

WILL OF THOMAS JOHNSON, DECD &
COHEIL

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I, Thomas Johnson of the County of Carter and State of Tennessee, being weak of body but of sound mind and judgment and knowing that it is that it is appointed to all men once to die, hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. Ist. & deem that all my just debts should there be any which there are but few and none of magnitude and my funeral expenses be first paid out of the perishable property of my estate which has pleased God to help me with. secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Susannah all my lands and tenements on Little use of Means Creek during her natural life and also one man, I have named Keekial during her natural life, and of my stock, to wit, her choice out of my horses, two out of my cattle her choice of four cows and calves and all the hogs and sheep I have at my decease during her natural life, and all my farming utensils and household and kitchen furniture, during her natural life and my negro girl Phety and child Malinda during the life of my wife - Susannah, thereby I give and bequeath to my granddaughters, to wit, Eliza Johnson, Clarissa Johnson, Susannah Johnson, daughters of my son Henry D. Johnson and Dicy Johnson his wife, the tract of land whereon I now live on Little use of Means Creek which was conveyed by Henry D. Johnson at my wives death to me. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son-----Johnson and my daughter Nancy Johnson all my land lying on Copper Creek in Russell County, Virginia to be equally divided between them, fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary Johnson and Elizabeth Johnson my tract of land

containing four hundred acreby surveys lying and being in the county of Carter, Tenn. on the Beaver Dam Fork of Holston River in Shady subject to a lease of six years from the 7 January 1827, sixthly I give and bequeath to my sons William Johnson Thomas Johnson and Henry D. Johnson five small tracts of land lying around the place that I now live on in Carter County containing seventy nine acres by surveys to be equally divided between them at my wives death and also all the property that my wife Susannah may die possessed of excepting her clothing and one bed and furniture to be at her own disposal the balance to be sold and equally divided both real and personal between them. Seventhly all the stock I may die possessed of after my wives part already mentioned is taken out the balance to be sold if any there be and equally divided between Wm. Thos. and H D Johnson, eighthly, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas H. Johnson a tract of land lying on the Laurel Fork of Holston River in Va. containing one hundred acres by survey & lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint by friends John Wright and James Kays executors of this my 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 sixteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

Thomas Johnson (dcd)

E. B. It is my will and desire that my negro girl aged three years old when she comes to be twenty one have her pardon and I do hereby set her free from serving us as a slave at that age H(interlined before signing)

Witnesses present

George Crosswhite

Reuben Crosswhite

his
Jesse (x) Adams
mark

I Thomas Johnson of the county of Carter and State of Tennessee do this fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four do make and publish this codicil to my last will and testament in manner following whereas it has pleased Almighty God to help me with a negro female slave child which is now seven years years old and named Noma and it being my will and desire that she be emancipated when she arrives at the age of twenty five years and I do hereby order and declare that it is my will when she is twenty five years old she be set free from bondage from any person or persons whatever, claiming or to claim under my last will and testament and lastly It is my desire that my present Codicil be annexed to and made a part of my last will and testament to all intents and purposes. In witness whereof I Thomas Johnson have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written.

his
Thomas (x) Johnson
mark

Signed sealed ~~signed~~

presence of us

Reuben Crosswhite

James Wright

WILL OF HUGH JENKINS, DECD.

I, Hugh Jenkins, Senr. of the County of Johnson in the State of Tennessee, do this Fifth day of September, A.D. 1836, make publish and declare this my last will and testament in the form following to wit:

To my two sons Joseph Jenkins & Roland Jenkins, I give and bequeath all my lands lying together and adjoining near the head of the south branch of Roane Creek where the said Roland Jenkins now lives and where the said Joseph formerly lived, to be equally divided between them as practicable so as Roland shall have the place where he now lives and Joseph that part formerly occupied by him. To my son Hugh Jenkins and my daughter Ann Grigson I give and bequeath all my lands lying together and adjoining where I now live (except that part herein given to Mary Ann Arnold) to be divided between them by a line running from the top of the Rainbow Mountain directly by the high Bridge across the hollow, near the upper end of my land and thence with said hollow to the eastern line of my landall that part of my said land lying north and above said line with the entries thereto attached I give to my said son Hugh Jenkins and all that part lying south and below I give to my said daughter Ann Grigson and her heirs forever, after the decease of my wife, Grace Jenkins.

To Mary Ann Arnold now living with me I give and bequeath a tract or entry of land containing seventy five acres adjoining where I now live and the land of David Wagner & Leonard Shown.

Lastly to my wife Grace Jenkins I give & bequeath all the residue & remainder of my property of whatsoever kind and nature after my just debts (if any) & funeral expenses shall

have been paid.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the year and date above written.

Signed, sealed and published his
in presence of Hugh (x) Jenkins
G. Moon mark
Valentine Rupe

WILL of
WILLIAM BUNTON, DECEASED

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, WILLIAM BUNTON, of the County of Johnson and the State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

FIRSTLY: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Fanny Bunton, all my land that lies in Johnson County, and my personal property of every kind to be and remain to her proper use and benefit her lifetime, then to vest to my two youngest sons that is Andrew and Elijah Bunton to be equally divided between them. I devise that my wife pay to the rest of my children One Dollar in trade to every child. I also devise that my wife shall pay my debts out of my estate. I hereby revoke all former wills by me made in witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my seal this Eleventh day of June, 1839.

Assigned, sealed and delivered in the presence of us to be the last Will and Testament of the above named William Bunton, in our presence who has hereunto subscribed our names.

William Bunton D

TESTE
John Dugger, Sr.
George W. Campbell.

WILL of
JOHN MUSGRAVE

I, John Musgrave, Sr. do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made.

FIRST: I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of my moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come in to the hands of my Executor.

SECONDLY: I give and bequeath to my wife, Elizabeth Musgrave, all my property both Real and ~~personal~~ perishable, to hold and dispose of as she may see proper as long as she may live and at her death she may dispose of it as she may see proper.

LASTLY: I do hereby nominate and appoint Aaron Musgrave my Executor, in witness whereof I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this Eighth day of December, One Thousand, Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

his
John X Musgrave D
mark

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator the 8th day of December, 1839.

Levi Heath
John B. Niles.

WILL of
JOHN FORRESTER

STATE OF TENNESSEE JOHNSON
COUNTY

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

FIRST: I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed.

SECONDLY: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Atha, the third of my plantation with the buildings where I now live on and my Gray mare and one-third of the rest of my live stock, hogs, sheep and cattle.

THIRDELY: It is my will that all the rest of my land be equally divided between all my children to wit: My sons and ~~and~~ daughters named as follows: William, Samuel, Thomas, Andrew and John, my sons, Mary Elizabeth, Rebecca and Sarah Jane my daughters and,

FOURTH it is my will that all the rest of my personal property be and is equally divided among my above named children.

FIFTH: It is my will that all the money I hold by note or otherwise that my wife Atha have the one-third of it and that my above named children have the rest equally divided between them.

SIXTH: It is my will that my son William and my daughter Mary hold no more property than will make them equal with the rest of the children with what they

have already got in their possession.

LASTLY: I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife
Atha, Executor, in witness whereof I do to this my will set
my hand and seal, this the 24th day of February, 1840.

John his
 x Forrester (SEal)
 mark

Signed, sealed and published in our presence we
have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the Testator,
this the 24th day of February, 1840.

John H. Vaught
J. G. Vaught.

WILL of
DAVID WAGNER SR. Deceased.

I, David Wagner of the County of Johnson and
State of Tennessee, being of sound and perfect mind and
memory, (Blessed be God), I do this the 20th day of March,
in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and
Forty Five, do make and publish this as my last Will and
Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other Wills
by me at any time made.

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

SECONDLY: I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife, Margaret, Nathaniel T., Adam & Daniel, my three
youngest sons, the homestead farm and the farm known by
the name of the Gentry farm below my Iron Works, adjoining
the forge tract, then crossing the creek at or near
the fork of the creek, then down the creek so as to leave
out the Slimp field, thence running a direct line to the
buck eye corner, thence running with son Matthias fence,
thence running as to include the sixty acre entry, I
purchased of J. F. Taylor, thence running West so as to
include a fifty acre entry also a twenty acre entry.

3rd. THIRDLY: I give and bequeath to my son,
Andrew all my lands lying above Taylorsville, except the
tract known by the name of the Douglaps tract.

4th. FOURTHLY: I give and bequeath to my

daughter, Rachael, one negro girl slave for life known by the name of Klender, also one horse, saddle and bridle worth one hundred dollars, two cows and two beds and bed clothing equal to those my other daughters had that married off.

5th I give and bequeath to my son, Matthias, during his natural life time all the stump field and the old Wilson field, the hill field and the hundred acre entry including the D. Price tract, also fifty acres taken off the Taylor entry and attach it to the hundred acre entry, all of which must be sold after the decease of son Matthias and the proceeds equally divided between each of his sons.

6th SIXTEENTHLY: I give and bequeath to my son, David, M. Wagner, all my lands south and west of Beginning, on a spruce pine at the mouth of the branch East of his house running from there out to the flat ridge, thence with the brown of said ridge till it strike the bank line. Then to the corner of the hundred and twelve acre tract, then westward to M. M. Wagners line, then with his line to where a due East line will strike the beginning, on the spruce pine.

7th SEVENTEENTHLY: I further give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Margaret, three beds and furniture, also my four sons, each of them one bed and furniture that is to say, Andrew, Nathaniel, T., Adam and Daniel.

8th EIGHTEENTHLY: I give and bequeath to my son Jacob one blind mare named Medley.

9. NINETEENTHLY: I give and bequeath to my son John one Dollar.

10. TWENTHLY: I give and bequeath to my son Joseph, one Dollar.

11. ELEVENTH: All my negro slaves to be sold to the highest bidder for ready money and the proceeds to be equally divided between my four youngest sons, after first paying each of my eldest sons, that is to say: Jacob, John, Joseph and Daniel H. each one hundred dollars, then the balance equally divided between Andrew, Nathaniel T. and Daniel.

Twelfth, the balance of my estate to be sold on a twelve months credit to the highest bidder by giving good and approved security and the proceeds of the same together with the money that may be on hands, together with all that may be collected from debts that is or may be outstanding due to me all of which must be equally divided between each of my daughters namely, Susannah, Mary, Nancy, Elizabeth, Lovina and Rachael after paying all legal expenses.

LASTLY: I do hereby nominate and appoint my worthy friends, my Executors, namely my son Andrew, Matthias M. Wagner, Joseph Wagner, Sr and Archibald Bradfute.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I do to this my will set hand and seal this 20th day of March 1848.

David Wagner, Sr. (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this 20th day of March, 1848.

Andrew Wagner
M. M. Wagner

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
WILL OF DAVID WAGNER, Deceased

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, APRIL TERM, 1845.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here that David Wagner, Sr., late of said County is dead and hath made his last Will and Testament in writing in which has appointed Andrew Wagner, Matthias M. Wagner, and Archibald Bradfute, his Executors to the same which Will hath been exhibited into Court and proved as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of said deceased issue to said Andrew Wagner, Matthias M. Wagner and Archibald Bradfute, they having been qualified agreeably to law. These are therefore to empower same to the said Andrew Wagner, Matthias M. Wagner and Archibald Bradfute, to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of said David Wagner, Sr., Deceased and the same to your possession take, wheresoever the same may be found and a true and perfect inventory to make and return into our next County Court and the just debts of the said David Wagner, Sr., deceased to pay and also will and truly pay, and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in said Will and Testament as far as to said goods and chattels and credits will thereunto extend, and the law charges. WITNESS, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office in Taylorsville, the 1st Monday of April, 1845, and in the 59th year of our Independence.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk
By Alex D. Smith, D. C.

WILL of
LEONARD SHOWN, Deceased

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Leonard Shown of the County of Johnson and the State of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind and memory, BLESSED BE GOD, do this 6th day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty one, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all others Wills by me at any time made.

FIRST: I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

SECONDLY: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Barbary to have and enjoy peaceable during her natural life, then to be disposed of as hereinafter mentioned, the brick house, kitchen, barn and all other out houses all the lands here where I now live and all entries of lands that I now own and all the Negroes that I now own together with ~~these~~ ^{the} ~~interest~~ ^{the} and all the cash that may be on hands and all the debts that may be owing and all the farming tools and smith tools of every kind and description and all the property of every description and all the property of every description except such as I have herein bequeathed to my other heirs. I hereby empower my beloved wife Barbary to sell either one or all of the negroes if she may wish to do so, by first calling

on my Executors to aid and assist in such sale or sales of said negroes and all the grain and products of every description that may be on said farm must remain on it for the use and comfort of my beloved wife, Barbary.

THIRDLX: I give and bequeath to my two youngest sons (ie) David H. and Eliher to have peaceable and full possession of all my lands above named after the death of my beloved wife, Barbary and not before (viz) David H. Must have possession of the Brick house and kitchen for the first ten years and Eliher to have possession of all my buildings at the cross roads the same length of time, then change possession and continue to change every ten years during life, and all the farming and smith tools of every kind to be equally divided D. H. & Eliher and one wagon and gearing and one truck wagon to equally belong to them both and all the ~~kitchen~~ kitchen furniture to be equally divided between them and David H. to have one charrey press and one secretary and Eliher to have one ~~bureau~~ bureau and 1 desk and one clock and each one to have one bedstead and furniture to & the same and each one to have one cow and calf and six sheep and one sow and pigs and killing hogs what my Executors may think sufficient for one year.

FOURTHLY: I give and bequeath to my daughter Susannah two bedsteads with their furniture to the same, one small and one large spinning wheel, one bureau known by the Hyath Bureau, one horse beast, saddle and bridle to be worth between eighty and one hundred dollars, two cows and calves or cows with calf and twenty dollars worth of kitchen furniture.

FIFTHLY: I give and bequeath to my grandson, James L. the son of Daughter, Catherine, one good horse, saddle and bridle worth between eighty and one hundred dollars, and all his wearing clothes with one new Sunday suit, worth not less than fifty dollars.

SIXTHLY: All the remainder of my property, both real and personal of every description that is not herein named must be sold at the proper time by my Executors for cash or a six or twelve months credit as they may think best and to be divided amongst my lawful heirs as follows: (viz) my Executors must make an equal division of all the proceeds of the sale or sales after first paying all lawful expenses, except my daughter Elizabeth, Catherine, Susannah and Louisa Leah, deceased, daughter Elizabeth must have one hundred dollars, but if she should become a wife on or before distribution of said estate then she must have one hundred dollars additional, and her husband to have up his notes I now hold on him. Daughter, Catherine equal part must be divided equally between her and her daughter Elizabeth and her son, James L. Susannah an equal part must be divided one-half to her, her other half to be divided between her two children, and daughter Louisa Leah, deceased, her equal share must be equally divided among her three children, except my children should raise and school those three orphan children if so they must have fifty dollars out of it for each orphan so raised and schooled.

LASTLY: I give and bequeath to my son in law, John M. Madden, one dollar to be paid out of the proceeds of my estate. I do hereby nominate and appoint my three sons, (viz) John M., Andrew and Isaac my Executors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I do to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this 6th day of December, A. D., 1841.

his
Leonard x Shoun (SEAL)
mark

WITNESS :
M. M. Wagner
Alex D. Smith

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

to
JOHN S. AND ANDREW SHOUN, EXECUTORS OF LEONARD
SHOUN, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, AUGUST TERM, 1845.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here, that Leonard Shoun, late of said County is dead and hath made his last Will and Testament in writing in which he has appointed John S. Shoun, and Andrew Shoun, his Executors to the same which will hath been exhibited into Court and proved as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said deceased issue to the said John S. Shoun and Andrew Shoun, they having been qualified according to law, these are therefore to empower you the said John S. Shoun and Andrew Shoun to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said Leonard Shoun, deceased and the same into your possession take wheresoever the same may be found and a true and perfect inventory to make and return into our next County Court and the just debts of the said Leonard Shoun, deceased to pay and also well and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in said will and testament, as far as the said goods and chattels and credits will thereunto extend and and the law charges.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, at office in the town of Taylorsville the 6th day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and forty five and the 80th of our Independence.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk
By Alex D. Smith, D.C.

LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION
to
CALEB WILLS and ANDREW SHOWN
UPON THE ESTATE OF ISAAC SHOWN, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, AUGUST SESSION, 1845

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that Isaac Shown is dead and having made no will or testament and application being made by Caleb Wills and Andrew Shown, to have Letters of Administration granted to them on the estate of said Isaac Shown, deceased, they having given bond and security as by law in such case is required, the Court therefore orders that they have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said Caleb Wills and Andrew Shown to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said Isaac Shown, deceased and the same into your possession take, wheresoever to be found in this State and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return into our ensuing County Court on oath and all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend, the residue thereof deliver to those who have a right thereto by law, and herein fail not.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, at office in the town of Taylorsville, the 1st Monday of August, A.D. 1845.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk
By Alex D. Smith, D. C.

WILL of

T A P L E Y W I L S O N, Deceased.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

August 1st day in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirty Eight. I, Tapley Wilson of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee, being of sound and perfect mind, finding myself in a declining way and considering the uncertainty of human life, and the certainty of death, feel a desire to dispose of my real and personal estate which it has pleased God to give me, in the following manner:

FIRST: I give and bequeath to my wife, Elizabeth my home place of land where I now live, supposed to me one hundred and thirty three acres, and my negro woman, Nina and my bay horse named Tom and a black mare named Peg, together with all my household and kitchen furniture and three of her choice of my cows and all my sheep and hogs for her benefit as long as she remain my widow, and I desire that at her decease, that my negro woman, Nina go to my daughter, Polly as her wright and property and at the decease of my wife or at her marriage for what is left in her possession to be equally divided between my youngest children, William, Hamilton, Polly and Singleton, the land excepted which land I devise to be equally divided between my two youngest sons; Hamilton and Singleton and I ~~desire~~ desire it so divided that Singleton is to have the house where I now live in, and I desire my wife to have my wagon that I now have and all my horse gearing and all my farming tools until her death or marriage and also all my stock of

bees and I give to my eldest son, John, twenty five dollars to be paid in six months after my decease, and I give to my daughter, one sorrel mare, _____

(about two lines at the bottom of sheet destroyed, conveying personal property, illegible on account of part of the sheet being torn off, Transcriber's Note) to my son Alfred, one bay horse, called Chapley and one cow and I give to my son William twenty acres in one deed and fifteen acres in another deed of land where John Musgrave now lives on and twenty acres adjoining the lands of I. W. Hockerday and a title bond for twenty five acres which I hold on John Musgrave bearing date February the 8th, 1838 in the chestnut flat adjoining the Bulkmers cabin tract and also one black horse colt and I give to my daughter Polly a deed of land for thirty acres on a branch of the chestnut flat so as to include Wilson's Sugar camp and also a title bond for twelve and one-half acres on A. W. Taylor adjoining the above named tract and one small muly heifer, and I desire that my two youngest sons, Hamilton and Singleton shall have all my land that I own adjoining William Withers place and my old place where the house now stands on and I give to my son Hamilton one sorrel horse colt now sucking on the old gray mare and I give to my son Singleton the place where I now live on and Vaughts old place and at his being twenty one years old he shall have one-half of the ~~and~~ old place which I have give to my wife, Elizabeth during her natural life time or widowhood, giving her choice of her half of the land.

AND LASTLY as to all the rest, residue and remaineer of my estate of what kind and nature soever, I give and bequeath to my said wife, Elizabeth whom I hereby appoint sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former by me made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of August in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty eight.

his
Taply x wilson (REAL)
mark

Signed, Sealed and published and declared by the above named Tapley Wilson to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

ATTEST:

I. M. Vaught
Alfred Widby.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY
to
ELIZABETH WILSON, Executrix on the estate
of TAPLEY WILSON

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, DECEMBER TERM, 1845.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here that Tapley Wilson, late of said County is dead and hath made his last Will and Testament in writing in which he has appointed Elizabeth Wilson, his wife, his Executrix to the same which Will hath been exhibited into Court and proved as the law directs and it also appears to the satisfaction of the Court here that the said Elizabeth hath also departed this life and that she died previous to the decease of the said Testator and application being made by Alfred Wilson and John H. Vaught to have Letters of Administration granted to them upon the estate of said deceased and they having given bond and security as by law in such cases, required the Court therefore orders that they have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said Alfred Wilson and John H. Vaught to enter into and upon all and singular the goods, lands, rights and credits of the said Tapley Wilson, Deceased and the same into your possession take wheresoever to be found in this State and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return into our next County Court on oath and all the just debts of the said Tapley Wilson pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend and also pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in said

Will and Testament as far as the said goods and chattels, rights and credits will thereunto extend and the law charges.

WITNESS WHEREOF I Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court do hereby subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, at office in the town of Taylorsville, the 1st day of December A. D. 1845, and in the 70th year of the independence of the United States.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk
By Alex D. Smith^D Clerk

WILL of

GODFREY DANIEL STOUT, Deceased.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

that I, Godfrey Daniel Stout, Sr., being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament, to-wit:

Unto my beloved son, George Peter Stout, I give and bequeath one dollar. Unto my beloved son Daniel Stout, one dollar, and unto my beloved son, John Stout, one dollar, and unto my beloved son, Henry Stout, one dollar, and unto my beloved son, Abraham Stout, one Dollar, and unto my beloved son, David D. Stout, one dollar, and unto my son, Thomas Stout, Heirs, one dollar, and unto my beloved son in law, John Potter, One dollar, and unto my beloved son in law, Nicholas Grindstaff, one dollar, and unto my beloved son in law, Joseph Robinson, one dollar, unto my beloved daughter, Catherine Stout, one dollar.

And I do hereby make and appoint my son, John Stout my Executor of this my last will and testament.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us September 26th, 1845.

his
Godfrey Daniel x Stout
mark

Rufus Moore.
John H. Stout
David H. Stout.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

to
JOHN STOUT, EXECUTOR OF GODFREY DANIEL STOUT, Deceased.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, APRIL TERM, 1846.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here, that Godfrey Daniel Stout, late of said County is dead and hath made his will and testament in writing in which he has appointed John Stout his Executor, to the same which Will hath been exhibited into Court and proved as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that letters testamentary of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said deceased, issue to the said John Stout, he having been qualified according to law. These are therefore to empower you the said John Stout, to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels right and credits of the said Godfrey Daniel Stout, Deceased and the same into your possession take wherever the same may be found and a true and perfect inventory to make and return in to our next term of the County Court and the just debts of said Godfrey Daniel Stout, deceased to pay and also truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in said Will and Testament as far as the said goods and chattels rights and credits will thereunto extend and the law charges.

Witness whereof I, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, at office, in the town of Taylorsville, the 6th day of April, A.D., 1846.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk

Issued 9th day of April, 1846.

A.T. Wilson, Clerk.

WILL of
MICHAEL SLIMP, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

I, Michael Slimp, do

make and publish this as my last

will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

FIRST: I direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my heirs.

SECONDLY: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Nancy Slimp, my house and plantation or as much thereof as she may need during her natural life or widowhood, with a wagon and horse and farming tools sufficient to carry on the farm.

THIRDLY: I also bequeath to my wife all my debts that I have coming to me when they are collected to dispose of the money as she may think proper.

FOURTHLY: At the death of my wife I bequeath to my four youngest boys to wit; David, Fredrick, Andrew and Martin all my undivided lands for them to divide as they may think proper, and my desire is that they would all stay on the farm and work together and take care of their mother.

FIFTHLY: I bequeath to my daughter a horse, saddle and bridle, and cattle, sheep and hogs and household furniture sufficient for housekeeping.

SIXTHLY and LASTLY: I bequeath to William Gambill the fifty acres of land where he now lives for five years or as long as he may wish to stay there to

have free and peaceable possession.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do to this my last will set
my hand and seal this February the 14th, 1846

Michael Slimp, (SEAL)

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

G. D. Stout
Nicholas Stout.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
To DAVID AND DANIEL SLIMP UNDER THE WILL OF MICHAEL SLIMP,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, APRIL TERM, 1846.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here that Michael
Slimp, late of said County is dead and hath made his last
Will and Testament in writing in which he has not appointed
any person, Executor in said Will, which will hath been ex-
hibited into Court and proved as the law directs and there-
upon the widow of the deceased came into Court and waived
her right to administer upon the estate of her deceased
husband and recommended his sons, David and Daniel Slimp,
and the Court being satisfied that David and Daniel Slimp,
are suitable persons to take charge of said estate, and
they also being present in Court, and agreeing to adminis-
ter on said estate, and they having given bond and security
as required by law in such cases the Court therefore orders
that they have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you,
the said David Slimp and Daniel Slimp to enter into and
upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and
credits of the said Michael Slimp, deceased and the same
into your possession take wherever to be found and a true
and perfect inventory thereof you shall make and return
unto the next term of our County Court and the just debts
of the said Michael Slimp, deceased, you shall pay and also
to pay and deliver all the legacies contained, and specified
in said will as far as the said goods and chattels, rights
and credits will extend and the law charges.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Alfred T. Wilson Clerk of our
said Court do hereby subscribe my name and affix the seal
of my office in the town of Taylorsville, this 6th day of
April, A.D., 1846.

Alfred T. Wilson Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
To PETER D. WILLS UPON THE ESTATE OF JOHN SUTHERLAND,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, } COUNTY COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1846.
JOHNSON COUNTY

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that John
Sutherland is dead and having made no will or testament
and application being made by Peter D. Wills to have
letters of Administration granted to him on the estate of
said John Sutherland, Deceased and he having given bond
and security as by law in such cases is required the
Court therefore orders that he have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower
you the said Peter D. Wills, to enter into and upon all
and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits
of the said John Sutherland, Deceased and the same into
your possession take wheresoever to be found in this State
and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return
into our ensuing County Court on oath and all the just
debts of the intestate pay so far as the said estate will
amount or extend, the residue thereof deliver to those who
have a right by law thereto, herein fail not.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of
our said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the
seal of my office at office in the town of Taylorsville,
the 1st Monday of October, A.D., 1846.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk.

By Alex D. Smith. D. C.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of
WILLIAM WIDBY, Deceased

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, William Widby do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making all other Wills by me at any time made.

FIRST: I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

SECONDLY: I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas Widby and Tapley Widby to each five Dollars.

THIRDLY: I give and bequeath to my son Alfred Widby one hundred and fifty dollars and also the additional sum of three hundred dollars for money paid for me, and one horse and other services rendered by him for me and also another additional sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to my son Alfred Widby.

FOURTHLY: I give and bequeath to my son, William Simpson Widby, all my tract or parcel of land where I now live and possess, and,

FIFTHLY: I give each of my daughters to wit: Dicy Davis, Nancy Wallis, Elizabeth Hockaday, Anna Jenkins, and Riley Shuffield, the sum of seventy five dollars each, and

LASTLY: I desire that my slaves be kept amongst my heirs if they can agree, and if not, for my son Alfred Widby, whom I appoint and nominate my Executor to sell all of them that he can't keep, himself at private sale and have six months after my death to make sale in, and all those that are sold if any, should be, should go to one Martin, if my

Executor deem it expedient and if all agree and none of my slaves is not sold, I want my black woman, Judah to have her choice which one to go to and that one to pay over to the balance the amount above its part.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I do to this my Will, set my hand and seal this 27th day of Decembe, 1845.

William Widby, (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the Testator, this 27th day of December 1845.

WITNESSES

Joseph G. Vaught
Joseph J. Wagner.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY to
ALFRED WIDBY, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM WIDBY,
Deceased.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, JANUARY TERM, 1847.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here, that William Widby, late of said County is dead and hath made his last Will and Testament in writing, in which he has appointed Alfred Widby, his Executor to the same, which Will hath been exhibited into Court and proved as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the said Court, that letters testamentary, of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said deceased, issue to the said Alfred, he having been qualified agreeable to law.

These are therefore to empower you the said Alfred Widby, to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said William Widby, deceased, and the same into your possession take wheresoever the same may be found, and a true and perfect inventory thereof to make and return into our said Court at its ensuing term, and the just debts of the said William Widby deceased, to pay and also well and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in the said Testament and the said goods and chattels and credits will thereunto extend and the law charges.

Witness whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office at office, in the town of Taylorsville, the 12th day of January, A.D. 1847, and of the independence of the U.S., the 71, st.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk
By Alex D. Smith, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO EMANUEL L. DUGGER UPON THE ESTATE OF GARSTON POWELL
DECEASED,

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, MARCH TERM, A.D. 1847.

To Emanuel L. Dugger, a citizen of said County, WHEREAS, it appears to the Worshipful Court that Doctor Garston Powell, late of said County is dead and he having made no Will or Testament and application having been made by you to have letters of Administration, granted to you upon the estate of said Dr. G. Powell, deceased, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim and you having given bond and security and sworn as the law in such cases requires, the Court therefore order that you have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said Emanuel L. Dugger, to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said Dr. G. Powell, deceased and the same into your possession take wheresoever to be found in this state and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return into our ensuing County Court on oath and all the just debts of said intestate pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend, the residue thereof, deliver to those who by law have a right thereto herein fail not.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, at office in the town of Taylorsville, the 1st, Monday of March A. D. 1847.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk
By Alex D. Smith, D. C.

LETTERS of ADMINISTRATION To
ABRAHAM GREGSON UPON THE ESTATE OF SOLOMON COFY, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, APRIL TERM, 1847.

To Abraham Gregson a citizen of said County,
WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that Solomon Coffy late of
said County is dead and he having made no will and applica-
tion being made by you the said Gregson, to have Letters of
Administration granted to you on the estate of said Solomon
Coffy, deceased and you having given bond and security and
being sworn as the law in such case is required the Court
therefore order that you have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize you the said Abra-
ham Gregson to enter into and upon all and singular the goods
and chattels, rights and credits of said Solomon Coffy, Deceased,
and the same into your possession take wheresoever to be
found in this State and a true and perfect inventory thereof
make and return into our ensuing County Court on oath and
all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the said
Estate will amount or extend the residue thereof deliver to
those who have a right by law thereto, herein fail not.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of
our said Court do hereby subscribe my name and affix the
seal of my office, at office in the town of Taylorsville
the 1st Monday in April A.D. 1847.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk
By Alex D. Smith, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
UPON THE ESTATE OF AMOS GIBSON, DECEASED, TO SAMUEL C.
SOUTH
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, APRIL TERM, 1847.

To Samuel C. South, a citizen of said County,
WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that Amos Gibson, late
of said County is dead and he having made no will or Testa-
ment and application being made by you to have Letters of
Administration granted to you on the estate of said Amos
Gibson, deceased, and the Court being satisfied as to
your claim and you having given bond and security and
being sworn as the law in such case is required the worship-
ful therefore orders that you have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you
the said Samuel C. South to enter into and upon all and
singular the goods and Chattels, rights and credits of said
Amos Gibson, deceased, and the same into your possession
take wheresoever to be found in this state and a true and
perfect inventory thereof make and return into our ensuing
County Court on oath and all the just debts of the inte-
state pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend
the residue thereof deliver to those who have a right by
law thereto, herein fail not.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of our
said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal
of my office, at office in the Town of Taylorsville, the
1st Monday in April, A.D. 1847.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk
By Alex D. Smith, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO GREEN MOORE,
ESQUIRE, UPON THE ESTATE OF AARON MUSHGRAVES, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, MARCH TERM, A.D. 1847.

To Greene Moore, Esquire, a citizen of said County.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that Aaron Mushgraves, late of said County is dead and having made no Will or Testament and application being made by you to have Letters of Administration granted to you on the estate of said Aaron Mushgraves deceased, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim and having given bond and security and qualified as by law in such case is required, the Court therefore order that you have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you, the said Green Moore, Esquire, enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said Aaron Mushgraves, deceased and the same into your possession take wheresoever to be found in this State and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return into our ensuing County Court on oath and all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend, the residue thereof deliver to those who have a right thereto by law, herein fail not.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office at office, in the town of Taylorsville, the 1st Monday of March, A.D. 1847.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of WILLIAM CROSSWHITE, Deceased.

I, William Crosswhite, do make this as my last Will and Testament, setting aside all other wills, even at any time heretofore made by me.

FIRST, I will that all my funeral expenses be paid and all my debts be paid out of any money that may first become in the hands of my Executor.

SECOND, I will and bequeath that my wife, Nancy be appointed my Executor and that she shall not be bound to give any security as Executor. I also will and bequeath unto my wife, Nancy after paying all my debts, the balance, if any, for her own use to dispose of as she may see proper.

Given under my hand and seal, this 11th day of June, 1847.

Wm. Crosswhite, (SEAL)

TEST

GEORGE BROWN
WILLIAM SHOWN

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LETTERS TESTAMENTARY to NANCY CROSSWHITE, ON THE
ON THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM CROSSWHITE, Deceased.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, JULY TERM, 1847.

WHEREAS, it appears to the court here, that William Crosswhite, late of said County is dead and hath made his last will and Testament in writing in which he hath appointed Nancy Crosswhite (widow of deceased) his Executrix to the same which Will hath been exhibited into Court and proved as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary of all and singular the goods, and chattels, rights and credits, of said deceased, issue to the said Nancy Crosswhite she having qualified according to law.

These are therefore to empower you the said Nancy Crosswhite to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said William Crosswhite, deceased, and the same into your possession take wherever it may be found, and a true and perfect inventory thereof to make and return into our said Court at its ensuing term, and the just debts of said William Crosswhite deceased to pay and also well and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in said will and testament as far as said goods and chattels, rights and credits will thereto extend, and the law charges.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, at office in the town of Taylorsville, this 6th day of July, A.D. 1847. the 72 Independence.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk.

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, To
MARGARET SNIDER AND JOSEPH SUTHERLAND UPON THE ESTATE OF
ALEXANDER SNIDER, DECEASED, SEPT. TERM, 1847.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1847.

TO MARGARET SNIDER AND JOSEPH SUTHERLAND.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Worshipful County Court, that Alexander Snider, late of said County is dead, and he having made no will or Testament and application having been made by you to have Letters of Administration granted to you, upon the estate of the said Alexander Snider, deceased, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim, and you having given bond and security and qualified as the law directs, the court therefore orders that you have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said Margaret Snider and Joseph Sutherland to enter into and upon all and singular the goods, and chattels, rights, and credits of the said Alex. Snider, deceased, and the same into your possession take wherever to be found in this State, and a true and perfect inventory thereof to make and return into our ensuing County Court on oath and all the just debts of said Alexander Snider pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend, the residue thereof deliver to those who by law have a right thereto, herein fail not.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court do hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office, at office in the town of Taylorsville, this first Monday in September, A.D. 1847.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of
JOHN CROSSWHITE, DECEASED.

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

FIRST, After submitting my body to the grave and my soul to the hands of the Almighty God, believing that all power is in his hands.

SECOND, That all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

THIRD, I give and bequeath to my wife, Elizabeth, all my land, and all my personal estate to raise the family on, except a certain way mare, I will and bequeath to my son Jesse.

FOURTH, A certain sorrel filley if George, my son stays with the family and works and helps his mother until he arrives at the age of twenty-one, I will and bequeath her unto him, but if not the filly remains for the use of the family.

LASTLY, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son, Jessie and Reuben Crosswhite my Executors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 4th day of September, 1847.

his
John Crosswhite, (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator, this 4th day of September, 1847.

John B. Kilby
Thomas H. Johnson

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY To
JESSIE AND REUBEN CROSSWHITE ON THE ESTATE OF JOHN
CROSSWHITE, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1847.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here, that John Crosswhite, late of said County is dead, and hath made his last will and Testament in writing, in which he hath appointed Jesse Crosswhite, Jr., and Reuben Crosswhite, his Executors, to the same which will hath been exhibited in open Court and proven as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of said deceased, issue to the said Jesse and Reuben, they having qualified according to law.

These are therefore to empower you the said Jesse and Reuben Crosswhite to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said John Crosswhite, deceased, and the same into your possession take wherever it may be found and a true and perfect inventory thereof to make and return into our said Court at its ensuing term and the just debts of the said John Crosswhite, deceased you shall pay, also well and truly pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in said Will as far as said goods and chattels, rights and credits will extend thereto, and the law charges.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office, at office, in the town of Taylorsville, the first Monday, being the 4th day of October, A.D. 1847.

Alfred T. Wilson, Clerk.

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
THOMAS J. CROSSWHITE ON THE ESTATE OF JESSE CROSSWHITE,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, MAY TERM, 1848.

To Thomas J. Crosswhite, a citizen of said County.
WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that Jesse Crosswhite, late
of said County has died leaving no Will or Testament, and
application being made by you to have Letters of Administration,
granted to you on the estate of Jesse Crosswhite, deceased,
and the Court being satisfied as to your claim and you having
given bond and security and qualified as by law in such cases,
the Court therefore orders that you have letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you
the said Thomas J. Crosswhite to take into your possession
~~and~~ all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and
credits of Jesse Crosswhite, deceased and the same into
your possession take wherever to be found in this State and
a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return to
the next term of this Court on oath and all the just debts
of the intestate pay so far as said estate will extend, the
residue thereof, pay over to those who are entitled by law
to receive the same.

WITNESS, J. A. Bradfute, Clerk of our said Court,
at office in Taylorsville, this 1st Monday in May, 1848.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
MARY ALLISON AND JOHN WARD ON THE ESTATE OF SAMUEL ALLI-
SON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, AUGUST TERM, 1848.

To Mary Allison, and John Ward.

WHEREAS, it appears to the County Court now in session,
that Samuel Allison, late of said County has died,
leaving no Will or Testament, and application having
been made by you to have Letters of Administration,
granted to you upon the estate of the said Allison, de-
ceased and the Court being satisfied as to your claim and
you having given bonds and security and qualified as the
law directs, the Court orders that letters be issued to
you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower
you the said Mary Allison and John Ward, to enter into and
upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and
credits of said Samuel Allison, deceased and the same
into your possession take wherever to be found in this
State and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and
return into our ensuing County Court on oath, pay all the
just debts of the intestate as far as said estate will ex-
tend, the residue thereof deliver to them who have a right
by law thereto.

WITNESS, my hand at office in Taylorsville, this
7th day of August, 1848.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
SAMUEL C. SOUTH, ON THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN GIBSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, JULY TERM, 1848.

To Samuel C. South, a citizen of said County.

It appears to the County Court now in session that, Stephen Gibson, has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court at office
this 3rd day of July, A.D. 1848.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
HARVEY L. JOHNSON, ON THE ESTATE OF GRACE JENKINS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, MAY TERM, 1849.

To Harvey L. Johnson, a citizen of Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Grace Jenkins, has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court, at
office this 7th day of May, 1849.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
JAMES KEYS ON THE ESTATE OF PATTERSON SHARP, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE:

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1849.

To James Keys, a citizen of Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Patterson Sharp has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and and transact all the duties in relation to the said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court, at office, this 1st day of October A.D. 1849.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of
DANIEL REECE, DECEASED.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I,

Daniel Reece of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory but feeble in body and knowin the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life, do make and publish this my Will and Testament as for property and effects it has pleased kind Providence to bestow upon me, I dispose of in the following manner, to wit:

FIRST, I desire that my body shall be decently buried in a Christian like manner.

SECONDLY, I desire as soon as possible after my death all my just debts be paid and that all debts due be collected.

THIRDLY, I will and bequeath unto my two sons, James P. and John V. Reece my house farm upon which I now reside, containing two hundred and eighty acres, more or less, also my new waggon now in my shop, not completed, also, three horses, to wit: One large roane mare, one brown mare and one small bay mare, also a full set of the best harness that I own, also all my tools and all my farming tools of every description.

FOURTH, I will and bequeath unto my daughters, Nancy, Betsy Anna, and Lucretia Reece, each a horse, saddle and bridle worth One hundred dollars to be paid when they arrive at the age of sixteen years, each of my daughters that has arrived at the age of sixteen years before my death are entitled to the horse, saddle and bridle when demanded. I also will to my daughters, Nancy, Betsy Anna, and Lucretia each a small spinning wheel. Now be it well

understood that for and in consideration of my house farm, and property that I have given to my sons James P. and John V. Reese, I require them to pay to my four daughters the property as above willed and at the age specified. I have thought proper to devise between my daughters all the cattle I have on hand, as to my hogs, sheep and Iron that I may have on hand at my death. I desire it to be sold at public sale on such time as my Executors think proper, the proceeds of which together with what money I may have on hands after paying all my just debts, I desire shall be equally divided between my children to wit: Hiram, Isaac, James P. John V, Nancy, Betsy Anna and Lucretia, having divided property with my sons Hiram and Isaac heretofore, it is my opinion that what is here given will make them equal with my other children;

LAST, I do hereby appoint my two sons, Hiram and James P. Reese Executors of this my last will and I do hereby revoke all former wills heretofore made by me.

I further give to my sons James P. and John V. Reese each a feather bed and furniture, the balance of my household and kitchen furniture I desire shall be equally divided between my daughters, Nancy, Betsy Anna and Lucretia. I also will to my sons James P. and John V. Reese my small trach waggon, having full faith and confidence in my Executor, I desire that they shall not give security for the Administration of my estate.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and seal, May 20th 1849.

his
Daniel X Reese (SEAL)
mark

WITNESSES
C. E. Gillespie
A. Watner.

ORDERED to be recorded at Dec. Term, 1849. A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY To
JAMES P. REESE ON THE ESTATE OF DANIEL REESE, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, JANUARY TERM, 1850.

It appearing to the Court, that Daniel Reese has died, leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proven in open Court; and you having been qualified according to law and it having been ordered, by said Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said James P. Reese to enter upon the execution of said Will and to take into your possession all the property and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof, and make collections of all debts and after paying all just demands against the testator and settling up the business of said estate according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands, and to do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said Will and the laws of the land.

WITNESSES, A. Bradfute, Clerk at office this 8th day of January, A.D. 1850.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of
SUSANNAH WAGNER, DECEASED.

I, Susannah Wagner, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made.

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

SECONDLY, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Susannah Wagner, one Negro man named Morris.

THIRDLY, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Catherine Wagner, fifty Dollars in money and also twenty-five dollars in money to each one of my daughter, Catherine's four children she had by her first husband, David Wagner, (viz) Matthias Wagner, Susannah Wagner, George Wagner and Sarah Wagner.

FOURTHLY, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Sarah four hundred dollars in specie, which is intended to be laid out for land by my executors for the express purpose and use of my said daughter, Sarah, which land she is to have during her natural life and at her death her four sons, Matthias, Nathaniel, Jackson and Allen, shall have the said land I wish it understood that provided I shall purchase with the said four hundred dollars a tract of land for my said daughter, Sarah in my lifetime, then this part of my will concerning my daughter Sarah, shall be void.

FIFTHLY, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Margaret, a tract of land of land in Carter County, Tennessee, the land I bought of David Carter and joins the land my

daughter, Margaret now lives on, the deed for said land was made to me by A. W. Taylor and will be found filed with my papers. I further bequeath to my daughter, Margaret, a negro woman named Lotty and also a black girl named Kishah, daughter of said Lotty, and also one hundred dollars in money.

SIXTHLY, I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Susannah Carriger, one bay mare with one white foot called Luce with my saddle and saddle-blanket and bridle and also the best bed that is in my house and my chest with all its contents except my papers which will be found in a small trunk in the chest.

SEVENTHLY, I give and bequeath to my two daughters, Margaret and Sarah, all that in my house after my death (my chest and papers excepted), and also all that my smokehouse and spring may contain and also if there should be any grain in the crib or barn that they may need they are to have a part. I give my desk and bookcase I give to my granddaughter, Margaret Wagner, daughter of my son Jacob.

EIGHTHLY, I give and bequeath to my three grandchildren which is the children of my son David Wagner, twenty-five dollars each, (viz) Matthias, Francis and Nancy. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Isaac Reece one black man named Jesse, if the said slave should be living at the death of the said Isaac Reece, then he is to be the property of Margaret Carriger and her heirs.

NINTHLY, I give and bequeath to my son Matthias, one negro woman named Rachel also one negro woman named Mary and also one negro boy named Wilbourn, son of the said

Mary, and my son Matthias shall pay to my daughter, Nancy Tyffe one hundred and fifty dollars in money. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph the choice horse beast that may be in my stock of horses at my death except the one disposed of to my granddaughter and also my waggon and hind gears. It is my desire that Joseph shall take Jonas and take care of him his lifetime it is also my desire that Joseph shall assist Margaret and Sarah in hauling away their property from my house, for which he is to have a cow and calf and of my stock of cattle. It is my desire that all my effects that is not herein specified shall be disposed of in the following manner to wit: I first want my notes collected that may be found in my papers and the money used to satisfy the Legatees to whom it is due according to this Will and if the notes should be insufficient to raise the amount disposed of in this will it is to be made up of the sales of my property as soon as it can be collected. All my horses all my cattle all my hogs and all my sheep and all the grain that is in the fields or the barn or crib and all farming implements all mechanics tools together with all other things not herein specified and that is not otherwise disposed of in this will, shall be sold on six month credit to the highest bidder for money and when the money is paid to the Legatees that is to receive money for their Legacy, then all the balance of money that may be on hand shall be equally divided amongst my four sons, Viz: Fredrick, Matthias, Joseph and Jacob, all my poultry and bees is to be left on the premises for the use of my son, Jacob. My grandson, Matthias, son of Sarah is to have one mans saddle if there should be one at my death found among my property.

LASTLY, I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Joseph and Matthias Wagner my Executors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do to this my Will set my hand and seal, May 28th, 1849.

her
Susannah x Wagner
mark

Signed, Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the Testator.

TEST:

Eljah Dougherty

J. G. Vaught.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY To
Matthias M. Wagner ON THE ESTATE OF SUSANNAH WAGNER, DECEASED.
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } To Matthias M. Wagner, of Johnson County.

It appearing to the Court that Susannah Wagner, has died leaving a written Will in which you are appointed Executor which has been duly proved in open Court; and that you having bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by said Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you, the said Matthias M. Wagner to enter upon the Execution of said Will and to take into your possession all the property and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and to make due collection of all debts, and after paying all just demands against the Testatrix and settling up the business of said estate according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and to do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the said Will and the laws of the land.

WITNESS WHEREOF, A. Bradfute, Clerk at office the 5th day of February, A.D. 1850.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO SAMUEL E. McQUEEN ON THE ESTATE OF REUBEN POTTER, Deceased.
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } To Samuel E. McQueen, a citizen of Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Reuben Potter has died leaving no will and the Court satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court at office, this 2nd day of April, 1850.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

Johnson County.

To Samuel E. McQueen, a citizen of

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Thomas McQueen has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of our said Court, at office this 6th day of August, 1880.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

Johnson County;

To John L. Blevins, a citizen of

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Leander Blevins has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to ~~authorize~~ authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate, which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of our said Court at office this 6th day of August, 1880.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO B. COUNCILL AND Wm. SHULL ON THE ESTATE OF JOHN SHULL, DECEASED.
STATE OF TENNESSEE
JOHNSON COUNTY } To B. Councill and Wm. Shull, citizens of
Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that John Shull has died, leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration issue to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril, all the goods, Chattels, claims, and papers, of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate, which lawfully devolve on you as Administrators, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the ~~residue~~ residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court, at office, this 8th day of October, 1880.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO ISAAC W. McQUEEN, ON THE ESTATE OF DAVID H. SHOON, DECEASED.
STATE OF TENNESSEE
JOHNSON COUNTY } To Isaac W. McQueen, a citizen of
Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that David H. Shoon has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court at office this 8th day of November, A.D. 1880.

A. Bradfute, Clerk

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO JOHN H. VAUGHT, ON THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH MAY, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

To John H. Vaught, a citizen of

Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Elizabeth May, has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court, at office, this 3rd day of December, A.D. 1880.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO WM. H. DUGGER ON THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN CABLE,
DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

To William H. Dugger, a citizen of

Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Benjamin Cable has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up the said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court at office this 7th day of January A.D. 1881.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO PHILIP M. KISER ON THE ESTATE OF LEWIS KISER, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO Phillip M. Kiser, a citizen of
Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that Lewis Kiser has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court at office
this 7th day of January, A.D. 1851.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO ELIJAH & EMELINE MORELAND, ON THE ESTATE OF NICHOLAS
MORELAND, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

To Elijah & Emeline Moreland,
citizens of Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that Nicholas Moreland has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court at office this
5th day of February, A.D. 1851.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO JAMES W. HARDIN, ON THE ESTATE OF E. A. SHOWN, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } To James W. Hardin, a citizen of
Johnson County.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Elihu A. Shown, has died leaving no will and that the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, A. Bradfute, Clerk of said Court at office,
this 6th day of January A.D. 1882.

A. Bradfute, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO R. R. BUTLER, ON THE ESTATE OF MILES WILCOX, Deceased.
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO R. R. Butler, a citizen of
Johnson County.

It appearing to the Court now in session, that Miles Wilcox has died leaving no will and that the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified according to law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contral all the goods, chattels, claims, papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson Clerk of said Court at office in Taylorsville, this 3rd day of May, A.D. 1882.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO H. L. JOHNSON ON THE ESTATE OF M. S. BROWN, Deceased.
STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY } To Harvey L. Johnson, Administrator,
a citizen of said County.

Ordered by the Court that Letters issue.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after paying and settling all the debts in short, after settling up said estate to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid in Taylorsville, this 7th day of June, A. D. 1882.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of
Rachel Whaly, Deceased

Believing the time of my departure to be near at hand and feeling desirous that no difficulty should arise after my decease in regard to what I now possess, I, Rachael Whaly of Johnson County and State of Tennessee, being in my right mind make this my last will and testament (bill)

I am desirous that after my decease my body shall be buried in a plain and decent manner and that after all my debts and funeral expenses shall have been settled, the following disposition be made of what may remain.

1st. I will that the money I loaned to David R. Stout be retained by him in payment of what I owe him for the use of his land and house for three years.

2nd. I will that Rachel Stout, daughter of D. R. Stouts have my spinning wheel and loom and everything connected in any way or belonging in any way to the loom.

3rd. I will that D. R. Stout have my spotted heifer supposed to be three years old.

4th I will that my sheep, cattle, land and what ever may remain after the aforesaid claims are settled be given to William Riley a Wismore and his two brothers, John David, and James Alexander, also onshog and my horse shall be given to the said three sons of Jane Wismore and also my bed, one plough and gearing.

5th I also constitute and appoint D. R. stout as my Executor. Given under my hand & seal this 1st day of June, 1880.
WITNESS Rachel X Whaly (SEAL)
Alex McQueen MARK
Reuben Fletcher.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO WED. SMITH ON THE ESTATE OF HENRY ALLSPAUGH, DECEASED:
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } To A. D. Smith, a citizen.

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that Henry Allspaugh has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified according to law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contról all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and do all things agreeable to law to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are ~~law~~ by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, in Taylorsville, this 2nd day of August, A.D. 1882.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO A. M. WILSON ON THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM WILSON, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } To Alex M. Wilson a citizen of
Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that William has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified according to law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and to do all things agreeably to law, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, in Taylorsville, this 6th day of September A.D. 1882.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO SAMUEL McQUEEN ON THE ESTATE OF NICHOLAS GRINDSTAFF
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) COUNTY COURT, FEBRUARY TERM, 1853.
To Samuel E. McQueen, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Nicholas Grindstaff had died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contrl all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof according to law, to collect ~~all the debts~~ and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office in Taylorsville, the 7th day of February, A.D. 1853.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO H. C. SMITH ON THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM P. WAUGH,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) COUNTY COURT, FEBRUARY TERM, 1853.
To Hamilton C. Smith, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, th at William P. Waugh a non-resident of the State has died, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contrl all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof according to law, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, clerk of said Court at office in Taylorsville, this 7th day of February, A.D. 1853.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO A. M. WILSON ON THE ESTATE OF RACHAEL WILSON, DECEASED,
STATE OF TENNESSEE.
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, DECEMBER TERM, 1882.

To A. M. Wilson, a citizen of Johnson County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that Rachael Wilson has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contral all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestat and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after ~~having~~ having settled up said estate to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

WITNES, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, in Taylorsville, this 6th day of December, A.D. 1882.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO HARVEY L. JOHNSON, ON THE ESTATE OF HENRY W. BROWN,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } To H. L. Johnson, a citizen of said county.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that Henry W. Brown has died, leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take in to your possession and contril all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof according to law, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administration and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNES, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, in Taylorsville this 3rd day of January A.D. 1883.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO GREEN MOORE ON THE ESTATE OF MONFORD S. DICKSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

To Green Moore a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that M. S. Dickson, has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNES, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, this 6th day of June, A.D., 1853.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO JAMES W. WRIGHT, ON THE ESTATE OF NANCY VAUGHT, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

To James W. Wright, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the Court, now in session that Nancy Vaught has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court; to collect and pay all debts, and do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNES, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at his office this 6th day of July, A.D. 1853.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

By J. H. Wagner, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO PETER D. WILLS, ON THE ESTATE OF JAMES. W. McQUOWN, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } To Peter D. Wills, a citizen of said
County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session,
that James W. McQuown, has died leaving no written will and
the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Adminis-
tration and you having given bond and qualified as directed
by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Adminis-
tration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you
to take into your possession and control all the goods,
chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a
true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County
Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact
all the duties in relation to said estate which devolve
on you as administrator lawfully and after having settled
said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are
by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office,
this 5th day of Sept, A.D. 1883.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO FREDERICK SLIMP ON THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM TRIMBLE,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } To Frederick Slimp a citizen of
said County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session
that William Trimble has died leaving no written will
and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the
Administration and you having given bond and qualified
as directed by law and the Court having ordered that
Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession and control all the
goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and
return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next
County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and
transact all the duties in relation to said estate which
lawfully devolve on you as administrator and after having
settled said estate to deliver the residue thereof
to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office
this 5th day of September, A.D. 1883.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO H. H. GILLELAND, ON THE ESTATE OF JAMES GILLELAND, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1853.

To Hamilton H. Gilleland, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that James Gilleland has died leaving no written will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office this 3rd day of October, A.D. 1853.

R. L. Wilson Clerk.

AUGUST TERM, 1853.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
JOSEPH ROBINSON, DECEASED.

I, Joseph Robinson, Sr., do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament.

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

SECONDLY, I give and bequeath to my wife, Sarah, Robinson, all the horses, cattle, hogs and other stock of whatever kind which I may die possessed of except as herein after directed all the money I have in possession or which is due me from any and all persons all my notes on any and all persons whether calling for money or trade all my blacksmith tools, farming tools, and mechanical tools, of every description, all my household and kitchen furniture of every kind and description, all my grain of every kind including corn, oats, wheat and all the personal property of every kind except as hereinafter directed, everything she may raise on the land on which I now live, every species of property she may accumulate I also give and bequeath to her the privilege of tending, using or renting any portion of my land which she may choose, also the use and possession of my dwellinghouse and other buildings.

THIRDLY, I give and bequeath to my son, John Robinson my black horse.

FOURTHLY, I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Taylor two cows.

FIFTHLY, I will and bequeath to my daughter, Mar-

garet Taylor, wife of Thomas Taylor my tract of land lying North of the stage road and North and west of the tract of land which I have given and deeded to my son John Robinson as far as the lower end of a cloverfield below where my son Zacheriah Robinson now lives and bounded on the Northeast side by the lands of Samuel Howard, by the fence on the lower side of said clover field and by a line running from the southwest end of said fence to the point of a leading ridge, then up said ridge running a southwest course to the line described in the deed consolidating several tracts of land including the land on which I now live, then with said last mentioned line South to the land of John Robinson, with the following conditions (viz) the said Margaret Taylor and her husband, Thomas Taylor are to maintain, nourish and cherish my wife Sarah Robinson and in every way conduct themselves towards her as becomes children towards a parent to the satisfaction of her the said Sarah Robinson and if they do so until her death then the tract of land above described shall be the property of said Margaret Taylor and her heirs, but if the said Margaret Taylor and Thomas Taylor or either of them shall not demean or conduct themselves towards the said Sarah Robinson to her satisfaction she may dispossess them at any time and cause them to leave her premises and in that case they shall forfeit any title to said land and this will shall convey no title to the said Margaret. As a further condition the said Margaret and Thomas Taylor or either of them shall not be permitted to cut any cordwood or any timber on said tract of land, except what may be necessary for the use of the said farm.

SIXTHLY, I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine Robinson and her two daughters Hannah and Edney ~~Robinson~~ Caroline Robinson the remaining portion of the tract of land which is described in State Grant No. 28031 dated on the 30th day of July, 1881 lying in Johnson County, Tennessee, District No. 7 and which has not been conveyed by me to Margaret Taylor and Joseph Robinson, Jr. said Catherine Robinson and her said two daughters are to have an equal interest and share of said remaining portion of land whoever shall well and comfortably maintain the said Catherine and Hannah Robinson during their lifetime shall be entitled to their share or their two thirds portions of said remaining tract and the said Edney Caroline Robinson when she shall be of lawful age shall have full title to her one-third part of said remaining portion of land. I also bequeath to the said Catherine Robinson and her said two daughters twelve head of stock hogs and five head of sheep that are now in possession of my son Joseph Robinson,

SEVENTHLY, I give and bequeath to each of my children two dollars in money.

EIGHTHLY, I do hereby nominate and appoint Samuel Howard and H. F. Murphy my Executors. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 25th day of June, 1883.

Joseph Robinson, (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator, this 25th day of June, 1883.
H. F. MURPHY
SAMUEL HOWARD
JOSEPH ROBINSON

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT
OF BARBARY McQUEEN, DECEASED

I, Barbary McQueen, of the County of Johnson, and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former Wills at any time heretofore and,

First, I direct that my body be decently interred in a manner suitable to my condition in life and as to such worldly estate as hath pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows:

FIRST, I direct that my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any moneys I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate.

SECONDLY, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Margaret Eilevins, Catharine Eilevins, Mary Dison, Rachael Venable, Rebecca Mink, Lucinda Lewis, Malinda Goodwin, Sarah Hays and Elvy Crow, all the remaining part of my estate which I wish my daughters above mentioned to meet as soon after my decease as possible and divide the same equally among themselves in peace and harmony and if cannot agree in the division of the estate, my Executors to sell the estate and divide the money equally among my daughters above named.

I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my esteemed friend, Caleb Wills, Executor of this my last will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Barbary McQueen the said Testator have to this my Will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal, this first day of October in the year of our Lord, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty One.

Her
Barbary x McQueen, (SEAL)
mark.

Signed, sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the Testator and each other.

I. W. McQueen
William Davies.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO H. F. MURPHEY, ON THE ESTATE OF ISAAC GRINDSTAFF, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, FEBRUARY TERM, 1854.

To H. F. Murphey, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the Court now in session, that Isaac Grindstaff has died leaving no written Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office this 6th day of February, A.D. 1854.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO JOHN LEFLER, ON THE ESTATE OF JACOB LEFLER, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, FEBRUARY TERM, 1854.

To John Lefler, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that Jacob Lefler has died leaving no written will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you, to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson Clerk of said Court, at office this 6th day of February, A.D. 1854.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY To
H. P. MURPHEY AND SAMUEL HOWARD, ON THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH ROBINSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, March TERM, 1854.

It appearing to the Court that Joseph Robinson has died leaving a written Will in which you, H. P. Murphey and Samuel Howard are appointed Executors, which has been duly proved in open Court and you having been qualified according to law and it having been ordered by said Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said H. P. Murphey and Samuel Howard to enter into execution of said Will and to take into your possession all the property and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all just demands against the Testator and after settling up the business of said estate according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and to do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said Will and the law of the land.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of March A. D. 1854.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO
JOHN WAUGH ON THE ESTATE OF WM. F. WAUGH, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, JUNE TERM, 1854.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, now in session that Wm. F. Waugh has died leaving a written Will in which you, John Waugh are appointed Executor, which has been proved in and registered in N. C. and produced in open Court here, and you having entered into bond approved by the Court and qualified as such according to law and the Court having ordered that Letters Testamentary be issued to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said John Waugh to enter into the execution of said Will and to take into your possession all the property and effects and to make to the next County Court a perfect inventory thereof and to make due collection of all debts and after paying all just demands against the Testator and after settling up the business of said estate according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and to do all other things that may be required according to law and the provisions of said will.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office this 8th day of June, A.D. 1854.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
WM. HAYSE ON THE ESTATE OF WM. H. HAYSE, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, AUGUST TERM, 1854.

TO WILLIAM HAYSE, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that William Henry Hayse, has died leaving no written Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you, to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office this 7th day of August, 1854.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT of
JAMES KEYS, DECEASED.

I, James Keyse, of Johnson County and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind and deposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, do make and publish the following as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and setting aside all Wills made by me at any former time.

FIRST, I give and bequeath all the property of which I may die possessed to the payment of my just debts if any and to the payment of my funeral expenses.

SECOND, I give and bequeath to my wife, Margaret Keyse, if she survives me, my mare and stock of cattle and sheep and all my household and kitchen furniture to use as she may see proper for her support and to dispose of at her death as she may think proper.

THIRD, I give and bequeath to my sons, Robert W., and David L. Keyse, my windmill or wheat fan and fifty acres of land I hold by Grant from the State of Tennessee, situated on Valley Creek in Johnson County in equal portions on condition that they pay to my son John Keyse, fifty dollars or a horse of the value of the value of fifty dollars in case they fail to make said payment of fifty dollars I give and bequeath the said fifty acres of land to my son John Keyse, it being my wish that my sons, R. W. & David L. have choice to retain the land and pay the fifty dollars or let the land go as they may select.

FOURTH, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Mary, Margaret a note I hold on her husband, C. J. Moore for about One hundred and six dollars to dispose of as she may think proper.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons, R. W. Keyse, and David L. Keyse, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th day of July, 1854.

Signed, sealed published and delivered in presence of, Alex D. Smith and R. Donnelly.

James H Keyse, (SEAL)

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY To
R. W. & DAVID L. KEYSE, ON THE ESTATE OF JAMES KEYSE; DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the County Court of said County, now in session, that James Keyse has died leaving a written Will in which you are appointed Executors which has been duly proved in open court and you having been qualified according to law and it having been ordered by said Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said Robert W. Keyse and David L. Keyse to enter upon the execution of said Will and to take into your possession all the property and to make to the County Court a perfect inventory thereof and to make collections of all debts and after paying all just demands against the Testator and settling the business of said estate according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands to those who are by law entitled, and to do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of the land.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office, this 5th day of February, A.D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
M. L. DUGGER, ON THE ESTATE OF JOHN WILSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

To M. L. DUGGER, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that John Wilson has died and the Court having appointed you as Administrator at its March Term, 1856, and you having given bond and qualified as such and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office this 5th day of March, A. D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY To
ALEXANDER McEWEN, ON THE ESTATE OF CHRISTENIA SMITHPETER,
DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, JUNE TERM, 1855.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Christenia Smithpeter has died leaving a written Will in which you Alexander McEwen are appointed her Executor and which has been duly proven in open Court and you having given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you, Alexander McEwen, to enter upon the execution of said will and to take into your possession and control all the property and effects whatever and to make to the next County Court of said County a perfect inventory thereof and to make due collections of all debts and after paying all just demands against intestate and settling the business of said estate according to law you will pay over and deliver the residue thereof, of whatever kind it may be to those who are by law entitled and to do and transact all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the law of the land.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office this 4th day of June, A.D. 1855.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
CHRISTENIA SMITHPETER, DECEASED.

I, Christenia Smithpeter being far advanced in years and believing the hour of death to be near, make this as my last Will and Testament, Vis:

I desire first that all my funeral expenses be paid out of any money that may be due me.

SECOND, Owing to the kindness and unworried attention of John G. Stout and family I will and bequeath to the said John G. stout and family my bed and all its covering together with all my wearing apparel.

THIRD, I will and bequeath to John G. Stout and family all the money that may be on hand at the time of my decease and all that may be due me from any person or persons, also all that may be due me Government, except one dollar to be paid to be paid to each one of my children.

FOURTH, I desire after all demands are legally settled and one dollar is given to each of my children that John G. Stout and family take possession of all that I may leave behind.

FIFTH, I nominate and appoint Alex McEwen, as my executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Her
Christenia X Smithpeter
mark

Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence this 18th day of April 1855.

John Slimp
L. G. Slimp

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
LOUISA ASHER ON THE ESTATE OF JOHN ASHER, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, JUNE TERM, 1855.

To LOUISA ASHER.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that John Asher has died leaving no written _____ and you having been appointed Administratrix and you having given bond and qualified as such and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory to the next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administratrix and after having settled said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office this 4th day of June, A.D. 1855.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

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LETTERS TESTAMENTARY To
PETER D. WILLS ON THE ESTATE OF LEWIS WILLS, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, AUGUST TERM, and the

6th day A. D. 1855.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Lewis Wills has died, leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executor which Will has been duly proven in open Court and having given bond and qualified as such according to law and it having been ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary be issued to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said Peter D. Wills, to enter upon the execution of said will and to take into your possession and control all the property and effects whatever and to make a perfect inventory thereof to the said County Court, to make collections of all debts and after paying all just demands against the Testator and settling the business of said estate according to law you will pay over and deliver the ~~same~~ rest and residue of property and effects that may remain in your hands to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, this 6 day of August, A. D. 1855.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO R. R. BUTLER, ON THE ESTATE OF WM. R. BLEVINS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO R. R. BUTLER, ESQ., a citizen

of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Wm. R. Blevins has died leaving a written will and the Executor therein named refusing to qualify and the Court having appointed you Administrator with the Will annexed at its September Term, 1855, and you having given bond and qualified as such and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue to those who by law are entitled.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office this 3rd day of September, A. D. 1855.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO THOMAS JAMES ON THE ESTATE OF HESTER M. M. JAMES,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO THOMAS JAMES, a citizen.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Hester M. M. James, has died leaving no written will and the Court having appointed you Administrator and you having given bond and qualified as such and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up the business of said estate to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office this 5th day of November, A. D. 1855.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO R. R. BUTLER, ON THE ESTATE OF WM. R. ELEVINS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

TO R. R. BUTLER, ESQ., a citizen

of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Wm. R. Elevins has died leaving a written will and the Executor therein named refusing to qualify and the Court having appointed you Administrator with the Will annexed at its September Term, 1855, and you having given bond and qualified as such and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue to those who by law are entitled.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office this 3rd day of September, A. D. 1855.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO THOMAS JAMES ON THE ESTATE OF HESTER M. M. JAMES,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

TO THOMAS JAMES, a citizen.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Hester M. M. James, has died leaving no written will and the Court having appointed you Administrator and you having given bond and qualified as such and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up the business of said estate to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office this 5th day of November, A. D. 1855.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
LEWIS WILLS, DECEASED.

I, Lewis Wills of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee, do this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Eight Hundred and fifty two make, publish and declare my last Will and Testament to wit; in the manner and form following:

FIRST

That my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid out of any money that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

SECOND, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, all my household and kitchen furniture and one cow and calf and all provisions on hand so far as she may see proper to retain for her own use and fifty dollars in cash and one-third of all my cleared land including the dwelling-house and a sufficient quantity of timber to support the same during her natural life.

THIRD, To my two sons, Peter D. Wills and Russel B. Wills, I give and bequeath all the lands and tenements of which I am now seized and possessed to them and their heirs for ever, provided that they will each of them pay four hundred dollars apiece to be equally divided among and between their seven sisters or their heirs, Peter D. Wills and Russel B. Wills, four hundred dollars each to be paid within one year after my death, reserving the portion that I have left to my wife during her natural life, at the expiration of which time they are to have full possession of all my lands to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality.

FOURTH, I give and bequeath to my seven daughters to wit: Elizabeth, Loyd, Mary Shoun, Nancy Schristie, Louinda Snider, Susan Keyse, Rebecca Johnson, Rachael McGowan all the balance of my estate including all money on hands, debts to be divided equally among them.

FIFTH, and LASTLY, I do hereby nominate and appoint Peter D. Wills, my executor. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do this my Will set my hand and seal, this 22nd day of March, 1882.

Lewis Wills, (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator, this 22nd day of March, 1882.

Adam Wills
Peter D. Wills.

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
WILLIAM R. BLEVINS, DECEASED.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, William R. Blevins of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make, amend, publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, that is to say:

FIRST, After all my funeral expenses are paid I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows; to wit: To my beloved wife, forty dollars per year during her lifetime if remaining single and if not to be void which said money is to be paid from the forge also one feather bed and appurtenances belonging thereto with all my household and kitchen furniture, one milk cow, one yearling heifer, eight head of hogs.

SECOND, To my beloved grand daughter, Mary Ann Blevins one feather bed and its appurtenances also one cow, also three head of sheep.

THIRD, To my beloved son, Wm. C. Blevins, four head of a sheep.

FOURTH, I do hereby appoint my two sons, viz. Nepolan B. Blevins and William C. Blevins, Executors full powers and authority to sell a certain quantity of land lying in the four hundred acre tract of land on the South side of Beaver Dam Creek, joining said Executors' lands; and said Executors if should sell the above named is to pay all my just debts with the proceeds thereof and any money remaining thereof said lands I bequeath to my grand-son, William R. Blevins, the one-half of the proceeds of the above stated, also bequeath to Christopher E. Blevins, the residue of the above named proceeds, I also give to William Henderson Blevins six acres of land being more or less lying on the south side of Beaver Dam Creek, beginning on a spruce pine, to my son, Artestead twenty five dollars to be paid in Bear Iron, to my daughter Sarah's children one dollar, to my son John L. Blevins, one dollar, to my son James L. Blevins, one dollar, to my daughter, Elizabeth Blevins, Fifty acres of land which is covered by the four hundred acre tract, to my daughter Rebecca Widby, one dollar, I likewise retain two ear banks in the above named land with three acres of land adjoining to each bank for the use of the forge.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 28th of December, 1884.
William R. Blevins, (SEAL)
His wife

TEST:
R. H. BARRY
WILLIAM W. TIPTON

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO JOHN REECE ON THE ESTATE OF CASUAL T. REECE, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } TO JOHN REECE, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, at its February Term, A.D. 1856 that Casual T. Reece has died leaving no written Will and ~~Tammany~~ the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof according to law, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office in Taylorsville, this 4th day of February A. D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
JULIA EMMERT ON THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM EMMERT, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, MARCH TERM, 1856.

TO JULIA EMMERT, a citizen of said County.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, at its March Term, 1856, that William C. Emmert has died leaving no written Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof according to law, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, this 3rd day of March, A. D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
THOMAS WARD, ON THE ESTATE OF JOHN WILSON, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, APRIL TERM, 1856.

It appearing to the County Court of said county now in session, that John Wilson has died and you having been appointed as Administrator at its April Term, 1856, and you having given bond and qualified as such and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof according to law, to our County court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to the person or persons who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, this 7th day of April, A. D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
To R. E. DONNELLY ON THE ESTATE OF L. WIDHY, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } It appearing to the
County Court now in session, that Lawson Widhy has died in said County, leaving no written will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the intestate and return a true inventory thereof according to law, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office, this 2nd day of June, A. D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO S. E. McQUEEN UPON THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH G. WAGNER
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, NOVEMBER TERM, 1886.

Whereas, it appears to the Court that Joseph G. Wagner is dead, and having made no last Will or Testament, and the widow of said deceased having waived her right to Letters of Administration upon said estate, and recommends to the County Samuel E. McQueen of said County, and the Court being satisfied of his claim to the Administration of said deceased's estate, and he having given bond and security and qualified as the law in such cases requires the Court therefore orders that he have Letters of Administration accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize you the said Samuel E. McQueen to take into your possession and control all the goods, and chattels, rights and credits of the said Joseph G. Wagner, deceased, wheresoever to be found in this State, and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return into our said Court on oath as the law in such case directs, and all the just debts of the estate of intestate pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend, the residue thereof ~~to~~ to those who have a right by law thereto, herein fail not.

WITNESS, WENKOP, I, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court do hereby subscribe my name and affix the seal of office, at office, in the town of Taylorsville, this the 1st Monday of November, A.D. 1886.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

(SEAL)

THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
MICHAEL SMITHPETER, LATE OF JOHNSON COUNTY
DECEASED.

I, Michael Smithpeter of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make, ordain and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills and Codicils to any Will or Wills by me heretofore made.

It is my Will first that at my death I be buried in a plain and decent manner.

SECONDLY: It is my Will that my Executors hereinafter named pay all the just debts existing Against me at my death and for this purpose I set apart all the money and debts which may be on hand, and which may be due and owing to me at the time of my death, and in the event that shall not be sufficient so much of my personal property which may be on hand and which can be best spared from my farming operations ~~as~~ as may be necessary to that end.

THIRDLY, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary the one-half of my home tract of land on which I ~~am~~ now live together with the residue of my household and kitchen furniture and all the stock such as cattle, milch cows, horses and farming utensils (after my debts shall have been paid as aforesaid that may be convenient or necessary to carry on the part of the farm hereby allotted to her which is to include my dwelling house, kitchen, barn and all the other out buildings therewith connected, during her natural life; It is my Will further that my said wife Mary shall have corn, wheat, rye, oats, hay, fodder, meat, And provisions enough out of what may be on hand at my death to support herself and family to wit: any or all

of her unmarried children that may choose to live or remain with her after my death by her consent, the slaves hereinafter be bequeathed to her for life togeth or with the stock aforesaid for one year after my death, and to enable my beloved wife, Mary to carry on her farm, viz it is my will further that she have my three slaves to wit: Sam, Lawson, and Edny, during her natural life.

FOURTH, It is my will that my said home farm together with all the lands connected therewith including what is called the sink-hole lands containing in the aggregate upwards of two thousand acres be equally divided in value as near as may be between my two sons Hiram Smithpeter and David Smithpeter in fee simple to them and their heirs forever, after reserving the life estate aforesaid to my wife, Mary of the one-half of the home tract of land the lands above bequeathed to my said two sons, Hiram and David Smithpeter I value at six thousand dollars which together with one thousand dollars which I have heretofore given in a negro and other property to my son David, will give him four thousand dollars of my estate, and I have heretofore given to my son, Hiram Smithpeter the sum of five hundred dollars in a negro viz which together with the foregoing bequest will give him three thousand five hundred dollars of my estate.

FIFTH, I will and bequeath to my son William Smithpeter my Swan Plantation conveyed to me by Jacob Carter and also one hundred acres of land adjoining the same conveyed to me by John Grindstaff containing in the whole by estimation three hundred and sixty three acres be the same more or less, to have and to hold said two tracts of land according to the butts and bounds set forth and described in the conveyance aforesaid to me, the lands hereby bequeathed to my said son William Smithpeter, I value at three thousand dollars, which together with a negro boy and other property which I have heretofore given to my said son, William Smithpeter valued at one thousand dollars will give to him four thousand dollars of my estate.

SIXTH, I have heretofore given to Matelon McEwen, wife of Samuel McEwen and her said husbands lands and other property valued to them at twelve hundred dollars. To my daughter Mary Smith, wife of James Smith, in a negro girl and other property valued to them at six hundred dollars and to my daughter Louisa Smith, wife of Lafayette Smith a negro girl and other property valued to her at six hundred dollars. It is therefore my will that all my negroes not herein otherwise disposed of be valued by two disinterested men who shall be sworn to value them at their true value and that said negroes shall be divided amongst my said three daughters as their lawful heirs so that Matelon McEwen and her heirs; Mary Smith and her heirs; and Louisa Smith and her heirs. In using the term heirs in this my will it is to be distinctly understood that I mean heirs of the body and ~~and~~ none other) shall each receive of my estate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars with what they have each already received and that after this shall be done then it is my will that my son

Hiram Smithpeter, my daughter Matelon McEwen, Mary Smith, and Louisa Smith shall each receive by a division of my ~~negroes~~ negroes as aforesaid the sum of five hundred dollars to make each of them equal to my said sons David Smithpeter and William Smithpeter if my negroes and sale of other property will effect this object, including the sale of all the personal property and the negroes therein bequeathed to my wife Mary after her death, this provision is not to be understood to inhibit a division of my slaves amongst my said children till my said wife's death, but said slaves are to be divided amongst said sons and daughters as above directed as soon after my death as possible, except those set apart to my said wife and they and their increase shall be divided at her death as aforesaid.

SEVENTH, After the above bequests shall have been settled as aforesaid if there is a sufficient amount of money or property left, it is my will that my Executors pay to my son Alfred Smithpeter the sum of one thousand dollars and if there should not be so much left after said bequests then whatever may be left but if there should be more than one thousand dollars left after said bequests, then it is my will after my said son Alfred Smithpeter shall have, that the residue of my property if it can be done be equally divided between my said sons, Hiram Smithpeter, William Smithpeter, David Smithpeter and my daughter Matelon McEwen, Mary Smith, and Louisa Smith, and their heirs, but it is distinctly understood that if my estate should not prove as valuable as I think it is or if my negroes should die so that my said six children cannot be made equal then my said son, David, William and Hiram, shall each pay according to the value I have herein placed upon the land herein bequeathed to them by me, to Matelon McEwen, Mary Smith, and Louisa Smith, my daughters aforesaid after the division of my negroes as before directed an amount that will make them on an equal footing with my said three sons, the reason I have made the provision in this will in the way I have in ~~regard~~ regard to my son, Alfred Smithpeter is I gave him when he removed to the West, about one thousand dollars some years since and he has had the benefit and advantage of laying it out for lands viz. whereas my other children have had nor will have no such advantage. WHEREAS, I have heretofore given to my daughter, Nancy White and her ~~husband~~ husband John R. White upwards six hundred dollars in a negro woman and the increase has been considerable. It is my will that neither the said Nancy White or her heirs shall have any more of my property either real or personal. And whereas I have heretofore given to Sarah Williams, wife of Pleasant Williams in land and other property about twelve hundred dollars and they have sunk me in property by lawsuits about five thousand dollars in addition it is my will that they or their heirs shall ever inherit another dollar of my estate and to wit neither the said Nancy White and her heirs or the said Sarah Williams or her heirs shall be considered as my heirs or the heirs of either of my said children, David Smithpeter, Hiram Smithpeter, William

Smithpeter, Alfred Smithpeter, Matilda McEwen, Mary Smith, and Louisa Smith and the heirs of their body or the heirs born to them in lawful wedlock. It is my will further that the property which I may die seized and possessed of whether real or personal and not herein specifically bequeathed or to be divided by a fair and just construction of this my Will by my Executors shall be equally divided between my said children, David, Hiram, & William Smithpeter and Matilda McEwen, Mary Smith and Louisa Smith, if the same can be done or either of my said children may take it by the consent of the others, at its fair value in the settlement of their portion of my estate as before set forth or any part of it if this cannot be done then my Executors may sell the same, a majority of them agreeing thereto either at private or public sale on such time as they may think will be for the best interest of my said children. It is my will and desire that my two slaves, Susan and Lucinda shall be emancipated if the laws of the land will permit them to remain in this state or if they or either of them shall prefer to go to a free country and if not then they shall have and enjoy a quasi freedom in this country and shall have the right of managing and working for themselves and it is my will further that my Executors shall pay to each of said negro women the sum of two hundred dollars out of the first monies which shall come into their hands and allow them in addition thereto their clothing and all the household and kitchen furniture which they or either of them shall or may have on hand at the time of my death.

It is my will and desire that all the property herein bequeathed or intended to be bequeathed to my daughters Matilda McEwen, Polly Smith and Louisa Smith and their heirs or the property or money which they shall inherit from my estate shall be and go to their separate use and benefit and shall not be subject to the contract or benefit of their said husbands or either of them or be made subject to their contracts or debts.

It is my will further and I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons, William Smithpeter and David Smithpeter and Carrick W. Nelson Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of September (Sunday) Anno Domini 1855.

Michael Smithpeter, (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of the Testator and in the presence of each other.

J. C. Howard
William Raser
his
Vaught
mark

STATE OF TENNESSEE, JOHNSON COUNTY: I, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County do certify that at the November Term, 1855, of said Court the within last will & Testament was exhibited and duly proved by the undersubscribing

witnesses on-oath and ordered that the same be recd.

witnesses in open court and ordered that the same be recorded.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, NOVEMBER TERM, 1856.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here, that Michael Smithpeter late of said County is dead and hath made his last Will and Testament in which he has appointed Carrick W. Nelson and David Smithpeter and William Smithpeter, Executors to the same, which will hath been exhibited into Court and proved as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased be issued to said C. W. Nelson, and David Smithpeter, they having given bond and security and been qualified agreeable to law, the said William Smithpeter having failed to appear in said Court and qualify.

These are therefore to empower you the said Carrick W. Nelson and David Smithpeter to enter into and upon all and singular the goods, and chattels, rights and credits of the said Michael Smithpeter, deceased and the same into your possession take wheresoever the same may be found and a true and perfect inventory thereof to make and return into our said Court as the law in such case directs, and the just debts of the said Michael Smithpeter, deceased, to pay and also well and truly to pay and deliver all the legacies contained and specified in said Testament as the said goods, chattels & credits will thereunto extend, and the law charges.

WITNESS, WHEREOF, I, Richard L. Wilson clerk of the County Court of said Johnson County hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Court at office in Taylorsville the 1st Monday in November, A. D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
HUGH JENKINS UPON THE ESTATE OF HIS LATE WIFE,
SUSANNAH JENKINS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, NOVEMBER TERM, A.D. 1856.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court here that Susannah Jenkins late of said County, (and the late wife of Hugh Jenkins) is dead and having made no will or testament and application being made by Hugh Jenkins to have Letters of Administration granted to him upon the estate of the said Susannah Jenkins, deceased, he having given bond and security as by law in such case is required; the Court therefore orders that he have Letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said Hugh Jenkins to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said Susannah Jenkins ~~deceased~~ deceased, and the same into your possession take wheresoever to be found in this State and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return into said Court agreeable to law on oath and all the debts of the intestate pay so far as the said estate will pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend, the residue thereof deliver to those who have a right thereto by law, ~~as~~ herein fall not.

WITNESS, Richard L. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court at office in Taylorsville, the 1st Monday in November
A. D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
ASA REESE ON THE ESTATE OF McCLELLAND WAGNER, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, APRIL TERM, 1887.

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that McClelland Wagner is dead and having made no last will or testament, and application being made by Asa Reese to have letters of Administration granted to him on the estate of the said McClelland Wagner, deceased, he having given bond and security as by law in such cases required; that Court therefore orders that he have Letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said Asa Reese to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said McClelland Wagner, deceased and the same into your possession take, wheresoever to be found in this State, and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return according to law on oath; and all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend, the residue thereof deliver to those who have a right thereto, herein fail not.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of our said Court at office, the first Monday in April, A.D. 1887.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
MELVIN ARRENDALL UPON THE ESTATE OF THE LATE RICHARD
ARRENDALL

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, MAY SESSION, A.D. 1887.

TO MELVIN ARRENDALL:

WHEREAS, it appears to the Court that Richard Arrendell has departed this life in this County and having made no last Will and Testament and you having made application to have Letters of Administration granted to you upon the estate of said Richard Arrendell, deceased; and you having given bond and security; and been sworn as the law in such cases requires. The Court therefore orders that you have Letters accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said Melvin Arrendell to enter into and upon all and singular the goods, and chattels, rights and credits of said Richard Arrendell, deceased; and the same into your possession take wheresoever to be found in this State; and a true and perfect inventory thereof make and return on oath according to law, and all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the said estate will amount or extend the residue thereof deliver to those who have a right thereto by law, herein fail not.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, at office, in Taylorsville the first Monday being the 4th day of May A. D. 1887.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
H. L. JOHNSON UPON THE ESTATE OF THE LATE GEORGE W. DUFF.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, MARCH TERM, 1856.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that George W. Duff has died leaving no written Will and the widow having waived her right to the Administration and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and that Letters of Administration be issued to you, To H. L. Johnson, Esquire and C & C.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, rights and credits, claims & papers of the said G. W. Duff, deceased and make a true and perfect inventory thereof and return the same to the County Court on oath according to law and pay all the just debts of intestate so far as the said estate will amount or extend and the residue thereof deliver to those who are by law entitled to recover the same, herein fail not.

WITNESSE, H. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court at office
this 1st day of March A. D. 1856.

H. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
ANDREW CABLE ON THE ESTATE OF CONROD CABLE, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, MAY TERM, 1856.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session, that Casper Cable has died leaving no written will and you having made application for Letters of Administration ~~and being qualified~~ to be issued to you and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having been qualified as directed by law and you having given bond as required and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers and to enter fully upon your duty in relation to said estate and return a full true and perfect inventory thereof to our County Court and settle same pay all just debts and if there is anything found remaining on your hand you shall deliver the same to such persons as by law are entitled to receive the same.

This 3rd day of May A.D. 1856.

H. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
R. R. BUTLER ON THE ESTATE OF JOHN SLIMP, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

TO R. R. BUTLER, ESQUIRE, A citizen

of Johnson County, Tennessee.

SIR: You having been appointed Administrator of the estate
of John Slimp, Deceased at the August Term, 1856 of said
County Court according to law.

These are therefore to authorize you to take into
your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims
and papers of the deceased and to enter fully upon your
duty as such and return a full true and perfect inventory
to our County Court and settle and pay all just debts
etc. and if there is anything found remaining upon your
account to deliver and pay to such persons as by law
are entitled to receive the same.

WITNESS, R. L. Wilson, Clerk of said Court, this 2^d
August, A. D. 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
HARVEY L. JOHNSON ON THE ESTATE OF H. T. JOHNSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1856.

TO HARVEY L. JOHNSON, ESQUIRE, a citizen of County.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court
now in session that Harrison T. Johnson has died leav-
ing no written will and you having made application for
Letters and you having given bond and qualified and the
Court regarding you as a suitable person and it having
been ordered that Letters of Administration be issued
to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession and control all the
goods, chattels, claims and papers ~~and~~ of the intestate,
and to enter fully upon your duty and return a full, true
and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court
to settle and pay all just debts and after so doing if
there is anything found remaining upon your account
you shall deliver and pay to such persons as are by
law entitled.

WITNESS, my hand this 6th day of September, 1856.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
ADAM SNIDER, DECEASED.

I, Adam Snider do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at anytime made.

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

SECOND, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Elizabeth all my household and kitchen furniture including all the bedding, household furniture, cooking furniture and all that is under my roofs of my dwelling house, kitchen, smokehouse etc together with all my farming tools, wagons etc and all my hogs, sheep, cattle and horses with all my gearing and houses, barns, stables, shops and my blacksmith tools and all the grain, hay etc on hands and as much of my home farm as will be sufficient for her comfortable support together with the four minor children under her protection, to wit: My sons, Andrew, Landon and Emmanuel and my youngest daughter, Amanda for the use of the same subject to her entire contrall during her natural life time together with all the money on hands and all notes and accounts due and owing me.

THIRD, I give and bequeath to my eldest son, Noah, the lower end of my farm, BEGINNING on a stake, thirty poles east of a chestnut corner on the top of a ridge, then rather north to the top of another ridge, then with the extreme height of said ridge to a buck-eye tree near the road, marked a corner, then up the branch to the corner of his fence, then with the crop fence as it now runs, then same course with the crop fence to the top of the ridge, then to the top of the next ridge about six poles below the corner of the back field to a stake, then with the top of the ridge to the rear branch, then up the branch to Alexander Greer's line, then with Greer's line to the back line, then with said line to the BEGINNING, together with all that he has heretofore received as advancements.

FOURTH, I give and bequeath to my second son, Jesse, that part of land that I bought of Alexander H. Cook for which he holds the title to the same in fee-simple containing by estimation one hundred eighty two acres, together with all that he has heretofore received in advancements, and if he should have anything to pay out or lose anything in regard to said land for my wife, Elizabeth to refund to him the half amount of the liability out of any money on hands or as she may otherwise think best to compensate him to half the amount.

FIFTH, I give and bequeath to my third son, Alexander, that tract of land on which he now lives, containing by estimation one hundred and ten acres for which he holds the title to the same in fee-simple together with all else that he has heretofore received as advancements.

SIXTH, I give and bequeath to my son Andrew, one-half of a tract of land in Ashe County, North Carolina to be equally divided between and Noah Snider according to quality and quantity, containing by estimation three hundred acres to which I hold a title bond on the said Noah Snider and in which I direct him to make the title to my son Andrew on his becoming of age and also one-half of an entry and that my wife Elizabeth pay one-half of all expenses in clearing out said entry and also that he be made equal with my other sons in other property out of the property left in the hands of my wife, Elizabeth on his becoming of age.

SEVENTH, I give and bequeath to my son, Landon one hundred and ten acres of land lying in District No. 9, adjoining the land on which my son Alexander now lives and that he also be made equal in other property with my other sons on his becoming of age out of the property in the hands of my wife and also the tract of land on which my son, Jesse now lives BEGINNING on a chestnut tree in the State line, then down with the present crop line to a small chestnut on the top of a ridge, then back to a gap in the state line, then with the state line to the BEGINNING.

EIGHT, I give and bequeath to my son Emmanuel all the residue of my lands on which now live ~~both in Tennessee and North Carolina~~ both in Tennessee and North Carolina and to have possession of such part as my wife may see proper to give him on his becoming of age and after her death to have full possession of the whole, and that he be made equal with my other sons in other property on his becoming of age out of the property in the hands of my wife.

NINTH, I give and bequeath to my daughters, Nancy and Sarah the horse, cattle, household and kitchen furniture and all ~~the residue of my property~~ which they have heretofore received and taken away as advancements and that my daughters, Elizabeth and Amanda be made equal with Nancy and Sarah in all respects out of the property in the hands of my wife, Elizabeth at anytime when she may call for it and Amanda when she becomes of age.

TENTH, That my son, Jesse remain on the tract of land on which he now lives two years from this date.

LASTLY, I, appoint and nominate my wife, Elizabeth my Executrix without security I

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do to this my will set my hand seal this 8th day of January, A. D. 1859.

his x Mark
Adam Snider (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this 8th day of January, A. D. 1859.

J. W. Vaught
his
R. W. Jenkins
Mark

Proved in open court at the test.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk, February Term, 1859.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
ROBERT WRIGHT UPON THE ESTATE OF JAMES W. WRIGHT, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, MARCH TERM, 1859.

TO ROBERT WRIGHT, ESQUIRE:

Sir: You having been appointed Administrator of the estate of James W. Wright, deceased, a citizen of said County who lately departed this life and you having given bond at the March term of said Court and the 7th day as required by law and having been duly sworn as such, V.C.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims, papers, effects of every description of intestate and to enter fully upon your duty as such and return a full true and perfect inventory thereof to our County Court according to law and to settle and pay all just debts and to do and transact all things according to law and after having settled said estate if there is anything found remaining upon your account you will deliver and pay to such person or persons as are by law entitled to receive the same.

WITNESS, my hand at office this 7th day of March, 1859.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that Joseph Southerland has died leaving no written will and the widow having waived her right to the Administration and the Court being satisfied that Samuel E. McQueen and Hexr Southerland are proper persons to administer and they having given bond and qualified.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, and claims and papers and to enter fully upon your duty as Admr. of said estate and return a full true and perfect inventory thereof to our County Court, to settle and pay all just debts and if there is anything found remaining on your account you will deliver and pay to such persons as are by law entitled to receive the same.

This 22nd day of May, A. D. 1859.

R. L. Wilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
I. W. McQUEEN UPON THE ESTATE OF SIMION SLIMP, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1859.

TO I. W. McQUEEN, a citizen of said County, at the above term it was made appear to the Court that Simion had lately deceased in said County leaving _____ written Will and you having been appointed Administrator of his estate and having given bond and qualified as such.

These are therefore to authorize you to take into your possession and controll all the claims, papers and effects of every description of intestate and render a true inventory thereof to our County Court, to settle and pay all just debts and render a full accounts of your Administration within two years from the date of these Letters and after having settled up the business of said estate to deliver and pay the residue to those who are by law entitled thereto.

WITNESS, my hand this first Monday in September, 1859.

R. L. Wilson Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
JAMES BRADLEY AND THOMAS WARD ON THE ESTATE OF JAMES BROWN
DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, DECEMBER TERM, 1859.

MR. JAMES BROWN AND THOMAS WARD, ESQUIRES:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, now in session, that James Bradley lately departed this life in said County, in which you are appointed Executors in his written will and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers and effects of every description of intestates and return a true inventory thereof to our County Court, to settle and pay all just debts and to do and transact all things in relation to said estate agreeable to law and carry out the provisions of the Will as far as practible and after having settled the business of said estate to deliver and pay the residue to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, my hand this 5th day of December, 1859.

R. L. Gilson, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
THOMAS WARD AND JAMES BROWN ON THE ESTATE OF JAMES BRADLEY
5th SEPTEMBER, 1859.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, now in session that James Bradley lately departed this life in this County, leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executors and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs.

These are therefore to authorize you to take into possession and contrroll all the goods, chattels, rights and credits of intestate of every description and to collect and pay all just debts of every description and to enter fully upon your duty as Executors and after having settled up the business of said estate to deliver and pay the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled to receive the same.

WITNESS, my hand at office this 5th day of september 1859.

(Not signed, practically same as one on page 128, Transcriber's note)

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
JAMES BRADLEY, DECEASED

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, James Bradley of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee being in my right mind and having my natural senses and being uninfluenced by prejudice or passion do make this my last Will and Testament this 20 day of August in the year of our Lord, 1889.

I will that all my lands that I am now in possession of be sold together and if any personally property, it to be sold and the money divided as follows, to wit:

1. I bequeath to my son, Daniel's heirs, one hundred and twenty five dollars.

2nd I bequeath to my son George, eight hundred dollars.

3rd. I bequeath to my daughter, Polly Baker, three hundred dollars.

4th. I bequeath to my daughter Delia Ward, three hundred dollars.

5th. I bequeath to my daughter, Orpha Ward, three hundred dollars.

6th. I bequeath to my daughter, Oney Baker, three hundred dollars.

7th. I bequeath to the heirs of Elizabeth Cable, three hundred dollars.

8th. I bequeath to my son Irvin K. Bradley, five dollars.

9th. I bequeath to my daughter, Lucinda Duggers, heirs, two hundred dollars.

10th. I bequeath to my daughter, Nancy Goodwin, three hundred dollars.

11th. I bequeath to my daughter, Lucinda White, five dollars.

12th. I bequeath to my daughter, Elenor Shull, two hundred dollars.

13th. I bequeath to my grand son, James K. Shull, two hundred dollars.

I will that after paying the above sums as heretofore directed and all other lawful claims on the estate (cus)

I will if there be any money left in the hands of the Executors, I will that it shall be equally divided between Delila Ward and Oney Baker and Elenor Shull and Elizabeth Cables heirs, (cus)

Having now expressed my design as to the way and manner in which I wish all my matters to be arranged, I do hereby appoint, constitute and ordain James Brown and Thomas Ward of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee, my Executors to perform and constitute this my last Will and Testament with full powers and authority to do the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, James Bradley have set my hand and seal and affixed my name the day and date above written.

James Bradley, (SEAL)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in our presence the day and date above written.

A. J. Duncan
Samuel Duggers.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
WILLIAM McQUEEN, DECEASED

I, William McQueen of the County of Johnson and State of Tennessee do this day make and ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others Wills by me heretofore made.

To my son, Isaac McQueen I give the bedding, household and kitchen furniture all that I now have. To my two sons, John G. McQueen and Elias G. McQueen, each give the notes I hold on them, but the note Elias being the larger I direct that he shall pay to John G. a sum that shall make them both equal in amount. To my two daughters, Sarah and Nancy, now widows, I give each the sum of one hundred and twenty five dollars to be paid out of the monies owing and due me.

I constitute and appoint my son, Isaac W. McQueen Executor of this my last Will and Testament and direct that he shall collect the money now due me and receive also the pension due me from the United States Government. Shall first pay the legacies above named then the bills the physician may charge me, then the funeral expenses of my wife and daughter, Missouria now dead and my own funeral expenses and reserve twenty dollars for his trouble in executing this will. If any sum shall then be left remain it shall be paid to my two daughters as above dividing it equally between them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

William McQueen.

F. H. Kiser.

SETTLEMENT WITH CLERK IN
ESTATE OF WILLIAM McQUEEN, DECEASED

TO AND in hands of Executor in Money of intestate \$300.00

Credit by vouchers examined allowed & copied:

Receipt of John G. McQueen of legacy in full for notes (see will)

Receipt of E. G. McQueen of legacy in full for notes (see will)

C. Elrod, receipt for fees in Administration 4.50

R. L. Wilson " " " " " " 3.50

Clerk's fee in making & Recording settlement (paid)... 1.00

Allowance to Executor as specified in will.....20.00

Sarah Donnelly's Receipt in full for Legacy.....135.50

\$164.50

Subtracted from \$300.00, leaves balance 135.50

Amount in hands of Executors I. W. McQueen upon settlement for Nancy Neil (formerly Nancy McQueen) & her heirs in the amount of her legacy bequeathed to her in Will of Wm. McQueen, Deceased
June 5th, 1866.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

Entered here by request of Executor.

Error in settlement.

Another settlement made June 11th 1866, amount due Nancy Neil and heirs\$127.82

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

(see receipt of 1 Nancy Neil filed for \$80.00, November 3rd, 1871, due Nancy Neil & heirs.....\$47.82.

R. H. Butler, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION to
I. W. McQUEEN ON THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM McQUEEN, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, JUNE TERM, 1860.

MR. I. W. McQUEEN, EXECUTOR.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that now in session that William McQueen lately departed this life in said County which you are appointed Executor in his written will and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, and chattels, claims and papers and effects of every description of intestates and return a true inventory thereof to our County Court, to settle and pay all just debts and to do and transact all things relating to said estate agreeable to law and carry out the provisions of the Will as far as practicable and after having settled the business of said estate to pay and deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, my hand at office this 4th June, 1860.

C. Hired, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
MARY FORD, DECEASED.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Mary Ford do publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made.

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

SECOND, I give and bequeath to my three sons, John Ford, Minevah Ford and Ephraim Ford, each one dollar and one dollar to the heirs of my son, Smith Ford.

THIRDELY, I give and bequeath to my seven daughters, Elizabeth Noland, Sarah Summers; Polly Yetton, Rebecca Harman; Ann Hatily; Deborah Daugherty; and ~~Sarah~~ Sirena Gragg all debts, moneys, property and effects by me possessed at my death which shall be as equally divided as possible between my said seven daughters in the following manner, said debts, papers, moneys and effects to be divided into seven equal parts as near as possible and be drawn for by the said seven daughters.

FOURTELY, I request ~~that the said executor~~ appoint some discreet man to carry this will into effect as my Executor and to appoint three disinterested men to divide said debts, money property and effects aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 9 day of October, 1859.

Signed, sealed and published in the our presence.

Hiram McBride
R. P. Farthing

Mary Ford (SEAL)

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
A. C. DOUGHERTY, EXECUTOR OF MARY FORD, DECEASED.

MR. A. C. DOUGHERTY, EXECUTOR:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court,
now in session, that Mary Ford lately departed this life
in said County, which you are appointed Executor and
you having given bond and qualified as the law directs,
in such cases.

These are therefore to authorize you and empower
you to take into your possession and control all the goods
chattels, claims and papers and effects of every description
of intestates and return a true inventory thereof to our
County Court. To settle and pay all just debts and to
do and transact all things relative to said estate
agreeable to law and carry out the provisions of the will
as far as practicable and after having settled the business
of said estate to pay and deliver the residue to those who
are by law entitled.

WITNESS my hand this the 4th day of June, 1860.

C. Elrod, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
TO H. L. JOHNSON ADMINISTRATOR OF R. M. JOHNSON, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, AUGUST TERM, 1860.

MR. H. L. JOHNSON, ESQUIRE:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, now in session that R. M. Johnson lately departed this life in said County in which you are appointed Administrator and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take in your possession and control all the goods, chattels, and claims and papers and effects of every description of intestate and return a true inventory thereof to our County Court, to settle and pay all just debts so far as means are in your hands and to do and transact all things relative to said estate agreeable to law and render a full account of your administration within two years from the date of these Letters and after having settled up the business of said estate to deliver and pay the residue to those who are by law entitled thereto.

WITNESS, my hand this 6th day of August, 1860.

C. Kirod, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
BENJAMIN WILSON, DECEASED.

I, Benjamin Wilson of Johnson County, Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others wills by me at anytime made.

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts if there should be any against me be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any monies that I may die possessed of or which may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my dutiful and ~~affectionate~~ affectionate wife, Jane Wilson all the money that I may die possessed of or all that remain after paying my funeral expenses and debts and all the money that shall be due and owing to me by hand notes or other security and all the personal effects or personal estate of every character that I may die seized and possessed of except such sum or sums of money and articles of property as I may hereinafter dispose of.

3rd. I give and bequeath to my esteemed friend and relative, Richard L. Wilson, my negro man Clark a slave for life, now about forty years of age and my negro girl Hannah a slave for life about 16 years old, also my horse, Alfred worth about one hundred and fifty dollars and if said horse shall not be on hand at my death I will that he have the value of him in cash.

4th. and last, I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Richard L. Wilson, my executor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do to this my last will set my hand
this 19 day of June, 1860.

his
Benjamin X Wilson
mark

Signed, and published in our presence this 19 day of June
1860 and we have also subscribed our names hereto in the
presence of the Testator on the day and year aforesaid.

Alex D. Smith

J. W. Smith.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO
R. L. WILSON EXECUTOR OF THE WILL OF BENJAMIN
WILSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1860.

MR. R. L. WILSON, ESQUIRE:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court,
now in session, that Benjamin Wilson lately departed this
life in said County, in which you are appointed Executor
in his written will and you having given bond and quali-
fied as the law directs in such cases these are therefore
to authorize and empower you to take into your possession
and control all the goods, and chattels, claims and papers
of every description of intestate and return an inventory
of the same to our County Court, to settle and pay all
just debts and to do and transact all things relative to
said estate agreeable to law and carry out the provisions
of the will as far as practicable and after having settled
the business of said estate to pay and deliver the residue
to those who are by law entitled.

WITNESS, my hand at office this 3rd day of September, 1860.

C. Alfred, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
N. T. WAGNER UPON THE ESTATE OF JOHN B. HYNES, DECEASED
STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY } COUNTY COURT, SEPTEMBER TERM, 1860.

TO MR. N. T. WAGNER, ADMINISTRATOR:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, now in session that John B. Hynes lately departed this life in said County in which you are appointed Administrator and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases,

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, and chattels, monies and effects of the said deceased and return a true copy or inventory of the same to our County Court, to settle and pay all just debts and to do and transact all business relative to said estate agreeable to law and after having settled the business of said estate to pay and deliver the residue if any to those who are by law entitled thereto.

WITNESS, my hand at office this 3rd day of September, 1860.

C. Alrod, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
DANIEL BAKER, DECEASED

I, Daniel Baker, do make this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made.

FIRST, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys I may die possessed of or may first come in to the hands of my Executor.

SECOND, I give and bequeath to my daughter, Esther Perry, One Hundred acres of land known by the name of the dry run place and was purchased by me of W. B. Carter being the same land on which my said daughter, Esther Perry ~~and~~ and her husband, Commodore Perry now lives and also a part of a fifty acre tract joining the aforesaid hundred acre tract running so as to include a field that lies below the said Perry's house, known by the name of the old dry run field, running across the hollow in the direction of the lower fence till it touches the line on both sides of the original survey of the aforesaid fifty acres, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tracts or parcel of ~~land~~ to the Ester Perry and her heirs forever.

THIRDLY, I give and bequeath to my son, Kennedy T. Baker, all the remainder of the said fifty acre tract, together with the farm on which I now live with all the personalty thereto belonging to HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to him and his heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my son, Kennedy T. Baker all my farming tools and wagon and harness and gearing of all description and my blacksmith tools, but he is to give Commodore Perry the privilege of

doing his blacksmith work on said tools. I also give and bequeath to my son, Menady T. Baker all the livestock I may die possessed of and do require of him to pay one hundred and fifty dollars in money within one year after my death and be distributed as hereinafter named. I direct that all the household furniture, clothing and bedding and all other property and effects, all moneys and all debts that may be due me at my death and all that my belong to my estate that is not otherwise bequeathed in this will shall be equally distributed amongst my sons and daughters that has not been provided for in the foregoing part of this will, including also the one hundred and fifty dollars that my son, Kennedy T. Baker is to pay as required by this will, all to be equally divided between my sons, Thomas B. Baker, John Baker, Andrew W. D. Baker and David W. Baker and my daughters, Sarah Shoun, Elizabeth Heyton and Nily Wagner with this exception, I have given to my two daughters, Sarah Shoun and Elizabeth Heyton fifty dollars each in money which is to be charged to them and counted apart of their distributive share and if I have given in my lifetime any of my four last named sons or daughters Nily Wagner fifty dollars in money it should be considered apart of this distributive share. I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons, Kennedy T. Baker and my son in law, Commodore Perry my Executors to carry into effect this my last Will and Testament, this 20 day of December, 1861.

Daniel Baker.

WITNESSES:

Elijah Dougherty
William Hayes.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY - To
K. T. BAKER AND COMMODORE PERRY, EXECUTORS OF THE WILL
OF DANIEL BAKER, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

JOHNSON COUNTY

COUNTY COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1860.

MESSERS. R. T. BAKER AND COMMODORE PERRY:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, now in session, that Daniel Baker, lately departed this life and having a written will in which you are appointed Executors, and you having given bond and qualified as the law in such cases directs,

This is therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the money, papers property and effects of every description of intestates and return a true copy of the same to the next County Court of said County, to collect and pay over and do and transact all things relative to said will according to law.

WITNESS, my hand at office, in Taylorsville, this 1st day of October, 1860.

C. Alfred, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
M. B. DUNN, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF GODFREY DUNN,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1860.

MR. M. B. DUNN:

Sir: It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, now in session, that Godfrey Dunn, sr, lately departed this life in said County and having no will and the Court having appointed you Administrator and you having given bond and qualified as the law requires in such cases,

This is therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, and effects of every description and return a true inventory of the same to the next County Court of said County. You are authorized to collect and pay off all just claims and when the business of said estate is settled off to pay the balance, if any, to those who are by law entitled thereto
WITNESS, my hand at office in Taylorsville, 1st Monday
October, 1860.

C. Elrod, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION To
JOSHUA PERKINS, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF R. G. PERKINS,
DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

COUNTY COURT, NOVEMBER TERM, 1860.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, now in session, that R. G. Perkins, lately departed this life, in said County and having no will and you being appointed Administrator of the estate and given bond and qualified as the law requires in such cases.

This is therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril all the goods and chattels claims and papers of every description and return a true inventory of the same to the next Term of this Court. To collect and pay off all just debts and after the business of said estate is settled up to pay the residue if any to those who are by law entitled thereto.

WITNESS, my hand at office in Taylorsville, first Monday in
November 1860.

C. Elrod, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
FRED SLIMP, ADMINISTRATOR, OF A. B. SLIMP, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY) COUNTY COURT, AUGUST TERM, 1861.

MR FRED SLIMP,

The death of A. B. Slimp having been announced to the Court that he died in this County and without a will and you having been appointed Administrator of said estate and having qualified as the law requires in such cases.

This is therefore to authorize you to take into your possession and contrall all the goods, and chattels and effects of every description and return an inventory of the same to the next Term of the County Court of said County. You are authorized to collect and pay off all just debts and do and transact all business as the law requires of said estate is settled up to pay the residue if any to those who are by law entitled, to receive the same.

WITNESS, my hand at office in Taylorsville 5th August, 1861.

C. Elred, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, ADMSTR. OF
ABRAHAM JOHNSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY) COUNTY COURT, OCTOBER TERM, 1861.

Whereas it appears to the Court, that Abraham Johnson, late of our County has departed this life leaving no last will nor testament and application having been made to the Court to have Letters of Administration granted to William E. Johnson on the estate of the said Abraham; and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that said Wm. E. Johnson is a suitable person for that purpose; and the said William E. Johnson has given bond and security as required by law; and the Court having ordered the Letters of Administration to issue accordingly:

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said William E. Johnson, to enter into and upon all and singular the goods & chattels, rights and credits of the said Abraham Johnson, deceased; and the same into your possession take, whereever to be found in this State, and a true and perfect inventory to make of the same, and return to the next County Court under oath; and all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the estate will amount to or extend; and the residue (if any) deliver or pay to those who by law be entitled to receive the same.

Herein full met.

Witness, Galloway Elred, Clerk of said Court at office in Taylorsville, the first Monday in October, A.D. 1861.

C. Elred, Clerk.

By G. Moore, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
R. H. LUTTRELL, ADMSTR. OF
CALAWAY ELROD, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY)

TO R. H. LUTTRELL, ESQUIRE,

It having satisfactorily been known to the Worshipful County Court, at the November Term 1861, that Calaway Elrod late of our said County had departed this life, leaving no last Will nor Testament; and application having been made to said Court to have Letters of Administration granted, you on the estate of said Calaway Elrod; and the Court being satisfied that you are a suitable person for that purpose and you having given bond and security as the law requires in such cases; Letters of Administration were ordered by our said Court accordingly.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said R. H. Luttrell, to enter in to and upon all and singular the goods, chattels, rights and credits of the said Calaway Elrod, deceased, and the same into your possession take wherever to be found in this State; and a true and perfect inventory make of the same; and return to our next County Court, under oath. And all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the estate will amount to or extend. And the residue (if any) deliver or pay over to those who by law may be entitled to receive the same. And make known within the time aforesaid by law how you shall have Administered the estate aforesaid.

Witness, Green Moore, Clerk of said County Court, at office in Taylorsville, this first Monday in November A.D. 1861.

G. Moore,
Clk. County C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
DAVID GRAYHEAL AND EMANUEL DUGGER,
ADMSTR. OF JOHN HODGES, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY)

TO DAVID GRAYHEAL & EMANUEL DUGGER.

It having been satisfactorily shown to the Worshipful County Court of said County, at the November Term 1861, that John Hodges, late of our said County, had departed this life having no Last Will nor Testament; and application having been made to the said Court to have Letters of Administration granted on said estate; and the Court being satisfied that you are suitable persons for that purpose; ordered that Letters of Administration issue accordingly; on your giving bond & security as the law requires; and you having given said bond with security approved of by the Court;

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the said David Grayheal & E. L. Dugger to enter in and upon all and singular the goods & Chattels, rights & Credits of the estate of the said John Hodges wherever the same may be found in this State, and the same into your possession take and a true and perfect inventory make thereof and return to our next County Court under oath. And all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the estate will amount to or extend; and the balance (if any) pay to or deliver to those who may by law be entitled to receive the same. Fail not.

Witness, Green Moore, Clerk of said Court at office the first Monday in November A.D. 1861.

G. Moore,
Clk County Court.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
LEWIS VENABLE, ADMR. ON THE ESTATE
V. GREAVER, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY)

TO LEWIS VENABLE.

It having been satisfactorily shown to the
Worshipful County Court of said County at the Feb. Term, 1882,
that Voluntine Greaver late of our said County, had departed
this life having no Last Will nor Testament and application
having been made to the said Court to have Letters of Administra-
tion granted on the said estate, and the Court being satisfied
that you are a suitable person for that purpose; ordered that
Letters of Administration issue accordingly on your giving bond
and security as the law requires and you having the said bond
with security approved of by the Court:

These are therefore to authorize and empower you the
said Lewis Venable to enter in and upon all and singular the goods
and chattels rights & credits of the estate of the said V. Greaver
wherever the same may be found in this State, and the same into
your possession take, and a true and perfect inventory make
thereof and return to our next County Court under oath. And
all the just debts of the intestate pay so far as the estate
will amount to or extend, and the balance (if any) pay to or de-
liver to those who may by law be entitled to receive the same.

Herein fail not.

Witness, F. Slimp, Clerk of said Court at office
the First Monday in Feb. A.D. 1882.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, Deputy.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
REBECCA DUGGER, ADMINISTRATRIX, OF J. B. DUGGER,
DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY)

TO SAID REBECCA DUGGER.

It appearing to the County Court now in session
that James B. Dugger has died leaving no will and the Court
being satisfied as to your claim to the Administratrix and
you having bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court
having ordered that Letters be issued to you:

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to
take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels
and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect
inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay
all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation
to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administratrix
and after having settled up ~~said~~ said estate to deliver the
residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, F. Slimp, Clerk of said Court at office
in Taylorsville this First Monday in April A.D. 1882.

Fred Slimp, Clerk

By A. Bradfute Deputy.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO E. J. SMITH.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that H. Smithpeter has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that "letters of Administration issue to you:

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. We collect and all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, F. Sling, Clerk of said Court at office in Taylorsville this first Monday in April A. D. 1862.

Fred Sling, Clk.
By A. Bradfute, Deputy.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the satisfaction of the County Court now in session that Thomas Hodges has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered "letters of Administration be issued to you:

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and contril all the goods chattels claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness F. Sling, Clerk of said Court at office in Taylorsville this First Monday in April A.D. 1862.

Attest:

Fred Sling, Clk.
By A. Bradfute, Deputy

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO
ALFRED WIDEL, EXECUTOR
OF JOHN ADAMS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY }
It appearing to the satisfaction of
of the Court that John Adams has died leaving a nuncupative will,
in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proven
in open Court; and you having given bond and qualified according
to law and it having been ordered by the said Court that Letters
Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said Alfred
Widely to enter upon the execution of said will, and take into
your possession all the property and to make to the next Court
a perfect inventory thereof and to make due collections of all
debts, and after paying all the just demands against the Tes-
tator and settling up the business of said estate according
to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects
that may remain in your hands; and do all other things that
may be required according to the provisions of the said will
and the law of the land.

Witness, Fred Slimp, Clerk at office the 5th day of
May, 1862.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, Deputy.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
H. L. JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATOR OF JOSEPH JOHNSON DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the County
Court now in session that Joseph Johnson has died leaving no
Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the
Administration and you having given bond and qualified as
directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of
Administration issue to you:

These are therefore to authorize and empower you
to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels
claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and per-
fect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect
and pay all debts and do and transact all the duties in relation
to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator
and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue
thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, F. Slimp, Clerk of said Court at office
this 2nd day of June A. D. 1862.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, Deputy.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
R. L. WILSON, ADMINISTRATOR OF JAMES POTTER DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the County Court now in session that James Potter has died leaving no will and his widow waiving her right to the Administration in open Court and nominated R. L. Wilson and the Court being satisfied that said Wilson is a suitable person to administer on the estate of said deceased, entered into bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration to issue to you:

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods chattels claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness F. Slimp, Clerk of said Court at office this 2nd day of June A.D. 1862.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, Deputy.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
H.P. MURPHY, ADMINISTRATOR OF JOHN MORELAND, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the County Court now in session that John Moreland has died, leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Fred Slimp, Clerk of said Court at office this 7th day of October A.D. 1862.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
R.L. WILSON, ADMR. OF ISAAC OSBORNE, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Isaac Osborn has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, Frederick Slimp, Clerk of said Court
at office, this 6th day of January A. D. 1863.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
CALAN WILLS, ADMR. OF PETER W. WILLS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Peter W. Wills has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Admin. be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Fred Slimp, Clerk of said Court
at office this 3rd day of March A. D. 1863.

Fred Slimp, Clerk

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO
DANIEL H. VANHUP, EXECUTOR
OF CHRISTOPHER VANHUP, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY)

TO DANIEL H. VANHUP:

It appearing to the Court that Christopher Vanhup has died leaving a written Will, in which you are appointed Executor which has been duly proved in open Court and you having bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the said Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said Daniel H. Vanhup to enter upon the Execution of said Will, add to take into your possession all the property, and to make due collections of all debts, and after paying all just demands against the Testator, and settling up the business of said estate according to law, you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the said Will and the laws of the land.

Witness, Fred Slimp, Clerk at office, the 6th day of April, 1863.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF THE
LATE WILLIAM ARNOLD, DECEASED.

FEBRUARY 15th, 1866.

Being in my right mind--and being desirous to arrange all my earthly concerns before my reasoning powers are deranged or enfeebled by disease--I make this as my last Will and Testament (vis)

1st. I desire to be buried in a plain neat Christian Manner.

2nd. I desire after my decease--and after the payment of all just demands against my estate the following arrangements take place (vis)

First--I will and bequeath to my wife, Mary the free and uncontrolled use and management of the farm on which I now live and which is supposed to contain about one hundred acres during her natural life--if she still remain my widow.

Secondly-- After her decease I will and bequeath the aforesaid farm to my two sons, "William B.C." and Aquiller W. Arnold.

Thirdly--I will and bequeath to my three daughters Clarendia, Jane and Sarah A. Arnold when they become of age--each one to have one cow, one bed and one horse, saddle and bridle.

Fourthly--I will and bequeath to my two sons John R and Daniel W. Arnold one dollar each, also I will and bequeath to my three daughters Catherine, Mary and Elizabeth one dollar each and one to the son of my daughter Amy.

Fifthly-- I will and bequeath that my wife

Mary and her children; have the free use and control of my whole personal estate as well as real after the payment of all just claims.

Sixthly--I will and bequeath that all notes, bond or claims that I may have at the time of my decease and all the money that may be on hand be collected and applied to the education or schooling of my wife Mary's children.

Sevently--I will and bequeath that any interest I may have in the copper mines of North Carolina be divided equally among the children of my wife Mary and that the same be so managed as to aid in the mental improvement of my wife Mary sons and daughters.

Eighthly--I nominate and appoint Alex McNewen as the Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

William Arnold (seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in our presence
this 15th day of Feby. 1866.

Alex McNewen
J. W. Higg.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY)

I, Frederick Slimp, Clerk of the County Court in and for said County do certify that at the May Term 1863 of said Court the within last Will & Testament was exhibited & duly proven by the subscribing witness in open Court & ordered to be recorded.

Witness, Fred Slimp, Clk.
By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO
ALEX McNEWEN ON THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM ARNOLD, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY)

COUNTY COURT, MAY TERM 1863.

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that William Arnold has died leaving a written will and appointed Alex McNewen, Executor (who declines acting) and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration with the Will Annexed, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator with the Will Annexed and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled. witness, Fred Slimp, Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of May 1863.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
ALMA WARD, ADMINISTRATOR OF LEVI FARIS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE } COUNTY COURT, JOHN TOWN, 1863.
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO A. WARD, ADQ.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Levi FARIS has died leaving no will and the widow desisting therefrom and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, Fred Blimp, Clerk of said Court
at office this 1st day of June 1863.

Fred Blimp, Wlk.
By A. Bradford, D. C.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF THE
LATE LEVI FARIS, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

I, Levi Faris possessed of my right mind but weak in body do make this my last will and Testament revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made.

1st. I desire that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2nd. I give and bequeath to my sons, Lewis, and George A. Faris my house tract of land with fifty acres to be taken off of the Roe Tract adjoining this to be attached to the home tract, which land is to be equally divided between them whenever George A. becomes of age together with a small entry lying at the lower end of the place.

3ly. I give go my two sons Wm. J. and John L. Faris my land known as the Thomas Greer farm containing Four (4) small tracts of land which is to be equally divided between them whenever my youngest child George becomes of age with the exception of the fifty acres which is to be stricken off of the east end of the Roe tract to be connected to the home tract, provided that if Wm. J. Faris who is in the army if he should die in the Army then his part in the land to be equally divided between Lewis, John and George A. Faris.

4thly I do give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth one red roan milk cow and spotted work steer one bay two year old filly, one cupboard, one bed and furniture, five head of sheep.

Sthly I do give and bequeath to my wife, June Paris all my personal property together with my notes and cash on hand, the property consisting of the following articles viz: One wagon and gearing, two horses, all the farming tools with all the grain and bacon on hand together with all the household and kitchen furniture consisting of one bureau, one clock, bedstead and bed and cooking utensils of which is to assist her in raising my children and schooling them, and to be equally divided among them as they come of age, and also I give to the said June, my wife, four head of milk cows and their yearlings with thirteen head of sheep.

6ly. I do give and bequeath to Henry
Maxwell one dollar.

Wit. and lastly I do hereby nominate and
appoint my wife, June Paris my Executrix, and my son Lewis
my Executor.

IN Witness whereof, I do to this my all
set my hand and seal, this 30th day of March 1863.

Witnessed, signed in our
presence.

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Levi X Paris (seal)
mark

J. H. Grace
I. B. Cole
J. A. Grace.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
NICHOLAS GRINDSTAFF, DECEASED. 24th May, 1863.

I, Nicholas Grindstaff of the County of Johnson, State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory but weak in body and knowing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills made by me at any time.

First--I direct that my executor, to be hereafter named shall pay all my just debts as soon as possible after my decease, out of any money that may be on hand at my decease or the first that may come into their hands after paying my funeral expenses.

Secondly-- I Will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha during her natural life all the land that I own lying between Little Doe and Roans Creek including the dwelling house, outhouse, barn and c., and after her decease said land to ~~be~~ descend to my two youngest sons, John Emert and Nicholas Rosencrans) that is Nicholas R. is to have the tract known as the old Potter tract except that part of said tract conveyed to General William Grindstaff, my third son living, the remainder of my land lying as aforesaid between Little Doe and Roans Creek to my son John Emert.

Third--I will and bequeath to my daughter, Susannah Stout, wife of Thomas Stout, One Hundred Dollars to be paid by my two youngest sons, John Smart and Nicholas Rosenkrans as soon as they come into possession of the land heretofore willed them or in case of the death of them or either of them the same incumbrance is to attach to the land and be paid by whomever the land may descend to or ascend to.

Fourth-- I will and bequeath to my son George all the land I now own not heretofore conveyed or disposed of by this Will said land adjoins General William Grindstaff and Thomas Spout and said George is also to have a small tract known as the James Tract where George Wagner now lives with the reserve to my wife Martha during her natural life is to have timber necessary to keep up the land willed to her off of the land conveyed by this will to my son George and at her decease my two youngest sons (John E. and Nicholas E.) are to have and enjoy the same privilege during their natural lives and thier heirs.

Fifth- I have conveyed to my sons Jacob F. Isaac and G. W. by deed real estate and given them personal property what I believe is all they are entitled to out of my small estate, I therefore desire that they have nothing more out of my estate.

Sixth-- I desire that my Executors as soon as convenient after my decease to sell al my personal property except two horses, one cow and all the hogs all the household and kitchen furniture and one wagon if these is a sufficiency to pay all my debts, my shap tools and farming utensals shall not be sold said property shall go to my wife, the stock mentioned to be selected by her the remainder to be sold when such time as my Executor may think best.

Seventh-- I direct that my Executor retain all the money that may come into their hands after paying my funeral expenses and debts until the suit is determined between Nicholas E. Jenkins and others against myself and others in the Chancery Court at Taylorsville and pay any decrees that may be

pronounced against me out of my personal assets if sufficient if not my sons George, General W., John E. and Nicholas E. are to pay the same. If after paying all demands against me there shall be any remainder of funeral assest in the hands of my Executors or elsewhere I direct that the same be paid to my three youngest sons, viz; George, John and Nicholas E. the deed to my son G. W. of the 28th inst. contains the boundaries of the land bequeathed to him and he takes the same subject to the considerations set forth in this will.

Ninth. I hereby nominate and appoint my son Jacob F. Grindstaff and M. H. Butler, executors to this my last Will and Testament.

his
Nicholas E. Grindstaff
mark

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in our presence
this 24th day of May 1863.
David H. Miller
J. M. Wragston
Isaac Hambo.

Control by executor in Tennessee

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO
R. R. BUTLER, AND J. F. GRINDSTAFF ON THE ESTATE OF
NICHOLAS GRINDSTAFF, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO R. R. BUTLER AND J. F. GRINDSTAFF
COUNTY COURT, JULY TERM, 1863.

MESSERS. R. R. BUTLER & J. F. GRINDSTAFF:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the
Court now in session that Nicholas Grindstaff lately departed
this life, and leaving a written Will in which you are appointed
Executors and you having given bond and qualified as directed
by law.

These are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession and control all the money,
papers and property and effects of intestate and return a true
and perfect inventory thereof to the next County Court, to
collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all things
in relation to said Will according to law.

Witness, my hand at office this 17th day of
July 1863.

Feed Himp, CLK.

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
JESSE COLE, JR. DECEASED

I, Jesse Cole being in my proper mind, do make this my last Will and Testament.

1st. I desire that my funeral expenses be paid together with all my just debts.

2nd. I desire that there should be no sale of my personal effects unless it should become necessary to defray expenses, except it be in the judgment of the County Court and the Executors I hereafter appoint that it would be to the best interest of my dear children to do so. This I leave to the judgment of my executors and the Court, hoping that they will act from their best judgment.

3rd. I desire that the family burying ground on my farm be paled in, in workmanlike ~~shape~~ style.

4th I hereby appoint Washington Cole and R. H. Luttrell as my Executors and do request of them that they will manage my estate to the best interest of my dear children.

Whereunto I set my hand and seal in the presence of the subscribing witnesses this September 17th, 1863.

Witnesses:
Samuel H. Gaul
J. M. Roberts.

Jesse Cole, Jr. (Seal)

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO
WASHINGTON COLE ON THE ESTATE OF JESSE COLE, JR. DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY }

OCTOBER TERM, 1863.

To WASHINGTON COLE, ESQ.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now in session that Jesse Cole, Jr., lately departed this life and leaving a written Will in which you are appointed Executor and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the money, papers, property and effects of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all things in relation to said Will according to law.

Witness my hand at office, this 6th day of October, 1863.

Fred Blimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
JOSHUA PERKINS ON THE ESTATE OF WM. A. PERKINS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Wm. A. Perkins has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court ordered Letters to issue to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods and chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and render a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness F. Slimp, Clerk of said Court at
office this 7th day of December 1863.

Fred Slimp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute D. C.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
I. N. McQUOWN, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I, Isaac Newton McQuown, of Johnson County State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last lawful Will and Testament--that is to say:

1st. After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows, to wit:

2. Second, I will all of my estate to John McQuown, my brother, but will to Rufus Moore and his wife, Catherine Moore the house and ten acres of land known as the Aud Arendall farm for them to have during their natural life and after their death I will it to John McQuown together with all my other lands and other property during his natural life and to his lawful heirs and if he should die without lawful heirs I then after his death will the one-half of the estate to Elizabeth Johnson, the widow wife of Harrison Johnson (deceased) and the other half to be divided equally between James Newton Mills the son of Peter D. Mills and the other half (of the one-half) to Newton Shoun, son of Samuel Shoun and Mary Shoun, his wife. I. will that my brother, John McQuown will give to my father, Thomas McQuown twenty five dollars a year or more if it shall be necessary to support him during his life, this out of my estate before it is divided

before it is divided with the above named person above.

3 Third. I will one white milch cow to Florence Adeline Stout and one brindle milch cow to Loreta Stout the grand children of Rufus and Catherine McQuown. It is desire that my father shall have twenty five dollars a year during his life time anyhow whether he shall need it or not, and my desire is that if John McQuown should not marry and have lawfull heirs by his wife then the foregoing property and land to be divided as stated to Elizabeth Johnson and James Newton Wills and Newton Shoun as stated above.

I likewise I make constitute and appoint John W. Smith, Peter D. Wills, Wm. R. Waugh and John McQuown to be Executors of this my last will and testament hereby ~~revo~~ revoking all former wills, by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 14th day of January 1864.

Isaac N. McQuown, (Seal)

Witness:

The above written instrument

was subscribed by the said Isaac N. McQuown in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and the Testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

John K. Hughes, Taylorsville, Johnson County, Tennessee.
his
Daniel & D. Wagner, Shouns, & Neads, Johnson County, Tennessee.
mark

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
G. H. SHOWN, ADMINISTRATOR OF CHARLES BARRY, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO G. H. SHOWN, ADMN. OF C. BARRY, DECD.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now in session that Charles Barry has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation thereto said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, Fred Slimp, Clerk of said Court
at office this 4th day of January 1864.

Fred slimp, Clk.

By A. Fred's

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO
JOHN MCGOWEN, EXECUTOR OF I. N. MCGOWEN, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the Court now in session that I. N. McGowen has departed this life having a written will in which you are appointed one of his Executors which has been proven in open Court, and you having given bond and qualified according to law and it was ordered by the Court that Letters Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you the said John McGowen to enter upon the Execution of said Will and to take into your possession and control all the property and make to the next County Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collections of all debts and paying all just demands against the testator and settling up the business of said estate according to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that remain in your hands and to do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the will and the laws of the land.

Witness, Fred Slipp, Clerk at office this
7th day of December 1863.

Fred Slipp, Clk.

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY TO E. C.
KITSMILLER AND DAVID KITSMILLER, EXECUTORS OF
ISAAC REESE, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the Court now in session that Isaac Reese has departed this life leaving a Last Will and Testament in which E. C. Kitsmiller was appointed Executrix of said Will and the Court being satisfied as to her claim to the Administration and you having given bond and security and was qualified as the law directs and the Court ordered that Letters Testamentary issue to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as Executrix and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are entitled.

Witness, Fred Slipp, Clerk of said Court
at office this 7th day of March 1864.

Fred Slipp, Clerk

By A. Bradfute, D. C.

THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
ISAAC REECE, LATE OF JOHNSON COUNTY DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, JOHNSON COUNTY:

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

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

Secondly--I give and bequeath to my Niece Elizabeth C. Carriger, Daughter of Margaret Carriger (widow) if she shall continue to live with me and take care of me in all my afflictions, or in health during my natural life time, all my land estate which consists of three tracts, one containing fifty three acres, one other tract containing eighty acres, and one other tract containing thirty three acres; ~~and~~ it being the the lands whereon I now live and all that may be found in my barn, smokehouse, crib, loom house and all the grain that may be found growing on the farm, and all the kitchen furniture, with one chest, with all its contents and all that may be found under the roof of my dwelling house or elsewhere on the premises, embracing ~~the negroes and all the~~ ~~gearing~~ belonging to it, together with all the farming utensils on the farm that I may die possessed of. All my stock of horses which may be found in my name. All the cattle I have in my possession or may have at my death, all my sheep and hogs likewise.

Thirdly--My negro woman, Raster, I emancipate or set free at my death but that she shall continue with

the aforesaid Elizabeth C. Carriger and be under her control and government during her life time, and to have a comfortable living of the proceeds of my estate.

Fourthly--I give and bequeath to the aforesaid E. C. Carriger all my negroes, to wit:

Ginnie, Alexander, Mary, James. Jonas, and the increase of said women, and not to be sold of the family.

Fifthly--I give and bequeath to my nephew Isaac R. Carriger, son of the (said Margaret Carriger) one hundred dollars to be paid by the said E. C. Carriger and also one hundred dollars to my nephew Isaac Reece (son of James F. Reece) to be paid in ten years after my death. I will this for my niece (E. C. Carriger) for a compensation for the good care she has taken of me for nine years, and is to continue to do so during my life.

And lastly I appoint the said E. C. Carriger as her own executor, and to choose herself an assistant when she thinks it necessary to do so.

December 15th, 1856.

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signed sealed and ~~delivered~~ ~~in our presence~~ ~~and we have subscribed~~ ~~our names hereto in the~~ ~~presence of Testator, this the~~ ~~15th day of December 1856.~~
Isaac R. Reece (Seal)
mark

Fred Blimp
John S. Vaught
John B. Vaught

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
ISAAC RAMBO ON THE ESTATE OF G. W. GENTRY, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO ISAAC RAMBO, CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the Court now in session that G. W. Gentry having died leaving no Will or Testament and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration on said estate, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, Robt. E. Barry, Clerk at office
in Taylorsville, this the 6th day of June, 1865.

Robt. E. Barry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
N. T. WAGNER ON ESTATE OF GEORGE W. VAUGHT, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO N. T. WAGNER, ADMR. ON ESTATE OF
G. W. VAUGHT.

It appearing to the Court now in session that G. W. Vaught has died, leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Barry, Clerk at office this
6th day of June, 1865.

Robt. E. Barry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
N. T. WAGNER ON ESTATE OF JOHN H. VAUGHT, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY

TO N. T. WAGNER, ADMINISTRATOR ON THE
ESTATE OF JOHN H. VAUGHT, DECEASED.

It appearing to the Court now in session that John H. Vaught having died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you,

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver up the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk at office this
the 6th day of June, A.D. 1865.

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Robt. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
N. T. WAGNER AND I. E. GRACE ON ESTATE OF S. E. MCQUEEN, DECD.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY

TO N. T. WAGNER & I. E. GRACE, CITIZENS OF
JOHNSON COUNTY.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Samuel E. McQueen, having died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to Administration and you both having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the next term of the County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up the estate to deliver up the residue thereof to those who by law are entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk at office
this 6th day of June A.D. 1865.

Robt. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
R. A. DONNELLY ON THE ESTATE OF DAVID S. BARRY, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO R. A. DONNELLY, CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the Court now in session that David S. Barry has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to the next term of the County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up the estate to deliver up the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk at office this
6th day of June, 1865.

Robt. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
G. H. SHOWN, ADMR. ON ESTATE OF THOMAS J. JORDAN, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO G. H. SHOWN, CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Thomas J. Jordan has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office this 3rd day of July A. D. 1865.

Robt. E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
 SHOWN ADMR. ON THE ESTATE OF DAVID HOWARD, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
 JOHNSON COUNTY } TO G. H. SHOWN, CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that David Howard has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and to return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
 at office this 3rd day of July A. D. 1868.

Robert. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
 G. H. SHOWN, ADMR. ON THE ESTATE OF JOHN P. STOUT, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
 JOHNSON COUNTY } TO G. H. SHOWN CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that John P. Stout has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
 at office this 3rd day of July, 1868.

Robt. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
MATILDA McEWEN & SAMUEL HOWARD, ADMRS. OF ESTATE OF S. R. H.
McEWEN, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO MATILDA McEWEN & SAMUEL HOWARD, ADMRS.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that S. R. H. McEwen has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and The Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers belonging to said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
at office this 3rd day of July, 1868.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
ADMN. OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN GENTRY, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO R. W. KRIG CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the County Court now in session that John Gentry has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control, all the goods, chattels, claims and papers belonging to said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said
Court at office this 3rd day of July 1868.

Robt. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
SAMUEL DUGGER ON ESTATE OF ALEXANDER DUGGER, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO SAMUEL DUGGER, ADMR.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Alexander Dugger has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office this 9th day of August, 1865.

R. E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
ON ESTATE OF JOHN MILLER, DEC'D. SAMPSON COLE, ADMR.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO SAMPSON COLE CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that John Miller has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry Clerk of said Court
at office this 9th day of Aug. 1865.

Robt. W. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO JOHN A. WILSON
ON THE ESTATE OF R. H. LUTTRELL, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO JOHN A. WILSON CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the County Court now in session that R. H. Luttrell has departed this life leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers belonging to said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all other duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office August 9th, 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
S. Q. DUGGER ON ESTATE OF G. W. DRAGG, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO S. Q. DUGGER ADMR.

It appearing to the County Court that G. W. Dragg has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office Aug. 9th, 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO JOHN A. WILSON
ON THE ESTATE OF R. E. LUTTRELL, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO JOHN A. WILSON CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the County Court now in session that R. E. Luttrell has departed this life leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers belonging to said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all other duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office August 9th, 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
S. Q. DOGGER ON ESTATE OF G. W. GRAGG, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO S. Q. DOGGER ADMR.

It appearing to the County Court that G. W. Gragg has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office Aug. 9th, 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
W. P. DONNELLY ON THE ESTATE OF S. E. McQUEEN,

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO W. P. DONNELLY:

It appearing to the Court now in session that Samuel E. McQueen has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver up the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, S. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office Aug. 10th, 1865.

S. E. Berry, Clerk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
BENJAMIN DYSON,

DECEASED.

AUGUST 10th 1865.

I, Benjamin Dyson being of sound mind and in view of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, do make and ordain this as my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore made.

In the first place it is my Will to be buried in a decent manner.

In the second place it is my Will that all my just debts be paid in the third place it is my Will that my wife Mary Dyson, have during her natural life the land upon which I now reside, containing ninety two acres together with all my personal effects including money, notes and C. to have hold and enjoy as above stated. In the Fourth it is my Will that after ~~my death~~ the death of my wife, Mary, that my two friends, Thos. O. Smythe and James D. Donnelly have the above mentioned tract of land and what personal effects may be on hands at the time of her death to be equally divided between them and their heirs to have and to hold the above mentioned tract of land to them and their heirs forever. I have brothers and sisters but it is not my wish that they should ever enjoy my property or the proceeds of my labor. I hereby nominate and appoint W. M. Wagner the Executor of this my Last Will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of Dec. A.D. 1864. Signed and sealed in our presence this 10th day of December, 1864.

his Benjamin A Dyson
mark

his Daniel A Phillippi
mark

her Jane A Phillippi
mark

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
JOHN REECE, SEN.

AUGUST 10th, 1866.

I, John Reece Sen. of the County of Johnson and state of Tennessee, planter, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first, I direct that my body be decently interred in a manner suitable to my condition in life and as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows to wit:

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

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucinda Adeline, seven hundred and ninety acres of land to wit: One six hundred and forty acre tract and one hundred and fifty acres adjoining the above named tract running so as to include the improvements of a thousand-acre tract all lying joining with all the improvements and erections on the aforesaid seven hundred and ninety acres of land and all my personal property during her natural life-time and then to Caswell W. Madron.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my friend Caswell W. Madron all the ballance of my lands I may die seized and possessed of.

Fourthly, I do hereby make and appoint my esteemed friend I. W. McQueen, Executor of this my last Will

and Testament.

In witness Whereof, I, John Reece Sen. the said Testator have to this my Will written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty eight.

John Reece, (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published
in the presence of us who have

subscribed in the presence of
the Testator and of each other, this
day and date above written.

Gideon Lewis
David Bumgardner
his
John X Bumgardner
mark:

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
R. A. DONNELLY ON ESTATE OF BENJAMIN DYSON WITH WILL ANNEXED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO R. A. DONNELLY ADMR.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Benjamin Dyson ~~has~~ has died leaving a Written Will in which W. M. Wagner was appointed Executor, and he (said Wagner) refusing to be qualified as such Executor, the Court thereupon appointed you Administrator on said estate with the will annexed and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness: R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office this 11th day of August, 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION ON
ESTATE OF JOHN REECE, Sen. DECEASED TO LUCINDA A REECE AND
HUGH REECE, ADMRS.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO LUCINDA A REECE AND HUGH REECE, ADMRS.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that John Reece Sen. has died leaving a written Will in which I. W. McQueen was appointed executor, and said McQueen refusing to be qualified, as Executor the Court therefore appointed Lucinda A. Reece and Hugh Reece Administrators on said estate with the Will annexed. And said Lucinda A. Reece and Hugh Reece having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrators and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office this 11th day of Aug. 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
JOHN A. WILSON ON ESTATE OF JAMES F. WIDBY,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO JOHN A. WILSON, ADMR.:

It appearing to the County Court now in session that James F. Widby has departed this life leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court at office this 11th day of August 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
DAVID PARKER AND C. T. GRAVER ON ESTATE OF JESSEE HODGE, DECD.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO DAVID PARKER & C. T. GRAVER, ADMRS.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Jesse Hodge has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrators and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court at office this 11th day of August, 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
THOS. S. SMITH AND W. P. DONNELLY ON ESTATE OF WM. F. WAUGH, DECEASED

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO THOS. S. SMITH & W. P. DONNELLY, ADMRS.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that W. F. Waugh has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Cler, of said Court at office this 6th day of September, A. D. 1888.

Robt. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
JAMES ROBINSON ON ESTATE OF MOORE ROBINSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO JAMES ROBINSON, ADMR.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Moore Robinson has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, claims, chattels and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To Collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of September, A. D. 1888.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
H. L. JOHNSON ON THE ESTATE OF ALEX. D. SMITH DECD.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY. } TO H. L. JOHNSON, ADMR.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Alexander D. Smith, has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to Administer and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, claims, chattels, and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve on you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver up the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of September A. D. 1868.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
G. T. ORRAVEN ON THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY ROARK, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO G. T. ORRAVEN, ADMR.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Timothy Rowark has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver up the residue to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk, of said Court at office this 6th day of September, A. D. 1868.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
RACHEL CRESS ON ESTATE OF JAMES A. CRESS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO RACHEL CRESS, ADMRX. OF JAS. A. CRESS,
DECEASED.

It appearing to the Court now in session that James A. Cress has died leaving no Will and the Court and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver up the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
at office in Taylorsville, Nov. 8th, 1865.

Robt. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
SAMUEL HOWARD ON ESTATE OF JOHN MOORELAND, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO SAMUEL HOWARD CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the Court now in session that John Mooreland has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
1865.
at office in Taylorsville, Nov. 8th, 1865.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
CHARLOTTE DUGGER ON ESTATE OF B. S. DUGGER, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO CHARLOTTE DUGGER, ADMRX.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that B. S. Dugger has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, claims, chattels, and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administratrix and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry, clerk of said Court
at office Dec. 9th, 1865.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
LOUISA BRADFUTE ON ESTATE OF A. BRADFUTE, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO LOUISA BRADFUTE, ADMXA.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that A. Bradfute has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administratrix and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry, clerk of said Court
at office Dec. 9th, 1865.

R. E. Berry, clerk.

CONTESTED WILL

COPY OF JUDGMENT IN THE CAUSE OF CHRISTOPHER

VANHUSE VS. JOHN D. RAINBOLT & MATILDA VANHUSE.

ALSO CERTIFIED COPY OF LAST

WILL AND TESTAMENT OF VALENTINE VANHUSE, DECEASED.

Be it remembered that at the September Term, 1865, of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, at Knoxville, the following Judgment was rendered by said Court in the case wherein Christopher Vanhuse is plaintiff in error against John D. Rainbolt and Matilda Vanhuse, to wit:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1865.

CHRISTOPHER VANHUSE, in error

VS.

CONTESTED WILL:

JOHN D. RAINBOLT & MATILDA VANHUSE

In this cause, the record having been read and argument of counsel heard, it is considered by the Court that the Judgment of the Circuit Court of Johnson County be affirmed.

That Defendant in error, JOHN D. Rainbolt and Matilda Vanhuse recover of the plaintiff in error Christopher Vanhuse and John Spear the security in the prosecution bond, the costs of this cause in the Court below. And Defendants recover of Plaintiff in error, Christopher Vanhuse and R. H. Butler, his security in the appeal bond the costs in this Court for which executions are awarded. It is further ordered

by the Court that a copy of the Will in this case and the Judgment of the Court sustaining the same be certified to the County Court of Johnson County to be recorded in said Court.

I, M. L. Patterson, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Tennessee at Knoxville, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and perfect copy of the judgment of said Court, pronounced in said cause at said Term as the same now remains of record in my office.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Knoxville, the 2nd day of December 1865.

M. L. Patterson, Clerk.

EXHIBIT "B"

WILL

Being far advanced in years and believing the time of my departure to be near and being desirous that no difficulty should occur in regard to my estate, real and personal after my decease, I, Valentine Vanhuse make, this as my last Will and Testament, viz:

First--I desire to be buried in a plain real Christian manner.

Second--I desire as soon as practicable after my death that my Executor pay all funeral expenses, and all debts ~~standing~~ or claims that may legally come against my estate out of any money or property that may come into his hands.

Third-- I Will and bequeath to my wife, Matilda Vanhuss after the payment of all just claims all the money that may be on hand at the time of my death, together with all the notes, bonds, due bills and C., to which I have any claim also all my horses, hogs, sheep, cattle and stock of every description also all my farming utensils all the grain that may be on hand together with all the household and kitchen furniture.

Fourthly--I will and bequeath to my wife, Matilda Vanhuss the one-half of the land on which I now live containing three entries or tracts united in one tract supposed to contain one hundred acres, one, thirty two acres and one fifty to be rented or leased cruised as she may think proper during her natural life and then to be willed by her to whomsoever she may think best.

Fifth--I will and bequeath the one-half of the aforesaid land or lands to John H. Rainbolt and his wife, Matilda Rainbolt and their heirs forever with this reserved that my wife Matilda Vanhuss is to have the entire use and control of the aforesaid tracts united into one during her natural life.

Sixth--I will and bequeath after the death of my wife, Matilda Vanhuss have the above tracts divided according to quality and quantity so that no difficulty may arise between John H. Rainbolt and his wife, Matilda and their heirs and the person or persons to whom my wife may have willed her half as aforesaid.

Seventh--I will and bequeath that each of my children receive one dollar to be paid by my Executor out of

my estate in addition to what they have already received.

Eighth--I will that my wife Matilda Vanhuss take charge as above stated of all that I may possess up to my death after all my debts and funeral expenses have been paid and to use it as she may think best and at her death to dispose of it as she may think proper.

Ninth--I do hereby nominate and appoint Samuel R. H. McNew as executor of this my last Will and Testament, and hope that my wishes as herein expressed will be complied with in every particular.

Given from under my hand and seal this eighth day of January 1886.

his
Valentine x Vanhuss (seal)
mark

Acknowledged, signed and
sealed in our presence.
Witness: B. H. Overhalls
Wm. Roberts.

I, M. L. Patterson, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Tennessee at Knoxville do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true full and perfect copy of the Will set up in said cause in said Court in the suit of Christopher Vanhuss in error vs. John H. Rainbolt and Matilda Vanhuss, as the same now remains upon the transcript of the record, now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Knoxville, Tennessee, this the 2nd day of December 1886.

M. L. Patterson Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
A. C. WAGNER ON ESTATE OF DANIEL BAKER, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO A. C. WAGNER, ADMR.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Daniel Baker has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, claims, chattels and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts to do and transact all other business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
at office Jan. 1st. 1866.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
WM. G. HAVE ON ESTATE OF ABRAHAM HAVE, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO WM. G. HAVE, ADMR.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Abraham Have has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office Jan. 1, 1866.

R. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
LEWIS VENABLE, ON ESTATE OF MATILDA VANHUSE, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO LEWIS VENABLE, ADMR.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Matilda vanhuse died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To do and transact all other business in relation to said estate. To collect and pay all debts and all other business which may devolve upon you as such Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clk., of said Court at
office, N. V. 5, 1866.

Robt. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION ON
ESTATE OF PETER L. SHOWN, DECEASED TO JACOB L. SHOWN.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO JACOB L. SHOWN:

It appearing to the Court now in session that Peter L. Shown has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration, and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all other business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, Robert E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office, December, 3rd, 1866.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO

R. L. WILSON ON ESTATE OF W. NELSON, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO R. L. WILSON:

It appearing to the Court now in session that Wm. Nelson has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, claims, and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court at office, June 11, 1866.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
NOAH J. WAGNER, ON ESTATE OF JOHN D. CARTY, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO NOAH J. WAGNER:

It appearing to the Court now in session that John D. Carty has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, claims, chattels, and papers of intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court and to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, Robt. E. Berry Clerk of said Court at office July 2, 1866.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.
County Court.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
W. L. ALLEN ON ESTATE OF RUSE WARDEN, SR., DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO W. L. ALLEN, ADMR.

It appearing to the Court now in session that Ruse Warden, Sr., had died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver up the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Barry, Clerk of said Court,
at office July 2, 1866.

Robert E. Barry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
TO THOMAS J. CROSSWHITE ON ESTATE OF R. H. LATTRELL,
DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO THOMAS J. CROSSWHITE, ADMR.:

It appearing to the Court now in session that R. H. Lattrell has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as Administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Barry, Clerk of said Court
at office in Taylorsville, this 11 Sept. 1866.

Robert E. Barry, Clk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
FREDERICK SLIMP, ON THE ESTATE OF JESSE BRADLEY, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO FREDERICK SLIMP:

It appearing to the Court now in session that Jesse Bradley has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you, these are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next county Court.

To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all other business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Administrator and after having settled up said business to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
at office in Taylorsville, this 7th day of October, 1866.

Robert E. Berry, clk.
County Court.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
LAFAYETTE JONES, ADMR. ON THE ESTATE OF A. H. SLIMP, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE)

JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO LAFAYETTE JONES, ADMR.:

It appearing to the Court now in session that A. H. Slimp has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all other business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such admr. and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
at office, Jan. 18, 1867.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.
County Court.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
SARAH A. POTTER, ON THE ESTATE OF JAMES B. POTTER, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO SARAH A. POTTER :

It appearing to the Court now in session that James B. Potter, has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all other business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Admr. and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
at office in Taylorsville, this Feb. 4, 1867.

ROBERT E. BERRY, CLERK.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
JOSEPH A. SUTHERLAND ON ESTATE OF JOSEPH SUTHERLAND, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO JOSEPH A. SUTHERLAND; a CITIZEN OF
JOHNSON COUNTY }

It appearing to the Court now in session that Joseph Sutherland has died leaving no Will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Administration be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court. To collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all other business in relation to said estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Admr. and after having settled up the business of said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
at office in Taylorsville, this 4 day of March, 1867.

ROBERT E. BERRY, CLERK.

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LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
HUGH A. JENKINS ON THE ESTATE OF N. B. JENKINS, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO H. ALEXANDER JENKINS, GRANTING:

Whereas it has been represented unto us in our County Court, held for the County of Johnson at the Court-house in Taylorsville and the First Monday of June, A. D. 1867, that N. B. Jenkins of Vinton County, Indiana, and late of Johnson County, Tennessee, had died intestate having whilst living and at the time of his death goods, chattels, and credit. The ordering and granting Administration whereof doth appertain unto us, and we being desirous that the said goods, and chattels rights and credits may be well and faithfully administered do Grant unto you the said Hugh A. Jenkins full power by these presents well and truly to collect and take into your possession all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits which were of said N. B. Jenkins, Deceased, at the time of his death wheresoever the same may be found, hereby requiring you to make ~~an~~ or cause to be made and return into our said Court at the next Term a true and perfect inventory of said goods and chattels rights and credits and also to render a true and cleaver account of said Administration when thereto required.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office in Taylorsville, this 1st Monday of June, 1867.

Robert A. Berry, Clerk.

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

ELISHA RAINBOLT, DECEASED.

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN:

I, Elisha Rainbolt, being of sound mind and disposing memory do ordain this to be my last Will and Testament.

First: That my body be decently buried and the expenses paid by Executor out of any money belonging to my estate.

Second: That my Will and desire is that my son Julius D. Rainbolt have the sum of Five Dollars paid to him by my Executor.

Third: That my son John's children as heirs have the sum of five dollars to be paid by my Executor.

Fourth: That my daughter Elizabeth, have the sum of twenty Dollars paid to her by my Executor.

Fifth: That there be paid to my grandson, the son of my daughter, Celia Ellen, the sum of five dollars to be paid by Executor, also out of the effects of my estate.

Sixth: That after my debts are all paid that my Will and desire is that the remaining land be equally divided between my ~~daughters~~ daughters, Mary Jane and Nancy Ann, and further I wish it to be understood that Nancy Ann's part is only to be hers during her natural life time and then to be her son John B. Rainbolts. It is my will and desire that she shall not be able to sell or convey the same so as to disinherit her son John B. Rainbolt.

Whereunto I have set my hand and seal this

18th day of March 1867.

his
Klinha x Rainbelt (Seal)
mark

Witness.

S. F. Sorrell

Thomas H. Triplett.

A copy test, June 15, 1867.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP TO
JOHN JORDAN ON HEIRS OF WILLIAM H. MARLEY, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE }

JOHNSON COUNTY }

TO JOHN JORDAN, CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the Court now in session that William H. Marley, has departed this life leaving as heirs under twenty-one years of age, Martha A. and William S. Marley, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Guardianship of said heirs and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases, and the Court having ordered that Letters of Guardianship be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said Minor Heirs, to wit: Martha A. & William S. Marley, and return a true and perfect statement of the same to our next County Court. To do and transact all other business in relation to said Wards which may lawfully devolve upon you as such guardian and after having settled up the estate of said Wards to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, Robert E. Berry, Clerk of said Court, at office in Taylorville, July, 1st Monday 1867.

Issued July 1st, 1867.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP
 R. B. WILLS ON THE HEIRS OF A. W. JOHNSON
 STATE OF TENNESSEE }
 JOHNSON COUNTY } TO R. B. WILLS CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

TO
 DECEASED.

It appearing to the Court now in session that A. W. Johnson has departed this life, leaving as heirs under twenty-one years of age to wit: Treunna A. Johnson, and if further appearing that C. C. Faw who was formerly appointed Guardian for said Treunna A. Johnson has this day tendered his resignation and the same was accepted and you appearing to act as such Guardian and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Guardianship of said heir and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases and the Court having ordered that Letters of Guardianship be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said minor, Treunna A. Johnson, and return a true and perfect statement of the same to our next County Court, to do and transact all other business in relation to said Wards which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Guardian and after having settled up the business of said Ward to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,

at office in Taylorsville, Tenn August 5, 1867.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP TO
 ELLEN VINES, ON THE HEIRS OF LAWSON VINES, DECEASED.
 STATE OF TENNESSEE }
 JOHNSON COUNTY } OFFICE OF COUNTY COURT CLERK, AUG. 5th, 1867.
 TO ELLEN VINES, CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Lawson Vines, has died leaving as heirs under twenty-one years of age as follows: to wit: Amanda J. Vines, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Guardianship of the said Amanda J. Vines and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases and the Court having ordered that Letters of Guardianship be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said minor, Amanda J. Vines, and return a true and perfect statement to our next County Court and to do and transact all other business in relation to your Wards estate and true settlement make of the same annually and after having settled up the business of said Ward to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled, to receive it.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
 at office August, 5, 1867.

R. E. BERRY, Clerk.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP TO
S. Q. DUGGER ON THE HEIRS OF JANE DUGGER, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE } OFFICE OF COUNTY COURT CLERK, AUG. 5th, 1867.
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO S. Q. DUGGER, CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY, TENN.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Jane Dugger, former wife of S. Q. Dugger, has died leaving as minors heirs under twenty-one years of age to wit: Robey E. Dugger, and the Court being satisfied with your claim to the Guardianship of said Roby E. Dugger and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases and the Court having ordered that Letters of Guardianship be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of said minors Roby E. Dugger and return a true and perfect statement to our next County Court and to do and transact all other business in relation to your Wards estate and true settlement make of the same annually and after having settled up the business of said Ward to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled, to receive the same.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office August, 5, 1867.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP TO
MELVINA VINES, ON THE HEIRS OF WILBORN VINES, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE } OFFICE OF COUNTY COURT CLERK.
JOHNSON COUNTY } TO MELVINA VINES, CITIZEN OF JOHNSON COUNTY:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Wilburn Vines has died leaving as heirs under twenty-one years of age, to wit: Margaret S.; Elias J.; Thomas J.; Edny J.; and James W. Vines, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Guardianship of said heirs and you having given bond and qualified as the law directs in such cases and the Court having ordered that Letters of Guardianship be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of your Wards estate and return a true and perfect statement of the same to our next County Court and to do and transact all other business in relation to your Wards estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Guardian and true settlement make of the same and after having settled up the business of said Ward to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled to receive the same.

Witness, R. E. Berry, Clerk of said
Court, at office, August, 5, 1867.

Robert E. Berry, Clerk.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION TO
JOSEPH H. SMITH UPON THE ESTATE OF ALEXANDER D. SMITH, DEC'D.

STATE OF TENNESSEE) OFFICE OF COUNTY COURT CLERK.
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO JOSEPH H. SMITH, GREETING:

Whereas it has been represented unto us in our County Court held for the County of Johnson at the Courthouse in Taylorsville, on the 1st Monday in May, 1868, that Alexander D. Smith late of said County had died intestate having whilst living and at the time of his death goods and chattels & credits the ordering and granting Administration whereof doth appertain unto us and we being desirous that said goods and chattels, rights & credits may be well and faithfully Administered do grant unto you the said Joseph H. Smith full power of these presents, well and truly to collect and take into your possession all and singular the goods & chattels, rights & credits which were of said Alexander D. Smith, Dec'd, at the time of his death wheresoever the same may be found hereby requiring you to make or cause to be made and returned into our said Court at the next term a true and perfect inventory of said goods & Chattels rights & credits and also to render a true & clear account of said Administration when thereto required.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court
at office in Taylorsville the 1st Monday in May, 1868.

R. E. Berry, Clk.

LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP TO
H. T. LOYD ON THE HEIRS OF WM. H. GRINDSTAFF, DECEASED.

STATE OF TENNESSEE) OFFICE OF COUNTY COURT CLERK
JOHNSON COUNTY) TO H. T. LOYD, GREETING:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now in session that Wm. H. Grindstaff has departed this life leaving as heirs under twenty-one years of age, May E. Saraphine/ Martha E. & Wm. T. Grindstaff and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Guardianship of said heirs & you having given bond and qualified as the law directs and the Court having ordered that Letters of Guardianship be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, & chattels, and papers of your Wards estate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court and to do and transact all other business in relation to your Wards estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such Guardian, and true settlement make of the same and after having settled up the business of said Ward to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled to receive the same.

Witness R. E. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
1st Monday in Oct. 1868.

Robert E. Berry, Clk.

TERS OF GUARDIANSHIP TO
T. LOYD ON THE HEIRS OF Wm. N. GRINDSTAFF, DECEASED.

TE OF TENNESSEE) OFFICE OF COUNTY COURT CLERK

ESON COUNTY) TO H. T. LOYD, GRANTING:

It appearing to the satisfaction of the
Court now in session that Wm. N. Grindstaff has departed
this life leaving as heirs under twenty-one years of age,
E. Saraphine/ Martha E. & Wm. T. Grindstaff and the
Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Guardianship
of said heirs & you having given bond and qualified as the
Guardian and the Court having ordered that Letters of
Guardianship be issued to you.

These are therefore to authorize and
empower you to take into your possession and control all
goods, & chattels, and papers of your wards estate and
to make a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County
Court and to do and transact all other business in relation to
said wards estate which may lawfully devolve upon you as such
Guardian, and true settlement make of the same and after having
settled up the business of said Ward to deliver the residue
of the same to those who are by law entitled to receive the same.

Witness H. T. Berry, Clerk of said Court,
this 10th day in Oct. 1869.

Robert H. Berry, Clk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
JOHN D. ARNOLD, DECEASED.

Having intended and expected to leave for the
Army for a few days I considered and believe it to be my imperious
duty to make this my Last Will and Testament on condition I
should never return.

1st. After the payment of all my just debts
I desire the following disposition to be made of my land and all
my personal estate.

1st. Then I desire that my father and mother
and sister, Paulina remain in the undisputed possession of all
the land and property I claim and own in Johnson County and state
of Tennessee in Dist. No. 3rd during their natural lives and after
the decease of my parents, I desire that my land and all my
personal property be divided between my two sisters, Paulina and
Ann equally.

2nd. I do hereby nominate and appoint Alexander
McKewen my Executor as to this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 10th day
of March 1862.

his
John D. Arnold
mark

Signed, sealed and delivered
in our presence this 10th day
of March, 1862.

Witness:
John Arnold
J. V. R. McKewen
Tolliver Triplett
E. C. R. McKewen
Solomon Brooks
E. N. W. McKewen

Admitted to Probate August 2nd,
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Aug. 3, 1869.

R. H. Berry, Clerk.

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LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
JOHN DAGGER, SEN. DECEASED.

1st. I, John Dagger, Sen. desire that hereafter my death bury me in plain and decent form.

2nd. I give my soul to God who gave it to me.

3rd. I desire my sons, that is alive shall all have an equal share in my part of the forge and saw mill. I desire that my eldest son, John Dagger, Jr. shall have one hundred and fifty acres of land including the place where Solomon Younce now lives and to join Esq. Morgan Swifts which is that much more than the rest of his brothers gets of the Forge lands than the rest of his brothers get, minerals excepted, he shall have equal share of all the rest of the Iron Works land.

4th. I desire that my son Samuel Dagger, shall have one hundred acres of land where he now lives on and an equal share in the Forge land and saw mill, mines & minerals excepted.

5th. I desire that my son Wm. B. Dagger, have the land he now lives on it is thought to be one hundred acres more or less. An equal share in the Forge and saw mill and Forge land, mines & minerals excepted.

6th. I desire that my son Jacob F. Dagger shall have the land he now lives on the minerals of Iron are to be divided with his brothers if they want to work it in their forge if any of my sons want to sell their claim in the Forge & sawmill I desire them to sell to some of their brothers. I desire that Jacob F. Dagger have equal share in my forge and

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Iron Works land and sawmill. I desire that my son Hiram Dugger shall have a piece of land on the chestnut ridge thought to be one hundred and twenty acres more or less adjoining Peter E. Dugger and Joseph Dugger and joining the flat of Dugger branch and an equal share in my Forge and sawmill and Forge land with his brother that has a part in said Forge and Forge land ~~and minerals~~ only his brother John Dugger who has two shares in the Forge land the minerals & mines excepted for me and my heirs.

8th. I desire that my son Benjamin C. Dugger shall have one hundred acres of land at the foot of the Stone Mountain and Bakers Gap road and joins Thomas Wards land, mines & minerals excepted. I also desire that my son B. C. Dugger shall have an equal share with his brother in my Forge and saw mill and Forge land, only John Dugger, Junior, he has two shares ~~and~~ mines & minerals excepted for me and my heirs.

9th. I desire that Joseph Dugger shall have an equal share with his brothers in my part of the Forge and saw mill and an equal part in my share of the Forge land with the rest of his brothers only his brother John he has two shares in the Forge land, mines and minerals excepted for my use and the use of my heirs.

10th. I desire that Solomon Quince Dugger, my youngest son have the land I sold to him for his part of my land. I also desire that he shall have equal share in my Forge and sawmill and Forge lands with the rest of his brothers, only his brother John Dugger shares in the Forge lands, mines & minerals excepted for me & my heirs.

11. I desire that my son Peter H. Dugger, shall have the land I sold to him and he paid me for the same,

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12. I John Dugger, Sen. desire that my daughter, Charlotte Cable, wife of Claiborn Cable shall have one hundred acres of land known by the name of the Flat Springs land lying in Watauga County, N. C. it being a two hundred acre tract granted to me by the State of North Carolina. I also desire that my daughter Emily Nunton, wife of Elijah Nunton have the other half of said Flat Spring land to be equally divided by them and a line made through said land with the courses and distances and they shall have deeds for it, mines & minerals excepted for my use.

13. I desire that my daughter, Nancy Anderson, wife of Thomas Anderson, shall have first choice of Two hundred acres of land in a Thousand acre tract joins a thousand acre tract of Iren Works land on dry run. I also desire that my daughter Nancy Anderson have thirty three acres of land that joins on the upper end of the land that Samuel Dugger lives on and joins Elijah Nuntons land, mines & minerals excepted for my use.

14. I desire that my daughter Mary Whitehead wife of Thomas Whitehead have two hundred acres of land in a Thousand acre tract of land that joins a thousand acre tract of land on the east end, joins the land neq. Dougherty used to own on Dry Run, joins the foot of the Stone Mountain

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15. I desire that my grand son George W. Dug-
 ger and Elisabeth Angeline Dugger and Nancy Gaddy, wife of Charley
 Gaddy and Martha Green have one hundred acres of land each of them
 in the thousand acre tract joins the foot of Stone Mountain in,
 part along the Bakers Gap Road, mines and minerals excepted for
 my own use.

16. I desire that my grandson Hiram Gragg
 shall have one bed and bedding.

17. I desire that my son in law, Harrison
 Gragg shall have if he find a good vein of on any of my lands
 only the fifty acres of mine and Wm. Dugger shall have fifty
 dollars worth of minerals or the value of it when smelted.

18. I desire that my daughter Mildred An-
 derson and John Anderson have the place where I now live on
 and has sold it to Mildred and John Anderson her husband for
 four hundred dollars and they are to take good care of me and
 my property, feed me and clothe me all the rest of my lifetime
 and on the above conditions the house and one hundred acres of
 land shall be theirs, otherwise they must pay me one thousand
 dollars or give my house and land and make me a title to it and
 all will be right.

I desire that Col. Berk have privilege
 to work my lead mine if he comes to do it soon; and if he finds
 nettle let him melt it and give what is right of the nettle.

20. I desire that S. Quince Dugger and
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18. I desire that my daughter Mildred Anderson and John "nderson have the place where I now live on and has sold it to Mildred and John Anderson her husband for four hundred dollars and they are to take good care of me and my property, feed me and clothe me all the rest of my lifetime and on the above conditions the house and one hundred acres of land shall be theirs, otherwise they must pay me one thousand dollars or give my house and land and make me a title to it and all will be right.

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21. I desire that my well beloved brother, "m. Dugger keep my heirs in their settlement and keep them at peace if he can and that Peter or Joseph and S. Q. Dugger, pay him for his trouble out of my estate.

22. I desire that my son S. Q. Dugger have a power of attorney or a general Letter of Attorney to do my business as I am not able to see to all of it myself. I hope he will see to it faithfully and honestly and take an oath to do it without fear or favor and honestly this June 2, day 1869.

23. I desire that my children all meet together and settle with each other in love and peace I desire my son Solomon Quince Dugger to write to them as soon after my decease as he can and set a time for them to meet here.

24. I desire that John "nderson and Mildred Anderson if I die before I sell what little stock and property I have to see it be sold and divided among themselves the scraps of land that I have not divided you may divide or sell for money to help in paying my debts & c.

25. I hereby revoke all former wills by me made. In Test. "nderson I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 8th day of June 1869.

John Dugger, Seal
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator.
Test:
Benjamin W. Cable
William Dugger, Sen.

A true copy of John Dugger Will.

S. H. Barry, Clk.
County Court.

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in W. Cable
 Dugger, Sen.

A true copy of John Dugger Will.

R. H. Berry, C.N.
 County Court.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
 ALEXANDER McEWEN

JAN. 6th, 1868.

Being in the full exercise of my mental
 powers for one of my age and feeling desirous that no dif-
 ficulty whatever should arise among my children after my
 decease, I make and design this my last Will and Testament.

1st. I desire that my mortal remains be
 waked at least two nights.

2nd. I wish my burial to be plain and neat
 and to be entirely under the control of my Masonic friends.

3rd. I will all the land included in the
 Langston deed and all the land embraced in the John Macgrave
 deed to me (said to contain four hundred acres) and all the
 land I may get on a final settlement with A Cook & Thomas
 Cook in regard to the land purchased of them by John Arendell
 and myself to my three sons equally, John C. McEwen, E. C. R.
 McEwen and Emmett C. D. McEwen and their children. No other
 person to have any part or portion in the aforesaid lands
 than the above three sons.

4th. If the above three sons should find
 that they could better be benefited by removing to some
 other part, I do not intend or design that any part of this
 Will should prevent said removal.

5th I will that my son John C. McEwen
 shall have after the decease of myself & wife, the Bureau
 having knobs and that E. C. R. McEwen have the glass case.

6th. I will that all the bedding, books
 kitchen and house furniture that may be on the place at the

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
ALEXANDER McEVEN

JAN. 6th, 1868.

Being in the full exercise of my mental powers for one of my age and feeling desirous that no difficulty whatever should arise among my children after my decease, I make and design this my last Will and Testament.

1st. I desire that my mortal remains be waked at least two nights.

2nd. I wish my burial to be plain and neat and to be entirely under the control of my Masonic friends.

3rd. I will all the land included in the Langston deed and all the land embraced in the John Musgrave deed to me (said to contain four hundred acres) and all the land I may get on a final settlement with A Cook & Thomas Cook in regard to the land purchased of them by John Arendell and myself to my three sons equally, John C. McEwen, E. C. H. McEwen and Emmett C. D. McEwen and their children. No other person to have any part or portion in the aforesaid lands than the above three sons.

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time of our decease be equally divided between the aforesaid three sons.

7th. I will that my wife should she outlive me have the entire control of all the house & kitchen furniture and an ample support from the several tracts of land above named and at her death all is to be pass into the hands of the aforesaid sons. Also all the stock of every description that may be on the farm at the time of her decease is to pass into the hands of her three sons.

8th. I will that my daughter E. M. H. McEwen have a home and a support on and from the above named lands so long as she remains single. If she should think proper to live with one of her sisters or with her brother A. C. McEwen or with any other friend she will by her removal release her three brothers who own the aforesaid tracts of land from any obligation to extend to her any aid whatever any further than they may think proper to do as brothers.

9th. After my death and that of my wife, I will that my daughter E. M. H. McEwen have the Bureau faced with Mahogany an equal share of the books that may be on hand also the large looking glass and should she never marry at her death the glass is to be Emmett's and if he should be dead one of his full brothers is to have it.

10th. I will that my sons Wm. T. H. / A. C.; J. C.; E.C.H. & E. C. D. McEwen have an equal interest as to any interest I may have in the Copper region at and around the Elk Knob.

11th. I will that my Executor pay in the course of three years after my decease or sooner if he can

three dollars to Sophia Perkins, Three dollars to Amanda Taylor, and three dollars to Matilda McEwen and one dollar to each of her children.

12th. In making this as my last Will and Testament I feel and ~~believe~~ believe it to be my duty to state that I have given to and paid out more money for each of the children of my second wife that I am now able to give to the three sons of my third wife. What I now possess was made independent of the aid of one dollar received directly or indirectly from the estate of my second wife. By the aid of my present wives sons I have made all that I now possess and I think it just they should have it and I hope no person whom I have left this walks of life will attempt in any way to take it from them.

13th. I will that all that may be received on an obligation I held on John D. G. Edmondson who lived near the union Church in Washington County, Virginia in regard to rents due me is to my life interest in an 80 acre tract of land lying in said County be given to my wife to do with as she please.

14th. I will that my son A. C. McEwen have the large looking glass now in the possession of E. C. E. McEwen.

15th. I will that A. C. McEwen have paid to him one hundred dollars in two years after my decease.

16th. What may be coming from Langston for selling and receiving pay for land he never owned to me I will my three sons, John C. E. C. R & E. C. D. McEwen.

17th. My executors will be cautious in hearing or admitting any claim that may be brought against

the estate as I am confident and positive in saying that I owe no man anything but love.

18th I nominate and appoint John C. McEwen and E. C. E. McEwen as Executors of this my Will and Testament and hope the Court will demand no security of them as to the discharge of their duty as I have confidence they will carry out my wishes faithfully. If there should be any legal difficulty in the acting as Executors I wish the Court to appoint Rebt. E. Berry to act in thier place and I hope he will not refuse to settle the estate according to my wishes as herein set forth.

Given free under my hand and seal, this 6th day of January 1868.

Alexander McEwen (Seal)

WITNESSES

John Arnold
his
Thomas A. Curry

A true record of the will of Alexander McEwen, Dec'd, as the same appears on file in my office.

R. E. Berry, Clk.

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Witness

Arnold
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 wife E. Curry
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R. E. Berry, Clk.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
 WILLIAM DUGGER, DEC'D.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I, William Dugger of the County of Johnson and
 State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering
 of this frail and transitory life do therefore make and ordain
 publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

That first after all my lawful debts are
 paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal
 I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows: to the heirs of
 my beloved brother John Dugger, deceased, male and female two
 tracts of land known as the ferge land together with one-fourth
 of the ferge and half of the sawmill. First tract two thousand
 acres of land more or less adjoining the lands of Reckiel Smith
 and others. Second tract of land one thousand acres of land
 more or less adjoining the lands of Daniel Baker and others all
 the above named lands from forks and saw mill. I bequeath to the
 heirs of John Dugger deceased to wit, John Dugger, Jr., Benjamin
 Dugger, Jacob P. Dugger, Hiram Dugger, Joseph Dugger, Jr., Peter
 E. Dugger Solomon Q. Dugger, William P. Dugger, Samuel Dugger,
 Charlette Cable, Mary Whitehead, Emma Bunton, Nancy Anderson these
 are the heirs which I give and bequeath the above described land
 premises to be equally divided and to dispose of as they may
 see fit. Furthermore, I give and bequeath to my beloved niece
 Nancy J. Cowin daughter of Charlette Anderson and wife of Thomas
 Cowin my home plantation which is three hundred and fifty acres
 of land more or less with the exception of forty acres of land
 out of the above named tract of land with the buildings thereon
 to her and to her heirs and her childrens heirs forever. And I
 furthermore give and bequeath to Mary C. Bagle daughter of Char-
 lotte Anderson deceased. I give and bequeath to her and her heirs

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WILLIAM DUGGER, DEC'D.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I, William Dugger of the county of Johnson and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering of this frail and transitory life do therefore make and ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

That first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows: to the heirs of my beloved brother John Dugger, deceased, male and female two tracts of land known as the ferge land together with one-fourth of the ferge and half of the sawmill. First tract two thousand acres of land more or less adjoining the lands of Ezekial Smith and others. Second tract of land one thousand acres of land more or less adjoining the lands of Daniel Baker and others all the above named lands Iron works and saw mill. I bequeath to the heirs of John Dugger deceased to wit, John Dugger, Jr., Benjamin Dugger, Jacob F. Dugger, Hiram Dugger, Joseph Dugger, Jr., Peter H. Dugger, Solomon Q. Dugger, William F. Dugger, Samuel Dugger, Charles Coblé, Mary Whitehead, Emma Buntin, Nancy Anderson these are the heirs which I give and bequeath the above described land premises to be equally divided and to dispose of as they may see fit. Furthermore, I give and bequeath to my beloved niece Nancy J. Cowin daughter of Mariette Anderson and wife of Thomas Cowin my home plantation which is three hundred and fifty acres of land more or less with the exception of forty acres of land out of the above named tract of land with the buildings thereon to her and to her heirs and her childrens heirs forever. And I furthermore give and bequeath to Mary C. Bagle daughter of Charlotte Anderson deceased. I give and bequeath to her and her heirs

twenty five acres of land a part of my farm lying on the north side of Reams Creek opposite Ezekial Smith where Washington Boman and others now lives the above described lot of land she is at liberty to dispose of as she may see fit. Furthermore I give and bequeath to my beloved sister Margaret Dugger, fifty acres of land lying on the north side of Reams Creek opposite Ezekial Smiths which she is at liberty to dispose of as she may see fit. I furthermore give and bequeath to my beloved sister, Mary Pierce and her heirs fifty acres of land lying on Reams Creek opposite Ezekial Smith which she is at liberty to dispose of as she may see fit and also to the heirs of my beloved brother Abel Dugger deceased fifty acres of land out of the above named tract of land lying on the north side of Reams Creek opposite Ezekial Smiths, which they are at liberty to dispose of as they may see fit, furthermore, I give to the heirs of my beloved sister, Nancy George, deceased, and wife of James L. George deceased fifty acres of land lying on the north side of Reams Creek opposite Ezekial Smiths which they are at liberty to dispose of as they may see fit. Furthermore I give to the heirs of my beloved sister Elizabeth Mainbelt, deceased the wife of William Mainbelt deceased, fifty acres of land lying on the north side of Reams Creek opposite Ezekial Smiths which they are at liberty to dispose of as they may see fit the last six above named heirs is to have their lands out of which is known as the Reams Creek farm lying on the north side of Reams Creek opposite Ezekial Smith where Washington Boman and others now lives the above named lots equally divided among themselves the above described lots of land is taken out of a four hundred acre tract of land be it the same more or less, and it is furthermore given and bequeath all my claim and interest in and

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of my father Julius Dugger, deceased to my two sisters, Margaret
 Dugger and May Pierce and I also empower my Executor, J. D. Pierce
 to make title to all the lands I have sold to my sister Margaret
 Dugger on the south side of Watauga River opposite where Margaret
 Dugger now lives. I know to be properly understood I reserve one
 hundred and twenty five acres of land out of my farm lying on the
 north side of Reams Creek opposite Ezekial Smiths including the
 grist mill and all the water navigation power and buildings
 thereon where Washington Duman now lives the last six above named
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 five acres of land which I reserve and to do as I please with
 hereafter and to be more properly understood they are to have
 fifty acres of land a piece with this exception. Mary C. Begle
 is to only have twenty five acres of land if there be that amount
 after my own one hundred and twenty five acres of land is first
 taken out and I further more desire and request my niece, Nancy
 J. Cowin to let my colored woman, Anna George or alias Anna
 Dugger to have a room or a house to put her household property in
 or let her stay in the house with her as they may agree on by
 giving Anna her choice. I furthermore request that she have a
 garden spot and land to maintain herself on otherwise see that she
 she is maintained her lifetime out of the proceeds of the farms
 and after Anna's death all the above privileges to go back to
 Nancy J. Cowin and her heirs forever, furthermore I want to be
 properly understood what Iron Ore is on the land that I bequeath
 to Nancy J. Cowin and her heirs is to go to the use of the forge
 known as Duggers Forge and what other minerals be it what it
 may must be equally divided among all my above named brothers
 and sisters and as I furthermore give to the heirs of John
 Dugger, deceased the Baker Iron Ore Bank to be equally divided

of my father Julius Dugger, deceased to my two sisters, Margaret Dugger and May Pierce and I also empower my Executor, J. D. Pierce to make title to all the lands I have sold to my sister Margaret Dugger on the south side of Watauga River opposite where Margaret Dugger now lives. I know to be properly understood I reserve one hundred and twenty five acres of land out of my farm lying on the north side of Reans Creek opposite Ezekial Smiths including the grist mill and all the water navigation power and buildings thereon where Washington Beman now lives the last six above named heirs is to have their lots out side of the one hundred and twenty five acres of land which I reserve and to do as I please with hereafter and to be more properly understood they are to have fifty acres of land a piece with this exception. Mary C. Begle is to only have twenty five acres of land if there be that amount after my own one hundred and twenty five acres of land is first taken out and I further more desire and request my niece, Nancy J. Cowin to let my colored woman, Anna George or alias Anna Dugger to have a room or a house to put her household property in or let her stay in the house with her as they may agree on by giving Anna her choice. I furthermore request that she have a garden spot and land to maintain herself on otherwise see that she is maintained her lifetime out of the proceeds of the farms and after Anna's death all the above privileges to go back to Nancy J. Cowin and her heirs forever, furthermore I want to be properly understood what Iron Ore is on the land that I bequeath to Nancy J. Cowin and her heirs is to go to the use of the forge known as Duggers Forge and what other minerals be it what it may must be equally divided among all my above named brothers and sisters and as I furthermore give to the heirs of John Dugger, deceased the Baker Iron Ore Bank to be equally divided

among themselves, I furthermore bind my Executor to pay over out of my estate to Nancy Reinholt, ten dollars which I feel myself indebted to her for waiting on me when I had the small pox, I furthermore bind my Executors to pay out of my estate my burial and funeral expenses if there be any. I give bequeath and desire all the rest, residue and remainder of my real and personal estate to my above named brothers and sisters to be equally divided between share and share alike.

Likewise I make, constitute and appoint my nephew Julius D. Pierce and my brother in law, Thomas Anderson to Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 5th day of October in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy-two.

William Dugger (seal)

the above witnessed instrument was subscribed by the said William Dugger in our presence and knowledge by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument as subscribed to be his last Will and Testament and we at the Testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

S. F. Garrells

Johnson County, Tenn.

I. F. McQueen

Johnson County, Tenn.

themselves, I furthermore bind my Executor to pay over my estate to Nancy Mainbelt, ten dollars which I feel indebted to her for waiting on me when I had the small I furthermore bind my Executors to pay out of my estate all funeral expenses if there be any. I give bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my ~~real~~ real personal estate to my above named brothers and sisters to be divided between share and share alike.

Likewise I make, constitute and appoint now Julius D. Pierce and my brother in law, Thomas as Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 8th day of October year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and seventy-

William Luggar (seal)

we witnessed instrument was subscribed by the said Luggar in our presence and knowledge by him to each and he at the same time published and declared the instrument as subscribed to be his last Will and sent and we at the Testators request and in his presence signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite each our respective places of residence.

Barrells Johnson County, Tenn.
McQueen Johnson County, Tenn.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
JANE WILSON,
DECEASED

I, Jane Wilson being of sound mind and in view of the uncertainty of life do hereby make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills heretofore made by me.

First, I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend and niece Hannah Waborn the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in addition to the fifty dollars heretofore paid to her by R. L. Wilson to be paid by my Executor hereinafter named out of any monies coming into his hands belonging to myself as my estate.

Second, I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend and niece Nancy Ketrige the sum of One hundred & fifty Dollars in addition to fifty dollars heretofore paid to her by R. L. Wilson to be paid by my Executor out of any monies coming into his hands belonging to myself or my estate.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend and nephew Larkin Williams, the sum of One hundred dollars to be paid by my Executor as above stated.

Fourthly, I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend and nephew Richard L. Wilson all the residue of my property and monies of all and every kind including household and kitchen furniture and all property of every description and all monies on hand at my death after defraying all funeral expenses necessary.

Fifthly, I hereby appoint my esteemed friend Richard L. Wilson as my Executor. Witness my hand & seal this

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
JANE WILSON, DECEASED

I, Jane Wilson being of sound mind and in view of the uncertainty of life do hereby make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills heretofore made by me.

First, I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend and niece Hannah Wern the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in addition to the fifty dollars heretofore paid to her by R. L. Wilson to be paid by my Executor hereinafter named out of any monies coming into his hands belonging to myself as my estate.

Second, I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend and niece Nancy Stridge the sum of one hundred & fifty Dollars in addition to fifty dollars heretofore paid to her by R. L. Wilson to be paid by my Executor out of any monies coming into his hands belonging to myself or my estate.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend and nephew Larkin Williams, the sum of One hundred Dollars to be paid by my Executor as above stated.

Fourthly, I will and bequeath to my esteemed friend and nephew Richard L. Wilson all the residue of my property and monies of all and every kind including household and kitchen furniture and all property of every description and all monies on hand at my death after defraying all funeral expenses necessary.

Fifthly, I hereby appoint my esteemed friend Richard L. Wilson as my Executor. Witness my hand & seal this

20 day of January A. D. 1866.

her
Jane X Wilson
mark

Signed and acknowledged in the
presence of Robt. E. Berry
- B. W. Jenkins.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last Will & Testament of Jane Wilson, deceased which was admitted to probate at the June Term 1876 of the County Court for said County as the same remains on file in my office and ordered to be placed on record.

Witness my hand at office June 5, 1876.

R. H. Butler, Clk.

Per. M. E. Berry, D. Clk.

of January A. D. 1869.

her
Jane X Wilson
mark

and acknowledged in the
presence of Nebt. E. Berry
E. W. Jenkins.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy
of the last Will & Testament of Jane Wilson, deceased which was
admitted to probate at the June Term 1876 of the County Court
of this County as the same remains on file in my office and
is to be placed on record.

Witness my hand at office June 5, 1876.

R. H. Butler, Ck.

Per. N. E. Berry, D. Ck.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
BENJAMIN DYSON, DECEASED.

I, Benjamin Dyson being of sound mind and in
view of the shortness and uncertainty of human life do make and
ordain this as my last Will and Testament hereby ~~revoke~~ revoking
all other Wills heretofore made by me.

In the first place it is my Will to be buried
in a decent manner. In the second place it is my will that all
my just debts be paid. In the third place it is my will that wife
Mary Dyson have during her natural life the lands upon which I now
reside containing ninety two acres together with all my personal
effects including money, notes etc. to have and hold and enjoy as
above stated. In the fourth it is my will that after the death of
my wife Mary, that my two friends Thos. S. Myrle and Julius D.
Donnelly have the above mentioned tract of land and what personal
effects may be on hands at the time of her death, to be equally
divided between them and their heirs to have and to hold the above
mentioned tract of land to them and their heirs forever. I have
no brothers and sisters but it is not my wish that they should ever
enjoy my property or the proceeds of my labor. I hereby nominate
and appoint N. W. Wagner the executor of this my last Will and
Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 10 day of

Dec. 1864.

his
Benjamin X Dyson
mark

Signed and sealed in our
presence this 10th day of
Dec. 1864.

his
David X Phillippi
mark

A true copy of the above
Will, February 15, 1868.

her
Jane X Phillippi
mark

N. E. Berry, Ck.
County Court.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
BENJAMIN DYSON, DECEASED.

I, Benjamin Dyson being of sound mind and in view of the shortness and uncertainty of human life do make and ordain this as my last Will and Testament hereby ~~making~~ revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me.

In the first place it is my Will to be buried in a decent manner. In the second place it is my will that all my just debts be paid. In the third place it is my will that wife Mary Dyson have during her natural life the lands upon which I now reside containing ninety two acres together with all my personal effects including money, notes etc. to have and hold and enjoy as above stated. In the fourth it is my will that after the death of my wife Mary, that my two friends Thos. S. Mythe and Julius D. Connelly have the above mentioned tract of land and what personal effects may be on hands at the time of her death, to be equally divided between them and their heirs to have and to hold the above mentioned tract of land to them and their heirs forever. I have brothers and sisters but it is not my wish that they should ever enjoy my property or the proceeds of my labor. I hereby nominate and appoint H. E. Wagner the Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 10 day of

Dec. 1864.

his
Benjamin X Dyson
mark

Signed and sealed in our
presence this 10th day of
Dec. 1864.

his
David X Phillippi
mark
her
Jane X Phillippi
mark

A true copy of the above
Will, February 15, 1865.

H. E. Berry, Wlk.
County Court.

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF
HARVEY L. JOHNSON, DECD.

I, Harvey L. Johnson, being of sound mind do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First: I desire that all my funeral expenses and debts be paid out of any money that may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly: I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha J. Johnson seventy five acres of land during her natural lifetime including all my land east of Wilson's fork of Roans Creek. The remainder of the seventy five acres to be made up in the lower or Smith end of my farm running so as to include the meadow below the house, where I now live except three acres of said meadow, also excepting the 2 1/2 acres heretofore bargained to William A. Strick and to which I desire my Executors to make to the said Patrick a deed for the said two acres and one-half up on his paying to my beloved wife, Martha J. Johnson the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars.

Thirdly, I desire that the said seventy five acres be bequeathed to my beloved wife Martha equally divided between my three children, Mary, Martha, Catherine, and Joseph Henry Johnson at the death of my beloved wife, Martha J. Johnson.

Fourthly, I desire that all my lands on the west side of the main ~~main~~ turnpike road be sold by my Executor on twelve months credit taking note and approved security with interest from date.

Fifthly, I desire that the remaining part of my lands including the property where I now live, supposed to be six acres be sold by my Executor on twelve months credit taking note and approved security with interest from date but not to include any personal property in said sale. and that my beloved wife Martha J. Johnson reside on the said premises herein mentioned for the period of twelve months from the date of sale of said six acres.

Sixthly, I desire that the proceeds of the sale of my lands herein mentioned be equally divided between my three children, Mary Johnson, Martha C. Johnson and Joseph H. Johnson and my beloved wife, Martha J. Johnson after satisfying all my debts and that my wife Martha J. Johnson shall draw her portion of said proceeds of the sale of said land as soon as all my debts shall be paid and that the portion going to my three children above named be paid to the guardian as soon as one is appointed.

Sevently, I desire that my children above named shall each have one bed, bedstead and all necessary clothing thereto and one good lively heifer each to be selected out by my wife, Martha J. Johnson

Eighthly, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Martha J. Johnson all my other personal property of every kind and description.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my esteemed friend William A. Johnson my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the 14 day of December 1897.

H. L. Johnson.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator, this 14 day of Dec. 1897.

J. A. Adams
his
Ambrose A Stone
Mark
Robert E. Perry

A true copy of will of H. L. Johnson, deceased, this May 21, 1900.

I. W. Hambe, "lk.