

John Akin's Will

November the 26th 1846

I John Akin being weak of body sound of mind
 I take my son in hand to make my last Will now
 for the Love and affection I enter for my wife
 Catharine Akin wish her to have my land at home
 and all of the Blacks but two Jane and Martha
 which I will Dispose of after in this will and
 all of my Stock Household and Kitchen furniture
 of every Description and if I Should not have money
 and Notes to pay all of my debts I want my
 Executor to Sell some of the Property I will to
 her my wife as will pay the debts and of the sort
 as they may think best to be Sured to have as
 long as she may live and at her death all of
 my Property to be divided among as I will name
 hereafter I have given my son Samuel D. Akin
 about three hundred Dollars besides his horse
 Saddle and C. will to my Darter Polly Strayhorn
 and her bodily heirs my Black girl Jane and
 her bodily heirs I will to my Darter Merewit
 Patton Martha a Black girl, and her increase
 to the said Merewit and her bodily heirs now
 as Jacob Akin has staid longer with me
 than any of children I will him the five Shears
 out of Eight of land that use to belong to Jacob
 Biffle as I own five Shears out of eight now
 as to the which is Anderson, J. and Elizabeth Jane
 and John W. and Martha, D. E. Akin I want
 my wife Catharine as long as she may become of age
 to give them as much as I have gave the elder
 ones which is about three hundred Dollars
 besides a horse Saddle and bridle &c now if she
 aint able to do so at that time it must be
 done out of the lands and Negros at her death
 then I want them all to share and share a like
 with the Property after the young ones have been
 made equal with the rest all but Jacob I now
 Appoint Robert H. Akin and Jacob Akin my
 Executors without exacting Securities of them
 Sealed and Signed this day and date above.

Written } James W. Grimes { John Akin Seal
 Test } William Akin

James Rains Will

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

I know all me by these
Presents that I James Rains
do make and Publish this as my last will
and testament first I direct that my wife
Sarah Rains have during her natural lifetime
the following articles to wit my Present dwell-
ing house with other houses belonging thereto and
to have her Part of the Cleared lands and wood
land in any Part of the Plantations She chooses
and also my Chestnut Barrel mare and one
Pony and Team and one full set of Farmingtools
two Cows and calves to be Selected by her and
all of my Present crop of Corn and all others
Vegetables of the present year growth with one
hundred pounds of Pork and all the money
which I now have on hand and all of the
house hold and Kitchen furniture and to
have as many hogs as She may wish to keep
to be Selected by her with all other stock
Poultry &c that She may wish to keep and the
Cart and after that I direct that all the rest
of my Personal Property be sold and at the death
of my wife Sarah Rains I direct that my lands
be sold or divided just as the heirs may choose
and all the other Property to be sold and the
Proceeds divided Equally as follows to wit to my
Daughter Nancy Burns the one sixth part to
Maranaria Donaldson one sixth part to Mary
Thompson one sixth part to William C. Rains one sixth
part to Joseph D. Rains one sixth part to the body
wif of Sarah M. Houston one sixth part to be loaned
to the Said Sarah M. Houston for and during her
natural life to be kept by her for the use of her
Said heirs untill her death and not to be subject
to be sold for the Payment of any debt demand
fine or judgement that now is or may hereafter
be against the Husband of the Said Sarah M.
Houston or any other Person or Persons whatsoever
lastly I do nominate and appoint

James Rains Will

William C. Rains my Executor in witness whereof I do
to this my will Set my hand and Seal
this the 7th day of September A.D. 1848

James Rains (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Published in our Presence
and we have Subscribed our Names in the Presence
of the testator this the 7th day of September A.D. 1848
C. V. Henderson
J. P. Holmes

Received by the Court and ordered to be recorded
this the 2^d day of October A.D. 1848

W. C. Kirk
Chairman

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

County Court Oct Term 1848
Personally appeared in open
Court C. V. Henderson and J. P. Holmes
Subscribing witness to the within will and
made oath in due form of Law that they
were Present and heard James Rains
Acknowledge the within will to be his act
and deed made for the purpose therein
contained witness
C. V. Henderson clerk
at office this the 2^d day of Oct A.D. 1848
C. V. Henderson clerk
J. P. Holmes

Rhodia Keall's Will
In the Name of God Amen

I Rhod Keall of Lewis County Tennessee do make and Publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made and I dispose of my Estate as follows to wit
Item 1st I will that my Executor hereinafter appointed to pay all my debts and funeral Expenses Item 2^d I will that at my death all my Negroes and their increase be emancipated and sent by my Executor to some free State, unless I may do so during my life time and in order to pay and defray all the Expenses necessary thereto I further will and direct that my Executor pay such expenses out of any money which may come to his hands at my death or afterwards Item 3^d I will and bequeath to

Rhodia Keall Keinton the daughter of James Keinton five hundred Dollars (\$500⁰⁰), and direct my Executor to pay the same to her Item 4th I will and bequeath to Angerine Hodge Son of William Hodge five hundred Dollars (\$500⁰⁰), and direct my Executor to pay the same to him Item 5th I will and gave to my Negroes Girls and Women all my wearing apparel and direct that my Executor sell all the personal property belonging to my Estate at my death and the proceeds thereof together with all the Money on hand or due my Estate after paying the legacies in Item 3^d and 4th of this my will I will and direct my Executor to use and employ in the manner he thinks most advantageous in procuring homes and lands for my Negroes when settled in a free State Item 6th I will and bequeath all my real Estate of which I may die possessed of or now own to James M. Keinton and Angerine Hodge to be divided between them Equally Item 7th I direct and request that my Friend John M. Bassett as my executor in carrying out this my will and I desire that he do not be required to give bond and security

Rhodia Keall's Will
In Testimony whereof I have this the 3^d day of March A.D. 1857 Set my hand and Seal before the witnesses and after deliberation.

Rhodia Keall (Test)
attested at date in Presence of Testator each other
(Robt. C. Foster)
(Thomas D. Smiley)

State of Tennessee
Lewis County { Personally appeared before me
John W. Keale Clerk of the
County Court of said County in open Court.
Robt. C. Foster and Thomas D. Smiley Subscribing
Witnesses to the within Will and after being duly
sworn depose and say that they saw Rhodia
Keall the maker of this will sign the same
and acknowledge in their Presence to be her
Act for the purposes therein contained and
she was of sound mind and Memory
given under my hand at office
this the 7th day of August A.D. 1865

John W. Keale Clerk

John Turnbours Will

April the 10th A.D. 1864

1st I will to my wife Luveaser Turnbow one hundred and three acres of land including the farm and all the improvements on the farm and the use of timber on any of my land her life time also all the property goods and Chattels Monies Notes and debts of all kinds during her life time widderhood for her own use and benefit

2^d I will to my son John Turnbow and William Turnbow the balance of my land and provided James Turnbow my son return home from the Army I will to him his proportionally Part of the Above named lands also I will to the three Above named sons the lands I have will to my wife at her death or all the lands that I am seized of at my death

3^d I will to my daughter Magard Rowden \$2000 Dollars besides what she has already had

4th I will to my daughter Corer Odum \$2000 Dollars besides what she has already had

5th I will to my daughter Nancy Turnbow \$1500 One hundred and fifty Dollars to be paid by the boys in consideration of the land also one head and bead steed and clothing one cow and calf four sheep

6th I will to my daughter Luveaser Turnbow \$1500 One hundred and fifty Dollars to be paid by the boys in consideration of the land also one head and bead steed and clothing one cow and calf and four sheep

7th I will to John Turnbow one yellow mare seven years old one cow and calf and four sheep

8th I will to William Turnbow my son one mare or horse as good as the Above named yellow mare one cow and calf and four sheep 9th I will that after my death and the death of my wife Luveaser if there is any thing left after funeral expenses

John Turnbours Will
is Paid The remainder Shall be Equally divided
Among all my children
this my last will and testament

Test { W. A. Nutt
Reading Recus } ^{his} John Turnbow (Seal)

State of Tennessee
Deals County { Personally appeared before me
John W. Keale Clerk of the
County Court of said County in open Court
W. A. Nutt and Reading Recus with whom I
am personally acquainted and made oath in
due form of law that the foregoing will was
made by John Turnbow and for the purposes
therein contained

Given under my hand at Office
this the 7th day of August A.D. 1865
John W. Keale Clerk

John M. Douglass Will

State of Tennessee

Crawford County (we the undersigned having been called upon by John M. Douglass late of said County and State to bear witness to his last Will and Testament and believing him to be in his right mind do publish this as in substance as told over to him with the request to have the same written out and published disc.

1st clause that my wife Cornelia C. Douglass obtain possession of all my Property of every description whatever after the Payment of my last debts. During her natural life and at her death to be equally divided into three parts One James M. Flowers and his wife Sarah E. Flowers One to John Kornback and his wife Anna D. Kornback and one to Mrs Sarah C. Thompson. The said John M. Douglass called on us to bear witness to his will on Thursday Night the 11th day of May and died on the 15th of May A.D. 1865. Witness our hands and seals this the 23rd day of May A.D. 1865.

(Kederna, G. Pillow Seal)
Sept 4th 1866 (James M. Harder Seal)
Received in court

John M. Harder Chairman

State of Tennessee

Crawford County (Personally appeared before me John M. Harder Clerk of the County Court of said County in Open Court Kederna G. Pillow and James M. Harder Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will and being duly sworn according to Law said that they were called upon to witness the foregoing Will by John M. Douglass and said they believed him to be in his right mind and to make the will for the purposes therein contained. Given under my hand at Office this the 4th day of Sept A.D. 1865 John M. Harder Clk.

John Clayton Will

State of Tennessee

Crawford County (John Clayton of the County and State

Aforesaid Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and wishing that all my temporal affairs may be settled without litigation being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and Publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills of me at any time made.

1st I will and direct that all my last debts

and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as convenient out of any money I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2nd I gave and bequeath to Nancy Johnston my daughter and wife of James L. Johnston and her bodily heirs my Negro girl Adeline Age about seven years.

3rd I gave and bequeath to my daughter Mary Keuburn and her bodily heirs my Negro woman Maniah Age about four years.

4th I gave and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Sharp wife of James M. Sharp and her bodily heirs my Negro girl Margaret Age about five years.

5th It is my will and wish that at my death the above named negroes to wit

Adeline Maniah and Margaret be valued by two or more disinterested persons so the above named daughters be first equal in the division out each daughter to have the Slave as named above.

6th I gave and bequeath to James G. Mayfield Samuel Mayfield William W. Mayfield Martha Mayfield Grand children five Dollars each and no more and the reason is that I have given to their Mother Manervia Mayfield her portion before death.

7th I Give And bequeath to Francis Spinger a Bay mare I have possessed my Gray horse about 3 years old Saddle and Bridle and one hundred dollars in cash and that my Executor have custody of the same until the said Francis Spinger is 1st of the year of age.

8th I will And bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Margaret Clayton while she remains my widow or during her natural life the following property to wit Elias and Matilda and Ellen their children until she is nine or six years old. She must then be sold and divided as I shall direct my Perishable to be divided.

9th I will And bequeath to my children one some have ten head of hogs eight head of sheep two Corns and calves her clovery on my lands one year provision should she marry again or else then I would the above named property sold and divided as I shall direct for my Perishable property to be divided among my children.

10th I will And desire that after my death all my lands and the above be sold or rented to a majority of the children may desire and that all of my Perishable property not before divided be sold and the proceeds equally divided among my sons and daughters except my son William I want his wife and children to have his portion that is an equal portion of my estate with my other children the value of the slaves I have willed to my daughters to come in as a part of their shares in my estate.

11th And Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint James C. Johnston my Executor to this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and sign this 30th day of Oct. 1859.

John Clayton

Signed Sealed and delivered in our presence this day in a date above written

Test John M. Douglass Proven Sept. 4th 1859
James C. Johnston Sec. Open Court & 12th Johns

State of Tennessee

Greene County

Personally appeared before me John H. Hays Clerk of the County Court of said County in said Court David Lindsay with whom I am personally acquainted and being duly sworn depose and said that he verily believed the Signature of John M. Douglass to be in his own hand and also said John M. Douglass told him that he witnessed the above will of John Clayton and James C. Johnston the other subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and being duly sworn depose and said he saw John Clayton sign his name to the said will and acknowledge it to be his act for the purposes herein contained and said that he John Clayton was of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of making the said will Given under my hand at office this the 4th day of September A.D. 1865.

John H. Hays Clerk

Samuel Sanford's Will

State of Tennessee
David County, March the 4th A.D. 1863

I, Samuel Sanford make
my last will revoking all others

1st I do hereby bequeath to my wife Jennie
Sanford all of lands and stock of every
description notes accounts and money and
all that I may be seized of at my death
to use and benefit during her life time
or widowhood and if she Jennie Sanford
should marry again at her marriage I will
lose all the lands at her marriage
to wit: To H. W. S. and H. C. S. and if
she remain unmarried until her death the
whole of the above named property is at her
disposal

2^d I will and bequeath of the above named
property to Benjamin Sanford one hundred
dollars not touching the lands

3^d I will and bequeath to Benjamin Sanford
of the above named property one hundred
dollars not touching the lands

4th Executors Jennie Sanford and A. S. S. S.
M. A. Nutt } Samuel Sanford
Ben S. S. S. }

Oct. term 1865

Proven in Open Court

P. H. Rogers, Chairman

State of Tennessee
David County, Personally appeared from me

John W. Hale clerk of the County

and did read and certify the foregoing will and being duly sworn
as the law directs depose and say that he saw Samuel Sanford
sign his name to the said will and heard him acknowledge
the same to be his act and deed for the purposes
therein contained and he believed him to be of sound
mind and disposing memory when he subscribed the
same and that he was present for Probate

M. A. Nutt said on oath that he saw
John Sanford make his mark to his signature
given under my hands at office
this the 2^d day of Oct. A.D. 1863
John W. Hale clerk

Bengamin Sanford's Will

The last will and Testament of Bengamin Sanford
of David County Tennessee

I, Bengamin Sanford considering the uncertainty
of life and being of sound mind do make this
last will and Testament in manner and
form following that is to say

1st I give and bequeath unto my two sons

Nabolan S. Sanford and William C.
Sanford all my lands being the land on
which I now live and being situated and
lying as follows in the State of Tennessee

David County Range 6, Section 5, On Indian
Creek of Big River Land bounded as follows to wit

Beginning at a white oak stump with a white
oak and cedar pointers Henry Grimes South
west corner of Entry no. 1056 running South

70 Poles to a stake with a white oak and two
Red Oaks pointers thence West 126 Poles to a stake
with a white oak and Cedar pointers thence

North 212 Poles to a white Perry's corner thence
East with his line passing his corner at 60 Poles
in all 175 Poles to a stake thence South 22 Poles

to John Guillins North west corner thence South
23 1/2 west with Guillins line 100 Poles to the
Beginning I also direct that my wife Sarah

Sanford shall be supported on said place
by my two sons above named I also bequeath
the unto my three daughters Jane Garrett

Faitha Mansley and Mary A. Colman each
five dollars in Money I also bequeath unto
my daughter Cynthia one cow and calf

Benjamin Lankford's will continued

And one Sow and Pigs And to my Daughter Margaret, One cow and calf and one Sow and Pigs also one Sord horse now 4 years old the remainder of my Property and effects I also bequeath unto my two Sons N.B. Lankford and William H. Lankford said N.B. Lankford and William H. Lankford are to Pay all my Debts that are unpaid at my death and to divide and Pay out to the others according to the will.

I, Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal this 10th day of June, A.D. 1865.
Witness { M.D. Brown (Benjamin Lankford) (Seal)
James B. Dean.

Oct Term 1865

Proved in Open Court
P. H. Adams Chairman

State of Tennessee)

Lewis County { Personally appeared before me John W. Hoale clerk of the County Court of said County in Open Court M.D. Brown and James B. Dean with whom I was personally acquainted and the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and after being duly sworn depose and said that they saw Benjamin Lankford the maker of the foregoing will sign the same and acknowledge in their presents it to be his act and deed for the purpose herein contained and specified and that they believed him to be of sound mind and disposing memory
Witness my hand at office

this the 2d day of Oct^r A.D. 1865

John W. Hoale clerk

Sept 4th 1926

James Lindsey's Will Copied

I, James Lindsey

knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and Publish this as my will and testament as follows to wit

1st I will that my Personal debts funeral expenses be first Paid

2^d I will that each of Children to wit

John and Sarah Lindsey have each a Horse Saddle Bridle and Blanket to be equally valued and the balance of my Property of every kind of which I may die Seized and Possessed I gave to my beloved wife Sophia Lindsey during her natural life and at her death to be Equally divided between my Children above said John and Sarah Lindsey

Witness my hand and Seal
this April, A.D. 1862

James Lindsey (Seal)
Witness { John W. Sharp
James L. Johnston

State of Tennessee)

Lewis County { Personally appeared before me John W. Hoale clerk of the County Court of said County John W. Sharp and James L. Johnston subscribing witnesses to the above and A. L. Cooper who wrote the same and David Lindsey who heard James Lindsey speak of his will a short time before his death and made oath that the above is as they recollected his will the Original will being lost

Witness my hand at office

this the 4th day of December A.D. 1865

John W. Hoale clerk

Isaac Christains Will

Lewis County Tennessee
 Know all men by these Presents that I
 Isaac Christain of Lewis County Tennessee
 being of sound and disposing mind and
 Memory do make and Publish this my last
 will and Testament and as to my worldly
 Estate and all the Property real Personal or
 mixed of which I shall die Seized and
 Possessed or to which I shall be entitled at
 the time of my death I desire bequeath and
 dispose thereof in the manner following to wit
 1st I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife
 Martha Christain my daughter Elizabeth
 Anne Christain and my son William S. W.
 Christain all my real and Personal Estate
 consisting of the following Property to wit
 One hundred and sixty acres of land more
 or less six head of cattle thirteen head of Sheep
 Eleven head of Hogs and One mare said
 Property to be Equally divided between the
 above named heirs the one third which I
 give to my wife is to be Equally divided between
 my son and daughter above at her death
 my will is that my Property remain unsold
 while my family lives together
 Lastly I do hereby appoint my wife Martha
 Christain Executrix of said will and to be
 assisted by W. S. Plantgar and W. C. Walker
 In testimony whereof I the said Isaac Christain
 have to this my last will and Testament here
 subscribed my name and affixed my Seal
 this the 17th day of March A.D. 1865

Isaac Christain (seal)
 The above instrument was now here subscribed
 by Isaac Christain the testator in the presence
 of each of us and was at the same time
 declared to be his last will and Testament and
 we at his request signed our names hereto
 as attesting Witnesses { John Smith Wayne Co Tenn
 Dec Term 1865 Proven in W. C. Walker Lewis Co. Tenn
 open court J. P. Nobles Chairman

Isaac Christains will continued.
 State of Tennessee
 Lewis County } Personally appeared before me
 John W. Keale Clerk of the County
 Court of said County John Smith of Wayne County
 Tennessee and W. C. Walker of Lewis County Tennessee
 Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will and made
 oath in due form of law and said they saw
 Isaac Christain sign the same and heard him
 acknowledge the same to be his act and deed
 for the purposes therein contained and they
 believe him to be of sound mind and disposing
 memory at the time of doing
 Witness my hand at Office
 this the 4th day of December A.D. 1865
 John W. Keale Clerk

William J. Pait Will

In the name of God Amen I William J. Pait of the County of Lewis and State of Tennessee being of sound mind memory and understanding and impressed with the great uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous to dispose of my temporal affairs so that after my death no contention may arise relative to the same do hereby make Ordain Publish and declare this my last will and testament in and to the effect following to wit by me made

1st I desire my funeral expenses and all just debts paid after my death by my Executor to be paid.

2^d I do hereby bequeath to my Brother Charles B. Pait and his heirs \$1⁰⁰ One Dollar and to the heirs of my Brother Sarah Pait Descant \$1⁰⁰ One Dollar and to the heirs of my Brother John H. Pait Descant \$1⁰⁰ One Dollar and to the heirs of my Sister Mary Kate Descant \$1⁰⁰ One Dollar and to the heirs of my Sister Fannie Jane Pait \$1⁰⁰ One Dollar

After which I gave and bequeath unto my Brother Thomas H. Pait and my two Sisters Nancy to Nam and Celina C. Pait all that may remain after my death both of my real and personal property and all the money that I may die possessed of consisting of lands and various tracts of Personal Property and that may become to me by descent or gift from any estate

I Appoint my Brother Thomas H. Pait and my two Sisters Nancy C. Hale and Celina C. Pait my Executors to this my last will and Testament in Witness Whereof I have Set

my hand and Seal this the 27th day of Oct. A.D. 1862

Witness Myself (William J. Pait) Seal

Witness Myself

W. H. Kirk

Proven in open Court

J. P. Holings

Chairman

William J. Pait Will Continued

State of Tennessee
Lewis County. Personally appeared before me John W. Hale Clerk of the County Court of said County in open Court Charles Willison and Turner Willison the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Will with whom I am personally acquainted and made oath in due form of law that they saw William J. Pait sign his name to the said Will and that he acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained and that they believed him to be of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of so doing.

Witness my hand at Office
this the 5th day of February A.D. 1866
John W. Hale Clerk

Thomas H. Pait Will Copy of Same

In the name of God Amen I Thomas H. Pait of the County of Lewis and the State of Tennessee being of sound mind memory and understanding and impressed with the great uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous to dispose of my temporal affairs so that after my death no contention may arise relative to the same I do make Ordain Publish and declare this my last will and testament revoking all other wills by me made

1st I desire my funeral expenses and all my just debts after my death by my Executors herein after named

2^d I Give and bequeath to my Brother Charles B. Pait and his heirs 1/2 One dollar and to the heirs of my Brother Caleb Pait deceased 1/2 One dollar and to the heirs of my Brother John H. Pait 1/2 One dollar and to the heirs of my Sister Eliza Pait deceased 1/2 One dollar and to the heirs of my sister Fannie Jane Pait deceased 1/2 One dollar after which I Give and Bequeath unto my Brother William H. Pait and my two Sisters Nancy C. Pait and Eliza C. Pait all that may remain after my death both of my real and Personal Property and all the money that I may be possessed of consisting of land and various kinds of Personal Property and all that may be coming to me by debt or will from any Estate I appoint my Brother William H. Pait and my two Sisters Nancy C. Pait and Eliza C. Pait my Executors to this my last will and testament In Witness Whereof I Set my hand and Seal this September 1st 1862

Test { Charles W. Miller & Thomas H. Pait (Seal)
J. Turner Miller

State of Tennessee
Lewis County { Personally appeared before me
John W. Hale Clerk of the County
Court of said County in Open Court Charles W. Miller
and Turner Miller who were subscribing

Witnesses to the Original will of Thomas H. Pait deceased with whom I am personally acquainted and made oath that they were called on by Thomas H. Pait to Witness his last will and testament and that they saw him sign his name to the same and acknowledge the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein specified and that they proved the Original will in Open Court

Witness my hand at Office

This the 5th day of February A.D. 1866

John W. Hale Clerk

State of Tennessee
Lewis County { I John W. Hale do swear
that the foregoing is a true
Copy of the last will and testament of
Thomas H. Pait the Original being last misplaced
or destroyed by the Army the Original will
was proved in Open Court by the subscribing
Witnesses Charles W. Miller and Turner Miller
and from some cause unknown to me no
record was made and if made it has not been
found I do further swear that I wrote the
Original will and the above Copy is word for
word the same as the Original the reason
I know the Copy is the same in words and
substance as the Original is this I wrote
Thomas H. Pait's will and I also wrote William
H. Pait and they willed their Property and
effects just the same except Thomas willed
William a Share of his Estate and William willed
Thomas a Share of his Estate the day of the
Month I do not recollect
this the 5th day of February A.D. 1866
J. W. Hale (Seal)

Sworn to and Subscribed
before me this the 5th day of February A.D. 1866

J. P. Holman (Seal)

February term 1866

Proven in Open Court

J. P. Holman Chairman

Elisha Pickards will copied

I Elisha Pickard do make and Publish This as my last will and testament revoking all wills made by me at any time.

1st I will and direct that my funeral Expenses and debt be paid out of any monies that I may be seized of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor

2^d I will and bequeath to Alexander S. Pickard all of my Note, Accounts Goods Chattels lands and Tenements

3^d and lastly I nominate and appoint James W. Pickard and J. P. Williams my Executors to this my last will and testament Given under my hand and seal

This the 4th day of June, 1866
Elisha Pickard (Seal)

Signed Sealed and delivered in our presence this the 4th day of June, A.D. 1866
Attest J. P. Williams
Wm. P. Stockard

State of Tennessee
Lewis County (Personally appeared before me John W. Heale clerk of the County Court of said County John P. Williams and made Oath that the above is a correct copy of the last will and testament of Elisha Pickard deceased to the best of his recollection this the 4th day of June A.D. 1866
John P. Williams J. W. Heale clerk

State of Tennessee
Lewis County (This day Personally appeared before me John W. Heale clerk of the County Court of said County C. D. Williams and W. S. McClain and made Oath that the written copy of Elisha Pickards last will and testament is a correct copy of the Original to the best of their recollection
This the 4th day of June A.D. 1866
W. S. McClain J. W. Heale clerk
C. D. Williams

Elisha Pickards will continued

State of Tennessee
Lewis County (This day Personally appeared before me John W. Heale clerk of the County Court of said County James W. Pickard and made Oath that the written copy of Elisha Pickards testament is a true and correct copy of the Original will to the best of his recollection and that the Original will was taken out of the possession of said James W. Pickard without the consent or permission of him by Soldiers of the Federal Army with all of the other Papers belonging to his Estate this the 4th day of June, A.D. 1866
J. W. Pickard J. W. Heale clerk

June Term 1866
Proven in open court
J. P. Williams
Chairman

Larkin Hensley's Will

April the 11th 1865

I Larkin Hensley being of sound mind do this day bequeath or give to my Sons Robt Hensley and Lewis L. Hensley one half of a acre of land on Piney fork of Little River Creek which is to be Equally divided between them at their Will I do also give to my daughter Nancy Higgins one quarter of an acre of land Joining them on the South of the Mills tract I do also give to my son James Hensley one quarter of an acre of land Joining them on the South I do also give to my son John L. Hensley one quarter of an acre of land Joining on the South I do give also to my daughter neice Elizabeth Baker one quarter of an acre of land Joining them on the South I do also give to my son Sampson Hensley one quarter of an acre of land Joining him on the South I do also give to my daughter Sarah Hensley one quarter of an acre of land Joining them on the South I do also give to my son Pleasant L. Hensley one quarter of an acre of land Joining them on the South I do also give to my son George Hensley one quarter of an acre of land Joining them on the South I do also give to my wife Margaret Hensley the rest of my lands House hold Furniture Kitchen and Kitchen Furniture and all the cattle and all the Hogs that I own or have, her life time and at her death the land in her Possession to belong to Mary J. Hensley and Cynthia Hensley my two Daughters and Thomas with House hold and Kitchen Furniture and all the cattle and Hogs that belongs to me this is my last will and testament
 Test. John W. Sharp
 William P. Sharp
 Larkin Hensley (Seal)

January term 1867
 (Read in Open Court)
 J. P. Holmes
 Chairman

Larkin Hensley's Will Continued

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County

Personally appeared before me in open court John W. Hale clerk of the County Court of said County John W. Sharp and William P. Sharp with whom I am personally acquainted and made oath in due form of law and said they saw Larkin Hensley sign the same and that he acknowledges the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein contained and that they believed him to be of sound mind and disposing memory at the time of so doing
 Witness my hand at office
 this the 11th day of January A.D. 1867

John W. Hale clerk

Robert, L. Brown's will

I Robert, L. Brown

Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life
and being of sound mind do make this my
last will in form as follows

1st I have abd bequeath unto my two daughters
Elizabeth C. Perry and Mary W. Brown and
my son Joseph L. Brown all my land

I also will unto them all my Perishable Property
with the condition that they pay my debts I also
desire that in the division of my land that my
daughter Mary should have the house

In Witness whereof I set my hand and seal
this 13th day of October, A.D. 1864.

Attest { Richard Downey (Robert L. Brown Seal)
Robert A. Nichols

January Term 1866

Proven in open court

P. Holmes Chairman

State of Tennessee

Union County { Personally appeared before me
John W. Hale Clerk of the
County Court in said County Richard Downey
and Robert A. Nichols Subscribing Witnesses to
the within will and after being duly sworn
deposed and said that they saw Robert, L. Brown
the maker of this will sign the same and
acknowledge in their presence it to be his act and
deed for the purposes therein contained and
they believed him to be of sound mind and
disposing memory

Witness my hand at office

this 1st day of January, A.D. 1866

John W. Hale Clerk

Charles Austins will

In the Name of God Amen

I Charles Austin of the County of Lewis and
State of Tennessee being weak in body but of
sound mind and disposing memory do make and
Publish this my last will and Testament hereby
revoking and making void all others will by
me heretofore made at any time

And I dispose of my Estate as follows to wit

1st I will that my Executor herein after named
will pay all my debts and funeral Expenses

2^d I will and bequeath unto my son John

W. Austin one dollar to be paid by my
Executor six month after my death

3^d I will and bequeath unto my son Philip

C. Austin one dollar to be paid by my
Executor six month after my death

4th I will and bequeath unto to my son William

G. Austins heirs one dollar to be paid by my
Executor six month after my death

5th I will and bequeath unto my daughter

Mahala Dicus one dollar to be paid by my
Executor six month after my death

6th I will and bequeath unto my son James

W. Austin all of my real and Personal
Property including my land and every thing
I may die Seised of after Paying the above
named heirs their will I leave

7th I nominate and appoint James W. Austin

and John W. Hale my Executor to this my
last will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have this the 11th day
of February, A.D. 1868 hereunto set my hand & seal
acknowledge in our presence { Charles Austin Seal
the day and date above written

Witness { John W. Cooper { I Certify that testator
Jonathan W. Cooper Authorized me to sign
his name to the above

will the day and date above
John W. Hale

State of Tennessee

Lewis County { Personally appeared before me
John W. Hale Clerk of the
County Court for said County John W. Cooper and
Jonathan W. Cooper the Subscribing Witnesses to
the foregoing will and after being duly sworn
deposed and said they was Present and heard
Charles Austin the testator acknowledge the foregoing
instrument to be his last will and testament
also he acknowledge in their Presence that he
Authorized John W. Hale to sign his name to said
will and the said Witnesses further state that
they verily believed that the said testator
Charles Austin was of sound mind and
disposing Memory at the time of his acknowledge-
ment to the above will

Witness my hand at office
this 6th day of April, A.D. 1868

John W. Hale, Clerk
of the Lewis County Court

William W Campbell's Will

January the 11th A.D. 1869

State of Tennessee

Lewis County { I William W. Campbell of the
County and State afore said
Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty
of death and wishing that all of my temporary
affairs may be settled without litigation being
weak in body but of sound mind and disposing
Memory do make and Publish this as my last
will and testament

1st I will and direct that all of my just debts
and funeral expences be paid so soon after
my death as convenient out of any monies I may
be possessed of or that may come into the hands
of my Executor

2^d I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved
wife Mary C. Campbell while she remains
my widow or during her natural life to have
all of my lands and Property should she marry
again or die I then want the above named
Property sold and divided equally Among my
children

3^d and lastly I hereby nominate and appoint
James Campbell and John Whitwell my
Executors to this my last will and testament
In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand
and Seal this the 12th day of July A.D. 1868

William W. Campbell (Seal)

Test { Willie Smith

James L Johnston

January Term 1869

Read in open court and

Proven &c. J. P. Holmes

Chairman

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

{ Personally appeared before me
S. D. Perkins Clerk of the County
Court of said County in open court Willie Smith
and James L. Johnston Subscribing witnesses to
the within will and after being duly sworn
deposed and said that they saw William W.
Campbell the maker of this will sign the

William W. Campbell's Will continued
 Same and acknowledged in their Presence it to
 be his act and deed for the Purpose therein
 contained and that they verily believed he was
 of Sound mind and disposing Memory at
 the time of Signing the Same
 Witness my hand at Office
 this the 4th day of Jan. A.D. 1869
 S. C. Perkins Clerk

Rebecca Dodson's Will
 February the 1st A.D. 1869
 State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { I Rebecca Dodson make and
 Publish this as my last will
 and Testament revoking all other wills made by
 me at any other time
 1st I will and direct that all of my Just debts be
 paid out of any money that I may die Seized of
 or that may first come into the hands of my Executor
 2^d I will and direct that all of my Goods and
 Chattels Lands and Tenements be exposed to
 Publick Sale on a twelve month credit
 3^d I will and direct that Margaret Daggus my
 daughter and her and her children have
 Twenty dollars and no more
 4th I will and direct that the remainder be divided
 Among my others heirs as follows one fifth to
 John W. Dodson wife and children and no to
 any one else and that A. J. Dodson wife and
 children have one fifth and that my Grand
 son Alexander Lewis Dodson have one fifth and
 that my daughter and heir Martha Nelson and
 children have one fifth and Alexander King my
 Son and heir have one fifth I will and direct
 that C. S. Williams take Charge of my Grand son
 Alexander Lewis Dodson and his share

Rebecca Dodson's Will continued
 above Mentioned in this will and Manage it for
 him until he becomes of age and that he my Grand
 son Alexander Lewis Dodson have one third of the
 corn that he may raise this year 1861
 5th and Lastly I nominate and appoint J. P. Holmes
 and C. S. Williams my Executors to this my
 last will and Testament given under my hand
 and Seal this the 13th day of June A.D. 1861
 Signed and delivered } Rebecca ^{her} Dodson (Seal)
 in our Presence June
 the 13th 1861
 Witnesses { William ^{her} Beckum }
 J. P. Holmes } Proven in open court
 J. P. Holmes
 Chairman
 February term 1869

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { Personally appeared before me
 S. C. Perkins clerk of the
 County Court of said County in open court
 William Beckum and J. P. Holmes subscribing
 Witnesses to the above will and after being duly
 Sworn depose and said that they saw
 Rebecca Dodson the maker of this will sign
 the Same and acknowledged in their Presence
 it to be her act and deed for the Purpose
 therein contained and that they verily believed
 she was of Sound mind and disposing
 Memory at the time of Signing the Same
 Witness my hand at Office
 this the 9th day of February A.D. 1869
 S. C. Perkins Clerk

James R. Pollocks Will

February the 30th A.D. 1870

The last will and testament of James R. Pollock
In the name of God Amen

I James R. Pollock considering the uncertainty of
this mortal life and the certainty of death and
being of sound mind and memory I do make
and Publish this my last will and Testament
in the manner and form following that is to say

1st I will and bequeath my body to the grave and
my soul to God who gave it.

2^d I will and bequeath that my funeral Expenses
and last debts first be paid out of any

Money on hand at my death or the first collected

3^d I give and bequeath to my unmarried daughter
Elizabeth A. Pollock and Susan C. Napier two
heads and heads steady and furniture each also
three head of Cattle each six head of Stock Hogs each
also three head of Sheep each said Property to be their
own individual Property

4th for the purpose of securing to my two daughters

Elizabeth and Susan a home residence I give to
them my home tract of land so long as they may
live single and remain on said home then paying
the taxes on same but should one of them marry
or die then one half of said home stead shall be
rented out and the proceeds equally divided between
my seven daughters also for the purpose of carrying
on said farm I give to Elizabeth and Susan two
head of Farm Horses and two pair of harness and
a two horse wagon four plows two saw one loom
one set of blue tools one pair Sticks two chopping
axes one cupboard and the cupboard and table wear
that is on hand also all kitchen utensils and
one wash cot one folding leaf table one
beaumont and press twelve chairs and all the
Pottery on the place

5th I desire and will that the above named
Property mentioned in section 4th and set a
part for the use and benefit of carrying on said
home stead to remain on said farm undivided
so long as my two daughters Elizabeth A. Pollock

James R. Pollocks Will Continued

and Susan C. Napier live single and remain on said
farm for the purpose of carrying on said farm and all
benefits and profits from the farm arising thereon
mentioned the above two daughters are to have and to hold
as there own free of charge

6th if either or both of the two daughters Elizabeth and
Susan should refuse to live on said farm or
should marry from that time forward they shall
not be entitled to receive any of the Property or
benefits allowed in Section four provided should
either of said daughters see proper to marry or leave
said home stead or die and the other continue single
and remain on said home stead she is to have and
hold Possession of said home stead with all the
Property set apart in Section 4th the use and
benefit of said home stead and in the event of both
of said above named daughters refusing to live
on said home stead or marrying or dying then in
that case all the Property specified and set apart
for the use and benefit of said farm or home
stead as provided in Section 4th is to be sold
and the proceeds equally divided between all of my
heirs

7th I also will that the said home stead which
constitutes my home tract or land be sold
to the highest bidder and the proceeds divided
equally between my seven daughters and I, R.
Pollocks heirs to wit George J. Pollock
Elizabeth A. Pollock Mary Kate Pollock
Marcella R. Rider Susan C. Napier Martha
E. Carter and James R. Pollocks heirs

8th provided however I will that one quarter
of an acre of my home tract of land
covering the grave yard situated on said
farm on the west bank of Buffalo and the
same to be walled and set apart for a family
grave yard and set apart and appropriated to be
to be expended by my executors in walling said
grave yard and erecting tomb stones over graves
of my self and wife

James R. Pollock's Will continued
 9th I further will that my Hoosic and Keeling
 tract of land be sold in two separate tracts
 to the highest bidder Except one hundred and
 fifty acres of said tract which I have decided
 to be equally divided between my four daughters
 and James R. Pollock alive

10th I further will that all my Personal Estate
 that I am Possessed of at my death to wit
 Horse Cattle Hoosic Bay Farming utensils
 and Tools Household furniture Money notes &c
 Except the Proceeds specified and set apart
 for the use and benefit of my two daughters
 Elizabeth and Susan in carrying on the Home
 stead farm during their single life or
 can be used on the same and also Except the
 2000 I given to them as their own individual
 property as specified in Section 3^d is to be
 sold and the Proceeds Equally divided between
 all of my heirs

11th I further will that at my death all my
 children and Grand children living at
 my Home and remaining single shall have
 a liberal years Sustainance allowed them
 for the support of them heirs and their stock

12th I further will that at my death the
 Stock of a man Pig a cow and several years
 support and ten dollars in Money out of my
 Effects

13th And lastly I do Ordain and appoint
 J. B. Pollock and Harrison Williken
 my sole Executors of this my last will and
 testament hereby revoking all former wills by
 me made In Witness Whereof I have hereunto
 Set my hand and Seal

This The 30th day of December A.D. 1870
 The above instrument containing James R. Pollock's Will
 in & of One Suit was now
 here subscribed & James R. Pollock the testator
 in the presence of each of us and we at his
 request sign our names as Attesting Witnesses to
 the same John W. Pollock and James W. Stockard

James R. Pollock's Will continued
 Opened and Read in Chancery Court and Received and
 Ordered to be made of Record
 this the February term 1871

J. B. Dabbs, Chairman

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County

Personally Appeared before me
 W. C. Dabbs Clerk of the

County Court of said County in Chancery Court
 John W. Pollock and James W. Stockard who
 is subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last
 will and testament of James R. Pollock last
 and after being duly sworn depose and say
 that they saw James R. Pollock the maker of
 the foregoing will sign the same and
 acknowledge in their presence to be his last
 will and testament and that they verily believe
 that he was of sound mind and disposing
 memory at the time of signing the same
 Witness my hand at office

This the 1st day of March A.D. 1871

W. C. Dabbs Clerk

Mary Ann Moody Will

I Mary Ann Moody of the City of Cincinnati Ohio do make and Publish this my last will and Testament And

1st I direct that my body be decently interred near to the grave of my deceased and beloved daughter Mary Louisa Barnard and that my funeral be of a character corresponding with my situation in life and as to such worldly Estate as it hath or shall please God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows First I direct that all my debts and funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my deceased as practicable and also I direct that the balance of all my Personally Property and all my Real Estate shall be and remain the Absolute Property of my beloved husband John Brook Moody the real Estate to him in fee simple and his heirs or assigns for ever and I do hereby desire and appoint my beloved husband John Brook Moody to be Executor of this my last will and Testament in Witness whereof I have to this my Will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal

this the 23^d day of April A.D. 1859

Mary Ann Moody (Real)

Signed sealed and delivered

in the presence of us who in the presence of each other acted as the testator and at her request have hereto subscribed as Witnesses

J. C. Montgomery
David Fisher

State of Kentucky
Campbell County This the 17th day of August 1863
the foregoing last will and Testament of Mary Ann Moody deceased. was produced in Court at the above time and fully Proved by the oaths of J. C. Montgomery and David Fisher the subscribing Witnesses hereto established and ordered to be Recorded which is accordingly done in my office

Attest John J. Thomas Clerk c.c.

Mary Ann Moody's Will Continued

In testimony that the foregoing is duly copied from the Record in my office I John J. Thomas Clerk of the Campbell County Court have hereby set my hand and affixed my official seal and at the Court House in the City of Newport this the 27th day of August A.D. 1863

John J. Thomas Clerk

State of Kentucky

Campbell County I W. J. Berry Judge of the Campbell County Court hereby certify that John J. Thomas whose name appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing the same clerk of the Campbell County Court duly qualified as such and that his signature is genuine and that his certificate and certificate attached to the foregoing will is in due force of law

Witness my hand and Seal of said Court this the 29th day of January A.D. 1866

W. J. Berry Judge
Campbell County Court

Jacob, J. Waters Will

The last will and testament
of Jacob, J. Waters of Carter County Tennessee
Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life
and being sound of mind and memory do make
and Publish this my last will and testament
in major and form as follows to wit
1st That all of my just debts be Paid

2^d I have and bequeath unto my two daughters
Martha and Ellen Waters the place known
as the home place about fifty or fifty acres
of land together with one bed and furniture
each and one cow and calf jointly and also
one bureau with and with all of the rest of
my personal property be sold by my Executors
and applied to my debts.

3^d It is my will that my tract of land lying
in the fork of Brush Creek known as the
Barns place be sold by my Executors so soon
as to bring the most money in a reasonable time
According to his judgement and by his direction
to have full power to make a title perfected
without the court expenses and after the payment
of all of my just debts and all the cost that
may come in attending to the business the
remainder Equally divided between my lawful
sons and I now by appoint Elias Fite and
W. M. Collier my Executors of this my last
will and testament revoking all former wills
by me made and witness thereof I have
signed and set my hand and seal
this 10th day of April A.D. 1875

Jacob J. Waters (Seal)
Elias Fite (Seal)
W. M. Collier (Seal)

The above instrument
consisting of a sheet of paper was here
subscribed to by J. J. Waters the testator in the
presence of each of us and saw at the same
time declared by him to be his last will and
testament and we at his request sign our
names as witnesses

Elias Fite (Seal)
W. M. Collier (Seal)

Samuel Stewart Will

I Samuel Stewart have this
day Made and Published this my last will and
testament revoking all others Wills made by me at
any other time

1st I will And direct that my Executor pay all
my debts out of the first money that may
come into his hands

2^d I will And bequeath to my wife Anna Stewart
all of my Property both Real and Personal during
her Natural life

3^d I will And bequeath to Samuel Stewart Jr. and
Emeline Stewart my son and daughter after
the death of their Mother Ann Stewart all of
my Property both Real and Personal to be Equally
divided between them

4th My reason for not giving to any others is
that I have gave off to them sufficient
to make them equal in the division of my
Property therefore I gave them Nothing
in this will

5th And lastly I nominate And Appoint
Samuel Stewart Jr. Executor to this my
last will and testament
Witness my hand and seal
this the 10th day of December A.D. 1881

Samuel Stewart (Seal)
Test { Signed And Sealed }
In our presence }
this the 10th day of December A.D. 1881
J. B. Hollinsworth
(Will. Batts)

Levi Vincent's Will

I Levi Vincent being in a weak state of health but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

1st It is my will that my inward Expenses and all my debts shall be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys I may have or may here come in to the hands of my Executor.

2^d It is my will that my Mother Elizabeth Vincent shall have my aged Black Horse and also my Cow and yearling calf and all my corn.

3^d It is my will that my Executor shall sell my two year old Horses to the highest bidder for cash and apply the proceeds of the sale to the payment of my debts and it is my will that the balance of the money after paying said debts shall go to my sister Hannah Vincent I also give to my sister Huldah Vincent my horse and seven shovels.

4th I do nominate and appoint Elizabeth Vincent as Executor of this my last will and testament and respectfully ask the Court to allow her to act as such without giving bond or security and certifying whereof heretofore by my hand and seal this 28th day of April 1884.

Levi Vincent
Signed by the testator in our presence and in hearing of each other we subscribe our names as witnesses.

Wiley B. Williams
John Wood

J. B. Gentry Probated

June 18th County Court 1884

J. W. Vincent Registrar

Wiley B. Williams' Will

I Wiley B. Williams being feeble in health but of sound and disposing memory knowing that life is uncertain and that death is certain do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other will by me made at any time.

1st Directs 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.

2^d I will and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Mary Ann Williams all my Property both real and personal of every description during her natural life or widowhood for her sole use and benefit and under her control during said time.

3^d I will that after the death of said wife Mary Ann that all my personal property that may be then on hand be sold and the proceeds divided among all my body heirs that may be living at the time of said wife's death except the household furniture which I wish to be sold out divided equally between my five daughters or so many of them that may be living at the time of my said wife's death.

4th I will and desire after the death of my said wife or as soon thereafter as may be practicable that my Executor hereafter appointed proceed to and is hereby authorized to sell as provided by Law all my real Estate that I now own at Public Sale to the highest bidder giving suitable Notice according to law selling said lands on a one and two years credit or time and the proceeds thereof be equally divided between all my body heirs that may be living at the time of the death of my said wife Mary Ann that is with this exception that is to say I will that my youngest daughter Alice Amanda Sheldahl live during at the death of said wife Mary Ann have and her share one half of same part as aforesaid.

5th I will and do hereby appoint and nominate my two daughters Mary Annora Beckham and Fannie C. Bailey Guardians of my son George Williams

Wiley B. Williams will continued
 who is of unsound mind who I do not think
 is capable of Managing Business intelligently and
 to his best Interest And said Guardians are hereby
 authorized And empowered to take into their
 possession And under their control And to use for
 their own special benefit any and all Monies
 of my Estate that may be due said Son George
 at the distribution of my Estate aforesaid.

6th I will that at my death my Daughter
 Mary E. Become is to have a certain key
 more we call Holies mat I now own for her
 sole use and benefit.

7th I will that at the death of my said wife
 Mary Ann that my Daughter Fannie C
 Bailey is to have one hundred ^{Dollars} Over and above
 what would be an equal share to be paid
 out of the Personal Property that may be on
 hand at the time of said wife death for
 her sole use and benefit.

8th I do hereby nominate and appoint
 George Become my Executor of this my
 last Will And Testament.

Witness my hand And Seal
 this 18th day of February A.D. 1890

W. B. Williams

Attest { E. C. Shart
 J. Clayton } Just. N. Stockford.

Clark

B. W. Smiths Will

I Byron W. Smith of the City
 of Minneapolis and State of Minnesota do hereby make public
 and declare this my last will and testament in manner
 following hereby revoking all former wills bequest and
 devised by me made.

1st After the payment of all my just debts and funeral
 Expenses I give devise and Bequest to my beloved

wife Eliza J. Smith all my Estate of whatever name
 and nature both real and Personal and with and reservation

2nd It is my wish and request that my said wife
 shall as soon as convenient after the payment of my
 debts and liabilities pay to my sister Mary A. Smith
 the sum of five hundred Dollars.

3rd It is also my wish and request that my said wife
 shall under like circumstances pay to my sister
 Hannah O. Wells the sum of two hundred Dollars.

4th It is also my wish and request that my said wife
 shall under like circumstances pay to my sister
 Frank L. Sinclair the sum of two hundred Dollars.

5th I also hereby request and direct my said wife
 to convey deed to my Brother Burrows C. Smith
 Sonora California all those lands and premises

Situated at Whitneys Point in the County of Become and
 State of New York upon which Orin Sinclair now
 resides said premises being a part of the Old Homestead
 and really the Property of and belonging to said Burrows,
 A. Smith altho the title thereof stands in my name
 for which reason I hereby specially direct that this
 request be fully and faithfully complied with by my
 said wife.

6th I also desire and request my said wife as soon
 after my death as be possible but without incumber-
 ing my said Estate and as her own judgement may
 dictate to pay to my Aunt Lois Baldwin the sum of
 five hundred Dollars.

7th I hereby declare that my wishes and request as
 expressed in Paragraphs numbers Second Third
 Fourth and Sixth in this my last will are not
 intended as bequests to the Persons therein named
 but are simply expressions of my wishes with regards
 to small portions of my Estate to be paid out as
 Remembrances and are made with full consideration.

B. W. Smith's Continued

that my said wife will cheerfully comply therewith
8th In making this my last will I am not
 unmindful of the Existence of my Children
 Frank Lewis Smith and Joseph Gay Smith but no
 provision is made for them herein. Hence I declare that
 my entire Estate shall be Managed and Cared for
 by my said wife in utmost Fidelity and Executive
 ability I have full faith and Confidence believing that
 she will make proper provision for their Education
 and maintenance and that my will in due time
 passing through her is sufficient Portion of my
 said Estate or the proceeds thereof

9th I will and Ordain that the Executor hereinafter
 named of this my last will and Testament for
 and towards the Performance of said Testament shall
 with all convenient Speed after my decease bargain
 sell and alien in fee Simple all my lands for the
 purpose Executing and perfect finishing whereof I do
 by these presents give to my said Executor full Power
 and Authority to Grant Alien Bargain Sell Convey and
 Assign all the same lands to Any Person or Persons
 and their heirs forever in fee Simple by all every
 such lawful ways and means in the law as to
 my said Executor or to her Council learned in the
 Law shall seem fit or necessary

10th It is my will and request that my funeral
 shall be conducted without any unnecessary
 Expense with no display and without the Services
 of any Clergyman or at least of any One Professing
 a belief in the Supernatural

11th I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife
 Eliza S. Smith the sole Executor of this my last
 will and Testament and hereby authorize and empower
 her the said Eliza S. Smith composed Compromise and
 settle any claims or demands which may be against
 or in favor of my said Estate and I further will and
 direct that my said Executor be not required to give
 any bond or security for the faithful discharge of
 said Trust In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and Seal

This the 15th day of October A.D. 1883

Byron W. Smith

(Seal)

B. W. Smith's Continued

Signed Published and declared by the said Byron W. Smith to
 be his last will and Testament in the Presence of us who have
 signed our names at his request as Witnesses in his Presence
 and in the Presence of each other

Adelaide Oris
 Alex. Moberg

State of Minnesota }
 County of Hennepier } 38

In Probate Court

Be It Remembered that at a term of the Probate Court
 for said Hennepier County held at the City of Minneapolis
 in said County on Monday the 8th day of October, 1883 and
 Pursuant to Notice duly given as required by Law the
 Instrument hereto annexed Purporting to be the last
 will and Testament of Byron W. Smith late of the
 County of Hennepier and State of Minnesota Deceased
 was duly Proven to be the last will and Testament
 of said Deceased duly Executed as required by Law
 and valid as a will of real and Personal Property
 in this State by the testimony of Alexander Moberg
 one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and no one
 appearing to Oppose the said Instrument is therefore
 Adjudged to be in all Parts duly Executed as the
 last will and Testament of said Deceased
 and is as such last will and Testament admitted
 to Probate and record by this Court
 In Witness Whereof I, J. Von Schlegel have
 hereunto subscribed my name as Judge of Probate
 and affixed the Seal of said Court at Minneapolis
 in said County

This the 8th day of October A.D. 1883

J. Von Schlegel
 Judge of Probate

Letters Testamentary }
 The State of Minnesota } To all to whom these
 Presents shall come or may
 Concern and Especially to Eliza S. Smith of the
 County of Hennepier and State of Minnesota Greeting
 Know ye that whereas Byron W. Smith of the County
 of Hennepier and State of Minnesota hath died testate
 and being at the time of his Decease a Resident of said
 County by means Whereof The Proving and Recording

County
 Seal

B. M. Smith's Continued

his last will and testament and Granting Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels Rights Credits and Estate which he did Possessed and also the Auditing allowing and discharging the Accounts thereof to within the Jurisdiction of the Probate Court of the County of Hennepin, and Witness on the 8th day of Oct. A.D. 1888

at the City of Minneapolis in said County before Hon. Hon. J. Byron Schlegell Probate Judge of said County his last will and testament of the said Byron M. Smith was Read Aloud and admitted to Probate and whereas Eliza D. Smith Executrix named and appointed in and by said last will and testament has given Bond as Required by Law for the faithful Execution of said Trust which said Bond by said Judge was filed in the for said Probate Court

We therefore deposing full confidence in your Integrity and ability have Granted and by these presents do Grant the Administration of all and singular the Goods Chattels Rights Credits and Estate of the said Deceased and any way respecting his said last will and testament unto you the said Eliza D. Smith Executrix Above said. Thereby Authorizing and empowering you to take and have Possession of all the Real and Personal Estate of said Deceased and to Receive the Rents issues and Profits thereon and the said Estate shall have been settled or finally delivered over by Order of said Court to the heirs or devisees of said Deceased and to demand collect recover and receive all and singular the debts claims and demands right things due in action which to the said Deceased while living and at the time of his death did hold; and requiring you to keep in good tenable repair all houses Buildings and fences on said Real Estate which may and shall be under your control; and in accordance with your Bond approved and filed as above said to make and return unto the Probate Court of said County of Hennepin within three months a true and perfect inventory of all the Goods Chattels Rights Credits and Estate of the said Deceased which shall come to your Possession or Knowledge or to the Possession of any other Person for you to administer according to Law and to said will and testament all the Goods Chattels Rights

B. M. Smith's Continued

Credits and Estate of said Deceased which shall at any time come to your Possession or to the Possession of any other Person for you and out of the same to pay and discharge all debts legacies and charges chargeable on the same or State dividends thereon as shall be ordered and decreed by said Court to render a just and true account of your Administration to said Court within one year or at any other time when required by said Court and to perform all orders and decrees of said Court by you to be performed in the Premises

In testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of said Probate Court to be hereunto affixed Witness the Hon. J. Byron Schlegell Judge of Probate at the City of Minneapolis in said County this the 5th day of October A.D. 1888

J. Byron Schlegell
Judge Probate

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

Probate Court

Charles B. Perkins clerk of the Probate Court within and for said Hennepin County do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copies of the will and some Probate and letters Testamentary in the register of the Estate of Byron M. Smith Deceased with the original of record in said Court and that the same are true full and correct transcripts herefrom and of the whole thereof

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Minneapolis in said County this the 24th day of December A.D. 1888

Charles B. Perkins clerk
of Probate Court

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

J. Byron Schlegell Sole Judge
of the Probate Court within

and for said County the same being a Court of Record do hereby certify that the foregoing attestation is by the proper Officer and in due form as required by the laws of this State

Witness my hand at Minneapolis this the 3rd day of December A.D. 1888

J. Byron Schlegell Judge
of Probate Court



John Sharps Will found in Book A
 State of Tennessee
 Lewis County

In the Name of God Amen
 I John Sharp though Bodily
 Affected yet of sound mind do make and Publish this
 as my last will and testament hereby revoking and
 making void all other will by me at any time made
 1st 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 Executor
 2^d I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
 Mary Sharp the following Negroes one Negro

man Bob Age about twenty nine years and one
 Negro Girl named Harriett Age about sixteen years
 which she is to have and to hold as her Property
 during her natural life and at her, my wife Mary
 Sharp, death the said Bob is to be freed from
 Bondage the Balance of his natural life and she
 may dispose of the said Girl Harriett as she may
 desire It is further my will and desire that if my
 debts can be Paid out of my Chattle Property and
 Moneys &c it shall be don if not I wish and will
 that one and both if necessary of the following Negroes
 Girls be sold for Cash for the Purpose of Paying my
 debts to wit, Sophia and Julia, and if it is not
 necessary the above named Sophia and Julia be sold
 for the Purpose of settling my debts it is my desire
 and will and I bequeath them both to my beloved
 wife Mary Sharp during her natural life and at
 her death she can dispose of them the said Sophia
 and Julia as she may desire

3^d I Give and bequeath unto John W. Koomel
 two Negro Girls Caroline Age about twelve years
 Josephine age about three years

4th I Give and bequeath unto Hugh Allison and
 William Koomel each ten Dollars in Money to
 be Paid by my Executor out of any moneys which may
 come in to his hands from the sale of my Property
 which he is authorized to sell for the Payments of my
 debts

John Sharps will found in Book A
 5th and lastly I do nominate and appoint John W. Koomel
 my Executor of this my last will and testament and
 Witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal
 this the 24th day of March A.D. 1852

John Sharp (Seal)

Signed sealed and Publish in our
 Presence and we have subscribed our names her in the
 Presence of the testator
 this the 24th day of March A.D. 1852

Attest { William Sharp
 John P. Blackburn

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { Personally appeared in Open court
 William Sharp and John P. Blackburn
 Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will and made
 Oath in due form of law that they were Present
 and saw John Sharp the testator sign said will
 and ^{read} acknowledge it to be his last will and
 testament made for the Purpose therein specified
 Given under my hand at Office
 this the 5th day of April A.D. 1852
 W. H. Planigan Clerk
 of the County Court

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { Do John W. Koomel a citizen of said
 County it appearing to the County Court
 that John Sharp having died leaving a written will
 in which you are appointed Executor which will has
 been Proved in Open court and you having given
 Bond and security and was qualified according to
 law and it having been ordered by the court that letters
 testamentary issue to you there are therefore to authorize
 you to enter upon the Execution of said will and take into
 your Possession and controls all the Property and to make to
 the next term of court a Perfect Inventory and make due
 collection of all the debts and after Paying all the just
 demands against the Estate and settling up all Business
 of the same according to law you will Pay over and deliver
 the Property and effects that may remain in your hands
 and do all things that may be required according to the Provis-
 ions of said will and laws of Tennessee Given under my
 hand at Office this April 5th 1852 W. H. Planigan Clerk

William B. Smiths Will found in Book A

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

I William B. Smith do make
And Publish this as my last
Will and Testament revoking all other wills by me
made at any other time.

1st I will And direct that all of my just debts and
funeral Expenses be Paid out of any money that
I may have on hand at my death or may first
come into the hands of my Executor

2^d I will And bequeath to my beloved wife Mary
Smith the tract of lands on which I now
Reside containing by Survey three hundred and
thirty three Acres during her natural life or widowhood
and the crop that is now on hand and that she have
all of the Household and Kitchen furniture and all of
my Stock of Horses Cows Hogs Sheep except the following
ones a young Bull faced Sorrel Horse a yoke of young
Pided Steers and that she Mary Smith my wife
have all of my farming utensils and my Wagon
and Old Oxen and that my Executor or wife
either of them to sell or Savor said Old Oxen as they
may think best for the benefit of the family.

3^d I will and direct that my Executor sell a tract
of land now belonging to me and lye West of
where I now reside and on the Waters of Swan and
that he Expose it to Public Sale on a twelve Month
Credit and that he sell the above named young Bull
faced Sorrel Horse and the above named young
yoke of Steers on a twelve month credit I further
will and direct that the Proceeds of the Interest
that I now own in the Rebecca Dotson farm
go to the use of my family during the life time of
Rebecca Dotson and at the death of said Dotson
said Interest which I own in said lands be Exposed
to Public Sale on a twelve Month Credit I further
will and direct that my Executor at the death of
Abigail Boggs that he Expose the lands that she
now lives on to Public Sale on a twelve month
Credit as said lands has been bought by me as the
deeds will Show but but can not come into my
Possession untill the death of said Boggs

William B. Smiths Will found in Book A
on account of a will made by Mrs. Boggs husband of
said Abigail Boggs none of the above named tracts of
land or either of them should be sold by my Executor
and the money collected before the death of my wife
he my Executor may divide the money among my heirs
that may be of age I further direct my Executor to wit
that the Sorrel Horse and yoke of Oxen and land
above directed to be sold do not pay all of my debts
that he see other Property such as can be spared
best off of the Place I further will and direct that
at the death or Marriage of my wife Mary Smith
that the Plantation on which I now reside be sold
with all of the Goods and Chattels thereto Pertaining
on a twelve month Credit I here direct that my
Executor pay to my daughter Nancy H. Harris twenty
Dollars as soon after the debts of mine are Paid
as it can be collected the reason that I desire
this to be done is that I never have gave her
equal with the rest of my heirs that have married
and left me I do will and direct that the
following division be made after the death or
Marriage of my wife Mary Smith (1st) first I do
will and bequeath to Alexander Lewis Dotson
my Grand Son fifty Dollars and no more
Second I do will and bequeath to Nancy Jane
Dotson fifty Dollars and no more
Now in each of the above named Grand Childrens
Amount (2^d) fifty Dollars I desire that my
Executor retain it in his own hands or that he
especially see that the money is used to the Interest
of the Children and kept out of the hands of their
father untill they are of age as I fear he their
father would not manage it to their Interest
thirdly I do will and direct that all of the remaining
Part of my Estate be Equally divided between the
following named heirs (3^d)

Nancy H. Harris Mary J. Kerney James W. Smith
Ellen P. Smith and Martha A. Smith except that
Ellen P. Smith and Martha A. Smith have twenty
Dollars the most in the division now and in their
Place I will and direct my Executor that should
there be any money on hand after he shall make