on hand after paying all my just debts in fine all my estate not herein before disposed of shall be equally divided between my said nine children hereinbefore named or their heirs share and share alike after taking into the account the advancements heretofore made by me to my said children which will be found exhibited and set forth in my day book 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 dead son John Williams deceased a considerable amount of money and property and have devised in this my last Will and Testament the thousand dollars each with the proceeds thereof to my said two grand children Hugh D and George Williams and heirs of the said John Williams Dec'd making in my estimation about an equal share with my other children hereinbefore named. Therefore in the division of my property it is expressly understood and I do so ordain and direct that they are to have no part or parcel of my estate except the one thousand dollars and the proceeds thereof to each of them as hereinbefore devised. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my two friends Absalom P. McCarty and James M Moore Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

George Williams (Seal)

Signed sealed published pronounced and declared in presence of us the undersigned this 26 day of September 1854.
The word "Guardsville" on the first interlined before signed.

Geo R Carrol
Sam Parrot
A P McCarty

Codicil.

Inasmuch as Absalom P McCarty one of the Executors named and appointed in this my last Will and Testament has since the execution thereof departed this life and as I am desirous to have another Executor appointed to act with Col James M Moore my other Executor — do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint William Elder of Hunterdon County said Executor of this my last Will and Testament to act in conjunction with my other Executor Col James M Moore. And I do hereby declare this to be a codicil to my last Will & Testament. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal. This 27 September 1855

Witness R L Crain Geo R Carrol George Williams

I desire that my wife S. D. Williams shall have and use my negro girl Charlotte during her natural life and at her (my wife's 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 building of her a house upon condition that she give bond and security for the forth coming of the same at her death as specified in my will. I moreover will that my son Jas M Williams shall have a young bay horse that I now have and be charged for the same one hundred dollars. I will also that my son in law A. J. Mauldeastle shall take my negro man Tom 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 regards are parts of our fathers will, were made to us two days previous to our fathers (George Williams) death when his mind was clear and sound. Witness our hands date above given

S. D. Williams
Jas M. Williams

Will of Jonadab Wade.

Dated Jany 18. 1857 Proven Feby 1857

Proved 2 Feb 1857 [Record. p 25]

I Jonadab Wade do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I direct a respectable set of Paint Lines erected at my grave. Also I wish to have my grave inclosed by a post and plank fence. Thirdly I wish and desire to have all my personal property disposed of by public sale as soon as possible. Fourthly I desire wish and desire that my Executor pay to my brother John W. some of Forty dollars due him by account Difficult. My wish and desire is that my brothers and sisters have the remainder of my Estate after my Executor have paid all my debts.
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint William E. Carmack my Executor. In witness whereof I do this my will set my hand and seal. This 18th day of January 1857

Jonadab Wade (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. This 15 day of January 1857. Attest

J. B. C. Edmundson
C. C. Brice
J. O. Miller

A Codicil to Last Will

I Jarvedat Wade having heretofore made and published my Last Will and Testament do make and declare this a Codicil thereto to wit: First, my will and desire is that my Executor be required to rent and let the property that I have in the County Castle. It is my desire that this Codicil be attached to and constitute a part of my will to all intents & purposes. This 15 day of January 1857.

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the Testator. This 15 day of January 1857

Jarvedat Wade (Seal)

J. B. C. Edmundson
C. C. Brice
J. O. Miller

Will of John Williams

Dated Aug 18. 1860 Proven June Term 1864

The Last Will and Testament of John Williams of the County of Newton & State of Tennessee

I John Williams considering the uncertainty of human life and being of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following, that is to say, Item. I give unto my beloved wife Ruth, one third part of the farm on which I now live or on which may be living at the time of my decease including the dwelling and out buildings, one horse, one cow and other stock & household and kitchen furniture as may be necessary for her comfort. Also one black girl named Nep, to keep & employ during the period of her natural life. At her death whatever property she may have is to be disposed of according to the directions given hereinafter.

2nd I give to my daughter Anna one hundred & fifty dollars. Note: I have have heretofore paid to my daughter Nancy nine hundred dollars. To my son James three hundred dollars. To my

daughter Ruthy three hundred dollars. To my son Elisha one hundred dollars & fifty dollars. To my son John A. one hundred & fifty dollars. To my daughters Harriet N. Helen W. & Eliza each one hundred & fifty dollars. Other former bequests to my daughter Anna, is to make her up equal to those who have received one hundred & fifty dollars. I then give to my daughter Anna McCauley, John N. Elisha Mallie L. Carroll my grand daughter & Helen W. each fifty dollars to equal the amount paid to Ruthy. I then give to my daughters Anna McCauley, Eliza Ballard, the heirs of Ruthy Ballard the heir of Harriet N. & to Helen W. Seaver & to my sons Elisha, John A. each three hundred dollars to equal the amount paid to James Williams.

I then give to Anna McCauley, Eliza Ballard, the heirs of Ruthy Ballard & the heir of Harriet N. & to Helen W. Seaver, also to my sons James Elisha & John A. each four hundred dollars to equal the amount paid to Nancy Robinson. If there shall be enough of my Estate, if not, then same proportion must be observed and if more after these bequests, then the remainder to be divided equally among the heirs. I give to my son Joseph a full third part of my Estate which is to be governed & controlled by Elisha & John A. Williams whom I do hereby appoint his guardians & he is to have the sole benefit of said share during his natural life. At his death it is to be paid over to the heirs as directed with my other Estate. And my directions are for my Executors to value whatever slaves there may be, as near as they can to those already sold, and the heirs who have not already taken from the Estate shall have the refusal of them.

And do hereby appoint & constitute Elisha & John A. Williams Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 18 day of August 1860

John Williams (Seal)

This instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by the Testator John Williams in the presence of each of us, and was at the same declared by him to be his Last Will & Testament, and we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses

J. J. Carroll
J. W. Seaver

Will of R. D. Wells

Dated Apl 9. 1860 — Proven May Term 1860

I Randolph Dillard Wells of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but aged and feeble of body, considering the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death, and for the purpose of settling my worldly affairs as far as may be, do make publish and declare the following to be my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & making void all wills which I may have made at any time heretofore.

First. It is my will & desire that my Executor hereinafter named, shall out of the first monies that may come into his hands shall defray my funeral expenses & pay all my just debts.

Secondly. It is my will & desire & I do direct that my dearly beloved wife Matilda Wells shall have all the property that belonged to her at the time of our marriage, consisting of the following negroes to wit, Eveline & her two children Sally & Margaret, Caroline & her child Mary, Nancy or Nan & that she have all other property whether it consisted of goods & chattels money or any other valuable thing whatsoever that belonged to her at the time of the marriage aforesaid.

Thirdly. It is my will and desire that all the balance of my property, with the exception hereafter mentioned, shall be divided between my wife Matilda and my little son John R. Wells as follows, one third thereof to my said wife Matilda, and two thirds thereof to my said son John R. Wells, reserving however to the said John R. Wells the household furniture that belongs to his mother & reserving to my wife Matilda Twenty four dollars in Cash.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my friend Richard S. Hamed my Executor of this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal. This 9th day of April AD 1860

Witness:
Geo R. Powel
A. Carmichael

R. D. Wells (Seal)

Will of Nathan Wells

Dated Nov 15. 1861 — Proven in court at July Term 1862

In the event that it should please God to remove me from time to eternity during the present war with the Government of Lincoln. The following is a disposition I wish to be made of my property, viz: One hundred dollars to be put in the hands of some safe person & the interest arising therefrom to be paid over to the Southern Missionary Cause of the Methodist & one hundred dollars to be put at interest & the interest annually to be paid to support of the gospel at home, $50 to be dollars to be paid to Nathan Ratliff as a present on account of his misfortunes & if John Underwood shall return home after he has served out the time for which he volunteered in the defense of the rights of his Country & if he sits in & survives out the balance of his time that deducting the time he was in the war he shall have in the stead of horse & saddle worth $75 dollars. That they shall be worth $125 & Offer that Nancy Wells & Rosannah Wells shall have the land I have & all the Cash notes I have on hand and all the property of all kinds, except paying Fanny Bradshaw $125 dollars, when she is 21 years old if she stays with Mr Nancy or Rosannah Wells until he is or if they should not live until she is 21 years she is in that event she is to have the amount. I have give Eveline Wells fifty dollars for the care she took of her father. This given under my hand & seal. Nov 15. 1861

Attest
Reason Wells
Joseph B. Bradshaw

Nathan Wells

Will of William White

Dated July 1. 1863 — Proven Oct 1863

In the name of God. Amen

I William White of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, that I bequeath to my dear wife Rebecka my house and household and kitchen furniture with the privilege or access to any timber for fuel or comfort of any kind, and the milk cow that is on hand, so long as she remains my widow or remains here on the premises. Thirdly, The remains of my property both real and personal to be equally divided or sold and the proceeds equally divided between my lawful heirs. Furthermore, My will is that my wife be entitled to one half the rents of the farm as means of support. Also that she in case that she becomes dissatisfied and leaves this residence, that she takes nothing with her or is entitled to nothing only the personal property that she brought with her and no more.

Likewise, I ____ constitute and appoint my son Isaac White to be my lawful Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others or former wills by me made, and that he be appointed and is authorized to manage and conduct the farm and keep the same in repair, and to defray the expenses of the same out of the other half of the rents of the farm. In witness whereof I now subscribe my name and affix my seal. This the 1st. first day of February, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three.

William White (Seal)

Attest

Thos N. Price

John Walker Jr.

Will of Robert Young

Proven August 1864

I Robert Young Senior of Hancock County and State of Tennessee do constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament, with my own hand. First committing my body to the earth and my soul to God who gave it &c. It is my will that all my just debts be first paid, and then my worldly estate to be divided thus. I will and devise to my oldest son John Young my survey of land lesser more, lying joining his place he lives on on the upper end on Shan Thomson's place on the lower end in Carter's Valley known by the name of the Big Spring place. I will and devise unto my two sons Robert Young and William Young the plantation I now live on lying on the North Fork of Holston River joining Henry Price on the upper end and ____ Carter on the lower end, to be equally divided in quantity between them by a line drawn from the middle of the line on the River crossing the meadow by the land to the side line. The lower end to belong to Robert and upper end to belong to William. I likewise will and devise unto my said two sons Robert and William my negro man named Wilson at my wifes decease. They are to have an equal right to him and then they are to have my farming tools my Carpenter tools and my Smith tools equally between them. I will and devise unto my son in law Henry Larkins the place he lives on containing ten hundred acres of land less or more, lying between John Young's land and John Armstrong's land in Carter's Valley. I will and bequeath unto my wife Jenny Young my house and furniture. The household furniture she is to have that part at her own disposal. She is to have my orchard and all other appurtenances. She is to have what is called the old meadow, corn fields, the brier field and the field by the barn, and my two negroes Wilson and Hannah as long as she lives. William Young is have the big fields on the River, the meadow excepted. She is to have all my stock as long as she lives but of the stock there is two much stock for her to support she is to put a part into the Executors hands which they are to make sale of for the purpose of raising one hundred and twenty dollars, and at my wifes decease all my stock is to be sold at public sale by my Executors for the same purpose of raising the one hundred and twenty dollars, which my Executors is to divide as follows, Twenty dollars to be paid to each of Nathaniel Henderson's four children when they are come to the years of maturity, Sally, Jenny, John and Nath. And my Executors is to pay forty dollars into John Cooper's hand to assist in raising his son Young Cooper.

If there is any more money raised out of my stock than will pay the one hundred and twenty dollars the overplus is to be equally divided between my two daughters Ann Larkins and Mary Cooper. I will and devise unto my said two daughters Ann Larkins and Mary Cooper my negro woman called Hannah and they are to have an equal right to her and her offspring. And whereas I have a bond of Stokely Donalson for a transfer of six hundred and forty acres of land in Cumberland, I have a Patent for one hundred acres of land lying on the mouth of Buffalo Creek Grainger County, and a Military Warrant of six hundred and forty acres of land in Cumberland which I let Elisha Ecoony have who lives in Cumberland and I have got no account of it when for I give my two sons Robert and William full power and authority

to sue at law or any other method they think best and they are to hold whatever they get, and if that exemption from Stately Donation be all obtained, this are to make my brother William Young a right to two hundred acres of it. I do constitute and appoint my two sons Robert Young and William Young to be my Executors of this my last Will and Testament to which I set my hand and seal this 6th day of Jully in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

Sealed and acknowledged in presence of:
Thomas Armstrong Senr.
William Maxwell
Name of witness here illegible.

Robert Young (Seal)

Will of John Young

Dated June 17, 1834

I John Young of Hawkins County in the State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and taking into consideration the uncertainty of life & necessity for the prevention of trouble and difficulty to those who are to come after me of settling & providing for the settlement of my own affairs do make ordain & publish this my last will and Testament revoking & annulling all others.

It is my will that my Executors after my decease have my body decently committed to that earth from whence it was taken.

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rosanna a negro woman named Judy & her two children Leonard & Maria and her offspring hereafter to be born to hold in absolute property during her life & to dispose of as she may please among her children.

Item. I give & bequeath to my said wife all my household & kitchen furniture & all my stock of sheep to dispose of according to her own pleasure among her children.

Item. It is my will that my said wife have her maintenance & support together with the necessary lots & room out of my plantation & houses according to the provisions contained in a deed made by me to my son John Young Jr. all which are more particularly set forth in said deed & are hereby confirmed to her.

Item. To my daughter Nancy I give & bequeath a negro woman named Hesther & her two children Geoff & Matilda and her offspring hereafter to be born, also one good horse & saddle & my Carriage.

Item. To my daughter Caroline married to Nathaniel T. Carter I am

given the negro girl Eley of whom she now has possession & I give & bequeath to her a negro girl Judy yet in my possession together with the offspring of said girls hereafter to be born, and in addition to those she has already received. I give & bequeath to my said daughter another bow & calf.

Item. I give & bequeath to my daughter Juliet two negro girls named Mary Ann & Willy Ann & their offspring hereafter to be born and also one good horse & saddle and three cows and calves. (This item should have preceded the last one above but was overlooked by Capier.)

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Young Jr. all my stock not otherwise disposed of, all my farming tools & utensils, the shop tools and the grain or crop on hand, also a negro girl Emaline and two negro boys Wesley & Richard, but in consideration of my son Johns receiving by this will and by a deed for my plantation heretofore executed by me to him (which deed with its reservations & conditions is hereby confirmed) a larger share of my Estate than my other children, he is required out of his legacy and as a condition thereof, and as a condition & reservation in the above named deed to pay all the just debts that may be due and owing from my Estate or from me at the time of my decease.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son John my negro man Cain to do with as he may choose, but subject to these conditions, that he pay to my son Claiborne two hundred dollars & to my son George one hundred dollars & it is my will that my said sons Claiborne & George receive said legacies out of the proceeds of said negro man Cain.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son John five old women viz. Dan, Wilson, Nell, Jude and Sarah to be kept by him on the plantation and supported during their lives, and to be worked according to their reasonable ability & not to be disposed of or parted from out of the family of my own children.

Item. To my son Robert Young, to my son William Young, to my son Lord Young, to my daughter Polly Armstrong and to my daughter Pelsey Young in recollection to the advancements heretofore bestowed, I hereby give & bequeath one dollar each they being already sufficiently provided for according to my ability.

Item. It is my will that my son John Young & Orville Bradley be Executors of this my last Will and Testament. It is my will that my son John take upon himself the burden of the General Execution of this Will, but that in all cases of difficulty if any should arise, that he have the assistance of my other Executor Orville Bradly

Item. My son John being charged by this will with the payment of all my debts. It is my will that all my estate or rights of any such there may be not otherwise disposed of, be vested in him as general residuary legatee.

In testimony whereof I the said Young have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 17th day of June 1834

John Young (Seal)

Signed & sealed in our presence & witnessed at the request of the Testator

N. Watterson, Benjamin Lower,
John Lower, March 8th 1840.
Charles C. Watterson, William McKeegan.

I John Young Senr. do this 18 day of March 1840 make and publish the Codicil to my last will and Testament, in manner following: Whereas in my last Will & Testament I have given & bequeathed to my wife Mariana Young & also to my daughters Harriet Isabella & Caroline, to each & severally the negroes therein named & described to them & others, they being of mature age & knowing the names from I had given & bequeathed to them, each & severally in my said last Will & Testament, have made some exchanges of those said negroes among themselves with my full approbation & it is my desire that those exchanges of negroes among themselves may not effect at all, in any the equality of distribution therein made to each of them named & described. And lastly, It is my desire that this my present codicil be annexed to & made a part of my last Will & Testament to all intents & purposes.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 18 day of March A.D. 1840

John Young (Seal)

Signed, sealed published & declared by the above named John Young Senr. to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator

N. Watterson,
Charles C. Watterson
William McKeegan

Will of Margaret Young

Dated Aug 28. 1852 Proven August 1853

I Margaret Young of sound and perfect mind & memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, in manner and

form following: Viz. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Caroline Carter daughter one negro girl named Sophia & her increase but the said Caroline to have the use of her labor during her natural life, and also the said Caroline to have the disposal of said negroes to her daughter respectively. Also I give and bequeath to the said Caroline Carter one negro boy named Jacob, with the provision the said boy named Jacob is to be valued at two hundred dollars (one hundred dollars of which two hundred dollars is paid) and the said Caroline Carter is to pay unto my son George B. Young seventy dollars of said valuation, and the said Caroline is to pay unto my son Arthur E. Young, daughter Caroline Francis Thirty dollars of said valuation.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Harriet Dewolfe during her natural life, one negro girl named Josephine and her increase, with this proviso that at the said Harriet Dewolfe's death the said negro girl Josephine & her increase shall descend to my son Claiborne Young's children.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Noel Young one negro boy named Charles.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Young & Cornelius O. Miller, my son in law or to which of them who will give the highest price for the boy, the negro boy named Washington and the proceeds of said the boy to be paid over unto my son Claiborne Young. Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Young's daughter, Susan Catharine one negro girl named Sarah Ann. Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Young one negro woman named Eliza with this proviso, that he pay all my just debts.

My three sons and daughters, namely Robert Young heirs, William Young, Polly Armstrong, Arthur E. Young, Beverly Young & Juliette Miller have been all heretofore amply provided for.

I appoint my son John Young Executor of this my last Will and Testament, thereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 28 day of August 1852.

Margaret Young (Seal)

Signed, sealed published & declared by the above named Margaret Young to be her last Will & Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testatrix

N. Watterson, James L. McKeegan, Jos. B. Galbraith

Will of David Reynolds

Dated Feby 27th 1873 Proven Jany 6 1879

Last Will & Testament of David Reynolds.

In the name of God Amen.

I David Reynolds of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind & memory and in perfect health do make publish and declare this to be my last Will & Testament.

First I will and bequeath to my two sons William H. Reynolds & Francis M. Reynolds the tract of land on which I now reside containing 377 acres subject to the conditions hereinafter named.

Second. I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah, who intermarried with Levi Arnoth a tract of land which we call the King place containing 57½ acres on which she now resides subject to the conditions hereinafter named.

Third. I value the tract herein before devised to William H. & Francis Reynolds at fifteen dollars per acre making in all the sum of Five thousand six hundred & fifty five dollars & the tract devised to Sarah Arnoth at ten dollars per acre making the sum of Five hundred & seventy five dollars in all the sum of Six thousand two hundred and thirty (6230) Dollars and I desire that all my children shall have an equal share of my property there being five to wit: Mary Ann Bright residing in Collin County, Texas, Jane who intermarried with Thomas Landeback, Sarah Arnoth, William H. Reynolds & Francis M. Reynolds, and the valuation of the before described tracts of land would give to each of the five heirs before named one thousand two hundred and forty six dollars. Therefore I require my said sons William H. Reynolds & Francis M. Reynolds to pay to the said Mary Ann Bright, Jane Landeback & Sarah Arnoth one thousand two hundred and forty six dollars each, except that from the share of Sarah Arnoth there is to be deducted the sum of Five hundred & seventy five dollars the valuation of the tract of land bequeathed to her and leaving the payment to be made to her Six hundred & seventy one dollars

Fourth. The above named payments are not to be required of the said William H. & Francis M. Reynolds during the life time of my sister Polly Reynolds who is to have a home and support on the tract devised to them during her natural life, but any payments voluntarily paid by them during my life or my sister Polly's are to be deducted from the shares on which they have been

Lastly. I desire that my personal property whatever may be left at my decease be sold and the proceeds divided amongst my heirs hereinbefore named share & share alike.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal. This 27 day of February 1873.

David Reynolds (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence the 27 day of February 1873

M. R. Sanders
J. M. King

Will of Andrew J. Grigsby

Dated 1st March 1876

I Andrew J. Grigsby do make and publish this as my last Will & Testament hereby revoking and making void all Wills by me heretofore made.

1st It is my Will that all my real estate and also my personal property except hereafter provided for shall belong to my beloved wife Samuel during her natural lifetime or widowhood. And at her death or remarriage All the real estate and such of said personal property as may be on hand is to belong to my five sons Jackson, William, Anderson, W. John A. and Leoland C. to be equally divided between them. Except Leoland C. is to have One Hundred Dollars over and above the others shares to be paid by the other four sons named. Each paying an equal portion. And if not so paid he is to have the sum of One hundred dollars worth of land over and above the other shares. But if any of said sons should die leaving no heir then share should descend to the other said sons or their heirs &c.

2nd I further Will and Direct that my three youngest sons Anderson W. John A. and Leoland C. is to have furnished a horse beast of medium value as they arrive at the age of twenty one years.

And my daughters Stanley C. and Cynthia A. Each is to have one cow or heifer & fifteen head of sheep, and bed complete with stead.

3rd As to all my other children which go named and left out the amount of property heretofore given them is to be their full portion of my estate.

Given under my hand & seal, This 1st day of March 1876

Andrew J. Grigsby

Attest
James A. Walker
W. A. Walker

Nuncupative Will of Sarah Pans

Nuncupative Will of Sarah Pans Decd. who died on the 11th day October 1878 in the County of Hawkins Tennessee.

We the undersigned Witnesses were present same time before the death of the above named Sarah Pans and she told us that it was her will and desire that after her death Sarah Stepe her niece should have all her estate both land and personal property if the said Sarah Stepe was living at her death. Said Deceased was well and of sound mind when she made the above statement to us

Oct 21st 1878

Witness
Wm A Clarkson

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Elmira X Clark
mark
Martha Elkins
mark
Daniel Hawkins

Will of Mary Bussell.

Dated 25th February 1879. Proved June 2, 1879 [Minute Book E pgs 239-240]

I Mary Bussell of the County of Hawkins State of Tennessee being aged in mind but feeble in health do make this my last Will and Testament revoking all others heretofore made by me.

Item 1st Out of any money of which I may die possessed or of such as may first come into the hands of my Executor hereafter appointed I Will that my funeral expenses and all just debts by me owing shall be paid.

Item 2nd I Will the property Viz 2 large Mirrors, 2 Bureaus, 1 Cupboard, 1 Book Case or Desk, 1 Tall Leaf Table, 1 Candle Stand, 1 Clock, All the Chairs, All the Cook Vessels, 1 Large Map, 1 Sausage Grinder Shovel & Tongs, And any Other property, debts or accounts or farm Tools here not mentioned Also the rents of the farm willed me by husband Benjamin L. Bussell my life time for the whole time since his death. Any, Any moneys due, owe or that may hereafter be due me from the United States Government as the widow of said Benjamin L. Bussell I hereby give all the foregoing to my Son Benjamin Sanford Bussell to have and to hold with all the rights that I have because he has been to me a dutiful son has supported and taken Care of me in my Old Age.

Item 3rd I give to my Grand daughter Lizzy Bussell daughter of Benj S my bed and bed Clothes and bed stead.

Item 4th I give to my son George W. Bussell the due bill I hold on him for Thirty Five Dollars & inst. dated June 1st 1870. And my Executor will hand the same to him.

Item 5th I give to my daughter Virynda C. Charles the due bill I hold on her for Eighty Four Dollars & interest dated January 1st 1870 and my Executor will hand the same to her.

Item 6th To my son James Bussell & his heirs I have heretofore given them Till that I intended them to have.

Item 7th To my daughter Sarah A. Rutherford I give the due bill I hold on her for Eighty Four Dollars & inst dated 11th March 1870 & my Executor will hand the same to her.

Item 8th I give to son John R. Bussell I give the due bill I hold on him for Twenty Five Dollars & inst. dated 1st January 1870. and my Executor will hand the same to him.

Item 9th To my son Burrell W. Bussell I have heretofore given all that I intended that he shall have.

Item 10th To my son Absalum T. Bussell I have given all I intended he shall have. Item 11th To my daughter Mary A. Beal I give the due bill & inst I hold on her for the sum of Eighty Seven Dollars dated January 1st 1870 and my Executor will hand the same to her. Finally I bequeath my spirit to the God who gave it. Humbly relying on the merits of my beloved Redeemer.

Item 12th I hereby appoint my son Benjamin S. Bussell Executor of this my last Will & Testament and that he shall not be required to give security as such.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day of February 1879.

her
Mary X Bussell (Seal)
mark

Witness
Jacob W. Charles
John A. Ball
Henry S. Bussell

Will of John H. Mills.

Dated 1st day November 1878. and filed and Proven 7th July 1879.

I John H. Mills being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and testament, hereby revoking all & any Will or Wills, by me at any time made, Which is as follows, to wit;

First. I have devised to my two oldest Sons, Columbus and D. H. Mills, one hundred and ninety acres of land as shown just for them, of my Real Estate, being the South West end of my farm which has been surveyed and divided between them, and deeds made to each on.

Second. I will that so soon as my Son Sauna Mills shall arrive

land of C. and J.H. Morell, off my land according to quality and quantity so as to be equal in value to either one of them.
Fifthly I give to my daughter Mary C. Clements Five hundred dollars in money.
Fourthly, I give to my daughter Laura M Clements Five hundred dollars in money, the amount given to each one of them to be paid in Seven Years from this date, by my hereinafter named Executors or Survivor of Survivor for Executors to do so, the money to be made out of the surplus Stock now in hand and the balance of the money, to be made out of the surplus proceeds of the farm.
Fifth I give the remainder of my land after Jamie Morell is given off as before directed to be equally divided between my five Younger Children to wit, Rosa Morell, Sarah Morell, Robin Morell, Martha Morell, and Henry Morell according to quantity and quality so as to be equal in value, and further, to be divided so as to allot the homestead with it to be assigned to Robert and John Henry Morell, the after said division to be made within twelve months after my death and further the last named Children not to have possession before they arrive at the age of Twenty one Years, but each one of them to have possession as soon as he or she becomes to be twenty one Years old.
Sixth I will the my beloved wife Sarah Morell to have full possession of all my land except the part which I have given to my sons Walter and J.H. Morell as heretofore named, but she is to have possession of all the balance till they respectively arrive at the age of Twenty Years of age, but in the event that my wife, Sarah Morell, should be living when my youngest Son John Henry Morell is come to be twenty one Years old, she is to have possession of the South east room of my present dwelling house during her natural life or in the event she should prefer to live somewhere else on the farm, I hereby bind all my heirs to build her a comfortable room sufficient large for her convenience for her to have and to hold during her lifetime, and I hereby bind all my heirs to see that my wife be plentifully supported during her lifetime.
As to my personal property, I will all the household and kitchen furniture to my wife Sarah Morell, for her and the minor children children use, and I also will to my wife one wagon and single of the work stock to run the farm, and the farming utensils, now on hand together with plenty of cows sheep hogs and things necessary for the proper

and also bind my son James Morell, have do have set these by my own hand.
Lastly I hereby appoint C. Morell, and J.H. Morell, my Executors of this my last will and testament.
Made signed and delivered in the presence of us, this the 13th day of September 1878.

John H. Morell his mark

Witness
Henry Foster.
S.M. Shiffey.

Annie Bailey's last Will & testament.

Date 6th day of June 1879. Filed and proved 7th day of July 1879.

I, Annie Bailey of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, and do hereby revoke and make void all other wills heretofore by me made.
First, My will and desire is, that as soon as practicable after my death that my Executors out of the first moneys or available assets, pay my funeral expenses together with all my just debts.
Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved son James B Bailey the sum of one dollar.
Third To my well beloved son John B Bailey, the sum of one dollar.
Fourth To my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Jane Bailey one one third of Henry Bus.
Also a comfortable living from the farm on which I now live, until her death or marriage, either of which shall forfeit her claim to a support from said farm.
Fifth To my well beloved daughter, Rosanah who intermarried with Thomas Arbuckle, the sum of one dollar.
Sixth, To my well beloved daughter Julia Ann, who intermarried with John Steele, the sum of one dollar.
7th To my well beloved son William K. Bailey, the sum of one dollar.
8th I give to my well beloved daughter Sarah Stanley the sum of one dollar.
9th To my well beloved son Frances M. Bailey, I give my farm or homestead on which I now live, it lying joining the lands of Elizabeth Mullen Joseph Bailey, and others, also all farming implements, also all his stock, that I may die seized and possessed of, not herein disposed of otherwise, also all the Henry Bus, not herein otherwise disposed of. Also I furnish Nancy my well beloved wife all the necessary means or provision of life to make her comfortable, during her natural life, or widowhood. If the said Nancy Bailey, should intermarry with any person after my departure to so doing she would forfeit her entire claim to any further provisions from my estate.
10th I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Nancy my gray mare, and

I may die seized and possessed of, also all Poultry, and also one good Stand of Honey Bees.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my Son Francis M. Bailey my Executor, to execute and perform all the requirements pertaining to this will.

Further my will and desire is, that in case that my wife Nancy or my daughter Elizabeth, form Therein by such means as hereinafore mentioned should forfeit their Claim as above stated, then all the property or profits or benefits as provided for them severally or individually shall revert to Francis M. Bailey. Also that the interests of the Orchy Moore and One Mentioned in Article 10, shall be the property of the said Francis M. Bailey.

Witness my hand and seal this 6th day of June 1874.

Attest
Francis Tucker,
Joseph Bailey

Nancy X Bailey (Seal)
mark

Elizabeth M. Pettebone last will & Testament.

Dated 19th day of Oct 1871. Proven 7th day of June 1874.

I, Elizabeth M. Pettebone do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and all other wills by me at any time made.

First I give and bequeath to my beloved husband Samuel Pettebone all the right and interest I hold separately to the lands and tenements in which I now live (said lands was bequeathed to me by my Grand Father) Also all my right and interest in the land and lots in the town of Rogersville which I inherited from my Mother.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Samuel Pettebone my executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal

This 19th day of Oct 1871

Elizabeth M. Pettebone (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in presence and we have subscribed our names in presence of the testator.

This 19th day Oct 1871

R. M. Jones
A. J. Richardson

Paper purporting to be the last Will of Philip Kirby Dec^d the handwriting Proven 7th day of July 1874.

In the name of God Amen I Philip Kirby 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 this my certain 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. To my beloved wife Ann, the land and appurtenances situated thereon it being the tract of land whereon she now lives, situated on Pattersons Creek, in Hawkins County with the exception of part of said land formerly by Stephen J. Hamilton, whereon there is a Merchant Mill, this I give and bequeath to my beloved son as that he pays to my wife Ann one third of the earnings of the Mill during her natural life time, and the said Philip C. Kirkland shall find to keep said Mill in repair and running order, then my wife Ann may take said Mill in possession and dispose of said Mill as her own property. But if the said Philip C. Kirkland comply with the requirements above stated, at my wife Ann's death he the said Philip C. Kirkland becomes the true and proper owner of said Mill, with all the appurtenances and privileges belonging thereto together with the land attached thereto to have belongeth to Stephen J. Hamilton Dec^d.

My wife Ann will continue in the legacy that I have made her during her natural life time at her death the property, real and personal shall be equally divided between Mary Kirkland Children & Philip, and such of her kin she chooses to have it to. The right and the privilege that belongs to the tanyard may be exercised by Philip so long as he occupies it as a Tanyard

Last will & Testament Proven in Open Court by Jo R. Armstrong & W. S. Ellis.
This 7th day July 1874

W. M. Hawley,
Clerk

The last will of Sanford Johnson Dec^d Dated 14th day of November 1877 and proven 5th day of January 1880.

I, Sanford Johnson do now and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. After which I will and bequeath to my Son Jacob Johnson the dry fork Valley farm on which I now live also one other tract of land known as a part of the Sellenburger farm described as follows: Beginning in the road at the mouth of a lane just above the

Will of John B. Proffitt.

Dated 17th day of November 1870.

I, John B. Proffitt of Hawkins County Tennessee, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all wills heretofore made by me.

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy Proffitt, the whole of the tract of land of four hundred and eighty five acres, more or less, lying in the 12th Civil District of Hawkins County, Tennessee on which I now reside, on the North bank of Holston river, bounded by the lands of Thomas Tomlinson above and by the lands of Samuel T. Snapp, below and on the North or back line, by the lands of James S. Potter and which said tract of land I give to my said wife, for and during the term of her natural life, and at her death, the same shall be sold by F. M. Parkinson, at public sale, at the premises, on a credit of one, two, three, four and five years in equal payments with interest from the day of sale, after duly advertising the sale, and take such good security, shall be taken for the purchase money payable to said Parkinson, as herein under this will: and a lien retained on said land: and each heir, or the persons thereof, who collectively shall be ~~entitled~~ divided equally, between the sets of my grand children as follows: one third, to four of the children of my daughter Caroline Johnson, viz: Rachel Adelaide Johnson, John Benson Johnson, Thomas Hamilton Johnson, and Harriet Malinda Johnson. One third to the four daughters of my deceased daughter Minerva J. Johnson, who was the wife of William H. Johnson, viz: Rachel Dolly, Priscilla Smalley, Lucy Johnson, and Harriet Johnson, and one third to the two children of my deceased daughter Harriet Stubblefield, who was the wife of Wm. L. Stubblefield, viz: Harriet Cyprian Loggins, wife of Samuel Loggins, now of Texas, and John P. Stubblefield, in case of the death of any of my said grand children, who are made legates above without children or heirs of their body, then the share or shares of such, shall go to the surviving legates of the same mother. I direct that my said wife during her life time shall keep up said plantation in good order and not rent the land, or any of it, two years in succession in corn and shall not cut or destroy the timber, to any great extent, than may be necessary to keep the place in good repair.

2nd I also give and bequeath to my said wife our home premises to be laid off to her out of my estate by said Parkinson, and the allowance for the same support of my said wife shall be allowed, I also give her three head of horses, to be secured by bond, and she is to have first choice of the horses, which three she is to have absolutely, and in her own right. I also give to my said wife three milch cows, to be selected by her of the first choice; also two yoke of oxen, of the first choice, one ox wagon; two head of first choice of hogs, all of the above named premises property my said wife is to have for and during the term of her natural life, and the three horses shall she is to have absolutely and

I also give to my said wife, two plows and two sets of plow gears and a harrow, for and during the term of her natural life, I also give to her all my kitchen and kitchen furniture, for and during her natural life.

3rd At the death of my said wife, I direct that of the property of a personal character given to my wife above, for the term of her natural life, shall be sold by said Parkinson, and the proceeds to be disposed of equally in the same manner as is provided above for the disposal of the proceeds of said land after the death of my said wife.

4th I direct that at my death all the balance of my personal property shall be sold by my executor, according to the mode prescribed by law in case of intestacy, and after the payment of all my just debts; I direct that the residue of the proceeds shall be disposed of in the same way that the proceeds of said land are directed to be disposed of above, or to be given to the same legatees. The property last above named under the 4th item of this will, is intended to include all my personal property not heretofore disposed of in the former clauses of this will.

5th The above devised tract of land, is intended to include all the land that I now own, and have not heretofore conveyed or disposed of.

6th My children have been heretofore provided for out of my estate, and I therefore make the above provision for certain of my grand children, as their conditions and necessities seem to require.

7th I hereby nominate and appoint F. M. Parkinson, executor of this my last will, and in case he fails or refuses to accept said trust, then I appoint John Netherland to act as executor of this will.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of November 1870.

J. B. Proffitt, (Seal)

Signed and sealed in our presence and we at his request to witness the same by the testator on the date above.

F. M. Parkinson

George Smith
Clement L. Tomlinson
M. J. Tomlinson

thence in Northeast direction along the top of a spur or ridge to the top of the knob, thence East direction with the top of said knob to Joseph Cox line, thence in a South direction to the beginning. Also one other tract or parcel of land joining the lands of David Lewis & others, and known as the John Cook Sen. land, all of the above described lands being & lying in the 12th Civil district of Hawkins County Tennessee.

I further will that my wife Louisa Johnson, if she out lives me, that she have her support during her life off of said lands, and also my daughter Sarah Johnson have her support from the same as long as she remains unmarried, and whereas I have willed & bequeathed to Son Jacob Johnson the aforesaid lands to have and to hold after my death, for which he is to be charged the sum of four thousand and five hundred dollars, and whereas I have given to my other Children moneys that I charge them with, in a Book kept for that purpose, which Book shall be used as a settlement of my estate between my Children, each one being held accountable for the amount therein charged, and that the settlement shall be made so as to give to each Child an equal portion of my estate, and if the four thousand and five hundred dollars, that Jacob Johnson is charged with for the land by me, the amount charged against each of the other Children, then he shall pay back to the opposite ones an amount making them equal with his amount. I further will that my wife Louisa Johnson, if she shows me her as much of my personal property as she may desire or think necessary for her use, and the balance be sold on a credit of twelve months by Sale bills, I do hereby nominate & appoint my Sons Thomas Johnson and Jacob Johnson my executors. In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand this the 14th fourteenth day of December eighteen hundred and seventy seven.

Sanford Johnson

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this the day of 1877

Witness this 6 of March, 1879.

J. R. Dunbar

John B. Murray.

Will of Jos. B. Gallowitz.

Dated 12th day of March 1879.

I, Jos. B. Gallowitz, 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 after my death as possible, out of any money that may be found of, or may first come into the hands of my executor.

Second, I dispose of my farm as follows: I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha a lot or parcel of land, at the west end of my farm, and bounded as follows; beginning on a white oak and sugar tree, a corner to my lower, and also a corner to Christian's land in the line of Rufus Cook, a short distance North of the Carter road by road, thence with said Christian line down said Creek as it meanders to an oak on the west bank of said Creek corner to said Christian, thence with his block the top of the first row of knobs, on the south side of the valley, thence continued along the top of said knob, about thirty five or forty to a point opposite the first cross fence, east of the Creek, thence a straight to said fence, thence with said fence to the Carter valley road, thence up said road to an elm tree standing at the forks of the road thence along the eastern fence along said cross road about twenty chunks to a forked walnut tree standing in the fence row, thence a northern direction to a sycamore tree, a cross near a peach tree, thence a North western direction crossing a field, thence about ten feet west of the fence of the second field and about seven or eight feet, west of the third field thence to be run to John Stephens line at a point so as to make one hundred and sixty five acres in said lot, thence with the Stephens & Christian and Gee Christian to the beginning.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ellen a lot or parcel of my land at the eastern end of my farm adjoining the lands of W. Wallace to be run near the top of the first row of knobs on the south of the valley thence to be run across to Rueben Miller line, on the north side of my farm said lot to be laid off to contain one hundred and sixty five acres.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret a lot of my land adjoining the last mentioned lot, to be laid off from Slatter line on the south side of my farm to Reuben Miller or John Stephens line which ever it may run to, on the north side of my farm, so as to include two springs in the two fields east of the Barn, but not to include the Barn, said lot to contain one hundred and sixty five acres.

I give and bequeath to my son James S. Gallowitz, all the remainder of my land after paying the above amounts bequeathed, including my dwelling house, Barn and other out buildings. I make his share the largest on account of being more knob in it. All of my household and kitchen furniture of every description to be equally divided between my two daughters Martha and Ellen. My son James, my part of the farming implements of every description I give and bequeath to my son James. The stock is owned in partnership between him and me, that all the stock of every description

or Money Choses Due. I may have to be divided as follows: after paying any debts I may owe. My son James and my daughters Martha and Ellen, are to each have three hundred and sixty dollars, before my daughter Margaret gets any on account of my having advanced to her this amount in December 1871. no interest to be charged on said advancement, if there is any after filling the above legacies to be equally divided between all four of my Children,

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son James S. Galbraith, my Executor, in Witness Whereof to this my last Will and Testament my hand and seal this 12th day of March 1879.

Testator has given in presence of

Jos B. Galbraith (Seal)

The last Will of Sarah Short Dec'd Proven 5th day of April 1880.

I Sarah Short do this day publish this my last will and testament, First I want my funeral expenses paid & debts if I have any. Second I want Henry Short my husband to have all my land that I am seized and possessed of during his life time and after that, Salmon Eaton to have the lot of land lying north East Road on the old County County road near mine, the Spring road is explicit.

Thirdly I want William Henry Short to have all the remainder of the said Eaton dies without Heirs, the lot of land to fall back to the main tract of land, and also if the said William Henry dies & the said Henry Short, Sarah have any more lives to go to them & they shall to have & Eaton the only one living at the same Henry Shorts death all to the said Salmon Eaton.

Witness under my hand & Seal this 5th day of March 1878

Sally Short (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged in our presence the day and date above Written.

Edward Walker,

Thomas Berry,

The last will of Nuddah Selsor Dec'd Proven 7th day June 1880.

State of Tennessee, Hawkins Co.

This the third day of May 1880, I Nuddah Selsor, Widow of Lafayette Selsor deceased, this day in the presence of God and these Witnesses, do consider myself in right mind to do as I wish with my Children and property I this day give my two Bastard Children to Ed Mauns and wife and wife Nobline to keep and raise as their own Children Senora and Hawkins. I also give and bequeath to said Mauns and wife all my beds and Clothing, also my wearing Clothes including Senora's to keep and take care of till the Children are of age, then I want Senora to have the best bed and 3 new Pillows, Quilts and 1 Coverlet my Saddles and Chairs the remainder to be equally divided between my children

and Hawkins, the balance of my household and Kitchen furniture, to wit: Chairs Table Bedsteads Loom running Stove Cooking utensils, and Cupboard wares & also 1 Horse 1 Cow, 1 heifer and 8 head of Sheep, all I want administered on and Sold Ed Mauns I appoint as Guardian for my Children. I want it all equally divided between my 3 Children George, Senora and Hawkins, first are an interest till they become 21 years old, this is my last will and Testament

Witness

Nuddah Selsor

Stokely Price

John his Mark Webb

John Hartley's and Testaments.

Dated 28th day of October 1872 Filed and Proven 5th day of July 1880.

I John Hartley of Hawkins County, Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made,

First I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any personal estate.

Second I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth Hartley, the west end of my tract of land, lying in the 3rd Civil district of Hawkins County Tennessee on both sides of Little Mill Creek, North of Church Mountain, on which I now reside, adjoining the lands of the widow Hood, Elias Beal, John Templeton, James Brown, and others: and the portion of said tract so given to my said daughter, Elizabeth Hartley, includes all the buildings on said tract, and all the land West of the following line: Beginning on a beech the beginning of James Brown, on the South side of Little Mill Creek some twelve or fifteen Yards below my Spring House and some eight or ten Yards from the Creek, thence a Straight course, Crossing the Creek, to a Walnut Stump, standing just above my Garden on the side of a hill and about ten feet from the Garden fence, thence a Straight line to the head of the Spring above my Barn, which runs out of Copper ridge and out of a Cliff, thence a Straight course up the Copper ridge, Northwardly to some degree West of North, with the present fence to my back fence, below or South of Copper ridge road, thence a Straight line on the said course, to a Stake in my back line, or North line, thence the land so hereby given to my said daughter Elizabeth includes the boundary running from the point last above named Westwardly with my line to the line of Tobitha Dotson, thence with the land of Tobitha Dotson, to Nicholas Hemphreys heirs, thence with his land to James Brown's thence with said Brown's land to the said Beech, the beginning Corner.

Third I give and devise to my daughter Malinda Jones, wife of Hiram Jones, all that portion of my said tract of land lying east of said first described line including also the lands owned by me, except the portion given to my said daughter Elizabeth as above described. It being my intention and desire to give

to my said two daughters in fee simple all the land I now own, in proportions above described, and reference is hereby made to my title papers to ascertain the lands I own and boundaries of the same.

Fourth. After the payment of my just debts, and expenses of winding up my estate, I will and direct that all my personal estate and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my said two daughters Elizabeth Hartley and Melinda Jones, the last bequest to include all my personal estate, of every kind and description whatever. I have heretofore provided for my children, and do not now give them any portion of my remaining estate estate.

Fifth. In further explanation of the division of said land between my two daughters, it is intended that my daughter Melinda Jones, shall have all that portion of lands lying East of the above described lines from the Bend the beginning Corner, to the State Corner in my back line, on Copperridge, being the second case from the house of the Spring, running out of Copperridge, about one mile.

Sixth. I nominate and appoint Nicholas M. Monaghan, Executor of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony of all of the above provisions, I do hereby sign my name and affix my seal this the 28th day of October 1872.

John his Mark Hartley (Seal)

Signed in our presence by the testator and in presence of each other this the date above given.

J. M. Fulkerson
W. M. Piper.

Elijah Hennards Will. dated 18th day of August 1879.
"Filed and proven this 5th day of July 1880."

I, Elijah Hennard, of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee being advanced in years and feeble in health but of sound mind and memory do make ordain and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking void all former wills by me at any time made.

Item 1st It is my will and desire and I do direct that after my death, I be buried in the family Grave Yard on my farm suitable to my circumstances in life, and some thereafter as practicable my funeral expenses and just debts be paid out of the first that may first come into the hands of my executors herein after named.

Item 2nd As to my worldly estate which whether it has pleased God to give me control of, I dispose of as follows: I am the owner in fee simple of about four hundred acres of land, which in the event my beloved wife survives me, she is to control and have the profits arising therefrom

during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided amongst my eight children to wit: Jane Kleffer wife of John Kleffer, Mary Ann Smith, wife of John Smith, Rebecca V. Hennard, William H. Hennard, Elijah O. Hennard, Catharine Mannis wife of Henry Mannis, Rosanah Brooks wife of Henry Brooks, Sarah Henry wife of Wilson Henry.

Item 3rd As to my personal property, I dispose of in the following manner to wit: after my death it is my will and I do direct that my Executors advertise and sell my said property at public sale and the proceeds when collected applied first to the payment of any just debts against my estate, and the remainder if there be any to be equally divided amongst my eight before mentioned children share and share alike.

Item 4th I have heretofore made advancements to several of my children in property to, that is to say to Henry Mannis & Wife Catharine Mannis, the sum of eighty one ($81.00) dollars. John Smith & wife Mary Ann Smith, one hundred and fifty ($150.00) dollars. William H. Hennard one hundred and ten dollars ($110.00). Elijah O. Hennard seventy five ($75.00) dollars; Sarah A. Henry, wife of Wilson Henry fifty dollars ($50.00) and to John Kleffer and wife Jane Kleffer one hundred ($100.00) dollars. The foregoing amounts are charged to the respective heirs and it is my will and I do direct that my Executors make them account for the same in the distribution of my estate and that a lien is retained on their respective shares in my real estate to enforce accountability for the before mentioned bequest.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend John Armstrong, and my son in law Wilson Henry, Executors of this my last will & testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of August A.D. 1879.

Elijah his O. Hennard. Mark

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence day & date above written

W. H. Gillenwaters,
Gale Armstrong
John Armstrong.

Will of Nancy McCarty.

Dated Sept 30th 1879. Proven September 6 1880.

I, Nancy McCarty of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aware of the uncertainty of life and desiring to dispose of my worldly effects before my decease, do make and establish this as my last will and testament. that is to say.

1. I give and bequeath to my female unmarried daughters - viz. Mary A. McCarty, Jane McCarty, Alice McCarty, and Bruna Viola McCarty, as tenants in common of equal

ated my town lot I now own lying in the Town of Rogersville in the part thereof known as and been in the 10th Civil District of Hawkins adjoining the lot of Frances Henry and containing one acre more or less. it being the lot formerly owned by Wilson Henry.
If my son J. C. McCarty should return and reside in this State it is well and desire that he shall have a home with his sisters upon said lot as long as he shall live and remain single.
Should I ever receive the interest due me from my fathers estate it is my will and desire that it shall be equally divided between my daughter Amos Poots W. W. McCarty A. K. McCarty J. C. McCarty & E. L. Wilson. I give and bequeath to my four daughters aforesaid all the personal property of whatever description of which I dispossessed to be given them in common.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of witnesses, this the 30th day of September 1877.

Attest Nancy McCarty

Jno. L. Kilgy
I. N. Kyle

Will of John Looney

Dated July 4th 1885. Proven Sept 6. 1886

I, John Looney 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 after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly. I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth all the land I now own during her life time, except fifteen acres of the Gu Mauk Tract which has joining my son Jos. P. Looney which I give and bequeath to him. Thirdly. I give and bequeath to my said wife all my personal property of every description for her support during her life time. Fourthly. at the death of my wife my son Orville B. Looney is to have all my land during his life time then to descend to my grandson John Looney son of the said Orville B. the above described land is not to be subject to any debts contracted by my said son Orville B during the life time. Fifthly. I wish my said son Orville B to have all the personal property that may be left at the death of his mother except two notes of hand that I hold on my son Joseph P. Looney one given for eighty dollars executed to James H. Looney. the other for fifty dollars executed to

Samuel Croft. Sixthly if there is any of the money or property I now have on hand left from the support of my wife at her death the said surplus is to be divided between all my daughters or their Children. my other children have been heretofore provided for.
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Michael J. Looney & Orville B. Looney my executors and I further desire the County Court to let them qualify as executors without requiring them to give security in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 18th day of July 1875.

John Looney (Seal)

Signed sealed and published as our Testament and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. this 18th day of July 1875.

A. D. Johnson
William G. Lawhorn
J. P. Bean
Jos. B. Galbraith

"The last Will & testament of Henry Harlan dec.d proven this 4th day of October 1880."

I, Henry Harlan, being of sound mind on knowing that according to the laws of nature, I owe some debt to pay from time to time thereby. do make following distribution of my property. I bequeath to my wife Malinda Harlan the tract of land on which I now live containing three acres more or less, and my personal property, and at her death the same to be equally divided between her two Children, W. J. A. Harlan and Mary E. E. Harlan. I also bequeath to my daughter Mary Hutchison one dollar, and each of my Grand Children, Mary Bunce, James Bunce, Matilda Bunce, and Elijah Bunce one dollar.
This being my last Will and testament, I also appoint W. B. Miller as my executor.
This as the 4th day of March 1879.

Henry Harlan (Seal)

Attest,
J. B. C. Edwards
W. B. Miller

Jacob Hamilton's Will dated 19th day of July 1880 & codicil thereto dated 23rd day of Sept 1880 was proven the 3rd day of January 1881.

I, Jacob Hamilton a Citizen of Hawkins County Tennessee, being in good health, but of sound Mind and disposing Memory do make & Constitute and publish this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

In the first place, I desire that my funeral expenses be defrayed as soon as possible after my death, out of any money or monies which may be on hand at my death, or that may come into the hands of my executors, and also that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable out of the personal assets of my estate, when not otherwise herein described & specified.

Item 2nd I will and devise to my beloved wife M. E. Hamilton all my right title interest & estate in the home tract of land, wherein we now live containing from twelve to fifteen hundred acres, lying and being between Holston River and the Cove of Bays Mountain in the 5th Civil District of Hawkins County, adjoining the lands of Stephen Christian, G. B. Gibbs, P. S. Hale & others.

Item 3rd I also give and bequeath unto my said wife M. E. Hamilton all my household & kitchen furniture of every kind & description, all the implements of farming except one Cultivator and one horse wagon, the wagon she is to get is the Empire Spring Wagon, also all the milch cows, all the hogs and bring Horses, namely, two large Brown Mules, and named "Paul" & the other "Jim" also all the poultry and bees & bee stands.

Item 4th I also give and bequeath unto my said wife of the present crop whether already gathered or to be gathered (or should I live beyond the end of the present year the like quantity of the growing crop at my death) a sufficiency of the Oats, hay, Corn Wheat as well as all of the potato crop to maintain her comfortably in her usual modes of life and to feed her stock and to run the farm as nearly as may be in the manner & style that I have been farming the land devised to her, and this is devised and intended to be equal to, or more if necessary than is exempt from execution under the laws of Tennessee and the land allowing a year's support to widows, and I desire my executors to act in the matter of this bequest in concert with my said wife, without any formal assignment by Commissioners.

Item 5th I also give unto my said wife her home of Cattle seven choice steers, that she may be enabled to give one hundred dollars towards building a School house at Church hill in District No 7 Hawkins County, opposite the old John McPreiamon place on the old Stage road provided said house is built, and also to give one hundred dollars to Cosey Lodge No 386 Free and accepted Masons of the purpose of building a hall, provided said Lodge builds a hall, or now contemplated and in the event said School house or said Hall is not built, then the legacies respectively made to said purposes, or either of them, shall revert to my said wife

Item 6th I also direct & so bequeath that my executors hereinafter to be appointed & designated shall out of any money that is realized out of my personality not otherwise disposed of put at interest in some safe investment the sum of two hundred & fifty dollars, and they shall during their natural life or the natural life of the survivor of them apply the interest thereof to the keeping up of the McPhersons Bend Baptist Church, of which I am a member, and at the death of my said executors, the Trustee then living, and their successors may after shall manage said fund and apply said interest for the use and benefit of said Church, but no can shall either of the executors or said Trustee ever apply the principal for said purpose, but only the interest.

Item 7th I desire and so direct, that my said wife shall keep maintain & raise and educate, the little boy now living with us, a relation of our name Jacob Hamilton Stevens, and that she do such part by him as she feels warranted in so doing when he attains the age of twenty one years, or such other time thereafter as he may seem to live with her, as one of her family, provided his conduct and demeanor is such as is becoming, but it is not intended to put him on the footing of an heir and his duties of whatever character they be, out of any property herein devised and bequeathed to her, shall be entirely at her option, I having sufficient confidence in her discretion & liberality to leave him in the matter.

Item 8th I direct that my executors shall sell a house & lot in Bristol Tenn situated on the Corner of Main & Eagle Streets adjoining the lot of Alex Spurr, now occupied by W. P. Hamilton, in order to pay a debt due I owe Nathan W. Bachman, and should the proceeds of said sale, when made at the discretion of my executors not be sufficient to pay off said debt principal and interest, then said executors shall apply the proceeds arising from the Trustee sale of the property known as the upper which I have a Trust deed, said last named property is situated in Blountville Sullivan County Tennessee to the payment of said Bachman debt, and if there be deficiency of funds to pay off said debt the executors shall apply whatever money be realized out of the Calvert Taylor Mill debt for my benefit to the satisfaction of said Bachman debt, reference is had to the two deeds of Trust respectively to the Registers Office in Blountville Sullivan County Tenn;

Item 9th I will and direct that my executors shall sell the small tract of land lying in the 5th Civil District of Hawkins County, near the same Whitmal Lodge Coal mine and also all of my Mountain lands comprised in what is known as the Abe Bullen Survey lying in the 5th & 6th Civil Districts of Hawkins County Tennessee, on such terms and at such time as they in their sound judgment & discretion may think fit and proper, as the time of deferred payments by any purchaser thereof, or any part and parcel thereof, shall not exceed five years and the proceeds of sale arising from said Mountain lands and said small tract shall be used if necessary to pay off any outstanding ~~[illegible]~~ liabilities that may be against my estate and should there be any surplus above

arising from said sale, I direct that the same shall go into and form a part of the residuum, found after all my just debts are paid.

Item 10th I direct that all of my Stock, Grain, hay and other produce not herein disposed of shall be sold by executors and the proceeds arising therefrom together with all Claims and Choses in action, Notes and other evidences of debt due me, be applied to the satisfaction of any just debts, the Nathan W. Buchanan debt having the preference, in case the funds thus to be applied thereto are insufficient to satisfy the same.

Item 11th In case there is a surplus fund remaining in the hands of my executors after paying off & satisfying the debts owing by me, and the bequest hereinafter made, I direct that the same after paying all costs & expenses incident to the proper Administration of my estate, be given to my daughter Olivia M. Smith, wife of Alexander Smith.

Item 12th I direct that the debts owing to me by W. P. Hamilton, my brother, be not pressed Collected off him, and as he has been living in the house in Bristol, on the Corner of Main & Lafayette Streets for several years, and has paid the Taxes, thereon and made certain improvements, but has given no note for the same and there has been no settlement of accounts between us in regard to the matter I direct my executors to balance the one against the other, if the said W. P. Hamilton cannot thereto without any formal settlement, and as there are two deeds of Trust made & executed by the said W. P. Hamilton, to W. D. McCroskey Trustee for my use & Registered in the Register Office at Blountville Sullivan County Tenn. to which reference is hereby had & made, on the personal property mentioned in said Trust Deed, & the property embraced therein to Mary P. Hamilton, wife of said W. P. Hamilton for her and separate use, management & control.

Item 13th I hereby appoint my brothers Rob. and John S. Hamilton as executors of this my last Will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of the subscribing witnesses especially for the purpose named, this 19th day of July 1880.

J. Hamilton (Seal)

Attest,
W. H. Mallonee,
N. Hamilton,
J. J. Maxwell,

I, Jacob Hamilton a Citizen of Hawkins County Tennessee being being of sound disposing mind having heretofore to wit: on the 19 day of July 1880 made & published my last Will & testament do Make & Constitute this as my Codicil thereto Confirming & ratifying all things therein Contained as devised and bequeathed, except so far herein Modified and altered, -

right, title, interest & estate in the home place to my beloved wife M. E. Hamilton absolutely - I now direct that said devise be so changed as to be for and during her natural life, and then shall take a life estate therein instead of the entire fee, and at her death I will and devise that said tract of land shall revert and the title thereto vest in our only living child Olivia M. Smith, if she survives her Mother - if not then to the Children of said Olivia M. Smith as a Class, But this devise over to the said Olivia M. Smith is intended to be free from any lien away by the Courtesy of her present husband or any future husband, she may have. It is thus stated that should my said wife elect to dissent from my said last will & testament & this Codicil thereto in the year 1855 I made of her means the sum of Two thousand five hundred dollars of her money in the purchase of said tract of land so devised to her - this matter is made here - so that my executors may know the matter stands as to the amount of her money used in said purchase.

Again - In my said last will and testament, I have directed the payment by my executors of all my just debts, I now repeat and intensify said directions - but it is directed that said executors shall in all cases scrutinize carefully and with the utmost caution any and all Claims brought against my estate - knowing that unjust debts or demands are often brought against estates, and I wish this bequeath made in the said will to be carried out.

Again - a suit was pending in the Circuit Court of Hawkins County Tenn. entitled or styled as the Traders Bank vs. Jacob Hamilton and others which suit was against me and which I gained in said Circuit Court, but which was taken by writ of error to the Supreme Court of Tenn. - The Claim of the Traders Bank or the assignee is unjust and I am not bound either in law or morals to pay the sum, as the basis of said demand is a forgery - and I direct my executors to resist the payment thereof by all means - Should the Supreme Court by any possibility reverse the judgment of the Circuit Court - & remand the case for a new trial. In said last will & testament of July the 19th 1880 all my debts are found in the direction about paying them off to the Nathan W. Buchanan debt, because of special considerations and circumstances - which I desire my executors in winding up my estate to respect -

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal in the presence of the same subscribing witnesses who attested said will of July 19th 1880 and who are now again specially called for this purpose. This 23rd day of September 1880.

Jacob Hamilton, (Seal)

Attest
W. H. Mallonee,
N. Hamilton,
Jas J. Maxwell.

"Last Will & testament of Lucinda Lebow dec'd. Proven 3rd day of January 1881.

I, Lucinda Lebow of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of — after which I will and bequeath to my brother Isaac Lebow, all my property real & personal and wherever of every kind & description that may remain after paying the amount hereinbefore named. And it is my will, and direct that my Brother Isaac Lebow shall have & hold said property and that no person or persons shall molest or disturb him in any way or manner in the peaceable & quiet enjoyment of the same.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint William H. Hicks, Executor of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will & test. my hand this 5th day of September 1871.

Lucinda her X mark Lebow.

Signed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator, this 5th day of September 1871.

J. R. Bryan
John Bolinger

"Last Will & Testament of Margaret H. Rice dec'd was proven 2nd day May 1881.

I, Margaret H. Rice, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament

1st I direct that should I have any just debts unsatisfied at my death, that the same be paid out of my estate.

2nd I will and devise to my daughter in law Malvina A. Rice, wife of O. A. Rice, the tract of land on which I live, lying in the 10th Civil district of Hawkins County, Tennessee, containing 124 acres, and which was conveyed to me by James A. Gaddy, by deed of the 4th Sept. 1880, to which reference is made for a full description of said land.

3rd I do hereby appoint my son O. A. Rice executor of this will. This 4th Nov. 1880

Attested by us at the request of Testator
J. M. Buchanan
J. A. Gaddy

Margaret H. Rice

"The last will and testament of Hannah Cooper dec'd. Proven 1st day of August A.D. 1881.

"In the name of God, Amen."

I, Hannah Cooper, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, 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 of my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I ~~have~~ bequeath and devise to my brother James Cooper, two of my best bed steads, and necessary bed clothing therefor: Also the tract or parcel of land on which I now live in the 6th Civil District Hawkins County Tennessee, it being my share of the lands of which my mother was indentured & which contains eleven acres more or less. I will the said parcel of land to my said son James during his natural life and at his death to my grandson James R. Cooper, oldest son of James H. Cooper, in fee simple, and should not my said grandson Jas R. Cooper survive my said brother James, then I will it, said parcel of land, to my son Jas H. Cooper, in fee

Thirdly, I give and devise to my said son James H. Cooper, during his natural life and at his death to his son and my grandson the said James R. Cooper in fee simple a certain tract of land, which descended to me as one of the heirs of my father Robert Cooper dec'd lying in the 6th Civil district Hawkins County Tenn, adjoining the lands of Robert Cooper, Jas Cooper & the lines of John Larkins and bounded as follows: Beginning on my brother James Cooper's at a hickory and oak thence S 55° W. 34 poles to a dogwood, thence N. 37° W. 164 poles to a black oak & white oak, thence down course 250 poles to a gum & chestnut, thence N. 55° E. 20 poles to a black oak & white oak corner on my brother James Cooper's land, thence with line of same to the beginning containing seventy one acres more or less. * (See next Page)

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Minerva Larkins wife of Robert C. Larkins, all my household property & furniture not otherwise disposed of in this my will, as also my money, note and other choses in action I may die possessed of, except so much of it as may be necessary in the hand of my Executor to will pay my funeral expenses and property enter my body in decent and Christian like manner as hereinbefore provided.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my grandchildren Sally Larkins, my cooking stove, and my grandchildren Lordon Larkins the bureau I now own and live Gaddy.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son James H. Cooper, my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand & seal this 1st day of August 1869

Hannah (X) Cooper (Seal)

Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testatrix, the 1st day of August 1869. — Thomas McDonald (Seal)

"Will of William Jenkins"

I William Jenkins of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, Testator do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking void any and wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Item first I direct that my body be decently interred in the family Grave Yard on my farm where my Father and other Members of the family is interred in Hawkins County State of Tennessee in a Manner suitable to my Condition in life, and to such worldly estate as it has 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 I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors James Cooper & William Jenkins any portion of my estate real or personal.

Secondly I give and bequeath the first that Judy Comely Steward have one heifer and Thomas A. Jenkins fifty dollars $50.00 and Morgan Jenkins forty dollars $40. also that lot or my Administrator pay to said Judy Comely the above amount Judy Comely Steward out of that the money due her which he borrowed from her Grandmother Judy Jenkins, which was to go to the Grand daughter at the death of the said Mother and Emeline Steward to have fifty dollars $50 Polly Ann Steward to have fifty dollars $50. and Thomas Jenkins and Frances Elizabeth Jenkins to have the remainder of my estate by taking care of my Wife Nancy Jenkins my Executrix of this my last will and testament excluding all the land and other property I will hereafter. I William Jenkins the said Testator have to this my will written on sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this August the One thousand eight hundred and Seventy three. William Jenkins (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published in the presence of the Testator and of each other, Witness James Cooper
William his + mark Carpenter
& William his + mark Hicks

* I also give and devise to my said son James H. Cooper in fee simple my undivided one sixth share in a tract of land known as the Hollow spring place, in the 6th District Hawkins County, Tenn, adjoining the lands of Calvin Monroe, John Larkins Heirs and others, which tract contains one hundred & twenty acres, more or less.

"Will of George Ragal"

"I George H. Ragal of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee do on this the 1st day of February 1877 in the presence of three Witnesses and being of sound Mind do make this my last will and testament

First I will and bequeath to my son Henry Ragal a lot of my land on the west side of the place, commencing at the top of the ridge with a straight line to a black oak at my Spring, then straight to Henry Ragal line.

Second I will to my daughter Emma Margaret Ragal some acres of my land, so as to include the house she now lives in and one Cow or the worth of one Cow in Money.

Thirdly I give to my son, George Ragal five dollars in Money

Fourthly I will to my son, William C. Ragal five dollars in Money

Fifthly I will to my son Armenius T. Ragal five dollars in Cash

Sixth I will to my son Sevenus M. Ragal have five dollars in Cash and my daughter Catharine is to pay his dollars of Money and my son Henry to pay his dollars, and lastly I give to my daughter Catharine the balance of all the lands I may die seized and possessed of, and all my Household and Kitchen furniture and all the Stock I may have at my just debts and funeral expenses is paid and all farming tools. My daughter is to give my Grand daughter Rosanah one Bed and Clothing.

I do make William R. Pearce my Executor to see that my will is complied with.

Given under my hand and seal after being read I deliver the same to my Executor William R. Pearce, this 1st day of February 1877.

George H. Ragal (Seal)

Attest
Ephraim Brown
Wm R. Pearce

Beginning at this one Sile line on a Walnut and White Oak, Henry Ragals Corner Course due North 89 Poles to a Stake in the top of a Ridge, thence N. 88 E along the top of the Ridge 137 poles to a hickory & Chestnut oak, N. 65 E. 73 poles to a white oak and Chestnut oak 73 poles to a Stake on the top of Ridge S. 33½ W. 130 poles to a Black oak and Spanish oak S. 82 W. 121 poles to the Beginning

Lot No 3. Comes to Lot No 1. Beginning on the top of a Ridge on a Hickory S. 37½ E 13 poles to a black oak Nelson dividing Corner, S. 37½ E. 61

S 82 W. 89 Poles to a Stake in the Gap S. 88 E. 29 poles to a hickory the Beginning Corner.
Tract No 2 Beginning on a White oak in Hollow, N. 24 W. 10 poles to a Stake in a field S. 37 W 36 poles to a White oak S. 25 W. 23 poles to a Stake on Mary Ragsdale line then with his line S. 37 W. 10 poles to a hickory and Chestnut oak on Mary Ragsdale line then along the same N 82 E 32 poles to a Stake on Mary Ragsdale line N 6 W. 17 poles to a Chestnut oak and two Hickories, S. 82 W. 70 poles to a Stake S. 30 E 16 poles to a poplar S. 26 E. 18 poles to the Beginning Containing 7 Acres,

"William Parker," Given 3rd day Octr 1881

I William Parker, of the County of Hawkins and the State of Tennessee being of sound mind and Memory, and Memory, and Considering the uncertainty of this life to make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament that is to say,
First, that I do will to my daughter Mary Catharine Bailey wife of John Bailey, a certain piece of land it being her share of the land I owned and possessed at their time, with this exception that if she wants to live since here she is to give her Mother or one of the other heirs the refusal of buying it, Giving the boundary Commencing on a Small pine on the West side of the road then running with said road then running with Valley Road to Mary Meadows line then with Mary Meadows line to the top of Tom Mountain then with top of the Mountain opposite the Beginning Corner, then a straight line South east to the beginning.
Then I declare in my will that the remainder of my land goes to my Mother during her Natural life and at her death it is to go to my two Sons James W. Parker, and Charley B. Parker, to be equally divided between them.
I declare in my will that my Mother have the right to sell and convey a good title to a certain piece of land that is under Contract with Mr. and John Bailey if I deed it to them at the time to Bailey during my Natural life.

William H. Parker (Seal)
Mark

The above written instrument was Subscribed by said William Parker in our presence and acknowledged by him to be his act and he at same time published and declared the above instrument to be subscribed to be his last will and testament, and we at the Testators request and in his presence have signed our names as Witnesses hereunto, Set our hands this Seventh day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & eighty one

Attest
John Sigler
[illegible]

"Last Will & Testament Of Eldridge Ford"

In the name of God Amen I Eldridge Ford of the County of Hawkins State of Tennessee, do make and publish this last Will & Testament in the Form following:
1st I have heretofore by deed of Gift, Conveyed to my Son Hanibal Ford a tract or parcel of land, estimated in Amount at One Thousand Acres, being the place upon which my said Son Hanibal now lives in Carters Valley, In addition to this I do will and bequeath to my said Son Hanibal Ford to be held and enjoyed by him for the full term of his natural life, all that I now own of three tracts of land, known as the Young & Lyons tracts, except such portion or parts of said tracts as lay South of a division line hereinafter to be defined by me, And also such portions of some entries made by me as lie between said division line and lands heretofore conveyed by me to my said Son Hanibal, And I estimate the amount of land herein bequeathed to my Son Hanibal, for and during the term of his Natural life, at Five Hundred Acres, And this with the land heretofore conveyed to him by deed of Gift, is to constitute my said Son Hanibal Fords full share of my real estate, And after the death of my Son Hanibal it is my will and desire that the remainder interest in the aforesaid Five hundred Acres, willed to my Son Hanibal for and during the full term of his Natural life, vest in and be held and enjoyed, in Fee simple by any Child or Children born to my Son Hanibal of his present marriage, and the Child or Children born of any subsequent marriage, should he survive his present wife and contract a second Marriage. But if my Son Hanibal should die leaving no Children by his present marriage or any subsequent marriage, then it is my Will and desire that the five Hundred Acres of land herein bequeathed to him for Life, shall vest in fee and be held and enjoyed in Fee simple, by my Grand Son Eldridge Ford, Son of my Son William Ford and his wife Alice Price Ford.
2nd The division line between the above described lands

after to be disposed of by me, is as follows: Beginning near Post Oak, with two Beech Trees marked as pointers on or near the Old Mordecia Beans line, thence North 82½ East 40 poles to two Black Oaks and two White Oaks, thence South 31 East 7 poles to a White Oak just outside of a field, thence North 21 East 46 poles to a Black Oak on the East side of the road leading from Carters Valley to the Old Stage Road, thence South 25 East 6 poles to a stake, thence North 25 East 126 poles to McGhees lines. 3rd. It is my will and desire that my son William Hord have and hold during the term of his natural life, all lands which lie South of the above described division line, with the exception of the Island in the Holston River, containing by estimation ten acres more or less this Island I retain undisposed of in this Will. It is further my will and desire, that at the death of my son William Hord, that the lands herein willed to him for and during the term of his natural life shall vest in and be held and enjoyed in fee simple by my Grand son Eldridge Hord son of my son William Hord any other Child or Children which may be born to my said son William Hord and his wife Alice Price Hord, the lands included in what is intended to be devised to my son William for life, with remainder over to the Children born of his marriage with Alice Price are all or such portions of the following lands as lie South of the before mentioned line to wit. The tract of land purchased from Jno. Young the Jake Johnson land, a small entry made by me, the George Wright tract, part of an entry made by my Father, the other portion of this last entry is North of division line hereinbefore described. The Dunnis land and all the Rice land with the exception of the Island in the Holston River, to be fully understood the division line above defined and described as commencing on or near the Old Mordecia Bean line and ending at McGhees line, is intended to be the dividing line. Between the lands devised in this will to to my son Hannibal Hord for life with remainder over, and those devised to my son William Hord for life, with remainder over to the Children of his wife Alice Price Hord and himself. It is my desire that the lease for life, on a small

Hannibal Hord, held by John Leach, shall be faithfully observed by my son Hannibal, and those holding the remainder interest, and that said Leach shall not be disturbed in the full enjoyment of his lease during his life. And that his family be allowed to possess and enjoy the benefit of said lease until the 1st of January following said Leach's death.

If I have any personal property of any kind undisposed of by gift during my life time, my desire is that it be divided as the law directs, with this exception, at my death it is my will and desire that my Grand son Eldridge Hord, son of William & Alice Price Hord, shall have my Compass, Chain and Clothing instruments used by me in Surveying, and I specially request that when he shall become old enough, to understand and appreciate this request, that he shall be informed that it was my especial desire that he should study surveying, so as to use the instruments I hereby will and bequeath to him.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son Hannibal Hord my executor of this my last Will & Testament and as nearly all of my estate consists of land herein devised, in accordance with my wishes, and in remainder interests, I hereby direct that no bond be required of my son Hannibal Hord as Executor.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 20th day July 1880.

Witnessed by

John A. McKinney

R. F. Jones

A. S. Lyons

Eldridge Hord (Seal)

The last Will & Testament of Virginia McClure Proven 3rd Sept 1882

"Virginia McClure of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee do make publish & declare this to be my last will & testament, to wit:

I give and bequeath to my Sisters Nancy Jane McClure & Martha McClure, or to either of them that may survive me all my undivided interest in the tract of lands on which we now live in the County & State aforesaid & which was willed to us by our Father James McClure dec.d my interest being one fourth of said tract of land, my object being to leave my said Sisters in undisturbed possession of said land during their natural lives.

I also give & bequeath to my said Sisters in like manner all my personal property I may die possessed of.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal this 11th day of August 1876.

Virginia McClure (Seal)

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in our presence Mr Isaac Wittmeyer the same in the presence & at the request of the testatrix

J. H. Vance
S. G. Vance

Nancy Jane McClure's last Will & Testament Proven 3rd April A.D. 1882.

I, Nancy Jane McClure of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee do make publish & declare this to be my last will & Testament, viz:

"I give & bequeath to my Sisters Virginia McClure & Martha McClure or either of them that may survive me all my undivided interest in the tract of land on which now live in the County & State aforesaid and which was willed to us by our Father James McClure dec.d my interest being one fourth of said tract of land my object being to leave my said Sisters in undisturbed possession of said tract of land during their natural lives.

I also give & bequeath to my said Sister in like manner all the personal property I may die possessed of.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal this 11th day of August 1876.

Nancy Jane McClure (Seal)

Signed Sealed & acknowledged before us and we have witnessed the same at the request & in the presence of the Testator this 11th day of August 1876.

J. H. Vance,
S. G. Vance.

Copy. The last Will & Testament of Ephraim Johnson. Proven 5th day of June 1882.

State of Tennessee Hawkins County.

I, Ephraim Johnson, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills, by me at any time heretofore made. I give and bequeath to my wife Lucy Johnson the west end of my farm, running as far east as Jesse Mayes lands and running with the west line of Jesse Mayes thence across my farm to Cummings line, adjoining the lands of Wm W. Henderson, Wm Looney & others in Mosley Valley, and also one other field on the east of Jesse Mayes land and lying along the road and joining the lands of Wm W. Henderson & Henry Mayes. I also give and bequeath the remainder of my land to my lawful Heirs Lucy Elizabeth & Sidney. And all my personal property, Cash & Notes on hand after my funeral expenses & debts are paid, I give to Lucy Johnson my Wife, my wife, and being in perfect state of mind, I do to this my will set my hand and seal.

Ephraim Johnson. (Seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator.

Witness
Wm W. Henderson.
Sammie Looney.

Will notation says "Proven Sept term 1882" B. Grigsby

A Copy of the last Will and Testament of James A. Amis dec.d Proven Sept Term 1882

I, James A. Amis, of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee, being of sound Mind and Memory, but feeble in health, do hereby make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament.

First. My will and desire is, that all my just debts be paid out of any Money or personal property or effects I may die seized or possessed of by my Executrix hereinafter appointed.

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan all my real estate consisting lands Houses and Shops and appurtenances thereto for her use and support and the support of my daughters that remain in the house with her, and that the said Susan have full control and management of the same and receive all the rents and profits thereof.

3rd I have heretofore given my daughters Lucy H. Mariam J. Elizabeth and Matilda A. each one horse and saddle, one Cow, one Bedstead and Bed Clothing and one Safe. Now I will and bequeath to my other daughters each namely Elizabeth M, Nancy A, Sarah A. and Fanny A. one Horse and Saddle, one Cow, one Bedstead and Clothing and one Safe to be furnished out of my personal estate to them equal with my first named heretofore furnished. The Horse furnished as before mentioned being of the value of sixty five dollars each.

4th I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan all the remainder of my personal Estate, of any kind and description (after providing for bequests in Sections 3. Whether Stock farming tools household means or any other effects for her support and support of those of my daughters the remainder of the

with her during her natural life or widowhood;
5th At the death of my wife Susan, my will and desire is, that my Real Estate consisting of lands and improvements be equally divided in value among my daughters, Sharon and Shem aforesaid, the balance of my personal estate, be equally divided among my daughters, in the same manner, in all respects as my real estate;
6th It is my will and desire that my daughters before named divide my real estate by mutual agreement among themselves, should they fail to do so, then to have Commissioners appointed by said Court together with the County Surveyor, to make the division.
8th I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Susan to be my Executrix of this my last will and Testament.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this my name this twenty fifth day of April A.D. One thousand eight hundred and eighty two

Witness
A.M. Sandaugh,
P.R. Sandaugh.

Susan A. Ames

"Will of George Shanks dec'd, Proved October Term 1882"

In the name of God Amen. I George Shanks of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do make ordain publish & declare this to be my last Will & Testament that is to say after all my just debts are paid & discharged the residue of my real estate & personal I give and bequeath the disposal of as follows to wit. To my wife Lucy Shanks all my Real Estate that I may own during her life time with the exception of two acres that I give to my son John Shanks to be laid off when John wins lives & after the death of my wife Lucy Shanks the land to be divided equally my son Wiley Shanks, my daughter Catharine Shanks & my son John Shanks.
I also give & bequeath to my daughter Minerva Snider one hundred & twenty dollars in the place of land I have already given my daughter Sharon Cannon her part of the land.
Likewise I make constitute and appoint my son Wiley Shanks to be my Executor of this my last will & Testament hereby making all former wills by me made.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal this the 25th day of June 1882.

Witness
Geo W Brooks

George his + mark Shanks (Seal)

"Will of Sarah Ann B. Alexander, dec'd who bequeathing Power by the author of John M. Cannon, Wm. Blackburn, and John W. Calderwood Nov Term 1882,

"The last Will and Testament of Sarah Ann B. Alexander, in the city of Washington, D.C. Made this 10th day of June in the Year of Lord 1878. In the name of God Amen, I, Sarah Ann B. Alexander being in the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death, born in the Village & Parish in Grand Co. State of New York, on the 21st day of Nov. 1805, being at this time of sound and perfect mind & memory blessed be Almighty God, do make & publish this my last will & Testament in my own handwriting in manner & form following, to wit:
First. I appoint & ordain my son George A. My Trustee & Executor, & my daughter Florence B. My Trustee & Executrix, of this my sole Will & Testament, I do not require them to give bond & security for the performance of the duties & trusts devolving on them.
Second. I will & bequeath & give to my said personal Representatives all my Share of Real & personal estate which I now have & may hereafter acquire for the use & benefit of the State to be divided among my Children & heirs hereinafter named & to them alone, with the exception of my son Francis Dalzell who is amply provided for, through the kindness of his aunt Mrs Ann Dalzell, who made him the only heir of her estate. My property I wish divided equally between my sons Joseph Graham, George A. & Charles P. Alexander & my daughter Florence B. Alexander, with the exception of $100. to be paid to each one of my daughter Caroline's Children, making $1300. to them thirteen grand Children, or the sum of $100. paid to each one living one year after my death. My grand daughter Annie B. Wilson only child of my daughter Julia is already amply provided for, from her grand father's estate by her aunt Laura. The principle of Joseph Grahams & Charles Pickering's Share is to be put out at int. for them they receiving their int. Semi annually during their lives. If either of them die without leaving one or more Children, then the principle of the deceased to be equally divided among the remaining brothers & Sisters. If either Joe or Chas leaves a Child or Children then the Principle which belong to the Father to be kept at int. for them, using of the Semi annual int. for the educational Support of the same until arrived at the age of twenty one years, when the Principle may be paid to the Child, or Children as the case may be.
This will is in my own handwriting & made without Coercing or being under the influence of any person, Given under my hand & Seal this the 10th day of June 1878

Sarah A. B. Alexander (Seal)

"The last will & testament of Susan White dec.d Proven March Term 1883.

Know all men by these presents, that I Susan S. White, widow of Wm White dec.d of Rogersville, Hawkins County Tennessee, being mindful of the uncertainty of life and desiring to dispose of worldly effects & affairs, before my death, do make and publish this as my last will and testament. That is to say.

1. I desire that my Executrix hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts out of any moneys on hand at the day of my decease.

2. I give and bequeath to my two daughters Margaret R. White and Mary E. White all of my personal estate, consisting of said moneys, Note and accounts and perhaps, other choses in action, household and kitchen goods and furniture and all such other goods and chattels and effects of personal property as I may own at the time of my death.

3. I also give and devise and bequeath to them whatever may be due me as an heir or distributee of the estate of my Sister Benjamin Johnson dec.d And also whatever I may be entitled to as an heir or distributee of the estate of my brother, David Johnson dec.d

4. It is my intention by this will, to give and bequeath to my said daughters as sole legatees my entire estate, real, personal or mixed, of whatever nature or description, for their sole and exclusive use and benefit.

I hereby nominate and appoint my said daughters executrixes of this my last will and testament, who are hereby exempted from giving bond as required by law.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name on this the 9th day of May 1881. in the presence of Thomas McDermott and Hugh G. Ryle, who attest the same as subscribing witnesses at my request.

S. S. White

Attest

H. G. Ryle

Thomas McDermott

The last will & testament of James G. Walker dec.d Proven 3rd day April 1883.

"I James G. Walker, a citizen Hawkins County Tennessee, being of sound and disposing mind and good memory, but of feeble health and far advanced in years, do make, constitute and publish this to be my last will and testament, and by this revoking all others heretofore by me at any time made.

First: It is my will and desire, and I do direct that my body after death be deposited in the last resting place by the side of my late beloved husband Wm. Walker, and that my executrix to pay and discharge my funeral expenses to be designated out of my personal estate by my executor.

Second. It is my will and I do bequeath that my wife Ellen S. Walker have the bedstead, two beds and quantity of clothing sufficient for 3 years and the other beds bedsteads and bed clothing be equally divided between my three children after making a fair satisfaction of the bequest for disinherited in this item to the said Ellen S. Walker.

Third: It is my will and bequest, and I do direct that all of other personal property of every kind and description be equally divided between my three children, Joseph R. Margaret H. and Ellen S. Walker.

Fourth. It is my will and desire and I do direct give and devise that Joseph R. Walker Margaret H. Walker and Ellen S. Walker shall take and have the tract where I now live and the house wherein I together with them reside and the stable and other out houses in equal shares, each taking an undivided third interest and estate therein to be used and disposed of by them, as they may deem fit and proper.

Fifth. It is my will and I do give and bequeath that my Grand Son Thomas H. Walker Son of my deceased Son Thos H. Walker shall have a portion of my estate and I therefore bequeath him my said Grand Son. Sixty acres of land off the thirty acres tract which lows south of the road leading from Rogersville South in the direction of the East Rock Bridge and the upper Ferry, known as Rice's upper Ferry, to be laid off at the lower end of said thirty acres tract beginning at a stake at J.B. Huskins line at said road and running with Huskins line in a South east direction as far out as shall the fence need to stand enclosing the old field on said thirty acres thence with the old fence now in a North east ~~direction~~ course far enough out, so that running the third line parallel with the first (said Huskins) line, and the fourth with the road to the beginning, the full complement of sixty acres will be included & bounded this includes a Cabin on the lower end of said thirty acres tract, not far from Emerson Reid close to the Huskins line, and wherein an old Colored man by the name of Isaac Miller now lives.

Sixth. It my will desire, and I do give and bequeath unto my daughter Ellen S. Walker two acres of land out of the old field in the thirty acres tract above mentioned, to be laid off above or east of the Dry Vincent tree beginning at the aforesaid River road and running back far enough so that the back line shall be Sixteen poles long and perpendicular to, or at right angles with the first line and the third line to run from the back line, (which is also the second line) parallel with the first and continuing to the road, and the fourth line running with the road to the beginning, so as to make the complement of two acres.

Seventh: It is my will and desire and I do direct, give devise and bequeath to my son Joseph R. Walker all the rest and residue of my right, title interest and estate, in fee simple, in to and of the said thirty acres tract of land and this devise is made in order so far as possible to indemnify him for what he has paid out in discharging the debts of my late husband Wm Hugh Walker and for which said Joseph R. Walker was Surety. And I appoint him my Executor

Eighth. The bequests and devises heretofore made to my three children Joseph R. Walker, Margaret H. Walker and Ellen S. Walker have been made by me after due reflection and consideration of the whole matter, and in view of the

contributes so much to my welfare and comfort in my declining years and great affliction, and I deem it nothing but right and proper to give this testament to their filial care and attention without disparagement to others.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the presence of the subscribing Witnesses, who have been called to attest this my last Will and testament. This 2nd day of September 1875

Frances G. Walker (Seal)

Witness
W. H. Wattersons,
M. B. Wattersons

The following instrument is intended as a Codicil to my last will & testament which was made & signed by me the 2nd day of September 1875, and intended to explain and revoke so much and such parts thereof as may be inconsistent therewith but to stand along with & be a part of said Will in all other respects. Be it known therefore that I Frances G. Walker, of Hawkins County Tenn. advanced in years and in feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby revoke, and order the same to be disregarded, a Codicil published by me on the 22nd of September 1876, in the presence of W.T. Slann and J.G. Walker witness, and instead thereof make and constitute this as a part of said last will mentioned above viz – In the fifth item of said last will & testament I give to my Grandson Thos H. Walker, son of my deceased son Thos H. Walker six acres of land off the thirty acres tract immediately on the east side of the road leading out to Mrs Gallagher place, the said six acres is partially described in said fifth item, but since the execution of said Will of Sept 2nd 1875, the same has been surveyed, and is bounded and more particularly described as follows: viz Beginning on the Jos. Hinkle line on a stake at the edge of the road, thence with the Hinkle line south 35 east twenty eight poles to a stake near a Mulberry on said line, thence north 47 east twenty six poles to a stake, thence North 35 west forty poles to a stake at the edge of said road, thence to the lot conveyed to Mary Vincent thence along the road south thirty poles to the beginning, including the cabin where an old colored man Samuel Miller lived a few years ago. As my Grandson Thos H. Walker has recently departed this life a minor unmarried and without issue, I hereby revoke said item fifth of my will above mentioned and give and bequeath said parcel of six acres as above described to my two daughters Margaret A. Walker & Ella S. Walker, as equal interests to have & hold in fee simple and to be partitioned by them as they may desire.

Item 2nd In the 7th Clause or item of said last will & testament I devised to my son John R. Walker all the rest and residue of the thirty acre tract after giving all the six acres as above described two acres to my

daughter Ella S. which according to the language used in said clause would include only the residue of the thirty acre tract. When it was my desire and intention and I now so direct give & devise to the said Joseph R. Walker, all the rest and residue of my real estate not otherwise disposed of said last will & testament and this is intended now especially to refer to a quantity of wood land back of, and adjacent to the thirty acre.

Item – It is my will and desire, and I hereby nominate & appoint my son Joseph R. Walker, & my friend W. H. Wattersons, the executors to propound my last will & testament & this Codicil thereto – and request that they have the provisions thereof carried out, and they are excused from giving bond in this premises.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name and affixed my seal in the presence of the subscribing Witnesses, who have been especially called by me to witness the execution of this Codicil this 11th day of August 1879.

Frances G. Walker, (Seal)

attest
M. E. Walker,
Andrew J. Mitchell

The last Will and testament of Hiram Wills Deceased.

I Hiram Wills of the County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory & considering the uncertainty of this life do therefore make publish & declare this to be my last will & testament. That is to say:

First. After my lawful debts & funeral expenses are paid & discharged. I give & bequeath unto my wife Jane Ann Wills during her natural life & at her death to descend to her Grandson Johnie Wattersons – all my property personal & real including Stone House & land adjoining the lands of Wm. Fillers & others in the 6th Civil District of Hawkins County State of Tenn.

Second I hereby appoint my friend J. Amos Brown to be executor of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal: the 23rd day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighty.

his
Hiram Wills (Seal)
mark

[Attestation]

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Hiram Wills in our presence & acknowledged by him to each of us & he at the same time declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will & testament & we at his own request have signed our names as witnesses hereto in his presence & in the presence of each other & written opposite our names respective places of abode & trade:

Signers { James A Brown Hawkins County
John B Charles Hawkins County

"The last Will & Testament of Francis B. Moore this Fourth July Anno 1853
"State of Tennessee Hawkins County"

I Francis B. Moore of said County of Hawkins, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my daughters, Nancy Harriet and Ann Eliza my land in Hawkins County Tennessee being the tract of land upon which my husband Elijah Moore lived and died which he bought of Thomas Dunn during his lifetime and also a tract of Wood land near Dunn's and that my nine Children Nancy Harriet and Ann Eliza are to hold said land jointly and share in the rents and profits equally during their lifetime and at their death, then to the Children of my daughter Ann Eliza or to inherit the same equally.

Lastly I do hereby appoint C. H. Spears my executor in witness whereof I hereunto affix my signature this the 4th day of February 1861

Witness
Jno H. Spears.

Francis B. Moore
Mark

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the Testator.
This 4th 1861.

John H. Spears,
C. M. Spears

The last will & Testament of Francis B. Alexander Decd. Proven 17th July 1853
Rogersville June 14 July 1853.

"The will of Francis B. Alexander B. of Rogersville, in the County of Hawkins, State of Tennessee.

I give all my real and personal estate, and effects, whatever and wherever to the two Children of E. J. Decker, in equal shares, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, absolutely: which two Children, Esther, born 2 September 1850 and Frank, born 12th September 1852, or thereabout, I hereby acknowledge as my own Children knowing them to be my own flesh and blood and believing them to be entitled to my property. To Elizabeth J. (or Nell) the Mother of said Children, I grant and give out of the annual income of my said estate an annual allowance - enough to keep herself and the said Children in comfort and decency, and to educate them thoroughly -

I choose Saml. E. J. Decker and Judge Andrews of Rogersville for executors of this my last will, made while I am sound in body and mind and without the influence or even the presence and aid of any person whatever, but solely under the belief in the uncertainty of life, and that I ought to provide for my own Children and their Mother.

I have made and written alone in my own home in Rogersville this the 14th July 1853 this will, as above written

F. B. Alexander

"Will of Mrs Ann Moore Filed and proven the 6th day of August 1853"

Whereas by descent from one Joseph Decker deceased my late Father I have become and now holds title to certain lands in the 11th Civil District of Hawkins County State of Tenn. which lands is under the Control and Management of my Honored husband James Moore and whereas I am in the of life and in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of the death and time of decease and Mercy to make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other by me made at any time,

I do will and devise that at my death, that the right title & interest that I have in and to said lands also mentioned be and the same vested in my Son John R. Moore forever.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this my will on this the 10th day of February 1869

Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us on this the 10 day of Feb 1869.

Ann her + Moore
Mark

James H. Walker
Francis A. Moore

Acknowledged in my presence on the 23 July 1853.
S J Chambers.