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Copy of the last will and testament of Michael Shanks dec'd
which was sworn the 11th day of December 1871.

I Michael Shanks do make, and publish this as my last will and testament, nothing and making void all other wills by me at any time made,

First- I direct that my general expenses and all my debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money's that I may die possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly- I give and bequeath to my wife Leah Shanks all my household and kitchen furniture of every description, and all my farming utensils of every description and also that one eighth of Pleasant Meadows, and her increase consisting of a heifer nearly grown on, Steer 3 year old, pig, and a small calf, and my hogs, 14 head of sheep, and all poultry of every description and also one bay mare three years old past, and also all my grain consisting of wheat, corn and oats, and all my hay and straw.

And it is my wish and desire that she shall have the following described tract of land during her natural life and then divided equally between my sons, John and John Albert, said tract bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at Fortlers line on the south side of the false ridge then across said ridge to near the corner of the Apple and peach orchard then near and with the corner of the fence until it intersects the old line then with said line to the top of Star Mountain to a chimney then along the top of said Mountain to a stake opposite a long spur of said Mountain, then along the top of said spur, South easterly through and close by a little part of a Sham rich in said fence to a stake on the boundary line on the south side of said false ridge then along line to the beginning, containing one acre and being one third in value in value of all my lands.

Thirdly- The balance of my Stock I wish sold except the old bay mare, my wish and desire is that said stock shall be sold by the 1st of December 1872 and

then let her be sold.

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Fourthly, The balance of my lands I wish to be divided equally among all my children. John and John Albert, in following manner, said lots is to be lay off, of the same place, and two lots out of the place where Henry Shanks now lives. Now my wish is that my son Michael and Jefferson Shanks lots shall be layed off so as to include all the improvements which they made, and said lots be valued without taking the value of said improvements into consideration in the valuing said lots, and the said lots is assigned to the said Michael and Jefferson Shanks, and my son Henry and my daughter Jane Dorn, lots shall be layed off of the upper place where my son Henry now lives, of the same value, of the seven lots of the same place, and said lots, should be worth more than the lots on the same place, then said Henry Shanks and Jane Dorn shall pay to the other legatees, the difference in said lots, and said lots is assigned to said Henry Shanks and Jane Dorn, and the balance of said lots, which is five in number, the same may divide them among themselves as they may choose.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Wm P. Mc Nabille my executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 3rd day Nov 1871

Signed, sealed and published Michael Shanks (Seal)
in our presence and we have hereunto our hands and seals
affixed in the presence of the testator,
the day and date above written
George Webb.
Gabriel Webb.

A copy of the last will with Codicils of James Moore dec'd
which was sworn the 11th day of January 1872.

I, James Moore of the County of Hancock and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any time heretofore.

1st It is my wish that my general expenses and all my just debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money's that I may die seized or possessed of or may hereafter come in the hands of my general representative.

2nd I will and bequeath to children and heirs of my daughter

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 Louisa Ward, the tract or parcel of land known as a
 part of the Parker lands of which I hold title by deed
 from William A. Parker, except the boundary which I have
 laid off, and is as follows a line commencing at the ridge
 between the French Orchard field & back field, running up the
 fence of the said back field, then with that fence this
 line, then with this line to the house, between the Thomas
 Walker, front and back fields, then up the hollow to the
 beginning. Also a certain boundary as a part of the
 other part of the Parker lands of which I hold title by
 a deed from William Parker known as follows, commencing
 at the foot of the Mountain at a marked corner running
 through the fence up a hollow a part of the way then
 up a ridge to the top of the main ridge, then with
 the ridge to one of a second ridge which comes up
 from the hollow then with top of said ridge to the foot
 of the mountain then down to the beginning, which
 lands so bequeathed, I will that my said daughter
 Louisa Ward is to have use and benefit of, during her
 natural life, and after her death, her children and
 legal heirs have the same forever.

3rd I further will to the heirs of my late daughter Eliza-
 beth Ward dec'd all of the remainder of the lands known
 as the Parker lands, embraced in the Parker and Ward
 Deeds, as before spoken of. I further will that Ephraim Ward
 father of said children of said Elizabeth Ward have
 the use and management of said lands bequeathed
 to said children, for their benefit support and education
 until they arrive to lawful age.

21st I further will and bequeath to my son John R. Moore
 all the remainder of my real estate subject to the same
 interest, provided by law for widows, which I will that
 my said wife, Ann Moore, have the benefit of during
 her natural life, after which, it is to go to my son
 John R. Moore.

5th I further will that all the personal property of all kind
 is to be for the use and benefit of my beloved wife Ann
 Moore, during her natural life, and then to belong to
 my said son John R. Moore, by him paying out his share
 due to the children of Louisa Ward and Ann Moore.

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 dollars, and one hundred dollars to the children of my daughter Elizabeth
 Ward, as the said children may at the age of twenty one, said John
 R. Moore is to give such assistance & help, to his brother John Moore as he
 may think proper for his support, but not bound to support him for
 this, then he may choose.

6th And lastly I will, that if it, becoming necessary for an executor to
 carry out the provisions of this will, that the County Court appoint
 a good and suitable person for that purpose, who shall give bond and
 security, as the law directs.
 And I do hereby certify that said John R. Moore is not to have the right to convey his 5th lands before
 he is thirty five years old.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal to this my will
 this 10th day of February 1869.

Subscribed before signing and acknowledged
 signed & acknowledged in the
 presence of us on this the 10th
 day of February 1869.

James H. Walker.

James A. Moore.

I, James Moore, do make and publish this as being to the foregoing
 will, this is to say, that the lands devised to the heirs of my daughter
 Elizabeth Ward, which Ephraim is to have the use and benefit of the
 until the children is of lawful age, do not allow him to use or come
 to be used any timber belonging to or growing on said lands for any
 purpose whatever except for fuel and what may be necessary to keep the
 farm and buildings in repair. Also it is further provided that there
 shall be a venue granted through the said lands, so as to allow to
 said heirs up the branch to the lands devised to the heirs of my daughter
 Louisa for the purpose of passing to & from said lands with livestock.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal to this, on this
 15th day of Sept 1870.

I do hereby certify this was signed
 acknowledged in the state above given.

James H. Walker

James A. Moore.

I, James Moore, do make and publish this as a second Codicil to the
 foregoing will, this is to say, because as in as much as Ephraim
 Ward who is mentioned in the foregoing will has left the lands devised to the
 children thereof of Louisa Ward my late daughter. I desire that there be con-
 tract of said lands, and that William Ward or some other suitable

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be appointed as Guardians for said Children, to take charge
of and use the same in the proper & lawful manner, until said
Children arrive at Lawful age, This 2nd day of Decr 1871

JAMES MORRIS,
Signed and acknowledged in our presence on the 2nd day
of Decr 1871
James H. Walker
James A. Moor,

Copy of the last Will & Testament of Woods Bruden denoted
here and sworn this 1st day of January 1872.

I Woods Bruden of the County of Washburn and State of Minnesota
being in full and perfect mind and sound disposing mind and
Memory do hereby 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 recommend my soul to God who gave it and my
body to the Clerk of said County it shall and my memory
to admiring friends I may have situated

Second after my death as soon as practicable It is my will
that my funeral and other bills & other just debts
be paid out of the proceeds of my shop tools and two
sprouting hoes, four axes, two picks, one ironing hoe, chain
and shot gun, supposed to be worth \$750 or \$800.

Third. It is my will and desire that my son John have
all of his Mother's clothing, or wearing apparel.

Fourth. To my son Prince Columbus I give one dollar,
Fifth. To Maria McDaniel, who has been very faithful in wait-
ing upon me during her sickness, and since her death, and
has confided with me since, performing faithfully the duties
of house keeping - and showing very necessary attention during
my sickness, for which I desire to reward her - It is my will
and I so direct, that she at the death of Mother Charlotte
Bruden have one half, the rest and remainder of my property con-
sisting of my household and kitchen furniture of every kind
together with the mass of four pigs, and also all my Books.

Sixth. It is my will and desire that my Mother live together and en-
joy my property so long as she is in the land and at the death
of my Mother, I direct to make such disposition of said property
as she may think proper.

Seventh. It is my will and desire that Maria McDaniel, have the watch
that I wear in the habit of carrying, and I will and direct
the other watch to Susan McDaniel son of her Mother,
Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint, my returned friend
Baker executor of this my last will & testament.

Signed, sealed and
acknowledged in our
presence this 2nd day of
January 1871

Lucas X. Taylor,
Jesse M. Reed,

Woods Bruden
Mark

Copy of the last Will of Polly Pearson dec^d was sworn, & today
day of March 1872

In the name of God Amen. I Polly Pearson of the
County of Washburn and State of Minnesota. Come to God, being in
perfect and sound and disposing mind and memory, do this 2nd
day of September in the year of Lord one thousand eight hun-
-dred and seventy one, make this my last will and testament in
the following.

First. I direct that my executor pay off all my creditors and
funeral expenses.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to the heirs Mr. McDaniel per
son the sum of One dollar each and also to my daughter
Marilla the sum of One dollar.

Thirdly, The balance of my property both real and personal
I give and bequeath to my sons and daughters to be equally di-
vided between them, namely, Christopher Columbus, Eliza, John, all,
Mariah, Sallie Ann, Thomas D. Stokely D. Jane and Marvina to
have and to hold the same forever.

Fourthly, I appoint my son Columbus Christopher executor of this
my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said Polly Pearson set my
hand and seal this 2nd day and date above written

Witness
Wm. Brown
Thomas D. Brown.

Polly Pearson
Mark