

wife, Fannina being hereby empowered to pay 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, Note 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 arrives 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, Junr.

Thomas Dodson

Will of Robert Dodson

Dated Dec 20 1830

In the name of God, Amen, This 20th 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 shrike, 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 & forested, 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 the day and year first before written.

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

Will of John Dodson

Dated Jan 2, 1852

Know all men by these presents that I John Dodson, Senr of the State of Tennessee and Hawkins County, do hereby make my last Will and Testament in the words and figures following to wit: I do will and bequeath to my beloved Grand Son George Dodson, a certain tract or parcel of land, containing fifty acres, more or less, bounded as follows: Being in the County of Hawkins and State aforesaid, on the South side of Holston River, on the headwaters of Reddons Creek, beginning in a white oak near the of the path a going from my house to Thomas Berry's place, thence East course to a Chestnut tree, thence South East to a white Oak tree, thence near where John Walker cut a certain locust tree at or near near the mouth of branch, thence with the said line round to the beginning. I also will and bequeath to the said George Dodson the sum of one dollar in money out of my Estate; I also will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Davis the sum of one dollar in money out of my Estate. I also will and bequeath to my son John Dodson the remainder of my land, including all my old possessions containing two hundred and twenty four acres, be it the same more or less. I also will and bequeath to my son John Dodson all the balance of my property that I possess, consisting of a variety of articles too tedious to mention. I hereby set my hand and seal this second day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two, in presence of

Witness
Nicholas Beckner, Wm Smith
John Mackin, John Berry

John Dodson Senr
maker

Will of Larkin Davis

Dated June 25, 1847

Proven Aug 2, 1847

June 25, 1847

This I leave as my last will and Testament, being in my right mind, sober senses, first will and bequeath that my wife Louisa shall have full possession, control and management of the tract of land she now lives on and all the proceeds arising therefrom to maintain my children

as long as she remains in widowhood, and if my wife Louisa should marry I will that the Court should appoint some suitable persons to manage the affairs for my children and that the land and all personal property be equally divided between Louisa and my eldest daughter Mary, my second daughter Mary, third, James Madison fourth, Larkin my youngest son, with the exception of a two year old colt. I will and bequeath that Solomon Overton or Seal have a two year old colt, provided he stay and work for my family until he is twenty one years of age. I further will that if it is ascertained that my wife Louisa should have the appearance of squandering said property I will that the Court should likewise appoint some suitable person to manage said affairs. This I leave as my last will and Testament, given under my hand and seal this twenty eighth of June in the year of our Lord 1847.

Attest

Wm Nelson, Daniel Conwell

Madison Davis, James Davis Jr.

Proven in open Court by the oaths of Madison Davis
James Davis Jr. on the 2nd day of August 1847

John H Ellis, Clerk
Wm J H Vance, Deput

Will of John Dodson

Dated Nov 30, 1852

Proven March Term 1863

In the year of our Lord and eight hundred and fifty two, November the 30th day 1852, I John Dodson have this day made & do make this my last Will and Testament and publish this as the same, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made, &c. 1st My will and desire is that as soon after my decease as is practicable I wish my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my representatives or representatives out of my money that may first come to my said representatives or representatives. 2nd, I give to my wife Rebecca Dodson all my land and all the buildings thereunto belonging during her life

or widowhood with this exception. Viz
 4th. I will to my little son William Dodson a certain
 piece of my land which I now describe as follows. Begin-
 ning at a stake in the branch below my house & Waller's
 corner. Then Eastwardly to a white oak corner on Concher
 line. Then with Concher line to the foot of the Mountain.
 Then with Anna Cowards line to the beginning. This piece
 of land I desire that my wife have full control of the
 same, during her life or widowhood, or until my said
 son is twenty one year of age. Then to him or his rep-
 resentative. I also give to my son William my Rifle
 gun, shot powder and horn, and an equal portion of the
 proceeds of the sale of my perishable property should he want
 5th. My will is that my six other children have all of
 my black of land not otherwise disposed of. Viz my daughter
 Fanny Dodson, my son Nathan Dodson, my daughter Ann
 Dodson Elizabeth Dodson, Mary Dodson William Dodson
 to be equally enjoyed and divided among them all at
 the time above mentioned &c.

Lastly, I do nominate and appoint my friend Edward
 Walker my Executor of my last Will and Testaments.

In witness whereof I do this my last will
 set my hand and seal this 30th day of November 1852
 Signed, sealed and published in our
 presence the day and date above mentioned.

Witness

Mrs Smith

Edward Walker

Will of William E. Dickson

Dated Nov 1, 1852

Proven Truly & March 1853

I William E. Dickson of the County of Hawkins and State of
 Tennessee, do make and publish this my last Will and Testa-
 ment, hereby revoking and annulling all former Wills by me
 made.

1st My Executor to be hereinafter appointed shall so soon as
 it can be done after my death proceed to collect the debts and
 claims due me, and out of the proceeds thereof first pay
 and discharge all my debts and liabilities that may be

outstanding against me at my death, as well as all the
 expenses incident to my last illness burial &c. and secondly
 to pay (after retaining to his compensation for his services) the
 balance of the fund so to be collected by him over to the
 Guardian of my Children to be hereinafter appointed.

2nd It is my will and desire that my wife Jane E. Dickson
 shall be comfortably provided for, and so settled that she
 may be able without burthen to raise, support and educate
 my Children. I therefore give to my wife Jane E. the entire
 personal property of which I am at the time of writing the
 description whatever, including my horses, hog, cattle
 household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils Car-
 rages, &c. and all other personalty (except my negroes, Cash
 notes in action, notes and accounts due me) to be her abso-
 lute property to dispose of as she may see proper. I give
 & bequeath to my said wife my two negro women, Polly
 & Nancy, to have and to hold as her absolute property and to
 dispose of as she may deem proper. I also give and
 devise to my said wife for and during her natural
 life the farm on which I now live at Mooresburg Hawk-
 Ins County, together with the Store house and lot, and
 all other real estate of which I may die possessed in and
 around Mooresburg, Hawkins County Tennessee, and at
 her death it is my will that said real estate be disposed
 of as hereinafter directed. I further more give and be-
 queath unto my wife during her life or widowhood, the
 possession and services of my two negro boys "Houston"
 and "Nelson" to enable her to claim on his farming business
 for the support of herself and children, but should my wife
 Jane E. survive, then it is my will and desire that the Guardians
 of my Children to be hereinafter appointed shall take pos-
 session and control of said negro boys "Houston" & "Nelson"
 and hire them out as hereinafter directed for the benefit of
 my Children.

3rd I have now at the date of the preparation of this my
 will two Children, a son named William E. and a daughter
 named Eliza D. and my wife is now expectant and looking
 forward to the birth of a third child, which, if in the pro-
 vidence of God it shall be born alive (whether before or after
 my death) I will desire and direct shall in all re-
 spects be equal with my two Children herein before named

And in all expressions throughout this my last Will & Testament, where the word "Children" is used, it is intended to embrace, as well such third Child (Should one be born & live) as my two Children now living.

4th As one of the negro women herein before willed to my wife, is a white, thin afflicted with rheumatism and it is uncertain whether she will recover or not, so as to be serviceable to my wife, and as it is my purpose so to provide for my wife as to render it right and proper for me to charge her said negro woman with the support and maintenance of my children free of charge. It is my will and desire and I hereby direct the Guardian of my Children to be herein after appointed, to set apart of the funds to be paid into his hands for the use of my children, the sum of Eight hundred dollars, which he shall loan at interest and the interest yearly arising therefrom he shall pay over to my wife as an additional provision for her, to enable her the better to support herself and children, which yearly payment said Guardian shall continue to make until said negro "Nancy" shall die or become incapacitated by disease from labor, in which event, to wit, the death or inability of said negro girl "Nancy", it is my will and desire, and I hereby direct, empower and require the Guardian of my Children, to be herein after appointed, to purchase a negro woman with the Eight hundred dollars so set apart of the funds of my Children, which negro girl so purchased hereafter shall by the Guardian be permitted to serve my wife free of hire during her natural life and at her death said negro woman so purchased as aforesaid together with all her increase, shall belong to my children and shall be disposed of by said Guardian as herein after directed. And it is by these things directed, that if the contingency arise on which said girl is to be purchased as before specified, then the yearly payment of the sum accruing as interest on Eight hundred dollars, shall cease, but should said contingency not happen, then said Guardian shall keep said sum funded until my children all come of age, at which period said Guardian may call in said sum and distribute the same among my children provided they secure to them "No other" the payment yearly of said sum of money, that is the interest on eight hundred dollars.

And should my children refuse to secure the payment of said sum, then the Guardian shall continue said funded interest as before directed and pay the interest to my wife as it is my purpose will and desire that my wife shall during her natural life have paid to her yearly the interest arising on eight hundred dollars, unless it becomes necessary to purchase another slave, as before directed, in which event she shall have the services of said slave free from hire during her natural life.

5th In consideration of the ample provision made for the comfort and support of my wife (having a due regard to new circumstances & conditions) it is my will and desire that she shall keep my children together, support cloth and maintain them free of charge and I hereby declare the support and maintenance of my children to be and constitute a charge and lien on the devised & bequeathed herein before made to my wife. By the word "clothes" as used in the above clause is intended to be recent comfortable every day clothing, and not of a bad clothing.

6th I give and devise unto my children, the fee simple estate with remainder interest, in the farm, store house and other real estate in and adjoining Moorshed that I have in the second clause of this will devised to my wife for life, hereby declaring it to be my will and desire that my children shall have said real estate as tenants in common, subject to be partitioned or sold at the death of my wife and after my eldest child shall become of age as in the opinion of the Guardian of my children aided by the direction of the Chancery Court upon an application to be made for that purpose, shall be deemed best. Should my wife die and my eldest child require a severance of possession of said real estate before my youngest child shall become of age.

7th I give and bequeath unto my children (subject to the rights of my wife as declared in the second clause of this will) my two negro boys "Houston" and "Nelson". And as it is now impossible for me to foresee the exigencies that may arise, which all my children shall be alive at the death or marriage of my wife or when my youngest child shall become of age, I wish therefore give to the Guardian of my children to be herein after appointed,

full power and discretion to act as his judgment may dictate, keeping in view the interest of my children. It is my desire, if it can be done, that all of my children shall own each of said lots, provided, they shall remain as honest and faithful as slaves, as they now are. But should said slave, or either of them become dishonest, get to drinking ardent spirits to excess, or otherwise become unruly and valuable as slaves, the Guardian is empowered and required to sell said slave, either at private or public sale, as in his judgment will best promote the interest of my children. If said slave turn faithful and in necessity arises compelling the sale of said slave, it is my will and desire that on the death or marriage of my wife, and the coming of age of my youngest child, that the Guardian of my children shall, if there be more of my children alive than there are slaves, put said slave up to be bid for by my children alone, and the highest bidder or bidders shall have the slave conveyed to them, her or him, and the aggregate amount then bid for the slave, or slaves shall be divided into as many equal parts as there are children alive, and the purchaser or purchasers shall give to the child or children that does not get a slave her, his or their equal portion of the value of said slave or slaves. 8th. I am the owner of ten shares of the Capital Stock of the E. Tennessee and Virginia Rail Road Company, several calls upon which I have paid. I give and bequeath to my children as tenants in common or joint owners, said ten shares in the Capital Stock of said Company. And I will and direct, that the Guardian of my children out of the funds moneys and given to them pay all the calls and debts as they may be made upon said Capital Stock.

9th. I am the owner of two half acre lots in the town of Greenville, one on each side, and both adjoining the lot conveyed to me by my sister Margaret Irwin wife of Daniel Irwin and on which David Irwin now lives. I give and devise said lots to the Guardian of my children hereinafter to be appointed, in trust for the following uses or purposes, that is to say, I have agreed with said Margaret Irwin my sister and her husband David Irwin

that if said David will pay to said Guardian ten dollars each year for eight years that then said lots shall be conveyed to said Margaret Irwin and her children in fee. I therefore direct and empower said Guardian (to be appointed) to convey said lots in pursuance of said agreement, provided said payments of ten dollars per year are regularly made. Said payments to be made on the first day of January, each and every year, and if not punctually paid to bear interest from and after the day of payment 10%. I am also the owner of a house and lot in the town of Greenville on the South East side of said town and adjoining the lands of John Dickson, being the house in which my sister Isabella Evans now lives, and in which my father formerly lived, which house and lot it is my will and desire that my sister Isabella Evans shall be permitted to occupy for three years should she desire to do so, free of rent, and at the end of said term of three years or whenever my sister shall surrender the possession thereof, should she desire to do so before the expiration of three years, it is my will and desire, that said house and lot shall by the Guardian of my children be sold at public sale to the highest bidder on a credit of one and two years, taking bond and security for the purchase money.

11th. I am at this time engaged in merchandizing in partnership with William McParland, at Spring Vale in Jefferson County, which partnership does not expire until about the day of June 1855. As said business is believed to be prosperous, and as I have the utmost confidence in my partner, it is my will and desire that said business shall if my partner is willing be continued until the expiration of the partnership for the benefit of my children, to whom I give and bequeath my entire interest in said partnership business.

12th. I hereby nominate and appoint Robert McParland Esq. the Guardian of my children, and vest in him all the rights and powers that may be necessary to carry out fully each and every devise and bequest herein before or herein after made, or to be made. He is hereby authorized to make such disposition of their slaves hereinafter

mitted to them as in his judgment he may deem necessary, and should said Robert M Barton Esq. from any cause find it necessary to renounce his Guardianship, he is hereby authorized to resign said Trust to the Chancery Court, who shall be empowered under the direction of said Court to discharge all the trusts and perform all the duties by this my last will requested to be performed and discharged by my friend Robert M Barton Esq. whom I have chosen as the Guardian of my children, and to the end that the provisions of the Eleventh clause of this will may be fully carried out, said Guardian is fully empowered to make settlements with my partner and to require of him exhibits of the business. We may at his discretion, by the consent of the partner draw out before the expiration of the business whatever of profits may be made.

13th. As I do not wish to involve my friend whom I have chosen as the Guardian of my children, it is my will and desire, that if any misfortune should befall said partnership business after my death that said Robert M Barton Esq. shall not be liable in any way on account thereof, nor shall he be required to give any security for or on account of said partnership business, or any of the other trusts by this will imposed upon him, nor shall he be accountable for any loss sustained by reason of any of said trusts, other than such as may arise from gross negligence or fraud on the part of said Guardian.

14th. I further more declare it to be my will and desire that said Robert M Barton Esq. as Guardian of my children shall the management and control of their education in connection with their mother. That he shall out of their funds provide for such additional clothing, (other than the clothing required by this will to be furnished by my wife) as in his judgment is suitable to their state and condition in Society.

15th. By the first clause of this will I direct my Executor to collect all debts &c. due me. I hereby declare and direct that all claims of whatever character due the firm of McFarland & Dickson, in the Eleventh clause of this will mentioned shall be excepted out of the operation of said

first clause, as it is my will and desire that said partnership business shall be exclusively under the management and control of the Guardian of my children.

16th. If in the opinion of the Guardian of my children it will be to their interest to continue said mercantile business, said Guardian is hereby fully authorized to carry on said business for such length of time as he may think best, under the same terms as are specified in the present article of partnership.

17th. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend James Cotton Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

18th. If under this will it become necessary for the Guardian of my children to purchase a negro woman, then at the death of my wife, it is my will and desire that said negro and his increase shall be disposed of for the benefit of my children or divided among them, as I have in the Seventh clause of this will directed the Slaves "Houstou" and "Wilson" to be disposed of or divided. Note the words "bequeath" on the first page, "and" on the second page, "to" and "shall be deemed best" on the fourth page were interlined, and the words "the paying the losses thereon" were erased before the signing of this my will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 14th day of November 1852.

Wm. B. Dickson Test.
Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses who were called upon and requested by said William B. Dickson the Testator to witness the attestation of this his last Will and Testament which is written on the nine foregoing pages, witnesses this 14th day of November 1852.

John B. Leigan,
Debra G. Moore.

Will of Daniel Dicks
Dated April 1, 1853. Proven Sept. 10th 1853 before me

Notary of Hancock County, A written Will and Testament of Daniel Dicks to make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby reciting & making and 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 my
money that I may die possessed of or may first come
into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to Margaret Delf my wife
all my personal property & debts due and demands that
is owing to me in anywise, Also the tract or parcel of land
where I now live, containing by estimation one hundred
acres, to the same more or less, adjoining the lands of
John Minnis & Christian Pearson and others in the County of
Harrison adjacent, to have and to hold the same during her
natural lifetime, or so long as she remains a widow.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath that after her death or mar-
riage I give unto all the heirs and assigns each, except
Andrew J. Delf my youngest son. Fourthly, I give and
bequeath to Andrew J. Delf my youngest son, the above named
tract or parcel of land, after Margaret Delfs death, his mother
or at any time she marries, and conditions that he mar-
ries and takes care of and helps provide for his mother dur-
ing her lifetime or during her widowhood, if he does not
take care of her he shall have the liberty to sell the above
named tract of land, or dispose of it to such use and con-
venience at any time that he feels or refuses to help pro-
vide for his mother, except hindered by Providence.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Stephen Delf
my Executor. In witness whereof I do to my self set
my hand and seal this 1st day of April in the
year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty
three, after signed before signed.

David J. Delf

Signed & sealed in our presence and have subscribed our
names hereunto in the presence of the testator this 1st day
of April 1853.

Witness

C. A. Mann & William Anderson
John Robinson & Pleasant Cogley
B. Edison

Will of Marika Dodson

Dated Aug 4. 1853.

Proven Apr 1855

In the name of God, Amen.

I Marika Dodson commonly called
Patsy Dodson, of the County of Hamilton and State of Penn-
sylvania being weak in body but of sound mind and mem-
ory, calling to mind the mortality of this life and
knowing it is appointed unto all persons once to die,
having a desire to dispose of such worldly estate which
with it hath pleased God to bless me, to hereby make
and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner
and form following, to wit: I give and bequeath to my
dearly beloved children, Penelope Maria wife of David
Mays, Eliza Dodson, Thomas J. Dodson, William C. Dodson
James H. Dodson, Sanford Dodson and George Dodson
jointly the following named negro slaves, to wit, one
negro woman slave named Neco, also one negro boy slave
named Jack, also one negro girl slave named Eira,
Okenise and other negro boy slave named Dick which
several negro slaves were willed to me by the last will
and Testament of my deceased Father Thomas Johnson
and are all children of the said Neco.

Item 2nd. It is my will, wish and desire that all my above
named children have jointly an equal interest and share
in the above named negro slaves and that such arrange-
ments be made by my Executor hereafter named as shall
inure, each and every one of my said children their
just part and share therein so that they each have share
and share alike.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint ^{my} John
of this my last will and Testament and do
herein and hereby declare and publish the same as my
said last Will and Testament aforesaid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this fourth day of August A D 1853

Marika ^{sen} Dodson ^{deced}

Read and acknowledged in the
presence of us
Dash. Wm. Lee
Dash. Thos. Johnson

Will of John Dykes
 Dated Dec 17th 1855. Proven Jan 1st Term 1856

I John Dykes do make and publish this as my last will and Testament, being of sound mind and perfect understanding, 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 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 well beloved son Joseph his one dollar. Thirdly, I give to my son William one dollar. Fourthly, I give to my son Henry his share of one dollar. Fifthly, I give to my son James one dollar. Sixthly, I give to my son John one dollar. Seventhly, I give to my son Thomas one dollar. Eighthly, I give to my daughter Mary who is unmarried with James Melling one dollar. Ninthly, I give to my daughter Susannah who is unmarried with James Simpson one dollar. Tenthly, I give to my son Esau Dyke the sum of one dollar. 11th I give to my grand daughter Mary and daughter of Esau Annals Simpson one cow and calf and one bed and furniture, which I have as above mentioned I will and desire that my executor pay over out of any money that may come to his hands. And further my will and desire is that my well beloved wife Susannah have all the remainder of my personal property money &c that I was die possessed of, also the tract of land whereon my son John Dykes now lives it being a part of one hundred acres about a fourth of G McLean and joining the piece I sold to James Simpson. William Dykes others supposed to contain about fifty acres. To the said more or less including the house buildings and all improvements pertaining thereto. And lastly I nominate and appoint my son Esau Dykes my executor to transact all business pertaining to this will. This 17th day of December 1855.

Signed and acknowledged in
 our presence

Branch Tucker
 George W. Lang

John Dykes Seal

Will of Asa Davis
 Dated Dec 13 1857. Proven Jan 1st Term 1858

In the name of God, Amen,

I Asa Davis of the County of Hancock and State of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed to God, Calling to mind the uncertainty of this life. On this 13th day of December in the year of our Lord 1857. make this my last will and Testament in manner following. viz: I hereby lend to my wife Polly all my property both real and personal during the time that she lives single or during her natural life, and at her death or marriage I do hereby give and bequeath all my property both real and personal to my sons and daughters share and share alike to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby appoint Silas Davis executor of this my last will and Testament. The witnesses above of this said Asa Davis have to this my last will and Testament set my hand & seal the day and year above written. Signed and acknowledged in the presence of
 Asa Davis

Will of Rebecca Dodson
 Dated Mar 2 1861. Proven April Term 1861

I Rebecca Dodson do this day make this my last will and Testament, being of sound mind and perfect understanding. On this day with and bequeath my property as follows. viz: I give unto my youngest son William Dodson my horse, second saddle of books and one year provision of what I have. I secondly give unto my youngest daughter Minnie Dodson first choice of beds and my Bivern and one year provision, and all of my table ware & cooking vessels.

I thirdly give unto my grand son John Hamilton the bed that I once gave unto his mother Anna Hamilton Dec. which bed was left with me and son in my care and my promise. And the rest of all my personal property to be sold at once by to the highest bidder and the residue with all personal claims to be used in paying my just debts and that the remainder of the residue be equally divided between my children viz:

Delany Stauber, Arthur Dodson, Elizabeth Yates, William
 Dodson, William Dodson, John Hamilton and that
 Arthur Dodson take John Hamilton to raise, if it seems to
 my Executor that William Dodson cannot manage him
 to our advantage. I give to Mrs M. Arnold possession
 of the land settled to me now lifetime and then to my child
 born by my husband John Dodson which has been sold
 to said Mrs M. Arnold by them. I further appoint Mrs M.
 Arnold as my Administrator of this my last Will and Testa-
 ment. This the 2^d day of March 1861
 Executed and signed in her presence, March 2^d 1861
 Mrs M. Arnold
 Attest, Stauber.

Rebecca Dodson, Esq.
 maid

Will of Edward Erwin

Dated, Jan'y 31, 1794

In the name of God, Amen

I Edward Erwin of the County of Hawkins in the
 Territory South of the River Ohio, being of perfect mind and
 memory do make Ordinance, publish and declare my last
 will and Testament, in manner and form following, Viz:

I allow my body to be buried in decent manner, also
 my worldly goods that divine Providence has in this life
 blessed me with. I dispose of in manner following

I allow all my just debts to be paid

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife after my decease
 all right and title to the plantation I now live on during
 her natural life, Also one negro woman named Mariah,
 and negro boy named Sam Also all the stock of horses
 cows &c. together with all the implements belonging to the
 farming business

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Francis Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my son John Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my son William Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my son Edward Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my son Andrew Erwin, one dollar

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Erwin, one dollar
 I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Erwin after the
 death of myself and my wife one half of all my moveable estate
 except such parts as shall hereafter be specified.

I give, devise and bequeath unto my daughter Man-
 gorch, my plantation on which I now live, containing two
 hundred acres or more, when and where forever, subject
 however to the reservation aforesaid in favor of my wife,
 Also one negro girl named Sarah with all her issue
 at my decease, Also the one half of my moveable estate,
 with the decease of myself and wife.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend
 Samuel M. Phelps and Joseph William Executors of this
 my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke,
 make null and void all and every other last will and
 Testament heretofore by me made, Ordaining, publishing,
 making and declaring this and no other to be my last
 will and Testament, In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal the thirty first day
 of January, A.D. 1794.

Edward Erwin
 Signed, Sealed, published, declared and acknowledged
 by the said Edward Erwin to be his last will and Tes-
 tament, in the presence of us who were present at the same
 time.

Joshua Shippo
 Ar. G. M. Cra
 Joseph Williams

Will of Joseph Epperson

Dated, Sept. 26, 1844

In the name of God, Amen

I Joseph Epperson of the County of Hawkins
 and State of Tennessee, planter, being in and of perfect
 health of body both in and of perfect mind and reason
 Thanks be given unto God, Calling to mind the mortality
 of my body and knowing that it is appointed, and

for all men to die, do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say, principally and first of all I give and commend my soul to the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I give it to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall raise the same again by the mighty power of God, As touching such as my worldly estate in what it has pleased God to bless me in in this life, I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form:

First I give and bequeath unto my dear, beloved wife Jane Epperson and my children all my Stock of horses, Cattle, hogs & swine, house furniture and movable effects together with my plantation on which I now live, containing one hundred acres to be by her freely possessed during the time of her widowhood, at the expiration of her time or at her death I will that the same property, with the land should be sold and equally be divided between the eight children, Patsy, Allen, Nancy, Epperson, John Epperson, Polly Epperson, Peggy Epperson, Maria Epperson, Helen Epperson, Nancy Epperson. Then I will said land to John & that Epperson my two sons as their right and property. I also constitute and Ordain my dear, beloved wife Jane Epperson and Jesse Epperson the sole Executors of this last will and Testament, And I do hereby utterly revoke and disannul all and every other former will, testament, bequest, Executors, by me before made, made to be qualified, ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my will & Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26th 3rd 1814.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced and declared by the said Joseph Epperson as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto set our names in the presence of each other

Wm.
Henry Cramp
James Anderson
Joseph Dyer

Joseph Epperson Seal

Will of William Epperson

[See Original]

[1829]

Dated Dec. 1829

In the name of God, Amen

I William Epperson of the County of Newton State of Tennessee, being weak of body, but sound of mind & memory, do make constitute and Ordain this my last will & Testament in the manner and form hereafter described, that is to say, my will and wish is that after my decease my Executors pay all my just debts, and further my wish is that he pay to my daughter Malley now Malley Boyd the sum of fifty cents & also pay to my daughter Phanny now Phanny Board fifty cents, also pay my son Wm. Epperson fifty cents, & also pay my daughter Eliza now Eliza Bradeham fifty cents and also pay to my daughter Narcissa now Narcissa McLean fifty cents & also pay to my son Joseph Epperson fifty cents, also pay to my daughter Susannah now Susannah Dickson fifty cents, & for the many good services my daughter Nancy have rendered us my will and wish is that she have her cow, her wheel, her bed & furniture. The remainder of my property of every description I do give & bequeath unto my loving wife Nancy Epperson during her life, and my wish and will is that after her decease all such property as may be on hand after her just debts is paid, my wish is that it be given to my dear son Harrison Epperson together with the like sum of fifty cents, and I do further constitute make and appoint my son Harrison Epperson my lawful Executor of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this day of December 1829

In presence of

John Gibbons

Robt. Williams

Stephen Epperson

William Epperson

Will of Christy Everhart

Dated May 28 1842

Provised April 1842

In the name of God, Amen

I Christy Everhart have this day published this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows, to wit, my

Wish, my will and desire is, as soon after my decease as practicable I desire that all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind, all my farming tools that belong to the farm of every kind, all of my stock of each and every kind except that which I will hereafter mention to be sold and out of the proceeds thereof I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Lizzy Everhart my Crib and furniture that belong to the Crib and, I give to her one cow and my flax wheel.

Secondly, I give to my three sons all my tract of land lying between the Everharts, William Everhart and Samuel Everhart to be equally divided between them. I also give to my son William Everhart one morgan and the gearings that belong to it and no more.

Third I give to my son Jacob Everhart one dollar of my estate and no more. Fourth I give to my son James Everhart one dollar of my estate and no more. Fifth, I desire that after all my property is sold and all my just debts are collected and all taxes paid, that the balance of the proceeds should then be given or paid to be equally divided between my three daughters, viz. my daughter Elizabeth Spear and her heirs, my daughter Sarah Lewis and my daughter Polly Everhart and my grand daughter Anna Smith.

Sixth, my will is that my wife Lizzy Everhart have free privilege to live in my house where she now lives during her life if she chooses. And that to be well supported by my three sons in a comfortable way to be equally divided by my three sons that I gave my land to viz. John William & Samuel Everhart. And after the decease of my wife the proceeds that I wish to be equally divided between her said daughters that now live at the time of my wife's decease.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, on the 28th day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Witness my hand and seal

Signed, sealed and published in our presence.

The day and date above written.

Witness

James Amos

Will of John Ellis

Dated June 6. 1840

Know all men by these presents that I John Ellis of Newton County, Tennessee being of sound mind & memory, after taking into consideration the uncertainty of human life & being desirous to settle my worldly affairs do ordain & establish this my last will & Testament.

First, I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Joanna Ellis the following described lot of land, lying on a part of the tract on which I now reside, beginning at the old beginning corner on Kings old line to white oak and some gum, then running with Kings old line to the Stage road, then along the Stage road to within fifty two poles of the middle of the passage between the two pens of the houses in which I reside to a stake in the middle of the Stage road then square off at right angles to the road thirty poles to a stake, then fifty two poles parallel with the Stage road to a stake in the middle of the passage of the middle of the passage of my dwelling house, so as to include the row of my pasture South of said line, then Southwardly to include the kitchen, passing through the passage of the house to a stake in the middle of the Stage road, then along the Stage road to the Race or Branch, then along the race to the lower end of the meadow then to include four acres off the lower end of the meadow, then a straight line to the beginning, including a right of way & water to the Spring I use, including a right to cut the timber for fire wood & repairs of any off any of the lands I now own to have and to hold during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among the heirs of her body & any she have then living & in default of heirs of her own body then to descend to my own lawful heirs male and male alike. I also give to her one horse bridle to be worth one hundred and dollar, also two cows & calves, three beds & furniture that her mother gave & which she has since used & also what she now wears hereafter also the Outboard & down half the furniture in them, also her Chaise my own, also two pots & two corns, and chest. I also bequeath to Joanna my negro boy George and my negro girl Francis.

In the second place, I will & bequeath to my daughter Peter one horse bridle & saddle to be worth one hundred and

Twenty dollars, two beds & furniture which her mother gave her & what she has since made or may hereafter make for herself. Also one cow & calf & one sheep also my mulatto girl Harriet, a slave for life. Also two poles & two cows & one sheep of my Capt. and furniture. Also her chest, also a Bureau and one book case. Also while she remains single she is to have the use of the west end of my dwelling house & small room adjoining & the stable between the house & Spring. In the third place, I give and bequeath to my sons William and John as trustees, in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Nancy Fisher and tract of land where John Richardson now lives amounting to two hundred acres or thereabouts, on the west end of the tract including the land in possession of Richardson, and one thousand dollars in money. The trustees aforesaid are to loan out said money at interest on the best security or vest it in some safe stock yielding an annual or semi annual interest, to collect and pay over annually the interest to her separate use & benefit during her natural life unless her husband James Fisher should die or be divorced from her before her death, in that event, then the principal may be paid over to her if said Trustees should deem it advisable, but if she should die before Fisher's death, then said thousand dollars & interest shall pass to the heirs of her body, if any she leaves or if she leaves none then it is to be equally divided among my own right heirs. The tract of land on which Richardson lives is to vest in my said sons William & John Ellis, their heirs & assigns forever, in trust for the separate use & benefit of my said daughter during her natural life & at her death to the use of the heirs of her body, if any. She have & in default of heirs of her body, then of my own right heirs. During the intermarriage of my daughter Nancy & James Fisher, the exclusive control of the land shall be vested in said Trustees and they shall have full authority either to put it into the possession of my said daughter herself, or to rent it out to some body else & pay over to her the annual rents as they may deem most for her advantage.

In the fourth place, I give & bequeath to my son John Ellis one cow & calf & one bed & furniture.

In the fifth place, It is my will and desire that all the

rest of my real estate not otherwise disposed of, be equally divided between my sons William, John & John Ellis & my daughter Jane Burris & Peter Ellis, share & share alike, to them & their heirs forever, and that Orville Bractley, William Nord and Philip S. Hale be Commissioners & divide the same among them.

In the sixth place, it is my will that all my negroes and other personal estate not otherwise disposed of, be sold and after the payment of all just claims against me & the legacy to Nancy Fisher's use, be equally divided to three my sons William, John & John Ellis & my daughter Jane Burris & Peter Ellis, share & share alike to each.

It is my wish that my son William Ellis and my friend Philip S. Hale be Executors of this my last will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 6th day of June 1840.

Witness my hand at the execution of the will.

Orville Bractley
Wm. S. Alexander

John Ellis (Seal)

Codicil to my will heretofore made to wit, with date of June 1840 & witnessed by Wm. S. Alexander & Orville Bractley. Said will is hereby confirmed in all particulars except as is altered by this Codicil. It is my will that the following alterations and additions be made to my will aforesaid. My daughter Jane & I shall have the girl Mary instead of the boy George. Instead of the land and bounds given her by said will as the north side of the Stage road, she shall now have the whole of my house & the yard & garden & three rows of the apple Orchard joining thereto & vested of four acres at the lower end of my meadow. She shall have four acres at the upper end of said meadow. I also will & bequeath her a piece of the land I bought of Wm. Ellis adjoining the land vested to her on the South of the Stage Road, beginning on the Stage Road at or near a white oak near the new barn thence Southwardly to include my turnip patch & thence on the same course to O. McKim's line & thence along said line to the line of the land heretofore vested to her. The land

now, willed is to be held in the same manner as that devised in my will of 1841. Joanna shall also have the other Divided my block in the east room & Betty the room in the west room.

I hereby reduce the legacy of one thousand dollars given by my former will for the use of Nancy Fisher to seven hundred and fifty dollars. I give to my son John Ellis in fee simple 45 acres of the land I bought of William Ellis to be laid off adjoining the land given to Joanna running from the stage road to McKinnon's line to be bounded by parallel lines. The balance of the land I bought of Wm Ellis lying between the back divided of John Ellis & the lands of Orrville Bradley. I will & bequeath to my son Gay Ellis in fee simple. Given under my hand & seal the 24th day of July 1843

Witness present
Orrville Bradley
Wm M. Alexander

John Ellis (Seal)

The following Codicil I make to my will of 1841 & the foregoing Codicil, confirming them in all respects except as altered by this Codicil. It is my will that the following alterations be made in the devise of the Orchardson place to my daughter Fisher viz. The line shall begin at the Orchard to include the Orchard and Corn field fence then a straight line with the Corn field fence to the saw fence, then with the saw fence a straight course to the back line, & this to be the line between & whosoever of my children may get the adjoining land, to be held in the same way & same uses as provided in my first will above named and her legacy of seven hundred and fifty dollars to be reduced to five hundred dollars to be held as vested as provided for in my will aforesaid. It is my will that my son John shall after the death of my daughter Joanna have the house I live in & the lot around it, on the north side of the road, devised to said Joanna on the north side of the road, provided Joanna should die without heir of her body. If Joanna leave children the said house & lot to remain to them.

It is my will that my daughter Fisher shall have the separate use & benefit of my black girl Sarah in the same way that I have given the land to her. The

said Sarah is now willed to my sons John & William as Trustees to do with said slave and her increase in the same way as already provided in my will they are to do with the land. Given under my hand & seal the 27th day of Feb 1844

Witness present
O. Bradley
Josephine A. Cranden

John Ellis (Seal)

Will of Thomas Ellison
Dated Mar 27, 1852

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

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or I will that my wife Elizabeth sell property off the farm to pay of the same.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Ellison all my land during her natural life time and all my property of every description so long as she may live. After her death I will and bequeath that my wife Elizabeth Ellison, two grand children, namely Thomas Ellison and Frances Ellison shall have all my land and possessions to be equally divided between them so as to divide the home that each one can have a room and all the property of every description except what is otherwise disposed of.

Thirdly. I will and bequeath that my son Edmund Ellison shall have ten dollars at the death of my wife Elizabeth Ellison shall have ten dollars at the death of my son Edmund Ellison. In witness whereof I do, to this my will set my hand and seal the 27th day of March 1852.

Thomas Ellison (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator the 27th day of March 1852

Witness
Oral Mours
Robt Cooper
John H. Arnold

Will of Polly Everhart

Dated May 18, 1852

Proven July 2nd 1852

I, Polly Everhart, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that my debts be paid and my other expenses out of my money that may be coming to me. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my sister Sally Stewart my bed and bed clothing, also my glass, wheel and reel, all my clothing, also my clock. And lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Daniel Stewart my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will, set my hand and seal this 18th day of May, 1852.

Polly Everhart (Died)

Sealed, dated and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Notary this 18th day of May, 1852.

Jas. Arnold

William ^{his} Everhart

Will of William Eidson, Sr.

Dated June 24, 1859

Proven March 1st 1859

I, William Eidson, Sr. do make and publish this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me at any time made.

1st I direct that my personal expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may be possessed of or may just come into the hands of my Executor.

2nd I will give and bequeath to my youngest son, Larkin M. Eidson, all my land, containing 375 acres, lying in Appleton County, New District No. 2, & adjoining the land of Swinfield Eidson, Isaac Bloomer & others, to have said land a few years after my prefer for which he must pay to Larkin Eidson my oldest son, one hundred and forty five dollars, and each of my children now living the like sum of one hundred and forty five dollars each here. William Eidson, Jr., Eidson, Emanuel Eidson, Elizabeth Doss, Martha Hunter, and likewise my will is that he pay to my Grand Children

to wit: Swinfield Eidson, John Eidson & William, Alpheus fifty dollars each. The above money to be paid to the above named heirs at the expiration of three years after my death and my wife Martha Eidson. My will is that Larkin M. Eidson has the sole control of all my lands after my death and that he take care of a proviso for his mother, my wife Martha Eidson during her natural life time.

3rd It is my will & desire that all my personal property be sold after my death except one choice cow, one sow & pigs and all the household and kitchen furniture which I will and bequeath to my wife Martha Eidson.

4th I will and bequeath to my son, Orion Eidson, one hundred dollars after my death out of the proceeds of my personal estate.

5th I will and desire that after my debts is all paid out of my property that the balance of the proceeds of my personal estate go to my son Larkin M. Eidson if any thing left.

Lastly, I nominate & appoint my son Larkin M. Eidson my Executor to this my last Will & Testament.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the twenty fourth day of January, eighteen hundred & fifty nine.

William Eidson, Sr.

C. A. Morris

John Starnes

Sealed, dated & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the Notary this January 24th 1859

Will of Andrew Dorcey

Dated July 15, 1810

In the name of God Amen

I Andrew Dorcey of the State of Tennessee and County of Hawkins, being for some time past in a declining state of health, but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of all men, that I am appointed to all come to die, do by these presents publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in writing in the following manner, Viz: After commencing my soul to God and my body to the dust from whence it came, to be buried in decent and Christian manner, hoping they will be again united in the General Resurrection and received into the favor of God, And again since such worldly goods as I have been desiring to be left to my son, I do dispose of in the following manner, that is to say, I desire all my just debts to be paid out of my movable property, at the discretion of my Executors whom I shall hereafter name.

Item: I do give and bequeath to my son Andrew Dorcey, Junior, a part of the tract of land I now live on, situate and bounded as follows: Beginning on the main road opposite a cross fence about half way between where I now live and where my son Andrew lives, then along said fence and to continue the course thereof to the back line of said tract, then with said line to a Chesnut corner of said tract, then along the line dividing my land from a tract where Benjamin Caldwell now lives to the old road, that is nearest to my son Andrew's fence, then with said road to the beginning including the House and plantation where my son Andrew now lives.

Item: Whereas I have given to my son John Dorcey another part of said tract and have made him a deed to the same which he has since sold to my son James and has received payment, and I being desirous to secure the said part to the said James Dorcey for the consideration above set forth, I do here give and bequeath to the said James Dorcey the said part which is bounded as follows: Beginning on the road at the place where Andrew Dorcey began opposite the before mentioned cross fence, running the course of the same so as to make a straight line across the valley from one line of the ground to the other

And all the land contained in some grant between said line and the line of the tract where Benjamin Caldwell now lives, and on the opposite side of the above mentioned road from where my son Andrew now lives, including the improvement made by John Dorcey, whereon Hugh Dorcey now lives.

Item: I do lend to my beloved wife Margaret Dorcey my negro boy named Bacchus during her natural life, and after her decease to be equally divided between my two sons Andrew and John.

Item: I do lend to my said wife the other part of my plantation from the before mentioned cross fence with the appurtenances during her natural life and after her decease the title thereof to be vested in my son James Dorcey.

Item: I do lend to my said wife all my goods and chattels not otherwise disposed of, during her natural life and after her decease to be equally divided between all my daughters.

Item: I do give to my son Hugh Dorcey one hundred dollars to be paid to him by my son James out of his part of the plantation.

And I appoint and request my beloved son James Dorcey, and my family friend Benjamin Caldwell to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament in writing, and do by these presents disannul and make void every other will or wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

In presence of us:

James M. Bellamy
Isaac Looney

Andrew Dorcey, Junr.

Will of Henry Jackson

Dated July 16, 1810

In the name of God Amen

I Henry Jackson of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, i.e. considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world, when it shall please God to call me

hence do therefore make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, That is to say, I give and bequeath unto my wife Rosanna Delckhor all my household goods of every kind, and all my stock of every kind, consisting of Cattle and Sheep and hogs, (as for horses I have not any) during her life, and then to be sold by my Executors and jointly divided amongst my daughter and my grand daughter Polly Lewis Delckhor daughter to Lewis Delckhor Decatur, Catharine wife to Anthony Baker, Charlotte wife to George Baker, Elizabeth wife to Nephel North, Mary wife to Philip J. Baker, Susan wife to Jacob Sausbaugh and my grand daughter Polly Lewis Delckhor. I allow my Executors to take an inventory of my stock at my death, I give and bequeath unto my sons Philip and George Delckhor the tract of land they now live on, to be equally divided between them to their use forever. I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Delckhor the tract of land they now live on and all my lands adjoining said tract, and further I suppose it to my son Jacob to furnish his family with every necessary the lands in need of during her life. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth wife of Nephel North the one half of the tract of land I own in Morgan County on the value thereof when sold. I give unto my sons Philip Martin George Jacob Delckhor each an equal part of one hundred acres of land I purchased lying near the mouth Shoals and if said land should not be obtained I leave my son Jacob to pay my son Martin one hundred dollars. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Jacob Delckhor and Nathan Galbraith, Citizens to be my Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal official my seal. This fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Ninety in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

Test
N. Armstrong
George Argersbaugh
Jacob Livingston

Henry Delckhor

Will of James Dingley

Dated, May 31 1844

In the name of God, Amen.

I James Dingley of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being now in body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament, recollecting, altho I am now in my last years Samuel and William Dingley I give and bequeath the plantation I now live on, to them and their heirs forever with all my lands adjoining said tract to be equally divided between them. They are to maintain my wife decently during her life.

To my daughter Nancy McCollough I give and bequeath my negro girl named Eliza, to her and her heirs forever. To my daughter Sally McCollough I give and bequeath my negro child named Ed. Should my negro woman ever have any children hereafter I give and bequeath the first born to my daughter Prudence Dingley. Should she not have any more children I give and bequeath her to my daughter Prudence at the decease of my wife. I give and bequeath my negro woman girl to my wife Prudence to dispose of as she thinks proper for and her heirs except such as is herebefore disposed of to my wife Prudence I give and bequeath the buildings which I now live with all the movable receipts to dispose of as she thinks proper. And lastly I appoint my wife Prudence and my son Samuel Dingley to be my Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this twenty third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Witness
U. S. Armstrong (Jurat)
Samuel Dingley

James Dingley

Will of Robert Frost

Dated Mar 21 1849

Test Aug 21 1849

This my last will and Testament, made in the year of our Lord 1849. I want the land on the South Side Clinch River equally divided between my three eldest sons, Thomas Frost, William Frost, & Simon Frost. And I want my daughter his wife Elizabeth Farmer to have the upper end of the Survey down to the Deep gulch which lies on the North side of said River.

The remaining part of the land and what other property is left
for Sarah Frost, since the Children in during her widowhood
as the Children grows up Sarah Frost the widow
of Robert Frost to divide the land and property to be among
equal with the other children as possible. Interlined for
assigned. This being my last will and Testament when
with I set my hand and seal. March 26th 1819

Witness
D. N. Loring
William Garrison

Will of Andrew Gorgey
Dated May 10, 1831
See original will

In the name of God Amen
Andrew Gorgey being weak in body but sound
in mind and memory do make this my last will and Testa-
ment in manner and form as follows, to wit:
I do will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Isabella
my house and third part of the plantation with all my
farming tools, wagon, excepted, which is to be given to my
son John at my decease & all my household & kitchen
furniture & my negro man Bachus to my wife during her
life. I do also bequeath unto her all my stock of horses
Cattle Hogs & Sheep so long as she may live, except one
horse to the value of fifty dollars & a saddle & bridle
to be worth seven teen dollars which is to be given to my
son John at my decease & at my death I do bequeath unto
my son John the two remaining thirds of my land & the
the share of my wife I do will unto said John my negro
man Bachus to gether with the down that is set apart for
my wife which includes all my landed possessions & all
the property, stock, household & kitchen furniture remain-
ing at the death of my wife is to be equally distributed
between my two daughters, Margaret Crawford and
Crawford. And I do hereby nominate & appoint Smith Hall
& my son John Gorgey Executors to carry this my last will
& Testament fully into effect. In witness whereof I
have set my hand and seal. This 13th day of August 1831
Attest
B Coldwell
Andrew Gorgey

Will of George Feltton
Dated Oct 13, 1830

I George Feltton of the County of Newlin and State of Delaware
being afflicted in body but yet sound in mind and feeling
sensibly the uncertainty of the mortal life & the certainty of
death do make this my last will and Testament.
First of all, my desire & will is that after my death my mortal
remains be decently interred & that my funeral expenses be de-
frayed, 2nd That my just debts be paid. Then my property
real and personal to be disposed of in the following manner,
I do bequeath unto my wife Susan Feltton all my lands
during her widowhood but should she marry again my
will is that she have her dower as allowed by law & then
my children to have their share in the land & divide them respectively
2nd I do give & bequeath unto my son John Feltton one good
horse three years old with spring. The remaining part of my personal
property I give and bequeath unto my wife Susan Feltton
(including my stock of horses Cattle & Hogs) & my
dear household & kitchen furniture & other property in com-
mon not herein named which I am possessed of to her
use for the purpose of raising & supporting my children
but at the expiration of her widowhood to said personal estate
to be sold & equally divided among my children I also
will that my wife Susan Feltton be my sole Executor

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal This 13th Oct 1830
In presence of
Children Feltton
Jacob Feltton
Mrs. Armstrong Jr
George Feltton

Will of James Gorgey
Dated May 10, 1831

In the name of the Father, son and Holy Ghost, three persons
but one God. I James Gorgey of the County of Newlin and
State of Delaware, calling to mind the certainty of death and
the uncertainty of the time when to make and confirm
this my last will and Testament, in the words following
viz. After commending my soul to God and my body
to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian manner

hoping they will again be united at the General Resurrection and enjoy a glorious immortality. I proceed to dispose of my worldly goods and chattels that God has blessed me with in the following manner, viz. I allow all my just debt to be paid out of my real estate property. Item. I leave the use of my plantation I live an and my household furniture of every description to my beloved wife Margaret during her natural life. And at her decease to be disposed of at her discretion. And at her decease I leave my said plantation to my son James.

Together with the appurtenances, stock of all kinds and farming utensils of all kind, except the lower end of the farm where I settled my daughter Polly and her husband Nicholas Hunter. Beginning on a hickory on or near Jacob Miller line which had a black cherry out of it, some time past, and which stands in a hollow opposite the middle of the field, we call the forty acre field. Then running straight across the forty acre field, so as to include half of said field. Thence in the same direction to Jacob Miller line on the top of the ridge. All the land on the west side of above described line, I and bequeath to my daughter Polly and her heirs.

Item. I give to my daughter Rachael a lot of land, joining to the one I gave to Polly. Beginning on Miller line on the South side of the forty acre field on the same hickory that Polly began on and running East with Miller line to an Oak and Sassafras, each of them has three drops of a Tomahawk and stand on the East side of a Web warden branch, and on the South side of a little field we call the web patch, and running from thence through your west patch and across the road to the cross fence on the East side of the old clover field, then with the course of said fence to the top of the ridge. All the land West of said line and East of Miller line I give and bequeath to my daughter Rachael. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Rachael all the land that I own on the East side of the Creek where I live, joining to Lijah Kitchel's. The Caldwell and David Langhmittler with the appurtenances. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Rachael a little yellow boy named Pam going on one year old. I also allow my daughter Rachael a good horse.

Item. I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Ellen to be enjoyed by her during her life time and then to her heirs in fee simple forever. All lot of land lying on the South side of Holston River, containing seventy three acres or thereabouts, being the land that I bought of John Caldwell some years ago for eight hundred dollars. Also one hundred acres I entered joining to it, and I gave William Armstrong's land on the lower side of the Creek, and likewise the fifty acres I bought of William Elgy on the lower side of the Creek, Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Matilda an other lot of land joining above the one before described, conveyed to me by Lijah Kitchel, containing sixty three or four acres. Also one lot conveyed to me by Joseph Wood, containing three or four acres. Likewise one lot of one acre, or more or less. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Matilda, one little yellow girl named Sarah about three years old. I also allow Matilda to have a good horse.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Patsy and her husband John Barlow one other lot of land, joining still above, which I bought of Solomon Hatter and joining to John Lyons land, containing sixty four or five acres with an equal share of what of land I own on the upper or East side of Foxes Creek.

Item. I give and bequeath to my two grand daughters Eliza and Malvina Rogers, one hundred and sixty acres of land I bought of Abraham M. Brown, lying in Illinois, worth hundred and sixty acres of land. I bought of Phana, Gray, lying in Missouri or Arkansas, and each of them to have an equal interest in both.

Item. I request my son James to give to my grand son John Rogers, a tolerable good horse, saddle and bridle, say worth fifty or seventy dollars.

Item. All the up land that has not been named in the above items that I own on the South side of Holston River I wish to be divided between Matilda and Patsy.

Item. I leave my yellow boy Joseph and his wife Peggy to my beloved wife during her life, and at her decease for them and their issue to be equally divided amongst my daughters, and it is my request James would keep them at a moderate price and for them not separated themselves, but their children may be divided between the girls.

Now 11. All the land that I own on this side of Holston River that has not been disposed of in any of the above items I leave to my son James at the decease of my beloved wife And I do hereby appoint my said beloved wife Margaret and my said son James Reynolds Executors and Co-executors of this my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty one 1831. The words "Simulation" and the words "I leave my said Simulation" on the first page were interlined before signing.

James Forsythe
Signed sealed published and declared by the said James Forsythe to be his last will & Testament in the presence of
S. Powell
William T. Swan
Thomas Coldwells

Codicil to the last will and Testament of James Forsythe Whereas James Forsythe of the County of Hancock and State of Tennessee did heretofore make and execute my last will and Testament bearing date the 13th day of May 1831 and still remaining of sound disposing mind for which I do thank Almighty God for his kind favor bestowed on me and wishing to alter and amend said will in the following particulars:

1st It is my will that instead of my debts being paid out of my movable property that they be paid by my son James Reynolds Forsythe except as hereinafter excepted) and I do hereby bequeath to him of more value than any other beq.
2nd It is my will that the lots devised by my said will to my daughter Polly her son my daughter Rachael and my son James remain in further north nor out of the land I purchased of James Hagan except as hereafter described that is all the land that I gave being North and West of said tract purchased of said Hagan to be equally divided between the three according to quantity and quality.

3rd It is my will that the land I purchased of John Coldwell Solomon Mathews Elijah Kinkadee, lying on the South side of Holston River and not included in what is known as Long ground or river lots that is all the land that I own back of the river lots to be divided equally between my three

daughters Ellen Rogers Matilda Miller and Betsey Harlan agreeable to quantity and quality to be so laid off that their back lands will join their river lots.

4th It is my will that at the decease of my beloved wife my boy George have the choice of a master amongst my children for himself and wife said negroes to be valued at a moderate price to whomsoever of my children he may choose to live with, and then value to be equally divided between my daughter Ellen Matilda Betsey and Rachael and the children of my daughter Polly (now deceased). Polly's children together to have an equal share with my said daughter, but if I should hereafter contract debts the proceeds of said negroes is to be applied to the payment of said debts and the balance if any only to be divided amongst my said children and grand children.

5th It is my will that my two small negroes Hays Robert be disposed of as follows that is to say I bequeath Hays to my son-in-law John Harlan & Cornelius C. Miller in trust for my daughter Ellen during her natural life, my said daughter to have the use and control over her during her natural life and at her death said negroes to go to her heirs, I will and bequeath the said boy Robert to my daughter Betsey.

6th In addition to what I have already bequeathed to my son James I bequeath to him at the decease of my beloved wife all the personal property that may be then on hand or not disposed of by my will (and therefore referred to) & this codicil: In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of August, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

James Forsythe
Signed sealed published & declared by the said James Forsythe to be a Codicil to his last will & Testament
S. Powell
Geo. R. Powell
Thomas Coldwells

Will of Rachael Forsythe

Dated Mar 27, 1837

State of Tennessee, Hawkins County
Whereas human life is at all times uncertain and whereas I Rachael Forsythe am weak in body but of sound

disposing my own, and whereas it is my wish to dispose of my property myself and arrange my own affairs. Therefore I do declare and publish this my last will & Testament, revoking and annulling all others. In the first place it is my will that all just claims against me for my funeral expenses and of all other description shall be first paid. In the second place, it is my will that after such payment of debts & charges all the rest of my property both real & personal shall go to my daughter Margaret George forever, in full & simple to be at her absolute disposal, to hold, sell or otherwise except that I do hereby bequeath of my sister, Rogers, Harlan & Miller each one feather bed and furniture & it is also my request that my mother shall divide what household articles I may leave at my death among my said sister & I do hereby constitute & appoint my brother James R. George Executor of this my last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I the said Rachael George have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 29th day of March 1837.
Signed, sealed and acknowledged before us

Orville Bradburn
Thomas Caldwell

Will of Daniel Flora

Dated, June 19, 1838

State of Tennessee,
Hawkins County, Know all men by these presents that I Daniel Flora of the County of Hawkins and State aforesaid, do make, ordain and give ordain this to be my last will and Testament. First, and foremost, I want my body to be buried in good Christian burial, next I want all my just debts and demands satisfied, I bequeath unto my wife Charlotte Flora one year's substance, I bequeath unto my son Joseph one fourth part of my land including the buildings where I now live by him maintaining my wife Charlotte during life. The rest to be divided among my three sons viz Jacob, Daniel and Abraham, by giving Daniel thirty dollars, Jacob Joseph and Abraham to pay the thirty dollars out of the value of their part of the land, I bequeath unto my two daughters each one hundred dollars

a peace (viz) Nancy, Charlotte, Polly, Lucinda & Estline.

I leave my son Joseph Executor of my will and also Guardian of the person heirs by his getting bond and approved security.

Daniel Flora
made

Signed and delivered and acknowledged in the presence of us in the year of our Lord the nineteenth of June one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight

Thomas Caldwell
Jacob Beale

Will of Daniel Flora

Dated, Oct 28, 1840

Be it remembered that I Daniel Flora of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, do make this my last will and Testament. First, my will and desire is that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid and satisfied out of my estate. Secondly, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy all my estate of every description whatever, consisting principally of Horse lands, Cattle hog, some farming utensils and household furniture, and do hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Nancy Executor of this my last will and Testament and my will and desire is that my said Executor be not required to give and security for the due execution of this my said last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Daniel Flora
made

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us,

D. Daniel
Jas M. Armstrong

Will of Thomas A. Fletcher

Dated Apr 30, 1841

In the name of God, Amen
I Thomas A. Fletcher of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee being of perfect sound mind & memory

Sub 2^d the same time transcribe the contents of death and the uncertainty of life, & being far advanced in years, locate and publish this as my last will & Testament, First, 1st To my son John P. Fletcher I give and bequeath one certain pair of cloths, now worn by me, consisting of coat jacket & pantaloon.

2nd To my son William I give a receipt in full for all he owes me, 3rd To my son Thomas a clear discharge of all debts due me, And the same to my son James.

4th To my daughter, viz. Herring, Polly, & Daniel Pappy Fletcher & Pinner, I also give receipts in full for all claims I hold on them and their husbands.

5th And in consideration of the kind treatment and attention I have & am now receiving from, son in law Anthony Smith & his wife Elizabeth, my daughter at whose house I am now living under their care and attention I give and bequeath all the remainder of my Estate, both real and personal, for the reason that I have given my other children their full share of my Estate, and they have no cause to complain. As in and to my dear beloved daughter Elizabeth and her husband Anthony Smith, have been supporting and taking care of me, and I still intend to do so, therefore I do more cheerfully make them my sole heirs and devisees of what ever Estate I may possess at my death.

6th I desire that I may be decently interred at the place where I am now living. At Anthony Smith in Madison County.

7th I hereby nominate, and ordain said Anthony Smith to be my sole Executor and request that the Court shall not require any bond and security of him as Executor of my Estate.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord 1841

Test. J. A. Fletcher 33

Notary John, Deane, Mabley Johnson,

Samuel C. Ford, William D. Johnson,

Sole heirs in choice of whatever Estate I may leave at my death.

Will of Margaret Torrey

Dated Dec 20th 1843

Proved 6th April 1845

In the name of God, Amen, I Margaret Torrey of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being sensible, not according

to the law of nature, that I must shortly leave this world, and hoping and hoping to receive the reward of the righteous made perfect in the world to come; And being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in the words and figures following, to wit:

First I give and bequeath unto my son James A. Torrey ten acres of land and one negro boy named Sam, being the same tract of land and negro which were bequeathed to me by my beloved daughter Rachael; but my son James is to pay all the just debts against the estate of my daughter Rachael, and all my debts and funeral expenses, out of the bequest. And he is further to pay out of the bequest above written, Four hundred dollars, to Eliza M. Cooke and Malvina M. Coover, they being my grand daughters, which said sum of Four hundred dollars is to be divided equally between my said Grand daughters, and the same to be paid to them in a short time after my death, and after which payment above directed, An absolute title in fee simple to the lands and negro aforesaid is to remain my son and Torrey and his heirs forever.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my Grand daughters Eliza M. Cooke and Malvina M. Coover, all the right title claim and interest I have in and to the Slave for and Pappy and the issue of Pappy, which was bequeathed to me by my beloved daughter Rachael aforesaid, to be divided equally between my grand daughters aforesaid, to have and to hold to them and their children forever.

And finally, having full confidence in the fidelity of my son James A. Torrey, I do hereby nominate, appoint and constitute him Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills and Codicils, which I may have made and published.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 20th day of December 1843

in presence of
R. B. Reynolds
James Caldwell
David Laughmiller
Margaret Torrey (Test)

Will of John Fletcher

Dated Octo 3rd 1844

Proven Mar 3, 1846

Catoctin, the 3rd 1844

Decently buried & all the just debts to be satisfied, his wife Catherine in his will that what property & lands it is to be given up to her, as her own right and property to dispose of as her wish and the heirs is to have one dollar each. And at her death is to equally divided among the heirs. As his request also that an unpaid note from Am. Straug and Patterson that he swore off before Pleasant Begley an Acting Justice of the Peace which is not to be paid, and by these presents he has set his hand and first his seal in the presence of

Robert Dush, Russell S. Belcher.

William A. Nix, Henry Fletcher

Polly Smith

John Fletcher Test

Will of James L. Patterson

Dated, Jan'y 3rd 1849

Proven Apr 1849

I James L. Patterson do make and publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First, I give & bequeath to my wife Alice L. Patterson all my personal property, Household & Kitchen furniture, Beds & Bedding, all the Cash & all the debts due to me, and all of which I direct her to pay, all the debts owed by me. Secondly, I give & bequeath to my wife Alice L. the lot of ground bought by me from Mr. R. Armstrong on the Street opposite Doctor M. Watkins. Thirdly, I direct that the plantation owned by me, lying in Grainger County Tennessee, formerly owned by my father Abram Patterson and where now resides, to be sold and that out of said sale, Fourteen hundred dollars shall first be paid over to my wife Alice L. Patterson, which I will & bequeath to her, and whatever over that amount the land may sell for to be placed in the hands of my brother Samuel L. Patterson & Francis W. Patterson, as Trustees, who will loan out on safe security the moneys received by them and at the close of each year, thereafter to pay all the interest accruing on said amount to my mother Margaret Patterson during her life time for her sole benefit & use and

at her death I give and bequeath the principal to my two sisters Harriet & Catherine Patterson, to be equally divided between them.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate & appoint my wife Alice L. Patterson Executor, & my brother Samuel L. Patterson Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal, the 3rd day of January 1849
Test.

James L. Patterson

A. Carmichael

Nathan Davis

Will of Nicholas Davis

Dated June 24 1847

I Nicholas Davis of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee do hereby make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me heretofore made.

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

Secondly, I will and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth my negro woman named Polly, also one half of my household and Kitchen furniture excepting my Secretary and book case, also a good rich horse, saddle and bridle.

Thirdly, It is my will and desire that the portraits of myself and wife Elizabeth painted by Samuel Shown, shall be the property of the said Elizabeth until her death, after which they shall belong to my son Richard L. Davis and his wife Eliza R. Davis lawfully.

It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named shall pay to my wife Elizabeth nine hundred dollars in Cash, provided she will receive the same in lieu of her dower.

Fourthly, I will and bequeath to my son Francis Davis my silver pocket watch.

Fifthly, It is my will and desire that my Executors pay to my son Richard L. Davis three hundred dollars in Cash, to indemnify him for putting up a more comfortable dwelling house, than was at first contemplated, on that part of my tract of land leased by me to him and also to indemnify for his part of a supposed loss

sustained by the firm of R. G. Davis & Co. on account of the debts sold and transferred by me to said firm.

Everlastingly I will and bequeath to my son John H. Davis my negro man Alexander, usually called Ellick, a blacksmith by trade, to be hired out by my Executor for the benefit of my said son John, and the hire to be paid to him semi-annually, and my said Executor are hereby authorized to sell said negro man Ellick, with the consent of my son John, if they shall consider it advisable to do so, and the proceeds of said sale shall remain in the hands of my Executor, and be subject to their control as a trust fund for the benefit of my son John, to be kept regularly loaned out at interest in safe hands, and the interest paid semi-annually to my said son John H. Davis. Eighthly, It is my will and desire that my Executor pay the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in cash to my son George G. Davis to indemnify him for his part of a supposed loss sustained by the firm of R. G. Davis & Co. on account of the debts sold and transferred by me to said firm, and I will and bequeath to my said son George all my law books.

Ninthly, It is my will and desire that all the residue of my property of every description, both real and personal, not here before specifically bequeathed or disposed of, shall be equally divided, share and share alike, between my wife Elizabeth, and my six children, to wit: Hiram Davis, Nancy McCarty, Richard G. Davis, John H. Davis, Eliza Ruth Powell, and George G. Davis. And in making this last mentioned distribution of my property among my wife and children, each one of my said children shall account for all advances heretofore made by me to them respectively, with and interest thereon, which advances were specifically set forth in my hand writing, in a red Morocco Memorandum Book, with my name printed in gilt letters on the outside thereof, and in the said distribution, my son Richard G. Davis and George G. Davis, who constituted the firm of R. G. Davis & Co. shall account for the balance that may be due at my death on a note which I hold on the firm of R. G. Davis & Co. Also the balance that may be due me at my death on a note sold by me to George R. Powell shall be accounted for in adjusting or settling the distribution share as above set forth to my daughter Eliza Ruth Powell, and also the balance that may be due at my death on a judgment in the Circuit Court of Hawkins County, in favor of R. G. Davis & Co. against James C. McCarty and transferred to me by R. G. Davis & Co.

shall in like manner be accounted for in adjusting or settling the distribution share as above set forth to my daughter Nancy McCarty, and it is also my will and desire that the interest on the two above last mentioned notes and also the interest on the above mentioned judgment shall cease at my death.

I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons Hiram Davis and Richard G. Davis Executors of the my last will and Testament.

And I do hereby fully authorize and empower my said Executors to sell or dispose of at public or private sale, either the whole or any part of the property, not herein before specifically bequeathed or disposed of, and to make all useful transfers or conveyances therefor, provided they shall in their discretion consider that such sale will be for the interest of the distributees, and will facilitate a fair distribution and speedy settlement of my Estate.

Tenly, It is my will and desire that in the general distribution of my property herein before set forth in the ninth item, whether distributive share shall fall to my daughter Nancy McCarty, or to my son John H. Davis, shall be deemed and held in the hands of my Executors as a trust fund for the benefit of said distributee during their natural lives, the interest or profits of which shall be paid to them respectively semi-annually, and at their death their respective distributive shares shall be equally divided among their legal heirs. And if any son John H. Davis should die without legal heirs, it is my will and desire that in that event his distributive share as herein before set forth shall be equally divided among his brothers and sisters or their heirs. And in case of the death or removal of my said Executors, or their refusal to take upon themselves the execution of the trust above set forth on the trust set forth in the seventh item hereof, then and in that case, it is my will and desire that the Chancellor of the Chancery Court of the District including the County of Hawkins, shall appoint a Trustee, who shall enter into Bond with security to be approved by the Chancellor for the faithful execution of said trust. The word "dollars" in the twentieth line and the word "three" in the twenty-fifth line, both on the first page, interlined before *Proprio*.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 24th day of June 1849.

H. Davis
Signed by Nicholas Davis the Testator in the presence

of us, who in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

E. D. Mitchell
Sam. Powell

Will of James R. Dorsey

Dated May 12, 1853

Proven Jan 20, 1854

May 12, 1853

Calling to mind the uncertainty of human life I make this my last will and Testament in the following manner. I appoint my wife, Executrix to have full power to manage my property without accounting and in the first place that she pay all my just debts. And I further give all my property, both cash and all claims to my beloved wife, to have hereafter mentioned in this my will.

I give the East end of my farm to live to her with the fence on through straight, between the large field joining C. O. Mellers and the flat field on the road to my son Gabriel at the death of my wife. I give my daughter each a horse saddle and bridle, or one hundred dollars in cash as my wife may choose, and also that each of my daughters have ten dollars to be divided by my wife. Given under my hand and seal the date above written.

Witness

John Young

David Laughlin

J. R. Dorsey

Will of John M. Davis

Dated Aug 26, 1853

Proven Sept 20, 1854

I John M. Davis do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all wills by me at any time heretofore made. First, I will and bequeath that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I will and bequeath to my brother George G. Davis, Two hundred dollars. Thirdly, I will and bequeath to my brother, Abram Davis, One hundred dollars. Fourth, I will and bequeath to my sister, Maria M. Davis, formerly Nancy Davis, Fifty dollars. Fifth, I will and

bequeath to my sister, Eliza R. Davis, formerly Eliza R. Davis, Fifty dollars. Sixth, and whatever may remain after satisfying the above bequests I will and bequeath that the same shall be equally divided between my brother Abram Davis, Richard G. Davis and George G. Davis. Lastly, I appoint George G. Davis my Executor. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 26th day of August, 1853.

John M. Davis

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator, this 26th day of August, 1853.

Sam. Powell

Abram Davis

Will of James Francisco

Proved Aug 7, 1865 [M. & S., p. 41]

Dated 27th Dec 1852

I James Francisco of Hawthorne County, State of Tennessee, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, wishing to dispose of my Estate both real and personal in the manner that seems right and just, do make this my last will and Testament, in writing, revoking all wills by me made before this date. First, my wish and desire that all my just debts be speedily paid, with my bearing expenses. Secondly, I give to my daughter, Kate C. Davis, formerly Kate C. Francisco, a tract of land including the house and other buildings on said land, Lot 10, which will show by the Plat map inclosed. The divisions lines between Kate C. O. my son Jackson M. Francisco, beginning on the side of Stage Road, on the Southwest corner, Elizabeth Vaughan's Cor. of 6 Acres. Then with the dividing line of the two lots Kate M. & Elizabeth Daugh. A 23 ft 18 poles to a stake in the middle of the great road corner of two lots. Then running with the middle of the passway to the head of the Spring. A 23 ft 18 poles to a stake in the middle of said passway. Then West 2 poles to stake. Then N 24 W 14 poles to a stake opposite on north side the Spring. Then N 35 W 10 poles passing through the field to a black oak or hickory on the ridge, about 2 poles west of the North west corner of the Hill field. Then West 1 pole to a white oak on the top of a ridge. Then N 31 W 26 poles to a

White Oak on a rocky point, Then N 37 E 18 poles to a large Spanish Oak on the side of a small ridge, Then N 2 1/2 W 30 poles to 2 White Oak on Barnes line which line passes through a pond on the top of the ridge, which line of the division to James White A Jackson. W. I give all my land on the north side of the Ridge Road on the East of said division line to P. A. Vaughan and her heirs, Containing one hundred and eighty acres, be the same more or less. I also give Mary A. my daughter all my household & kitchen furniture, with my wearing cloths, except my cooking stove, my bed and steady block, Crisp board & Bureau with all that is in my house and kitchen furniture and charge her seventy five dollars for the same. Also she is to have a horse or fifty dollars that as she never had advanced to her when married. She shall be charged advanced my property to the value of fifty dollars in the settlement of my Estate that she is when married. Thirdly, I give my son Jackson W. Francisco all my land West of the division line which more fully show by the plat herein enclosed, including the house where Jerry Cloud now lives on the South of the road, the house where in Nico lives and the old comfort houses, containing one hundred and twenty acres, be the same more or less. And charge him with money and property advanced to him say, five hundred dollars. Fourthly, I give to my son William B. Francisco his heirs, three slaves Dawson 45 years old a man, Lucin, a woman 33 years old & her daughter Mary 16 yr. And charge him for property & money advanced to him one hundred dollars. All of the above land & negroes shall be valued by the following men Robert Cooper, Nathan Wells, Eldridge Word, Joshua Phillips, Robert Netherlands & Phillip Cuff and if any of the named men should die or leave the country any two of them shall be sufficient and their valuation shall be final. The lands to be valued & negroes at Cash valuation the lands & improvement, each lot shall be valued and a deduction made on each lot of four hundred dollars on account of the land of their mother is attached to said lots as they have divided their mother's land to take effect at my death which I have included in said will. I got two negroes by Jacob & Odaline's mother worth say four hundred dollars each after paying them each four dollars, my wish is for my Executors to divide my

Estate equally among my three Children agreeable to the valuation of the property & negroes, Debt & what money if I have any on hand. The balance of my property & land shall be sold by my Executors & the money divided equally among my three Children, share and share alike. I hereby empower my Executors hereafter named to sell three shares I have in a tract of land in Virginia in Scott County to four hundred acre tract, be the same more or less, which is a fourth of a tract including the Calabride Spring, which is undivided. If I do not sell the same before I die and make a special transfer deed of conveyance to the same either at private or public sale, the same to be equally divided as heretofore. My will is that if a crop commenced that my grain and stock should be permitted to remain until the crop is all gathered, that my son Jackson shall see that nothing shall be destroyed, no more than can be helped. The family shall remain as if I was living until said crop shall be gathered and may be divided equally among my children without a sale of the same, and any property that I have not specially valued may be divided by my children if they so wish and can agree to the same without a sale. My daughter P. A. Vaughan and her children she being an unfortunate person I hereby agree that her and her children shall not be charged anything by my Executors or by Jackson or W. B. Francisco for my raising, educating & keeping them or what money I have laid out for their benefit as she agrees for us to be so and no charge to be made by either of us. As my son W. B. has received his estate that came by the Barnes family I think right and just that P. A. Jackson shall have in value what their mother had at the time of her marriage.

I hereby appoint Robert Cooper & my son Jackson my Executors of this my last will and Testament and my wish is that after defraying necessary expenses paid pay for their services that they may divide my estate equally among my three children agreeable to my direction herein set forth that they keep a valuation of the land & negroes & return the same to Court so that there may be a record of the same, a account of value of any other property take a receipt from each child what they have received

