not
discharge what I justly owe I wish the negro to be hired out
until there is money collected to discharge the same. Circu
mulate my hand and seal this Twentieth day of December 1809
In the presence of
Peter Durum (Jurat)
Jas Cox
Jas Rogers (Jurat)

Will of William Frustrang

February 7, 1810

In the name of God Amen, I William Frustrang of Hudsons
County and State of Tennessee, Considering the uncertainty of this
mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, do make and
publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form fol
lowing. (That is to say)

First. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Abigail Annis
Spring all my estate to be possessed and enjoyed by her for ever
deducting the following Legacies (That is) To each of our sons and daughters
I will and bequeath the sum of one dollar, each. which said several
Legacies or sums of money I will and order shall be paid to the
said respective Legatee within twelve months after my decease and
likewise all my just debts to be paid, and
Lastly, as to all the rest residue and remainder of my estate of what
kind or nature soever I will and bequeath unto my dear be
loved wife Abigail Frustrang and I hereby appoint her Executor and
Henry Johnson 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 Twentieth day of February In the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and ten
Wm Frustrang

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named William Armstrong to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

Henry Marshall
Jesse Brown
Claus Rosen

Will of John Armstrong

April 17 1813

In the name of God Amen I John Armstrong of Newton County and State of Tennessee Considering the uncertainty of his mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, being by Almighty God for the pains, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jane Armstrong my plantation in Carter Valley together with all my stock of every kind, farming utensils & household furniture, decorations and reserves what is hereafter specified likewise both my negro women Cate & Sally and my negro fellow slave to be enjoyed by her during her natural life. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Armstrong my negro woman named Sally to be free, to be freely possessed and enjoyed by her & her heirs forever. I give, sell Thomas Armstrong I will and bequeath my negro man named Tom to be freely possessed by him and his heirs forever. To my son Baker Armstrong I will and desire that plantation now occupied by him in Carter Valley and also my negro boy Ambrose to be freely possessed and enjoyed by him and his heirs and assigns forever. To my son John Armstrong I will and bequeath my negro girl named Aggy to be freely possessed and enjoyed by him and his heirs forever. To my daughter Anne Baker I will and bequeath my negro girl named Melly to be freely possessed and enjoyed by her and her heirs forever. To my daughter Mary Ann Armstrong wife of a man I will and bequeath my negro woman named Maria & her issue to be freely possessed and enjoyed by her & her heirs of her body forever and also a good horse and saddle, a bed and bedding, household furniture, two cows and calves or cows with calves, two ewes and lambs or ewes with lambs, a sow and pigs to be freely possessed by her and her heirs forever. And my will and desire is that my wife Jane may if she chooses sell my plantation and all my personal estate in her possession reserving to herself such part of said personal

property as she may think convenient for her use and necessity and live with any of her children that she may think proper and at her decease it is my will and meaning that Spence shall belong to my son Baker and also that Jesse and Sal shall belong to my son John Armstrong forever, and likewise my will and meaning is that at my wife's death the residue or remainder of the amount of the sale of said plantation personal estate money & debts shall be equally divided between all my children and I hereby appoint my son Thomas Armstrong and John Young Executors 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 17th day of April in the year of our Lord

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named John Armstrong to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same

State of Tennessee
Newton County. An Article of Agreement made and concluded on between the wife and Legatee of John Armstrong deceased, Whereas there is a will among the papers of said John Armstrong deceased though not witnessed nor signed by him, the said John Armstrong deceased but the wife and Legatee from different reasons believe it to be his will and desire that his estate should be divided in the manner and form prescribed by said will, and as the parties doth mutually agree to abide and stand by the said will and that we and each of us will appear at our next County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions on the fourth Monday of May next and give our consent to have the said will recorded, and that we the under named subscribers do ever hereafter the benefit of any other will or the laws of our Country respecting the said estate of the said John Armstrong deceased, and for the true performance we and each of us do bind ourselves our heirs & in the penal sum of one Thousand Dollars As witnesses our hands and seals this 17th day of April 1813

Test
John Young
Jas Armstrong

Jane Armstrong (Seal)
Thomas Armstrong (Seal)
John Armstrong (Seal)
Jesse Brown (Seal)
Claus Rosen (Seal)

Will of William Armstrong

May 10. 1817

Being confined to my bed in sickness, though perfectly in my natural sense I am about to make my last will and Testament.

First, I bequeath my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the grave. I leave to my beloved wife Elizabeth the Plantation with all the farming implements and stock, during her natural life, and at her decease all to fall to my son John with the exception of a certain horse tract and a cow to my daughter Jane, also a horse tract and cow to my daughter Anna. I will and bequeath to my son the the tract of land whereon he now lives. I will and bequeath to my daughter Jane a certain negro girl named Lettie, and also to my daughter Anna a negro girl named Tydi, Tydi oldish, living child if any to belong to Jane at her mother's decease. in case either of my ^{three} children now living with me should die without issue, their portion of the property to be equally divided between the other two. And to my daughter Nancy Dargy I bequeath fifty dollars at my wife's decease.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal
Test
William Armstrong

W. Armstrong,
John Armstrong,

I O. At my wife's decease all the household furniture to be equally divided among the children of John and Anna

Will of Lucy Annis

December 17. 1818

I Lucy Annis widow of the late Thomas Annis Deceased of Hartford County, State of Tennessee. Being weak in body but in sound mind and memory, meditating on the uncertainty of human existence, I hereby request this my last Will & Testament.

First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God the giver of it, and request my worldly affairs in the following manner, It is my desire that my son Harvey Annis have all my estate of every description and him to pay my son James Annis & Nancy Nowel the value of Mules & for the two oldest children of Polly, which I consider worth six hundred dollars which will be three hundred dollars to each to be paid in two years after my death, also pay to Tabitha Cox, Francis

Grandson, Polly Rogers the Heir of John Annis, Rachael Hogan Miller Annis the Heir of Gordon Lincoln Annis & the Heir of Thomas Annis, one dollar each, and to Lucy H. Annis youngest daughter of Lincoln Annis I wish to have my negro boy Charles which I purchased of the said Lincoln Annis. And it is my desire my step Grandson John A. Rogers act as my executor in this my last Will & Testament. And I hereby revoke all other wills.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, This 17th day of Decr 1818
Signed, sealed & acknowledged in presence of
Witness:
William E. Cooke,
Rachael Armstrong,

Lucy Annis Seal

Will of David Anderson

August 6. 1822

This Indenture made this sixth day of August, in the year of our Lord 1822. David Anderson of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being weak of body but of sound mind and memory knowing that all men is born to die and after death to go to Judgment, do make this my last will and Testament. In the name of God Amen.

I wish and devise to my son David M. Anderson one mule, cow & shawl plum and falling ax, and my daughter Elizabeth Christian I devise and leave her my Bible, and I devise and leave to all my lawful sons and daughters one dollar each in twelve months after my decease, if applied for. And I will a bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my real and perishable property property of every kind and all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind and I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Anderson my, ex. adm. to this my last will. In testimony whereof I David Anderson have hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and date above written.

Attest

David Anderson Seal

James Johnson
John D. Johnson
George Morgan

Will of Deborah Alexander

December 23, 1837

In the name of God, Amen, I Deborah Alexander, of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee, being of full age, of sound mind and memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament,

I recommend my soul to Almighty God, and as to my worldly Estate, I make my youngest and beloved son Dick Alexander my sole heir and leguath unto him all that I possess, consisting principally of a note of hand on my son William Alexander for Small Hundred Forty eight Dollars and seventy cents, on which several payments have been made, and all that my son Dick has received on said note, which note is dated Seventh June one thousand eight hundred and twenty and secured by a mortgage on real estate dated first July one thousand eight hundred and eight to William Alexander, Alexander Bond Executed by Amos Fugate, and Jonathan Jessop of the Borough of York in the County of York State of Pennsylvania for Five Hundred Fifty four dollars, to secure the payment of Five Hundred Seventy seven Dollars and thirty seven and half cents, dated the thirtieth day of the ninth month one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

And a note or Bill South Executed by Jonathan Jessop of York Pennsylvania for the sum of Fifty pounds and dated thirtieth day of sixth month one thousand eight hundred and nine.

And lastly, I appoint my beloved son Dick Alexander my sole Executor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of December, Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven

Deborah Alexander

An A. Patton

W. A. Patton

Will of William Armstrong Sr

January 13, 1838

I William Armstrong Sr of the County of Hawkins State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament:

First I will and bequeath unto my daughter in law Rachael Armstrong her five children Elizabeth Mary Joseph Roger Alice Louisiana & William Pitt Armstrong the tract of land on the south side of Holston River in the County aforesaid known as the Outwell

place and on which she has heretofore resided, containing by estimation 350 acres which tract I heretofore conveyed to them to be equally divided according to the provisions of said conveyance. I further give unto said Rachael & her children above named a negro woman slave named Riida & her increase, in line of certain improvements made by my son Arthur on two lots in the town of Cincinnati said negro & her increase to be equally divided among Rachael and her children before named.

2^d I give and bequeath unto my son William Armstrong the Plantation in Carter Valley originally owned by my father & lately sold by my son William to J. B. Galtsooth, containing by estimation 240 acres, plus one other tract adjoining the same containing by estimation 40 acres which he has also sold, said lands being conveyed by me to my son Wm several years since. I also give & bequeath unto my son William a negro or mulatto man slave named Stephen, which slave he has also had in possession for some years. I also give him all stock and donations of whatever kind recd by him heretofore from me.

3rd I give and bequeath unto my son Clinton Armstrong a part of the tract of land known by the name of the Deep track adjoining the place where I now live & which my son Clinton has sold to my son William & which I have heretofore conveyed unto my son Clinton, containing by estimation 300 acres. I also give and bequeath unto my son Clinton all the stock and other donations of whatever kind which he has heretofore received from me. And I further give and bequeath unto my son Clinton my negro man slave named Ben.

4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Ann the tract of land where she now lives in Carter Valley, containing by estimation 500 acres which tract has been conveyed by me some years since. I also give and bequeath unto her a negro woman slave named Fanny & her increase, also I give unto her all stock and other donations of whatever kind heretofore recd by her.

5th I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Bradford my daughter a negro woman named ^{Clara} Claura and her child Pooan as well as which she has received some years since with their increase & younger than Pooan. I also give unto her all stock and other donations of whatever kind which received from me as such heretofore. My daughter Elizabeth has in her possession a negro boy slave named Isaac son of said Claura. I will that she pay to me on my executor's The sum of twenty five dollars yearly for the here

of said son Isaac from the time he became sixteen years of age until my death. I will said son to be offered to him at a fair valuation and should the decline receiving at such price as he shall be valued the said Isaac is to be sold with the rest of my property.

6th I give and bequeath unto my son Oary A. Armstrong a certain tract or parcel of land, being on the main Stage road adjoining the land of William Lyons in the County aforesaid, containing by estimation 15 Acres which tract of land was conveyed by me to him some years since. I also give unto him all the stock and other donations made by me to him heretofore, and I further will and devise that should my said Oary return and get married within three years after my decease that he have the River plantations including the Mill. The house old Parsonage as hereinafter described, but should he not return aforesaid of 3 years after my death or marry & settle himself, it is my will that said tract of land be sold and divided among all my other children, saving unto the heirs of my son Othman an equal share of the proceeds of the sale of said lands. The rest that may accrue thereon.

7th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Marshall 2 Negroes heretofore given her, namely Anne (and her increase) and Poley, also all stock and other donations of whatever kind heretofore received by her from me.

8th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Maria 2 Negroes, namely George and Linda with her increase, also all the stock and other donations of whatever kind heretofore received by her from me.

9th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Cook 2 Negroes, namely Eliza & Rufus, also all stock and other donations of property heretofore received by her from me. I also will that she be paid the sum of One Hundred Dollars or the part of her division.

10th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Julia Armstrong 2 Negroes, namely Diller Hannah, with her increase, and I further will and devise that the sum Three hundred dollars be paid over to my daughter Julia extra over and above her equal share as herein provided for, with her other sisters Eliza, Sally, Margaret and Louisa.

11th I will that the tract of land on which I live be divided as follows, to wit: Beginning at the Brick Spring house, running down the Spring branch, thence down the Mill Branch to the lower end of the little meadow on the West side of the Branch

thence a straight with the lower end of the meadow fence to the back line adjoining Mrs. Surquins land, thence with any line to the River, thence up the River to my son William's line, thence with his line to where it strikes the mill branch, thence up the same to where the road crosses opposite the Brick Spring House, thence to the beginning, which aforesaid described tract I allot to the old Parsonage, which is to include the mill, Still House &c.

In the Brick house lot on division, I assign from the branch at the lower end of the little meadow aforesaid out to the back line adjoining Mrs. Surquins land aforesaid, thence along the line adjoining the Lane's tract, thence with the same to the North West Corner thereof, near the Wolf Spring and the Davis tract, thence a straight line to the South West corner of the tract lately sold to Mr. Grigsby, thence with any lines to the meeting house lot with the lines of the same and the lines of said house to the Branch, then down the branch until opposite the Davis Spring House, thence a straight line to the Spring house, thence down the Spring branch a mill branch to the beginning at the lower end of the little meadow aforesaid.

12th I will and devise that my land adjoining the above described tract be laid off into three lots, as near as may be of equal value, and that said lot of land also the tract attached to the Brick house as above described, also my lots in the town off Surquinsville (excepting any given to my sons) also a part of land in Shaler Valley on Marshall's Creek also all my negroes not herein otherwise disposed of, also my stock and other personal property be sold and the proceeds thereof be divided equally among my four daughters, Eliza, Margaret, Sally, and Louisa, Margaret Cook, and Julia Armstrong after having first paid all my just debt.

13th I further will and devise that the 10 Acres or more of land at the Mouth of Deer Creek from Zachariah Cove be divided among all my children equally, providing that should any one of the heirs take on him the trouble and expense to secure the title of said lands from the Government of the U. S. States, I will and devise to that him two shares of said land in said division.

14th I will that the River tract herein conditionally given to my son Oary remain in the possession of my Executors until the expiration of the three years, unless my son Oary should sooner return and comply with the conditions of this my will.

14th I will and devise that all other property that I may

are possessed of and not herein named whether real estate or personal be sold and divided among all my children
 16th I will and bequeath that my friend son Wm A Amis have a lot in the town of Burlington, lying opposite where Mrs Carden lately lived, said lot lying and being on the South side of main street.
 I will that the Sulphur Spring lot remain unsold for the benefit of all my children.
 Lastly, I will that William Armstrong Jr & James Amis be made the Executors of this my last Will and Testament signed, sealed and acknowledged
 in presence of:
 William Legans. Aaron Briggsby
 L. W. Legans

I William Armstrong Jun. being full of sound mind & memory but weak in body do add this Supplement to the foregoing my last Will and Testament, Viz: I will that the donations in money &c heretofore given to my daughter Margaret Julia for my prize in her lifetime be considered a part of my prize, and that my daughters Margaret & Julia retain the same. I further will that my daughter Julia have a good horse in addition to what I have herein bequeathed unto her.
 I further will that the dividing line between the River track and the track attached to the Brick house be altered and that from the lower end of the little meadow down, that the Creek be the line.

Given under my hand & seal this 13th 1835
 day of January.
 In presence of:

W. Armstrong Seal

Will of Haynes Amis

July 27, 1847.

In the name of God, Amen,
 I Haynes Amis of the County of Hawkins State of Tennessee being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of human life, have concluded and determined to dispose of the worldly with which the Lord has intrusted me in the manner herein often mentioned, and I do by this my last Will & Testament revoke and annul all other Wills and devises of my said estate.

To my son James Amis and James H. Amis I give and bequeath the land on which I reside included in several adjoining tracts, containing eight hundred acres or upwards to be divided between them by the following lines Viz: Beginning at a point in Mr Russell's line on the East side of Big Creek, so that a direct line from thence through the site of the burnt Smith's Shop shall pass to the center of the Spring thence as a branch to a Sugar tree thence a South West Course to the Western line of a 160 acre tract thence South to a Hickory corner of said 160 acre tract, All my land lying northward of said line including my dwelling house, mill and other improvements, I hereby give to my son Thomas with the personal property owned by him and in his possession.

All of my land lying Southward of said line including the Sun yard, the Stock therein and other improvements on said Southern portion of my land I hereby give to my said son James together with the personal property owned by him and in his possession.

To my daughter Lucy H. Amis, intermarried with John Henson I give and bequeath the tract of land of about 170 Acres on which they have lately resided, a negro man named Joe, about thirty years of age, and a negro woman named for several years in their possession, named Mary, about twenty years of age, and Ten Hundred dollars in money.

To my daughter Martha H. intermarried with John Henson I have heretofore given a tract of land of 150 Acres which they having relinquished to my son, it is now a part of the bequest to my son Thomas, I have also given my said daughter a negro girl for many years in her possession, and I now give her Three Hundred dollars in money.

To my daughter Mary intermarried with James Henson I have heretofore given a negro woman named Nancy and her three (3) children, I also give her a negro man named Jack, about 30 years

five years of age, and Ten Hundred dollars in money.
 I do hereby bequeath daughter Sarah Ann (late wife of James M. Armstrong) To Louisa Armstrong I give a horse saddle & bridle worth one hundred dollars.

To Lucy Ann Armstrong I give two negro girls named Francis & Hannah, and One Hundred dollars in money.

All and all other property belonging to me at the time of my death to be equally divided between my four daughters above named and their heirs.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son Thomas J. Annis Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby ratifying and confirming all such lawful acts as he my said Executor shall do and perform in relation to the aforesaid Estate. In witness of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of Jan. 1847.

Isaac Annis
 Esq. Richard Brantley
 Esq. John Larkin

Napier Annis

Will of Jonathan Anderson

March 3, 1849

Jonathan Anderson do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby ratifying and confirming all other wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my two grand sons to wit, Eben Anderson and Carter Anderson One dollar each.

Thirdly I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Rhoda Anderson as once was but now Rhoda Sigmon One dollar.

Fourthly I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Catharine Anderson as once was but now Catharine Merri One dollar.

Fifthly I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Anderson as once was but now Mary Smith One dollar.

Sixthly and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Beverly C. Lord my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 3rd day of March One Thousand eight hundred forty nine.

Jonathan Anderson

Signed, sealed & published in our presence and we here subscribe our names here in the presence of the Testator. This 3rd day of March 1849.

Samuel C. Lord - Samuel Ford - Adin Ford

Will of Isaac Annis

October 13, 1849

passed July 1850

State of Tennessee. Newton County.

I Isaac Annis do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby ratifying and confirming all other wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Saml. Annis and his heirs the following boundary of land, viz. Beginning on a white oak corner running Westwardly to the high bluff of the ridge on the North with the West side of the ridge to the cross fence and with said fence to the Apple orchard and then to a Sugar tree so as not to include any of said orchard, then Southwardly to the top of a Spring then with the top of the Spring to the top of Chick mountain and with the top of the mountain Eastwardly to Samuel Annis line and with said line to Riley Winsteads line and thence to the beginning.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Annis and her heirs the following boundary of land viz. Beginning on a Dog wood, my beginning corner, running thence North East to hollow that comes down from James and Gordmans fields opposite to the Spring branch where Saml Annis now lives, thence Southwardly to said Spring branch and with the same to said Saml Annis's boundary thence Westwardly with said Annis's boundary to near the Orchard thence Westwardly to the War Lap road thence with Charles Sanders line to the beginning.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Annis twenty acres of land on the upper end of our former joining with Pearson's land.

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Priscilla Annis and her heirs the following boundary of land as follows Beginning at the above named Annis's boundary near the orchard thence South East with Saml Annis's boundary to the top of Chick mountain thence Westwardly with the top of the mountain to Saml Annis's line thence Northwardly with said line to Charles Sanders line thence with said line to War Lap road and thence with said Sanders line to the beginning.

Fourthly, I direct that my wife Mary Anne shall have a third maintenance from the said Samuel, Elizabeth & Priscilla Anne during her life. And I further direct that in any year after the death of my wife Mary Anne the aforementioned Samuel Anne, Elizabeth & Priscilla Davis shall pay to the following named heirs, Five hundred dollars in good current bank notes according to the value of each of their boundaries of land aforementioned viz:

To Eliza, now Eliza Drummond, one Hundred Dollars
 To Nancy, now Nancy Lawson, one Hundred Dollars
 To Lucinda, now Lucinda Drummond, one Hundred Dollars
 To Susanah, now Susanah James, one Hundred Dollars
 To Sarah, now Sarah Davis, one Hundred Dollars
 (It is to be understood that the improvements on the aforementioned boundaries of land are not to be valued)

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Anne all of my Household and Kitchen furniture, to dispose of as she may think proper.

Sixthly, I direct that all my personal property be sold on twelve months Credit and the proceeds equally divided between all my above named children.

Seventhly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Samuel Anne my Executor; In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and Seal this 13th day of October 1849.

Isaac Anne Seal

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. This 14th day of October 1849

Witnesses: Orla Johns, James Johnson, M. C. Wilder

Will of Aaron Anderson

Executed in 1855. Dated August 13, 1855

We the undersigned John Begley John Stapleton both of Hawkins County, do hereby certify that the age of said Isaac Anne the last named of the age of Priscilla three years. State that on the first Wednesday in August 1855 being the first day of said month we being present at the house of Aaron Anderson who was then lying sick and who being made aware of the probability of death in contemplation of his disease which took place on the Sunday following, said Anderson called upon us to witness

with him while the Company present retired and when left alone with us John Begley mentioned to him the subject of death, on which he stated that he was not afraid to die but was ready to go at any moment. He then said all the property that he had, Land Negro and other property, every thing he possessed in the world, he wanted Bick, his wife to have during her life & to dispose of as she pleased. At the death of his said wife he wanted William Stapleton, eldest child Solomon Stapleton to have the two fields in the possession of said William Stapleton, when said W^m has been tending for the last five or six years and to include with said fields the land from the field to the back line of the track running with the fence Westwardly to the lane that runs by said Anderson's house and with said lane from the corner of said field South Eastwardly as far as the lane goes. Then the same direction to the back line of the 1st track of land on the mountain. He said he thought the said land would make the little boy a right good home if he lived.

He then said that Henry Hack had lived with him, that he said Anderson had raised him pretty much, that he was poor and had for him & Anderson many days hard work and that he thought it right to do something for him. He said he wanted Henry & his two sons Alfred & Betty to have his land after his wife's death, provided the law would allow the negroes to be free & stay on it, but it would not then they were to belong to his wife, to dispose of as she pleased. In case the said negroes could not be freed he said he wanted Henry Hack to have half the land after his wife's death to be so divided as gave water to each part & his wife to dispose of the balance.

He further said that he did not want his people to have a dollar that he had worked for that they had always been against him from the time he was a boy, that his wife had helped him work for it, and he wanted her to have it and he wanted it freed so that his people could not trouble him after his death.

He then said this is my will the way I want my property disposed of after my death. If I have two or three days I will have it put in writing.

At the time of the above the said Aaron Anderson was in his senses and of sound and disposing mind and person, in full possession of all his faculties. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 13th of August 1855

John Begley
 John Stapleton

Will of William Altam

Dated May 29, 1857

Provd 7 Sep 1857

In the name of God, Amen

I William Altam of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the 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 I give and bequeath as follows: To wit: To my beloved wife the land and appurtenances on which I now live, during her natural life, and to have the rents and profits thereof an undivided land on the East side of said lands to a cross fence running from the bank of Clouds Creek north towards Stone Mountain, on the East side of my son John's house, on which he now lives, together with fifty dollars cash and all my household and kitchen furniture which I may be in possession of, one red cow with a white face and horn, calf and one spotted heifer, one white spotted sow and four chow dogs, also all the corn, bacon and wheat that I now have on hand.

Secondly. I give to my son John the west end of my farm after the death of my beloved wife, running north and south, crossing Clouds Creek a straight line with a cross fence East of my son John's house in which he now lives about fifty or sixty rods of said house, to have possession of said lot of land now free from rents now but the not to be invested in him until after the death of my wife, then to have the title of said lot of land.

Thirdly. My will is that after the death of my wife the remainder of my land to be sold and the proceeds arising from the sale of said lands to be equally divided between my two daughters to wit: Mary Ellen and Sarah Carpenter, share and share alike.

Fourthly. I give and bequeath to my grand son John Carpenter my brown colt in which I am now in possession of.

Fifth. My will is that if it should be the will of Almighty God to call me from the Society of Friends, before the crop which I now have on hand, my will is that the balance of my personal property be sold at public sale but not to be sold until the present crop is made and the proceeds arising from said sale be equally divided between my wife and three children, share and share alike. Likewise I make constitute and appoint my son John Altam and S D Brooks to be my 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 affixed my seal. The 29th day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

William Altam

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

R M Bishop
Thomas Everhart

Will of Seth Armistead

Dated July 11, 1857

Recorded Jan 20 1858
Provd Jan 7, 1878 [Record p 51]

I Seth Armistead of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, hereby revoking and making said all former wills by me at any time made, and as to such other worldly goods as it has pleased God to trust me with, I dispose of as follows:

First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid as soon as possible after my decease out of any money that may come to the hands of my Administrator from any portion of my Estate real or personal. I further will and bequeath to my daughter, Middy M. Nick, and to her heirs, one half of my tract of land in Hawkins County, in the State of Tennessee on the Waters of Holston River adjoining the land of George Arnold and Thomas Marshall, this one half of a tract known as the Mountain tract, containing by estimation one hundred and four acres, and the first mentioned tract contains by estimation one hundred and forty six acres together with all the issues, rents and profits arising therefrom, to have and to hold said lands during her natural life, and then to her heirs to her own separate use, benefit and behoof free from the control of her husband Thomas Nick, and free from all the debts, liabilities and judgments which now exist or may hereafter exist against her said husband.

I further will and bequeath to my daughter Middy M. Nick

One half of three negroes, one negro man called Ben, aged about 30 years, and two negro women Peggy aged about 60 years and Liza aged about 19 years to be divided equally between my 2 Daughters, share and share alike, as may be agreed upon by themselves, together with their increase, during her natural life to her own separate use, free from the control of her husband Thomas Hicks and free from all his debts, judgments, liabilities of any kind whatever, but if at the death of my said daughter, she should have no children then living then I will that all the estate herein created shall fall back to my daughter.

I further will and bequeath to my said daughter Ann half of all money that I may be possessed of at my decease or that may come into the hands of my Administrators arising out of the sale or otherwise from any portion of my estate, to her own separate use and benefit free from the control of her husband, and free from his debts, judgments and liabilities of every kind, to be paid to my said daughter upon her separate receipt upon being examined.

I further direct that my beloved wife Elizabeth Armstrong (if I should die first) shall have a third part of my estate during her natural life or widowhood but in case she shall marry a second time, then my will is that she shall have and be governed by the laws of Iowa then existing in this State and she shall be governed at the same.

I further will to my grand daughter Sarah Ann Hicks one horse called Jim, to be from the date of the delivery thereof her own, for her own use, and the entire right of said horse is hereby vested in her. I also give to my daughter Mary Christian a horse of equal value to the horse above mentioned.

I further will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Catharine the other half of my estate, share and share alike with the before mentioned daughter, Willie M. Hicks, in every particular, to her heirs. But in default of him or of any said daughter, Mary Catharine, then I will and direct that the estate herein created shall fall back and go to my other heirs then living, by the rules of descent of this State then existing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of July 1859, by making his mark, bringing forth to write his name

William Mullins.
Stephen Hicks

Edw. Armstrong Seal

Will of John N. Arnold.

Proved Dec 3. 1860 L.R. no. p 4181

Oct 10, 1859.

In the name of God,

I, John N. Arnold do make this my last Will and Testament, First, I will and bequeath to Almighty God my soul, wh goes etc. Secondly, It is my will that my wife Martha Arnold have my plantation wherein I now live during her natural life time to do with as she pleases while she lives. I also will that my wife have all the household & kitchen furniture and all the stock on hand say Horses, Cattle Hogs & Sheep and all the crop or produce that may be on hand at the time of my death.

Thirdly, I will that my two sons William Arnold and John J. Arnold have at the time of the death of my wife the entire plantation that I have written to my wife and that my two sons Wm Arnold & Jackson Arnold pay to each of my children Five dollars a piece, that is to say John Crumley, Thomas Crumley, Eliza, George, Alfred, Sarah, Julia and Harvey Arnold.

Fourthly, It is my will that my wife Martha pay all my debts and my funeral expenses as soon as she can after my death, out of my property or money that I may die seized or possessed of. This the 10th day October 1859

Signed sealed and delivered

in our presence

Robt. Cooper

George P. Arnold

John N. Arnold

Will of William M. Arnold

Proved in Iowa, L.R. no. p 3891
August 6. 1860 L.R. no. p 3891

Dated July 29, 1860.

I, William M. Arnold being of sound and well disposing mind but in feeble health do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any time.

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

2nd, I will to William A. Charles my nephew one hundred acres of land to be run off of the bottom lands of my farm, where he farms the lands of Willie A. Briggs & Thomas Moore.

3rd, I will to my Father William Arnold all the rest of my land

embraced in the deed made to me by my father, by him giving up the bond given by myself to him on the 13th day of June 1854 for Two Thousand dollars, conditioned for the maintenance of himself and mother together with the note that I executed to him on the same date of the bond for

4th I further will and bequeath to my beloved wife the twenty two and one half acre tract of land known as the May tract, during her life time or widowhood and at her death or marriage said land to go to my brothers & Sisters or their heirs, and that she further have all the property and household furniture that she had when she and I were married, and one cow she is worth twice of it, and the small black pig gilt and three hundred dollars in cash. All the increase of the stock there is on hand, of the stock she had when she came to live with me, and to have two thirds of the corn crop that is on hand, one third of the oats that is on hand, half of the hay that is now made, and to have my Curran during her life time or widowhood and at her death or marriage the Curran to be sold and the proceeds be equally divided between my brothers & Sisters or their heirs &c

5th I further will that my father Mrs Arnold have all the grass on hand that is now mowed, one half the hay that is now made, all the wheat on hand, one third of the corn crop, the third of the oats on hand.

6th I will that all the rest of my personal property be sold and that the proceeds be equally divided between my brothers & Sisters or their heirs, my wife & I to have made an heir with them, except fifty dollars that I will my niece Scabilla Rader is to have.

7th and lastly, I appoint James W Hearick as my Executor to this my will, whereunto I do set my hand and seal to this my will, this 29th July 1860

William W Arnold
his
witness

Signed sealed & published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names in the
presence of the Dictator on this 29th day of
July 1860

James H. Milken
Thomas Moore

Will of William Armstrong

Proved Sep 3. 1860 [Record p 292]

Filed 10. 1860.

Nashville County, State of Tennessee.

I William Armstrong considering the uncertainty of this life, and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

1st I give and bequeath to my son William S. Armstrong 1 Negro Slave named Moses, which I consider worth Two Hundred Dollars

2nd I give and bequeath to my son Alfred Armstrong 1 Negro Slave named Benjamin, which I consider worth Two Hundred Dollars

3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary E. Powell (wife of Samuel Powell) Two Negro Slaves named Rhoda and Rebecca which I consider worth Two Hundred Dollars, also one town lot in the town of Rogersville, said lot is conveyed to me by Mrs Dick's Deed under as a trustee of James Bradley, also two military land warrants, containing one hundred acres each, also one town lot and land warrants I consider worth Three Hundred Dollars. The above bequest amounting to Eleven Hundred Dollars

In addition to these bequests I have paid to my daughter Mary E. Powell and her husband Samuel Powell Eighteen Hundred and fifty Dollars all unpaid payments amounting to Twenty Six hundred Dollars, they have received from me. I further will that the further sum of Eighteen hundred and fifty dollars be paid to Mary E. Powell before or after my death.

4th I will and bequeath to my son William S. Armstrong 1 Negro Slave David, my land lying and being in the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee in the North end of the River given in 3rd Civil District I divide in the following manner (to wit) Beginning on a small mill race, Box Elder & Sycamores on the Holston River at low water mark, running thence South & North by degrees West & South, pole is a small South West corner of the foot of the rise of the bottom, thence West 10 West to a pole to a Maple at the foot of a steep bottom, thence North & West 70 half West Sixty eight poles to a Mulberry, the upper side of the old Orchard field, thence North 58 1/2 West Nine poles to two small poles, thence South fifty West Sixteen to a Locust corner of the back of the old stable, thence North 44 West up the Creek and enclose one hundred and twenty poles to a large flat rock in the Creek about three poles below the mouth, thence West & North to thence North forty two degrees East, twenty seven poles to

embraced in the deed made to me by my father, he has given
up the bond given by myself to him on the 13th day of June
1854 for two thousand dollars, conditioned for the maintenance
of himself and mother together with the note that I executed
to him on the same date of the bond for

4th I further will and bequeath to my beloved wife the
trenties and one half acre tract of land known as the
Wax tract, during her lifetime or widowhood and at her
death or marriage said land to go to my brother's or Sisters or
their heirs, and that she further have all the property and house
hold furniture that she had when she and I were married,
and she can she to make choice of it, and the small black faced
Lilly and three hundred dollars in cash. All the increase of
the stock there is on hand of the stock she had when she
came to live with me, and to have two thirds of the corn crop,
that is on hand, one third of the oats that is on hand, half
of the hay that is now made, and is to have my Carriage du-
ring her lifetime or widowhood and at her death or marriage
the Carriage to be sold and the proceeds be equally divided between
my brother's or Sisters or their heirs &c

5th I further will that my father Mr. Arnold have all the grass
on hand that is now made, one half the hay that is now made
all the wheat on hand, one third of the corn crop, the thirds
of the oats on hand.

6th I will that all the rest of my personal property be sold
and that the proceeds be equally divided between my brother's
Sisters or their heirs, my wife to have one hundred and
thirty dollars that I will my niece Seabellie Rock
is to have.

7th and lastly, I appoint James W. Hearnick as my Executor to this
my will, whereunto I do set my hand and seal to this
my will, This 25th July 1860

William M. Arnold
witness

Signed sealed & published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names in the
presence of the Testator on this 25th day of
July 1860.

James H. Wallkin
Thomas Moore

Will of William Arnold

Proved Sept 3. 1860 [Record p 392]

July 16. 1860.

Norfolk County, State of Tennessee.

I William Arnold considering the uncertainty
of this life, and being of sound mind and memory do make
and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following (that is to say)

1st I give and bequeath to my son William S. Arnold, negro
slaves named Moses which I consider worth Four Hundred Dollars
2nd I give and bequeath to my son Alfred Arnold, negro slaves
named Benjamin, which I consider worth Four Hundred Dollars
3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary E. Powell (wife
of Samuel Powell) Two negro slaves named Rhoda and Rebecca
which I consider worth Four Hundred Dollars, also one town
lot in the town of Popersville, said lot is conveyed to me by
Mr. Dick, Charles as a trustee of James Bradley, also two
military Land Warrants, containing One Hundred acres, County
near, the town lot and Land Warrants I consider worth Three Hun-
dred Dollars. The above bequest amounting to Eleven Hundred Dollars.
In addition to these bequests I have paid to my daughter Mary E.
Powell and her husband Samuel Powell Eighteen Hundred and Fifty
Dollars all of said payments amounting to Twenty Six Hundred
Dollars, they have received from me, I further will that the
further sum of Eighteen hundred and fifty dollars be paid to
Mary E. Powell before or after my death.

4th I will and bequeath to my son William S. Arnold
1 Negro Slave David, new land lying and being in the County
of Hawkins and State of Tennessee on the North side of Hol-
ston River in 8th Civil District I divide in the following man-
ner (to wit) Beginning on a small willow Bay also 2 Squares on
the Holston River at low water mark, running thence South eighty
two degrees West Seventy poles to a small double cross pole at the
foot of the rise of the bottom, thence North 10 West twenty poles to
a Maple at the foot of a slow bottom, thence North seventy two
half West sixty eight poles to a Mulberry the upper side of the
old orchard line, thence North 58th West thirty poles to two small black
walnuts, thence South fifty West Sixteen to a Locumore on the Creek
back of the old stable, thence North 46 West up the Creek or in an
ancient one hundred and twenty poles to a large flat rock in said
Creek about three poles below where the saw mill dam now stands
thence North forty two degrees East Seventy seven poles to a white oak

his receipt to me for the same bearing date the
 To my son H. C. Armstrong in money negro \$44.00
 To my son Alfred Armstrong in Land & negro 44.00
 To my daughter Mary E. Parrel 2 Negroes & Sunday school
 annuity and to be paid 44.00
 To my son H. C. Armstrong Land & negro 4.400

The wish of my property if one I wish divided equally among
 all my legates.

I hereby appoint my wife Mary Armstrong my Executor or
 my son Alfred Armstrong my Executor of this my last Will
 & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and Seal this sixteenth day of February, one thousand
 eight hundred & forty

Witness my hand
 Jesse M. Lyons
 Jos. O. Galbraith
 H. C. Armstrong

Will of Charles D. Alvis

Proved Feb 3, 1862 L. Recd. p 526

March 23rd 1861.

I Charles D. Alvis Union of Hawkins County State of Tennessee
 being in good health and in my right mind do make and publish
 this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling
 every other will by me at any time made.

First I appoint my son H. C. Armstrong my Executor
 Second I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts to be paid
 as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may
 die possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands of my Executor
 Third I do will and devise that my well beloved wife Hannah
 Alvis have the use of my mansion house and a comfortable support
 of the proceeds of my farm also William Henry a yellow boy
 slave twenty four years of age also Saml a black boy slave
 twenty two years of age also Shadst a black girl slave twenty
 one years of age during her natural life or widowhood, if she
 she remain in the State I will and devise that my slaves that
 I have entitled to my well beloved wife to set free at her death
 or leaving the State or marriage.

Fourth I do will and bequeath to my son Charles D. Alvis Jr
 my mansion house and the acres of land running with James
 Brooks line to James D. Price line thence round so as to
 square ten acres

Fifth It is my will and desire that the balance of my land

and property be equally divided between my three children Charles
 D. Alvis Junior Mary Ann Susan Klepper and Joseph H. Alvis and
 their children after their death.

Sixth I do will and bequeath to my son Elias H. Alvis fifty
 cents To my son William A. Alvis fifty cents To my son George
 H. Alvis fifty cents To my son Thaddeus J. Alvis fifty cents
 To my son Thomas J. Alvis fifty cents To my daughter Virginia
 Rebecca Johnson fifty cents To my son John M. Alvis heirs
 fifty cents

Seventh I do will and bequeath to my well beloved wife in
 addition to the third item of this will all of my household
 and kitchen furniture and necessary property for farming con-
 sisting of one horse and set of farming tools and yoke of Oxen
 two cows and calves. Corn sufficient to feed her one year or hops
 to make it, two sows and pigs or shoats thirty barrels of corn and
 twenty bushels of wheat and twenty bushels of oats and also
 my wife Hannah Alvis is to have my three slaves above named
 during her natural life or widowhood or stay in the State
 after her death to the aforesaid slaves and the increase of Charles
 is to be set free during life

Eighth I receive a square at the graveyard for a burying ground forever

Ninth I do hereby nominate and appoint Charles D. Alvis Junior
 my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my last Will set
 my hand and Seal this 22nd day of March 1861

Charles D. Alvis Junior (Seal)

Signed and published in our presence and
 we have subscribed our names hereto in
 the presence of Testator this the 22nd day of
 March 1861

Test

Parney M. Klepper

H. C. I appoint Charles D. Alvis Junior to attend to my well beloved
 wife and to manage for my slaves as laid down in this will

Will of Hugh Brown

July 4, 1789

In the name of God Amen

I Hugh Brown of the State of North Carolina and County of Hawkins being very weak and frail in body but sound in mind of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men ^{once} to die Therefore I do make constitute and ordain my last will and Testament. First being thus composed in mind first and principally, I do give and recommend my soul to God who gave it me, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but that the general judgment I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as to such worldly estate which with the help of God's blessing I have in this life, I do give bequeath and dispose of in the following manner.

First. After all my just and lawful debts are paid I do give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Rebecca Brown my negro coach named Jane.

Then I do give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved daughter Sarah Brown my negro girl named Ann.

Then I do give and bequeath to my dear beloved daughter Margaret Brown my negro boy named Tim.

Then I do give and bequeath to my two dear and well beloved sons John Brown and William Brown all my houses, lands, tenements and whole estate until they come to the age of twenty one year or till some one of my daughters should be married and then then part of. The girls shall be given them and when my sons come to the age of twenty one year the shall equally divide the remainder between themselves.

And furthermore I do appoint constitute and ordain my true and loving friends Robt Black and my dear and well beloved wife Rebecca Brown to be the whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly break, dissolve and make void all and every former will or wills or Testaments at any time or by any way by me made. And I do acknowledge this and none other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, This fourth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

Hugh Brown

Signed stated published and pronounced by the said Hugh Brown as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in the presence of the said Brown and in the presence of each other have hereunto witnessed our names

James Cunningham

Amos McLean

James White

Will of Ebenezer Brooks

April 23, 1779

In the name of God Amen I Ebenezer Brooks, late of the County of Washington in the State of Virginia, now of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee being in a declining State of health but of sound mind and memory, to provide against that mortality to which we are all liable and by which I am now particularly threatened do ordain this to be my last will and Testament. Considering in the unbounded goodness of God and the certain foundation of Christian hope I commend my soul to the keeping of my Heavenly Father hoping to obtain a resurrection among the just. Should my present disease last a period to my health abroad I commit my body to the care of my worthy friends David Caldwell and James Caldwell to be by them decently buried at New Providence meeting house, to defray the expenses of which I leave to them ten dollars in cash at John Campbell's in Washington County Virginia, and notes payable in demand now in my possession but should that not be sufficient I leave my more and better mare at John Campbell's and my riding horse for that purpose and also such other property as I have in Washington County Virginia or in Hawkins County Tennessee. But should what cash I have and my debt be sufficient to defray my funeral expenses and charges, then I will and bequeath my riding horse to David Campbell, eldest son of said John. My mare to his daughter Polly and the colt to his daughter Peter.

I will and bequeath to my friend and cousin William Mantgamen of Sumner County in the State of Tennessee and to his heirs forever all my landed property and claims following to wit, a tract of land containing nine hundred acres between Silver and Paint, Lick Creeks, one other tract containing one thousand acres on the waters of Nolichucky Camp Creek above Booneborough, one other tract containing seven thousand eight hundred and sixteen acres

on Cabbie Creek all lying in the State of Kentucky. Also one other tract of land containing six hundred and forty acres on the River. One other tract containing six hundred and forty acres on Little Harpeth both on the waters of Cumberland River in the State of Tennessee and also a military claim of five hundred acres on Little Miami part of the claim of Col. Joseph Crook etc in the State of Kentucky to the sole use and behoof of the said W^m Montgomery and his heirs forever yet with this reservation and on this condition that should the said William Montgomery recover any lands in the State of Kentucky and any two tracts of land in the State of Tennessee that then he shall pay unto my half sister Jean Davis of Washington County in the State of Delaware fifteen hundred and seventy five dollars, if she shall require it but should he only obtain possession of the two tracts in the State of Tennessee he is only to pay her one thousand dollars, but if my said sister Jean is dead or should die before this will is carried into execution after my death or should not require of William Montgomery the above specified Legacy then and in that case the said William Montgomery is to have the fee simple estate in the above mentioned tracts of land without any reservation to my sister or condition whatever. I will and direct that the pecuniary arising from my two Manuscripts the one a Copy of the Age of Reason, the other a Treatise on Theology be applied to the use of my sister if living if not I will them to the said William Montgomery. Should the provisions I have made for my funeral charges and expenses be insufficient I will and direct that the said William Montgomery settle and pay the balance and the value of the Legacies to the persons to whom they are bequeathed. Also that he erect over my grave at New Providence a decent tomb stone.

I empower and authorize John Campbell of Washington to settling my estate in that County and David Caldwell of Hawkins to settle my affairs in the Counties of Sullivan and Hawkins and do hereby nominate and appoint my friend and cousin William Montgomery Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me made and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine.

Evergreen Brook Ford

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us who in the presence of the Testator and at his request signed our names as witnesses
Hand.

John Campbell
Baker Armstrong Jurat.
David Caldwell Jurat.
David Campbell Jurat.

Will of Richard Byrd
March 5, 1803

In the name of God Amen, I Richard Byrd of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee South of the River Clinch Plains being in and of imperfect health of body but in and of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, Calling to mind the mortality of my ^{and} and knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. That is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise of and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. 1st my three eldest sons naming 1st William Byrd 2nd John Byrd 3rd David Byrd I also give to my son David Byrd 175 100 in the form of his dowry and two daughters Jean H. Daniel and Ann Day and my two younger sons Michael Byrd and Richard Byrd. I Richard Byrd do consider that they have equally received of my estate one hundred dollars each. And I give and bequeath to my four younger children two sons and two daughters 1st Elizabeth Byrd and Mary Byrd likewise James Byrd and Charles Byrd one hundred dollars apiece as they come of age.

Also I give and bequeath to Elizabeth my dear, beloved wife all the remaining horses Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and Swine and household goods and movable effects, together with the land and Plantations on which I now live, containing two hundred acres to be by her freely possessed during the term of her natural life at the expiration of which time or at her death I will the same

land to my two youngest sons James Byrd and Charles Byrd, the plantation to be divided. The hollow the wagon road runs up shall be the line between them. The end of the land which I now live on I do will to my son Charles Byrd, and the other to my son James Byrd. If the title of the land stands good or is made good by the substance of the place when they they receive the same hundred dollars before mentioned and said land they are to have no part in the balance of the property, if the land is lost they are to have an equal part in the balance of the estate.

The slave that I will to my wife during her life or widowhood, my will is that she shall give them at her decease to her children that she thinks will use them well and they are to be valued and they that receives them is to pay up the value of them in good trade at cash price, with deducting their own part out. I say my will is that my five eldest sons and four daughters, ^{William} John, David, Michael and Richard, Jane, Ann, Elizabeth and Mary shall have an equal part in my estate at the death of my wife Elizabeth that is left in her hands.

I do constitute, make and ordain my dearly beloved wife Elizabeth and my son William Byrd the sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament, wills, legacies, bequests and Execution by me before named, willed and bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 5 day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Thrice.

Richard Byrd Seal

Signed, Sealed and published, pronounced declared by the said Richard Byrd as his last will and Testament, in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names
Test

John Walker

Will of Michael Bacon
August 6. 1804

In the name of God Amen. I Michael Bacon of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee being very sick and weak, in body but of perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make this my last will and Testament, that is to say, as touching my worldly estate, which hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of in the following manner and form.
First, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catharine all that is now called his (viz) two milk cows and two heifers her bed and furniture and saddle.

Secondly, I will that my beloved wife Isabella keep full and uninterrupted possession all my estate until the marriage or death of my daughter Catharine, and then the whole to be valued and equally divided between my wife and three daughters (viz) Mary Sarah and Catharine, and Catharine to have my negro man James at his valuation in her part of the estate except one hundred dollars that I bequeath for the education of Samuel Lee, son of Phamar Lee and Mary Lee his wife.

I appoint Thomas Lee and ^[Edward] Arthur Murphy Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and four.
Signed, Sealed and published. Michael Bacon Seal

In presence of
Isaac Bardon
Michael Byrd
Job H. Hale
man

Will of Henry Gray 1827
May 11 1827 [See original]

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Gray of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee being very sick and weak, of body but perfect mind and memory, Thanks be to God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, principally, first of all I give and recommend my

soul unto the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God, And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

First, I give & bequeath to Margaret my dearly beloved wife all that I possess lands and stock of every kind to pay my just debts and what is left to raise my children on. And I do hereby utter, disavow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, Wills, legacies, bequests and Executors by me in anywise before made Wills and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in writing, whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of May one thousand eight hundred twenty seven.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said James Gray as his last Will and Testament, Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of Witnesses before Signed,
 Witness
 Benjamin Gray Jr.
 Benjamin Gray Sen.

Will of James Breeden
 September 6. 1855

In the name of God Amen, I James Breeden of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee being in a low state of health but of sound mind, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following to wit:

It is my will and desire that my two tracts of land that lies joining on the South side of Holston River known by the name of Brown's land be divided into three equal parts, I give and bequeath to William Rutherford, Mary Rutherford, Polly Rutherford, James Rutherford, William Rutherford & Peter Rutherford Children of John Rutherford and Peter his wife One third part of said land to them and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto James Smith, Pulcherry Smith

Polly Smith, Nancy Smith and Wade Smith Children of Samuel B. Smith and Judy his wife One other third part of said tract of land to them and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath one other third part of said tract unto Laura Anna Smith & William Smith Children of James Smith and Polly his wife to them and their heirs forever. It is my will and desire should the said John Rutherford and his wife Peter have any more children hereafter that they shall have an equal interest in the lands left to those named, and it is also my will that if Samuel B. Smith and his wife Judy Smith should have any more children hereafter named that they shall have an equal interest in the part left to their children of the said Samuel & Judy Smith. It is my will and desire that in case James Smith and Polly Smith should have any more children than those named that they shall have an equal interest in the land left those named.

It is my will that John Rutherford's children's part shall be laid off to include the houses and plantation situate to the N. W. corner. And it is my will and desire that Thomas Jackson, Samuel Smith and Richard Rutchess divide and allot the said land, or any two of them.

It is my will and desire that John Rutherford's wife Samuel B. Smith's wife and James Smith and wife may reside and live on the parts left their children during their respective lives but if either doth refuse to do so their land and share may be occupied by those that may choose to live upon their respective parts but is not to be rented out.

It is my will and desire that my negro woman Charlotte be and I do hereby set free and liberate my negro woman Charlotte upon my decease. I give and bequeath to the before named children of John Rutherford and Peter Rutherford his wife and to those they may hereafter have all the children my said negro woman Charlotte now has or may have before my death together with my negro girl Easter now in possession of Joseph Haffordson, also my negro man named Simon, to them and their heirs forever. It is my will and desire that the said Negro children, negro girl Easter and negro man Simon remain in possession of Peter Rutherford during her natural life and at her death the before named children to have the sole right and title to them and their increase forever.

I give and bequeath to Betty Rutherford my negro girl named Nancy, to her and her heirs forever.

It is my will and desire that all the rest of my estate both real and personal be sold to pay my just debts and if there should not be a sufficiency to pay all debts, dues and demands, it is my will that my negro man Simon above named be sold to make up the deficiency, and if there should be any left after paying my just debts I give all the residue of my estate I give to Judy Smith the wife of Samuel Smith to be given to her in such manner as my Executor hereafter named may think proper for the purpose of raising and supporting her children so as the said Samuel shall have no control over the same. I will to my negro woman Charlotte (that I have freed) one cow and calf for her support also one sow and pigs to her own use.

I appoint Samuel Paul Executor to this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me, publishing this to be to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Sealed, published and declared in presence of us, Test.

Sam Smith

Richard Mitchell.

James Sanders

Will of Henry Barren

February 4, 1816

In the name of God Amen, I Henry Barren of the County of Newlin and State of Delaware, knowing the frailty of man and the uncertainty of his life and being of sound mind and memory do make and contain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows: After recommending my soul to God and am loath to the dust from whence it came, to be buried in a plain decent Christian like manner (after my decease) And concerning such worldly goods as it has been pleasing the Almighty to bestow on me I do bestow and dispose of in the following manner.

First I desire my funeral charges to be paid out of my

goods and chattels at the discretion of my Executor, whom I shall hereafter name, and my debts to be paid in like manner, my goods and chattels of every description to be sold on a credit of 12 months, my lands to be divided in the following manner, that is to say, The road track to make one part and my home track to be divided in the following manner with straight lines from the River to the Back Line to make four parts. Each Track will have the same appearance so that the lower and upper track will each contain eighty acres and the two middle tracks will have equal number of acres, and each of the three parts which do not contain the Spring to have liberty of a path way to it. I do allow for my sons Peter, Paschal & Henry John & Absalom to have the six best pieces or lots of land and they my self going to draw lots for the tracts of land. And I give to my daughter Polly one hundred and fifty dollars, and my children which will not be of age at my decease to be raised and educated out of any money which will be in my Executor hands.

And as for my son Peter Barren and my daughter Betty Carter, Darius Humer and Sally Charles I have heretofore given them each I consider an equal share, and as for the residue which may remain in my Executor hands to be divided in the following manner (viz) my sons Henry John & Absalom to have fifty dollars each, and the balance to be equally divided between Peter, Paschal John Henry and William.

I do appoint and request my beloved son C Peter Barren and Jacob Miller to be my Executors of this my last will and Testament in writing, and do by these present words, do annul and make void every other will or wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord, 1816.

Signed, Sealed, published and declared to Henry Barren to be his last will and testament in writing, in presence of us who was subscribing witnesses in these

Henry Barren Seal

John Laughmillen
M^{rs} Hargood

Will of Henry Burren

April 28 1822

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Burren of the County of Newton and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in writing, in witness and form as followeth. First, I recommend my soul to God and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, and such worldly goods as has come to my possession I bestow in the following manner. First I desire that all my just debts ~~and~~ be paid out of my estate. My goods and chattels of every kind, together with the negro to be sold at a twelve months credit, and the land to be divided in five equal parts so that each lot will have an equal distance on the river.

Item 1st. I give unto my son Cassell N. Burren the lot lying up the river on the upper end of the tract.

Item 2^d. I give unto my son Henry Burren the second lot up the river adjoining Cassell's lot.

Item 3^d. I give unto my son Charles Peter Burren the middle lot which will adjoin Henry's.

Item 4th. I give unto my two sons John Burren and Absalom Burren the two lower lots and for them to cash lots for choice at any time after my son Absalom arrives at the age of sixteen.

Item 5th. My son Peter Burren I allow to have no more of my estate as I have heretofore given him a full share of my estate.

Item 6th. My daughter Darius Kemmer I have also heretofore given what I considered a full share. I therefore give her no more of my estate.

Item 7th. My daughter Sally, Charles I have also given heretofore what I considered a full share. I therefore give her no more of my estate.

Item 8th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly ^{Polly} Nam one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid her six months after my decease.

Item 9th. My daughter Peter Carter I have heretofore given an equal share. I therefore give her no more of my estate.

Item 10th. The lands which I have given to my sons Charles, P. Cassell N. Henry, John and Absalom, I give with the following conditions that is, that neither of them shall convey them right to a stranger, but may to one another and should they presume to do that the conveyance shall be void and of no effect.

Item 11th. As for what may remain in the hands of my Executors

which I will hereafter name I wish to be equally divided between all my children. That is Polly Nam, Peter Carter, Darius Kemmer, Peter Burren, Sally, Charles, P. Peter Burren, Cassell N. Burren, Henry Burren, John Burren and Absalom N. Burren.

And to carry this my last will and testament in writing into execution and effect I constitute nominate and appoint my beloved son Cassell N. Burren and Jacob Miller my Executors, annulling everything and making void all other wills by me made.

In witness whereof I the said Henry Burren have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th April one thousand eight hundred and twenty two.

Signed, sealed published and declared in presence of us who at the request of him the said Henry Burren became subscribing witnesses thereto -

Henry Burren

Will of William Berry

Sept 13 1822

In the name of God Amen. I William Berry of the County of Newton and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and perfect memory considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind. Blessed to God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in witness and form following. That is to say. First, my debts to be paid. Then one dollar unto my daughter Elizabeth Mathis. One dollar to my daughter Rebecca. One dollar to Sarah Moore. One dollar to my son John. One dollar to my son Thomas. One dollar to my son William. One dollar to my daughter Mary. One dollar to my son Francis. One dollar to my daughter Margaret. My will is that my wife Sienna shall have all the household and kitchen furniture for to do with as she thinks proper at her death and my will is that Benjamin Morlan shall have my land for taking care of me and my wife as long as we live. And my will is that my wife shall have the use of the farming tools and all the stock after my death as long as she lives. I do make and ordain Benjamin Morlan to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament. I do hereby disavow all wills former and testamentary wills before and after this my last will and testament. I have heretofore set my hand and seal this 13 day of September 1822.

Benjamin Morlan
Evee Morlan

William Berry

Will of Thomas Branchell.
January 5. 1827.

In the name of God, Amen. Be it remembered that I Thomas Branchell of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory. Blessed be 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 and bequeath to my beloved wife Judith Branchell all my Estate, lands, stock of all kinds together with all my household furniture or freehold estate I own, unto her to dispose of as she see cause to do during her life.

Item, It is my desire that at her decease my grand son Jacob Branchell should have a horse colt two years old with summer. Also one feather bed and furniture.
Item, It is further my desire that my dear and well beloved wife should dispose of all my goods and chattels as she see fit at her decease, whom I hereby appoint Sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, heretofore revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal. This fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

Witnessed, Sealed, published, and declared by the above named Thomas Branchell to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request, and at his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Witnesses: William ^{his} Shelton
James ^{his} Shelton
William Deaguer.
Thomas Branchell ^{his} mark

Will of Peter Carr

April 4 1829

Carr

In the name of God, Amen. I Peter Carr of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory bringing to mind the mortality of this life knowing it is appointed for all persons once to die and having a desire to dispose of such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, do make and publish this my last

will and Testament in manner following to wit.
Item first, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Edy during her natural life all and every part and parcel of the land and tenements wherewith I now live together with all the outgoings, that I have heretofore made joining said land and at her death the aforesaid lands to be equally divided between my two sons namely Jacob & James Carr.

Item second, I give and bequeath to my wife Edy during her natural life all my personal property of every description composed of the following articles to wit: All my stock of Cattle, Hogs & Sheep, household and kitchen furniture, working tools &c. together with my Dorset mare, but it is understood that each of my children hereinafter named is to have the privilege of raising a colt from said mare, my son Jacob is to have the first colt that the said mare may bring after the said that she is now in foal with which belongs to my daughter Nancy. My daughters Barbara, Deborah & Susan each to have a colt from said mare. And if in case my said wife Edy should marry all of the above property both real and personal shall descend to my said two sons namely Jacob & James with the exception of the colts heretofore named. And in case my said wife should not marry at her death all the personal property of every description to be divided between my said sons Jacob & James.
Item third, And it is further my will and desire that my four daughters namely Nancy, Barbara, Deborah & Susan should remain with their mother until they arrive to the age of maturity and to have their support out of the proceeds of the property and to have and receive a reasonable portion of Schooling and it is further my will and desire that my said son Jacob & James should take charge of my said farm and have the use of all my property by supporting my wife, their mother and their four sisters heretofore named but not to have any of the property at their disposal except for the use of my said family and it is further my will and desire that after my death and the death of my said wife Edy that my two sons Jacob & James shall sell so much of my property as will make twenty five dollars and dispose of it in the following manner To my son Peter five dollars. To my son Henry five dollars. To my son Michael five dollars. To my son George five dollars. To my son Mathew five dollars. And it is my will and

desire that they receive no other part of my said Estate.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John S. Wells of said County of Hawkins Executor of this my last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of April A.D. 1829

Signed in presence of
J. M. Crow
William ^{my} Golding
mark

Will of William Bailey
May 30. 1828.

I William Bailey, Jr. of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind and memory but weak in body, I ordain and declare this my last will and Testament.

First I bequeath my body to the grave and my soul to Almighty God the giver of it. My worldly goods after defraying my burials I give and bequeath in the following manner to wit: I bequeath to my son James Bailey the land on which I lately lived on the South Side of Reed Creek after deducting or taking from it what has been conveyed to my son William Bailey Jr. Also the benefit of an entry of one hundred acres of land made by him James in my name on the 26th of this month on condition he pay to John Harmon wife of David Harmon fifteen dollars in good trade.

I give to my daughter Fanny Luster wife of S. D. Luster that part of tract of land which lies on both sides of Reed Creek. Beginning on a hickory a corner of the old survey which was originally a Sourwood to run to a Stake from thence a corner of said tract on the end of line of a hundred poles crossing the creek, then with old line to Luster line. Then to the beginning, on condition David Luster relinquish all claims against me, in case he does not relinquish any claims he may have the land is to go to James Bailey who is to pay the claims of said Luster.

I give to my grand daughter Jude Harmon my bed & furniture I bequeath to Abby Macy Betsy Christian Polly Fields three heirs of John Bailey & the heirs of Thomas Bailey one dollar each. To my sons Dan Bailey Samuel Bailey & daughter Susan Williams I have given their portion heretofore.

It is my wish that James Bailey my son act as my Executor for which & to pay the legacies herewith bequeathed I give all my remaining personal estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th of May 1828.

Signed sealed & acknowledged

before at the date above

Geo. A. Rogers

Abn. Lang

Robt. Miller

William Bailey
mark

Will of Henry Branthinton

June 10. 1829.

In the name of God, Amen. Be it remembered that I Henry Branthinton of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being sick of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory. Blessed be 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 and bequeath unto my eldest son Jacob all my land where I now live, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid containing fifty five acres more or less, to hold forever with all the appertinances thereto. Likewise I give unto my said son Jacob all my farming utensils with all my stock such as one horse one cow and calf, nine sheep, eleven hogs, four Bee stands and all the household furniture. The latter is to fall to my beloved wife Betsey Branthinton when he comes of age. The labor mentioned properly my beloved wife Betsey Branthinton to make use of it, as she wants it for her and the children's maintenance. She is to live on the place as long as she chooses and as to the rest of my children that is to say my three girls Jimmy, Catharine and Polly when Jacob my son comes of age is to give unto the girls one cow and calf a piece. And here I appoint my beloved wife Betsey Branthinton Sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the tenth day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Henry Branthinton
mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Henry Branthinton to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us: William C. Reynolds
a Justice of the Peace

Will of Moses Ball

December 15. 1831

In the name of God, Amen, I Moses Ball of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being weak in body but being in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God, Calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last will and Testament, that is to say, First of all I give and recommend my soul in the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter appointed, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life

First of all I give and bequeath to my son Spencer Ball one dollar out of my Estate and no more

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son Roth Ball one dollar and no more out of my Estate

Thirdly, I give and devise to my son Bennett Ball a certain parcel of land lying and being between my sons William Ball and Thomas Ball and from the Southern boundary of my land and running Northward to where the Beech Creek road runs through my land and no further, And it is my further will and desire that if my wife Molly shall have the use of the said land that I have devised to my son Bennett Ball during her natural life for her support

Fourthly, I give and devise to my grand son Jonathan Ball a certain described parcel of land lying on the north side of the Beech Creek road and lying between the said William Ball and the said Thomas Ball land and including my Apple Orchard and running to the Northern boundary of my land, And it is my further will and desire that my Executors after my decease shall rent said parcel of land and orchard and the money or property arising from said rent to pay for the education of my grand son Jonathan Ball And it is my further will and desire that my said grand son Jonathan Ball shall have a horse saddle and bridle out of my Estate

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my wife beloved wife Molly Ball all the residue of my personal estate and money that is owing to me during her natural life

Sixthly, It is my further will and desire after my wife's decease the property if any, is to be sold, except my wearing clothes and the plank that is in my loft and my books, The plank to remain where they are, my wearing clothes and books to be divided equally between my children, as the law, and the money arising from said sale to be equally divided between my daughters Misses Daniel, Nancy, Maria Polly Ball, Abby Long and Sarah Long children and my grand son Jonathan Ball or their heirs, There was thirty two dollars that I paid for William McDaniel in part pay for said McDaniel's wagon, sixteen dollars of that said William McDaniel was to pay John Long who married with my daughter Abby, if John & Long has received that, that amount they are to settle with my Executors

I constitute and appoint my sons Moses Ball and Thomas Ball my Executors of this my last will and Testament to manage my Estate, real and personal as they think best, I hereby utterly revoke and disannul all and every other former testaments, wills, legacies before mentioned, wills, legacies before mentioned, witnessed, signed, ratified and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament, The witnesses whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal This fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, Attest:

Reuben Bernard, John Ball
Josse Ball, James Russell

Moses Ball

A nuncupative will of Joel Bayle

That my negro boy named Sam be free, and all my other property be sold at public sale and be applied to public school, And I wish to be buried on my own land near the poplar on the hill that I had cut down, (near the meeting house) and do not want to be buried as a beggar, Mrs David Laughlin will add after his debts were paid the balance to be given to the Public School (or this district)

Given under our hands this 13 day of April AD 1838

John J. Brown
David Laughlin

Will of Nathaniel Bassett
 December 4, 1854

Teste original
 1854

In the name of God Amen, I Nathaniel Bassett of the County of Newkirk and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind memory bringing to mind the mortality of this life knowing it is appointed for all persons once to die and having a desire to dispose of such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following.

First, I will that all my just debts be paid.
 Secondly, I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son Barnell Bassett namely Elvira Bassett Minnie Bassett Abner Bassett and Richard Nathaniel Bassett and all other lawful heirs that the said Barnell may hereafter have all that part of my land whereon I now reside including the dwelling house and other buildings in the following boundary, to wit:

Beginning at a Stake four poles west of my Stables running due South to the top of the knob. Then Eastwardly with the top of said knob to Sterling Cockles line. Then with said line north to a red oak near George Matlock's house. Then with said Cockles line to the Stage road. Then with Thomas Paine's line Northwardly to a Stake on the west side of said road. Then west to a Stake on my old line. Then with said line north to the back line of my said old track. Then east with the line of said track so far that a due South line will strike the first Station near said Stables. To have and to hold the before described track of land appertaining to them and their heirs forever.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son Spencer Bassett, namely William Bassett, Lavinia Bassett, John Bassett, George Bassett, Isaac Bassett, Joseph Bassett, and any other lawful heirs that the said Spencer may hereafter have all that part of my land whereon I now reside, lying West of a line designated to the heirs of Barnell Bassett. That is to say:

Beginning at a Stake four poles West of my Stables running thence due South to the top of the knob. Then Westwardly with the top of said knob to Nellie Kyle's line. Then with said line due North to the corner of my old track. Then with the line of said track East so far that a line run due South will strike the beginning of the Stake near said Stables. To have and to enjoy the before described track of land with the appertinances to them and their heirs forever. And it is further my will that

the heirs of the said Spencer Bassett is to have free and uninterrupted privilege of the Spring that I now make use of for water and to have equal privilege of said Spring with the heirs of said Barnell Bassett and to have a pass way to said Spring. And it is my further will that the said Barnell Spencer Bassett have and enjoy the before described track of land with all the appertinances thereto belonging during their natural life but subject to the following condition, now if from extravagance intemperance or imprudence the said land or the life or state of the said Barnell and the said Spencer Bassett should be likely to be sold for their debts then and in that case my said Executors hereinafter nominated shall have full power and authority to sell either or both lots of said land for the best price that can be had and the money arising therefrom to go to the use of said heirs hereafter named, agreeable to the value of their aforesaid lots.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly who has intermarried with Voltaire Matlock the following described Negro mannamely Minnie & her three children, estimating the said four Negro together with the hire of said Negro Minnie say fourteen years at one thousand dollars which is equal to one lot of my land heretofore disposed of between the heirs heretofore mentioned to her and her heirs forever.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my son Hugh Bassett my Negro woman Jenny which Negro I estimate her value at four hundred and fifty dollars to him and his heirs forever. And I further give and bequeath to my said son Hugh Bassett my gray horse at the price of one hundred and fifty dollars, and two feather beds or furniture at forty dollars each, which makes his part six hundred and eighty dollars.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath unto Hugh Matlock who intermarried with my daughter Nettie Bassett my Negro boy Aaron which Negro I estimate his value together with his hire for sixteen years at one thousand dollars which equal to the above named three first shares, to him and his heirs forever.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Peggy who has intermarried with George Matlock my Negro woman Minnie & my Negro woman Sida & her child, a girl about two years old which three Negro together with the hire of Sida eighteen years I estimate their value at nine hundred dollars. To him and his heirs forever, and I further give to my said daughter Peggy two

beds & furniture at forty dollars each which makes her share worth nine hundred and eighty dollars.

Eighthly. And it further my will and desire that my negro man Dick, at my death shall be free and that he remain on my said farm with my son Barnell Bassett and that he be allowed reasonable portion of said farm during his life to make a support on. And I also give to said Dick my old sorrel horse to dispose of as he may think fit. And it is my then my will and desire that my said son Barnell shall see to said Dick's welfare so long as they both shall live and if said Dick should become so infirm that he cannot support himself, then or in that case the said Barnell shall provide for him.

Ninthly. It is further my will and desire that all my said property that is not otherwise disposed of shall be sold by my said Executors hereinafter named for the best price that can be had for it and the money arising from said sale in the first place to go towards carrying of this my last will into effect, and the balance to go to my son Hugh Bassett or my daughter Peggy to make their shares equal to the rest of the shares or make their shares worth one thousand dollars and if there should be any balance remaining my said Executors shall divide it equally with my said heirs.

Tenthly. And it is further my will and desire that if any of my said heirs shall be dissatisfied with this my last will and shall go to law for the purpose of preventing my will from being carried into effect, then and in that case the one so offending or trying to break my said will shall forfeit all claims to any part of my estate and the part allotted to him or them shall be equally divided amongst the rest of my said heirs.

And lastly. I do hereby constitute, ordain and appoint my friends James L. Ector & Gabriel McGraw my Executors to this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all former wills heretofore made by me, and ratifying and confirming this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I the said Nathaniel Bassett have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Test: James P. Pringle
Sanford Johnson
Nathaniel Bassett
the word with in the 26th line
the word with in the 63rd line & the word dollars in the 109th line were all interlined before signed

Will of Daniel Bloomer

May 23. 1838

In the name of God, Amen. I Daniel Bloomer of the State of Tennessee Hawkins County being very low in body but in perfect mind and memory. Thanks be unto God calling unto mind and mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say. principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executor and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First of all. I give and bequeath to Lucy my dearly beloved wife. half this plantation or the better thereof, my dwelling house and kitchen and all the furniture belonging to them and all the property that I now claim during her life, and for her to pay all my just debts and further for her to pay my daughter Lucy one hundred and sixty dollars at her marrying or coming of age.

Also for the land I have in Scott County Virginia I will and bequeath to four of my sons which is William Bloomer he is to have from the lower end of the Survey up to a bar and Hickory. Thence a South-east course with a conditional line between him and Nehemiah Bloomer. And Nehemiah Bloomer is to have from that conditional line up to two brooks near Joseph Bloomer's field. Thence a South-east a South-east course across the creek between Joseph and Nehemiah Bloomer's fields. Joseph Bloomer is then to have from this last conditional line up to a cucumber and back near the upper end of Joseph Bloomer's field. Thence South east course to the creek. Thence running with the creek to a double logum. James Bloomer is to have from this last conditional line to the upper end of the Survey. These lines are also to extend across Shaw Young's land that I have made.

The house where Jesse Bloomer now lives I bequeath to him and also the other half of this home plantation and at the death of my wife the whole of this plantation is to be his.

I bequeath at the death of my wife all the personal property household and kitchen furniture, money and negro to my six girls. Mary, Elizabeth, Melly, Phoebe, Martha, Lucy

and I further request my wife to have full power to sell or convey hereafter at any time for her decent support. I further bequeath that Lucy have an falling leaf table and corner Cupboard extra of her one hundred and sixty.

And I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, wills, legacies bequeaths and Execution by me in anywise before named will and bequeaths ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. And I further bequeath I have hereunto set my hand and Seal And I appoint for my Executors William Wallingford and James Bloomer. May 23rd 1835

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Will of Thomas Barrell

Given Sept. April Term 1835. Dated June 26 1835

In the Grand of God, I Thomas Barrell of the County of Worcester and State of Tennessee being in a low state of health, but of sound and disposing mind, memory & understanding, consider unto the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do declare and constitute this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following viz.

First and principally, I commend my soul into the hand of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors, hereinafter named.

Item. To my beloved wife Winifred Barrell, I leave one horse, two milk cows, one feather bed and furniture, and all the land on this side of the creek between the lines of William Reynolds where he now lives & where he formerly lived including the dwelling house and other houses also the lands on the other side of the creek between the lands of John Barrell & William Reynolds, to her so long as she remains my widow at her death the lands to belong to our youngest son Alfred Barrell.

Item. The land on which our two sons Pleasant & Hugh now live to be divided between our son Noah and Pleasant children the children to have the lower end of the land including the house they live in and as far as they have is enclosed in a fence then up the hollow to Nicholas line.

Item. To our son John Barrell I leave all the lands in the following

Beginning on a stake corner on the bank of the branch opposite the great hollow that leads down to the creek on the left of my Sugar Camp. Thence up the fence by the side of the branch to a cross fence then down cross fence to the creek then up the creek to the road then with the road to my line. Thence with my line to the head of aforesaid hollow then down the hollow to the beginning.

To my other two sons Nelson & Thomas Barrell I leave a tract of land I purchased of James Danielson to be divided between them. The line to run with the creek where it will strike the creek after leaving the little meadow near the barn on Thomas side. Nelson to have the upper end including the dwelling house. The land in big poor valley adjoining the Danielson tract also to be divided between Nelson and Thomas. My wife to have the care of Thomas until he is of sufficient age to go to himself.

Item. My other land in big poor valley to be divided between our sons John and Alfred.

Item. I leave to Thomas & Alfred the colts already given them. I leave unto my daughters Polly, Nancy & Melinda each one bed and furniture, and to each a milch cow.

Item. After my just debts are paid what money may be left and the balance of my property sell for I wish to be divided between our daughters Polly Ford, Betsey Reynolds, Lavinia Grace, Polly Nancy and Melinda Barrell. Betsey Reynolds to pay twenty dollars to the other girls except Polly Ford out of her portion.

Item. To William Reynolds I leave all the lands he has under fence where he formerly lived except a small tract by lot which will belong to Alfred at his mother's death.

Item. The land whereon William Reynolds now lives he purchased of our son Clinton Barrell. I have to send Reynolds the line to run as specified in the articles between us, now held by him. Our sons John and Nelson are to pay ten dollars each to be divided between our daughters Polly, Nancy & Melinda.

As I have previously given to our son Clinton his portion, I now give him the sum of two dollars to let him know he still lives in my affection.

And for the purpose of carrying into effect this my last will and Testament I appoint my sons John & Nelson Executors, to see that it is done. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this twenty sixth day