

my daughter Prisketa should die before my son Leoidas,
then said principal to go to my son Leoidas.

Witness my hand and seal this 29th day
of August 1855.

Witness
Emma Powell
J. M. Vance

Parshaba Kyle Test

Will of James King
Dated Oct 12 1855
Proven Nov Term 55

I James King of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being
frail in body but of sound mind, memory and understanding,
do make, ordain and establish this my last Will and Testament,
revoking all former wills by me heretofore made in words following
that is to say. First. I give my body to be buried decently and
all expenses arising therefrom to be paid and all just debts to be
paid by my Executor hereafter named.

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth King all of
my property both real and personal after paying all just debts
during her life provided she remain my widow and then to
be equally divided between her two sons William A. King and
James M. King. And she should marry then it is my will and desire
that she have a cow and calf a bed, bedstead and furniture, and
if that should occur then it is my will and desire that my
Executor hereafter named should take charge of my property
and manage it to the best advantage for the use of her two
named heirs William A. and J. M. King and then equally divide
the property between them when J. M. King come to be twenty-one
years of age.

3rd I nominate and appoint my friend Rodham Cheswell
my Executor to the my last Will and Testament revoking
and making void all former wills by me heretofore made.
This 11th day of October 1855.

Signed and acknowledged
in the presence of us

James Cox Clerk
William Corbark
George White

James King Test

Will of Robert C. Kyle

Dated Nov 14 1854

Proven Aug Term 55 J. M. Vance Test

I Robert C. Kyle of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee
do make & publish this as my last Will and Testament
hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me.
First. My will is that all my just debts and funeral ex-
penses be paid by my Executor out of my income I now have
on hand at my death if there is sufficient for that purpose,
otherwise to pay said debts and expenses out of the sale of
my personal property a sufficient quantity of which I intend
to be sold for that purpose.

2nd I give my plantation known as the 'Brook's place' to
my three brothers, Wm C. Kyle, Absolom A. Kyle, and Leoidas
A. Kyle to them and their heirs forever to be divided among
them in shares of equal value.

Third. I give the plantation whereon I now reside to my wife
Mary Kyle during her life or widowhood, and at her death
or marriage, the said plantation (it being the same one that
I bought of James P. McHardy) the said plantation is hereby given
to my said three brothers as the same terms in all respects as
the 'Brook's Place'.

Fourth. I give my said wife all my slaves with the exception of
Leoidas John & Betty, my said wife to have said slaves during
her life or widowhood, and at her marriage or
death the slaves herein given to her are to belong to my said three
brothers, and at my death the said slave Leoidas John & Betty
are to belong equally to my said three brothers.

Fifth. I also give to my said wife my stock of cattle, horses
and other stock, household and kitchen furniture and what
ever grain is on hand and the farming tools that may have
but the property given in this clause is subject to the payment
of my debts, and it is my will and all the property given to
my said wife is given on the condition that she survives me
and if she dies first, then my said three brothers are to have
all the property heretofore given to her, immediately on my death
Sixth. I hereby give to my said three brothers all my Coffin in-
terest in the State of Virginia and North Carolina, including what
I owned in my own right and what I got from the estate of my
father.

Seventh. I hereby nominate John Spitherland and Joseph B.
Heiskell Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

On testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 11th day of November 1851. (Witnessed before me)
Signed & sealed by the Testator
and witnessed by us at his request
in his presence, Witnesses
John Dunlap.

Will of John B. Kinner

Dated Mar. 12 1858.

Prova Dec. 1862 Jan 10 1863

I John B. Kinner do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, first by revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Kinner as long as she remains my widow or during her life all the back of land whereon I now reside or that I may die seized and possessed of, and also all the personal property household and kitchen furniture.

Thirdly, I direct that at my death that all the personal property be sold and that my two daughters Polly Ann Webb and Lucinda Smith shall each have one hundred and fifty dollars apiece in cash. Fourthly, I give and bequeath all my land to my sons to wit, James Kinner, John Kinner, Mark Kinner, Hanson Kinner, Willie B. Kinner, Orlin Jasper Kinner, Newton Kinner to be equally divided between them. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons James Kinner and John Kinner my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 31st day of March 1858.

Willie B. Kinner Seal

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the Testator this 31st day of March 1858.

And James
Frederick Brown

Will of William Kinkhead

Dated Dec. 9, 1857.

Prova August 6, 1862 Jan 10 1863

I Wm Kinkhead Senior of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee 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 bequeath my soul to God who gave it. Second, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Third, I give and bequeath to my four daughters, to wit: Mary Ann Gillenwater formerly Mary Anne Kinkhead, and Elizabeth Gillenwater formerly Elizabeth Kinkhead, and Nancy J. Miller formerly Nancy S. Kinkhead, and Susan Adeline Gillenwater formerly Susan Adeline Kinkhead, my negro man Jeff. to be equal divided among them and it is my request that he be kept in the family.

Fourth, I will and bequeath to my four daughters above named the notes of my sale to be equal divided among them. Fifth, the balance of my personal property I give to my four daughters above named to be divided equal among them.

Sixth, My Library of Books to be divided to my four daughters equal and whatever is left of my personal after paying my debt to be divided with my daughters equal. My intention was made before signing and executed.

Seventh, I do hereby nominate and appoint as my Executors Andrew Kinkhead and Michael Miller. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal. This 9th day of December 1857.

Wm Kinkhead Seal
A. Casimichael
M. Campbell

Renunciation Will of Jesse Keefe

Dated Dec. 1, 1861.

Prova Oct. 1862

We Andrew B. Hale and William Shephard do state that the Renunciation will of Jesse Keefe was made by him on the 26th day of November 1861 in our presence to which we were specially required to bear witness by the Testator himself.

in the presence of each other, that it was made in his last sickness in his own dwelling house, and the same was follow-
 to wit: It was his will and desire that his effects should
 be disposed of after his death in the following manner:
 First It was his will that all his personal property
 should remain on the farm he lived on, and that his son
 William Neale should come and live on and take charge
 of said farm and property and see to the raising of the
 children and settle up all unsettled business, and when
 the children should become of age or marry they should be
 portioned off equal to those which have already married,
 And at anytime he is authorized to sell or private or public sale
 any personal property that may be on hand to make to pay debts
 or for the benefit of the children, and that his children should
 remain on the farm & live in the house there until of age
 or marry, and that the farm in Green County be rented
 out by his executor and the rent thereof used for the benefit
 of his children, and if any surplus left to be retained
 until the youngest child becomes of age, and at anytime
 that his executor should think it more to the interest of
 his children for said farm (in Green) to be sold, he is au-
 thorized to make sale of said farm, make title for same
 &c. and when the youngest child is of full age then all
 his estate real, personal & legal divided between all
 his children, and that his son William Neale should
 have clearly out of any surplus property made on the farm
 a sufficiency to compensate him for his trouble in managing
 said business, and lastly, he nominated and appoint-
 ed his son William Neale his executor to do his will
 made out by us. This the 12th day of December 1811

C. R. Neale
 William Neale

Will of Thomas Lloyd
 Dated April 14, 1789.

I Thomas Lloyd being in a poor state of health but in my senses
 do cause this my last Will & Testament to be made & to be in
 the manner and form following, To: My beloved wife to retain
 all my property until her death, unless in case any of my chil-
 dren marry, then it is to be as follows, upon John's marriage,
 or death of his mother he is to have a Cow called Good Luck,
 with her calf, & in case of his mother's death one half of the
 land I own equal in quality & improvement, & under the same
 situation, I am to have the other half the land & a Cow & calf,
 Polly in like case to have the next headed Cow & calf, and an
 equal share of all my personal effects, Benjamin I men-
 tion last because because he has had his share from me
 when he married, but notwithstanding I bequeath him one
 Cow & calf upon his demand, All this being my full desire
 I require it may be fulfilled, At witness my hand & seal
 this 14th day of April 1789.

Thomas Lloyd
 Dennis Coleman }
 George Brooks } Seal

Will of George Langhouston

Dated Jan'y 17, 1798

Kawkins County & State of Tennessee, January 17, 1798.

In the name of God Amen,

This day I find myself in a poor state of health
 & if should not recover from this, I give up my soul to God
 and in my will and Testament that my body be decently bur-
 ied & is also my will that my loving wife should have the
 third of my personal estate (accepting to her name & she is to
 have the use of the plantation & the 100 acres until John my son
 gets of age, if not married before for raising my children as
 soon as either of these comeses then none more then the third of the
 rent & further I will to my son John my rifle gun and Colt
 & my Copper tools and the plantation when of age at its valuation
 he is to have an equal share in with the rest of my children &
 my daughter Elizabeth a spinning wheel, & my daughter Rebecca
 a spinning wheel. The property here given is as a present to my son
 and daughter, & that his wife and the rest of his children is to
 receive no benefit for it. The above mentioned two thirds to be sold
 and all my children to receive an equal divide as the come of

age, & it is my will that all debts to be paid out of my estate before divided. And for to execute this my will I choose my trusty friends Joseph Rogers ^{James} and Lachumilton

So this is my last will and Testament which I publish with my own hand this before mentioned date.

Witness published in

the presence of:

Jacob Miller

Peter Miller

George Lachumilton

[in German West 172]

Witnessed John Lee

Dated Aug 22 1809

In the name of God, Amen

I John Lee Senior of the County of Washington and State of Tennessee being of the Decline of life, though weak in body but of perfect mind, and in many thanks to God callous to mind the mortality of our body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. That is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul to the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the church of my residence nothing death as but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And touching such such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form. First I give and bequeath to my three sons, Cadis Lee, Parrett Lee and John Lee one negro man named Mark to be divided equally between them. Also I give and bequeath to my son John Lee one bed and furniture & certain forty weight of feathers to his bed and fire to the bolsters. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Lee, Parrett Lee a parcel of land being the lower part of my plantation beginning on Thomas Lee's line on the north side and running along his line to the common Grove thence to the dividing line between my land and Sarah Warrick's, thence along the dividing line across the dry Creek thence along the bank of the creek to the Peach Orchard thence thence along the said fence to a cross fence thence along that cross fence to my shop thence along the other fence to the hog pen by the Spring Grove thence to an Ash to the Spring from thence through the middle of the Spring to an Ash, from thence across the

Perimeter in the Sugar Camp branch thence up the said branch to the back line from thence to the beginning continuing one hundred acres more or less with one horse with ^{one cow} ^{one pig} to his after my corpse death

The rest of my land to be divided between my daughter Martha Lee and Sarah Parrett. Beginning at the mouth of said Martha Lee Spring branch and running up said branch to a Chapel digger. Thence a direct course to the back line containing several fairs acres more or less.

Martha Lee I have one bed called Bird after my wife's decease. Also I give and bequeath to my grand son William Lee one bed and furniture. The bed that was one and my wife's. The rest of my stock and household furniture to be equally divided between Mary Lee, Martha Lee, Sarah Parrett and William Lee. Son of Martha Lee. I also have one negro man named Paul to be his her lifetime and after her decease to be equally divided between my son Robert Lee and my daughter Mary Lee and Sarah Parrett.

I also give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Lee one negro woman named Lina to be hers her lifetime and after her decease to belong to Mary Lee and Sarah Parrett. Also I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Lee one negro man named Paul to be hers her lifetime and after her decease to be equally divided between my son Robert Lee and my daughter Mary Lee and Sarah Parrett.

I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament, will, legacy, bequest and executor by me any way before named, made and bequeathed, ratified and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine. This 22^d day of August 1809.

John Lee Senior

Signed sealed published pronounced and delivered by the said John Lee as his last will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

James Lee

Edward Lee

James Griffin

Will of William D. Leman

Dated Aug 29, 1812

In the name of God Amen.

Be it known and remembered that William D. Leman of the County of Frederick and State of Maryland, now within Washington County and State of Tennessee and on my way from the State of Kentucky to my residence in Frederick County aforesaid and being sick and in a low state of health but of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the certainty of death and uncertainty of life do make this as my last Will and Testament, revoking all former wills, deed of gift, bequest, &c. And in the first place doth will and desire that my body be decently buried as to the care of my estate.

And Secondly, I give to my son Marine Leman a tract of land which I purchased from John Lewis the same containing one hundred and sixty acres situated in Buchanan's Creek Falls of Kentucky adjoining lands of Joseph Heltzinger reference to said John Lewis deed to me will more fully explain. And also I give to him my son Marine aforesaid one negro boy call Sam, one horse one cow and also a note of hand on Perry Rice one hundred dollars and 12 1/2 cents.

Thirdly, I give to my two sons Benjamin & Leman and Richard & Leman the tracts of land on which I live including all the land which has may be or converted to my sons the said William Leman to be equally divided between the said Benjamin and Richard, And to Benjamin I also give a negro boy named Andrew one horse one cow. And to Richard I give a negro boy named Jack one horse and one cow.

Fourthly I give all my stock of negroes not heretofore disposed of by this will and excluding such as I have previously bequeathed to my children to be equally divided between my four daughters. And all my movable estate of every description including notes &c. excepting the one herein named to wit the one given to my son Marine to be equally divided between my daughters aforesaid, viz. Henry, Sally, Susannah and Rachael.

Fifthly, I also give a feather Bed to each of my sons Benjamin and Richard in addition to what I have heretofore given them by this will.

Lastly, I appoint my sons William and Thomas Leman Executors of this my last Will & Testament.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of three whose names are hereunto set 29th August 1812
 William D. Leman Test
 Daniel Dock
 George Morrison
 Joseph McManis

Will of John Loughmiller

Dated Aug 11, 1814

In the name of God Amen.

I John Loughmiller of Hawkins County a State of Tennessee being weak in body but in sound memory & perfect mind. Thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament.

My soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christianlike manner by my Executors, and my worldly estate in the manner following, to wit: I have after paying all my just debts I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Savana Loughmiller two cows and a roan mare with one bed & furniture also the pewter she had when I was married to her. It is also my desire my wife Savana should have one third of all the grain & Hay raised on the cleared land which I have cleared and pasture for the two cows and mare above mentioned & in case my wife Savana should get married again that when she ceases, And she is to live on my place of residence during her life unmolested in case she does not marry. There is also a pot rack, and Iron pot & a Coffee mill my wife had when I was married to her, which I wish her to retain also one walnut chest.

It is my desire that all my personal estate be sold at public vendue such as horses cattle sheep, farming utensils, shop tools of every kind &c. grain & hay excepted, which is to be retained for the use of the family & stock. The monies arising therefore to be applied to the payment of debts which I owe my brother Jonas Loughmiller.

It is my desire that my daughter Elizabeth Luthally have sixty seven dollars cash to be paid by my Executors in the following manner one half in twelve months after my death

The other half in two years after my death. I also desire that that my sons Jacob Laughmillers George Laughmillers son paid them the same sum paid each of them in cash that is paid my daughter Elizabeth Lott and in the same manner.
My son Jacob Laughmillers is to have a horse tract & worth thirty dollars exclusive of the above named legacy in cash.

My landed estate I wish equally divided between my sons to wit: My son John Laughmillers to hold the place where he now lives, James Laughmillers to hold the place where he now lives, which place is to be equally divided with the fifty acres adjoining the place between the said James Laughmillers and Frederick Laughmillers & Henry Laughmillers. The place where I now reside is to be equally divided between my sons David Laughmillers Abner Laughmillers Philip Laughmillers and when divided David is to have the place where the building now stands. All of which land are to be valued by persons chosen by all of my sons above mentioned, and should any one tract be more valuable than the rest, the one holding such tract of land shall pay to my Executors a sum in money to make all lots equal which I wish paid to the ones least valuable. It is my desire that my seven sons above mentioned who holds my landed estate should pay to my daughter Sarah Laughmillers the amount that will be equal to what the average lot of land will be valued at. It is also my desire that my sons James Laughmillers and Frederick Laughmillers be my Executors to this my last Will & Testament signed, sent acknowledged in the presence of the following witnesses. This 11th day of August 1814 fourteen

John Laughmillers ^{his} _{mark}

John A. Rodgers

Thomas Berry [Berry]

William Separe

It is my will and in addition to the above that the buildings & improvements on the lands here above given to my son John & James Laughmillers be much taken into the account in ascertaining the value of except such improvements as were on the same within the first year possession.

William Lerous

Geo. Hale

Thomas Berry [Berry]

John Laughmillers ^{his} _{mark}

Waukapau Mill of Shawas Lee

Dated 29 June 1814

On the 29th of June 1814 Shawas Lee Senior of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee being then sick in body but of sound mind and memory told us by word of mouth what he wanted to be done with his negroes after his death as follows to wit: That he wished his wife Mary Lee to have three negroes Rachel, Jane and George. And his son James Lee to have one more boy named Sam, and the rest and residue to be sold. And on the 2nd day of July following ^{he departed this life} and on the fourth of July next reduced his conversation to writing as above. Witness our hands and seals.

Asedham Lee ^{his} _{mark}

William Lee ^{his} _{mark}

[See Original Will]

Will of William Light

Dated Sept. 1817

In the name of God, Amen

I William Light of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee considering the uncertainty of the mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, threateth to himself God for the same to make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I leave unto my beloved wife Patience Light all and singular my goods and chattels during her natural life. Furthermore, I do give and bequeath unto my youngest son Jacob Light all my lands and tenements, that is to say, the tract of land where I now live, it is also my will that third of my children that is to say, with Rachel Light, John Light, George Light, Wright Light, Joshua Light and Michael Light and my daughter Patience Williams Insamant, Trece Stenor Light and Prudence Marcelock, all and singular my goods and chattels (after the decease of my beloved wife) to be equally divided between them. And I do hereby appoint my sons Rachel Light and John Light, sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen. Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of

William Light ^{his} _{mark}

Robert Bannard

Samuel Marcelock

Michael Light

Will of Mary Lee

Proved May Sessions 1821

Dated Aug 19, 1818.

In the name of God, Amen

I, Mary Lee widow of Thomas Lee deceased of Hawkins County and State of Tennessee being in sound health memory and considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of death, blessed be God Almighty for the same, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

I give and bequeath unto my three daughters, Margaret Bailey, Elizabeth Bailey, Mary Griffin, all my wearing clothes, that is to be equal divided between the three daughters before named. The rest and residue of my whole estate I wish to be sold and equal divided between all the lawful heirs of my body, and I do hereby appoint William Lee and Edward Lee sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Mary Lee Test

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Mary Lee to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Jones

James Griffin

James Lee

David B. Cummings

Will of Mary Lee

Dated Jan 17, 1819

In the name of God, Amen

I, Mary Lee of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory, thank be to God, calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all mortals once to die, I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in writing to wit, I give and bequeath to my only son, Clinton Lee, all and singular my property real and personal, to wit, I give and bequeath to my only son, Clinton Lee, a certain tract or parcel of land in the County of Hawkins and State aforesaid, on the South side of Holston River in Carter's Valley. The same tract of land formerly milled to Mary Lee by her father John Lee Senior deceased. The same being bounded as follows to wit, Beginning on Thomas Lee's line in the North

hill-side and running along his line to the corner from thence to the dividing line between my land and the heirs of Enoch Morriston. Thence along the dividing line across the clay Creek, thence along the branch of the Creek to the Peach orchard fence. Thence along said fence to a cross fence. Thence along that fence to my father's lot. Thence along the other fence to where my father had a hog pen by the Spring. From thence through the middle of the Spring to an Oak. From thence across to two Persimmons in the Sugar Camp branch. Thence up the said branch to the line. From thence to the beginning, containing one hundred acres, more or less. This being all my real property I now give and bequeath to my only son, Clinton Lee all and singular my personal property to wit, all my Bedding and furniture, also all my live stock of horses, hogs and cattle together with every species of property that I may die seized and possessed of both real and personal.

But if my son Clinton Lee should not survive the years of maturity to wit, to live to the age of twenty one, then and in that case I wanted wish my brother, Robert Lee have all the property real and personal that I have herein willed to my son Clinton Lee. I do hereby make and appoint my brother, Robert Lee, Executor of this my last Will and Testament. I do hereby utterly disavow revoke and disannul all and every other former will or Testament by me made, confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Mary Lee Test

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Mary Lee as her last Will and Testament in presence of us

Jones

James Griffin

Edward Lee

Mary Lee Senior

Will of John Lane

Dated Dec 4, 1823

In the name of God, Amen

Know all men by these presents that I John Lane of Hawkins County, State of Tennessee being of an advanced age in life and of infirmity of body, do make and publish this piece of writing

papers to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First, I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah one horse or mare, saddle and bridle and two cowards head of hogs on the plantation and one feather bed and furniture in the house during her life time and at her death such of them that may be in being to be equally divided between my said wife two youngest sons to wit, Zadoc and John Barnard. Second, I give and bequeath with the above said Zadoc and John Barnard my said wife two youngest sons all residue of my property that is in the plantation whether I be now both in doors and out that may be on hand at the time of my death and after my said wife get out what I have bequeathed her in this my last Will. And in consideration of and for the reason that the said Zadoc and John shall have maintained me and my wife in our old days and that they have so buried in a decent manner also to pay unto my daughter Sarah Wood wife John Wood the sum of fifty dollars in current bank notes or in specie as the mode of payment may be after my death.

And as to all of the rest of my children I having heretofore given them what of my estate I was able, therefore I say nothing more about them in this my last Will and Testament.

Item, my will and desire is that after the death of my said wife all the property that may be on hand that she got of and from her father's estate since the intermarriage of me and her that is first to remain with her during her lifetime and at her death to be equally divided between all the children of my said wife Sarah and those alive with all increase arising therefrom at the time of her decease.

In witness whereof the said John Lane doth hereby set his hand and seal and also acknowledging the price of paper to be his last Will and Testament. The fourth day of December 1823.

Given in presence of
 John Barnard
 Lewis Dalton
 Lewis Barnard

John Lane Test

Will of James Leeper

Dated April 13, 1824

I James Leeper of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee meditating on the uncertainty of life being aware of body but of sound mind and memory think it advisable that all men should make joice of disposing of their worldly effects previous to their departure from this life with lack of ceremony. Now thought proper to dispose and bequeath of mine in the following manner. In the first place, I bequeath my soul to Almighty God Him who gave it, my request that it may properly be disposed of and is bequeathed. First, To my beloved wife Ruth Leeper the following property to wit, two beds and furniture, my bed board with the furniture belonging to it with the table and two chairs of my house. Also my large chest, likewise my kitchen table and furniture belonging to the kitchen, consisting of corner pots, kettles and their appendages, together with even the clearest line of household furniture. Also two work horses to be chosen by her out of my stock, two milch cows and calves, six head of sheep, her choice likewise six head of hogs fit for fattening out of the best lot I have for killing with one breeding sow and pigs. Likewise her stock of geese and poultry. She is also to have and keep possession of the dwelling house and farm until my youngest daughter Sally becomes of the age of eighteen years, provided she should not live to arrive to that age. To keep possession until the year 1840 & keep also all my negroes until that period of time. They are then to be agreeable to her my will to be sold all but one which I allow my wife to keep to wait on her her lifetime which ever are the party think proper to keep and at her death to be sold and the proceeds of them to be equally divided amongst all my children except my son John Leeper and my son Gideon Leeper. The negroes that are to be sold at the period of eighteen hundred and forty, their proceeds are to be divided so soon as the price of them can be lawfully collected. If my wife should die before the periodation named, the property given to her for the benefit and purpose of raising and schooling my four youngest children the property then is to remain on the premises for the support of so four children until that period of time or even then all that remains which I have bequeathed with the hands of my wife is to be sold and divided as above named except one dollar to my son John Leeper him having received.

herefore more than any of the rest of my children which I own
 side the full share of my estate. Also my son Union having
 by by this my last will and testament my land, I bequeath
 to him my son Union. I open the possession which he is now
 to have until the period of 1840 which land was bequeathed
 to me by my father Union Leeper, but only so much of it
 as can be spared from the support of my wife and the family,
 which I have promised to stay with her until they are raised
 sufficient to transact business for themselves. Then he is to have a
 little in fee simple by his bequest, and all the benefits cum-
 ing from the same after the period of 1840 is to go to him. The 20
 Union Leeper my youngest son, I likewise bequeath to him one
 heifer, also to my son James Leeper one heifer, my daughter Patsy
 A. Leeper one heifer, my daughter Sally Leeper one heifer, also
 the residue of my cattle except a cow and yearling my daughter
 Jane Leeper claims and a cow and yearling my daughter
 Nancy Leeper's grand mother gave her are to be sold together
 with all the residue of my property not named in my will
 except my farming which my wife is to keep for the use of her
 self and children, and one horse which I bequeath to my son
 Francis Leeper my young bay horse. My wife is also to keep as
 much Bacon and grain as will be convenient sufficient for
 one season together with as much land as she may think
 proper also her soap. All the property that is not specially
 bequeathed is to be sold as soon as practicable after my
 death on a credit of twelve months and be equally divided
 between all my children except such as are excepted in the
 foregoing part of my will. With my daughter Margaret and
 Patsy also from any part of the first sale of my property
 but after that Margaret and Patsy is to come in and share
 equal in the residue. My son Noah Leeper is to have forty
 five dollars out of the money that is collected out of my
 estate before a general division is commenced.
 (Codicil) Should my wife die before the period of 1840
 none of the property is to be retained as aforementioned but
 the negroes but it is to be sold as soon as practicable thereupon.
 My wish is that my friends William Armstrong and Union
 Leeper be my executors of this my last will and testament
 and in this I revoke all others. In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal. This 13th day of April 1828.
 Attest James Davis
 James Leeper Seal
 Noah Leeper Secy

Will of Thomas Lee

Dated July 13, 1828

In the name of God, Amen.

This 13th day of July in the year of our Lord 1828
 I Thomas Lee of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee
 being old in body but of perfect mind and memory and
 calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is ap-
 pointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my
 last will and testament in manner following, viz: my body
 I give to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner at
 the discretion of my hereafter named Executors. My soul
 to God who created and gave it. And my earthly estate
 I give and bequeath in manner following.
 First, All my just debts are to be paid. Then I give and
 bequeath to my beloved wife Polly, a man and colt, the
 mare known by the name of Peg, to her use and benefit
 forever. I also give to my said wife the use and benefit
 of both my plantation and farming utensils during the term
 of seven years, together with the use and benefit of all my
 negroes for the same term of time. At the end of said seven
 years it is my will that a division take place of the
 personal estate and the Hillenworth plantation and the
 proceeds to be equally divided between my son James Lee
 son-in-law Samuel Sheweth daughter Sally Lee so far as will
 make their shares equal with my other herein after named
 children to whom I will negroes making to each share
 and share alike. I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth
 one negr woman named Mella her increase excepted.
 I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Lee one negr
 boy named Henderson. I give and bequeath to my son
 Pleasant A. Lee one negr boy named Hardy. I give and
 bequeath to my son William & Lee one negr boy named
 Elvish. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Ann
 one negr girl named Melvina. Should either of the negr
 women have a girl child in four years it is to go to Polly
 Ann and Melvina to my daughter Sally. If there should
 be no increase of a girl child in four years Melvina to be
 Polly Ann. And it is my will should any of the above
 named negroes die previous to the division, then in that case
 their part is to be made equal to the other heirs.
 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one negr woman
 named Nance during her natural life. And her and increase

to go back to the estate. I wish the plantation on which I live to remain unmolested and free from division until the youngest child comes of age when a final division can take place. I will that at the time of making the final division all be made equal and that the heirs of my son Samuel Lee deceased receive his part and my son Michael D Lee deceased receive his part.

I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son James Lee and my son in law Samuel Chesnut Executors to this my last Will and Testament. And I hereby publish and declare the foregoing to be my last Will and Testament in all its parts disavowing and revoking all others.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th day of Feb^y 1828.

His words and promises deceased were intended before signing, found, sealed, published and

declared in presence of:

Andrew Galbraith

Edward Lee

Nicholas Lee

Thomas Lee Dec^d

Will of Thomas Larkin

Proves November 16, 1830.

Died Aug 18, 1829

In the name of God, Amen

The eighteenth day of August, in this year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine, I Thomas Larkin of the County of Washington and State of Virginia am being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory. Thanks be to God. Therefore calling of mind the mortality of my body knowing it was appointed for all men since to die I do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. This is principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the care of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent and Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors. And as to the estate wherewith it pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and devise dispose of the same in the following manner. First, I allow any lawful debts to be paid. And I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Larkin to have the said house and land whereon I now live, and the mise, all privilege all privilege of Negro Mill and Mill as long as she lives. And William and Robert R Larkin to maintain

them together with the negro mill and Mill. And at her death I allow William to have Mill and I allow Mill to Robert R Larkin and all the old stock to be kept on the plantation as long as you mother live. And I allow James & Sarah the land he now lives on at this time. And John Larkin I allow him a calf either from white foot or Suck for his share of the land. And for Henry Larkin I allow him that big ship, big calf or the price of him for his share of the land. John, James, Henry, Mary, Mary David, William, Robert R Larkin. And I allow Thomas and David Larkin to find out the corner markers between Tibow land and the back I now live on at this time according to the old original grant, and if you get it such corner established then you are to get thirty five acres across the valley a piece you and David with part of the entry to the crossing of Hotis Spring branch as the road goes near Horse to the top of the knob. And if any of you have a nation to sell their part, let William or Robert have it at a reasonable price and sell to no other person. And I allow William to have the horse branch and and Robert R Larkin to have the horse branch. And I allow William to have the horse branch and Robert R Larkin to have the horse branch. And I allow a Bible to be bought for every one of my children and paid for out of the money that is in the house at this time. And the rest of it be kept to pay the taxes. And if there is any at your mother death I allow it to Robert R Larkin. And I allow William and Robert R Larkin you both must tell Henry & Sarah a horse and saddle when he comes of age. And we discontinue about none of your affairs. I allow this to be my last will and Testament. Signed and delivered in the presence of

Thomas Larkin his wife

We the undersigned subscribers having examined the foregoing will of Thomas Larkin Dec^d do jointly and severally agree that the said last Will and Testament as aforesaid shall be good and valid in law and equity and do hereby ratify and confirm the same to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Larkin Dec^d. Given under our hands and seals this 16th of November 1830.

Test

Henry Larkin

Robert Larkin

Widow Ann Larkin Dec^d

John Larkin Dec^d

James Larkin Dec^d

(over)

Henry Bartholmew
James Cooper and Peggy his wife
William Davis and Mary Davis his wife
David Bartholmew
William Davis
Robert R. Latham

Will of Mary Loney

Dated Nov 20. 1830.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Mary Loney of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and ordain a constitute this to be my last Will and Testament revoking all former wills and Testaments by me made. First, Recommending my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it. Secondly, That my body be decently buried by my Executor in a Christianlike manner. Thirdly, That my just debts to be paid by my Executor out of my Estate, And as to the goods of the world which it has been pleased God to bless me with I wished to be disposed of in the following manner. First, my wish is that my black woman Charlotte be set free after my death by her complying with the laws in such cases made and provided and that my Executor use all lawful means in his power to procure her emancipation and freedom.

I give and bequeath to my grand Children Children of my son Benjamin Loney each one dollar equally among them. I give and bequeath to my son John Loney five dollars. I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Loney ten dollars including four dollars which I have given him. I give and bequeath to my grand Children Children of my son Robert Loney deceased one dollar equally among them. I give and bequeath to Abigail Mullins and Melinda Loney Daughters of my son Absalom Loney all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind, and all my stock of every kind, and farming utensils, grain and every thing else that I may be possessed of by him paying the above bequeathed sums and my funeral expenses. The bequeathed sum to be paid in eighteen months after my decease. Having full confidence in the integrity of my son Absalom Loney do nominate and appoint him my Executor to this my last Will and Testament it is also my wish and desire that he not be bound in

Security for the Execution of said Executorship. Testimony that he will in all things act faithfully. In testimony whereof I the said Mary Loney have hereunto set my hand and Seal This 20th day of November 1830.

Witness Signed sealed and
acknowledged in presence of
James Johnson
J. L. Johnson.

Mary Loney

Will of Edmund Lawson

Dated Oct 28. 1832.

Recorded Nov 21. 1832.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Edmund Lawson of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee and Citizen thereof being very weak and low in body yet of sound mind and memory, do constitute this instrument of writing to be my last Will and Testament, desiring it may be received by all and every person and particular my relation and friends. First of all I give and recommend my Soul to the Almighty God that gave it me, nothing doubting but that I shall receive it again by the mighty power of God. And as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with, my will and desire is that my wife Patsy Lawson may have the whole and full power of transacting my Estate, and first to sell a sufficient part of my property to pay all my just debts on the most advantageous and the residue of my Estate after paying my just debts my will and desire is for the balance of the property to remain in power of my wife Patsy Lawson for her own principal and Edmund Lawson Jr my only son and principal heir to this my will and Testament, and at the decease of my wife Patsy Lawson the remainder whatever it be of my Estate to be the right and property of Edmund Lawson Jr my only son.

In testimony whereof I the said Edmund Lawson have hereunto set my hand and Seal. This 28th day of October in the year of our Lord 1832.

Witness:
E. S. Goodman
Joseph Roberts
Isaac Mendumall

Edmund Lawson

Will of Robert Lee

Dated April 30 1834

Proven Aug Session 1834

In the name of God Amen

The 30th day of April in the year of our Lord 1834, I Robert Lee of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being weak of body but of sound mind and memory, and calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following (to wit)

My body I give and bequeath to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my heirs and named Executors, my soul into care of Almighty God who created and gave it. And my earthly estate I give and dispose of in manner and from following:

First, I allow as much of my property personal or real to be sold as will be sufficient to pay and satisfy all my just debts and also the sum of one dollar to each of my brothers and sisters (to wit) James Lee, Abraham Lee, Nader Lee, Burnett Lee, Sarah Patrick, and John Lee, to each I give and bequeath the sum of one dollar. Secondly, I give to my sister Mary Lee my negro girl Linda and her two natural life and if it is my will that said negro girl with her increase if any shall at my said sister's death descend to my said sister's son, John Lee, or his heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to John Lee, son of my sister Mary Lee all of my estate that may remain both personal and real consisting of land, my negro woman Eliza, her daughter Mary, son March, son Peter, and Leah with their increase, to him and his heirs assigns forever. Also all stock, farming utensils and household furniture that may remain after paying my just debts and before awarded legacies to my brothers and sisters. I give and bequeath also to said aforementioned John Lee, son of my sister Mary Lee to his use and behoof forever. And in case of his death without heirs (children of his own) and at the death of my sister Mary Lee, then the land and land remaining, it is my will that each of the aforementioned negroes with their increase at a proper age may be free. I do constitute and appoint my sister Mary Lee and Andrew Galbraith both of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

And lastly, I do hereby declare this foregoing in all its parts to be my last Will and Testament and do hereby utterly make void all others.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

affixed my seal, published and declared it for the purposes herein expressed on the day and year first above written.

Robert Lee Test

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Robert Lee as his last will and Testament in presence of us.

James Lee, Gregory Lee,
Benjamin Lavin, Pennington Lavin

Will of Jonathan Lavo

Dated April 20 1837

In the name of God, Amen

I Jonathan Lavo of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being old and weak of body but of sound mind & memory. Thanks be to God, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make this my last Will and Testament. First, I give & recommend my soul to God that gave it, my body to the earth from whence it came, to be buried at the discretion of my Executors. And as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of it in the following manner and form.

First, I will that my plantation or land be equally divided between my three sons John, David and James. Secondly, I will to my three daughters Sarah, Nancy, & Polly one hundred dollars in money each & that my personal property be sold and the residue of any be equally divided between my three sons John, David & James.

I likewise constitute and appoint John Lavo & Rodham Chesnut my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Jonathan Lavo Test
James M. Nord
D. Alexander
James L. Patterson

Will of Henry Larkin

Dated Sept 9 1842

Proven 6th Dec 1843

I Henry Larkin being desirous to dispose of my effects between my children, do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I desire that all my debts be paid by my Executors as soon as practicable. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son John Larkin my negro boy Edward and my negro girl Mary. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Larkin my negro girl Malinda and my two negro children Anstion and Rachel. Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son Anderson Larkin my negro boy Alfred. I likewise give him the tract of land whereon I reside containing two hundred acres, together with all my other property not herein before named, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, farming tools, wagon, horses, carts, hogs and sheep and my old negro woman Chauncy, for which I require him to pay Anderson Larkin the payment of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid two years after my death to my three children or their heirs that is to say Jane Lark, Elizabeth Arnold & the heirs of William W. Larkin deceased, in their equal shares of fifty dollars to each. I do hereby appoint and nominate my sons John Larkin and Anderson Larkin my Executors to the said will.

Given under my hand & seal this 6th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of the subscribing witnesses

James Allen
Benjamin Loring
John Armstrong

Isaac Larkin Seal
my hand

The foregoing will in regard to the tract of land is altered so far as to give to Mary Larkin the right of possession of the dwelling house with five acres of land thereunto attached during her life then the same is to be the property of the said Anderson Larkin as provided in the will. A correction made before signed on the day and date of said will.

James Allen
Benjamin Loring
John Armstrong

Isaac Larkin Seal
my hand

Will of Isaac Larkin

Dated July 6, 1844

Proven July 8, 1844

In the name of God, Amen.
I am being called to quit the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being weak of body but of sound mind of good

memory to dispose of such of my worldly substance as is has pleased Almighty God to bless me with &c. I Isaac Larkin on the 6th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six. I make this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form as follows, to wit: First, My will is that as soon after my decease as is convenient and necessary I wish my Executors or either of them to sell or dispose of enough of my perishable property at private or at public sale and the moneys arising from said sale or sales to be faithfully applied to the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses.

Secondly, I give to my wife Hannah Larkin all of my land that I do seized and possessed of and all of my household and kitchen furniture during her life and after her death the household furniture to be equally divided between my three daughters, viz: Elizabeth Larkin, Mahaly Logan & Louisa Larkin.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth my gray mare, and a large white cow and a white and red heifer calf to be disposed of by my said daughter in her own way and manner.

Fourthly, As soon after the decease of my beloved wife Hannah, I desire that all my land be equally divided between my four children, viz: David Larkin, Elizabeth Larkin, Mahaly Logan & Louisa Larkin.

Fifth and lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends David Larkin and David Reynolds my Executors of my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal, the day and date above written.

Isaac Larkin Seal

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 6th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.
Attest: Wm Smith

Daniel Stewart

A Codicil to my last Will and Testament.
I here make in manner and form hereinafter mentioned, in addition to what I have heretofore given to my said wife Hannah Larkin I give and bequeath to her all my standing crop that

is growing or will be raised in my farm this present year, I also give to my wife my large Sorrel horse and a pided Cow, so should my Executors fail to have enough perishable property to satisfy all my just debts, I want them or either of them to sell such of the perishable property that I leave to my wife to satisfy and discharge all my just debts and no more.

Isaac Landbach

Signed and sealed and published and acknowledged in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Attest Wm Smith,

David Stewart,

Will of Henry Landbach

Dated Aug 26. 1846

Proven June Term 1854

I Henry Landbach of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and Testament, and thereby dispose of my property both real and personal in the following manner.

First, I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary and her heirs and assigns all my land and her increase, and also one horse worth fifty dollars, one side saddle and bridle and all the household furniture, to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood, and then to be equally divided among my three children, to wit, John, Sally and Elizabeth.

Second, I give and bequeath to my son, John one negro boy named Samuel. To my daughter Sally, five hundred dollars, which she has already received. To my heirs of my daughter Elizabeth one negro boy named James. To my heirs, Lewis, Eliza and Nancy and her increase, I will and desire that they be equally divided between my son John, my daughter Sally and the heirs of my daughter Elizabeth.

Third, I will and desire that the remainder of my personal property (not otherwise disposed of) be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between the heirs of my three children above named, to wit, John, Sally, and Elizabeth.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my son John one half of all the lands I may die seized and possessed of, and the other half to be equally divided between the heirs of my two daughters, Sally and Elizabeth.

Debit. To Nathaniel Gregory and his wife Elizabeth I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars.

Fifth, I will and desire that should there be any money on hand, or notes, after defraying the expenses of my burial, and after paying my just debts, it should be equally divided between my son John, my daughter Sally and the heirs of my daughter Elizabeth.

I hereby appoint, my son John and my Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills heretofore by me made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged Henry Landbach in presence of Witnesses.

Subscribed before Signed

James M. Hord,

Sally Hord,

William S. Hord.

Will of Elizabeth Seper

Dated July 4. 1851

I Elizabeth Seper do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all others heretofore made by me. First, my will and desire that as soon after my death as practicable that my body be decently buried and that my Executor pay my funeral expenses out of the first money coming into his hands. Second, my will and desire is that my Executor pay all my debts, & I should owe any at the time of my death, out of any money that may come into his hands. Thirdly, my will and bequeath to my grand son Francis B. Phipps fifty dollars to be paid by my Executor out of any money that may come into his hands. Fourthly, I will and bequeath to my grand daughter Abigail Phipps fifty dollars to be paid by my Executor out of any money that may come into his hands.

Fifthly, I will and bequeath to my son George Seper all the balance of my property or all of the remainder of my property that I own, the seized and possessed consisting of household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, stock of all kinds, all debts due and owing to me at the time of my death, whether the same may

be due by note, account or otherwise, all money that I may die
seized and possessed of, my three negroes Henry, Jane and Fred and
them increase. In short my will and desire is, I will and be-
queath to my said son George, all the property, money, whether real or
personal, be it land, notes or silver, whosoever in action and in fact every thing
that I may own at the time of my death, excepting the above mentioned
bequest to my grand son Francis S. Phipps and my grand daughter
Abigail Phipps, and I do hereby appoint George Zeeper
to be my Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of July 1851.

Elizabeth Zeeper, Exec.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have
subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator this 14th day
of July 1851.

George Phipps

Wm. Armstrong

Will of William Davis

Dated Aug. 5 1853

Given Oct. 1853

I do make and publish as my last Will and Testament, hereby
revoking and making void all other wills by me made.

1st I direct that my personal property, of every description to wit:
Secondly, I give and bequeath unto Philip and Joseph Davis
all my lands to be equally divided between them and all my debts
are paid. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my sister Cassander
Duggan and her heirs one hundred dollars. My will is that my
Executor lay out said one hundred in land for the benefit of
Cassander and her heirs four years after my decease.

Fourthly, My will is that my two nephews Nicholas and William
Larkin Davis when they become of age have fifty dollars each.

Fifthly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Philip Davis my
Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my
hand and seal. This 5th day of August 1853

Signed, stated and acknowledged

Wm Davis Test

in our presence

R. Chaswell

Wm Phillips

Lady

Will of John Lady

Dated Aug 3 1854

Proven May 10 June 1854

Proven 4 May [Record] 1857 to 10 June 1857 [p 64]

I John Lady being of sound mind disposing thereof and memory
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 my money
that I may die possessed of, or may hereafter come into the hands
of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah, all my
real and personal property, my books and papers of every
kind, with all the manner that I may die possessed of, and every
thing in any way that belongs to me at the time of my death, to
my wife Sarah during her natural life.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah, two grand
sons Orsamus W Peters and Samuel Peters at the death of my
beloved wife, my lands, to be equally between them the above named
Orsamus W Peters and Samuel Peters.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my wife's grand son Calvin
B Peters, one horse to be worth one hundred dollars, and one place
single bed and chair and one new horse, to be furnished to the said
Calvin B Peters when he arrives at the age of twenty one years,
to be furnished by my wife Sarah should she live until the
said Calvin B Peters arrives at twenty one years old, but
should my wife die before her grand son Calvin B Peters should
be twenty one years old, then to be furnished by my Executor.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to Maria Corrist, an condition
she lives with me or with my wife if I should die, until she
arrives at the age of eighteen years old, the sum of fifteen dol-
lars to be paid to her by my Executor out of my money that
should come into his hands out of my estate.

Sixth, I give and bequeath all my movable property at the death of
myself and my wife to the above named Orsamus W Peters and
Samuel Peters and Calvin B Peters, either to be sold and the money di-
vided equally between them or divided equally between them without
selling at their discretion, after my fourth and fifth bequest
is completed with.

Seventh, I will and desire that my friend Benjamin Thom-
son shall be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament,
and I hereby nominate and appoint Benjamin Thomson my Ex-
ecutor.

In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this
twentieth day of August 1854. Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of the subscribing witnesses
The above made before signed.

John Ladd, Esq.

James H. Harrison

Will of Thomas Martin

Dated Jan 12 1853

In the name of God, Amen.

I Thomas Martin of the County of Hawkins and
State of Tennessee being now sick and weak in body but of perfect
mind and memory make be given that God calling into
mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will
and Testament that is to say: Primarily and first of all I
give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty
God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be
buried at the discretion of my Executors in decent Christian burial
nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive
the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such
worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life
I give devise and dispose of in the following manner to wit:

First I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Anne
one bed and its furniture and the use of my plantation until my
son John Martin arrives to the age of majority, or as long as he
remains my widow for the express purpose of raising the family
on, and when my son John Martin arrives to the age of twenty
one, my will is that the land be sold and the value equally di-
vided amongst all my sons. Also I give unto my dearly be-
loved son Daniel Martin my Sorrel horse. Also I give unto
my dearly beloved daughter Phoebe all her apparel known by
the name of her. Also I give unto my dear beloved daughter
Johnnie all her apparel known by the name of her. Also I give
unto my dear beloved daughter Mary all of her apparel known
by the name of her. Also my will is that my Bay horse and
all my cattle and all my household furniture shall be left
with my wife for the express purpose of raising my farming
stables and sheep also my trap pole and shop upon to be disposed
of as my Executors shall see fit to dispose to pay my just debts.

Also it is my express will that my Executors due convey all

that part of the land to Joseph McCullough that he bought from me
agreeable to the bargain laid down between me Joseph McCul-
lough and myself whenever they obtain the title from Phelps
Dead, or any other person for him.

And I do likewise constitute make and ordain my dearly
beloved wife Anne my Executor and Joseph McCullough and
William Perry Executors and do hereby utterly disallow
revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament
wills legacies bequest and Executors by me in any wise before
named, written and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming
this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have heretofore set my hand and seal
this twelfth day of January one thousand eight hundred
and three.

Thomas Martin

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said
Thomas Martin as his last Will and Testament in the presence of
us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have
herewith subscribed our names

John L. Walker
Daniel Martin
Phoebe Martin

(sub. of alphabetical order by mistake)

Will of Eddy Leonard

Dated June 16 1854

Prova Aug 20 1854

In the name of God, Amen.

I Eddy Leonard of the County of Hawkins and
State of Tennessee being now sick and weak in body but of a sound and disposing mind
and memory do make and constitute this to be my last will
and Testament that is to say: My dear wife my wish
and desire is that I be decently buried and that my Executors
pay the expense of the same. Secondly my will is that John
Leonard, David Leonard, my two brothers and Elizabeth my
sister each of them be paid within twelve months after my death
one dollar. And my son William Leonard's children have one dollar
between them. Thirdly it is my will and desire that all of the balance of my estate
both real and personal be equally divided between my wife Jacob Leonard and my sister
Ann Leonard. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16 day of June
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

William John Leonard Rachel Leonard

Eddy Leonard

Will of Absalom D. Loomis

Dated April 9, 1862.

Proven Jan'y Term 1863.

I, A. D. Loomis of Hawkins County Tennessee, do hereby make and constitute the following to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say At my death I wish to be buried in a plain decent manner. I want the expense of the same to be paid out of any money or valuable property I may have on hand. I further want all my just debts paid by my Executor or Executors hereinafter to be appointed. I further desire that my beloved wife Sally Loomis have full control and possession of my house and ten hundred acres of land joining the same and timber to keep the same in good shape during her natural life, together with all our buildings and that she shall own and possess my negro ~~boy~~ ^{girl} ~~John~~ ^{Colina} and Grain. I sometimes called Kizit during her natural life, and at her death to be sold on a credit of twelve months to the highest bidder good security to be required, and the proceeds to be divided between my four daughters Lavinia Mitchelison, Mary Ann Campbell, Margaret C. Loomis, Sally Jane Loomis and Susan Loomis share alike. I desire that my son Orville C. Loomis who is now in the Army shall have and enjoy all the land I now own, save and except what I have allotted to my wife. And at her death the said C. C. Loomis is to have the portion that I have allotted to her, also provided always that a house for my single daughter should any there be at her wife's death have a house at my old homestead. And in case of Providence, my son C. C. Loomis should not return from the Army, then I desire that the land I now own my son C. C. Loomis shall be equally divided between my three daughters Margaret C. Sally Jane & Susan Loomis. I desire that my wife shall have and own all my slaves and request her to take care of a sufficient amount to sell my three single daughters when an equal fortune with those that have married. I have about three thousand dollars in note that I design my two daughters Margaret C. and Sally Jane Loomis to have & desire to assign the same to them, they are to share and share alike. I desire that my daughter Susan shall have the negroes which I call Robert aged about 2 years and by called William aged about 10 years. The two slaves is given to my daughter Susan to be used by her and to enjoy the same, her heirs and their assigns are to descend to her lawful heirs according to the laws of the State of Tennessee. I desire that my wife shall have full control of all household furniture, grain, bacon, provisions, etc., in short all on the plantation at my death having full confidence in her

I desire that my sons Wm C. James C. Rufus L. John C. Absalom D. and Israel Loomis be paid as a percent by my Executor ten dollars each. I have heretofore amply provided for them.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sally Loomis and my son C. C. Loomis Executors or Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of April 1862.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us

Jacob Miller
John R. Charles

Absalom D. Loomis

Will of Henry Larkin

Dated Jan'y 13, 1864.

Proven March Term 1864

I Henry Larkin being weak in body but of sound mind & memory, do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. To wit: I wish I am and bequeath unto my wife Mary A. Larkin and third part of my land during her natural life, including the dwellings and out houses provided she lives on the same and also the building & other things she brought with her after we were married. Secondly, I want to bequeath unto my four daughters Sally Ann Davis, Elizabeth C. Larkin, Mary J. Ford & Francis R. Larkin each an equal part of my estate after my just debts and funeral expenses are first paid. But my will & desire is that my daughter Mary J. Ford shall have the use of her part of my estate during her natural life. Then I wish it to descend to the heirs of her body, my wish and desire is that my daughter Mary J. Ford shall remain with my wife & have the use of the house as long as they remain single. Thirdly, I want with my son David A. Larkin equal part of my estate as will be sufficient with the two negroes his grand father left him to make him equal to the other heirs. Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my grand son Henry D. Ford my civil & rice. My will and desire is that my negroes all be bound and with the exception of Eliza her child until a sufficient amount is raised besides what the personal property will bring, to pay my debts. I hereby nominate & appoint P. H. Hale Jr. my sole Executor.

Given under my hand & seal this 13th of January 1864.

Test:

William Porter
William B. Porter

Henry Larkin

Will of Joseph Morrisett

Dated Sep 27 1799

In the name of God Amen

The 27th of September, Seventeen hundred & ninety
Joseph Morrisett of the State of North Carolina in the County of Caswell
being sick & now near in death but of perfect mind & memory
thanks be given to God for the same, do make & declare this my last will
& Testament, that is to say, First of all I recommend my soul into
the hands of God, that gave it & my body to the earth to be buried at
the discretion of my Executors & as touching my worldly estate which I
hath pleased God to bless me within this life, I give and dispose
of the same in the manner & form following

Item I give & bequeath to my beloved son Jonathan Morrisett and
also & calf, one hand mill & the shop, both with & without other things
in possession for his full part of my estate & no more.

Item I give & bequeath to my daughter Rhoda Gregory, one side saddle now in possession
Item I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Gregory, one feather
Bed & furniture and chest with sundry other often things in possession
for her full part, and no more.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Enock Morrisett
and say horse named Truador, my negro & cart and the use of
my whole team to move the now intailed negro & all my axes, hoes
& rails & one plough.

Item I give & bequeath all the remainder of my estate, good or bad, real
world & moved to be equally divided between my two sons Enock
& John Morrisett, to them & their heirs forever. I recommend the use
of as much of my estate for my well beloved wife Abigail Morrisett
as shall be a reasonable maintenance during her widowhood & natural life.
I also appoint my well beloved son John Morrisett and Enock Mor-
risett, my heirs & legal Executors to this my last Will and Testament,
declaring, revoking, disannulling and discharging all & every former Will
& Testament, Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Tes-
tament. In witness whereof, I the said Joseph Morrisett have set
my hand and seal the day & year above written. Signed, sealed,
and declared by the said Morrisett to be his last Will & Testament
in the presence of us the Subscribers.

John Ford
William Hughes
Thomas Orange

Joseph Morrisett (Seal)

This is to certify that John Morrisett & Enock Morris-
ett have this 4th day of January 1799 closed our father Joseph
Morrisett's died estate, have set apart for our mother the wife of

our late father and negro woman named Hannah with all other prop-
erty set apart to her by Hannah's Amis, Elijah Chisum & Benjamin
Murrell, by as chosen to divide the said estate to be for her sole
use during life or widowhood

Nesh James Mayberry

John Morrisett
Enoch Morrisett

Will of Thomas Midkiff

Dated May 17 1799

Territory South of the River Ohio, Hawkins County

The last will and Testament of Thomas Midkiff is as follows
to wit: I give each of my children begotten by my wife Ruth, one
shilling Sterling, and all the rest of my estate I give to my wife Ruth
during her life and after her decease to be equally divided among my
children whose names are here set to it. Rachael, Janny, John, Isaac,
Jeremiah, Sarah. Given under my hand and seal the twenty
six day of May and in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven
hundred and ninety four. A witness my hand

In presence of
Sarah Midkiff
John Green

Thomas Midkiff
wife

Will of Michael Morrison

Dated July 6 1799

In the name of God Amen

I Michael Morrison of Hawkins County in the
Territory South of Ohio River being of sound and perfect mind and
memory, blessed be God, do this 6th day of July in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine do make and
publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner following.
First Whereas I have sold John Morrison a certain tract of
land which tract of land I hereby fully empower my Executors
or either of them as hereafter mentioned to make him the sum of John
Morrison a lawful deed to said land agreeable to said Article as
lodge in the hands of Jacob Miller of Hawkins County. Do Robert
Young, two younger daughters Elizabeth & Mary, to each for pounds
& to his eldest daughter Ann I hereby give and bequeath ten pounds
& to Thomas Andersons two daughters for pounds each. Do James
Kings two children that have unfortunately got their hands cut,
William King & Mary King five pounds each and to my brother
Thomas Morrisons eldest daughter Ann I bequeath to her twenty

[Nancy]

four pounds, and to Mary King wife to Thomas King four pounds.
The above amounts to the different persons above mentioned to be distributed
by my Executors in good trade out of my Estate, in either money or goods.
The balance of my Estate real and personal I hereby bequeath
unto my brother Thomas Morrison to him & his heirs in former times
do by these presents constitute make and ordain my trust, friend
Thomas Morrison & Thomas Henderson Executors of this my last
Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Michael
Morrison have to this my last Will and Testament, Subscribed
and Seal the day and year above written.

Michael Morrison ^{Test}
Signed Seal & publish & declared by the said Michael Morrison
the Testator as his last Will and Testament in presence of
us who were present at the time & signing & stating
Elijah Mc Givally
Thos Grandson
Thos King

[Morrison]

[See original will]

William Maures Will

Dated Aug 22, 1808.

In the name of God Amen,

I William Maures of the County of Franklin State
of Tennessee being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and
memory. Knows to be to God for the same calling to mind the mortality
of this life knowing that it is appointed for all men once
to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament
of the property of which I am possessed I give and dispose of in the
following manner to wit:

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Maures half
of all my land & property during her natural life.

Item I give bequeath to my daughter Mary Blackburn one
shilling to be laid out of my personal estate. Item I give and
bequeath to my daughter Rebecca McCann one shilling to
be laid out of my Estate. Item I give and bequeath to my son
Edward Maures one shilling to be laid out of my Estate. Item I
give and bequeath to my son Henderson Maures one shilling to
be laid out of my Estate. Item I give and bequeath to my son John
Maures one shilling to be laid out of my personal estate. Item I
give and bequeath to my two daughters Sarah Fisher & Elizabeth
Maures all my lands and tenements after the death of my said
wife Sarah to be equally divided between them share & share alike.

to them & their heirs forever in full sample.

Item I give and bequeath to my said two daughters Sarah Fisher &
Elizabeth Maures after the death of my said wife Sarah Maures
all my personal estate to be equally divided between them share & share alike.
I do hereby appoint my son-in-law William Fisher to
be the Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & given my seal the 22nd day
of August, in the year of our Lord 1808.

William Maures ^{Test}
Signed sealed published pronounced & declared as his last will
& Testament by the said William Maures the day & date above
written in the presence of
Nehemiah Hamblen
M. McCarty

Will of Peter Miller

Dated Jan 31, 1809.

In the name of God, Amen,

I Peter Miller of the State of Tennessee and County
of Hawkins being for some time past in a declining state of health
though of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this
to be my last Will and Testament in writing in manner and
form as follows (that is) After recommending my soul to God
and my body to the dust from whence it came to be buried in
a plain decent and Christian like manner (after my decease)
And concerning such worldly goods as it has been pleasing to
the Almighty to bestow on me I do dispose of them in the follow-
ing manner. First I desire my funeral charges to be paid out
of my goods and chattels. The direction of my Executors when
I shall hereafter name and my debts which on my part to be paid
as above.

Item I give to my beloved wife Polly Miller all the property that she
was seized of at our marriage and likewise all the clothing of my
kind that she has made since and likewise two hundred dollars
in cash are hundred to be paid to her at the expiration of six months
after my decease. The other hundred to be paid her at the expi-
ration of twelve months after my decease.

Item I do lend to my beloved wife as aforesaid the dwelling house
and garden for the term of one year after my decease together with
out houses and other buildings.

Item I do give to my daughter Sally Lockmiller the sum of two
hundred dollars to be paid to her in the following manner, to wit: my

Eighty dollars at the expiration of twelve months after my decease and fifty dollars yearly afterwards until the above sum of two hundred dollars is paid to me.

Item, I do give my son John Miller, my daughter Polly Barran, my daughter Dora, Charles, my daughter Nancy Ingram and my daughter Effy Kepley the sum of one dollar each.

Item, I do give to my two grand sons Peter Barran and Miller Ingram the sum of thirty dollars each, provided they live to the age of twenty one years, and if they die before that time or either of them this item is to be void as respects the one so deceased, but not as to the survivor one.

Item, I do give and bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Miller the tract of land I now live on, and likewise my Island in Holston River, and all the remainder of my goods and chattels if any, that be after the foregoing items is satisfied.

Item, I do appoint and request my beloved son Jacob Miller and my trusty friend (and brother in law) John Howell to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament in writing, and do by these presents revoke, 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 thirty first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine.

Peter Miller Seal

Signed, sealed, published and declared by Peter Miller, Testator to be his last Will and Testament in writing, in presence of us who was, and be sitting witnesses thereto.

J. Magwood (Clerk) John Francisco (Jurat)

George Johnston (Jurat) Charles Hootle

James Francisco

Copy of Mary Madhens Will

Dated July 6, 1817

In the name of God, Amen

I Mary Madhens of Grandfield in the County of King George and State of Virginia being in perfect sense and memory, Subscribing a pious and the uncertainty of this life, and that it is ordained that all the human family shall once die, is hereby making my last Will and Testament. That is to say, In the first place I will and desire that I may be decently buried in the family grave yard by the side of dear & ever beloved Father & Mother.

Secondly, I desire that my Executors herein named shall pay and satisfy as soon as possible all my just debts after the payment

of my debts such real or personal estate as the Great Giver of all things has pleased in his goodness to entrust me with. I give, devise and dispose of in manner and form as follows. First, I give & devise the tract of land called Grandfield, adjoining Comptons in 1st County, whereon I now reside unto John Madhens son of Thomas Madhens of Charles County in the State of Maryland, and his heirs forever, if he and his should have a son by the name of John and if said Thomas should not have a son by the name of John, then and in that event, I give and devise the said tract of land unto Thomas Madhens also a son of the afo^{re} Thomas Madhens and his heirs forever. Secondly, I give and bequeath devise the tract of land containing by estimation two hundred acres to the same person or persons being & living in the said Charles County Maryland, being the tract of land that was granted to a certain Thomas Madhens by a patent bearing date the eighth day of July, Seventeen hundred and forty three and that becomes to me by the death of my dear father John Madhens, unto Thomas Madhens son of the said Thomas Madhens of said Charles County, and his heirs forever. Thirdly, I give & devise the tract of land being likewise in the County of Charles, granted to a certain Charles Madhens my grand father by a patent bearing date the third of September, Seventeen hundred and thirty three, and by said Charles devised unto me unto Mary Madhens Pious of the said Charles County and her heirs and assigns forever. Fourthly, And whereas by the eternal and immutable laws of Nature man was born free and independent, endowed by the incomparable desire for liberty implanted in the human breast, and as I have always considered the State of slavery in which the blacks are held by the laws of Virginia and Maryland as incompatible with justice and humanity, and desire that all my slaves both in Virginia and Maryland in whose hands I own, they may be the emancipated by my Executors as soon after my death as possible, and that they be obtained in slavery under no pretence whatever, but may be permitted to enjoy their liberty in as high a degree, as if they had by the laws of the land been born free; and I further will and desire that my Executors shall find out such of my infant slaves that may be incapable of maintaining and supporting themselves, the males until they become to twenty one years and the females until they come to eighteen years of age, if their masters should be unable or unwilling to maintain & support them, and that my Executors and of my estate shall support & maintain such of my slaves as at the time of my death, from age or infirmity are incapable of maintaining and supporting themselves, and if there slaves which I own in

Virginia & Maryland by the laws of so State cannot remain in said State respectively, & enjoy their freedom. Now it is my will and desire, and I do hereby direct that such of my Slaves as cannot remain in said State respectively, enjoy their liberty, be removed to any other of the United States by my Executors, whosoever my Executors may think best, at the expense of my estate.

Firstly, I give & bequeath unto my negro man named Hendley my negro woman named Sarah, and my negro man named Charles the sum of Fifty dollars each, and that my Executors, on the said sums of money to them respectively. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto Mrs. Hannah Condit of London County & my gold watch & chain and my suit of red cloth, &c. &c. I will and desire that my Executors shall sell and dispose of all my personal household furniture, my plantation utensils, and also the Tobacco and Cask Stock which may be on hand at the time of my death, and pay over the money arising therefrom together with all my money on hand or due to me by bond or otherwise unto my first and second Executors & unto my friends Mr. John G. Dade & Mrs. Ann Beach, their Executors, Administrators or Assigns, after paying therefrom my just debts. The bequest herein bequeathed & the expenses of execution of this my will relate to my Slaves.

Thirdly, It is my will & desire that my Executors shall have the family grave yard at Braithfield enclosed with a good & substantial brick wall, if I should not do it during my life. Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my Executors all my books and every article of household furniture they may choose. And it is my will and desire that my Executors may be amply reimbursed for the trouble and expense in executing & carrying into effect this my will, and lastly, I constitute my friends Richard Smith & Edmund S. Dade, Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking & annulling all other & Testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord, sixteen hundred & nine.

Mary Mathews (Seal)
Signed, Sealed & published as the last Will of the above named Mary Mathews in presence of us &c.

Langhorne Dade

Mary Ann Dade

John R. Yates

At a quarterly Court held for King George County the 1st day of December 1814. The last Will and Testament of Mary

Mathews last was proved by the oath of Langhorne Dade one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the Codicil to the said Will, no evidence was offered, & an opinion of the Court & a note one of the jurors named in so will who entered into bond according to law, Certificate was granted him for obtaining probat hereof, in due form of law. And at another Court held for said County the 6th day of July 1815 the said Will was further proved by the oath of Mary Ann Dade another subscribing witness & ordered to be recorded.
Test. Law. Berry Clerk

State of Virginia, King George County to wit:

I Lawrence Berry, Clerk of the Court of the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of my Office. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Public Seal of my said Office. This 25th day of August 1815, in the 40th year of our Commonwealth.

Law. Berry

I John Taliaferro presiding magistrate of King George County, in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the above attestation is in due form of law. Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of August 1815.

Will of Joseph Morrisett.

Dated Nov 21 1812

In the name of God, Amen.

I Joseph Morrisett of the County of Hanover within the State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory, do make this my last Will and Testament in pursuance following. I give and bequeath to Margaret Reuman daughter of Wm. Reuman the sum of one hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my two brothers Richard Morrisett & Abraham Nelson Morrisett all the personal estate that I may die possessed of after the aforesaid sum of one hundred dollars is paid. The sum to be equally divided between them.

I give and devise to my said brother Richard all my share right title & interest in & to the plantation whereon my sister Mary Morrisett now lives. I give and devise to my said brother Abraham the tract of land that I purchased of William Lea adjoining the tract whereon my sister now lives. And I do hereby constitute nominate & appoint Samuel Povel Executor of this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 26th day of November 1812.

Signed sealed acknowledged & published in the presence of us

I Amos Brown Michael L. R. Hall

Joseph Morrisett (Seal)

Will of Absalom Morlan

Dated Dec 3 1814

In the name of God Amen the 3 day of December
The last Will and Testament of Absalom Morlan who is in perfect
health and memory, which I recommend my soul to God who gives
it and my body to be decently buried with Friends but at the Res-
urrection I shall receive the same by the Almighty power of God
that gave it and as to my worldly estate, I order it to be in the fol-
lowing manner. First, It is my will that all my just debts and
funeral charges to be paid. Then I order the rest of my property to
be left on the land for the support of my wife & children, and the use
of my lands to support her as long as she remains my widow, and
then I order my property that remains to be taken care of, and dis-
posed amongst my children & Abigail & Children. I order my wife
Abigail to have the house to live in and the rest of the land
to be to the pleasure, and the land that James Boatman cleared, let
James Boatman have that and let him have liberty of clearing any
part of my land that he sees proper and have it to himself
and at my wife's decease I order my land to her daughter Abigail
as long as she lives, and then one dollar apiece to be paid to
all my brothers and sisters and the land to be divided amongst
my wife, daughter Abigail, children if she has any living children
and if not I do make and ordain my wife and James Boatman
to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Tes-
tament. I hereby disannul every other will, former, testament
wills, bequests, ratifying confirming this and no other to be my
last Will and Testament. In witness I have hereunto set my
hand and seal, December the 3 day 1814.

Jes. Nathan White.

William White.

Absalom Morlan Test.

Will of Jesse McWilliams

Dated Aug 1818

In the name of God Amen
State of Tennessee. I Jesse McWilliams of the State and County of
Hawkins County, said being in a low state of health but of sound
mind and perfect memory, and calling to mind
that it is appointed once for all man to die, do make, constitute
and ordain the following to be my last Will and Testament
revoking hereby all other heretofore by me made. And first of all
I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God who
gave it, and my body to a decent Christian burial, in certain

expectation of the resurrection of the same, and with the goods and
chattel with which it hath pleased God to bless me, moved by some
dry good reasons it is my will to dispose of the same after the
following ways and manners, to wit:

Item 1st. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha all
and singular my live stock of Cattle, and my Horse Cols, which
will be ten years old in September next, and the date hereof,
also all the household and kitchen furniture that she the said
Martha was possessed of at the time of our marriage, likewise and tract
and one bed and furniture from among those beds that I was
possessed of before our marriage.

Item 2nd. It is my will and desire that my land, horse, her fami-
ly articles, household and kitchen furniture (the above excepted)
shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder, and after pay-
ing my just debts out of the same, the remainder of the profits aris-
ing from the sale of said property, it is my will and desire to dispose
that it should be disposed of as follows: Three hundred and seventy
dollars I leave and bequeath to my youngest daughter Eleanor together
with the above excepted bed and furniture, moreover it is my will
that the said Eleanor at my decease shall live with my son John and
the above money applied in the best manner that can be devised
that he said may be maintained from the profits arising there-
from, and should the said Eleanor not live the said John, it is my
will that she should live with my daughter Margaret, and the
above three hundred shall to be applied to her use as before, and at
the death of said Eleanor the said three hundred and seventy dollars
shall be equally divided among her surviving brothers and sisters and their
Issue.

Item 3rd. It is my will that the remainder of the profits of the above
mentioned sale shall be disposed of as follows: Three hundred dollars
to my wife beloved wife, to her own use and behoof, and the remainder
to be equally divided among my four children, to wit: Peter, John
Nelson, Nancy & Margaret, share and share alike.

Item 4th. It is my will that my wife Martha shall have my personal
estate of wheat, to her use, and that part of the crop now growing shall
be applied to winter the stock, the residue winter.

Item 5th. It is my will for the love and confidence I have in John McQuitty
John Smith (of Smiths River) and John W. Williams (son of Joseph) I ap-
point the same my true and lawful Executors to this my last Will and
Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and eighteen, and of the American Independence the forty first.

Jesse McWilliams Test.

Seal. The second fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Witness present
Josh. Richard Moore
James ^{his} Robb
Jeremiah McCauley

Martha McWilliams (Seal)

Will of William Martin

Dated Aug 12 1820

In the name of God, Amen

This is last Will and Testament of William Martin of the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee as follows: viz. I the said William Martin finding himself weak and weary of body but in perfect mind and memory blessed be God therefore with calling to mind the frailty of his life and the certainty of death, I do ordain and make this my last Will and Testament in form and substance as followeth: I do recommend my soul into the hand of God that over it and my body to be raised to be united thereto with Jesus and Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter to be named. And as for what worldly goods I have pleased God to bestow on me, all I do will and bequeath in manner and form as followeth: viz. I do give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anne Martin all my lands and plantation with all the rest of the residue of my worldly estate during her natural life. After her decease the residue shall be divided between my son-in-law Ephraim Mustard and my son-in-law Solomon Reed. After the decease of my beloved wife I do give and bequeath to my son-in-law Ephraim Mustard the upper part of my land and the plantation where I now do live, dividing my land and revenues from the line between Clinch Mountain, about the line between the two Springs to the line towards Cotton Ridge to him and his heirs forever. After the decease of my beloved wife whatever remains of my worldly estate I do give and bequeath to my son-in-law Ephraim Mustard to him and his heirs forever. After the decease of my beloved wife I do give and bequeath to my son-in-law Solomon Reed the lower part of my land and plantation from the point dividing line where Ephraim Mustard now lives to him and his heirs forever. After my decease I do give and bequeath to my son-in-law Ephraim Mustard one horse and saddle to him and his heirs forever. I do ordain and make this to be my last Will and Testament. All which is my desire that my son-in-law Ephraim Mustard and my beloved wife shall

act for me as my Executors. Therefore I do desire and leave them Ephraim Mustard and my beloved wife my Executors to act for me after my decease in all my worldly concerns. Witness my hand and seal August 4th 1820

Josh. Francis Mustard
James ^{his} Martin
James Martin

William ^{his} Martin (Seal)

Will of George Maxwell

Dated Jan 11 1821

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. These persons be, and God.

I George Maxwell of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee calling to mind the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the words following to wit. After commending my soul to God and my body to the dust, to be buried in a decent Christian manner, hoping they will again be united at the Resurrection and enjoy a glorious immortality, I dispose of my worldly goods as follows: I allow my stock of all kinds to be sold, farming utensils and household furniture also, and all my debts paid out of the money arising from the sale. In the first place. The residue to be applied as hereafter directed. First I allow my two tracts of land lying on Cape or Nantux Creek to be sold containing two hundred acres each. I borrowed from my son-in-law in his lifetime one hundred dollars, at his death he allowed it to be equally divided between his two sisters, Matilda and Anne. I allow five hundred dollars of the price of that land to be paid paid to my two daughters, Matilda & Anne agreeable to his direction. The residue of the price of that land, be it much or little I allow to be equally divided between William Solomon, Matilda & Anne. My negro family I divide as follows: I give and bequeath to my son William and his children, Ned & Nancy & her increase. To my son Solomon & his children, Dick & Joe. To my daughter, Matilda and her children, Jude & her increase that she has had possession of for sometime. Also Anthony & Thompson I give bequeath to my daughter Anne & her children, Kate & her increase that she has had possession of some time & her increase. Also Bet & Panch, Rose and her two youngest children, Rene and Carry either to be sold and their value to be equally divided among my four children, out of the residue away take them & pay three fourths of their value to the other three legatee. The place I live on I allow to be sold and the price to be equally divided between my four children, William Solomon Matilda & Anne except one hundred dollars of the first of

it to be paid to William as the negro left him was not so valuable as to others. After my debts is paid out of the net proceeds of stock and household furniture I allow fifty dollars to each of my grand children that was named for me. I leave twenty dollars to the East Tennessee Bible Society. I leave my family Bible & books to Anne. Should there still be a residue remaining from my stock I leave one hundred dollars to Matilda more than the rest as she has kept me in clothing some time and probably will have more trouble with. And should there be no residue left from the stock left, I allow that hundred to be paid out of the price of the land. I leave a land warrant in the hands of John Smith if it comes to be equally divided. I paid my money forty years ago for it & he never paid a cent for it. I was sold to him.

I nominate & appoint my son Solomon & my son-in-law William Lyons to execute this my last Will & Testament. Witnesses my hand. This 14th of Nov 1824

Witness Present:
Abraham Rafter
John Lonskillen

George Maxwell.

Will of Jacob Manas

Dated Nov 14 1824

On the name of God Amen

I Jacob Manas of Nashville County in the State of Tennessee being now weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in the presence following to wit: First I give and devise unto my beloved wife Margaret Manas and her heirs all my household and kitchen furniture to her and her heirs forever and likewise a reasonable support out of my lands and tenements good and shales to be & remain hereafter.

Item Second I give unto my deceased daughter Elizabeth Manas two one dollar to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give unto my son Daniel Manas one dollar to him and his heirs forever.

Item fourth I give unto my son Ephraim Manas one dollar to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5th I give unto my son Elijah Manas one dollar to him and his heirs forever.

Item 6th I give unto my daughter Sarah Manas one dollar to her and her heirs forever.

Item 7th I give unto my daughter Nancy Manas one dollar to her and her heirs forever.

Item 8th I give unto my daughter Anne Manas one dollar to her and her heirs forever.

Item 9th I give unto my son Elisha Manas the thirty four acre tract of land whereon I now live and likewise an eight acre tract, early and two half acre entry including all my right title and claims to all my land

or lands whatsoever and likewise give unto my son Elisha Manas all my horses cattle dogs sheep fowls utensils goods chattels and effects that has not yet been mentioned to him and his heirs forever provided never the less that my son Elisha Manas is to give my beloved wife a reasonable support during her life. And that he does likewise give to my grand daughter Eliza Jane a bill from the increase or a coming parcel more than I have given him provided she should breed. I likewise constitute and ordain my son Elisha Manas my sole executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal This 14th day of August 1824

Witness Present:

Edwin Hamblin

N. M. Bassell

John Jones

Jacob Manas Test

Will of Joseph Williams

Dated Nov 14 1824

I Joseph Williams of the County of Nashville in the State of Tennessee coming residing at the Cherokee Agency being in the ordinary enjoyment of health of sound mind and disposing memory but considering the uncertainty of life and the transitory nature of all human concerns and being aware from sufficient motives that my estate should be disposed of agreeably to my views of justice and propriety do make ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills of a date preceding this.

And whereas by an agreement made on the 9th day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one between myself and my wife Nancy Williams for and on account of certain conditions therein expressed and recited in the presence of the Hon John Williams of the County of Knox the said Nancy became possessed of six certain negroes & Carriage and pair of horses parcel of my personal estate. Now that the said agreement so as aforesaid entered into may be fully and completely carried into effect according to the true intent and meaning thereof after my death. And that the said Nancy may enjoy have and hold the said property. First I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Williams the six negroes Carriage and horses aforesaid to her own proper use and will to dispose of forever which is to be in lieu and satisfaction of dower and all claim whatsoever of that kind upon my estate. And I do hereby expressly require and direct the Trustee named in the deed

of conveyance bearing date October 9th 1821 and by which I conveyed in trust to said negro, Carriage and horse, to the use of the said Nancy to make an absolute deed of conveyance on Bill of Sale to her for the said property or so much thereof as may be expressed in the said deed of date 9th October 1821.

Item. It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named as soon after my death as convenient, discharge all my debts and funeral expenses, and in the next place proceed to sell all my estate, real, as well as personal. The real on a credit of one, two and three years, and the personal on a credit of one year, except all such parts or pieces of property as I may hereinafter otherwise dispose of.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Sister, Jane Hinkaid, daughter of David and Mary Hinkaid a certain woman named Hilly, the name of whom I obtained by my marriage with Rebecca Hinkaid, sister to the said Jane Hinkaid, which said woman with all her present and future increase of children jointly excepted, I bequeath and assign to the said Jane and the issue of her body lawfully begotten, but in the event of her death without such issue, living any one or more of her brothers and sisters, then the said Hilly and her children or heirs bequeathed to the said Jane Hinkaid, shall descend to and become the property of such surviving brother and sister, share and share alike, no manner in common and not as joint tenants.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Rebecca McNamee, daughter of John and Nancy Long of Newbury, the said Hilly above excepted.

Item. It is my will and direction that the residue of my estate be divided between the said daughter of my brother and sister law respectively I have and share alike, except to my niece Hilly McNamee to whom I have given such a portion of my New Canton tract as I consider will be fully equal to her and her husband Robert McNamee's interest in my whole estate.

Item. I will and direct that my Executors pay to the trustees of McNamee Academy in the County of Hawkins for the use of said Academy the sum of three hundred dollars.

Item. I will and direct that my Executors when I do not make the donation myself, present to my friends hereafter named named the following Articles of property, to wit: To Sarah Lamm daughter of James Lewis Esquire one set of Silver Tableware with the initials of her name Hinkaid. To Hannah Coghen a like donation. To Abigail Lamm a like donation. To Mary Williams daughter of James E. Williams a like donation. To Hellenor Williams daughter of the said James E. Williams an Supper for her. To Mrs Mary Rogers wife of

Rogersville one black silk shawl. To Richard Mitchell my son one To Hilly & Mitchell my said. To Joseph McNamee Lamm a riding horse worth one hundred dollars.

Lastly, I do hereby name and appoint my trusty friends Col John Williams of Knox County and Orville & Bradley Esquire of Hawkins County, Executors to this my last Will & Testament, and direct that they need not give security as required by act of Assembly. The witnesses aforesaid I have hereunto set my hand and seal this sixth day of November 1824.

And the following words were written on the second page between the twenty eighth and twenty ninth lines on said page before signing, sealing and delivering thereof to wit: Except to my niece Hilly McNamee to whom I have given such a portion of my New Canton tract as I consider will be fully equal to her and her husband Robert McNamee's interest in my whole estate.

Joseph McNamee
Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of us by the said Joseph McNamee to be his last Will & Testament.

James Cowan James E. Bredon
John L. McNamee Jas. Williams
Wm. H. Cowan Jas. Mitchell

Will of Elizabeth Moore.

Dated Feb. 28. 1825.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Elizabeth Moore of the County of Newfane State of Tennessee being in sound sense and memory do make this my last Will and Testament. Item. I give and devise with my daughter Eliza Pitts War a negro girl named Charlotte. Item. I give and devise with my daughter Sadley Williams the tract of land whereon I now live, also a negro girl named Manning. Item. I give my negro Belle the balance of my estate I give to be equally divided between Hugh & Morris Gilman Moore Clean Moore and Moore John Moore hems, Elizabeth York & Sally Williams. And lastly, I appoint my son Joseph E. Moore & my son Clean Moore to execute this my last Will and Testament. Signed, sealed and delivered this 28th day of February 1825 in presence of

Daniel Dayton
James Dayton
William Dayton

Elizabeth Moore