

Order probate No 10 p 29.

Will of W. P. Ripley

I Wm P. Ripley of Hawkins County Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> - I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel D. Ripley all my personal estate.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> - I dispose of my farm which is situated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Hawkins County Tennessee adjoining the lands of J. J. Charles, H. H. Charles, B. F. Long, John Kirby and perhaps others and wherein I now live as follows: I will and devise to my said wife Rachel D. Ripley and my sister Francis J. Ripley jointly and equally the farm aforesaid which farm or lands I devise them subject to the following conditions: If the said Francis J. should die before my said wife Rachel D. Then the interest herein devised to said Francis J. shall pass to and rest in said Rachel D. Ripley and Should the said Rachel D. Ripley die before the said Francis J. Ripley then the interest in said land herein devised to said Rachel D. Ripley shall pass to and rest in said Francis J. Ripley at any duly intimation and purpose to rest said tract of land in the said Rachel D. and Francis J. for and during the term of their natural lives and when both have died it is my will and desire that said tract of land shall rest in my three children Jacob Miller Ripley, Samuel C. Ripley and William C. Ripley in fee and I do hereby so devise said lands unto them.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> - I further direct that the said Francis J. shall have one room in my dwelling house upon said land for her exclusive use and occupation during her life.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> - I hereby nominate and appoint the said Rachel D. Ripley and Francis J. Ripley or either of them Executrix of this my last will, & to hold and to execute for such purpose.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name on this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1896

W. P. Ripley

The foregoing will was signed and acknowledged by the testator W. P. Ripley in our presence and at his special request we have signed our names as attesting witness thereto this April 11<sup>th</sup> 1896

A. L. Chasnick  
A. D. Huffmaster

Margaret E. Clarkson's will

I Margaret Clarkson, the wife of Maj. William A. Clarkson, and a resident of Rogersville, Hawkins County, Tennessee, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, in form following, to wit:

It is my will and I do hereby give, bequeath and devise to my youngest daughter, Mary E. Clarkson, all my estate both real & personal of every kind or nature whatsoever, in the title thereto legal or equitable. I nominate and appoint the said Mary E. Clarkson the executrix of this will and she is excused from giving bond at such.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature to this my said last will and testament on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December A.D. 1898

Margaret E. Clarkson

Dated & acknowledged in our presence by the testatrix, Mrs. Margaret E. Clarkson, and at her request we have witnessed her said signature & acknowledged and affixed our signatures unto this as such witness on this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December A.D. 1898

W. B. Hale

A. D. Huffmaster

Will of L. G. Kinner  
Believing the decrees of God to be divine, just, and inscrutable  
and knowing the infirmities of us all to foresee the end, I  
do make this my last will and testament being of sound mind  
but feeble of body. I bequeath unto my daughter Landie W.  
Kinner all my property real and personal to be held and used  
by her so long as she may remain unmarried but in  
the event of her marriage then it is my wish that my  
estate be divided equally between my five children Elizabeth  
Ann, Jas A. Kinner, Mary Butler, Landie Kinner, & wife Kinner.  
I appoint my son Wm Kinner my executor.

Witness my hand the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1881

L. G. Kinner

(Signed)

H. J. Armstrong  
W. D. Kinner

Will of Sue C. Maxwell  
Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1897

This is for the present if I should be called off. I have some fears  
in my head about my health so I may die at any time.  
J. J. Haileston you please pay my brothers P. H. & J. J. Maxwell  
one hundred & fifty dollars apiece, little Sue James daughter  
Twenty five dollars, the balance of the three hundred dollars  
to Sue C. Maxwell after all of my expenses are paid, &  
Twenty twenty five dollars. I give Maggy the little girl  
to Jacob Park, big & my watch to Sue Joe at her death to Maggie  
if living if not to little Sue

Sue C. Maxwell

### Ida P. Murphy

I Eda Peacock Murphy, wife of J. H. Murphy, of the  
town of Rogersville, County of Hawkins & State of Tennessee,  
being of sound mind and mental health do make and  
constitute this my last Will & Testament revoking  
all other wills by me hitherto made.

- 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my beloved husband, Jas H. Murphy, shall have all my estate, both real and personal  
2<sup>d</sup> during his natural life, except of the personally, I desire and  
will that W<sup>m</sup> A. Murphy have one bed and bedding and that  
3<sup>rd</sup> my brother, J. C. Jones, have one bed and bedding, and the  
balance of my personal estate to be absolutely the property of my  
4<sup>th</sup> said Husband, but my real estate be my, my said Husband,  
J. H. Murphy, shall fully take, use and enjoy during his  
natural life.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> And I so will and direct that at the death of my said  
husband all my real estate shall be equally divided between  
the said W<sup>m</sup> A. Murphy and my brother, J. C. Jones
  - 6<sup>th</sup> And I further will and direct that in the event of the  
death of the said W<sup>m</sup> A. Murphy without heirs, then the  
whole of my real estate shall revert to my brother, J. C. Jones  
in his absolute right.
  - 7<sup>th</sup> And I hereby appoint my husband, J. H. Murphy, to be the  
guardian of W<sup>m</sup> A. Murphy and should the said J. H. Murphy  
die before the said W<sup>m</sup> A. Murphy comes of age, then I appoint  
J. McWayne Guardian for the said W<sup>m</sup> A. Murphy.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> I nominate and appoint my husband, J. H. Murphy, my  
executor & no bond shall be required of him as such.
- In testimony whereof I have unto this my last will and  
testament affixed my signature in the presence of the subscribers  
Witness: This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899

Witness  
G. S. Hale  
W. P. Nell

J. H. P. Murphy

Alice Fernandez

Know all men by these presents that I Alice Fernandez, a resident of the town of Rossville, knowing the uncertainty of life, being of sound mind and ~~dis~~ <sup>desirous</sup> to dispose of my worldly possessions, make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking any and all wills heretofore made by me.

1. I will and bequeath to my sister Fannie Fernandez all the property I may die seized of both real and personal ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> wherever the same may be found after the payment of my just debts.

2. I appoint C.C. Spear as the executor of this my will.

Given in the presence of W.H. Armstrong & C.C. Spear  
the subscribers witness who subscribe to the same as witness  
at my desire and request.

Alice Fernandez

We sign our names as witnesses to the above will in  
presence of and at the request of Alice Fernandez who  
signed the same in our presence

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W.H. Armstrong  
C.C. Spear

Mary E Bellamy

I, Mary E Bellamy, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainties of death, and now being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this my last will and testament.

Whereas I am possessed of a tract or parcel of land, being the same on which I now live, lying in the 6<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Hayskin County, Kansas and adjoining the lands of Geo. Smith, J.W. Bellamy, & others being the lands that I inherited from my late father J.W. Bellamy. Said tract contains forty five acres, more or less.

I am also possessed of household and kitchen furniture also one note on Geo. Smith for thirty five dollars, forty cents dated Jan the 11<sup>th</sup> 1895, subject to a credit of five dollars April 1<sup>st</sup> 1897.

I hereby bequeath that out of the above named property first that my indebtedness and Doctor bills and burial expenses be paid, (2) For love and gratitude to my beloved wife Elizabeth Jane Bellamy, I bequeath the remainder of the above named property to have and to hold the same as she see fit. This testament to take effect immediately after my decease. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the twenty eighth day of August, Eighteen Hundred and Ninety Nine.

Mary E Bellamy (red)

Attest  
Yancy Moore  
J.W. Davis

Lucy J Bailey

State of Indiana } July the 13<sup>rd</sup> 1899  
Hawkins County }

This is my will and wish.

I want Mr Bailey to have all till his death.

I want John to have a bed and bed cloths & my trunk  
as big testament

I want Mary to have a bed and bed clothing & my big  
shirt

I want Orpha to have a bed and bed cloths & my cabinet

I want Kettie to have my sewing Machine. I want  
you Kettie to see the children get a good table cloth a piece  
I want Bookers to have Pictures. Mother enlarged pictures  
and I want my big Bible, then I want Kettie to have the rest  
of any thing there is she wants. To Fannie, Han, Verla, Sam  
and Jerry. Sorry to have a good piece of my cloths apiece

J D Price i wit

Lucy J Bailey

James Hoffman

Hawkins County, Indiana, March 16 1899

I, James Hoffman, of Hawkins County, State of Indiana,  
being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make,  
publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament  
humbly revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore  
made:

I give devise and bequeath to my wife, Susan C. Hoffman,  
the farm in Batter Valley, on which I now reside, including the  
lands connected thereto by purchase, containing about six hundred  
acres to have and to hold during her natural life, and at her  
death to be given to her three children, D'Wolf Hoffman, Mary  
Hoffman and Harriet M. Hoffman equally. I also give to  
my wife, Susan C. Hoffman, One thousand dollars in cash or its  
equivalent.

I give devise and bequeath to my son, D'Wolf Hoffman,  
the farm on Holston River, known as the Frank Chipp Farm,  
including all the land from the division line with Mr.<sup>o</sup> D.  
Chipp to Reposa Creek (the division line with A. S. Lyons) and  
containing about hundred acres (700 acres) more or less.

I also give to my son, D'Wolf Hoffman, three thousand and  
five hundred dollars in cash or its equivalent

To my two daughters, Mary Hoffman and Harriet M.  
Hoffman, I give devise and bequeath equally the farm on  
Holston River on which Joseph Hulen now resides, including the  
lands bought from Patrick Luper and the land bought from  
Rich Hosley and wife and the land bought from Karl Courtney  
and wife, including all my land lying between the Elizabeth  
Ager line and the farm known as the Bradley place.

I also give devise and bequeath equally to my daughters,  
Mary Hoffman and Harriet M. Hoffman, the farm on Holston  
River known as the Ham Luper farm, and including the  
land purchased from Wm. Hule and wife, Alice Nord, including  
all my land from the Alice Nord line down to the A. S. and  
Dale Lyons line.

I also give to my daughter Mary Hoffman three thousand  
and five hundred dollars in cash or its equivalent

I also give to my daughter Harriet M. Hoffman three  
thousand and five hundred dollars in cash or its equivalent

Should there be anything lacking to make up the amounts  
to each one as above set out either in title to any of the lands  
or in cash, then I direct that my wife, D'Wolf Hoffman and  
each one of the children, D'Wolf Hoffman, Mary Hoffman and Harriet M.  
shall assist in making up the deficit, so that their shares

shall stand in the estate in the same proportion to each other as herein before set out.

Should there be any money, notes or personal property left after paying off all the amounts set out in the foregoing will then I desire that it be divided equally between the three children, D'Wolf Hoffman, Mary Hoffman and Harry W. Hoffman.

I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament in presence of the subscribing witnesses.

This March 16<sup>th</sup> 1899

James Hoffman

Witness

Thos W. Martin

### Agreement

We the undersigned being the widow and children and sole heirs at law of James Hoffman, deceased, do hereby admit and agree that the foregoing paper writing and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said James Hoffman, deceased, and that the same was found locked among his valuable papers after his death; and that the same was prepared and intended by him as his last will and testament and that it is his last will and testament; And we further agree that the said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of said James Hoffman, deceased, before the County Court of Hawkins County on Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> 1900, as in solemn form, we each waiving the formality of the filing of a petition for the probate thereof in solemn form.

Witness our hands Jan'y 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900

C. Hoffman, widow

D'Wolf Hoffman

Mary Hoffman } Children  
Natty Hoffman }

Witness

W. P. Conbaugh  
Alice Allen

### Hiram Campbell

The last Will and testament of Hiram Campbell of Hawkins County.

I Hiram Campbell considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following (that is to say)

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Susan E. Campbell, after my debts and funeral expenses are paid all of my land and personal effects to have and to hold the same to her during her natural life or widow-hood. At her death or marriage I will and bequeath to my oldest son, Leon H. J. Campbell or his representatives the sum of One dollar to my oldest daughter, Adeline Harpe, or her representatives the sum of One dollar; to my second daughter, Ella Campbell, or her representatives the sum of One dollar; to my second son Daniel Campbell or his representatives the sum of One dollar; to my youngest son Earl H. Campbell my farm on which I now live to have and to hold to the same to him & his heirs & representatives forever. Said land is lying in district No One Hawkins County Tennessee & is known as lot No 4 of the real estate of Eliza Williams Deed and assigned to Geo C. Williams; Also I give and bequeath to my youngest son Earl H. Campbell the remainder of my personal property, after the death of myself & wife and paying the legacies named above, which I direct shall be paid in six month after our death.

I hereby appoint Earl H. Campbell sole Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Ninety One.

Hiram Campbell 

Witness

W. H. Lee  
P. G. Horner

Jane Larkin

To all whom it may concern:

I now make this  
present, that, I, Jane Larkin of the State of Tennessee  
and County of Hawkins have this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
June 1898, willed and bequeathed unto my daughter  
Eliza Larkin all the personal property that I own  
consisting of one Mare, Cattle, Sheep, Household  
and Kitchen furniture.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal

Jane Larkin

Witness:

C. McQueen  
M. Morris  
Jas. G. Morris

Lucinda Hamblen

I Lucinda Hamblen of the 11<sup>th</sup> Civil Dist. of  
Hawkins County, State of Tennessee, being of sound  
mind and memory, do declare this to be my will and  
testament.

I give and bequeath to J. D. Hamblen his heirs and  
ancestors forever a tract of land consisting of 18 1/8 acre  
acres more or less, commencing on the "Old Road" at East  
from my house near an Elm tree that stands about  
12 feet west from said road and runs North with  
said road to the Second Fork and with the creek the  
same course to a white-Walnut that is on the West  
bank of said Creek and a north west course to the line  
between Thomas Davis and myself, then a south course  
to the corner between said Davis and myself, an Elm tree,  
then east to the beginning or Elm tree.

I witness whereof I Lucinda Hamblen have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February in  
the year of our Lord One thousand Nine Hundred

Lucinda Hamblen (Seal)

Subscribed in the presence of each of us and at the  
time declared by her to us as her last will and testament  
and we witness the same at her request

J. C. Lawson  
J. H. Crill

Filed 4/3/90

Rebecca Hutchinson

I, Rebecca Hutchinson do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills at any other time made by me.

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my niece Mary Hutchinson shall have all my personal effects.

2<sup>nd</sup> I direct that the said Mary Hutchinson shall have my farm during the time of her natural life, and at her death to descend to her children forever; but if the said Mary Hutchinson should die without children, I direct that the farm shall descend to her brothers and sisters.

Given under my hand and seal this 13 day of Decr 1889

Rebecca Hutchinson Seal

Witnesses

J. L. Albrecht  
Frank Leeper

Filed 4/3/1900

Robt C Phipps

I, Robt C Phipps, of Hawkins County, Tenn., do publish my last will and testament.

I give devise and bequeath unto my youngest son, Robt Phipps Jr, all of my house, cattle, hogs, sheep, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture and any other property of any kind I may leave at my death together with the following described tract of land situated in the 10<sup>th</sup> civil district of Hawkins County, Tenn. containing 32<sup>1/2</sup> acres, more or less, bounded as follows: on the North by lands of Frank Johnson, East by Henry Phipps, South by Dodson Ford Roads, On the West by W.C. Phipps to have and to hold forever, upon the following condition: the said Robt Phipps Jr is to properly provide for and take care of his mother, Phipps during her natural life, and he the said Robt Phipps Jr to care the above described property charged with her maintenance and support and if she be not properly provided for the same shall be sold for her benefit.

In witness whereof I set my hand, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1900.

Robt C Phipps

Drafted by the said Robt C Phipps for and at his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who at his request and in his sight and presence have subscribed our names thereto as attesting witness the day and date above written.

Witness

{ Henry G. Gutz  
Arthur D. Gutz

Filed 4/3/1900

Nancy J. Cope

I, Nancy J. Cope, of the County of Hawkins and state of Tennessee having inherited by common descent a<sup>1/2</sup> one twentieth interest in my Father and Mother estate, joining the lands of Clayton, Harry Price and others, and being of sound mind and poor health and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and wishing to arrange my own financial business during my life time. I do make this my last will and testament revoking all others that might have been made by me at any other previous time.

1st. I direct that all my expenses whatever they may be, Doctor bill, burial expenses to be first paid out of the proceeds of my estate.

2nd. I will and bequeath my 1/2 one twentieth undivided interest in the land I inherited from my Father's estate to my brother, Gale Cope, sister Perella Cope, Mary Cope, Susan Cope, brother Samuel Cope, Cornelia Cope to be divided equally among the six or any other property that I might fall heir to in the future.

In testimony whereof I have this day and date set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day March 1900.

Mary Jane <sup>for</sup> Cope  
mark

Witness,  
W.A. Phillips  
C.G. Price

Filed & Proven 6/24/1900

Harriet N. Moore

State of Tennessee, Hawkins County

I, Harriet N. Moore, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory, 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 of my debt be paid out of my property, that I may dispossess of or that may come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly

I give and bequeath to my niece, Mary Francis Painter, during her natural life, all of my real estate, (and at her death my will is for my nephew, J.C. Speare to have same in case he shall outlive my niece, Mary F. Painter, but if said Mary F. Painter outlives my nephew, J.C. Speare my real estate absolutely to Mary F. Painter). The same lying in the 10<sup>th</sup> civil district in Hawkins County, adjoining Wore Wells, road leading to the river and town, containing 7 acres more or less. I also give my niece, Mary F. Painter all of my household goods, our black mow, all of my personal property.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my nephew J.C. Speare my Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the March 6<sup>th</sup> one thousand nine hundred

Harriet N. Moore

J.C. Anthony  
John Hall

Filed & Probated July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1900

Mary E McKinney

I, Mary E McKinney of the town of Rogersville, Hawkins County, Tennessee, do make and publish this my last Will & Testament, hereby expressly revoking all former wills by me made.

— First —

I give, bequeath and devise to my niece, Lillie Nelson, wife of H. J. Nelson, all of my real and personal estate of every kind and description, subject to the payment of my debt, funeral expenses and expenses of administration as herein after provided, to be held by her as her own separate estate free from the marital rights of her present or any future husband, and free from all liability for the debts that her husband may now owe, or that he may hereafter contract.

— Second —

I will and direct that my Executors hereinafter named, should they both qualify, or if for any reason either shall decline to qualify, that he who qualifies shall out of any money <sup>on hands & goods of mine</sup> that may be collected from debts that may be due me, pay all my just debts and legal liabilities, funeral expenses and expenses of administration.

— Third —

Should there not be a sufficiency of money on hands at my death and collectible of debt due me, to pay my debts, liabilities, funeral expenses and cost of administration, then I empower and hereby expressly vest in my Executors power to sell for the purpose of paying said debt, liabilities and expenses all the lands of which I may die seized and possessed, except the following described tract, that is to say, the tract including the mansion house where I now live bounded as follows: Beginning at or near the junction of road opposite John Netherland's South West corner; thence North 5 $\frac{1}{4}$  East twenty nine and one half poles to a fence post in the line of John Netherland; thence with said line North 32 West thirty six poles to the middle of the old stage road; thence with said road North 5 $\frac{1}{4}$  East pole to a stake appos'd a cross fence; thence with the East edge of said cross fence South 31 East, one hundred and sixty poles to a stake; thence South 41° East, one hundred and thirty poles to a white oak; thence South 37 $\frac{1}{4}$  West, one hundred and eighteen nine poles to a stake near the road, thence North 69° West, Thirty six and one half poles to a stake in the middle

of the road; thence North 5 $\frac{1}{4}$  West, thirty three poles to a stake in the old road; thence with the same North 30 West, fifty poles to a stake; thence North 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  West 38 poles to a stake; thence North 68 $\frac{1}{4}$  West thirty four and one half poles to a stake in the bend of the road; thence North One hundred and forty five and one half poles to the beginning, which said tract is herein above described, it is my wish shall not be sold, but kept by my said Niece Lillie Nelson as a home for herself and children.

— Fourth —

Should there be a deficiency of the money on hands of solvent debts due me to pay and discharge my debt, liabilities and funeral ~~expenses~~ and administration expenses, then in the sale of real estate by my Executors as provided in the third clause of this my will, my Executors will follow the written instructions of my said Niece Lillie Nelson as to how much and what portions of my lands to divide to her (outside of the tract above described which is not to be sold) shall be first sold, setting as she may direct enough to pay all my debt and liabilities and expenses of administration and funeral expense, and should the sale of all the lands so divided to her outside of the home tract as above described, not be sufficient, my Executors shall in writing notify my said Niece Lillie Nelson of the deficit who shall in writing designate what part of the home tract shall be sold to meet said deficit.

— Fifth —

It is my will and I ~~expressly~~ expressly enjoin it upon my Executors that in the event the money on hand and solvent debts due me shall not be sufficient to pay my debt, liabilities and expenses of administration and funeral and my said Niece Lillie Nelson shall choose to have any of the personal property of which I die ~~seized~~ possessed and which is herein before bequeathed to her, sold to pay the same, then my Executors will first sell all such personal property as my said Niece may place in their hands for that purpose before selling any of the real estate as provided in the fourth clause of this my will, and should the money on hands, debts and sale of such personal property as my said Niece may designate and direct to be sold, pay all my just debts and liabilities, funeral expense & expenses of administration, then all of the real estate of which I die seized and possessed, shall rest in my said Niece Lillie Nelson under the first clause of this my will as her own.

separate article, far from the marital right of her husband, or any future husband, and free from all liability for or on account of any debt he may owe, or that he or any future husband may hereafter contract.

Sixth

I nominate and appoint my friend William Morris of Nashville Tenn. and my nephew A. Byers Boggs of Rogersville Tennessee my executors of this my last will and testament and expressly relieve them from the statutory requirement of executing bonds as such executors, and I expressly direct that should either of them for any reason fail to qualify, or resign after qualifying, then the other shall execute all the powers by this will vested in my executors.

See witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and acknowledged the execution of this my last will in the presence of the attesting witnesses, called by me to attest the same, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1883

Mary E. McKinney

Acknowledged in our presence and attested by us in the presence of the testator by his request

This June 30<sup>th</sup> 1883

E. G. Booth  
A. H. Kleinmuntz

Codicil to my foregoing last will and testament bearing date June 30<sup>th</sup> 1883. I hereby ratify and confirm the same in all respects, with the following change. It is my will and desire that Henry J. Nelson be substituted as one of my executors in the room and stead of Dr. William Morris and under the same conditions under which Dr. Morris was to act.

Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1890

Mary E. McKinney

Filed <sup>2nd</sup> probated July 16<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Thomas E. Brown

Know all men by these presents that I Thos. E. Brown, Sr. of the County of Hawkins State of Tennessee, viewing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make this my last will and testament, at my death I wish all my just debts and funeral expenses paid out of my estate.

I further will that my beloved wife, Mary M. Brown, shall have the use of the homestead house her life time, also to have one horse & one cow <sup>and</sup> bed and furniture, and my will is that my son, Samuel M. Brown, shall have the one hundred acres tract of land I bought of Bigg Marlain.

I further wish to divide my mountain farm I bought of C. M. Starnes between my two sons, David M. Brown, & Thomas Jessie Brown, beginning in the road where the road that they travel from Uncle Mat Capes intersects the mountain road, thence with said road toward Clinch Mountain to a pair of draw bars called the meadow draw bars, thence towards Clinch Mountain with fence that divides the meadow and what is called Bon field to the upper end of meadow, thence with pathway of Mat Marlan's passing near his chimney to the branch, thence up said branch and with said hollow to top of said mountain Martin Cap.

My wish is that my son, Thomas Jessie Brown shall have all the East side of mountain farm not sold to Tip Jones <sup>and</sup> Catloway Cape <sup>and</sup> I wish David M. Brown, my son, to have the South side of farm as I have divided, and I wish my son Samuel M. Brown to live with his mother and care for her while she lives and if Samuel M. Brown, my son, should fail to take care of his mother and support her she is to have his support of home stid or dowry; and should I have at my death cash on hand, after my debt and funeral expense is paid, I wish it equally divided between my two sons, Thomas Jessie Brown <sup>and</sup> David M. Brown <sup>and</sup> daughter Alice Pearson <sup>and</sup> my wife Mary M. Brown. This is my last will and testament revoking all other wills made by me through life, in witness of the above I have set my hand and seal, this Aug 8<sup>th</sup> 1899

Thos E. Brown (Seal)

Witness:

Jean M. Brown  
Robt. H. Capo

Probated Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Will of Susan Angelina Heimard.

Know all men by these presents that I Susan Heimard wife of William G. Heimard being of sound mind and memory but in full health do make this my last will First I give my husband Wm G. Heimard all the land that I own, it being in Hawkins County Tennessee in district no 11 adjoining the lands of S. H. Price, Jas. Hutton and Harry Trent and Mary Odens and others. Beginning on a point given in S. H. Price's line near the public road then an east course with S. H. Price's line to Jas. Hutton's corner then a north course with said Hutton's to Harry Trent's corner on the south side of Church Mountain.

Then a west course with Mary Odens line to a branch known as the Still house branch then down said branch then a straight line to the top of the Knob to S. H. Price's line Then east with said Price's line to a point on the beginning named. I also give my husband Wm. Heimard one certain Gray mare also I give Wm G. Heimard two beds <sup>and</sup> bed clothing <sup>and</sup> all the house hold and kitchen furniture that I own. This April 16 1900

Susan Angelina Heimard.

Attest

Henry Price  
Stockley Price

(Probated 9/3/1900)

Will of Mariah E. Bean

Last will and testament of Mariah E. Bean wife of A. Bean died of the County of Hawkins <sup>and</sup> State of Tennessee.

I do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former will by me at any time made.

1st After the payment of all my just debts <sup>and</sup> funeral expenses I will and bequeath to my son D. L. Bean all of the personal property consisting of household goods that I left at his house when I broke up house keeping.

2nd I will and bequeath to my son P. S. Bean all the personal property that belongs to me now at his house consisting of household goods.

3rd I will and give to my daughter Betsy Jane wife of Jas. P. Loomy the sum of one dollar to be paid to her by my executors.

the remainder of my estate consisting of money I will and and give to my two sons D. L. & P. S. Bean equally, share & share <sup>and</sup> share alike. I also nominate and appoint my son D. L. Bean executor of this my last will <sup>and</sup> testament <sup>and</sup> direct he be permitted to act as such without bond or testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand <sup>and</sup> seal this 14<sup>th</sup> June 1900

Attest  
E. E. Kincheloe  
A. D. Lyons

Mariah E. Bean   
(Probated 9/3/1900)

Will of Isaac Price.

Know all men by these presents that I Isaac Price of Hawkins County Tennessee being of sound & disposing mind do make this my last will & testament.

I do my daughter Nancy Atton, Emmaus Ekinus Nancy Davis  
Jes Walters, Garrett Orr and Lucy Price, I hereby will and  
bequeath the land that has already been laid off and assigned  
to them out of my real estate, as their full share and interest  
in my estate, except the sum of Fifty dollars which I have  
paid or bequeath for advances in money to Nancy Atton to make  
her share equal other sister. It is my will & desire that  
such of my said daughters mentioned above shall have absolutely  
during their lives the land hereby given them, and that it shall  
descend to any child or children they may have living at their  
death. Should either die without living issue, it is my will  
and desire that said land hereby given them shall return to and  
be equally divided between all my living children or their living  
issue. To my Grand son Christopher <sup>son of my late son</sup> I hereby will and be  
queat in addition to what I have bequeath given him Three hundred  
Dollars out of my personal estate to be paid him when he  
reaches 21 years of age. It is my will & desire that the balance  
of my property of whatever nature including both real and  
personal property go to my wife Rachel Price to be hers  
and absolutely under her control during her life time at her death  
It is my will & desire that whatever of the said personal property  
remains be equally divided all my living children or their  
living issue & that the real estate be divided equally between  
my three Children Christopher Kyle & Katie as many of  
them as are living, except about 8 acres where my marble quarry  
is which I desire divided between all my children. Should  
either of them have married and died leaving issue the child  
or children is to take the share of the parent in the distribution  
Should none of these three children be living or have children  
in that event it is my will & desire that said real estate shall  
be divided equally between all my other children who are living  
or their children if they live any. I hereby appoint C.W. Price  
& Ales Price as executors of this my last will & testament.

I hereby revoke and make of no effect any and all wills  
herefore made by me. This 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1898.  
Signed and acknowledged in the presence of witnesses as follows:

J.M. Gray  
A. W. Malone  
A.B. Rogers  
F.C. Shanks  
W.M. Sinking  
D.M. Laffette

Last Will of James Rogan

I James Rogan of Hawkins County Tennessee being of sound and  
disposing mind do make this my last will & testament.

- (1) For his faithful service to our family & his unusual devotion to us I bequeath to Rachel Mitchell Twenty five dollars.
- (2) For his affection & devotion to our family I bequeath to Rufel McKee my Five dollars.

(3) I bequeath to my wife Amelia Septon Rogan all my property of whatever kind my牛, live stock, farming implements & every thing else on it. And to accounts due me in fact all property of whatever description I have at my death after all my just debts are paid. It is my will that all my personal property be sold as soon after my death as it can be done to advantage. I then by appoint A.D. Gipson and A.B. Rogers my executors to carry out my wishes herein contained as the law directs & that they serve with out honest.

Signed & witnessed at my home in Hawkins County Tenn.

This November 4 1899.

Witnesses  
D.M. Laffette  
James R. Dickmon

James Rogan

State of Tennessee  
County of Monroe

Personally appeared before me J.T. Jones a Notary Public  
in and for said County & State James R. Dickmon a subscribing witness  
to the will in will who being first duly sworn, before me and says  
that she was acquainted with James Rogan the testator and that he acknowledged the same in her presence to be his act and deed upon the day  
it bears date Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 1899.

Witness my hand & seal this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 1900.

J.T. Jones Notary Public

Rosalie Shanks

State of Tennessee  
Knox County

Thursday Morning October 25 1900

Court not pursuant to adjournment present and  
sitting, the Hon. G. L. Maloney, County Judge, etc., where  
the following proceedings were had, to wit:

Rosalie Shanks Test.

An instrument of writing purporting  
to be the last will and testament of Rosalie Shanks, deceased,  
is produced in open Court for probate; thereupon comes  
J. D. Early and W. W. Scranton, the two subscribing witnesses  
to said instrument, who being duly sworn depose and  
say that they were acquainted with the said Rosalie  
Shanks, previous to and at the time of her death; that  
they signed said instrument as witnesses thereto in  
her presence and at her request and in the presence of  
each other; that they heard her publish and declare the  
same to be her last will and testament and that at the  
time of so doing said Rosalie Shanks was of sound  
mind and disposing memory, whereupon said will is  
admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded, in which  
Chas M. Roberts is appointed Executor; thereupon comes  
said Executor and is duly qualified, bond being waived  
by the Testatrix.

Rosalie Shanks

I, Rosalie Shanks, the wife of James Shanks,  
(but now living separate and apart from the said James  
Shanks), being of sound mind and disposing memory  
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 expense and all my  
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of  
any money or monies that I may die possessed of, or may  
then come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly— I give and bequeath to my three minor children,  
Edna Allen, Sycin Edgar Allen, and Berulah Seay Shanks, to  
be divided equally among them living at the time of my  
own death, the following described real estate situated and  
lying in Hawkins County, Tennessee, in Dist. No. 20; being  
a portion of the land formerly owned by the "Rogersville  
Improvement Company"; and situated on the main branch

beginning at a stake at a point where the division line  
begins between the land of H. C. Jarvis and Grant Jarvis, and  
the Rogersville Improvement Company; on the main road  
leading from Rogersville east, and being at a point just  
east of the house of Rosalie Allen, the former name of  
Lindabis; and running with a line as the fence now runs  
on the east, to a point where the line of a lot of land  
belonging to A. B. Campbell begins; thence South-West  
Course as the line of said A. B. Campbell runs to a stake in  
a ditch the corner of the lot of said Campbell; thence South-  
East as said stake runs to the main road; and thence  
a Northeast Course with the main road to the beginning  
corner.

This my property herein divided, and upon which there is  
a five room house, is the same property that was granted  
by warranty deed, by H. C. Jarvis et al, to me, on the 22 day  
of March, 1895, and is recorded in the Register office of  
Hawkins County, Tennessee, in vol. 10, page 364.

Thirdly— I further give to my three <sup>sons</sup> children to be  
divided equally among them, the entire proceeds of a note  
due from A. D. Carpenter, a sum for the recovery of  
which is now pending at the time of the execution of  
the will, in the Chancery Court of Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Fourthly— I do hereby ~~appoint~~ nominate and appoint  
Chas M. Roberts of Knoxville Tennessee, my Executor, who  
will execute his trust without being required to give bond.  
I also further direct that the said Executor, shall be paid  
a reasonable fee, for as my attorney, for the legal services  
rendered by him, in my behalf, prior to the execution  
of this will, together with a reasonable fee for the drawing  
of this will.

In view of the fact that the real estate herebefore  
described, is not susceptible of a division under this will  
it is my wish that the same be sold, by my Executor  
and he convey the same as soon after my death as in  
his judgment it may appear to the best interests of my  
three minor children herein mentioned in this will.

In witness whereof, I do to this my will, set my hand,  
the the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1900, in Knoxville, Knox County, State  
of Tennessee.

Rosalie Shanks

Signed and published in our  
presence and we have subscribed our  
names hereto as witnesses, in the  
presence of the Testatrix, and at her  
request, and we declare that we or  
either of us have no interest either directly  
or indirectly in the will.

J. D. Early  
W. W. Scranton

State of Tennessee  
Knox County

I, W. R. Cooper, Clerk of the County Court  
for said County and state, do certify that the foregoing  
is a just, true and complete transcript of the last will  
of Testament of Rosalia Shanks, together with the order  
probating the same, as the same appear of record in  
my office.

Witness my hand & seal, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct. 1900  
W. R. Cooper, Clerk C.R.C.

W<sup>m</sup> Allen

In the name of God Amen.

I, William Allen of the County of  
Knox in State of Tennessee, Being of sound mind  
and memory do hereby make, publish and declare this to  
be my last Will & Testament.

First, I order and direct my Executrix as soon after  
my death practicable to pay off and discharge all the  
debt and liabilities that may exist against me at the  
time of my decease.

Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Susan  
m Davis, lot No. 1 on part of a Survey made by W. F.  
Phipps, Surveyor, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1898, and which plat is hereto  
attached.

Third, I give and bequeath to my son Alfred L.  
Allen Lot No. 2 on said plat.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my daughter,  
Sarah J. Marshall Lot No. 3 on said plat.

Fifth, I give and bequeath to my son Houston C.  
Allen Lot No. 4 on said plat.

Sixth, I give and bequeath to my daughter,  
Mary E. Fletcher, Lot No. 5 on said plat.

Seventh, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas  
H. Allen Lot no. 6 on said plat.

Eighth, I give and bequeath to my daughter,  
Maudie A. Kelley, Lot No. 7 on said plat.

To my two sons, John B. Allen & William N. Allen,  
I give and bequeath all the land I own of the  
Allen estate, said land lying on the water of  
Big Creek said piece of land I wish to divide equally  
between the said two sons John B. & William N. Allen.

Now to equalize lot No. 1 & 6 it is my wish and  
I so will that Susan M. Davis, to whom lot No. 1 is  
bequeathed shall pay to Thomas H. Allen to whom lot  
No. 6 is bequeathed the sum of Twenty Two Dollars.

I also wish and so will that lot No. 5, bequeathed  
to Mary E. Fletcher shall pay to lot No. 7, bequeathed to  
Maudie A. Kelley, the sum of Thirty Two Dollars.

Out of my general estate I bequeath to my son,  
John D. Allen, the sum of Twenty Two Dollars. I also  
bequeath to my son W. N. Allen of my estate the sum  
of Forty Dollars.

I hereby nominate and appoint E. J. Marshall and  
Alfred L. Allen as my executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my  
name the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1900

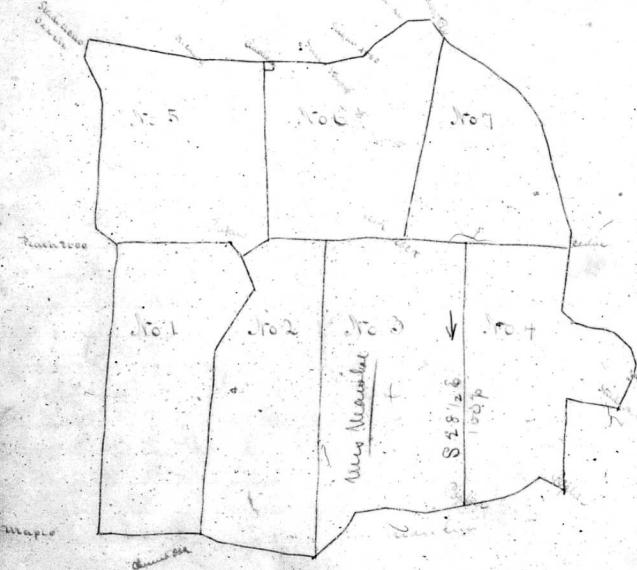
Wm Allen

The above and foregoing instrument was at the  
date thereof signed and sealed by the said William  
Allen as for his last Will & Testament in presence of  
us who at his request and in his presence and in  
the presence of each other have subscribed our names as  
witnesses.

Snowflake Town.

M. J. Geddon  
J. S. Price

Plat



Platted on a scale of 32 poles to the inch

Bound of Lot No. 1. Beginning on a small peach tree, corner to Shantz, thence with the back line N. 60 E. 40 poles to a papaw; thence S. 76 E. 74 poles to a stake in the gap of the ridge; thence S. 52 E. 14 poles to a stake covering the spring; thence S. 27 poles to a stake; thence S. 25 E. 72 poles to a Chestnut Oak on top of the Knob; thence with the Knob S. 61 1/2 W. 40 poles to a large maple on Knob, corner to Shantz; thence N. 25 1/2 W. 112 poles to the beginning.

Bound of Lot No. 2, beginning on a stake in base line and corner to No. 5 1/2 W.; thence N. 60 E. 21 poles to a stake in base line; thence S. 29 E. 122 poles to a

a Chestnut on top the high point of the Knob; thence with the top of same S. 72 W. 37 poles, S. 88 1/2 W. 8 poles to a Chestnut Oak on Knob, corner to No. 1; thence with No. 1 N. 25 W. 72 poles to a stake in field; thence due N. 27 poles to a stake near the spring; thence N. 52 W. 14 poles to a stake in gap of ridge; thence N. 31 1/2 E. 12 poles to the beginning.

No. 3 bounded as follows, beginning on a stake in base line; thence N. 60 E. 30 poles to a Black Oak <sup>and</sup> Ash corner to 6 1/2 W.; thence with No. 4, N. 63 E. 24 poles to a stake in base line; then S. 28 1/2 E. 100 poles to a poplar on top the Knob; thence with top of Knob S. 49 1/2 W. 16 poles; S. 69 1/2 W. 14 poles; S. 52 W. 12 poles; S. 3 W. 8 poles; S. 18 1/2 W. 16 poles to a Chestnut on the high point of the Knob, corner to No. 2; thence N. 29 W. 122 poles to the beginning.

No. 4 bounded as follows, beginning on a stake in base line; thence with a line of No. 3, crossing the valley, S. 28 1/2 E. 100 poles to a poplar on the Knob; thence with the same N. 53 E. 14 poles, N. 37 E. 8 poles, N. 1 E. 8 poles, N. 73 E. 8 poles to a locust <sup>and</sup> poplar, corner to ~~Price~~; thence with Price's various calls as follows, N. 28 W. 36 poles to a stake in the road; N. 24 E. 20 1/2 poles to a stake in the road; N. 74 1/2 E. 14 poles to a stake at the branch; N. 43 1/2 W. 74 1/2 poles to a walnut; N. 10 W. 10 poles; S. 71 W. 14 poles to a stake; N. 8 W. 8 1/2 poles to a stake at the fence; N. 23 W. 205 poles to a small cedar; thence with base line S. 63 W. 38 1/2 poles to the beginning.

No. 5 Bounded as follows, beginning on a Peach tree, corner to Shantz, No. 1; thence with base line N. 60 E. 40 poles to a papaw; thence S. 76 E. 74 poles to a stake in gap of ridge; thence N. 31 1/2 E. 12 poles to a stake in base line; thence N. 31 1/2 W. 70 poles to a stake in boundary line at the North West corner of garden; thence S. 62 1/2 W. 26 poles to a hickory; thence S. 74 1/2 W. 12 1/2 poles to a stake, corner to ~~Stiles~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~Fine~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~Fine~~; thence with line S. 19 E. 74 poles to a locust, S. 55 E. 6 1/2 poles to a hickory; thence S. 59 1/2 E. 6 poles; S. 39 E. 8 poles; S. 26 E. 4 poles to a stake; S. 36 1/2 E. 4 poles to a small wild Cherry; thence due E. 10 poles to the beginning.

No. 6 Bounded as follows, beginning on a stake in base line & corner to No. 5; thence with base line S. 60 E. 52 poles to a black oak <sup>and</sup> ash, corner to No. 7; thence with N. 7 N. 18 1/2 W. 82 poles to a small sugar tree in the Rogers fence, with the fence N. 68 W. 9 poles; S. 60 W. 8 poles to an apple tree; thence S. 26 1/2 W. 16 poles;

S 13 W. 8 poles to a sugar tree; S 52 W. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  poles  
to a sugar tree down; S 62 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 33 to the beginning  
No 4 bounded as follows, beginning on a black cedar  
and ash in back line. Comes to N. 61: thence with back  
line N. 63 E. 63 poles to a small cedar; thence N.  
73 W. 6 poles to a stake. Comes to Price; thence N. 54 $\frac{1}{2}$  W.  
51 poles to a stake. Comes of the Rogers field; with the  
Rogers field fence N. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 8 poles; N. 67 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 8 poles;  
N. 84 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 20 poles; N. 89 $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 10 poles; N. 68 W.  
14 poles to a sugar tree; then S. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  E. 82 poles to the  
beginning.

Dated Dec 7. 1898

M. D. Phipps, Surveyor

(Filed & Prom Nov 15 1900)

Cyrus Poe

I, Cyrus Poe, of the County of Hawkins and  
State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and knowing  
the uncertainty of life, do make & publish this my  
last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other will  
hereof made by me!

First, I will and bequeath to my adopted son, Robert C  
Poe, a small farm in district No. 1 on the water of  
Robinson Creek land is a portion of the James Harris farms  
being 2 shares allotted to Eliza J. Poe & Lucy McBride, heirs  
of James Harris deceased. I also will and bequeath to  
my son, Robert C. Poe, my gold watch, also a good bedstead  
& lounge furnished with all the furniture ready for use.  
This farm & watch & other property does not come into  
possession of said Robert C. Poe until my decease, and if  
I should die before he is 21 years old I appoint John  
Shipley to rent the farm & pay taxes out of proceeds & pay  
Robert C. Poe whatever may remain in his hands when  
he arrives at the age of 21 years. My adopted son, Robert  
C. Poe, is said to be a son of John Rich and was given  
to me by him when about 16 Month old.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will & bequeath all of the remainder of my property  
both real estate and personal property all now in debt claims  
& cash that I may own at my death to my beloved wife  
Laura D. Poe, except two hundred dollars in cash which I  
will give to the building of a Missionary Baptist Church at  
St. Clair provided it is built in side of 4 years & if said  
Church is not built by the time specified I will and  
bequeath the one hundred dollars to be paid to my son  
Robert C. Poe.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand & seal this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1899.

I desire to make some modifications in the above  
will, that is this, if the said Robert C. Poe should die  
before he is 21 years of age, then what I will here shall  
go to my wife Laura D. Poe.

I also nominate and appoint James Neagert Executor  
of the my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal  
this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 1899

The Executor of this will having deceased I hereby appoint  
John W. Portman Executor of the my last will & Testament  
the May 30, 1900.

N. G. Hillis  
James Neagert  
John W. Portman

Cyrus Poe

D. McSheppay

Last Will of D. McSheppay Made Feby 4<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Whereas John D. Sheppay, my young son has for some years past paid out his earnings for the support of his Parents and family, and being the dependance for the maintenance of his Father & Mother during their natural life.

First Therefore I will to him the lot of land on which I now live with all the appurtenances said lot adjoins J. H. Chennault, Robert Morel, T. J. Sheppay, Dr. T. C. Horner, E. J. William, J. D. Spisar and others, containing three acres more or less.

Second My shop with the tools that belong to me I will to my three sons, H. A. Sheppay, T. J. Sheppay, & J. D. Sheppay equally.

Third The lot between the Shop & Dweller's lot I will to my two daughters Anna D. & A. K. Sheppay & they are to have a home till they marry.

D. McSheppay

(Probated Dec 20, 1900)

Mary Lirioay wife,

Know all men by these presents, I Mary Lirioay of the County of Hawkins <sup>and</sup> State of Tenn, being of sound mind and disposing memory, make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking & making void all former ones heretofore made after my death I desire that all my just debts including burial expenses be paid, then I desire that Vina Clancy have one hundred dollars, Phillip Wilkison, his wife, five dollars, Miss Holmon have forty five dollars, Stockley Lirioay have Twenty five dollars, and Charley Lirioay have Thirty five dollars all to be paid out of a note I now have on Stockley Lirioay for Two Hundred <sup>and</sup> fifty dollars on which there has been fifty dollars paid. Witness my hand this May 4<sup>th</sup> 1898.

Mary Lirioay  
wife

Read to <sup>and</sup> signed in the presence of

G. M. Williams

A. J. Parrot

Alfred McKimney.

Rogersville Tenn.

This is to certify that I Alfred McKimney, do hereby bequeath and transmit at my death when all indebtedness has been paid, first my personal <sup>and</sup> real property to my wife Cynthia McKimney, and at her death to my son Jefferson D. McKimney and my Grand children Eugene and Leslie T. Sanders to be equally divided between them, I hereby also appoint Rev W. H. Franklin to be my administrator and guardian for the said Cynthia McKimney and my grand children Eugene & Leslie T. Sanders at my death.

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1900.

Alfred McKimney.

Witnesses  
Miss Neshamal  
C. B. Means.

A J Rider

In the name of God Amme.

I, A J Rider, of the County of  
Kaweah and state of California, being in sound  
mind and disposing memory, calling to mind the frailty  
and uncertainty of human life, and being desirous of  
settling my worldly affairs and directing how the  
estate with which it has pleased God to bless me with,  
shall be disposed of after my decease, while I have  
strength and capacity so to do, I do make and  
publish this my last will and testament hereby  
revoking and making null and void all other last  
wills and testaments by me heretofore made, and first  
I command my mortal being to him who gave it,  
and my body to the earth, to be buried with little expense  
or ostentation by my executors hereafter named,  
and to my worldly estate and all the property, real,  
personal or mixed, of which I shall be intitled at the  
time of my death, I devise, bequeath and dispose  
thereof in the manner following, to wit:

my will is that all my just debts and funeral  
charges shall by my executors hereafter named, be paid  
out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by  
them be found convenient.

1<sup>st</sup> I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved  
wife, Maline Rider, all of my stock that I own on  
my land as described, all of my land from the  
mill place running with the cross fence to the top of  
Clinch Mountain to Peaner Maw's land her life time  
and at my wife's death I will and bequeath that  
my daughter Peaner have all of the land that I give  
to my wife and her children as above described and  
also will that Peaner stay near and take care of her  
during her life thru all of said land goes to  
Peaner, her heirs and assigns for ever.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give devise and bequeath to my daughter  
Orlina Courtney five dollars to be payed out of my  
estate.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter, Matilda  
J. Rider, a part of my land from J.D. Price's line beginning  
on top of a spur the side of which I dug a well running  
to the top of Clinch Mountain including all the lands  
I own East of said line.

4<sup>th</sup> I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter,  
Gordie Rider, the remainder of my land from the cross  
fence East of the apple orchard to the top of the spur

with Maline to the top of sage mountain.  
This July 5<sup>th</sup> 1901

Andrew J. Rider  
*man*

Attest:

John Gilbert  
John Price  
*man*

(Probated Feby 4<sup>th</sup> 1901)

Copy of J. F. Templeton's will

Virginia: Scott County Court Wednesday Oct. the 10<sup>th</sup> 1900.

The last will and testament of J. F. Templeton deceased was produced in court and proved by the oaths of J.P. Bellomy, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded and on motion of T.J. Templeton the executor therein named, who appeared in court and together with D.N. Bentley and James E. Alley his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1500.00 conditioned according to law, which said bond being accepted by the court is ordered to be recorded and there upon the said Templeton took and subscribed the oath prescribed by law, and a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of said will in due form.

I J.F. Templeton of the County of Scott and State of Virginia being through the blessings of God of sound mind and disposing memory though feeble in health of body and knowing the great uncertainty of life and being desirous of disposing of my earthly goods while living do now this my last will and Testament as follows: First I claim that all my just debts be paid out of my personal property of pecuniary, I give and bequeath unto my wife Annie Cornelia Templeton during her natural life as long as she remains my widow the following personal property One Cow and Calf her and three one son and pigs half of my house household kitchen furniture also my widow Annie Cornelia Templeton is to have her support in a economical way from the proceeds of my real estate during her natural life or so long as she remains my widow. I bequeath to my son W. F. Templeton son of my first wife one acre also I bequeath unto John Templeton son of my second wife one acre which is all that I intend for W. F. Templeton & John Templeton to have from my real or personal estate I wish that Myself Templeton and John Templeton and James A. Templeton share equally in the remaining portion of my real and personal estate. These Three Children are by my last wife Annie Cornelia Templeton, and should she bring another child by me, still shall share share equally with Myself, Blood & James A. Templeton in my real & personal property. I hereby appoint T.J. Templeton executor of this my last will and testament witness and request him to see my farm in Lee County Va, at any time and at any price that he thinks is best and convey title to same, also he is empowered to make H. T. Johnson a bill to a piece of land doth to him when full price money is fully paid. I also have a tract of land in Scott County known near the head of Bear Creek known as the Nick Money Run tract. Containing one hundred acres more or less which is in litigation if I hold said land I empower my executor to make T.P. Williams a bill to one third of said land when said execution pays one half of the entire cost of said litigation. I also empower my executor to see the remainder of said land at any price after any terms or at any time he thinks

best and convey title to same. I also request my executor to collect all my notes account and County claims and road claims and proceeds of farm and miles and pay off all my just debts and the remainder to the feeding and clothing and schooling of my children by my last wife Annie Cornelia Templeton. I also request my executors not to bring suit on any note or account or claim that he cannot collect. I also empower my executors to make or cause to be made a bill to David J. Callins to the land I sold him known as the J.M. Lane land when the purchase - is fully paid. I also request of my executors to have an eye open on my real estate and to have no person living on it that would be a detriment to the name of my family or the finances of my estate, I hereby revoke all former wills made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and signed my self this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1900. J. F. Templeton (Seal)

Attest

J.P. Bellomy  
D.E. Pendleton  
J.M. Bellomy  
David J. Alley  
W. J. Lane

Virginia, Scott County Court 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1900.

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Testes: C.M. Merritt Deputy Clerk.

Commonwealth of Virginia,  
Scott County, S.D.

I W.G. Stephenson Clerk of the County Court of the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the will of J.F. Templeton and of the order of the court admitting same to probate as the same appears of record in my office, witness my hand and the seal of said Court at office in City this the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1900.

W.G. Stephenson Clerk

Commonwealth of Virginia }  
Scott County } S.S.

I R.R. Kane, Judge of the County Court for the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that my Court has jurisdiction of the probate of wills. That W.G. Stephenson is the Clerk of said Court, duly qualified and acting according to law, that I have examined the foregoing certificate of attestation signed by said Clerk and the same is in due and proper form, certifies my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1901. R.R. Kane Judge

Commonwealth of Virginia }  
Scott County } S.S.

I W.G. Stephenson Clerk of the County Court of the aforesaid County and State do hereby certify that R.R. Kane whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time he signed the same the Presiding Judge of said Court, duly commissioned, qualified and acting and that all his acts, as such are entitled to full faith & credit

Witness my hand <sup>and</sup> seal of said Court at office in Dale City, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1901. W.G. Stephenson Clerk

Seal

Last will and testament of Jno J. Hayter, of Hawkins County, Tenn.

I John J. Hayter, do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

Item I. I direct that from the first moneys coming in to the hands of my Executors, all my debts, my funeral expenses, and the charges attending the probating of this my will, with other necessary expenses attending the settlement of my estate be paid by them.

Item II. I bequeath unto my wife, Sarah A. Hayter, two horses and two milk cows, with the Calves of such cows, if they then have young calves, all other cattle, all the farming implements on hand including wagon and harness, ten hogs, and all the fowls, with sufficient provision and feed for same for the year, or until the growing crops are gathered; I leave for all the live stock mentioned.

I also bequeath unto her all the household and kitchen goods and furniture except one good bedstead, bed and bedding, and one fall leaf table, which I bequeath to my son Geo. W. Hayter.

Also so much provision, grain &c, as will be sufficient for one year's comfortable support for herself and our daughter Mary, who is a minor, and for conducting the farm for one year, to remain unto her and for her use during her natural life, and then such of the sum as may not be consumed in year to be sold by my surviving Executor, or administrator, and disposed of as herein after directed.

Item III. I have heretofore sold unto my son Geo. W. Hayter a tract of land containing about fifty four acres, as surveyed by D. G. Phipps, May 1897, adjoining land purchased by him from Christian Shanks, and other land belonging to me known as the "Wheeler" tract, from which this fifty four acre tract is surveyed off, this tract is to be the property of my said son Geo. W. Hayter, his heirs and assigns forever, whether died for same is executed before my death or not.

Item IV. I direct that the remainder of said "Wheeler" tract containing about two hundred and ninety nine acres, adjoining the lands of A.T. Campbell, Mrs. Lydia Wheeler, Geo. E. Starkey, James L. Alvis, land sold Geo. W. Hayter, and perhaps others, shall, as soon as convenient after my decease, be sold by my Executors for the best price obtainable therefor, and the proceeds thereof shall be divided equally between my following named children,

share and share alike, viz: John W. Hayter, Calvin P. Hayter, James C. Hayter, Jas. W. Hayter, Margaret J. Price, and Mary E. Hayter, in their own separate right, except that from the share of my son Jas. W. Hayter shall be deducted the sum of two hundred dollars, for that amount which I have already advanced him, and for which I hold his note, but no interest shall be charged him on same. If it should turn out that the land shall not be of sufficient value to give to each of my said children as much as five hundred dollars, my son Geo. W. Hayter shall not for that reason, or in any event whatever, or in any other settlement or distribution of my estate, be held liable to make good any sum whatever to any other children on account of his having received the above described tract from me as an advancement; but he shall have and hold the same clear of any such claim or charge; but if the said tract of land shall be of greater value than to give to each of said children the sum of five hundred dollars, then my son Geo. W. Hayter is to share equally in such surplus. I further direct, that if said land cannot be sold to advantage as a whole, it may be sold in convenient parcels, so as to secure the best price obtainable for it; or, if a majority of such children so elect, it may be partitioned among them in kind. Geo. W. taking nothing less than the share should exceed five hundred dollars in value, each, and my son Jas. W. share shall be two hundred dollars in value less than that of the others named.

Item V. To my son Robert J. Hayter and William J. Hayter, I bequeath the sum of ten dollars each, which shall be the full portion and share of my estate, both personal and real, here to be received by them.

Item VI. I desire to my wife, Sarah A. Hayter, the "Home" place, or tract of land on which we now live, containing about one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, adjoining lands of James Armstrong's heirs, J. W. Knobshell, J. J. Starnes, the public road on East, and perhaps other parties, to have, hold and enjoy for and during the full period of her natural life, and this is to be free of all claims for homestead and dovers in my estate; and of the growing crops on same at my decease she shall have such portion as will be sufficient to make up to her such provisions as are contemplated and directed in Item II of the my will, the remainder then to be sold by my Executors.

Item VII. Any personal property remaining, other than such as is disposed of in this will, at my decease shall be sold by my Executors, and the proceeds arising therefrom, as also any sum of money coming to their hands from notes I may hold, or any other personal assets, after paying my debt, expenses &c. shall be equally divided between my above named children, viz: John W., Geo. W., Calvin P., James C., Joseph W., Margaret J. and Mary E. Hayter.

I Item VIII. At the decease of my said wife, Sarah A. Hayter, I direct that my surviving Executor, or an administrator who may be appointed in his stead, in case of his death, or refusal to act, shall sell the said "Home" place to the best possible advantage, and all the personal property remaining from that bequeathed my wife, and after payment of necessary expenses, distribute the proceeds in equal shares to and among my children, as named in Item VII. of my will; except that my son George W. shall have the farm wagon then on hand, without charge, & it shall not be sold; and further, at that time, if not sooner done, the distribution shall be so made as to adjust the advancement of two hundred dollars to my son Joseph W. Hayter, so that all shall be made equal who are to participate in such distribution.

Item IX. I hereby nominate and appoint my son Geo. W. Hayter, and my wife Sarah A. Hayter as Executors and Executrix of the will, and give to them, or the survivor, full power and authority to make any and all necessary deeds and conveyances to purchasers of any of my real estate.

See witness whereof I hereunto set my hand, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1898.

John J. Hayter

The said John J. Hayter, above named, signed the above and foregoing instrument in my presence on two single sheets of paper, on the day of its date, he declared the same to be his last will and testament, signed it in my presence and requested us to sign the same as witness thereto, which we do, at his request in his presence & in the presence of each other, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1898.

Will Goudy  
Geo. A. Smith

March 29<sup>th</sup> 1900. I John J. Hayter make, publish and declare this to be a Codicil to my above and foregoing will and as a part thereof,  
 1<sup>st</sup> Whereas in body of said will I directed that my son Joseph W. should be charged with sum of Two hundred dollars, amount of note I had against him, as an advancement, now I direct that that amount shall be reduced to, and stand at the sum of Eighty dollars and shall be so considered in every matter connected with the settlement & distribution of my estate.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> I bequeath to my daughter Margaret J. Price in her own separate right one horse of the value of seventy five dollars, and one Cow of the value of twenty five dollars.

3<sup>rd</sup> I bequeath to my daughter Mary E. Hayter one horse of the value of seventy five dollars and one Cow of the value of twenty five dollars and one bed with bedding of the value of twenty dollars.

And if such horses & Cows as mentioned in this item 3<sup>rd</sup> are not on hand at my decease, they are to be procured by my Executrix for said Margaret J. & Mary A., or their equivalent paid in money. Bed for Mary is to come from those in house before my wife get property bequeathed her.

4<sup>th</sup> From the Wheeler tract is to be surveyed off and attached to the "Houie" place about 35 acres, beginning at an Elm on bank of branch running down from Nose Mountain at water gap, and running up said branch to four near upper end of Liecker's Orchard, thence a westerly corner to stone corner of Geo W. Hayter, Chas Kipper, thence by Geo W. Hayter line down the ridge to his red or spotted oak corner, thence by his line to the road, thence a single line to the beginning. This to give "Houie" place more timber and is to be part of "Houie" place, and a right of way is reserved down the branch from & for use of said 35 acres & "Houie" place.

5<sup>th</sup> The right is given to a majority of the legatees interested to say when the Wheeler place shall be sold, not before it, however, beyond three years. Except as to these changes my will is to stand as written.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand, March 29<sup>th</sup> 1900

John J. Hayter

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a Codicil to his last will and testament in over presence, and requested us to sign our names as witnesses thereto, which we do at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, after seeing him sign it.

Done the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1900

John Wilson  
Geo A. Smith

The said John J. Hayter signed the foregoing instrument on day of its date. He declared it to be

Catherine Thinger

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Catherine Thinger,  
of the State of Tennessee, and County of Hawkins,  
being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind  
and disposing memory, and having to mind the  
uncertainty of human life and being desirous to  
dispose of all such worldly estate or effects as it hath  
pleased God to bless me with,

I give and bequeath the same in the following  
manner, that is to say:

1<sup>o</sup>— I give to my husband, Phillip Thinger, all my  
household effects to be his during his natural life,  
there of his decease.

2<sup>o</sup>— I give to Sarah J. Jones, my daughter, one half  
of the principle and interest of our note I now hold  
against G.W. Jones the principle of which is fifty  
seven Dollars. Also one brauorugh and one bedsted  
and bed in bracing, one feather tick and 3 Coms <sup>less</sup>  
2 pillows.

3<sup>o</sup>— I give to my daughter, Mary Jones, one Ch bark.

4<sup>o</sup>— I give to my grand children, Parolie Thinger,  
Doris V. Thinger <sup>and</sup> Neal Thinger, the remainder of  
my bedsteads in bracing, all the remainder of my  
fleath, ticks and pillows and all other bad others and  
share to be equally divided between them. And I  
further give to my above named grand children  
all the rest of my house hold effects which is not  
mention'd above, to be equally divided between them,  
and I further give one half of principle and interest  
of the above named note to be equally divided  
between my above named grand children.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint  
my friends E.L. Bellamy <sup>and</sup> G.C. Barrett Executives  
of this last will and testament, hereby revoking all  
other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my seal, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May in the  
year 1894.

Catherine Thinger

Signed sealed, published and declared as and  
for the last will and testament of the above named  
Catherine Thinger in the presence of

E.L. Bellamy  
G.C. Carter  
J.M. Lane

Codicil

I Codicil or supplement to the inlond will  
I Catherine Thinger (of Hawkins Co., Tenn.)  
being in feeble health but of sound mind and in  
hope of a glorious immortality do make this  
my last codicil or supplement to the will  
made by me on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year  
of Our Lord 1894.

1<sup>o</sup>— I give and bequeath to my grand daughter  
Vicie Thinger two hogs also the first calf the Cow  
may drop that I bequeathed to my grand son  
Neal Thinger. Further I give to Vicie Thinger  
my grand daughter one bee gum and bee.

2<sup>o</sup>— I give and bequeath to my grand daughter  
Parolie Barrett two hogs and one bee gum and  
bee.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal, this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1901

Catherine Thinger

Signed in the presence of

E.L. Bellamy  
G.C. Carter  
J.M. Lane

I know all men by these presents that I,  
Phillip Thinger of the State of Tennessee  
and County of Hawkins have this day turned over to  
Catherine Thinger my wife, all the house hold  
effects that we have now in our power, and  
have empowered her to dispose of the same  
in such a manner as it may please her, and  
now oblige myself and hers to respect and  
abide by any disposition by will or testament  
she has or may make of such house hold effects.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my seal, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1894.

Phillip Thinger (seal)

Signed in the presence  
of us

E.L. Bellamy  
G.C. Carter  
J.M. Lane

Delphaan Lawson

I, Delphaan Lawson, 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 all my debt be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may have received of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

Second, I give and bequeath to Margaret Elm Bloomer \$5.00 to be paid as soon as the money comes into the hands of my executor.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to Chasy Lawson the following tract or parcel of land lying in the 3<sup>rd</sup> civil district of Hawkins County Tennessee, known as the part of Sam Herd farm, and also all of my personal property that I may own at the time of my death.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint D. L. Lawson my executor, in witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1901.

Delphaan Lawson

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hitherto in the presence of the testator, the the 12 day of August, 1901.

J. A. Anderson  
J. S. Brown

(Probated Aug 24 1901)

H. D. Cooney

I, H. D. Cooney, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First - I give and devise to my wife Daffie Cooney all my cleared land with a part of the Knob Spring lying West of the road in the 3<sup>rd</sup> civil district of Hawkins County Tennessee, commencing at a branch tree on south of farm, corner to the sea briar farm, now owned by Wilson <sup>as</sup> Klesper, then with the road to the creek, then up the creek as it meanders to a sycamore on the West side of the creek, above where there is now a little garden and house fenced up between the road and creek, thence West to the top of the Knob, then with the top of the Knob West to the line between me and Nolow in a deep hollow, thence South with my said line to the beginning to have and to hold during her natural life. I also will to my wife all my household and kitchen furniture, one mare and one cow and calf, the residue of my personal property to be sold on a credit of six months with interest from date, and the proceeds of said sale after paying my just debt, to be equally divided between my wife & my three single daughters, Lida, Birdie <sup>as</sup> Leila, except the sum of sixty dollars which I desire set apart to defray the funeral expenses of my wife; but before a sale is made a year's support is to be set aside to my wife and her family as provided by law in case of insanity.

Second - I give and devise to my daughter, Lida, the following real estate, commencing at the creek where the branch runs into the creek, the West with the spring branch up to the head of the spring near where there is a spring house walled up, the brush West to the corner of the garden next to the branch, then a straight line back to where the branch runs through the fence between me <sup>as</sup> Leila Klesper, thence with my line to the top of the Knob, where there is a fence, then East with said fence to where there is a field of about five acres fenced up, then North with the fence of said field to the North West corner of same, thence East with the fence of said field to the creek, then down the creek to the beginning and being a part of the land above devised to my wife.

Third - The remainder of the land devised to my wife and lying south of the land devised to Lida,

I will and devise to my daughter, Birdie and  
Lea, to be equally divided between them in value  
by a North & South line so as to give both water,  
it being my intention to will all my land  
in the 17<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Hawkins County first  
above described to my wife for life and to my said  
daughter Lea, Birdie & Pea at the death of  
my wife. If any or either of my said daughters  
should die without issue then the interest of such  
one is to vest in the other two, it being my  
device that said three daughters inherit from each  
other in case they should die without issue.

**Fourth**— I will and devise to my four sons  
See, Gruny, Leigh & Gleton (the latter called Bob)  
all my land lying East of said road in the 9<sup>th</sup>  
Civil District of Hawkins County ~~Quecum~~ (said road  
being the line between the 9<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> District) and the  
balance of the land lying West of said road  
in the 17<sup>th</sup> Civil District outside of the land first  
above described & devised to my wife & three daughters,  
and North of same—the land in the 9<sup>th</sup> District  
to be equally, in value, divided between my said  
four sons by lines running East & West, Leigh to  
have his share next to the Creek.

**Fifth**— I will and bequeath to my daughter  
Hessie Gillumwater my interest in the Alum Well  
Academy to do as she pleases with my interest  
in said Academy being \$78<sup>00</sup>. I also will to  
my daughter Hessie Gillumwater my house and lot  
at or near Alum Well Academy. If she should  
die without issue said house and lot is to go  
to & rest in my other three daughters Leida, Birdie  
& Lea.

I nominate and appoint my son, Leigh  
Soomey, Executor of this my last will and testa-  
ment— This June 28<sup>th</sup> 1899

N. S. Soomey

Signed and acknowledged in our presence  
witnessed by us at the request of the maker & in  
his presence

J. S. Chenneth  
J. O. Phillips

### Robt Brier

I, Robert Brier of Hawkins County,  
Tennessee, being of sound and disposing  
mind and memory, and being desirous of  
of settling my worldly affairs while I  
have capability so to do, ~~do make, publish~~  
and declare this my last will ~~and~~ testament.  
This is to say:

First— after the payment of all of  
my just debts, I give and bequeath to my  
beloved wife, Alis Brier, all of my property,  
both personal & real, to have and to hold  
during her natural life, and at her death  
said property is to be equally divided  
among the heirs of my body.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my  
hand and seal, this Aug 31<sup>st</sup> 1901

Robert Brier *(Seal)*

M. H. Anthony  
J. C. Gillumwater  
J. K. Master

(Probated Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1901)

## Kate U Syous

I Kate U Syous of the County of Hawkins in state of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will & testament.

- 1<sup>o</sup> I wish my Executor to pay all just debts that I may owe after my death.
- 2<sup>o</sup> I give to my brother Wiley M. Young my farm lying and being in the 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Hawkins County Tennessee on the Carter Valley road also all of my farming tools Horses and Cattle and whatever Household and Kitchen furniture may be left after making some other bequests.
- 3<sup>o</sup> I give to my sister Cornelia M. Board One thousand dollars
- 4<sup>o</sup> I give to my niece Hattie Wendel Five Hundred Dollars.
- 5<sup>o</sup> I give to my Cousin A. S. Syous Four Hundred Dollars.
- 6<sup>o</sup> I give to Julia Trexly a girl I partly raised Three hundred dollars which sum I direct be left in the hands of A. S. Syous my Executor to be paid to her as he may think best for her so that she may not squander and waste it and without interest.
- 7<sup>o</sup> I give to my niece Hattie Wendel such of household goods as she may desire and I wish her to make her own selection.
- 8<sup>o</sup> I give to my Cousin Sallie Syous one bed complete.
- 9<sup>o</sup> I give to Sam Cooper one bed complete.
- 10<sup>o</sup> I give to Isaac Cooper one Milk Cow he has been using.
- 11<sup>o</sup> I give to my Cousin Sallie Board Four hundred
- 12<sup>o</sup> And any money left after complying with the terms of my will to be equally divided between my Brother Wiley and Sister Cornelia.

I hereby appoint A. S. Syous Executor of this my last will and testament without bond and I allow him 10% commission.

Given in the my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day Sept. 1901

I also give to Cornelia Catherine Wendel three hundred dollars.

Witness: J. H. Super  
Walter Price

Kate U <sup>her</sup> Syous

## Mary Ann Stapleton

I Mary Ann Stapleton being feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other if any by me made.

1<sup>o</sup> My will is that all just debts be paid including my funeral expenses.

2<sup>o</sup> I give and devise to my sister Elizabeth Edison my Home place on which I now live for and during her natural life. On the death of my sister Elizabeth I give and devise the possessionary title in fee in my home place to Geo Pittiford and his heirs.

3<sup>o</sup> I bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Edison all my personal property of every kind, my said sister to have the use of said personal property during her natural life to be kept on the place and at her death my will is that all said personal property remaining on house including the interest thereof shall become the property of Geo Pittiford.

Witness my Hand and Seal, this 26<sup>th</sup> 1896.

Mary Ann Stapleton

Signed by us as witnesses  
in the presence of each other  
~~and in the presence of the testatrix~~  
and at her request

Jeanie Moore  
A. B. Thomas