

to pay at some after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Christian my bed & furniture. Thirdly, I give to my brother James Shilton my saddle. Fourthly, I give unto my grand son William L. Christian his horse and assign forever all my land estate containing 232 acres more or less, lying in Hawkins County State of Tennessee. On the South side of Holston River on Grass Creek District No 17, whereon I intend to have and to hold the same forever, with the exception of the land whereon my brother John Shilton now lives and occupies, which land I give and bequeath the use of, with the said John Shilton for the term of his natural life, and his wife Elizabeth Shilton, should she be the survivor, during the possession of which wife I do devise and assign to the said William L. Christian his heirs and assigns forever, and bequeath to the said William L. Christian all my personal property consisting of 1 barrel more 1 dove my stock of hogs, farming utensils &c. &c.

Fifth, I do hereby nominate and appoint William L. Christian my Executor. In witness whereof, I do to this my last Will and Testament, set my hand and seal, this 27th day of November 1842, Subscribed before Signed.

William L. Christian
Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the testator day & date above written.

Witness Saml Smith, given in March 1844.

Witness Emanuel Anderson, 1st July 1844.

Will of Ezekiel Sullivan
Given May 3rd 1847
Dated Mar 31 1847

I, Ezekiel Sullivan of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, First, I will that all my burial expenses be paid and all my just debts out of any moneys that may come into the hands of my Executors out of any my Estate.

Secondly, I grant all my personal estate except my saddle to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between my four daughters, namely, Peggy Shilover, Elizabeth Gray, Polly

Nord and Nancy Barrell. And I will that my son William Sullivan have my saddle, and to have one hundred dollars out of the proceeds of the sale of the tract of land that I sold to Solomon Sizemore. And the balance to be equally divided between my son John Sullivan's two children.

Thirdly, I will that my old tract of land to be divided between my two sons Thomas and William, as follows: I will that Thomas Sullivan have the upper end and William Sullivan to have the lower end, beginning on a white oak on the South side of the pine ridge running across the plantation with a cross fence to a black oak and dogwood in the gap of a ridge thence Southwards to his line, and I hereby revoke and disannul all former wills heretofore by me made.

And lastly, I hereby appoint and constitute my son Thomas Sullivan and John Mitchell my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, March 31 1847.

Sealed and acknowledged in

presence of

Wm L. Hardley

James Keener

Ezekiel Anderson.

Given to in open Court by Wm L. Hardley James Keener & Ezekiel Anderson, on the 3rd day of March 1847.

J. M. Vance Depty. Clk.

Will of William Smith
Dated May 7 1842
Given May 3rd 1847

In the name of God Amen,
I, William Smith of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee, being of sound & perfect mind & memory, do hereby on the Seventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four, make & publish this my will & Testament in manner following, that is to say, First, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Elizabeth Smith the plantation, lying in Stanley Valley, containing two hundred & twenty acres, during her life or widowhood, then I have the thirds. I also bequeath unto her three negroes, namely, Prince, Jack & Jim, during her life or widowhood, then the said Negroes and increase to be equally divided between her

and the children, which are at this time seven in number, namely, Sally, George, William, Joel, Beldy, Peter & John, now about three months, eleven days old. The household furniture of every description, together with the farming utensils & tools of all kinds, to be at her disposal. I have a bond on Col Thomas King and tested by John Robbison for ten hundred acres of land, which I obtained, to be equally divided. My stock of all kinds to be sold & equally divided.

Signed, sealed, published & decreed by the said William Smith the Testator, as his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof. I do also make & ordain my loving brother Samuel Smith Executor of this my last Will & Testament.

Witness my hand
John Peters (Gerald)
Robert McNamee (Gusak)

Will of James Simmons

Dated July 17, 1847

Proven May Term 1851

In the name of God, Amen,

I James Simmons of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, for which I thank God, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make this my last Will and Testament, as follows, which shall stand void, all will, which may have made heretofore.

First, I give my soul to him who made it, hoping to enjoy eternal happiness at the resurrection of the dead, and my body to be deposited in the grave in a plain Christian State, as to our worldly concerns and affairs, I wish them to be disposed in the following manner (viz) I do give & bequeath unto my son James G. Simmons all my land. Now, it is my sincere desire, and will that my black boy Ben at my decease receive his freedom, and in as much as I hold the only right and title to said black boy Ben, be it known to all men that I make no transfer of my title to any person or persons I pronounce him free at my death, and I request my Executor to see that said boy according to my will be freed him dead. Again, I wish my stock, farming utensils & household and kitchen furniture to be sold to the highest bidder, and the amount

received for said property to be equally divided among my children (viz) Polly Acuff, heirs, my son John Simmons heirs, my daughter Anna Williams, my daughter Francis Patterson, my daughter Betsy Lewis, my son Thomas Simmons heirs Lucinda, Matilda & Thomas, my son James G. Simmons, my daughter Rachael Jones, now it is my will and wish that my son James G. Simmons and Andrew Spears be the Executors. The testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 17th day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Signed and stated in the presence of us:

William Gillenwater,

George A. Gillenwater,

A.B. The following articles now in my house belong to Abby Wheeler, in which I have no claim, and her and her clothes and her bed and cord, and cotton wheel & floor wheel, and some other books, all the geese & ducks.

James G. Simmons (Test)

Will of James Skelton

Dated Dec 6, 1847

Proven Aug Term 1848

State of Tennessee, Hawkins County, December the 5th 1847

In the name of God, Amen

I James Skelton of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following (viz) I give, devise, bequeath, and my just debts to be paid I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Skelton, the tract of land whereon I now live, lying and being in the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, among her widowed Son to be equally divided to three my four youngest sons viz William, John, James & Reuben Skelton, And I hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary Skelton Guardian of my children during her widowhood. Also I desire that after paying all just debts the remainder of my perishable property be equally divided between my three youngest daughters, viz Anna, Rachael & Matilda. I also desire that my beloved wife Mary Skelton give to each of my oldest children, to wit Anna & one dollar, & in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven.

Will of Alex. Starin

Dated July 17 1849

Proven July Term 1850

In the name of God Amen,

I, Alex. Starin, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby do, do, 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 give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Catharine one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid out of my monies that I may die seized and possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. And it is also my will and desire that my said daughter Catharine have all of my interest in the Dock on Bond Street in New York, in which place, J. H. Cole and myself are jointly interested, and that she shall be her portion of any property. It is my will and desire that my slave Harry, who has been an obedient and faithful servant, and who I have always intended should be liberated at my death, shall be privileged and allowed to live with any of my children whom he chooses, and that he shall not be sold by my Executors, nor be confined to any particular place of residence by them but that he may remain with my children in common.

Secondly. It is my will and desire that all of my personal property except the above mentioned be sold by my Executors and that the proceeds of said sale be equally divided between my six other children, viz. Maria, who is intermarried with one Montgomery & Wells, Nancy who is intermarried with one Samuel Snatch, Eliza who is intermarried with one James L. McCall, Sarah who is intermarried with one M. Cox, William and Jacob. And that my Executors pay George W. Alexander one dollar five cents.

Lastly. I hereby nominate and appoint Montgomery & Wells and my son Jacob Starin my Executors. In witness whereof, I do hereby set my hand and seal this twentieth day of July 1849.

Alex. Starin Test

Witness sealed and published in my presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this twentieth day of July 1849.

Edw. J. Astor

Francis Goodman

Newspaper Will of Nancy Elough

Dated April 29 1850

We Michael Reynolds and Hannah Reynolds do state that the Newspaper will of Nancy Elough was made by her in the month of February, the day of the month not recollecting in the year 1850 in our presence to which we were specially required to bear witness by the Testator herself in the presence of each other that it was made in her last sickness in her own habitation or dwelling house, and the same is as follows (to wit): It was her will and desire that her effects should be disposed of after her decease in the following manner, first, it was her wish and desire that her daughter Margaret shall have her saddle. Second. It was her wish and desire that the balance of her effects after paying all her just debts should be equally divided between her daughter Margaret, her son Samuel, her son Pleasant, and her son William's wife and children, her daughter Nancy & Elizabeth having been heretofore provided for. Made and by us well signed. This 29th day of April 1850.

Signed in our presence

Jos. Q. Galbraith

Michael Reynolds
Hannah Reynolds

Shelton, see Original

Will of William Shelton

Dated Nov 15 1850

Proven July 6 1851

In the name of God, Amen, I, William Shelton, being of sound mind and disposing memory, having at the same time the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do hereby do, do, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any other time.

1st. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my monies that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.
2nd. I will one hundred dollars to my sister Polly Coleman.
3rd. I will to my sister Nancy Williams fifty dollars.
4th. I will to my sister Maria White one dollar to her or to her heirs.
5th. I will my interest in the land to William Coleman, do land where William now lives and also two hundred & fifty

dollars, and also three head of Cattle.
 1st I will and direct of my interest in land due to Thomas
 Chismuth, the land where Thomas now lives
 2^d I will that the Executors to my will sell to the highest
 bidder the balance of my interest in the tract of land where
 Thomas Chismuth lives, and the proceeds be equally divided
 among the heirs of Polly Chismuth, my sister
 3^d and last I will is that Thomas Chismuth & Daniel Reymond
 shall be my Executors to manage my affairs & see my will
 & I do by this my will set my hand and seal. This 15th day
 of November 1850.

Witness

Mrs Smith,

David Reynolds

his
 William L. Melton
 made

Will of David Seussabough

Dated April 27 1851

Proven May Term 1852

I David Seussabough of the County of Hawkins, in the State of
 Tennessee do hereby make and publish this as my last will
 and Testament, hereby making and making void all other wills
 & my heirs for made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be
 paid out of my estate, and the possession of, or the way first
 come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly, I will and bequeath to my sons Christian Seussabough
 and Richard Seussabough equally all of my property of every kind
 and description both real and personal that I may be possessed
 of, my land, my negro man Edward, household and kitchen
 furniture, stock, grain, farming utensils, and all effects belong-
 ing to me of every kind. But I bequeath the said Christian & Richard
 to do the following things, they must maintain support provide
 for and take care of my wife Nancy during her life. I also require
 them to pay out to my son Daniel Seussabough three hundred dollars,
 to my son Michael Seussabough three hundred dollars, to my daughter
 Susan Annis three hundred dollars, to my daughter Nancy Seuss-
 abough one hundred and fifty dollars, to the children of my son
 Joseph Seussabough two hundred dollars, which shall be the share
 of each in my estate. And to my daughter Elizabeth Bowman as her
 share two hundred dollars to be held as a trust fund in the
 hands of my Executors hereafter named, during her life to be loaned

out by them and the interest to be paid to her annually, and at her death,
 it is my will & desire that it shall go to her daughter Susan Jane
 Bowman. I have already paid to each of my sons John Seussabough
 Henry Seussabough and Jacob Seussabough all that I wish there
 to receive out of my estate.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my son Christian Seuss-
 abough and my son-in-law James Annis Executors of this my last
 and will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have here-
 unto subscribed my name and affixed my seal. This 27th April
 1851.

Witnessed by David Seussabough the
 Testator in the presence of us, who in his
 presence have subscribed our names as witnesses

Wm. Annis

Thomas P. Martin

David Seussabough
 made

Will of John Shanks

Dated May 11 1853

Proven April Term 1855

I John Shanks do make and publish this my last will and Tes-
 tament, hereby making 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 estate, and of any money that I may
 be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executors.
 Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son Andrew Shanks, Jacob
 Shanks and Daniel Shanks all the home plantation, together with
 the several parcels of land adjoining it, which belongs to me,
 equally between them. Thirdly, I give & bequeath to my daughter
 Elizabeth Shanks and Polly Shanks one hundred & fifty dollars each,
 which sums of money is charged on the lands in the second bequest.
 Nancy Davis, my daughter also having been heretofore provided for fully,
 a fifty dollar over which is to be deducted from her share of my
 personal property. Fourthly, I give & bequeath to my son Michael
 Shanks two hundred dollars charged also on the lands named in
 the second bequest. My son John Shanks and my son David Shanks
 having been heretofore fully provided for in their interest in my
 home lands named in the second bequest. Fifthly, I desire
 that all my personal property be sold & the proceeds of it together
 with any money that may remain at my decease, and I direct
 that the same be divided equally among all my children named

above, due respect being observed to the deduction to be made in
Honey Davis's share.

Lastly, I do hereby manifest, and appoint, Andrew Shanks and
Joseph D. Galbraith my Executors. In witness whereof I do this
my will set my hand & seal. This 11 day of May, A.D. 1853.

John Shanks, Test.

Signed, sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed
our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. This 11 day of May 1853.

A. Wadsworth, C.C. Miller.

Edmund Wadsworth, W. Hutchins.

Witness of Christian Shanks.

Dated Nov 12 1853.

Proven January 1854.

Witness of John Shanks.

Christian Shanks, of the County of Hamilton & State of New
York, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the un-
certain and evanescent nature of human life, do therefore make, ordain, pub-
lish and declare this to be my last will and testament. That I
do hereby give, devise, bequeath and dispose of my estate real & personal, I give, bequeath and
dispose of as follows to wit: To my beloved daughter Catharine and
her husband William Williams, the land and appurtenances situated
thereon where I now live, known and described as the lot or road
containing about one hundred and thirty six acres but in this
this it is expressly understood and I have made it known to
my son, to provide for my beloved wife Polly a house, support
her disburse as comfortably for and during the term of her natural life
and at the death of said Polly to give her disburse, & maintenance
of the third of the said Polly, the said William & Catharine
likewise must pay to the said Polly the sum of seven hundred
dollars to be equally divided amongst them, and to be paid in
annual installments of One hundred dollars a year, with interest
I furthermore give to my beloved wife Polly all my household &
kitchen furniture of every kind and description for and during
her natural life, and at her death to be sold by my Executors,
hereinafter to be appointed & the proceeds thereof to be equally di-
vided amongst my lawful heirs. It is further my will that
the Blacksmith shop that was erected by the joint labor of my
son & son in law, shall be free to be used by them, & they have
therefore used it until the death of my beloved wife Polly, and

then I will that the tools of every kind & description by said shop be
sold & the proceeds thereof equally divided among my heirs.
To my son Henry I give & bequeath the Poppy Pearson tract of land
containing about fourteen or fifteen acres.

To my son George I give and bequeath the lower end of the Mount
Union tract of land, on which is the house & orchard, the upper
end of said tract of land, I give and bequeath to the sole & sepa-
rate use of my daughter Betty Hemer & her heirs forever. The line
between said upper and lower end of said farm shall con-
tinue on the South bank of Poor Valley Creek at the mouth of a
ditch and run with the Orchard fence to near the corner of the
farm, and then with the fence running from the farm to the foot
of the Horse Mountain, and thence continuing the direction of
the last named fence to George Hemer's line or near the top of
Horse Mountain.

It is further my will that all of my lands not herein before disposed
of together with my half of a town lot in Rochester of every
kind & description shall be sold at my death & divided equally
amongst my children. I have heretofore given all my children
about One hundred dollars each, & I have by this my will pro-
vided for my son Henry, my son George, and my two daughters
Betty Hemer & Katy and her husband, William Williams by giving
them lands as herein before set forth. Now it is my wish to pro-
vide for my son Michael, John, William and Christian, not herein
given any land, & therefore give to each of my last named sons
the sum of One hundred dollars each to be paid to the first
day of January 1854. It is my will that the four last named sons
shall have in addition to the sum of two hundred dollars just
herein before provided an equal share with my other children
of the proceeds of property to be sold after the death of my wife Polly.

It is my will further that all my property not herein
before disposed of, shall be sold at my death by my Executors
& the proceeds equally divided amongst all my children. I hereby
constitute & appoint my son in law William Williams my Executor.
In witness whereof I the said Christian Shanks, have here-
unto subscribed my name and affixed my seal. This 13 day of
Nov 1853.

Christian Shanks, Test.

The above foregoing instrument was subscribed by the said Christian
Shanks in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us.

And he at the same time declared the said instrument to be his last will and Testament, and we at the Testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses. Wm.

O. A. Nye
E. R. Russell.

William Smith Will.

Dated Sep. 3, 1809.

Proven Oct. 1859.

In the name of God Amen,

I William Smith Sen of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, make, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say, First, After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows (to wit):

1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Kewan twelve and assigns forever, about fifty acres of land off of the East end of my tract of land including where Thomas Kewan now lives also one little black boy named Caswell.

2nd All the balance of my land whereon I now live adjoining the lands of David Reynolds, John Reynolds and where I give and bequeath to my son Serier Smith on the following conditions, that the said Serier Smith is hereby bound to support me and to maintain my wife decently and clean of meat during our natural life or during my wife's widowhood.

3rd I give and bequeath to my daughter Casandra Couch, my negro girl Hannah, together with some money that I have heretofore given.

4th In addition to what I have heretofore given Mahlan and Nancy White, I hereby give and bequeath Cole and Washman the children of Mahlan White and Nancy White four hundred dollars a piece, to be paid to their Guardians and to be paid by my Executors as soon as my property is disposed of and my estate settled up.

5th I also give to my son John Angus Smith my town lot in the town of Knoxville about five eighths of an acre adjoining McKinnis lot and others on the main road to the Court house, also four hundred dollars in money.

6th I also give to Minerva Kirkpatrick, my negro girl Paul's

large and to hold the right to her and her heirs forever.

7th It is also my wish and desire that my three negro boys, Del Sandy and John be kept in the family, and it is my request that David Kirkpatrick, Serier Smith, Calvin Smith and Lazarus Couch take the three boys and keep them among them at the price I have here set on them, that is Bob at five hundred dollars, Sandy at four hundred, and John at two hundred, and the money to be applied to the uses herein before mentioned, and the balance of the money to go into the hands of my Executors and to be given as they see fit.

8th It is also my will and desire that my black girl Eliza be free at my death, and that she is not to be subject to be sold by name of my heirs, and that none of my children nor wife is to have any claim on her as being a slave, and she is to have the privilege of living on the land that I have given to my son Serier or live with one of the connections, as the case may be.

9th It is my wish also that my son Calvin M. Smith have in addition to what I have heretofore given him, some claims and receipts that I hold on him and have paid for him, to the amount of some one hundred and twenty odd dollars, and the claims be given up to him.

10th In addition to what I have given Serier, I also give him my small mare and two beds, bedsteads and furniture, I have a small piece of land joining John Sanders and Deppes rich which I wish to be sold, and the money to go towards paying my debts.

11th It is also my wish that after my just debts is paid, the balance of property, both household and kitchen furniture and stock of every kind be left with my wife for her use and support during her widowhood. Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint David Reynolds and Lazarus Couch to be executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 18th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Witness
John Reynolds
of the Sanders

William Smith Sen

A Council in the above named Will.

Whereas I William Smith of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, have made my last Will and Testament, bearing date 18 July 1809, in which I have disposed of the greater part of my effects,

Now therefore I do by this my writing which I hereby declare
to be a codicil to my last will and Testament; and to be taken as
a part thereof. Order and declare, and it is my will and desire
that after my death my two grand children have in
addition to what I have heretofore given them one hundred dol-
lars more each of them, making three hundred dollars a piece.
Also in addition to what I have given my son Jover, I also give
him my wagon and gear, it is also my wish and desire
that all the balance of my effects after my just debts are paid,
which I left to my wife in my first will, still be left in her
possession and to be used for her support during her widow-
hood, and not to be granted or disposed of in any other way, whether
and whensoever is left during her widowhood or at her death
to be equally divided amongst my lawful heirs. It is also my
will that my blessed girl Eliza be paid for until the death
of my wife. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal, this 3rd day of September in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine.

Witness
John Reynolds
J. R. Sanders

William Shanks Esq.

Will of David Shanks

Dated Oct 27, 1857.

Proven Nov 1857

I David Shanks do make and publish this as my last will
and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills
in 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. Then
I may die possessed of or may just come into the hands of my
executors. Secondly, I give my land to my wife Nancy Shanks
during her life, and if she should die before my executors
shall come of age I want the land to remain until she
comes of age and then I want the land sold and the
proceeds equally divided between all my children.

Thirdly, I give to my wife Nancy Shanks one horse and two
cows and all my sheep and all my stock, hogs, all my house
hold and kitchen furniture. After leaving my wife one years
provision I want the balance of the money and the remainder
of stock of horses & cattle sold and the money after paying

my debts I want to go to the use of my family.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint William Shanks my executor.
In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand &
seal, this 27th day of October 1857.

David Shanks

Proven sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed
our names here in the presence of the Testator, this 27th day
of October 1857.

John V. Branson
William Smith

Will of William Shanks

Dated Nov 3, 1861.

Proven Feb 20, 1862

In the name of God Amen.

William Shanks of the County of Newlin State
of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, considering the
uncertainty of this frail & transitory life, he therefore makes, ordains
publishes & declares this to be my last will & Testament, which is as
follows: After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged,
the residue of my estate real and personal, I give, bequeath and
dispose of as follows to wit:

To my dear beloved wife Catharine Shanks all my property and
effects both real and personal during her widowhood, and at
her death the entire property and effects (except one dollar which
I give to my daughter Louisa Ann Hawkins) the entire balance
to be equally divided between my seven other children to wit,
Martin V. Shanks, Eliza Ruth P. Shanks, George T. Shanks, Cornelia
Shanks, Hannah H. Shanks, Mary Shanks and Roxanna Shanks.
I further will that after my death my wife Catharine Shanks
be at liberty to sell any of the property she does not wish to retain.

I appoint my wife Catharine Shanks my executor. This the
eighteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty one.

Witness
Henry Sipe
W. C. Branson.

Will of James Sanders

Dated Feb 20, 1863

I James Sanders make and publish this as my last will and Tes-
tament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me

2, only five made.

First I direct that my funeral Expenses and all my debt, be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of my money I have the possession of, or may first come into the hands of my Administrator.

Secondly, I give to my son James Allen Sanders one hundred and fifty acres of land, and to my son Nelson Sanders one hundred and fifty acres of land under the following provisions. James is to take Nelson at my death and keep him well fed and comfortably clothed, and is to take care that he is well treated, for which he shall give bond & security to my Administrator. If he shall well and truly carry out the provisions as here stated he is to have the use of Nelson's land during his life and at his death it shall belong to James. If James should die before Nelson then Nelson's land is to be sold and the proceeds is to provide him a comfortable home during life.

Thirdly, I give to my daughter Patsiea Sixteen hundred dollars, which amount is to be put on interest, and the interest is to be appropriated to her support, and at her death the principal is to be divided equally among her heirs.

Fourthly, I have given to each of my sons William and John the sum of Six hundred dollars, which amount with interest is to be charged to them from the time they received it, up to the time of my decease, and after deducting that amount they are to have equally with my four daughters viz. Rebecca, Helen, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Sally, the child of George M. Sanders.

Fifthly, upon the foregoing bequests have been drawn out, the land is to be divided, giving James his choice of the upper or lower end of the farm from which to take his own and Nelson pay all during them also a fair portion of woodland, then the balance of the land and property to be sold and divided equally according to the instructions in this will, between the heirs of John Sanders. The heirs of Rebecca Morriseth, William Sanders, Eleanor Cook, John, Elizabeth Smith, Sally, Drake and the child of George M. Sanders, and in the event of the death of George M. Sanders, it is to be equally divided among his heirs. Also during my wife's lifetime I give her care in some land for five hundred dollars and hire of labor, which she directs me to pay to her three daughters, Eleanor, Elizabeth, & Sally, I have paid three hundred dollars of the amount, and intend to pay the balance if I can before my death. But if I should

wish, I pray my Administrator to pay it.

On witnesses whereof I do & this my will set my hand and seal. This the 26th day of February 1863.

Signed, sealed & delivered in our presence This the 26th day of February 1863. James Sanders *Teste*

Witnesses

D. M. Sheffey,

J. J. Carroll

Will of Thomas Taylor

Dated Feb 21, 1863

In the name of God, Amen

I Thomas Taylor of the State of Tennessee, now residing in Hawkins County being much afflicted in body but yet in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for it, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain my last will and testament, that is to say, principally and first of all, I do give and recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner according to the Christian rule, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again to the power of God, And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased to bestow on me in this life, I do give, devise and dispose of in the following manner.

First, I recommend all my just debts to be paid.

Secondly, I recommend all my perishable property to be sold and equally divided in my family of boys & girls, and black men excepted and allowed for value given.

Thirdly, I recommend my land to be for the use of my son James Taylor for five years and he is to school Beckey and Ann to read and write them names, and to keep to plantation in repair, and at the expiration of five years to be sold and equally divided between John Taylor, Thomas Taylor, James Taylor, Wilson Taylor and the said. Sons to pay each Beckey and Ann one hundred and fifty dollars each, that is to come out of the price of the land either in money or property. I allow Jacob Lamm one hundred dollars, William Logan one hundred dollars and Andrew Propp one hundred dollars to be collected by my Executors, and give to each of them to Beckey and Ann one

at the age of fifteen years.

And I do constitute my son Thomas and James to be my Executors and I do hereby disallow, revoke and utterly disannul all gifts and every other Testament that will have hereafter been made, but I do hereby ratify and confirm this to be my last Will and Testament.

On witness whereof I have set my hand and seal. This twenty sixth day of February, Eighteen hundred and fifteen, Signed, sealed, published and delivered by the said Thomas Taylor to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names.

Test Thomas Taylor (S)
John Lang
James H. Lang

And this each of us will pay to the said Thomas Taylor to be his last Will and Testament, for years is done away, and the land is to be sold will above. And that part of James Taylor's will my daughter Ann and Rebecca is done away, and there is a note on John Miller of twenty dollars and one on James Rogers of ten dollars and eight five dollars out of said note which is mine.

And I do certify that the above signed will is to be my last Will and Testament, with these under circumstances.

Test Thomas Taylor (S)
Wm. Miller
John Lang

Will of Charles Thomas

Dated April 1830

I, William Thomas of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first, I direct that my body be decently buried at the grave yard where my first wife is buried or any other plantation in said County in a manner suitable to my condition in life, and as to my worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows:

First, I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of, or my first claim into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate, real or personal.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Temperance and to my daughter Mary Thomas the plantation that I now live upon, also one barrel more, also my flock of sheep, also my stock of hogs, I do also will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Temperance and my daughter Mary all my household and kitchen furniture, with the exception of my bed and furniture that belongs to the said bed, and that I give to my wife alone. And also I give all my farming utensils that belong on and to my farm to my wife and daughter Mary as the above said property, and also my two slaves. I do will and bequeath all the above named property to my wife Temperance and my daughter Mary, so long as the two above mentioned can agree and when they disagree the Administrator below chosen is to proceed to sell the said property in such manner as they think proper, and divide the money arising therefrom equally between the said two persons to-wit: my lawful wife Temperance and daughter Mary. And as to my son John Thomas and my daughter Elizabeth Thomas, but now Elizabeth Bessie, I do think in justice that I have done all for them that I can, but yet for the love and affection that I have for them I do will and bequeath unto them one dollar each, out of the money arising from the sale of my property after my decease.

I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my above named neighbors and friends, Lewis Allen, Bessie C. Ford, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal. This the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

Witness, Wm. Thomas (S)
Signed, sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed, in the presence of the Testator and of each other.

Bessie C. Ford,
Lewis Allen,
Proven by the oath of Bessie C. Ford, at Lynchburg Tenn 1832
The hand writing of Lewis Allen proven at Lynchburg Tenn 1832
J. H. Vance, Clerk

Will of Jesse Prout

Dated July 25 1837

I, Jesse Prout Sr. of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being present in body, but of sound disposing mind, ordain and declare this to be my last Will and Testament. I give and bequeath

To my wife Elizabeth I give all of my Estate both real and personal to be at her disposal & control forever out of which she is to pay all my just debts. It is my desire that my said wife be executrix of this my last Will & Testament. And that no security be required of her for the execution of the same. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal. This 25th day of July 1837

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in our presence the date above written,
Jas A Rogers, Larkin Wells,
James Willis, W^m D. Newen.

Jesse French, Secy

Will of William Packer

Dated Feb 6, 1843

Proven Nov 1843

In the name of God Amen

I William Packer Son of the County of Newlin and State of New Jersey being of a sound disposing mind and memory bringing to mind the mortality of this life knowing it is appointed to all men once die, in the first place I direct the publication of such notices as shall be published in the public papers of this State to this my last Will and Testament in manner following to wit.

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy during her natural life all and every part and parcel of the land and tenements whereon I now live and all her share in adjoining lands to be equally divided between my two sons W^m & Hyram Packer.

Second. After disposition or sale having been made of a sufficiency of my stock of horses and sheep and cattle to wit satisfy all debts due or lawful demands against me I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy all the remainder of said stock and all growing interests and all other such property as shall remain and otherwise be disposed of and profits be converted to her use in raising her children.

Third I give and bequeath to my daughter (eight in number) as follows Jane, Malinda, Altha, Rebecca, Ruth, Myra, Elizabeth, Minerva and each of the above named girls my lawful daughter. I give and bequeath a good bed and all appurtenances pertaining thereto bed clothes &c. Fourth. To my oldest son George I give and bequeath a two year old heifer, two sheep and a cow.

Then fifth. I give and bequeath to my second son John my oldest son a parcel of land lying on or near the Creek above this I give and bequeath unto my son John all said land held in or by title of ten days when he becomes to be twenty one years of age, over said land he is to have no power until he becomes twenty one years of age, but the profits, products or produce of said lands shall be converted to the use and support of my wife Nancy and family. Then sixth. To my two sons William and Hyram Packer I give and bequeath a certain tract or parcel of land adjoining this tract whereon I now live held by title of one day, to wit the middle tract. The profits or products or produce of said land to be converted to the use and support of their mother Nancy Packer and family, until said William and Hyram shall become twenty one, at which time said land is to be equally divided between William and Hyram Packer. It is further my will and desire that my son John Packer should receive with the mother assisting her in having slaves of property, William Lister. I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends Baruch Cantwell and John Cantwell of this said County of Newlin my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 6th day of February 1843.
Signed in presence of William Packer, Secy
George Jackson
John E. Wells

Will of S. Thurman

Proven Feb 7 1845

Dated Nov 15, 1843

In the name of God Amen

I Dickerson Thurman of the County of Newlin and State of New Jersey being of a sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First. That after the payment of all my just debts be bequeath to my wife Eliza all my real and personal property to remain in her hands and under her control until my son William D. attains the age of twenty one year, then the plantation I formerly lived on James O. Miller. I will that the profits of said sale of land to be equally divided between my two sons James D. and William D. and daughter Mary Lillman.

The black man, woman, and children I give and bequeath to my wife Ann together with the residue of my means, notes & debt of every kind. After paying all my just debts. My father and mother are to have their support on the produce of the lands gotten from my father & where he now lives. And at the death of my wife Ann or when she may choose to relinquish her claims to the plantation I now live on & also the plantation where Silas Williams now lives, I give and bequeath to my son William D. All my stock of every kind and farming utensils to remain on the farm and for the use of the same except a certain small more which I owe to my wife Ann for her exclusive benefit. I will that my black man Harry remain in the family during my father's & mother's life time & then so long as my wife Ann chooses to remain living with William, but then to be sold & the proceeds of the sale to be divided between James D. & another Mary. I give and bequeath to my wife Ann also such of the household & kitchen furniture as she may want & the residue to be divided between James D. & William D. as my wife Ann may think best.

I do hereby appoint James R. Porter & my wife Ann Executors of this my last Will and Testament. They are to make all former wills before made. In testimony whereof I have written set my hand & seal. This 5th March 1848.

D. Thurman Test

Signed sealed & published & declared by the above named Dickerson Thurman to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of

H. Matterson
Robert Johnson

Will of Sarah Raster

Dated Dec 27. 1854.

July Term 1855

In the name of God, Amen
I Sarah Raster of the County of Rowan and State of Tennessee being of advanced age but in good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make, publish and declare the following to be my last Will and Testament, hereby making void all wills that may have been made by me at any time heretofore.
First, It is my will and desire that out of any monies

that may be on hand at the time of my death, or out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my Executor hereinafter named, all the expenses attending my funeral shall be paid. Secondly, It is my will and desire that I owe any debt at the time of my death, said debts shall be paid by my said Executor.

Thirdly, To my much esteemed and well beloved son in law Robert A. Hounsell and his wife Elizabeth my well beloved daughter. I will and bequeath all the estate that I may be possessed of at the time of my death, whether the same consist of monies, goods, lands, real personal or mixed estate, to them and their heirs or assigns forever.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Robert A. Hounsell my Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This 27th day of December 1854.

Signed, sealed, published and delivered in presence of us the undersigned.

Geo. R. Powell
James G. Armstrong

Sarah Raster Test

Will of John Vaughan

Dated Oct 16. 1850

In the name of God, Amen

I John Vaughan being very weak in body but of sound mind and memory, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament. In the first place, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly Vaughan all my household furniture and with my my horses, cattle and hog, as long as she lives, and then for her to divide all that property equally between Polly Wilson, Benjamin and John, a son of my daughter Clary to have his part equal to the two others. And then is William and Rachel and Jonathan shall have five shillings each. Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand and caused my seal to be affixed. This 16th day of April 1850

Witness Present.
Thomas Williamson (Jury)
Hazel Brewer

John Vaughan Test

Will of Abraham Vernon

Dated Jan 18. 1825

In the name of God Amen.

I Abraham Vernon of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory, blessed be God, do this eighth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, make and publish this my will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say, First of all, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Rebecca Vernon, after paying my debts, all my free and personal estate, except my dear brother Nathan Vernon's give and bequeath, twenty dollars, also my younger brother William Vernon I give and bequeath the same sum of twenty dollars, each out of my estate, and the residue to be at the disposal of my wife, as she wishes, and my negroes named Rebecca, James and her two children Jack and Matilda, I wish that she may keep them if they are obedient to her, and at my wife's death, I wish them to be set free, and if they should be disobedient to my wife, she may dispose of them as she pleases.

And also, I being my said wife Rebecca Vernon sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who are present at the time of my signing and sealing thereof, the year and date first above written.

Witness
Nicholas Lane
Jesse Powell

Abraham Vernon (Seal)

Will of John M. Vaughan

Dated Apr 22. 1832

Died Dec 23. 1835

Know all men by these presents, that I John M. Vaughan of Hawkins County Tennessee, taking into consideration the uncertainty of human life, being desirous of settling & regulating my own affairs, in the event of my death, do make & publish this my last Will and Testament, writing and amending all others.

First, It is my will and desire that my body be decently committed to the earth from whence I came.

Then, It is my will and desire that my just debts be in the first place paid. Then, It is my will & desire that the tract of land on which I now live, consisting of the land that was allotted to my wife out of her father's estate (composed of lot of five or six acres South of the Stage road, which my house stand and of a lot of about sixty

acres, near north of the Stage road, and also consisting of a lot bought of Jacob Wells for which I hold his title bond of about forty acres lying north of the road & adjoining of Frances on the East, & also consisting of another tract, bounded by Edg. on the West, of the Stage road, joining the lands of A. Cradley's Mills, & others, containing about eighty one acres, and said tract on which I live, is supposed to contain in all about one hundred and thirty five acres, now it is my will that said tract of land together with all my household & kitchen furniture, farm implements and stock shall go to my wife Elizabeth Vaughan during her life to raise, educate and support her children, and support & maintain herself during her natural life, and at her death the same to be equally divided among my children, to wit, John M. Vaughan Jr., Elizabeth M. Vaughan Jr. and William C. Vaughan. It is also my will that my slaves go to my said wife during her natural life, for the same purpose as above, and at her death to also equally divided among my said three children, John M. Vaughan, Elizabeth M. Vaughan & William C. Vaughan.

Item, It is my will that all my debts be collected by my Executors, and the proceeds applied to the settlement of all judgments against my estate.

Item, It is my will that my plantation called the Holman place, consisting of the land & lot of Robert Morrison, all more containing by Survey about five hundred acres more or less, be sold to my Executors on a credit of one and two years at public sale to the highest bidder on hand & second & third & fourth, at that the proceeds thereof, after paying my debts that may not be discharged by the claims I hold on others, shall be equally divided three & share alike among my four children by my first wife, to wit, Henry M. Vaughan, James M. Vaughan, Thomas M. Vaughan, George M. Vaughan & Deborah Vaughan.

Item, It is my will & desire that any portion of the estate of them grand father Jeremiah Cloud, coming to me in right of them mother, shall be conveyed to my three children to wit, John M. Vaughan, Elizabeth M. Vaughan & William C. Vaughan.

Item, It is my will that James Francisco and my wife Elizabeth Vaughan be Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and that no security be required unless my wife Elizabeth should marry again.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, this 22 day of November 1832, witnesses being who retained the same at the

John M. Vaughan (Seal)

Will of Nathan Vernon

Dated Aug 13 1849

Proven Feb 1851

I Nathan Vernon of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in presence of my friends and friends I will that all my just debts be paid by my Executors out of any money that I may die possessed of or that may hereafter come into their hands from any property.

Secondly, I will that my three negroes Hori, Mammie, Mary, Marinda and John be put at my death and remain citizens of the State as other free Slaves do.

Thirdly, I do not know that I have any lawful heirs or legal representatives living, but should there be any unknown to me and should apply to my Executors and make known that fact, I will that my Executors pay each of them the sum of one dollar out of my estate.

Fourthly, With my personal papers, I have but little been such, but I may die possessed of I will that my three Slaves above named have the same.

Attest, I subscribe and approve my friend Robert Rogers Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal August 13 1849

Nathan Vernon

J. Mitchell

George Rogers

Isabel Vernon Deed

Will of Nathan Vernon

Dated Jan 12 1851

Proven Feb 1851

I, Nathan Vernon, In the name of God, Amen, and being called to mind the uncertainty of life and the true certainty of death, and having been blessed with a small portion of property for which I am very thankful to my Creator for each day of sound mind at this time which will enable me to dispose of such of my property as I am at this time desirous to do, which is as follows: First, I wish and desire and my will is, that as soon after my decease as is practicable I desire that my Executors or Administrators should in execution refuse to receive, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of any money that my friends come into the hands of my Executors or Administrators.

Second, My will and desire is that should I decease before my wife, then and in that case, I desire that my wife Elizabeth Vernon shall be entitled out of any income that is thought best by my Executors or Administrators during her natural life should there be that much of my estate in the hands of my said Executors or Administrators, and should my wife Elizabeth Vernon choose to leave my house or houses where I now live after my decease, then and in that case, I desire that my wife Elizabeth have ten dollars out of any money that may remain to be in the hands of my Executors or Administrators, and all further support and supplies supplied from my said wife Elizabeth. Third, My will is, should there be any lawful heirs or heirs, that have a lawful claim or claims to any portion of my estate after my decease, for some of them are unknown to me, that my Executors or Administrators should pay each of them one dollar each and no more of my estate.

Fourth, My will and desire is that after the death of myself and my wife Elizabeth, should there be any of my estate left or unexpended, then and in that case, I desire and bequeath the balance of my estate to Thomas Coward, an Edick boy son of Patsy Coward, both relatives, and one living with me at this time, and have been for many years, taking care of me and my wife Elizabeth Vernon, my will and desire is that Patsy Coward, the mother of Thomas Coward whom I will that the remainder of my estate to be, and I hereby appoint her the said Patsy Coward guardian for her said Edick son, Thomas Coward, and to receive from my Executors or Administrators all such estate as may be coming to the said Thomas Coward, after all other claims are paid and settled of, and to have full power and authority in dealing with and to her said son as those things belonged to her the said Patsy Coward, in every way, manner and form in taking care of her said son Thomas Coward.

Fifth, Now, as this is my last Will and Testament, revoking all other or former wills heretofore made by me, or all other deeds of gift or deed of trust of any kind previous to the making of this.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint in full my Executors of my last Will and Testament, In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this day of January 1851.

Signed, stated and published in the presence of the Testator this day of 1851.

Nathan Vernon Deed

Attest, Robert Rogers, George Rogers, J. Mitchell, Isabel Vernon Deed

Will of Allen Vaughan

Dated Feb'y 7, 1858

Proven March 14th 1858

I Allen Vaughan 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 just debts be paid as soon as possible out of my money that I may the possessor of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Betty all my land, being the tract on which I now live, for and during her natural life and no longer.

Thirdly, the land mentioned in the above bequest at the death of my wife, I give and bequeath to my three children (to wit) my son Allen, my daughters Rebecca and Sarah, to be equally divided between them on account of their having effected one to pay for said land.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca one horse and saddle, I give and bequeath to my son Allen, my daughter Rebecca and Sarah all my personal property that may be on hand if any after paying all my just debts to be equally divided between them.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Allen my Executor. In witness whereof I date this my Will at my hand and seal this 7th day of February 1858.

Allen Vaughan

Witness, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the Testator this 7th day of February 1858.

Jas D. Guibault

P. L. Henderson

Michael Loney

Will of Robert Williams

Dated Sept 30, 1856

In the name of God, Amen

I Robert Williams of Sullivan County, being weak in body, yet of perfect mind and memory, thank to God for his mercies, do make and constitute this my last will and Testament, as follows, Viz. First, I commend my soul into the hand of God who gave it, and my body to the clerk to be buried in Christian decency at the discretion of my Executor, in hopes to receive again at the General resurrection by the mighty power of God. And as for that portion of things which God has been pleased to bestow upon me, I dispose of in the manner following:

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann the use of my plantation and the service of my slaves therein mentioned, also I leave her all my farming interests, two work horses, named Gray and Jack, two mares, such as she shall choose, and all my household furniture, cattle, sheep and pigs. To my daughter Ann I give one young horse known by the name of the orphan colt. To my daughter Mary I give one horse creature or gelding named, Virginia mare. To my daughter Rachel I leave one horse creature or gelding named, Virginia mare. To my sons Robert and Samuel I leave my plantation, to be equally divided between them, as to quality, quantity and improvement, respectively. Likewise, my two negroes to be divided and equally divided between them, and if the negroes should ever have issue the first two children, or if but one to be equally divided between my two daughters Mary and Rachel. Moreover, I will that the proceeds of my horse creature, to be sold and the money raised thereby be equally divided between my two sons Robert and Samuel. Likewise, all cattle, pigs, and sheep, except so much as pay all my lawful debts. And further I appoint and nominate my wife Ann her son David Richard and David Richard her son, to be the sole Executors of this my last will and Testament, making void all other wills and Testaments heretofore made. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

in presence of us

(Name here, legible.)

James Berry

David Richard

Robert Williams

Will of Ruben Webster

Date Dec 19 1799

My Unlawful Will of Ruben Webster deceased, who departed this life December 19th 1799.
 1st That his land and plantations should remain in the possession of his widow during her natural life for the purpose of raising & maintaining his children, & at her death to be equally divided among all his children. 2nd That all his movable property remain likewise in the hands of his widow towards the support of the orphans until they come to full age & then to be equally divided among them all. 3rd That the tract of land which he sold John Hammond, being above a conditional quarter line, that he was desirous said John Hammond should have a right to settle on the same.

Testimony of the United State of America, South of the Potomac, Washington County.

I do hereby certify that the above was proved to be the Will of Ruben Webster deceased delivered from his own mouth in his last sickness before Isaac Linn, David Marshall, John Hammond & Joseph Webster.

W^m Henderson
 James Blair
 19th December 1799

Will of Ruben Wadham

Date Oct 15 1796

In the name of God Amen

I, Ruben Wadham of Washington County in the County of the United State, South of the Potomac, being of sound mind & memory do make and declare the my last Will and Testament as follows to wit:

I leave to my son William Wadham, my negro man named Wadham, as soon as he is settled in a way of living for himself. I leave to my daughter Charlotte Wadham, Rose & Leamon called Leamon is dead and then Rose is to return to the rest of my estate. The said Rose is to be in Charlotte's possession as soon as she is in a settled way of living for herself. And all the rest of my property I leave for the support of my wife & family until my small children are grown to be able to maintain themselves unless my Executors should think it necessary that a division should take place sooner, and then all my estate to be equally divided between my wife & all my children share

and share alike. And the shares of such of my children as shall not be of age when such division shall take place to be put in the hands of guardians appointed according to law to prevent waste or fraud of their parts of such estate.

I leave and appoint my wife Rachel Wadham, my son Wm Wadham and Jos Henderson Executors of this my last Will and Testament. On testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. The fifteenth day of October 1796 Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of

James Blair
 Jesse Brand

It is further remembered that the portion allotted to my son William Wadham shall be considered as his part without any more when a division of my estate shall take place agreeable to the foregoing will. And Charlotte is to keep Rose as her property without her ever returning to be considered as a part of my estate. And I do ratify and confirm this schedule to be a part of my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 15th day of Oct 1796.

Signed in presence of:
 James Blair
 Jesse Brand

Ruben Wadham Test

[See original will]

Will of Andrew Menoa

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Date Oct 12 1800

In the name of God Amen

I, Andrew Menoa a Son of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being in a sound and disposing state of mind do hereby make and declare the my last Will and Testament as follows to wit: I wish to be buried in Christian decency as to the disposition of my Executors, and as for my portion of worldly things that God in his providence has bestowed on me I wish for to dispose of in the following manner, after paying my just debts, I leave to my wife Beland wife Cadrie, my dwelling house and all my household goods, one gray mare and colt, two mules and one, the tract of my land and city lot orchard, my stock of horses during her life or widowhood, the land above to my son Andrew and Prida equally quantity and quality considered. I leave my land on conditions that Andrew pay unto Prida and William Menoa one hundred and

First, I give and bequeath my negro boy George and my woman
 Ellen to my brother William Whitehurst and Nancy Whitehurst,
 him & Sarah Cushman and Nancy Cox, to be equally divided.
 Secondly, I give to my four grand children namely, Peter & William
 John and Hannah Whitehurst. The following two negroes, Charles and
 Nancy, to be equally divided as they come to the age of maturity,
 my Executors to have and to have for their benefit, and the balance
 of my personal property, divided equally with these four children,
 leaving sufficient to defray all debts and expenses, And
 Thirdly, For divine good reasons god will and full compensation,
 which I bear for my friend John Parkhurst, I do will, give and
 devise to him my negro girl Hannah, which is now in his possession,
 to have her as long as he sees cause, to dispose of as he may
 proper, and as his property forever. And I do hereby ratify
 declare, revoke and Reannul, all and every other testament will,
 bequest, bequests by me in any way before now made, made or
 bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my
 last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my
 hand and seal the 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

William Whitehurst (Test)

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said William
 Whitehurst as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of as who
 in his presence and in the presence of each other have herunto subscribed
 our names
 Wm. H. H.
 Charles H. H.
 Edward H. H.

Will of Elizabeth Welch

Dated June 30. 1825

In the name of God, Amen.
 I Elizabeth Welch of Hampshire County & State of Penn-
 sylvania being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect
 mind and memory (Praised be God) Calling to mind the mortality
 of this life & knowing that it is appointed for all people once to die
 do make and certify this my last Will and Testament, in manner
 and form following viz.
 First, In consideration that my son Robert Welch & daughter Eliza-
 beth Reynolds have received advances from me, I therefore give
 them twenty five cents each.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my two sons William Welch
 & John Welch my mare and colts, Stock of hogs and the crop
 of corn now growing, to be equally divided between them here
 and there alike, to them & their heirs forever.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my two daughters Penny Welch
 & Calli Welch my cow, heifer and calf & all my household
 furniture, to be equally divided between them, to them & their
 heirs forever. On witness whereof I have said Elizabeth
 Welch have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal. This 30th
 day of June 1825

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Elizabeth Welch as her last
 Will and Testament, in the presence of as
 who were present at the signing and sealing hereof.

R. B. Yeager
 James Leary

Will of Solomon Walters

Dated June 12. 1823

I Solomon Walters, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life
 & being of sound & perfect mind & memory, have made this my last Will and Testament
 for the same, I do make & publish this my last Will and Testament
 in manner & form following that is to say,

First, I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Pammah Walters, all
 my household & kitchen furniture, or as much of it as she wants, I
 also give her one horse & coach. She is to have choice of horses & a coach &
 six feet of hay & six feet of sheep & she is to have privilege of
 the house & garden & Orchard & she is to have a piece of ground
 or land, laid off or set apart, containing two or three acres whereon
 she wants to have it, for a duck patch & she is to keep the negro
 garret or provision named Lacey, all these things she is to hold or
 keep during her natural life time, And after her death it is to be sold
 & equally divided amongst my five daughters Margaret, Elizabeth,
 Nancy & Christiana or Christiana & Mary, except Nancy & Margaret
 I give Nancy seven dollars & Margaret seven dollars &
 it is to be taken out of this share & the balance is to be equally divided
 my stock & household & kitchen furniture, negroes & everything
 more except the land, is to be sold & the money is to be equally
 divided amongst them. The land I give is divided into two parts
 it is to say, I give & bequeath unto my son Elijah the land on plantation

do ordain and make this my last Will & Testament, to wit, In the first place, I desire that my just debts be paid, therefore may be necessary that my Executor or Executors sell a sufficiency of my personal property to discharge the same. In residue of my property I give and bequeath with my beloved wife Sarah, my son Solomon share and equal with my beloved wife Sarah, together with my servant, my Parson. It is my desire that my wife Sarah be my Executrix and Guardian to our son Solomon, retaining the necessity of her giving any security in like case, either as Executrix or Guardian.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

Witness my hand and seal this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four.

A. B. The words sell & property, introduced before signed

Will of Joseph White

Dated May 11, 1835

State of Tennessee, Hawkins County, May the 11 day 1835

To all to whom these presents may come greeting, I Joseph White, in the name of God, Amen, being frail in body but sound in memory, do make and I do make this my last Will and Testament.

First of all, After my death I desire my body to be buried decently and the expenses paid out of my estate. Then secondly, I give and bequeath to my youngest daughter Elizabeth, 1/4 certain tract and parcel of land that I bought of my son George White, and he from William Moore, being in said County, near I now live, for her and her proper use and to her heirs. And I give and bequeath to my son William Solomon White one hundred acres of land, bounded survey adjoining my daughter Elizabeth, to the same more or less, and I give and bequeath to my son in law Abram Shuttles one hundred acres of land in said County, it being the tract whereon he now lives, it being same by warrant. I give and bequeath unto my son George White four hundred dollars. And I give and bequeath to my daughter Fannia White the same of seventy dollars to be paid to her or her heirs out of a certain

tract of land lying Janina old Alexander Ballard, when sold, and the money made out of said land, And I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Insley, dollars to be paid out of said land when sold and the money made out of said land. And the balance of money rising from the said land, to go to pay the expenses arisen on said estate, and the land to be sold by my Executors. And also, it is my will that my youngest daughter Elizabeth shall have her bed and furniture. And this I make and I do make my last Will and Testament, whereunto I set my hand, this day and date above written. And this is my will that my son George White shall be my Executor.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced Joseph White 1835 by the Testator in the presence of James Lee, James Pangle,

Will of George Wolfe Senior

Passed Sept 2, 1839

Dated Sept 18, 1839

In the name of God, Amen

I George Wolfe Senior of the State of Tennessee and County of Hawkins, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given with God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, Principally and first of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner. First, As I have already given to my two sons Volentine and John Wolfe as much of my real and personal estate as I intended for them, I dispose of the remainder as follows. I give and bequeath to my two other sons George and Nicholas Wolfe one hundred acres of land to each, joining John Mills, Abram Mills, Abram Packer, John Wolfe and Volentine Wolfe lines, and it is my request if any two sons George and Nicholas Wolfe

cannot agree in the division of their land, between themselves, they are to get a jury of disinterested men to divide equally for them. And I do further will that myself and my wife Polly are to keep possession of the land for our maintenance during our natural lifetimes. I further give and bequeath unto my four daughters that are at home with me, viz. Barbara, Polly, Margaret, and Abby Wolfe, to each of them one horse brass to be worth fifty dollars each, and to each of my daughters ten dollars in money when they leave home or marry. I further will that my wife Polly Wolfe if I should die before her is to keep possession of my negro boy named Bob for her maintenance during her natural life and at her decease the said boy Bob is to be sold and the money for his purchase is to be divided equally among all my daughters, viz. Barbara, Elizabeth, Barbara, Sarah, Polly, Margaret, Margaret, and Abby. And the girls that are at home viz. Barbara, Polly, Margaret, and Abby are to have my wife's silver and gold and my watch, viz. Hannah, Katharine, Elizabeth, Barbara, Polly, Sarah, Margaret, Margaret, Abby, all of my land from the top of the Copper ridge running with the top of the ridge on East and West division with of the ridge bounded by Volentine Wolfe, Chester Coffey, David, Wilhelm, River to be equally divided among all of the above named girls, and all the land between the ridge of the Copper ridge to the river is to be equally divided among George and Nicholas Wolfe to be equally divided between them. And all my household and kitchen furniture is to be at the disposal of my wife Polly Wolfe at her decease it also are all my negroes to my wife Polly and at her decease to be at her disposal. I also constitute, ordain and appoint my wife Polly Wolfe my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby advise, declare, revoke and annul all and every other Will and Testament by me heretofore confirming this, or to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

George Wolfe

Second, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said George Wolfe as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Matthias Wolf
Jacob Wolfe
Samuel Wolfe

Proven 200 Bx 11 1837

Will of Francis Mustard

Dated Feb 20. 1842.

Proven Nov 7 1842.

In the name of God Amen

I Francis Mustard of the County of Hawkins in the State of Tennessee, being of legal age, but of sound mind and memory, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that when I do recommend my soul to Almighty God who gave it, and desire that my mortal body shall be decently committed to the earth with the usual Christian rites according to the discretion of my Executors herein after to be named. And as to the worldly estate or property I shall please Almighty God to bless me with I dispose of it in the following manner, to wit:

I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved daughter in law Margaret Mustard, widow of my son Ephraim Mustard deceased, late of said County and State, all my estate or property of every description now owned by me, or which may be hereafter owned by me, to be at her absolute disposal and control forever, in consideration of my love and affection for her, and also in consideration of the love and affection she has always bestowed upon me, and am ever sorry that I have not more to give unto her to remunerate her for the kindness and attention she has to me by my wife.

And it is my desire and I do request, ordain and declare that my said daughter in law Margaret Mustard, together with my grand son James Mustard, shall be my Executors and Executors in this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby request that the County Court shall qualify them as such, without requiring from them bond and security, having full confidence that they will discharge their duties and discharge any debt which may be contracted on account of my funeral &c. Whereas in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 20th day of February, 1842.

Francis Mustard

Joseph Cape
Caschel Martin

Will of Larkin Miller

Proven Feb 7, 1859 [Record p 238]

Dated Oct 14 1841

I Larkin Miller of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being of sound disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, to wit:

Deed. After my just debts are paid I want my wife Elizabeth Miller to have control of the tract of land where we now live on for her support during her lifetime. I want to continue two hundred acres more or less. I also want her to have my gray horse and a mare and two of the choice cows out of my stock of cattle also my stock of hogs. Also all my stock of sheep and my stock of sheep and all my farming tools, together with all my household kitchen furniture, to have during her lifetime. I want my black boy Tige to remain with my wife to serve her during her lifetime also my back girl Jude to live with and serve my said wife as long as she may live. And I want William Perry to have the sole use and benefit of the tract of land where we now live, being free that is to the line of unroled trees of land.

2nd After my said wife's death I want my Executors to stand to selling what of my estate remains at my wife's death and equal to divide the proceeds of the same between my heirs and co-heirs, namely James Miller, Samuel Miller, John Miller, and William Miller. And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends John Mitchell and S. C. Phillips, Anderson Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other former Wills and bequests by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 14th day of September in the year of our Lord

1844

Witness, sealed and delivered in presence of
 James Paine,
 George Paine,
 James M. Worcester.

Will of Francis H. Walker

Dated Jan. 30, 1847

I have all men by these presents that I Francis H. Walker of the County of Hancock and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and understanding do make, ordain, and establish this my last Will and Testament, in words following: That is to say First of all, After my decease, I desire my body to be buried decently, and to be buried thereof kind and of our estate, and all just debts to be paid. Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucinda Walker the sole of my estate both real and personal, during her life, provided she remains my widow, and if she should marry it is my wish that she should have one fifth part of my estate, that is to say, one child's part.

3rd It is my wish and desire that my daughter Polly Ann Walker shall have a horse saddle and bridle, a cow, a bed and furniture.

4th It is my wish that my son William Walker shall have a horse saddle and bridle, a cow, a bed and furniture, when he comes to be 21 years of age. 5. It is my wish that my daughter Martha Caroline Walker shall have a horse saddle and bridle, a cow, a bed and furniture, when she comes to be 21 years of age.

And it is also my wish that all my property both real and personal to be sold in such ways and in such manner as my Executors hereafter named, may think most advantageous. And the moneys arising therefrom to be equally divided between my children, namely Elizabeth Jane Norner, Polly Ann Walker, William Walker and Martha Caroline Walker. My wife Lucinda Walker included. I also nominate and appoint my wife Lucinda Walker and my son in law Thomas H. Norner my Executors.

I acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament.

This 30 day of January 1847

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

in the presence of us

William Cobble,

John C. White,

George White.

Will of Francis Walker

Dated Sep. 14, 1848

Prossy Jane Paine 1852

Testimony as to the execution of Francis Walker being of advanced age but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills made by me.

In the 1st place, I give unto (Whitely) God the care of my soul, 2nd I give and bequeath and give unto my daughter Nancy & her husband Daniel Mariett all my property and effects of every kind and description, consisting of debts, money and every other description of property, I have been seized and possessed of. I do hereby constitute and appoint my son in law Daniel Mariett my Executor to this my last will and Testament, authorizing me to execute & act without the requirement of security, in testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal This 14th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Witness

James Lewis Thomas Purcell
 Benjamin M. Worcester

Francis Walker

Will of Theodore Webb

Dated Dec 28. 1852

Proven May Term 1853

State of Tennessee, Hamilton County

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

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my three children that is under age to wit, Theodore, Annie and Catharine, as much property as will make them equal with those that is of age.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my wife Catharine all the rest of my property real and personal during her lifetime or widowhood to wit my plantation and plantation debts and all my stock of Texas land, household and kitchen furniture &c.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath at the death or marriage of my wife Catharine all the property that remains both real and personal to my children to wit John Webb, Eliza Webb, Mary Price, Susannah Price, Lucinda Sparks, Samuel Webb, Gabriel Webb, David Webb and the above named widows to wit Norton, Nancy and Catharine then then or assigns forever to be divided equally among them. Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly one dollar and no more and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John Webb and Eliza Webb my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my will, set my hand and seal the 28 day of December 1852.

Signed, sealed and delivered in

presence of Theodore Webb

R. D. Haring

Willie B. Haring

Will of James Webster

Dated Jan'y 12. 1853

Proven May Term 1853

I, James Webster do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors or Administrators. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife, Elizabeth

all my lands, in being in two tracts one in which I now live and the other adjoining Hamuda, together with all my personal property consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep & poultry together with all my household & kitchen furniture, farming utensils & to have and to hold during her natural life and dispose of as she may think proper.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Jane and John Parvish, I give and bequeath to my son Eldridge C. one dollar.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son James C. one dollar.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son John W. one dollar.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my son Alexander, one dollar.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my son Canaro B. one dollar.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my son Abraham B. one dollar.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal. This 11 day of January 1853.

James Webster Test
Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. This 11 day of January 1853.

J. M. Charles

John Parvish

J. W. B. Charles

Codicile to the last Will and Testament of James Webster.
First, my will and desire is that my beloved wife Elizabeth be and I do hereby constitute her my sole Executor, and that she be not required to give security for her performance of said trust. I testify in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 12 day of January 1853.

John Parvish

W. B. Charles

Will of George Williams

Dated Sep 27. 1852

I, George Williams of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being in perfect health and of sound mind and memory, desiring now and forever, but considering the uncertainty of life and the demands of death, do make, publish and declare the following to my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all wills before made by me at any time whatsoever.
First, It is my will and desire that my Executor be my wife to be

appointed as soon after my death as practicable shall discharge all my just debts and the expenses attending my funeral.
Secondly. It is my will and desire that my dear child Miss Sophia D. Williams survive me, that she shall have the use of Fifty hundred dollars in Cash and also what is contained in our marriage contract heretofore executed by us. The said fifteen hundred dollars to be and remain in the hands of my said Executors to be loaned out by them at interest, and the interest to be paid annually and paid over to her for her own separate use and support for and during her natural life, and after her death the said fifteen hundred dollars as aforesaid shall be equally divided between four my Children, viz. in number, to wit: Warren & Co. Chas. H. Williams, John & Williams, Christopher C. Williams & Walter C. Williams, Frank E. Williams, Sally E. Williams, James M. Williams and Correllia P. Maudcastle or to their heirs, share and share alike, after paying to my said Executors the necessary expenses attending the same.

Thirdly. It is my will and desire that my two grand children, George & Williams and George Williams, sons and heirs of my son John Williams, and their heirs, shall be paid by my Executors the sum of one thousand dollars each, to wit: to be and remain in the hands of my Executors and placed by them at interest, and the interest of the same to be collected annually, and principal and interest thereof to be kept at interest until the eldest of said Children shall become of lawful age, then the said one thousand dollars with all the proceeds thereof shall be paid over to him after paying all necessary expenses attending the same. And the said one thousand dollars are to be divided equally amongst my said Child and her heirs, viz. the proceeds thereof to be kept at interest until the youngest of said Child and her heirs shall become of lawful age, and then the said one thousand dollars with the proceeds thereof after paying all necessary expenses attending the same shall be paid over to him. Out of either of said Children of John Williams heretofore mentioned shall also receive the said Child and her heirs, viz. it is my will and desire that the other being the survivor shall have the money hereby directed to be paid under the same limitations, and instructions as heretofore set forth. But should both said grand children, to wit: George & Williams and George Williams die before they shall have attained to lawful age and without children, then of their heirs, then and in this case, it is my will and desire that

the said sums of money hereby directed to them together with the proceeds thereof shall be equally divided between my said child and their heirs, heretofore named.

Fourthly. It is my will and desire that my Executors heretofore named, after giving the usual notice and as soon after my death as practicable shall sell all my real estate at public auction, or one and one half years credit, to wit: giving bond with approved security, bearing interest from the day of said sale and a lien retained upon the land until the purchase money is fully paid, and the same to be sold in the following manner to wit: My home tract containing about eight hundred acres in one lot, My Little tract containing about two hundred acres in the second lot, My Little tract of land containing about one hundred and fifty acres in the third lot, And my Mill tract containing about three acres more or less with the appurtenances, all to be sold separately, and separate parcels, to be taken for the same. In the sale of said real estate the same order as the home tract is to be observed and to kept in when the purchase money.

Fifthly. It is my will and desire that my said Executors shall as soon after my death as practicable sell such dispose of all my personal property, my wears, shares excepted, at public auction, or twelve months credit, taking bond with approved security for the purchase money.

Sixthly. It is my will and desire that all my slaves shall be equal to be divided between my said four children heretofore named share and share alike. The said slaves to be divided by three disinterested persons to be chosen by my Executors, unconnected with any of the parties either by affinity or consanguinity, and the said slaves to be determined by lot, and if in the division of said slaves the slaves should be considered unequal or said Commissioners, then and in that case, it is my will and desire that my said Executors shall make said slaves equal by paying each of the owner of such share or shares as are deficient.

Seventhly. After retaining out of my estate the said sum of Fifty hundred dollars for the separate use of my said wife, and the said sum of money heretofore devised to my two grand children, viz. George & Williams and George Williams. It is my will and desire that all the proceeds or money arising from the sale of my lands and other property heretofore mentioned, with all the rents, issues, profits and shuttles, all the choses in action or possession, all manner

on hand after paying all my just debts, in fine all my estate, whether
before disposed of, shall be equally divided between my ^{sons} ~~sons~~ ^{sons} ~~sons~~
then living before named, or their heirs share and share alike after
taking into the account the advancements heretofore made by me
to any said children, which will be paid, exhibited and set
forth in my last will, fully and entirely my intention being to
make my said nine children as near equal as may be in the
division of my estate. In as much as I have heretofore given
to my eldest son John Williams deceased, a considerable amount
of money and property and have devised in his my last will
said Testament One thousand dollar each, with the proceeds
thereof to my said two grand children Anne D and George Mel
lame and heirs of the said John Williams dead, nothing in my
estate above my equal share with my other children hereto
before named. Therefore in the division of my property it is ex
plicitly understood and I do so ordain and direct that they are
to have no part or parcel of my estate except the one thousand
dollar and the proceeds thereof to each of them as heretofore devised.
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my two friends John
A. McCarty and James Mc Moore Executors of this my last will
and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal the 26th day of September in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one fifty
four.

George Williams Seal

Grand Jurors published acknowledged and declared in presence
of us the undersigned. This 21st day of September 1854.

The word "Manuscripts" on pre. page interlined before signed.

Geo. A. Baird.

Santa Paula

R. G. F. Davis,

Charles C.

I have much to thank you for the aid of the Executors named and
 appointed in the my last Will and Testament, has since the Execu-
 tive have departed this life and as I am desirous to have matters
 Executor appointed to do with Col. James M. Moore are they Executor
 - he being unmarried, and State was General William Miller of Kentucky
 County and Executor of the my last Will and Testament, & act in con-
 junction with one John Executor but James M. Moore that I am hereby declare
 him to be Executor to my last Will & Testament, he makes what of I have for want
 of my hand & seal, this 29 September 1855

Witness: R. G. Davis Geo. R. Powell

Edw. Williams

I desire that my wife S^t Williams shall have and use my negro girl Charlotte, during her natural life, and at her (unnatural death) I desire that she revert to my nine children as specified in my will. I moreover in my will have given her the interest on fifteen hundred dollars. But I now desire that she shall have the use of the same, or as much as she may desire for the sustenance of her a house, upon condition that she give bond and security for the good coming of the same at her death as specified in my will. I moreover will that my son J^r Williams shall have a young bay horse that I now have and to charge for the same one hundred dollars. I will also that my son in law A^r Maudcastle shall take my negro man Sam to his house and sell the same to go out of the Country and account to my Executors for the proceeds of the same.

Sept 4th 1856. These requests are parts of our father's will, we
wrote to us two day previous to our father's (George Williams)
death when his mind was clear and sane. Widens our hands
date above given

S. A. Williams.

Jos^l M. Williams

Will of Jonathan Wade.

Dated Jan'y 18. 1857.

Proven Aug 1857.

Proved 2 Feb 1857 [Record, p 25]

I Janatant Wadd to make and publish this as my last will and Testament. First, I direct, that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, and if any money that I may die possessed of or may justly come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I want a respectable set of Friends duly elected at my grave. Also I wish to have my grave enclosed by a post and plank fence. Thirdly, I wish and desire to have all my personal effects disposed of by public sale as soon as possible. Fourthly, I desire wish and desire that my Executor pay to my brother John T. some of the dollars due him by account Fifthly, My wish and desire is that my brother and sister have the remainder of my estate after my Executor have paid all my debt.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint William C. Carmack my
Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and
Seal, this 18th day of January 1857.

David Wade (Foot)