

also to have the negroes before named during her natural life or marriage provided she should raise a prudent man and the profits then of said Estate to be given to my eldest daughter mentioned, otherwise the said property to be distributed between my said children at the age of twenty one years. I desire that Miss Elizabeth Partee to live with my said wife or children while she is single & to have a decent support from said Estate. It is my desire that曹大, a negro girl, be set free at the age of twenty three. Whatever I shall get of my father's estate at the death of my mother I wish equally divided among my said children & should all my said children die without heirs it is my desire that at the death of the last one that all the before negroes that was named & their increase be given to my daughter Josephine & money if any should be left hands to be put in a fund & to be for the interest thereof to be laid out for the education of poor honest children. It is also my desire that my wife have all the stock household & children furniture of every kind that may be on said plantation while I now live without sale or any other to do as she pleases with.

I also desire that my friend Judge E. Court advise with my wife & give instructions concerning the education of my said children & dividing the said property and keeping same together. In testimony whereof I have set my hand this day date above written.

Attest  
J. M. Gordon  
to Macduney  
name torn off

Will of John Cole  
Dated Sept. 14 1821

In the name of God, Amen I John Cole of Hawkins County Tennessee being very sick and weak but thanks God of sound disposing mind and knowing that we all must die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner following It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid and all the balance of my property of every kind and description both personal and real I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife

Margaret And whereas I heretofore sold unto Joseph Cole (my grand father) a tract of land lying in the State of Virginia Washington County for the sum of seven hundred dollars which he was to have paid down but I have only received four hundred and thirty five dollars. The balance to be paid interest from the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1825. And I also sold a small tract to my brother James Cole for fifty fifty dollars containing five acres which when the above sum is paid it is my will and desire that my wife Margaret make deeds for said lands sold. And I do appoint my beloved wife sole executrix of this my last will and do not require her to give security. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 13<sup>th</sup> of September 1821.

Witness  
Richard Mitchell  
Thomas M. Bell

John Cole  
Sept 13 1821

Will of Elizabeth Cooper  
Dated Feb 8. 1828

In the name of God, Amen I Elizabeth Cooper being of sound mind but weak in body through do declare this to be my last will in writing. This eighth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. I do bequeath and give unto my son James Cooper my lot of land whereon I now live containing seven or eight acres be the same more or less & my two hives of hives and my son James is to pay all my just and lawful debts. And all of the balance of my property to be equally divided between my children.

And that my son James Cooper is to be my executor of my last will & testament in writing. Given under my hand and seal. Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1828

Witness  
Jas Francisco  
Henry Larkins

Elizabeth Cooper  
Feb 8 1828

# Will of Samuel Curry

Dated Aug 4 1830

In the name of God, Amen. I Samuel Curry of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being in a low state of health but of sound mind & memory. do make this my last will and Testament in writing. First recommending my soul to God who gave it, & my body from whence it came.

Item 1. I gave with my wife Jane Curry after all my just debts are paid all my personal estate together with the profits of the third of my land during her natural life

Item 2. I will that the residue of my land be rented out for the support of my children until the youngest becomes twenty one years of age and then to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided amongst all my children

Thirdly It is my will that my sons should learn useful and profitable trades. Wherefore I will that the be bound out to pious men to learn trades. It is my desire that James Lynn & Frederick A Rose should have any of my children bound to them should they wish so to do.

To put this my last Will & Testament in force & execution I nominate and appoint my worthy friends Frederick A Rose and James Lynn my Executors to execute this my last Will and Testament in writing. In witness whereof I the said Samuel Curry have hereunto set my hand and seal the fourth day of August One thousand eight hundred and thirty

signed sealed & published the date above in presence of us who are subscribing witnesses thereto.

Samuel Curry

Ja<sup>r</sup> Miller

Nicholas P Miller

Robert Miller

In the name of God, Amen.

I hereunto make an Alteration to my last Will and Testament so far as it respects my youngest child whom Anna Campbell desired to have and daughter to whom I will that she remain during her single state subject to the said Anna Campbell. In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1830.

Samuel Curry

Also I will my four sons James William E. George and

John I will that they remain with their Grand father Robert Campbell during his natural life or soundness of mind. This section to be done in writ.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this day and date above written

Samuel Curry

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us

Anderson Campbell

James E Campbell

Samuel Curry

# Will of Tabitha Cox

Dated Sept 13 1831

In the name of God, Amen

I Tabitha Cox of Hawkins County and of Tennessee being in good health but knowing the uncertainty of death of sound mind and memory. And knowing that all must die do make this my last Will and Testament in the manner and form following to wit: I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent Christian like manner. And as to worldly goods it has pleased the Almighty to bless me with I give and bequeath in the following manner to wit: It is my will that all my just debts be paid out of my estate. It is my will that my Grand son James Robert Henderson have my tract of land off one hundred acres on the West side of Robersons Creek. It is my will that the balance of my lands be equally divided between my two grand sons Thomas G. Cox and Thomas A. Cox. It is my will that my Executors pay to the Trustees of the Methodist Church Twenty dollars out of my estate. It is my will that my negro fellow Joe be emancipated at my death.

It is my will that my Executors pay to Edward Cox James Cox John Cox Alice Nash formerly Alice Cox and Francis Taylor formerly Francis Cox the sum of one dollar each out of my estate. It is my will that my daughter Elizabeth Cox have all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind and all my stock of every kind. It is my will that my grand daughter Eliza Cox



have the balance of my Estate consisting of Cash and Lands.  
I do hereby appoint my friends James Grantham  
and James Bradley of Grainger, and Hawkins County, Penn-  
sylvia my Executors to this Will, revoking all others by me  
made. And I the said Tabitha Cox do hereby acknowledge  
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and Seal this 13. day of September 1831.

Tabitha Cox. *Witness*  
Joseph Lockett,  
Jas Carden.

Will of John Cooper

Dated Dec. 7. 1831. *Proven August Session 1832*

In the name of God Amen, I John Cooper of the County  
of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being weak in body  
but of sound and perfect mind and memory, consider-  
ing the uncertainty of life and being of sound ac-  
tion, I, the said John Cooper, do make and publish  
this my last will and Testament in manner and form  
following, that is to say, I give and bequeath  
unto my eldest daughter Jane Cooper a negro girl called  
Mary. I also give and bequeath unto my daughter  
Elizabeth Cooper a negro girl named Aquine. I give  
and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Cooper a negro  
girl named Mariah. I also give and bequeath unto  
my son William Cooper a negro boy named Spencer.  
I also give and bequeath to my son James Cooper a  
negro boy after my death and my wife Mary Cooper's  
death. I also have four negroes to be divided, ~~in~~ <sup>and</sup>  
divided equally between William Cooper, John Cooper, Robert  
Cooper, Miles Cooper, Absalom Cooper, and Henry Cooper  
by the boys above named getting Jane Cooper, Elizabeth Cooper  
and Mary Cooper a horse, saddle and bridle a piece.

I also give and bequeath to my seven sons James Cooper,  
William Cooper, John Cooper, Robert Cooper, Miles Cooper,  
Absalom Cooper, and Henry Cooper all my lands and  
tenements, lying and being in the County of Hawkins  
and State of Tennessee. For them to have and to hold and  
dispose of agreeable to their will. At my death my seven

sons above named is to go equal shares in paying a Debt that  
that is against me. And as for my stock and household  
and kitchen furniture is to be equally divided among  
all my children, with the exception of my eldest son James  
Cooper. This is 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 twenty seventh day of December in the  
year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and  
thirty one.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above  
named John Cooper to be his last Will and Testament  
in the presence of us who have here thereto subscribed  
our names - witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

George Morrison  
Robert Cooper.

Hawkins County, State of Tennessee

We the under assigned, legates of John Cooper deceased,  
seeing his last Will and Testament, believing that it has  
been forgotten or neglected by him to make such pro-  
visions for our mother as he intended, We the under  
assigned, do agree that she shall have as follows: The  
dwelling house and kitchen including the Orchard  
and garden thence along the lane past the old Barn, then  
a straight course with the fence until it strikes the  
quaker road. That she is to have her life time all the  
land east of said line until it strikes the line called line.  
Likewise, she is to have the disposal of her household and  
kitchen furniture and stock of every kind. Likewise a  
negro woman, the negro boy that was left to James Cooper  
in the will, whose name is Ben, and each of said  
four negroes in the sum of Five hundred dollars to stand  
to the above agreement. As witnesses our hands and seals  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832.

Sealed, signed and acknowledged  
in the presence of us  
George Morrison  
Robert Cooper

James Cooper, Seal  
William Cooper, Seal  
John Cooper, Seal  
Robert Cooper, Seal  
Miles Cooper, Seal  
Absalom Cooper, Seal  
Henry Cooper, Seal  
Elizabeth Cooper, Seal

## Will of John Chester

Dated June 7, 1832

In the name of God, Amen

I John Chester of the County of Newton and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament.

In the first place, It is my will that my beloved wife Mary Chester have and enjoy all my estate both real and personal as long as she continues to be my widow, & dispose of as she may think best and to sell or any part thereof to pay and satisfy my debts, and it is my desire that my old man should be kept by her as long as she may live. And if my beloved wife Mary should marry, then it is my will that she should have in that event my negro girl Sarah and also my old man and bed and bedding, & one household and kitchen furniture, and at her death my negro girl Sarah and all the property to return to my children to be divided as hereafter expressed.

Item. It is my will that at the death or marriage of my beloved wife that all my real and personal estate be equally divided between my children after deducting from each ones share the amount they have severally received from me according to my account against them.

Item. It is my will that my negroes that may remain at the death or marriage of my wife, after the payment of my debts remain in the family and be real sold, and if my children can not agree among themselves as to the division of them, let them be valued by three disinterested men of their own or my Executors choosing and whosoever of my children they may fall to, let him or them pay to the other their part of the valuation.

Item. It is my will that my shop tools be valued with my negro man Dick, and let them go to my children with him.

Item. It is my will that the part of my estate that may fall to my daughter Elizabeth Roberts at the marriage or decease of her mother should be kept by my Executors for the use and benefit of my daughter and for children to be given to them as they may need it at the discretion of my Executors.

Item. It is my will that my daughter Catherine and my son Archibald be raised clothed and schooled out of my estate without charge as long as they may stay with their mother and at her death or marriage to receive as much of my estate as their other brothers and sisters.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Samuel G. Chester and John K. Chester Executors of this my last Will and Testament, not requiring them to give any security for the Execution of the same.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832

Signed Sealed & acknowledged John Chester

Samuel G. Chester  
Benjamin Boyd  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Wm Bradley

## Will of Jacob Charleston

Dated July 3, 1834

In the name of God, Amen

I Jacob Charleston of Newton County State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory & convinced of the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death, do make Ordain & publish this my last will & Testament in manner following, that is to say. It is my desire and wish after my death that Polly Gilliam the wife of John Gilliam shall have & receive whatever sum of money shall at that time be due & owing to me as pensioner of the United States for my services during the Revolutionary War in consideration for her services and attention to me at various times during my sickness, and in order to carry into effect the bequest in this Will appointing John Gilliam Executor of the my last will & Testament & desire that he shall not be compelled to give security. In testimony whereof the said Jacob Charleston hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1834.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged  
in the presence of us  
W. C. Houston  
Anthony Smith

Jacob<sup>his</sup> Charleston



## Will of Benoni Caldwell

Dated March 1837

In the name of God, Amen

I Benoni Caldwell of Hawkins County, State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory calling to mind the uncertainty of this present life, do make this my last Will & Testament in the words following, (To wit)

First, I give my precious & immortal soul to God who gave it, and as to my personal Estate my will herein is that it be divided in the following manner, after all my last debts & funeral expenses are paid.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Caldwell all that part of the Plantation whereon I now reside, lying South of the Staunton Valley Road including the dwelling & out houses during her natural life or widowhood, also a negro man named Nelson, one other negro man named Henry, also a negro man named Peg, a nego girl named Molly, also four head of horses, her choice out of my stock, my stock of cattle & Hogs, two negro slaves, also ten head of sheep, her choice out of my stock, also my stock of Beech & Sycamores for the purpose of my wife and daughter having them selected by her, also my youngest sons to have the same benefit of both if their Sisters think proper to make for them. Also a new wagon purchased & contracted to be made by David Keston, for her to have finished & kept as her other property to balance to be paid for finishing the wagon out of my Estate. Also all my Household & Kitchen furniture, farming utensils & all other property of every description not otherwise bequeathed or directed to be sold by me. Also my wish is for my wife to have the present crop of wheat, that is now growing in the field on the North side of the Staunton Valley Road adjoining George Waller's land.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sally Greenway & her heirs forever, a negro girl named Sabet.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Caldwell the tract of land whereon he now resides, containing two hundred acres more or less, also one hundred dollars to be paid out of my Estate.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Lettie Harris

what she has already received of my Estate as her part at the present.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Colbrith what she has already received of my Estate as her part at the present.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my daughter Betsey Bryan what she has already received of my Estate as her part at the present.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my son Benoni Caldwell what he has already received of my Estate as his part at the present.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my two sons John & Nathaniel Caldwell the two tracts of land one called Turkeyfields place & the other called Parker place, also the entries around them, to be equally divided between them according to quantity & quality, John's part to be laid off at the corner or West end including where he now lives.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my two sons Perry & Volney Caldwell all that part of the tract of land whereon I now reside, lying North of the Staunton Valley Road under the death of their mother, then the whole tract to be equally divided between them, also I leave a fifty acre entry in the Caney Valley knobs to support the tract & live on with timber.

Item, I give & bequeath unto my four daughters, Desphie Anne, Rachael, Eliza & Julia Anna Caldwell each five hundred dollars, to be paid out of my Estate in addition to the beds they have or may hereafter make, my will & desire is that after the death of my wife all the property she may be possessed of at her decease be sold and the proceeds be equally divided amongst all my children enumerated above, my will & desire is that the following property be sold for the purpose of carrying this my last Will & Testament into effect (to wit) Two tracts of land, lying in Big Poor Valley, one containing fifty & the other one hundred acres, one negro man named Edward, one other named Leroy one negro boy named Jesse, one negro girl named Lucy, also my old wagon, the balance of my stock of Hogs & Sheep, Two Still, Still tubs, & other vessels, one set Black Smith tools & Cooper's tools.

I do hereby constitute, ordain and appoint my brother Thomas Caldwell & my wife Elizabeth Caldwell my sole Executor and Executrix to carry this my last Will

Testament into effect & that they be not required to give security for the faithful execution of the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty first day of March in the year of our Lord 1837.

Test  
Philip S. Hale,  
John Shingh,  
Robert Johnson.

J. Colwell *Test*

### Will of George Croberger

In the name of God Amen. No date.  
I George Croberger of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, Blessed be God, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, as follows that is to say.

My wish and will is that my daughter Nelly Croberger now Nelly Seaver shall have one dollar of my estate and no more.

My wish and will is that my loving wife Mary Croberger shall after my just debts are paid have the whole of my personal estate at her disposal to have and use during her life as she thinks proper and at her decease to dispose of the same if any then should be with whom and in any manner and way she may choose. If my Executor think it best to make a sale and dispose of any part of the said and other articles which may be to spare I leave it with them to do as they think best.

I do also constitute and appoint my wife Mary and John Criz my lawful Executor of this my last Will &c.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged. George Croberger *Test*  
before us

John Gibbons,  
John Boyd,  
Robert Newman.

### Will of Simon Collins

No date.  
Simon Collins being of sound and perfect mind & memory did make and publish this his last Will and Testament in manner & form following, he desires and requests that his wife Franky should have and keep

all his property both real and personal for the purpose of keeping her children together & to raise them on what he left as his wife Franky had labored with him for all their possession which I will & Testament was made while on his death bed & no opportunity of consulting his last will to writing as he was soon after taken dangerously ill and died somewhat unexpected and appeared not to have his mind engaged on the subject, no more which last Will and Testament was declared in presence of the undersigned subscribing witnesses. A B. He the said Simon further requested that that all his just debts should be paid and satisfied & the balance retained for the purpose above stated.

James Collins  
Morgan Collins  
Charlotte Collins  
Melinda Collins  
Allen Collins

### Will of John Cockricham

Dated June 5. 1837. Given 7 April 1840

In the name of God Amen, I John Cockricham of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee being in a bad state of health, but of sound mind & memory, Blessed be God, calling to mind the mortality of this life & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following &c.

First, I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Sally the use of all my land & negro Slaves during the natural life or widowhood. I also give to my said wife Sally as much of my stock of horses, cattle, sheep & hogs, as she shall choose to set apart for herself, and I bequeath to my said wife Sally all my household furniture & all my kitchen & farming utensils, & all my corn, Bacon, wheat & other provisions on hand, I also give to my said wife Sally one wagon and ten yoke of Oxen Secondly, I give & bequeath after the death or marriage of my said wife Sally, to my Son Thomas Cockricham, John H. Cockricham, Daniel H. Cockricham, William H.



Cockreham and Abner W. Cockreham, and to my daughters Maria W. Collough, Elizabeth Sharp, Louisa M. Brice, Emily N. Cockreham & Amanda Cockreham all my estate both real & personal, to be equally divided among them share and share alike, after deducting the following sums from the respective shares, for property that I have heretofore advanced to some of my said sons & daughters to wit: I have heretofore advanced to my said son Thomas C. Cockreham property to the value of Two hundred and twenty seven dollars. I have heretofore advanced to my said son John N. Cockreham property to the value of Two hundred & twenty six dollars. I have heretofore advanced to my said son Daniel N. Cockreham property to the value of four hundred fifty seven dollars. I have heretofore advanced to my said son William N. Cockreham property to the value of One hundred & eighty two dollars. I have heretofore advanced to my said son Abner W. Cockreham property to the value of one hundred and fifteen dollars. I have heretofore advanced to my daughter Maria W. Collough property to the value of Two hundred & forty eight dollars. I have heretofore advanced to my said daughter Elizabeth Sharp, property to the value of one hundred and eighty two dollars. And I have heretofore advanced to my said daughter Louisa M. Brice, property to the value of one hundred & eighty two dollars, all of which advances to my said sons and daughters are to be taken into consideration in their respective shares of my said estate, making the share hereafter to be received, shall upon the whole get an equal share of my said estate, to them and their heirs forever. This my desire that, whenever my Executor shall have a considerable sum of money in their hands arising out of my estate either from the sales of property, or from collecting debts due to me, that they shall divide the same among all my said sons and daughters equally taking into consideration the advances aforesaid. Finally I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Thomas C. Cockreham and John N. Cockreham Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal the fifth day of January in the year of our Lord 1837.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by John Cockreham the Testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of each other  
John Williams.  
Ephraim Parson.

### Will of Sarah Charles

Dated March 22, 1837

Proven April 1837

In the name of God Amen. I Sarah Charles of the County of Kenton and State of Tennessee being in low state of health but sound mind, do make this my last will and Testament in manner following, to wit: I will and bequeath to Mary Charles my daughter, one bay mare, one cow and calf, one bed and clothes, one crupper and one big cattle. I will and bequeath to my son James Charles one rifle gun, one man's jacket and all the crop after this made after the all my fish & its is paid for of it. I will and bequeath to my daughter, I will and bequeath one red heifer, one covered and nailed counterpane, I will and bequeath to Malinda one bed and clothes one chest she has one pot, or oven and lid &c and one fall leaf table. I will and bequeath to Lucinda one bed and clothes one old chest. I will and bequeath to Jasper my son one gray colt and one heifer. I will and bequeath to Eldridge Charles one dollar. I will and bequeath to Henry one bed and clothes. He goes in to you to the grace of the family, that is now living with me. I will and bequeath to James Charles one cow the cow I got Miles, March. Publishing this to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, seal this twenty second day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Witness  
Sarah Charles  
March 22, 1837

## Will of Henry Church

Dated Nov 5 1844

Prova Dec 1844

I Henry Church do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly, I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Alice Church all the residue of my property consisting of all my household and kitchen furniture with all the stock to wit: Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep & geese and poultry of all kinds, also all my farming tools & mechanical tools also one Still Cup and more or a quantity of tubs & all the grain that is upon the farm during her natural life or widowhood.

Thirdly, that I do will and bequeath unto my two daughters to wit: Matilda & Sarah out of the above named property one good bed & furniture, one cow & calf & equally otherwise as much as the other daughter that is married off.

Fourthly, I do will and bequeath unto my three Sons George Church, Enock Church & Henry Church when they become twenty one years of age for them to have a horse, bridle and saddle.

Fifthly, I desire after the death of my wife Alice Church that the remainder of the above named Estate to be sold and equally divided between all my daughters.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint William Church, Beirley, G. Ford my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the fifth day of November 1844.

Henry Church  
Prova

Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator Nov the 5<sup>th</sup> 1844.

B. C. Ford

David M. Church

Henry Reed

## Will of John Christian

Dated March 14 1845

Prova Sept 1 1845

I John Christian have on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord 1845 in my proper mind, mind & published this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. First, I desire that my body be interred decently according to the custom of the Country, that my burial & funeral expenses together with all my just debts be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of or first that they come into the hands of my Executors from any of my real or personal Estate.

Secondly, I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy my entire laicid Estate, not hereinafter specified, during her natural life provided she never marries, together with all my household and kitchen furniture, one horse, three cows & twelve Sheep & twelve Hogs.

Thirdly, I give to my son William L. Christian five dollars, having previously provided for him. Fourth, I give to Margaret Arnold five dollars, having previously provided for her.

Fifth, I give to Ruthy Hether five dollars, having previously provided for her. Sixth, I give to Lewis Christian, widow & lawful heir five dollars, having previously provided for him.

Seventh, I give to Thomas Christian five dollars, having previously provided for him. Eighth, I give to Nancy Lang five dollars, having previously provided for her.

Ninth, I give to John Christian one half of a certain Island known by the name of Polk's Island & five dollars.

Tenth, After paying all my debts & to the above named bequests at the above named death or marriage of my wife Nancy I give & bequeath to my four youngest sons, Ellen, Ruth, Jas & George Christian all my laicid Estate together with my stock, farming utensils &c. leaving my wife Nancy to dispose of the personal property left her to do the places at her death.

Eleventh, I do hereby nominate & appoint my two beloved sons John L. & Thos. L. Christian my Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have this day set my hand & affixed my seal this day & date above written.

John Christian

Eleventh, I do hereby nominate & appoint my two beloved sons John L. & Thos. L. Christian my Executors to this my last Will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have this day set my hand & affixed my seal this day & date above written.

John Christian

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of the Testator & each other the day & date above written.

John Christian



I John Christian have this day in my proper mind made and published this Codicil and attached it to my last Will & Testament & declare it is a portion of the same. I desire that my son Allen Christian in the division of my Real Estate shall have his interest at the upper or East end of the plantation so as to include my present dwelling & out Houses. This shall not be so construed as to work or make void any portion of my will to which it is attached.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal This 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1845.

in presence of  
P. Heroldson & Co. Sept 1845  
Emanuel Rulledge & Jan 5, 1846.

John Christian <sup>Test</sup>  
~~Witness~~

Will of John Crozier

Dated July 25, 1845

I John Crozier do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. Being of sound mind & memory, First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money, that I may die possessor of or my goods come into the hands of my Administrators.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my land and personal property consisting of my plantation to wit: All my household and kitchen furniture and all my stock of every description, consisting horses, cattle, hogs &c and many other articles too tedious to mention, so long as she may live, and then at her death all the land, all the personal property that may be after paying all her expenses, and then the land to be equally divided between my four daughters viz. Susan, Alice, Cassandra and Nancy, and if any of them be dead then or here to have their portions paid and also all the personal property in hand then may be of every description shall be equally divided between the above named daughters or their children as aforesaid.

Thirdly I have to choose some three disinterested persons able to make said division, if they can agree about it, and if

there be any orphan, then guardian to superintend on their part and if there be no guardian, the County Court, to appoint some suitable person to act for them, but if they can not agree about person to make said division, then and in that case the Administration if any way to, shall proceed and ask the County Court to appoint men as aforesaid to make said division, and in case there should be a disagreement among the heirs about that, the Administrator shall forthwith proceed to give lawful notice by advertisement and sell all the property both real and personal to the highest bidder on a twelve months credit, and if there be no Administrator then and in that case any one of the heirs shall or may complain to the County Court, which shall appoint an Administrator and take bond and security according to law and sell the same as above mentioned, and shall divide and equalize among the several heirs accordingly, but should they make a division of the property, the husbands of the daughters shall have power to select the land and make titles for the same, but should the wife be made the Guardian of the orphans shall have power to sell the property or rent it out as may be deemed best and shall be governed according to law as Guardians in other cases. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1845.

John Crozier <sup>Test</sup>  
Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the Testator This 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1845.

Test  
Nicholas Beckman  
William Briggs  
Joseph Jenkins

Will of Cassander Crozier

Dated Aug 3, 1847

provisional from Cass. Sept 1847

A written Will and Testament.

I Cassander Crozier do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible and of my opinion that I may die possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly It is my will that my mother, Elizabeth Crozier shall have all my personal property and real estate during her natural life, and at the death of my mother it is my will that my sister Nancy Matilda Crozier shall have the remainder of my personal property and my real estate. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint William Briggs my Executor. In witness whereof I do this my will set my hand and seal. This 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1848

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and will remain hereto in presence of the Testator this date above written

William Moore  
Thos M. Arnold

### Will of Samuel Carmichael

Dated May 28, 1848

In the name of God Amen

I Samuel Carmichael being of sound and disposing mind thought feeble in body do make and declare this my last will and Testament, revoking all others that I have ever before have made

First. To my beloved wife I will and bequeath my lawfull estate with the exception of one small tract containing about 30 acres of choice land and ten acres of timbered land, adjoining John W. McKinney, lying on part of the lot on which Mrs. Hemmings lived, on the right hand side of the Doleson Ford Road, which said tract of forty acres I give to my faithful old servant Dick during his natural life on condition he keeps an orderly house at all times.

Second. To my beloved wife I will all my slaves during her widowhood, with the exception of Dick whom I wish liberated as soon as I am dead, and with the exception also of a boy named Joe whom I have given to my nephew James Ayers, and also a boy named William twelve or thirteen years old whom I wish to be sold to assist in paying my debts. Third. At my wife's death or whenever she marries again, it is

my will that all my slaves that I have willed to her be emancipated immediately.

Fourth. At my wife's death it is my will that Newton Carmichael son of James Moore, whom I believe to be my son although not born in lawful, should have all my real estate, but provided the said Newton Carmichael should die before my wife then it is my will and desire that my lawfull estate should be divided into two equal parts as near as can be, one half of which is to be at the disposal of my wife, and the other half to be equally divided between my two nephews James Ayers and Pleasant Carmichael, son of James Carmichael. It is expressly my will that my two nephews should not have possession of the said land until after my wife's death.

I have agreed with my wife and I hereby bind myself to fulfill said agreement, that if she should die before I do and I should marry again that then the slaves that I have willed to my wife are to be liberated.

All my money and drafts in the hands of John Plerius amounting to over four thousand dollars are to be appropriated to the payment of my just debts, and if there should be a deficit, it is my will that enough of my personal property be sold to pay all my debts.

All my personal property after paying my debts I will to my wife without reserve.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal This 25<sup>th</sup> May 1848

Sarah A. Savage,  
Matilda L. Shields,  
George Savage,  
W. W. Shields.

Samuel Carmichael

It is my will that Abner Kyle and James N. Neal be appointed by the Court Executors <sup>without</sup> requiring them to give security.

### Will of Yelverton Carpenter

Dated June 16, 1848

promulgated April 2nd 1848

In the name of God Amen

I Yelverton Carpenter of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and Testament



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

Secondly, I give to my beloved wife Hannah Carpenter, the use and benefit of my tract of land in the County of Claiborne State of Tennessee for her comfortable support and maintenance and it is my will that my Grand daughter Nancy Orlean Carpenter daughter of Anderson Carpenter remain with my wife Hannah and have life support from said land during my wife's natural life. And I further give to my wife Hannah all the household and kitchen furniture and choice cow, one brood sow, three choice stock hogs, thirteen pigs, four sheep, one choice heifer &c. It is further my will that at any time before the death of my wife that she may think best give to my grand daughter Nancy Orlean all her bed, one cow, some kitchen utensils, a small flock in hogs & sheep.

Thirdly, It is my will that after the death of my wife that the above named tract of land in Claiborne County, be divided between my son Jackson Carpenter and my son William Carpenter in the following manner to wit: Beginning at the mouth of the Spring Branch, thence with the meanders of said branch to a cross fence at the upper end of the rocky field, thence a straight line to a gum cordon to said land, and across to Michael Persan's land. The said Jackson to have the north side of said dividing line to have said to hold the same with the improvements thereon during his natural life and after his death to descend to all the lawful children that he now has or may hereafter have, to be divided equal between them. And the said William Carpenter to have the south side of said dividing line, to have and to hold the same with the improvements thereon during his natural life, and after his death to descend to all the lawful children that he now has or may hereafter have, to be divided equal between them.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son Allen Carpenter the tract of land whereon I now live together with a tract of land on Clouds Creek in Hawkins County State of Tennessee purchased by me from William Attom. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Carpenter

fifty dollars in trade, it being the one half of a debt due me from my son Anderson Carpenter.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my son Anderson Carpenter fifty dollars due from him to me after paying the above bequest of fifty dollars to Jesse Carpenter.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my son William Carpenter, my son John Carpenter, my son James Carpenter, and my daughter Mary Spindler all my stock consisting of horses, cattle, hogs & sheep that have not been disposed of in the foregoing bequests to be divided equal between them. It is my request they divide the stock themselves. And lastly, I do constitute and appoint my friend James Conner and my son John Carpenter of the County of Hawkins incl. State of Tennessee my Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, affixed my seal this 15 day of June in the year of our Lord A.D. 1845.

Yellston Carpenter

Witness signed delivered in presence of  
James L. Ellen  
Edmund Larwin

Will of Thomas Cooke

Dated Aug 9, 1849

procur March Term 1862 of N. Vance C. C.

Be the name of God Amen

I Thomas Cooke of Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee being in the full possession of my ordinary powers of mind but contemplating the uncertainty of life and being desirous of making such disposition of my worldly property and effects as after mature deliberation and own judgment and sense of duty appears and as I anxiously desire for sufficient reasons to be carried into effect after my death do make ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:

First, I desire that all my just debts if any should remain unpaid at my death shall be paid out of my estate and I direct that my money which may be in hand and debts which may be due to me at my death be

my personal estate as far as necessary shall be first applied to the purpose. Second. For consideration satisfying to my own mind I give and bequeath unto my wife Thelma Cocke absolutely for her own separate use and benefit ten hundred acres of land situate lying and being in the County of Hawkins aforesaid, including the House wherein I now have reside to be laid off as she shall or may desire to have and to hold the same and every part and portion thereof in absolute fee simple together with all my household and kitchen furniture, my waggons, implements and farming utensils of every description, the one fifth part of my live stock of every kind and description and also my two negro women Fanny, Nancy and Catherine, Third. All the residue of my estate, property and effects of every kind and description, real, personal or mixed in possession or in action wheresoever situate including the tract of land wherein I now reside situate in said County of Hawkins joining the lands of John B. Proffitt William Maye and the heirs of Thomas Stubbsfield Dead and known by the name of Mulberry Grove estimated to contain in all twelve hundred acres more or less I give bequeath and devise unto William B. Creed, Mary A. Reed, wife of Thomas A. Reed formerly Mary A. Creed and Mary Jane Moore wife of George M. Moore, formerly Mary Jane Creed, to have and to hold the same and every part and portion thereof to them and their heirs jointly and equally in absolute fee simple subjected however to the foregoing charges that is to say, subject to the payment of my just debts which shall remain unpaid at my death. Fourth. I direct that as soon after my death as practicable my Executors hereinafter named shall sell and dispose of all my personal effects and property and the proceeds thereof after paying my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid equally to the said William B. Creed, Mary A. Reed and Mary Jane Moore. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint William B. Creed, Thomas A. Reed and George M. Moore Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former or other wills by me heretofore made and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament, and I declare it proper to be solemnly

to declare to my relations and friends and to all other persons that the foregoing disposition of my property is made upon reflection and deliberation and is such as satisfies my own private feelings and sense of justice, Let no one question or attempt to disturb it after my death.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal the ninth day of August in the year of our Lord A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-two

Thomas Cocke

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the said Thomas Cocke in our presence to be his last Will and Testament who have witnessed the same at his request in the presence of each other and in his presence the said above named

Test.

Elisha Dodson

Hugh Cain Jr.

Will of Etheldridge Charles

Dated Mar 29, 1842 proven 2<sup>d</sup> May 1842.

In the name of God Amen I Etheldridge M. Charles of Hawkins County State of Tennessee being in law State of health but of sound mind do make this my last Will & Testament in the manner following to wit: I will & bequeath to my wife Susanah Charles one bay mare & one saddle & bridle, one red spotted cow, one white & brown pair sheeps, two birds & clothing and on board & furniture & Beano & doct's farm & one cowman & one ing-table and large pot & one small pot and one bake oven & one small oven & one skillets and one pair of horse gears & plow & the balance of my property to be sold to pay my just debts and if anything over it is to go to my three children William A. Charles Susanah & Charles Caisha I Charles & I will and bequeath to my brother Hugh I Charles my saddle & I will that my wife have the sole benefit of the plantation & buildings where I now live until the youngest child Parshaba I Charles comes of age and then to be sold & equally divided amongst my three named children.

In witness hereof publishing this to be my last will & Testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal



This the 29<sup>th</sup> twenty ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty two  
 Witnesses  
 Martin Phillips.

E. M. Charles (Seal)

Will of Thomas Coldwell

Dated Nov. 15, 1852,

Proven at March Term 1853

Know all men by these presents that I, Thomas Coldwell being of sound mind and body, but desiring to secure the uncertainty of human life, and desiring to settle my, widow's affairs, do declare and publish this my last will & testament, revoking and annulling all others.

First I direct that all my just debts & funeral expenses shall be paid.

Secondly, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally Coldwell, during her natural life or widowhood, one third of the plantation on which I live, including the dwelling house and out houses thereto attached, also all my house hold & kitchen furniture, farming utensils, including wagons or wagons, blacksmith tools, and one half the stock on my farm at my death; also all my slaves.

Thirdly, To my son James, I bequeath all my lands including after her death, the part willed to my wife, also after the death of my wife, I bequeath unto my son James all the personal property, including wagons or wagons on my farm, blacksmith tools, except the slaves which has been devised to her, and also one half the stock of all kinds and grain on hands on the farm at my death.

Fourthly, To my son Benoni, I will and bequeath in lieu of his Benoni's interest in my land and personal property, that James pay him Benoni the amount proposed in the agreement made and entered into between them, James & Benoni heretofore, in addition to which, after the death of my wife, I direct that my slave Pompey be left to Benoni.

Fifthly, To the children of my son Andrew Coldwell deceased, and after the death of my wife, I will that my slave Ellen be sold, & the proceeds of her sale be equally divided to said children of Andrew Coldwell.

Sixthly, To my son Abram Coldwell, I bequeath after the death of my wife my slaves Abram & Susan.

Seventhly, To my daughter Indiana Chinnith, during her natural life & after the death of my wife, I will my slave Mary, and after the death of said Indiana, it is my will that said Mary & her increase shall be equally divided among all my the children of her body, begotten of said Indiana. I also charge upon the legacy given to James, one feather bed & furniture, and one horse worth sixty dollars to be paid to said James & said Indiana.

Eighthly, After the death of my wife, it is my will that my son James shall have my slave Bob & that he shall maintain and support.

Ninthly, It is my will that if my slaves should increase hereafter during my life or the life of my wife, that the two eldest of the increase, living at the death of my wife shall belong to my son James, and the balance of such increase, if any such shall be shall be equally divided between my son Andrew & Coldwell & said children for and part, and my son Abram and my daughter Indiana; but to go to my daughter Indiana & her children in the same manner as the slave Mary is willed to Benoni. It is my will that all my property not otherwise devised shall belong to my wife during her natural life or widowhood, & to my son James after her death, and my wife & said son James are charged with the payment of all my just debts. And are hereby appointed Executor and Executrix of this my last Will & Testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1852 signed sealed & acknowledged. Thomas Coldwell  
 in presence of us  
 N. Waller  
 John W. Lyons  
 John Young.

Will of Daniel Chambers

Dated Dec 4 1852,

Proven July Term 1853

I Daniel Chambers do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses & all my debts

be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any sum  
 my that I may die possessed of or may first come  
 into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
 Sarah Chambers all the land which I own on the north  
 side of Holston River, whereon I now live, together with  
 part of my plantation on the South side of said River,  
 say, from the Barre up the River I also give & bequeath  
 to her my wife Sarah Chambers, my negro man named  
 Charles & also his wife Ann, I also give & bequeath to  
 my wife two horse loads & three cows her choice, my share  
 of Great Wagon, one large plow, one small plow, two pair  
 of gears and so much of my household & kitchen furniture  
 sufficient for her use, together with all my large sheep  
 stock, all of which personal property I leave to her during  
 her natural life, or so long as she remains my widow,  
 then the above named negro woman Ann is to have the li-  
 berty of choosing with whom of my children or grand  
 children she will live. But the above named man  
 Charles to be valued & have choice to live with either of  
 my children who will pay said valuation, which val-  
 uation is to be divided into three equal parts, one of said  
 parts to be paid to each of my three daughters (children)  
 namely Amanda Francisco, Lois Miller & Rachael Miller,  
 I do further give & bequeath to my wife Sarah Chambers,  
 two feather beds & furniture as much as she thinks proper,  
 also her Bettie & saddle, which last named articles I  
 leave at her own disposal.

Thirdly, I do give to my son William B. Chambers all  
 the land I own on the South side of Holston River, con-  
 taining three hundred & ten acres also all the land which  
 I own on the North side of said River from the Spring  
 Branch down to Stephen Nagoods line, to have possession  
 of the same at my wifes death or intermarriage. But the  
 William B. Chambers is at all times to have the use of the  
 timber on said lands. I further give & bequeath to my  
 son William B. Chambers my negro man named Isaac  
 Fourthly, I give & bequeath to my daughter Amanda  
 Francisco's children, that is, I give & bequeath to my grand  
 daughter Mary Simmons, two hundred dollars & to her  
 Amanda's other children, namely, Thomas, Daniel & Sarah.

Francisco, I give & bequeath the land whereon I now live,  
 from the Spring Branch up the river adjoining the lands  
 of T. Caldwell & James Nagoods. The land to be at my  
 wifes death and the proceeds of the sale of it to be equal-  
 ly divided between them, the three last named children  
 of my daughter Amanda Francisco.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Lois  
 Miller three children, namely Daniel O. Miller, Rachel  
 D. Miller & John P. Miller, my two negro boys, namely  
 Lewis & Charles, I further give & bequeath to my grand-  
 son John P. Miller, one horse & saddle worth one  
 hundred dollars.

Sixthly, I give & bequeath to my daughter Rachael Miller  
 my negro woman named Susan and her two little  
 daughters, namely Sarah & Julia, during her natural  
 life & then to said Rachael Miller's children.

Seventhly, The residue of my personal property, in-  
 disposed of in the foregoing bequests, I direct to be  
 sold, the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided  
 between my three daughters, namely Amanda Fran-  
 cisco, Lois Miller & Rachael Miller's children.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate & appoint my son  
 William B. Chambers my Executor. In witness  
 whereof I do to this my last Will & Testament set  
 my hand & seal. This fourth day of December 1852.

Daniel Chambers Test.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence we  
 have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the Testator  
 N. Matterson.  
 C. O. Miller

Will of Lewis Click,

Dated July 21 1853

Sept Term 1853

The last Will and Testament of Lewis Click, of Hawkins  
 County Tennessee. I Lewis Click considering the uncer-  
 tainty 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 following.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my  
 debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of



any manner that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Second. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Rosannah all the household and kitchen furniture or as much of the said furniture as she may need. I further give and bequeath to my wife Rosannah the same and succession house where I now reside to have and to hold with all its appurtenances for the term of ten years and at the expiration of the said ten years I hereby give and bequeath to my wife Rosannah the fifth part of the above named farm together with all its buildings. I give and bequeath to my son William the fifth part of the above named farm. I further give and bequeath to my son Robert the fifth part of the above named farm. Also I give and bequeath to my son Peter the fifth part of the farm mentioned. Also I give and devise to my youngest son George the fifth part of the farm mentioned. Also I give my son George one yoke of Black Steers and one Ayle gun. Also at the death or marriage of my wife Rosannah I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Rosa the fifth part of the farm mentioned or the part I laid off for my wife. I will and desire that all Stock, grain, farming utensils or slaves not excepted shall be sold subject to my debts after my death or at such time as my Executor may deem proper. I further give and devise to my son Arthur one parcel more that he took from me last fall for his full share, debaring him from getting hold of whatever may come into the hands of my representative from my estate. I further give and devise to my son John Five hundred dollars that I paid to Rosann & Edmunds for him, that being his full share of my estate. I wish John to attend to my debts and my Executor will pay him for his service. I further give and devise to my son James Five hundred dollars the full amount of his share of my estate, being a part of one thousand dollars I paid for him at the Coveville Bank. I wish my Executor to collect the remaining part as soon after my death as he can & pay it to my Creditors. I give and bequeath my daughter Mary Three hundred dollars the Sale of the land I sold to her husband. I further give and devise to my daughter Eli a Two hundred dollars which shall be paid to her at the expiration of ten years by William, Robert, Peter & George, each one to pay her fifty dollars.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Rosannah the Sole Executor of 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1853.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the Testator This 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1853.

Lewis <sup>his</sup> ~~Clark~~ <sup>Clark</sup>  
James M. Darron  
James M. Clarke

Will of Hamilton J. Carter

Dated Mar 7 1855

Given May 18 1855.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Hamilton J. Carter being sound in body, mind and memory, do publish this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other wills by me at any time made. First, I require my Executor to pay my funeral expenses with all my just debts out of any moneys that I may die possessed of, or may first come into his hands.

Second. I will and bequeath unto my wife Nightly Carter all my household and kitchen furniture.

Third. I also will and bequeath unto her my plantation so long as she sees proper to live upon it, but if she chooses to leave it, then it is to belong to my two brothers Charles Carter and Allen Carter.

Fourth. I give unto my daughter Lucinda Carter one eighth part, and no more of my estate.

Fifth. I nominate and appoint George Kinney my Executor and allow him to administer without security.

Given under my hand and Seal This the ninth day of March 1855.

Witnesses:

Bird Smith

John <sup>his</sup> ~~Clark~~ <sup>Clark</sup>

Witnesses depose that they saw Testator sign the will, & believed him to be of sound mind and memory. Nela Carter, widow, appears in open Court & dissent to the will.

Will of James M. Cox

Dated March 1857

Proven April Term 1857

Proved 6 April 1857 I Recd. p 441

I James Cox of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and feeling certain that my natural life is drawing to a close, do therefore make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say first that my body be buried in a decent and respectable manner and that my burial expense be paid out of my Estate.

Second, I will that my lawful debts be discharged out of my estate that may come into the hands of my Executor which I will hereafter name in this will, and the residue of my said real and personal I will bequeath and dispose of as follows.

Third, I will and bequeath to my two nephews John Cox and George Van Cox Sons of John Cox the tract of land on which I now live, containing fifty acres, more or less, to be equally divided between them when they arrive at lawful age and that John Cox or some other suitable person have full control of said land until they arrive at lawful age and that my mother have her dower and support off the said land during her natural life.

Fourth, I give will and bequeath to my brother John Cox the following notes and interest thereon, One Note on John R. Charles for \$122<sup>00</sup> dated Jan 5 1857. One Note on C. B. Davis for \$10<sup>00</sup> dated 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 1857. One Note on Jesse M. Lyons for \$25 dated 29<sup>th</sup> Aug 1856. One Note on Nelson Campbell for \$8<sup>00</sup> dated Aug 4 1856. One Note on J. M. Miller for \$33<sup>00</sup> dated April 9 1856. One Note on R. B. Bantle for \$24<sup>00</sup> dated Jan 25 1856. One Note on C. B. Miller dated Mar 18 1856 for \$15 Aug 15 Oct 1856. One Note on John S. White & James White for \$42<sup>00</sup> dated Mar 5 1857. One Note on J. M. Lyons for \$2500 dated June 28 1856. One Note on Dan Green for \$15<sup>00</sup> with a Cert of \$5000 June 27<sup>th</sup> 1856. One Receipt on Elia Seal for \$500 dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1856. And that the said John Cox pay any of said notes the sum of seventeen dollars to George Cox.

Fifth, I give will and bequeath to Sarah S. Cox wife of John Cox one note on Wm. Miller & Bro. for \$78<sup>00</sup>.

Sixth, I give will and bequeath to John Cox & Sarah S. Cox his wife all my household and other articles to belong to me.

Seventh, I will that my Executor pay to George Cox the

sum of \$22<sup>00</sup> out of the money I now have on hand. Eighth, I appoint make and put in John Cox for my Executor in this my last Will and Testament.

Ninth, I will and desire that my said Executor pay to Thomas Cox my brother and Poch Gray my sister the sum of ten dollar each out of my Estate. Subscribed before signed.

In testimony whereof James Cox hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1857.

Witness by  
M<sup>rs</sup> J. Cox  
J. M. Cox

Will of Wiley Cobb

Dated June 15 1857

Proven July Term 1857

Proved 6 July 1857 I Recd. p 711

I Wiley Cobb of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee be afflicted and weak knowing whether I shall live longer or no I do this day make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First, I will and bequeath my land to my three sons and one daughter Joseph Jackson Thomas and Elizabeth to be divided equally among them when they become free. I want my son-in-law Dyer & Louisa to have the land till the heirs all come free to maintain the children upon, and I also want Dyer and the children that is here with him to have all the grain that is growing on the place, on all the corn, wheat, oats, &c. that is here now if he stay here with me and take care of me as long as I live.

I also will and bequeath to my three sons and one daughter, namely Joseph Jackson Thomas and Mary all my beds and bed clothing, to be divided equally among them and I wish these boys to have the Capt. Road. I also will and bequeath to my three sons my horses, to keep here on the place for the purpose of using them here among them all that is here on the place. I want Joseph to have his oxen that he now claims, and I also want my cow kept here among them to milk, and I also want them to keep the hogs to make them meat for next year and I want Dyer and the boys to finish paying for the land, in case if J. Cobb will wait with them till they come and if he won't wait they must sell one of the horses to pay it.



I want Roger to keep all the farming utensils here on the farm to use, and I also want Roger and Elizabeth to keep the house and kitchen furniture. I also will my sole maddie to my daughter Elizabeth and the other maddie I will to my son Joseph. I will my sheep to them all that is left to keep them here among them till they become free and then divide them among equals, and I want the geese to stay here among them all that is here.

I lastly will and bequeath to my two daughters, Nancy Catharine and Medley five dollars to each of them to have when they become free, and also my daughter Mary five dollars to have when she becomes free.

And lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint Roger Lanson to pay of the heirs the money as they become free, their my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal. This June the 12<sup>th</sup> 1857.

Attest  
Wm. Cobb Seal

U. C. Lanson

W. E. Lanson

### Will of Savannah City

Dated Dec 12 1857

Proven Sept 2nd 1861

I Savannah City do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that all expenses and all my debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my riding mare to Mary Kirkland. Thirdly, I give and bequeath a one year old of horse to Samuel A. Kirkland and John W. Kirkland. And Fourthly, I give and bequeath a two year old horse to David Kirkland and all the cash notes and accounts and all my real grain of every description. Fifthly and lastly, I give and bequeath to Mary Kirkland one cow and calf and all my house hold and kitchen furniture and my bed and all my bed clothing. Lastly, I decommit and appoint David Kirkland my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal. This the 19 day of December 1857.

Savannah City Seal

Signed, Sealed and published in our presence and have subscribed names hereunto in the presence of the Testator. This 19 day of December 1857.

James M. Bellows  
W. R. Pearson  
Hiram Wells

### Will of Eliakim Cox

Dated Dec 13 1861

Proven Sept 2nd 1862

I Eliakim Cox do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Cox my farm on which I now live, together with all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Farming utensils, Household and kitchen furniture during her natural lifetime, or widowhood, my own wagon, and one set of blacksmith tools I wish sold and the proceeds to be paid to my wife Elizabeth for her own use.

After the death or widowhood of my wife Elizabeth I give and bequeath the said farm above named to my youngest son Neigh Cox, provided he will come and live upon it and if he will not come and live upon said farm then I give and bequeath said farm to my grand son Eliakim Hurd.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Hurd one dollar.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son Matthew Cox one dollar.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Johnson one dollar.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachael Foster one dollar.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my son Martin Cox one dollar.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mariah Foster one dollar.

Ninthly, I give and bequeath to my son Eliakim Cox one dollar.

Tenthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucinda Johnson one dollar.

Eleventhly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Anderson one dollar.

Twelfthly, I

I give and bequeath to my son William Cox, one dollar, said money to be paid by my Executor as soon as may be convenient. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Daniel M. Sheffey Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my last Will and Testament, Set my hand and seal this 13 day of December 1860

E. Cox Seal

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this 13 day of December 1860  
 Jas. J. Lee  
 Geo. Walker

Will of A. Carmichael [Dr. Archibald Carmichael]  
 Dated Dec 19. 1860 Proven Dec 19. 1860

In view of the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death, I, A. Carmichael of the County of Hawkins Tennessee, being sick in body but of sound mind and disposing mind & memory do make publish and declare the following to be my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking & making void any other will heretofore made by me.

First, I direct that all my funeral expenses should be paid. Secondly, It is my will & desire that all my just debts shall be paid and discharged.

Thirdly, On as much as it is my opinion that my personal effects will not be sufficient to pay off & discharge my debts, It is my will & desire that my Executor & Executors hereafter named, shall sell my real estate at public or private sale as in their discretion they may think advisable - for the interest of my dearly beloved wife & children & shall sell the same on a credit of 6 or 12 months the purchaser or purchasers giving bond with security & with interest from day of sale for the purchase money & a lien retained until the purchase money is fully paid.

Fourthly, It is my will & desire that after all my just debts shall have been paid, the residue of my estate shall be conveyed over to my dear & beloved wife, to be laid over in the purchase of a comfortable home for herself & family and the residue if any, to go to the use of the family in their education & training &c.

Fifthly, It is my will and desire that my dear & beloved wife shall use occupy & enjoy said property or home so far as she shall for & during her natural life & on her death the same to be equally divided amongst my four children, to wit, Mattie Ellen, William Andrew, Whitfield & Allen, share or share alike, And in the event my beloved wife shall in her good judgment think it best to marry a second time, then in that case whatever property she may have purchased or may hereafter save of my estate shall be divided equally between her & my four children share or share alike. Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my dear & beloved wife my Executor & my esteemed friend George A. Powell my Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1860  
 A. Carmichael Seal  
 Geo. Walker  
 Andrew Anderson

Will of Joel Cobb  
 Dated Dec 18. 1861 Proven April 1861

Joel Cobb of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son Winfield D. Cobb and his heirs all my estate, Real and personal to wit: The tract of land whereon I now live, containing fifty acres more or less, joining the lands of Wiley Cobbs heir and P. G. Warrick & others, one yellow mare one mule, red breasted cow, one Coptland, one German & all my beds and bed clothing, one kettle and one clock and all my bacon and lard, together with all and every thing that I may die seized and possessed of. Thirdly, My son Winfield D. Cobb one year after my death is to pay Pleasant G. Murrel forty dollars and to



my daughter, Sally, Ten dollars, and to my grand daughter, Polly, Ten dollars, and to the heirs of Wiley Cobb one dollar, and to my daughter, Polly, Murrel one dollar, and to my daughter, Penny, Murrel one dollar, and to the heirs of Jacob Hou one dollar, and to my son, Edward Cobb one dollar.

Lastly, I appoint my son, Murrel D. Cobb, my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will, set my hand and seal, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1861.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of  
J. H. Pearson,  
Bank, <sup>in</sup> Laneson,  
Hawley, <sup>in</sup> Laneson,  
Murrel

Joseph Cobb Seal

Will of William Carmack

Dated Mar 23, 1861

Proven May 20, 1861

I William Carmack of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being advanced in years but of sound mind and memory, do hereby make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, to wit:

First, I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son, Cornelius Carmack, Decd, the proceeds of a note on my son, William E. Carmack for one thousand dollars, dated February 21<sup>st</sup> 1861 and due five years after date, to be divided amongst the children of said Cornelius Carmack, share and share alike.

Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Polly Ann, who intermarried with Lewis Lany, one dollar.

Third, I give and bequeath to my three sons, James Carmack, Mike Carmack and Epps Carmack, the proceeds of a note on my son, William E. Carmack, for sixty three dollars and seventy seven cents, due one day after date, and dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1861, to be divided amongst them, share and share alike.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my said three sons above named, to wit, James Carmack, Mike Carmack, & Epps Carmack, a Deed of Warranty issued by the United States to me for eighty acres of land, or the proceeds of said land, wherever it sold by me during my lifetime or by my

Executor or Administrator after my death, to be divided amongst them, share and share alike.

Fifth, I give and bequeath to my son, William E. Carmack, all the remainder of my estate, whatever there may be.

Lastly, I hereby appoint Cornelius Carmack, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official my seal, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1861.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

in our presence the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1861.

J. H. Vance

W. E. Carmack

A. J. Camp

Will of Geo. S. Childress

Dated June 20, 1861

Proven August 20, 1861

I George S. Childress of the County of Hawkins, in the State of Tennessee, being in feeble health, but of sound mind and memory, do hereby publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, as regards my estate real and personal, I desire to dispose of the same as follows:

First, I will and desire that all my indebtedness and my funeral expenses be paid as soon as practicable after my decease.

Secondly, I will and desire to my dear, beloved wife, Sarah S. Childress, my entire interest in the Negroes and Lands and other personal property, which belong to the heirs of James McChildress Decd, late of Sullivan County, and State of Tennessee, said lands are situated in Sullivan County, Tennessee, and situated upon the waters of Peck's Creek, said Negroes and Lands are undivided between the heirs of James McChildress Decd.

And lastly, I do hereby appoint and nominate, Andrew Leslie Esq, of Sullivan County, my Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1861.

G. S. Childress Seal

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in our presence and in the presence of the Testator, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 1861. Signed, after interlineation, J. H. Vance, W. E. Carmack, A. J. Camp

Will of William S. Christian

Dated Aug 11. 1861

Prosser Oct 1861

I William S. Christian do this day make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills that may have been made by me at any time heretofore.

First, I will and bequeath that any funeral expenses together with all my debts shall be paid out of my money that I may die seized and possessed of at my death or the first money may come into the hands of my Executor.

Second, I will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Christian the house place third, I will and bequeath to my son William S. Christian the east end of my place. Beginning at the bridge on the Branch running from Mary Shilton thence with the Branch as a south of a ditch thence due north to John Shilton line.

Fourth, I will and bequeath to my daughter Mahala S. John and to the heirs of her body the north part of my land. Beginning at the line fence on Indian line formerly the line fence of John Shilton thence thence with said fence as it has formerly has run to a Mulberry thence a straight line to the corner deep north above mentioned of a forty a half acre entry bought from John Shilton her thence with the several courses and distances to the beginning.

Fifth, I will and bequeath to my son James Christian the part of my land joining Mahala S. John Beginning at the Mulberry S. John corner thence a straight line to the creek to a black tree on the bank of the creek with the vicinities of said creek and to a black haw bush thence north west to a Sycamore thence a west course straight to the line to a sweet gum thence with the several courses to the beginning also one half of the forty a half acre entry on the side of Alex. Mountain adjoining my land.

Sixth, I will and bequeath to my son David Christian the part and joining James including my buildings of every description and kind part. Beginning at the corner James corner then with the old line crossing the creek to a Walnut tree at the foot of the hill thence with the fence to the corner thence a straight line to an Elm tree with the drain to the line between me and Mary Shilton then with the line to the road to a black oak and sweet gum thence with the road to the head of ditch thence with said ditch to the creek.

Seventh, I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary S. Christian and to the heirs of her body all the land lying adjoining Mary

Sheldon and William S. Christian, Mahala S. John and James Christian also one half of the entry on Alex. Mountain that half to James and the other to her her half to be laid off at the east end of said tract.

Eighth, I will and bequeath to my daughter Rachel the Christian and to the heirs of her body all the part of my land lying south of David and joining the part also to have one half of the forty acre entry under the Big mountain and David to have the other half of said entry.

Ninth, I will and bequeath to my four children to be equal divided among them to wit Stephen Christian to have where he lives to include his house Eldridge to have his part where he now lives and Jesse to have where he now lives and Joseph S. Christian his part adjoining Jesse Christian and Stephen Christian and Polly Ball next the Big mountain on the north side of said mountain.

Tenth, I will and bequeath that my children namely Eldridge Christian Stephen Christian William S. Christian Jesse Christian Isaac Christian they shall pay five dollars each out of the for the term of twenty years and Mahala S. John shall pay five dollars for five years.

Eleventh, I will and bequeath to my son Isaac Christian all the vacant land and P. A. Lang shall make a deed for the same.

Twelfth, I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth Christian my Executor in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of August 1861.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of William S. Christian and our presence this 11th day of August 1861.

Attest P. A. Lang

acknowledged in my presence this 13 day of September 1861.

John Ball

James Deagins

Geo D Wagner

Will of Samuel Chismuth

Dated May 7, 1862

Prosser July 1862

I Samuel Chismuth do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other



wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts to be paid in the manner I shall hereinafter direct.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah, all the Household and Kitchen furniture that she brought with her, also one wagon, mare and colt, and sheep & cattle & hog, also one negro woman named Pluanda. During her natural life, also, if she chooses to remain with the family, she is to have one room of the house and also to have her support from the proceeds of the Land which I shall bequeath to my daughter Caroline and my son Samuel. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly, Irish paper and her children the land on which she lives as laid off to her, also one negro woman named Ester, and her present child Dorothy. I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine, Colt and her children the land on which she now lives as laid off to P. C. Cobb, also one negro woman named Silbourn, when my son Samuel attains the age of twenty-two years.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally, Morrell and her children, one negro woman named Sydney and her two living children. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas, one black boy named Charles, and one third of the tract of land where I now live, also a small lot lying down West of the mill adjoining Simpson's land.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Margaret, Philip, and her children, one negro girl named Ann, and also one negro woman named Pluanda at the death of my wife. Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Caroline and her children, one negro girl named Mary, and one third of the tract of land on which I live.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my son Samuel, one negro boy named Bob, and also one third of the land on which I live. I wish the land divided without respect to quality, but equal in two of acres. Thomas to have his third off at the upper end of the farm (Caroline's work) & Samuel the lower end including the dwelling house. I wish Silbourn to remain with and work on the farm for the support of the family until my son Samuel attains the age of twenty-two years. Ninthly, I give and bequeath to my grand daughter, Maradon Smith one negro boy named Elbert, if he should die without issue, then said boy

Elbert shall revert back to my estate and be equally divided. I wish my negro man Jo to be sold and the proceeds applied to the payment of my debts together with the amount that are due me. After my death debts are paid, if there remains any surplus I wish it equally divided amongst my child Mary, if no debt which is due me known as the multi debt should be collected. I give three hundred dollars of that to my daughter Margaret in addition to what I have heretofore given her, my farming tools, wagon, horses and all my stock I wish to remain with the farm for the use of the family. Also the balance of my household and kitchen furniture I give to my daughter Caroline and my son Samuel. Lastly, I nominate and appoint my brother Rodham Chesnut, Executor of this my last Will and Testament. I wish my old negro woman Lydia to live with any of the family that she may choose. I desire that my Executor shall not be required to enter into bond with security.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 7 day of May 1862  
Signed, sealed and acknowledged in our presence

Thos. Lee  
C. D. Hobbs

I hereby acknowledge myself satisfied and consent to the above disposition of property as made by the Will & Testament of my husband.  
Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of  
Thos. Lee  
C. D. Hobbs

Will of Allen Carter

Dated July 27 1862

I Allen Carter, of the County of Newton and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made, and first, I direct that my body be decently buried in a manner suitable to my condition in life, and as to such property estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with

First. I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of.

Second. I will and bequeath to my wife Penelope or my children all my lands and stock of all description household kitchen furniture of all kinds. My wife is to have the above bequeathed her lifetime or as long as she remains my widow. Whenever my wife Penelope ceases to be my widow, then my estate is to be equally divided among my children.

In witness whereof I Allen Carter have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27 day of July 1835.

Allen Carter  
U.S. Attorney,  
Stephen Carter,  
David Nickerson,

Will of Pharoah Cobb

Dated Mar 18, 1825

In the name of God, Amen

I Pharoah Cobb of the County of Newbern in the State of Tennessee, being in perfect health and of sound disposing mind and memory, and knowing that all must die, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit: It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Parsha four negroes Stephen and Lucy in wife and her two children Carrie and Eliza with all my household and kitchen furniture, to her and her heirs forever. It is my will and desire that my wife Parsha should enjoy and have the use of the house and kitchen that are now occupied with as much of the cleared and good land as may be deemed sufficient for her support during life with two of my horse brass, her choice, and four cows and calves of her choice, with as many sheep and hogs as she may need for her use, and support and at her death the same to be sold by my Executor hereafter named. I also leave to my said wife a Negro boy named Peter during her lifetime and at her death to be sold as above.

Whereas I have heretofore given to my son in law Julian

Cannon property to the amount of three thousand dollars, which is all that I ever intend to give him. I have also given to my Grand son Courten one young negro woman worth five hundred dollars for the express purpose of his supporting and taking care of his mother. I have heretofore given to my son Richard Caswell Cobb three thousand dollars worth of property. To my son William two thousand dollars worth of property. To my son Arthur Cobb two thousand dollars worth of property. To my son Isaac two thousand dollars worth of property. And to my son Jesse Cobb two thousand dollars worth of property. A part of the property that I heretofore have given to my son Jesse Cobb is a negro woman named Charity three having two children, but has now five. And since that gift was made a certain Julian Cannon has filed his Bill in Equity for the recovery of said negro and to guard against the loss of the said Bill I do hereby set apart six negroes to wit, among Esther, and her two children, and Hamilton, Myly and Franky, which is for my son Jesse Cobb provided he should lose Charity and her five children, but should my son Jesse gain the said and keep negro Charity, it is then my will that negro woman Esther her two children, and Hamilton, Myly and Franky should be divided as hereafter mentioned. It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named shall pay to my daughter Parshaba Kyle and to my grand daughter Parshaba Cobb daughter of my son Arthur Cobb each one thousand dollars each in negroes and money out of my estate. And it is further my will and desire that my said Executors hereinafter named shall lay off all my negroes whether wise disposed of into three parcels of equal value or as nearly so as convenient, putting as name of our family into the same parcel as can be done with convenience, and draw by lot. I give and bequeath one fourth part to my daughter Parshaba Kyle, one third part to my three grand daughters Eliza Parshaba and Sally children of my son Richard Caswell Cobb dead and one third part to my grand daughter Parshaba Cobb daughter of my son Arthur Cobb dead. And it is my will and desire that all the rest of my personal estate not be



This will devised, my Black Smith tools excepted to sold by my Executors and the money arising therefrom, to be equally divided in the following manner, to wit, One third part to my daughter Parshaba Ayle, One third part to my three grand children Eliza, Parshaba and Sally children of my son Richard C. Cobb dec'd, and One third part to Parshaba Cobb daughter of Ashen Cobb dec'd, to them and their heirs forever.

It is my will that if, in letting of my negroes as above mentioned, that one lot or lots should be of more value than the others, that those drawing the highest price lot shall pay to those who receive the lower price lot, so as to make them all equal, as my Executors may think proper. It is further my will that the property left to my wife her lifetime and directed to be sold, that the money be divided into three parts, and given in the manner above stated. I give and bequeath to my two sons William Cobb and Jesse Cobb, the tracts of land I live on, to be divided divided in the following manner. The Island to be equally divided by running a line across the same, giving to my son William the lower part and to my son Jesse the upper part. Then to begin at the upper end here standing on the bank of the River, just a little distance above a Spanish Oak and several Elm, a small distance above the point of the Island, and above a cypress rock, then to run in East or nearly in East course to a Stake or Stone that I may hereafter set up. Then north or nearly north to a Spanish Oak and three or four standards here together on the point of a hill till we reach the crest. Then up the middle of the crest to the lower end of a new wood one made since I purchased from William Lee, then along the fence of the meadow fence and to continue that course as near as may be up to Galbraiths line, leaving all the flat meadow ground to the north of the line so to run, unless I may hereafter make a line from the meadow up to Galbraiths line, which if I do, shall be the dividing line, and I give to my son William the lower part of said land, and to my son Jesse the upper part, reserving to my wife as before mentioned.

I give and bequeath to my sons William and Jesse the mill track, to them and their heirs forever. I give to my son Jesse all my Black Smith tools.

I appoint my friends George Hale, Andrew Galbraith

and Richard Mitchell, my Executors to this my last will, revoking all others by me made.

In witness whereof I, Pharoah Cobb, have here set my hand and seal, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1823.

Note, Subscribed between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> lines before signing  
Pharoah Cobb

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1823 in the  
presence of

E. D. Mitchell  
C. H. Mitchell

Will of Raleigh Dodson  
Dated July 20 1798

In the name of God, Amen, I Raleigh Dodson being in an infirm state of health but of sound mind and considering that I may shortly leave this life have thought necessary to make this my last will and Testament, revoking all former wills by me made, and in the first place I resign myself to the disposal of my Creator hoping for mercy & forgiveness. In respect of my earthly affairs, to my wife I leave and bequeath my whole estate, real & personal to be to her use during her natural life, after which I leave to my son Raleigh Dodson the plantation on which I now live with all the appurtenances, also one acre of land joining Satter's land as appears by the patent in my name, also all my working tools and all my horses except a motherless Colt, three cows with their calves, one feather bed with the furniture, half the powder and one half the pot metal, also what may remain.

To my Grand Children Mary Shelton and Nancy Shelton I leave and bequeath the remainder of my estate, to be equally divided between them, also the remainder of the powder and pot metal to be equally divided between them, and unto Mary Shelton one bed and furniture, also the motherless Colt, one cotton and flannel shirt & half the cards, the other half of the cards to Nancy Shelton.

There is a Bond due me of fifteen pounds from Mary Rowan

which I direct to be collected & my debts to be paid out of it.  
 Peggy Wadsworth, my eldest daughter, having by her husband  
 Edmund Cardis for sixty pounds for which I have his note,  
 I hereby direct my Executor to give up said note.

My sons Lazarus & Solomon I have done a fatherly part by  
 and hereby acquit them of all demands that I may have  
 against them. My daughter Nelly, the wife of John Sumner  
 I consider to have done enough for having given her  
 said husband the land he now lives on. My son James  
 to whom I have given several things heretofore, I want to  
 quit my claim on the tract now for share of some land  
 to be obtained by a Manumission by me given to said Jackson  
 to be land on the balance provided the said plantation obtains a  
 title for land. The warrant was for three hundred acres.

I also appoint my son Lazarus & Solomon my neighbors  
 Redham Kinner my Executor and do authorize and direct  
 them to put this my said Will & Testament into effect.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and Seal. This 20<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 1793.

Test  
 Jos Jackson  
 Redham Kinner  
 Mary Sheldons

Will of Edward Dandall,

Dated Dec 23 1794

This is to certify that I Edward Dandall late of the  
 County of Dindale and State of Virginia being in perfect  
 health and of sound and disposing memory and calling  
 to mind the uncertainty of human life and being about  
 to proceed upon an eventual journey and not knowing  
 that I shall live to return to Hawkins County in Tennessee  
 from whence I now depart and hope to return but in case of  
 my decease before I should return to said place of departure  
 it is my sincere wish that Michael McCallum of Hawkins  
 County Tenn should have all the Estate both real and  
 personal of which I am entitled to as being the lawful  
 son of Joseph Rorshill Decd. late of Knox County Ten-  
 nessee, which Estate is now in the hand of Arch L  
 White of Knoxville Tennessee and in case of my death

before I should return to Hawkins County State of Tennessee  
 it is my wish that the said Estate of Joseph Rorshill  
 deceased should go to sd. M. McCallum or his lawful  
 heirs. Given under my hand and Seal. This 25<sup>th</sup>

day of December 1813

And in the presence of

W. Wilson  
 Jaslin Miller

Edw Dandall

Will of Francis Dabell

Dated Dec 4 1823

In the name of God Amen

I Francis Dabell of the County of Hawkins in  
 the State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind  
 and memory do make and confirm this my last will  
 and Testament. I recommend my Soul to Almighty  
 God, and as to my worldly Estate I dispose of it as  
 follows that is to say I will that my just debts be  
 paid by my Executor and for that purpose that the debts  
 owing to me be collected. The money which I have now  
 in hand I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy  
 I also give and bequeath to her the use of my negroes for  
 and during her natural life and at her death I wish  
 will that they shall all be set free. I also devise to my  
 wife Nancy the House and Lot on which I now live  
 with the appurtenances to her forever & the use of my plan-  
 tation adjoining George N. & John T. McKinnis to her  
 during her natural life and at her death my will is  
 that said plantation shall go to the children of my brother  
 William & I make the same disposition of my other plan-  
 tation if it be gained in law as a site is now it being  
 in dispute. All my Stock and household furniture and farming  
 utensils I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife and  
 I appoint my friends Dr. Alexander and John O  
 McKinnis the Executors of this my last Will and Testament

(In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and Seal. This first day of December A.D. 1823

Test  
 A McKinnis  
 Samuel Hill

Francis Dabell



Will of William Dykes  
Dated Oct 14 1820

In the name of God, Amen.

William Dykes of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being very weak but in perfect mind and memory. Thanks be given due to 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 my last Will and Testament, That is to say, principally, the first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a 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 touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, such of all I give and bequeath to Susannah Dykes my dear wife my dwelling house and all the land lying and being on the South side of the Road on Beech Creek, Hawkins County, and bounded on the West by the land of Jacob Light and on East by the land of John Mullins, during her natural life and at her decease it is my will and desire that my poor William Dykes to have that part of my land that I have devised to my wife, and also I give to Susannah Dykes my beloved wife, all my personal estate during her natural life, or as much as she sees cause to retain, and after my wife's decease all my personal estate is to be sold by my Executors hereinafter appointed, and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my four daughters, that is to say, Mary, Kate, Priscilla, Coplen, Sarah Mullins, and Ann Roseberry, I give and bequeath that part of my land that lies on the North side of the Beech Creek Road, between the land of John Mullins and land of John Mullins to my son Isaac Dykes, to dispose of the same as he thinks proper.

I give and bequeath two hundred and fifty acres of land to my son John Dykes, to the same more or less joining the land of John Mullins on the head of Beech Creek and on the waters of Walker's fork, to do and dispose of said land as he thinks proper. I give to David McCallister a Cask that my boy mare is with foal with me,

provided said David pay the season, I retain nothing now to my son James Dykes on account of the ample provision I have heretofore made him.

I constitute make and ordain my son John Dykes the Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all & every other former Testament, will, Legacies, bequests and Executors by me in anywise before executed, made or 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 This fourteenth day of October in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight hundred and twenty five, signed sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said William Dykes

in presence of

Wm. Dykes

Antea Bernard

Wm. Mullins

Joseph Dykes

William Dykes Seal

Will of Thomas Dodson

No date.

In the name of God, Amen.

Thomas Dodson of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee being weak & sick in body but of sound mind and disposing memory, Calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in form and manner following, that is to say, First, I give my soul into the hands of God who gave it to my body, I resign to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner, at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and as touching my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me, I give and dispose of in the following manner, First, I will that my loving wife Gamina Dodson possess & enjoy my whole estate both real & personal, in this world. My so loving wife Gamina Dodson is to raise & bring up my so children hereinafter named in the best manner that her ability will admit, she may

wife, Fannina being hereby empowered to lay out so much of my Estate in schooling & educating all my children as shall be sufficient to money & purposes, And also my wife Fannina Dodson with my Executors herein after mentioned is hereby empowered to collect & receive all moneys due me on bonds, Notes of hand or otherwise, and also to sell any such personal property as she may see proper, & my Executors shall think proper, &c. And further I will that my wife Fannina Dodson have full power & enjoy my whole estate both real & personal until my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years except my wife Fannina should marry before that time & if that should be the case & my estate should appear to be wanting & distressing, I will that my Executors take charge of my estate until my youngest child comes at the age of twenty one years, at which time I will that an equal division be made of my whole estate, both real & personal between my wife Fannina Dodson & my four children viz. James Dodson, Sarah Dodson, Elisha Dodson & Robert Dodson & further, if Thomas Robinson & John Robinson live & abide with my wife Fannina Dodson & behave orderly & well until they arrive at the age of twenty one years, then each of them to have a horse & saddle, worth one hundred dollars each to be paid out of my Estate.

And further, I appoint my loving wife Fannina Dodson my lawful Executrix & James Johnson & Samuel Rice my Executors of this my last Will & Testament, & lastly, I hereby disannul all former wills by me made & ratify & confirm this my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof, I have signed, sealed, published & declared by the said Thomas Dodson as his last Will & Testament, in the presence of James Dodson, Richard, Nelson, Richard Robinson, Jacob

Will of Robert Dodson

Dated Dec 20 1830

In the name of God, Amen, This 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1830, I Robert Dodson of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, to wit: First, And principally of all, I give my soul into the care of Almighty God who created and gave it, Second, my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of my hereinafter named and third and lastly, my earthly estate intermish I may die seized or possessed I give and bequeath in manner following, To my beloved wife Jane I give and bequeath a bed and furniture, a milk cow and three pigs, one and one sheep, one small ewe & a shiloh, six geese, a hen and one Hymn Book. I give and bequeath to my son John A. the back of land where I now live, together with the following articles, one plough & a log chain, one ox, one saw & hatchet, one iron wedge, 2 mowing hoes, a set of boring machine & turning lathe iron, a sled, one steel faced hammer and one half of my magazine books, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann a bed and furniture, a pair of fine shoes & books, the Christian bible & Zion's Pilgrim, I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Jane a cupboard & one kettle and three half of the magazine. It is my will that Jane & my wife be to have equal benefit of the tract of land & of the same, as long as she lives a single life after my decease, And it is also my will that all other loose property is to be for the use of the family, And it is my will that the 14 acres of land whereon William C. Reynolds now lives David N. Dodson holds a claim and the balance I owe to my securities, last in the bank to satisfy the debt with the bank, And the foregoing I declare to be my last Will & Testament, in all its parts publishing and declaring it as such, disannulling and revoking all others. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this day and year first before written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared Robert Dodson in presence of, W.