

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 Savop 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
Abegal 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

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on account of a will made by Mrs. Boggs husband of
said Abegal 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 knowlege
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

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 the Sale of the land on the Waters of Swan and the
 Somer Horse and Goke of young Oxen that he buy
 a Horse to Suite my family with said money that
 may be on hand after paying my just debts
 Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
 C. S. Williams my Executor to this my last will and
 Testament Whereunto I have affixed my Seal
 this the 18th day of August, A.D. 1857

William B. Smith ^{his} Seal

Signed, Sealed and Published
 in our Presence August 18th 1857

Witness { A. G. King
 { J. P. Keelins }

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

I W. H. Planigan Clerk of the
 Lewis County Court do certify
 that the foregoing is a true copy of a Paper on file
 in my Office Purporting to be the last will and
 Testament of William B. Smith deceased
 Witness my hand at Office

this the 6th day of November A.D. 1857

W. H. Planigan Clerk

Minute Book

Richards Jennings Will found in Book C

I Richard Jennings

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 debts be paid out
 of any money that I may have on hand at my death
 or that may first come into the hands of my Executor

2^d I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy
 Jennings the Plantation on which I now live
 and all other Property that I may die seized of such as
 Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs and Household and Kitchenfurni-
 ture, to remain hers her natural life and at her death
 said Plantation and other Property above named to belong
 to my daughter Martha A. Cox and her Children
 3^d I will and bequeath to James B. Pollock my

Son-in-law five Dollars and no more and the
 reason for it is that I have gave to him his full
 Shear Previous to this time

4th I will and bequeath to James W. Jennings my
 Son One Dollar and no more and the reason
 is I have gave to him a full Shear of my Property
 Previous to this time

5th And lastly I nominate and appoint Nancy
 Jennings my Executrix to this my last will
 and Testament Given under my hand and seal
 this the 23^d day of June A.D. 1858

Richard ^{his} Jennings Seal

the within will made
 and Published in our Presence
 this the 23^d day of June A.D. 1858

Witness { J. P. Keelins
 { S. H. Keelins }

Nehemiah Sharp will found in Book C.

Know all men by these Presence that I Nehemiah Sharp desirous to divide all the lands that I have a title to between my three children now living to wit John Sharp Mary Vincent wife of George Vincent and Elizabeth Vincent widow of Jones Vincent descent my said children to have Possession at my death.

Now for the love and affection I entertain for my son John Sharp I do hereby give transfer and convey to him and his heirs forever all of my lands in the State of Tennessee and Lewis County lying West of the following division line (viz)

Beginning at a Stake near White Oak 29 poles N. of a Beech with 2 Beeches and Black Gum Pointers Mayfield's corner running from said Stake South one degree East 47 poles to a Stake on the Bank of Big Swan creek thence up said creek and crossing the same South 56° E. 48 poles to a Stake near the Public Road with white walnut Pointers not far from the South E. corner of my Apple Orchard thence S 9° west at 21 poles passing a Spring in all 29 poles to a white Oak on the Point of a ridge thence S. 30° west 270 poles to a Stake in the South Boundary of my 528 Acre tract 110 poles East of the South west corner of said 528 Acre tract to have and to hold the same to the said John Sharp his heirs and assigns forever and I covenant for my self my heirs and Representatives to warrant and defend the title of the Portion so conveyed to the said John Sharp to him and his heirs forever against the claims of all Persons Whomsoever

And I the said Nehemiah Sharp for the love and affection I entertain for my daughter Mary Vincent wife of George Vincent do hereby give transfer and convey to her the said Mary Vincent her heirs and assigns forever all that Part of my land lying in said County and State and East of the following division line to wit Beginning at a Stake on the ridge Stone corner running thence South at 72 poles the old channel of said creek thence on same corner up the old channel in all 110 poles to a Syamore on the Bank of said creek

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36 poles East and 4 poles South of the South East of my 50 acre tract thence on South 86 poles to a Poplar on the hill thence South 63° West 41 poles to a Chestnut thence South 80° west 156 poles to a Stake in the South Boundary line of my 528 acre tract and 110 poles west from the South East corner of said 528 Acre tract to have and to hold the same to the said Mary Vincent her heirs and assigns forever and I covenant and agree for my self my heirs and Representatives to warrant and defend the title of the Portion so conveyed to the said Mary Vincent to her and hers forever against the claims of all Persons Whomsoever

And I Nehemiah Sharp do for the love and affection I entertain for my daughter Elizabeth Vincent widow of Jones Vincent descent hereby give transfer and convey to her and hers for ever all the remaining Portion of my land lying between the two divisions lines here above described being the middle Portion of my land to have and to hold the same to the said Elizabeth Vincent her heirs and assigns forever and I covenant and agree for my self my heirs and Representatives to warrant the title of the Portion so conveyed to the said Elizabeth Vincent to her and her heirs forever against the claims of all Persons Whomsoever all of said lands so given to my said children amounting in the aggregate to $774 \frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{23}{100}$ Acres more or less as per calls of my Grants and Deeds and my children will take Possession of the Portions conveyed to them respectively at my death in

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal

Test { W. R. Kitzell } Nehemiah Sharp
 { W. D. Sharp }
 { George Clayton }
 { A. N. Niles }
 { John Sims }

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County

Personally appeared before me S. V. Perkins Clerk of the County court of said County Nehemiah Sharp the within named with Whom I am Personally acquainted

Nehemiah Sharp will found in Book C
and who acknowledge that he Executed the
within Deed for the Purposes therein Expressed
and contained Witness my hand at Office
this the 8th day of April A.D. 1870
S.D. Perkins Clerk

A. H. Spains Will or Agreement

State of Tennessee
Lewis County

June the 10th 1882

Know all men by these
Presents that in view of the uncertainty of life
and the certainty of death and fully knowing that
my strength and health is fast falling me
and not knowing at what time I may become
a burden or a heavy tax on some one,
being desirous of making some disposition of what
effects I am now in possession of more particular
for my own future preservation and support
and otherwise from not being burden with the
care of my Estate or having to pay some one to see
after and take care of same I have this day
Burgained and sold to Sallie A. Lanier my
beloved niece who has been with and taken
care of me nearly all her life or about ten years
up to the present time and I do by these Presents
convey to the said Sallie A. Lanier and her body
hers all of the right title and claims I hold and
have in and to the following described Property to wit
a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in
County of Lewis and State of Tennessee in the 4th
Civil District of said County of Lewis and on the
head waters of the West fork of Bigby Creek and
more Particular known as the tract of land
that I recently purchased of W. P. Jones and wife

A. H. Spains Continued

Containing One hundred and seventy five acres more or
less and for a more Particular description of the same
reference is made to the records of said County in Book
- Page - date 1882 also three more Hides and one
year old Hides and one Hides cote and one Milch cow
and calf and one yearling Eight head of Stock hogs all
of my Farming Implements two Wagons and Harness
and Express Wagon and Harness and old set of Black
Smith tools also all of my table Ware house hold
and Kitchen furniture which is a limited
Amount and Common also my Interest in the
Present Growing crop on said land which is
 $\frac{2}{3}$ two thirds of the hold Amount after it is made
and gathered also one Note on A. H. Spains
for three hundred and twelve Dollars dated Sept
the 30th 1881 also one Gold Watch and Chain that
is to be given to name sake Lewis Edward Lanier
by his Mother Sallie A. Lanier which Watch
above named is a special gift to the said Child
he being named for me
And the said Sallie A. Lanier and her husband
John H. Lanier on their Parts agree for and in
consideration before mentioned to take care of the
said A. H. Spains as one of their family during
his natural life and that he to consult him so
long as the said A. H. Spains is Comatant to attend
to Business as to the best use of and to make
with the above described Property and the said
Sallie A. Lanier may at any time if she thinks
it best for the Interest of her self and children
sell or dispose of said Property or any Part
thereof and invest the Proceeds of the lands in
land again the title to remain as the above
title of the above described lands and the
Personal Property she may convert to the use
of her self and her children and the further
support of her self and family and said A. H.
Spains and the said Sallie A. Lanier and
John H. Lanier agree on their Part to pay
all of the Burial Expenses of the said A. H.
Spains and his wife Sarah J. Spains at their

A. H. Spain's Continued

Death and erect head and foot stones to their graves of said A. H. and Sarah J. Spain are buried any where in reach of the said John H. and Sallie A. Lanier at the time of their death or either one of their death and further that the before described Note on Alfred Plummer is to be collected and enough of the proceeds of said Note applied to the Payment of a Note that the said A. H. Spain owes to D. W. Goodson for two hundred Dollars Borrowed Money dated September the 10th 1882 and the remainder to be applied to the Payment of any little claims that the said A. H. Spain may owe if there be any such he does not remember at this time the said A. H. Spain is to keep one horse for his own use and said horse is not to be put in to the cultivation of crops and said A. H. Spain will come and go to and from said place at his will and in all respects do and act as he has done heretofore as a member of the family all of which we have agreed to and bind our selves by these Presents the said A. H. Spain further states and sets forth that the said John H. and Sallie A. Lanier have all ready rendered to him invaluable service for which he feels that he is greatly indebted to them for which is an additional cause for his making this contract or agreement to all of which we agree and bind our selves each and every one of us to and for the faithful performance of the same in witness whereof we have this day signed our names and set our seals

The day and date before written

A. H. Spain (Seal)
J. H. Lanier (Seal)
Sallie A. Lanier (Seal)

William L. Brown's Will

I, William L. Brown do make and Publish this as my last Will and testament revoking and making all others by me made at any time void

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any Monies that I may die possessed of or may first come in to the hands of my Executor 2^d I give and bequeath to my wife R. J. Brown and my Child Mary Brown or all of my Children by my wife R. J. Brown all of my household and kitchen furniture I want her to keep and not to be sold by the Executor I also want my wife to keep the cow that is called Red I also want my wife to have ten Barrels of my Rent that is coming from George Brown and S. B. Brooks and the remainder of the Rent to be sold by the Executor the land that J. W. Brown has been settled by me and him and he pays no Rent for that land that he has in Possession that is the lands that is in clover that is 4 acres above the church and 2 acres in corn I also want my wife to have all of my corn and Bacon that I have on hand for the benefit of the family and all of the Perishable Property to be sold by the Executor to the highest Bidder on a credit of twelve month or the balance that is on hand I also want of the Proceeds of my Estate to be divided between my wife R. J. Brown and Children and at her death to go to my heirs by R. J. Brown and at the death of my Children I want the Estate to come back to Mother Brothers and Sisters to be divided equally between them that is if they have no heirs among them Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint J. P. Wolens my Executor in witness whereof I do to his my will set my hand & seal this the 20th day of May A.D. 1885

W. L. Brown (Seal)
Signed and Published in our Presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the Presence of the testator this the 20th day of May A.D. 1885
E. Galaway and C. B. Peery } Witnesses

W. W. Kinsons Will

In the name of God Amen
 I W. W. Kinson being weak in body but of
 sound and disposing mind and memory causing
 to ward the quality of human life and being
 desirous of settling my worldly affairs I
 W. W. Kinson do make and Publish this my
 last will and Testament my will is that all
 my just debts and funeral charges shall by
 Executor hereinafter named to be paid out of my
 Estate as soon after my death as shall be found
 by him convenient

1st I will to my Son John Wesley Kinson One
 Mare that I have heretofore gave to him

2^d I will to my Son W. B. Kinson One Bay Mare
 three years Old

3^d I will to my Son G. W. Kinson One Brown Gray
 Horse two years Old

4th I will to my Sons W. B. W. Kinson One Black
 Horse two years Old

5th I will to my beloved wife Mary A. Kinson
 in lieu of a Dower One Gray Mare also
 Bay Mare six years Old also all the rest of
 my Property not otherwise bequeath both real
 and Personal during her natural life

6th My will is that at the death of my wife
 Mary A. Kinson or her Marriage that all
 of my Property both real and Personal shall
 be Sold and divided between all my Children
 Equally

7th My will is that John H. Harper who is
 living with me at this time shall remain
 with my wife until he becomes the age of
 twenty one years also my will is that he shall
 have an Equal share out of my Estate with
 the rest of my Children

lastly I do nominate and appoint my Son
 John Wesley Kinson to be the Executor of this
 my last will and Testament in testimony
 whereof I the said W. W. Kinson have to this my
 last will and Testament subscribed my name
 in the year of our Lord A.D. 1877
 June the 16th W. W. Kinson by

W. W. Kinsons Continued

J. M. M. Fair of Lewis County Tennessee
 J. A. P. Goodman of Lewis County Tennessee
 J. A. Goodman of Lewis County Tennessee

State of Tennessee

Lewis County Personally appeared before me
 W. C. Lobb Clerk of the County
 Court A. P. Goodman and J. A. Goodman the Subscribing
 Witness to the foregoing will with whom I am personally
 acquainted after being sworn depose and say that
 they were Present and heard W. W. Kinson the make
 of the foregoing will acknowledge his signature
 thereto for the Purpose therefore for the Purposes
 therein contained Witness my hand at Office
 this the 3^d day of December A.D. 1877
 W. C. Lobb Clerk

Mahalah Phipps Will

Stratford Conn November 28th 1890

Be it known by all whome it may concern that Mahalah Phipps nee Mahalah Staggs while sick and on her death bed made to our presence her last will and desire in reference to the disposition of her land and effects and in our presence said if she was able on the Monday following she would have Mr. Williams Parkie write down her desire but before that time she became worse and sank rapidly so it was not done. She several times reiterated her will and desire to us both separately and when we were to gather her statement was to this effect that whereas that her Mother and her Sister Jennie had done so much for her and looked after her in all her sickness and trouble in years past and at that time that she wanted them her said Mother and her Sister Jennie to have her land considered by her worth one hundred dollars and the interest she had in her Fathers Estate and her clothing and household effects and to use them for their own special use and benefit after paying her Doctor Bills and the few little debts honestly against her and to this statement they hereby Signe their names in the presence of two Witnesses and make the following Affidavit as written below this day and date above written

Witness our hands Marks and Seals

Signed And Acknowledge } Samuel ^{his} Staggs (Seal)
in our Presence } Mary ^{her} Whitworth (Seal)

J. C. Pite
(C. B. Staggs)

State of Connecticut

Lewis County } Personally appeared before
me J. C. Pite an acting
Justice of the Peace in and for said County
Samuel Staggs And Mary Whitworth who make
Oath in due form of law that the foregoing
Instrument And Statement therein are true

Mahalah Phipps Will Continued
to the best of their knowledge and belief and their
marks to their names made at time of acknowledge-
ment, hereto

Sworn to before me this the 28th day of Nov 1890
Samuel ^{his} Staggs } J. C. Pite (Seal)
Mary ^{her} Whitworth }

December Term County Court 1890
Received in Open Court and ordered made
of Record
J. D. Milliken
Chairman

John C. Peerys Will

Being in bad health and
thine it best for my family to make a will
this being my last will and testament
for the love and affection that I have for my
son, Charles B. Peery I gave to him, one tract
or parcel of land containing one hundred and
an acres Beginning on or at a South East corner
of a 24 acre tract deed to me by Joseph Peery
just above my spring a cross the creek thence
North East to Archibald Brown to a Elm and
Hackberry thence East to a Buckeye thence South with
my line and back to the beginning for his
complement And for the love and affection that
I have for my son Robert, Peery I gave to
him all of my lands lying on this side of the
creek where my dwelling is and the balance
that is left on the other side after my son
C. B. Peery is run off. one thing I forgotten I
will reserve a road up the hollow between C. B.
Peerys lands so that my son R. C. Peery can
have a Pass way to get his timber up the hollow
And for the love and affection that I have for
my oldest daughter Piddy Ann Peery I gave to
her my mare July and the first colt she

I John C. Peerys will continued
Brings us to go to my Daughter Mary E. Peery
then she more belongs to Piddy
And for the love and affection I have for my
Daughter Alice Rebecca Jemmett I gave to her
my Brown filly colt one year old and she is
to have Eliza Jane Peery her first colt and then
the filly is to be hers the said Alice Rebecca Jemmett
And for the love and affection that I have for
my Son R. C. Peery I gave unto him a colt
that my filly mare has now a sorrel 2 weeks old
I want all my household and kitchen furniture
to be sold and appropriated to pay off my debts
I want the mule and the note that I hold
against Wm. Galaway to go on my Indebtness I
also want the children to pay off the debts that
is against the land
And for the love and affection that I have
for my two Daughters Piddy Ann and Eliza
Jane and Mary Elizabeth and Alice Rebecca Jemmett
I want them to have a support off the farm
while they remain single the two Boys must
have their share support and then this farm
is to be sold when they do so I also want all
of the rest of my stock sold after my death
and appropriated to pay off my Indebtness
I also authorize the Executor to sell a portion of the
land lying on the north side of the creek about
30 Acres more or less to satisfy the debts that is
against it bounded as follows west to Galaways
line thence north to Wm Brown line thence south
East to the Beginning I also authorize the Executor
of my will to make such disposition of my land
lying on Kane creek and the proceeds thereof
going to satisfy the Indebtness of the Estate
I want Charley B. Peery to be my Executor or to
wind up my Estate this May 25th A.D. 1878

Witness { C. M. Brown
 { E. Galaway

John C. Peery

Seal

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

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

John C. Peerys will continued.
Lewis County court C. M. Brown and E. Galaway
Subscribing witnesses to the within will who being first
sworn depose and say that they was Present and saw
John C. Peery the maker of the will sign his name
and acknowledge the same to be his act for the
purpose therein specified on the day of its date.
this the 18th day of August A.D. 1878
W. C. Dabbs Clerk

Robert L. Brown's will

The last will and testament

of Robert L. Brown

I Robert L. Brown considering the mortality
of this mortal life and being of sound mind do make
this my last will and testament in form as follows
1st I gave and bequeath unto my two daughters

Elizabeth C. Brown 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 receive the house
In Witness whereof I set my hand and Seal
this the 13th day of October A.D. 1864

Attest { Richard Downey
 { Robert A. Nichols

Robert L. Brown (Seal)

January Term 1864 Brown vs. Owen court

John H. Hale Chairman

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

Personally appeared before me John H. Hale
Clerk of the Lewis County court in open
court Richard Downey and Robert A. Nichols subscribing
witnesses to the within will and after being duly sworn depose and
said that they saw Robert L. Brown the maker of this will sign the
same and acknowledged in their presence it to be his act and deed
for the purposes therein contained and that they believed him
to be of sound mind and disposing memory

Witness my hand at Office this the 17th day of June A.D. 1866

John H. Hale Clerk

David C. Jones Will

I, David C Jones do make
and publish this as my last will and testament
in the presence of my friends and making void all other wills 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 money that I may be possessed of or may
come into the hands of my Executor

2^d I give and bequeath all lands on the East side
of the Creek to my wife Sallie Jones to have
her life time

3^d I wish that my lands on the West Side of the
Creek be sold by my Executor I empower my
Executor to advertise and sell all the lands I am
possessed of with the exception of the home tract on
the East Side of the Creek which I gave to my wife
I wish that all of my means be equally divided
between my children with the exception that I
wish each of my daughters and my youngest
son Sallie Jones to have thirty dollars more than
the other children I further direct that that my
son Sallie Jones and Margaret Jones one Bed and
one chair each

4th I direct that my Executor sell my
horse and buggy and my wife a Horse that
will suit her and a saddle

5th I further direct that my Executor when
he pays for the land he purchased of
me that I empower him my Executor to make and
give him a deed to said land

6th I further empower my Executor to make and give
William Hickman a deed for land he purchased
of me when he pays for said land

7th I further direct and appoint W. P. McClain
my Executor to this my last will and testament
this the 20th day of December A.D. 1876

Attest { W. P. Holmes { David C Jones (Seal)
Augustine Sims {

Proven in open court
by the Subscribing Witnesses
this the 22^d day of January A.D. 1877
R. Downing Chairman

Alexander Rowdens Will
State of Tennessee
Lewis County July the 11th day 1868

I, Alexander Rowden
Will that after all just debts and funeral expenses is
paid that for the love and affection that I have
for my wife Margaret J. Rowden I gave to her at my
death all that I am lawfully seized of all lands
stock and all debts with household stuff and kitchen
furniture to have and to hold and use to her benefit
and that if her children during her life time or
widowhood if she Margaret J. Rowden should fail
to be able to pay my debts she will then administer
on my estate and sell the property and pay the debts
according to law this my last will and testament
Attest { W. P. Kutt { Alexander Rowden (Seal)
J. P. Floyd {

James D. Kearsley decd
State of Tennessee

Lawson County June the 7th 1865
I, James D. Kearsley
for the love and affection that I have for my
Daughter Martha Ann Kearsley I will and
bequeath all that I am seized of at my death to wit
one tract of land where I now live of 53 acres
with all the hereditaments also all my household
stuff and kitchen furniture to have and to hold
as her own property and at her disposal after my
death this being my last will and testament
In Witness my hand and seal

Attest { M. A. Nutt } James D. Kearsley (Seal)
 { A. J. Floyd }

Proven in open court
Dec 1865 J. P. Holcomb clerk

State of Tennessee
Lawson County Personally appeared before me
John W. Keale Clerk of the
County Court of said County M. A. Nutt and
A. J. Floyd Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing
will and made oath that they saw James D.
Kearsley Signe the same and heard him acknowledge
it to be his act and deed for the purpose therein
contained and they believed him to be of sound
mind and disposing Memory at the time of so
doing & Witness my hand at Office
this the 4th day of December A.D. 1865

John W. Keale clerk

Honor, B. Cathey vice
I Honor, B. Cathey

Being of sound mind and disposing Memory do make
and Publish this my last will and testament in manor
and form following

1st it is my will that all my property both real and
Personal remain to gether or my farm as heretofore.
And further it is my wish that Brother Thomas D. Cathey
and my son James D. Cathey have the management
of it entirely until the heirs may wish a division
or distribution of the property made among themselves
it is also my wish that Dr. Thomas C. Moore have
five hundred Dollars or a Negro Boy worth that amount
as Brother Thomas D. Cathey and my son James D. Cathey
may think best In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal
this the 11th day of September A.D. 1864

Honor, B. Cathey (Seal)

Signed Sealed Published and declared by Honor, B. Cathey
to be his last will and testament in the presence of us
who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence
of the testator

Attest { Joseph Ervin
 { G. P. Webster

James, D. Cathy Will

I, James, D. Cathy
of the County of Lewis And State of Tennessee
being in a low State of health from which I may
not recover though of sound mind think it proper
to make and publish this my last will and testament
1st After I am dead it is my will that my whole

Thomas, D. Cathy have of my effects seven
hundred and fifty Dollars and all the Interest
that may be due him for the use of one
thousand Dollars I borrowed of him some two
years since and which I have paid two hundred
and fifty Dollars their having been no Note
given for the money nor receipt for the Payment
further it is my will that as I was the Purchaser
of sundry Articles at the Sale of my
for which I gave my uncle Thomas D. Cathy
no Note he being the Executor that Amount
of my estate he be indemnified for all of my
Purchases as the Sale bill will show

2^d it is my will that Rachel And George be
kept by my uncle Thomas D. Cathy And my
Alexander B. Cathy And be kept
comfortable And well treated during their natural
life

3^d it is my will that all of the remainder of
my effects be Equally divided Share And Share
alike Between my Brother A. B. Cathy And my
Sister Nancy E. Horn It is my will that my
uncle Thomas D. Cathy And my Brother
Alexander B. Cathy be appointed Executors to
this will Whereunto I have set my hand And
affixed my Seal this the 23^d day of February 1849
Attest Wm. Strayhorn James, D. Cathy
Joel Leftwich

Approved by the court
And ordered to be recorded
W. C. Kirk Chairman

State of Tennessee
Lewis County Personally appeared before me
in open court Wm. Strayhorn
And Joel Leftwich the Subscribing Witnesses

James, D. Cathy Will continued
to the foregoing Will and made oath that they were Present
and saw James, D. Cathy the within named testator
Sign his name thereunto and heard him acknowledge
the same to be his last will and testament
made for the Purpose therein Specified
Given under my hand at office
this the 3^d day of April A.D. 1849
C. Y. Hudson clerk of the County

J. L. Shaws Will

State of Tennessee
Lewis County I, James L. Shaw of the
State and County aforesaid
Being weak of Body but of sound mind And
Memory do make And publish this my last will
And testament hereby revoking And making
void all other wills by me made at any other time
1st I direct that my funeral Expenses And all
my debts be paid as soon as convenient after
my death out of any monies that I may die
Possessed of Or that may first come into the hands
of my Executor

2^d I Give And bequeath to my beloved wife
Nancy Shaw during her natural life or
Widowhood the following Property to wit
my tract of One hundred and eighty one Acs.
land it being the Place on which I now reside
all my Personal Property of ever description and
Quality all my Money Apts &c; after Paying
my debts as above directed which Property she
is to use so as to make for her and our children
a decent Support And at her death the Land
to go to my son William, J. Shaw Provided he
shall take care of and decently Support my
daughter Nancy Levina Shaw during her
life time untill she shall marry Provided if
William, J. Shaw above mentioned Shall marry
before the death of my wife Nancy Shaw

James L Shaw will continued
 he may at his own discretion build a House or
 Houses on the land above mentioned for his own
 dwelling and in keeping up the place and
 cultivating the same I also direct that all the
 personal property that shall belong to my estate
 at the death or Marriage of my wife Nancy Shaw
 with all Money and assets of ever kind be
 Equally divided or sold and divided among my
 four Daughters to wit Polly Ann Holmes Martha
 America Shaw Nancy Virginia Shaw and
 Rebecca Ellen Shaw I also direct that my Part
 of my Fathers Estate be Equally divided at the
 death of my mother among my five Children
 after the Land shall have been sold according
 to the Will of my Father Levi Shaw I also
 nominate and appoint Chester Y. Woodson and
 Nancy Shaw my Executor and Executrix
 In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this the 29th day of June A.D. 1850
 Signed sealed and Published } James L Shaw (Seal)
 in our Presence and we

Subscribed our names in the Presence of the testator

Witness { James C. Parrent
 Margaretta Shaw

Received August Term 1877

R. Reeves Chairman

David W. Strayhorn Will
 the last will and Testament of David W. Strayhorn
 of the County of Lewis and State of Tennessee
 Considering the uncertainty mortal life and being of
 Sound Mind and memory Blessed be the Almighty God
 for the same do make and Publish this my last
 will and Testament in manner and form following
 that is to say I Give and devise unto my beloved
 wife Sarah Ann all that my said messuage or
 Tenement of Land where I now live containing
 about eighty acres with the appertinances situated
 in said County and in the 1st Civil District with the
 Lands and hereditaments thereto belonging and the
 rents issues and Profits thereof for and during the
 time of her natural life and from and after the
 death of my said wife I give and bequeath the said
 messuage or Tenement Lands and hereditaments
 hereto belonging unto my two beloved Nephews
 Charles and Joseph McHenry and to their heirs and
 Assigns forever as tenants in common also it is
 my desire that my two Nephews shall have a
 bed and furniture each out of my Estate and lastly
 as to all the rest residue and remainder of my
 personal Estate Goods and Chattels of what kind
 and nature soever I give and bequeath the unto
 my said beloved wife Sarah Ann whom I
 hereby appoint Sole Executor of this my last will
 and Testament hereby revoking all former wills
 by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal
 this the 11th day of March A.D. 1849

David W. Strayhorn (Seal)

Signed sealed and Published
 and declared by the above named David W. Strayhorn
 to be his last will and Testament in the Presence
 of us who have hereunto Subscribed our names
 as Witnesses { J. R. Dickson
 Geo. Nixon

Received by the Court
 and Ordered to be recorded
 April Term 1849

W. C. Kirk,
 Chairman

David W. Strayhorn Will continued
 State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { Personally appeared in open court
 A. R. Dickson one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will and made oath that he was Present and Saw D. W. Strayhorn the testator Sign said will and heard him Acknowledge it to be his last will and testament made for the Purposes therein Specified Given under my hand at office this the 2^d day of April 1849
 C. Y. Hudson Clerk
 County court

Elizabeth Isoms Will

In the name of God Amen
 Being weak of Body but of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament
 1st I will that my Body be decently Buried
 2^d That all my just debts be Paid out of any Moneys or Effects I am Possessed of
 3^d I will and bequeath all my effects and Property Real and Personal to be Equally divided between Wesley Biffle John Isoms the heirs of Elizabeth Isoms heirs of Sarah Craig Mary Jones and Francis Biffle and Jane Patton
 4th I will and bequeath unto my son George Isoms five Dollars and that he have the refusal of my tract of land by his Paying for it
 5th And lastly I request and appoint William Biffle my Executor hereby Revoking all Wills given or Promised here to for by me made this the 2^d day of February A.D. 1849
 Witness { W. L. Garner } Elizabeth Isoms
 William Garner }

Proven in Open court
 and Ordered mad of record
 April term 1849
 W. C. Kirk Chairman

Elizabeth Isoms Will continued
 State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { Personally appeared in open court
 William L. Garner one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within will and made oath that he was Present and Saw Elizabeth Isoms the testatrix mak her mark to said will and heard her acknowledge the same to be her last will and testament made for the Purposes therein Specified Given under my hand at office this the 3^d day of April A.D. 1849
 C. Y. Hudson clerk
 County court

John W. Cecil Will

I John W. Cecil of the County of Lewis 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
 1st I direct that my Body be decently interred in a Manner suitable to my condition in life and as to Rich worldly Estates as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same in the following Manner Item 1st I direct that all my debts and funeral Expenses 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 hand of my Executor from any Portion of my Estate Real or Personal
 Item 2^d I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Ann B. Cecil the full right of my Possessions to the tract of land where I now reside called and known as the Barns tract during her natural life also the full control of the adjoining tract called the Heart tract with all its Precious unless my eldest son Samuel R. Cecil becomes of lawful age also full Power over all the Products of the farm Stock of every kind farming utensils household and Kitchen furniture with the right to Sell and buy of the

John W. Cecils will continued
may Judge best from time to time for the advancement
of the interest of the premises or the comfort of her self
and children who are to be supported and educated
out of the funds arising therefrom.

Item 3^d I bequeath to my said wife Sarah Anne B.
Cecil, during her natural life the right of Ownership
and Control of the following Negroes (viz) Primis
George Jerry Haywood Ritty and her increase also
I do authorize her my said wife with the consent of
my Executors to sell all the following servants namely
a Negro woman named Dilas and her child named
Emily and a Boy named Levi and Ritty also if she
by the advice and consent of my Executors think best
so to do hereby giving full Power and Authority to
make the necessary deeds or bills of Sale for the said
Negroes to the Purchasers thereof.

Item 4th I furthermore require and direct the
Proceeds from the Sale of the said Dilas and her
Child Emily and Levi shall be laid out in the
Purchase of other Negroes by my said wife Sarah Ann
B. Cecil with the consent and advice of my said
Executors to be placed in the - and under her
control to become as those Negroes named in the
first clause of the 3^d Item of this instrument with
the right of taking the deeds or bills of Sale in her
own name and power to grant them by deed to
my three eldest Children (viz) Marinda W. Cecil
Samuel R. Cecil and William C. Cecil as they
severally come of age which she is required hereby to do
And I bequeath to my son Samuel R. Cecil when
he becomes of lawful age the tract of land adjoining
where I now live called the West tract containing
about One hundred and thirty acres be the same
more or less with all the appertinances and
hereditaments thereto belonging.

Item 5th I bequeath to my son William C. Cecil when
he becomes of lawful age a tract of land that shall
be Equal in value to the West tract aforesaid and
bequeath in the fifth Item of this instrument to
my son Samuel R. Cecil and should no
Purchase be made for that Purpose of land prior

John W. Cecils will continued
to his coming of lawful age I do hereby direct that such
Purchase be made for his use out of the assets of the
Estate and be conveyed unto him in fee simple so soon
as Practicably after he shall become of such age.
Item 7th I bequeath to my son John W. Cecil when he
shall become of lawful age all this tract of land
where I now reside known as the Barbours tract with
all its appertinances hereditaments appertaining about
two hundred and twenty eight acres be the same ^{or less}
Item 8th I bequeath that a tract of land which I
own lying in the County of Blaine State of Indiana
be sold by my Executor eight years hence and the
Proceeds thereof be Equally divided between my two
daughters Marinda W. Cecil and Mary Elizabeth Cecil
I.e. when Marinda W. becomes of age she is to have
her Equal Part and the Part belonging or remaining
to Mary Elizabeth is to be kept at Interest until she
becomes of age at which time she is to have her
half or Part with the amount of Interest which
shall have there Accrued Paid over to her.
Item 9th I direct that so soon as Samuel R. Cecil
shall become of lawful age that the servant girl
Ester and her children if she shall have any be
delivered over to him as his own Property the said
servant girl Ester being virtually the gift of his
Grand Father Samuel Cecil and not any Part
of my Estate and until he becomes of age I allow
the said Girl Ester to live and remain with my
family and under the control of the said Sarah
Ann B. Cecil as a family servant.
Item 10th at or after the decease of the said Sarah B.
Cecil my beloved wife I direct that an Equal
division be made of all the effects Goods Chattels
Stock of every kind Household and Kitchen
furniture Chores in action and monies with all
the Negroes that may be on hand so that my
beloved Children both Sons and daughters shall
have their and share alike therein at her death
but in making this last Equal division it is not
intended that land herein before bequeath nor
the servant girl Ester named in the 9th Item

John W. Cecil's will continued

above shall be taken in as any part of the count.
But only those items which shall remain to the estate
and not be paid. And the Bequest at the death of
the said Sarah Ann B. Cecil.

I do hereby make certain and appoint my blood
wife Sarah Ann B. Cecil and my esteemed and
beloved brother William J. Cecil and James B. Cecil
Executors and Executors of this my last will and
testament and having full confidence in their
integrity I request that they do not have Bond
or security for their faithful discharge of the
duties herein assigned them In Witness whereof
I John W. Cecil the said testator have to this
my will written on one sheet of paper by my
emancipated David C. Mitchell in my presence
set my hand and seal
this the 27th day of February A.D. 1849

John W. Cecil
Signed Sealed and Published

In the presence of us who have subscribed in the
presence of the testator and of each other

Witnesses { Lewis W. Grimes
Samuel P. Cecil

State of Tennessee

DeKalb County { Personally appeared before me

In open Court Samuel P. Cecil

and Lewis W. Grimes the subscribing witnesses to the
within will and after being duly sworn depose
and say that they were present and saw John W. Cecil
the testator sign the same and heard him acknowledge
it to be his last will and testament made for the
purpose therein contained at the time the same
supposed to have been done and they believed the said
testator to have been of sound mind and memory
Given under my hand at Office

this the 6th day of August A.D. 1849

C. V. Houdson Clerk
of the County Court

Michael Goodwin's will

In the name of God Amen

I Michael Goodwin do make and Publish this as
my last will and testament hereby revoking and making
void all other wills by me made at any other time

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts
be paid as soon after my death as possible or may
first come into the hands of my Executor

I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Sarah Goodwin during her natural life
the following named property to wit a tract of
occupied land about two hundred and twenty
acres more or less the place on which I now
reside all my personal property in every description
and quality all money assets &c. After paying
off my debts as before mentioned which property
she is to use in a manner that will make
her a decent support and at her death it is
my will that the property both real and personal
money assets &c. be equally divided or sold
and equally divided among my beloved children
I do hereby nominate and appoint Joseph
Labb my Executor In Witness whereof I do to
this my will set my hand and seal
this the 11th day of July A.D. 1849

Michael Goodwin
Signed Sealed and in

our presence and we have subscribed our names
hereto in the presence of the testator

this the 11th day of July A.D. 1849

Witnesses { James Keigwin
William Keigwin

State of Tennessee

DeKalb County { Personally appeared before me in open

Court James Keigwin and William Keigwin
the subscribing witnesses to the within will and made
oath that they were present and saw Michael Goodwin
the within named testator sign the same and heard him
acknowledge it to be his last will and testament made at
the date within written for the purposes therein contained
and that they believed him to have been of sound mind and
memory Given under my hand at Office this the 6th day of Aug 1849

C. V. Houdson Clerk of the County Court

John Bullocks Will

I John Bullock of Lewis County And State of Tennessee being weak of Body though Sound of mind And Memory See it is appointed for all men to die And being desirous to make a disposition of the worldly goods of which I am Possessed do hereby make this my last will And Testament (as), I have hereinto given to my three Sons John Bullock Jonathan Bullock And Allen C. Bullock And Paid for them an Amount Equal or nearly so what would Amount to what I now have to distribute between my wife And my four youngest Children And therefore my desire is that they Shall inherit very little of what I now or may hereafter Possess And therefore devise to them five Dollars Each to be given to them by my Executor out of the Proceeds of my Estate at the Expiration of two years after my Death Should they apply for the same within that time I have also advanced to my three daughters to wit Sarah Hicks wife of Temple Hicks Mary Harris late wife of Joseph Harris And Ann Butler late wife of Elias Butler both of which are now dead Property &c to Considerable Amounts And therefore desire that they inherit very little of what I now or may hereafter Possess I therefore will to Sarah Hicks five Dollars And to the Children of said Mary Harris five Dollars And to the Children of said Ann Butler five Dollars to be given them at the Expiration of two years from my death by my Executor Should they apply for the same within that time.

It is my will that my Executor rent out my land And hire out my Negroes untill sufficient funds are raised thereby with the aid of what of my Chattels Property can be spared above what will be necessary for comfortable support for my family to pay my debts And give my four youngest Children a good English Education And Should my Executor not be able to obtain indulgence on my debts untill funds can be raised by them from the sources above specified it is my will And desire that they sell such of my Negroes as

John Bullocks will continued

in their Estimation will be least prejudicial to my Estate as may be sufficient to supply such deficiency and the residue of the Property of which I may die Seized It is my desire and will that it be Equally divided amongst my wife Effy and four youngest Children (viz) my Son Jason C. Bullock Saphrona C. Bullock Norvell C. And Margaret C. Bullock in the manner herein after specified to wit To my wife Effy Bullock I desire one fifth Part of my limited Property to be laid off in such a manner as to include the dwelling house And other necessary Buildings where I now reside And also one fifth of my Negroes And other Property during her life And at her death to revert to our four Children above named in Equal Portions And that the land and other Property shall be held in common for the mutual benefit of my said wife And said Children untill the eldest arrives at the age of twenty one years at which time his fifth part of said Estate both real And personal may on application be laid off set apart to him and the residue to be held in common by my said wife And her three youngest Children untill the second one of said Children arrives at the age of twenty one years at which her fifth Part of said Estate may on her application be laid off and set apart to her And the distributive Shares of the two youngest to wit Norvell C. & Margaret C. to be laid off in like manner to them when they arrive at the age of twenty one years the Part allotted to my two daughters to descend to their bodily heirs Should they have any and whereas I have sundry Notes on my three first named Sons some of which was Executed to me and some to others which I now hold and Should my said Sons or any of them assent to this my will my Executor is hereby directed to give their said notes on application without claiming Payment thereof And in the event they or any of them contest said will on the Probate thereof in that event my Executor is hereby directed to require And Practicable to enforce Payment of the Note or Notes of those so contesting said will or the Probate thereof I also wish and desire that my Household and Kitchen furniture be retained by my wife And four youngest Children for their mutual benefit untill the eldest arrives at the

John Bullocks will continued
 age of twenty one years at which time one fifth thereof
 may be laid off and set apart for him and also for my
 remaining three youngest children as they arrive at like
 age the remaining fifth to come to the benefit of my wife
 I also wish the Part of the Plantation laying East of the
 Creek with the Building thereon Except the mills to be
 occupied by my wife for the mutual Benefit of herself
 and said four children until such disposition be made
 as directed in the foregoing Part of this will and that
 my wife may select so much of the farming utensils
 Stock &c. as may be necessary for the use and benefit
 of said family and that my Executor rent out the
 Mills and appropriate the Proceeds in the same
 manner as that of the rest of the farm and hire of
 the Negroes and that a Sufficiency of the Provisions
 and Corn or hard be set apart for said family as may
 afford them a plentiful Support for one year from my
 decease and that my Negro woman Cinthia be retained
 for the Benefit and to remain in the family for their
 mutual Benefit and not to be hired out by my
 Executor I also direct that Should my Executor not
 be able to pay the debts within two years out of such
 means as they are hereby authorized to control they are
 hereby requested to continue to control and Mortgage
 said Estate until they are or can be paid and do not
 restrict them to settle said Estate within the time
 prescribed by law leaving it discretionary with them
 to arrange that Business as they may think Best or
 Best, prudent to said Estate I also wish them to
 superintend arrangements for the Education of my said
 children to the extent above named and pay for the
 same out of the funds they may command out of the
 above described means during their Executorship or
 until said children shall arrive at an adult age
 It is also my desire that my Grand daughter Lucinda
 Harris remain as a member of my family and be
 comfortable supported and provided for until she
 marries or thinks proper to leave them and I do hereby
 revoke any and all other wills heretofore made by
 me ratifying and confirm this as my last will and
 testament and I hereby nominate John C. Cook &

John Bullocks will continued
 William J. Stogham of Many County Sole Executors of this my
 last will and testament signed Sealed and Published
 this the day of January A.D. 1850
 Test in Presence of } John Bullock
 Samuel S. Porter }
 John W. Kinzer }
 Robert Dale }

State of Pennsylvania
 Lewis County } County Court April term 1850
 Personally appeared in open court
 John W. Kinzer and Robert Dale two of the subscribing
 Witnesses to the above annexed will who after being
 duly sworn State that they were personally acquainted
 with John Bullock the testator and that he the said
 testator signed Sealed and Published the same
 in their presence on the 20th day of January 1850
 and that they believed him to have been of sound
 mind and memory
 Given under my hand at office
 this the 5th day of April A.D. 1850
 C. G. Henderson Clerk
 County Court

Jefferson Parois Will

State of Tennessee
Lewis County

I Jefferson Parois being in a low State of health from which I in Probability may not recover though of Sound mind think Proper and do hereby make and Publish the following as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made at any time

1st It is my will that so soon as convenient after my death that all of my Just debts be Paid out of any Assets that may come in to the hands of my Executor not otherwise bequeathed

2^d It is my will that my wife Martha J Parois shall have for her sole use and enjoyment one third of the Proceeds of my land which it is my desire shall be sold on such time as may be thought most advantageous to my Estate I also will her Saddle and blanket and fifteen Dollars in Gold that I now have

3^d It is my will and desire that all of my other effects of what kind soever I now shall be sold and all of the Proceeds except that above bequeathed to my wife be Equally divided Share and Share alike between my four children Martha Jane Parois Mary Rebecca Parois Sarah Tennessee Parois and William Joseph Parois it is my will and desire that Alexander S. Strong and William J. Strayhorn be appointed Executors to this my last will and testament Signed and Sealed this 2nd day of July 1850

Test { John L. Parois } Jefferson Parois
James Parois

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

Personally appeared before me in Open Court John L. Parois and James Parois the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and make oath that Jefferson Parois signed the said will and acknowledged it in their Presence to be his last will and testament made

Jefferson Parois Will continued
for the Purposes therein contained and that they believed him the said Jefferson Parois to have been of Sound mind and memory Given under my hand at Alice this the 5th day of August A.D. 1850
C. J. Henderson Clerk

Netherland Parois Will

State of Tennessee

Lewis County

I Netherland Parois being weak in Body but of Sound mind and Disposing memory do make and Publish this as my last will and testament (vis)

1st Item It is my will that funeral Expenses and all my Just debts be Paid so soon as convenient out of any monies or assets that may come into the hands of my Executor

2^d Item It is my will that my tract of land known as the Parish tract including about 70 acres Bought of Nixon and Smith be set apart for my four Daughters during the time they may remain single and that the tract of land which I now reside be sold and the Proceeds be applied to Building and improvement of the said Parish tract of land as my Executor may direct and after the death or marriage of my four Daughters the said Parish tract of land is to be sold and the Proceeds Equally divided among all my lawful heirs

3^d Item I Give and Bequeath to my beloved wife Francis P. Parois all my other lands all my Slaves and all my Personally Property that I now possess or that hereafter may be coming to me in any way whatsoever during her natural life or widowhood It is also my wish that my wife Francis P. Parois be allowed the Parish Place before mentioned as a home during her natural life or widowhood

4th Item it is my wish that after the death or marriage of my wife Francis P. Parois that all the Beds Bedssteads and Furniture be Equally divided among my four daughters and her all my other Property both real and Personal be sold and

Netherland Dait Will continued
 Equally divided among all my lawful heirs
 5th Item I hereby nominate and appoint John H. Dait
 Thomas H. Dait and William J. Dait as my Executors
 And that all or either of them shall act without
 Security In testimony whereof I herunto set my hand
 and Seal this the 24th day of Oct 1856
 Wm. J. Dait
 John H. Dait
 Thomas H. Dait
 Neatherland Dait (Seal)
 J. S. Casley
 A. S. Casper

Codicile to the foregoing will
 I Netherland Dait do make this as a codicile to this
 my last will and testament and as an amendment
 I desire that the property mentioned in the foregoing
 will which to my four daughter be to them and
 their heirs forever and in case of the death of all or
 either of them without heirs of their own Bodies their
 effects to be divided among their Brothers and Sisters
 Witness my hand and Seal this the 29th Oct 1856
 Wm. J. Dait
 John H. Dait
 Thomas H. Dait
 Neatherland Dait (Seal)
 J. S. Casley
 A. S. Casper

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { Personally appeared before me
 John S. Hunter Clerk of the
 County Court of said County Turner Williken and
 Harrison Williken who I am personally
 acquainted and made oath in due form of law
 that the foregoing will was made by Neatherland
 Dait and for the purposes therein contained
 Given under my hand at office
 this the 3rd day of January A.D. 1857

John S. Hunter Clerk
 County Court

Moses Gordons Will
 State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { I Moses Gordons have this day
 Published this as my last will
 And Testament first I direct that my General
 Expences and all of my just debts be paid out
 of any money that may come into the hands
 of my Executors Second, I give and bequeath
 to my wife Elizabeth Gordon during her natural
 life or widowhood my Plantation, Peaches orchard
 &c all of my horses Cows and Hogs my Wagon
 Open all of my household and kitchen furniture
 all of Corn and fodder and hay all of my Bacon
 And Property of every description that I may be
 possessed of all of my money which I have on hand
 and all of the money which owing to me to be and
 remain at her disposal and for her benefit during
 her natural life or widowhood But if my wife
 Elizabeth should marry I direct my Executor to
 sell all of the Property land and Property of every
 description which I have given or loaned to
 my wife Elizabeth on a credit of twelve months
 and the Proceeds to Equally divided between
 my Children and my wife Elizabeth Gordon
 I do hereby nominate and appoint my Father
 John Gordon and John Craig as Executors to
 this my will and testament
 In testimony whereof I do to this my will set
 my hand and Seal this the 25th day of January A.D. 1849
 Moses Gordon (Seal)

Signed Sealed And Published
 in our Presence and we have subscribed our names
 hereto in the Presence of the Testator
 this the 25th day of January A.D. 1849
 J. S. Casley
 Robert Thompson

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County { This day personally appeared
 in open Court Jesse H. Gordon
 And Robert Thompson subscribing Witnesses to the
 within will and made oath in due form of law
 that they were present and saw Moses Gordon

Moses Gordon will continued
the testator sign the within will and heard him
acknowledge it to be his last will and testament
made for the purposes therein contained
Given under my hand at Office
this the 5th day of March A.D. 1849
C. G. Gordon clerk
County Court

Andrew Baker's Will

State of Tennessee }
Wayne County { The deposition of Redding
Rea and C. A. Boyd of
the County and State aforesaid which being
 duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists & Almight God
above and say that we were present and called
upon by Andrew Baker of the County and State
during his sickness and the said Andrew Baker
appeared at that time to have sound mind and
memory who has made his last will as follows
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Hannah
Baker all my land except all lying East of the
Shoal Hollow and East of the Creek and all of
my Property so long as she remains in her widowhood
and after that my Property to be Equally divided
divided Between my wife Hannah Baker and
my children if agreed on otherwise sold and
divided amongst those of my children and my
wife Hannah Baker the land after her death
or her widowhood is to be divided Between my
two Boys Andrew A. Baker and Joseph S. Baker
Equally this being my last will and testament
inwitness whereof I do to this set my hand and seal
this the 19th day of January A.D. 1849

Test { Redding Rea } Andrew Baker
C. A. Boyd }

Margaret Whitesides Will

State of Tennessee }
Wayne County { In the name of God Amen
I Margaret Whitesides being of
sound mind and disposing memory do make and
publish this as my last will and testament namely
whereas on the 11th of July 1834 I did sell to Samuel
Lusk a Negro woman named Ann and her two
children Martha and Andrew for the sum of five
hundred and fifty Dollars to me paid which Negro
woman was willed to me by my late husband
Thomas Whitesides deceased and in as much as some
doubts may possibly exist as to my Power to sell
and convey said Negro and her increase under said
will to remove all doubts and difficulties I
hereby ratify and confirm said conveyance and do
give and bequeath to the said Samuel Lusk son
the said Negro woman Ann together with her two
children Martha and Andrew which I conveyed
to him and also I give and bequeath to him the
further increase which said Negro has had
since said conveyance or which she may have hereafter
In Witness whereof I do to this set my hand and seal
this the 15th day of September A.D. 1842
Margaret Whitesides (Sul)

Signed Sealed and
Published in our Presence and we have subscribed
our names hereto in the Presence of the testator

James Whitesides
R. A. Whitesides

Proven and Ordered to be made of record
See Minutes of the Court February Term 1845 Page 8.24

Henry Pickards Will

State of Tennessee
 Laurens County } In the name of God Amen
 I Henry Pickard of the
 County of Laurens And State of Tennessee being
 in my Perfect mind And knowing that I am
 mortal And that it is appointed unto all men
 once to die I do by these Presents constitute and
 Ordain this as my last will and testament
 1st of all I resign my soul to God who gave it
 And my body to the grave to be buried in
 a Christian Manner And in full hopes that
 in the morning of the resurrection my soul
 And body will be resurrected to serve God
 And the Lamb for ever And ever Amen
 2^d I Give And bequeath unto my well Beloved wife
 Lucy Pickard during her widowhood the
 whole of the household And Kitchen furniture the
 Plantation House And Orchard And Every thing Apper-
 taining thereto with Farming utensils And
 Stock of Every kind Except a cott named Jim
 my Waggon And Year to be used remain at her
 disposal for her Benefit during her widowhood
 but should the said Lucy Pickard Marry the whole
 of the above mentioned Property Except my Plantation
 shall be sold that is my Stock of Every kind
 my Waggon Farming utensils And Every thing
 belonging to me Except my Plantation and a cott
 named Jim And the Proceeds to be Equally
 divided amongst my Children And my wife
 Lucy Pickard Giving her my wife Lucy Pickard
 a Childs Part during her natural life then at her
 death it is to be the Property of my children to be
 Equally divided amongst them Should my wife
 Lucy Pickard never Marry at her death my
 Plantation with all my Property on land then
 shall be Equally divided amongst my Children
 and furthermore my Lucy Pickard is to collect all
 debts due me and pay all my Just debts And should
 William Bailey live with and work for my wife
 Lucy Pickard until he is twenty one years of age

Henry Pickards will continued

my wife Lucy shall give him six month schooling at
 twenty Dollar saddle and the above reserved cott named
 Jim, And my shall pay Annually unto Jane Gibbons sixtens
 Bushels of Corn during her natural life
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this the 4th day of December A^d 1841

Test { Craig N. Lasley } Henry Pickard (Seal)
 Joseph Bailey }

Appendix

at the death or Marriage of my wife Lucy Pickard
 I appoint Thomas Lasley Executor of my wife
 Lucy Pickard

Proven And Ordered to be recorded
 See Minutes of Court February term 1845 Pag 84 & 5

James Bells Will

State of Tennessee
 Wauky County } I James Bell being some
 what debilitated in Body
 but sound in mind, recollecting the
 mortality of my Body And that it is appointed for
 all men to die I do make this my last will and testament
 1st I will that all my Just debts shall be Paid
 And the remaining Part of my Estate be distributed
 in Manner following unto my Sister Darcies son
 James Payton, I give And bequeath the land where
 I now live containing one hundred and sixty Acres
 the Plantation and all belonging thereto
 unto my Sister Elizabeth I give my Negro man by
 the name of Ace, And also that she name her manumit-
 ances upon the land that I above willd to James
 Payton during her life the use of the house and all
 the Buildings at her Pleasure whilst she may live
 with all the farming tools And Stock of Every kind
 household and kitchen furniture with all the ready
 money I now have in my Possession at this Present
 time not meaning Part of that money that I may
 hereafter receive from the State Virginia And at her

James Bell will continued

death she may dispose of the Negro man Ace, and the household and kitchen furniture as she may think proper but be it understood that all that I have above willed to my sister Elizabeth is upon conditions she doth not marry and alter her way of living but provided she should alter her way of living the above willed property to sister Elizabeth, I will that it be sold at Public Sale and all the money arising from said sale be equally divided amongst the following heirs to wit Brother Starlings Children, and sister Sarahs Children, and sister Polys Son, and sister Florence Son, and my Brother Thomas and Stearnson, sister Darcus and Brother John but if in case that Elizabeth should not marry the will to her is to stand as above written for her to have and dispose of the Negro man Ace and the household and kitchen furniture as she may think proper at her death and all the loose property that may be at her death such as horses and hogs sheep and farming tools and my tools of every description to be sold at Public Sale and the money arising from said sale be equally divided amongst those last heirs mentioned above in my will and as my uncle Joseph Bell that lived in the state of Virginia is dead and was pleased to Give me One hundred and fifty Acres of land in that state near Stanton, I will that whatever sum of money said land may bring that after all expences are paid to wards selling the land and getting it brought to me that the remaining part be equally divided amongst my Brothers and Sisters to wit Elizabeth, Mary, Florence, Sally, and Darcus and Thomas, Stearnson and John, and Starlings, of any Brothers and Sisters that is dead I will that their Children have their Parts and I do nominate and appoint my Brother John Bell and my Brother in law Joseph Payton to Execute this my last will and testament whereunto I set my hand and fix my Seal

This the 18th day of July A.D. 1836

Test { William R. Perkins } James Bell (Seal)
Samuel B. Lusk }

Proven and ordered made of
Record see Minutes Sept Tenn County Court 1845

William R Boggus Will

Know all men by these Presence that I William R Boggus of the County of Lewis and State of Tennessee knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind do make and Ordain this the following to be my last will and Testament to wit the land on which my farm is situated consisting of an Occupant Survey of about thirty seven Acres and three quarters also about eighty or ninety Acres adjoining the same which I have contracted for from R. M. Cooper according to lines run and marked being all the land which I own more or less I desire my wife Abigail Boggus to have entire Possession and control of, during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or widowhood it is my will that the said land shall be equally divided between my three Sons to wit Richard Boggus William Boggus and Calvin Boggus It is further my will that my wife Abigail Boggus retain Possession of my stock of horses cattle and hogs household and kitchen furniture and inform all my goods and chattels rights and credits after paying all my just debts and defraying the expences of my funeral and that she have the entire control of the same during her natural life or widowhood and after her death or widowhood all that remains I wish to be equally divided between my three Sons before mentioned to wit Richard William and Calvin the reason why I have not left any thing to any other of my Children is that in my opinion I have all ready given them a full share equal to what my three Son above named will get and that they are not entitled to any thing further from my Estate It is further my will that my Son Richard Boggus and William B. Smith be appointed my Executors to Execute this my last will and Testament and that they raise money enough by the sale of property or otherwise to procure a Grant on my Occupant land and a Deed for the balance and that they otherwise Execute my will according to the plain intent and meaning of the same

William R Boggus will continued
 Witness my hand And Seal this the 26th day of
 June A.D. 1847
 Witness Robert M. Cooper William R Boggus Seal
 J. Williams & Boggus

State of Tennessee
 Lewis County Personally appeared before me
 Joseph R. Strayhorn Clerk of
 the County Court Robert M. Cooper And
 William R Boggus the subscribing witnesses to
 the within will and in open court after
 being duly sworn depose and say that they
 were personally acquainted with William R
 Boggus And were present at the time he signed
 sealed and delivered the same And that he was
 in his perfect mind and disposing Memory
 Witness J. R. Strayhorn Clerk of this County
 Court at Office this 3rd day of July A.D. 1847
 J. R. Strayhorn clerk

Elizabeth Sansom will

I Elizabeth Sansom being of
 Sound mind And disposing Memory do make And
 Publish this my last will And testament
 1st whereas by the last will and testament and codicil
 thereto of my husband William Sansom he gave to
 me for life a Negro woman named Selina with child
 with power to dispose of the increase of said Selina or
 any part of it to any one or more of the legatis of the
 said William Sansom, where any misfortune or
 necessity may require And whereas the said Selina
 has had increase Lucinda, Louisa, Susan, Laura,
 And Albert And Lucinda has a child named
 Aurelia And Louisa has a child named Polly
 which Negroes are all now in my Possession in
 Pursuance of the power upon me conferred I give
 to the three Children of W. C. Napier Grand Children
 of my daughter Ann Church the following Negroes
 Lucinda And Louisa And to Ophelia one of said
 Grand Children, Aurelia child of Lucinda And
 to Mary Elizabeth another of said Grand Children
 I give Polly, child of Louisa And to the children
 of my late Grand daughter Mary P. Lutton
 who was a daughter of my daughter Mary I
 give Susan and Albert And to William Sansom
 son of my son Richard I gave Laura this
 disposition I believe comes under the present
 State of my Grand Children and grate Grand
 Childrens decendants of the said legatis
 In the next place I give to my Grand daughter
 Jennett W. Sansom, daughter of my son
 Dornelle, N. a slave girl named Anna and a child of
 a Negro woman Delia. I also give to my Grate
 Grand daughter Eugene daughter of W. C.
 Napier Cholve child of Negro Delia I further
 give to be divided among my Grand child
 Jennett W. And Grate Grand Children Eugene
 Ophelia And Mary Elizabeth Negro woman Delia
 and her two Children Dornelle and Betsy And
 any further increase of said Delia I give to my
 Grand son Richard, Sansom, son of my son
 Darnell, N. Negro woman Jennett and her

Elizabeth Sansons Will continued

Present Child Cornelius, John And Amanda
And their future increase I give to my Grand
Son William Sanson Son of my Son Richard, a
Negro woman named Amy And her three children
Mary, Alice, And Harriette And their increase
Provided he is satisfied with my disposition of
Selinda increase but if my Grand Son is
dissatisfied with said disposition And seek to
recover And doo recover more of the increase
of said Negro Selinda than is given him herein
my will is that he shall pay out of the value
of any of her children And increase to the said
children of W. C. Napier And Mary D. Litton such
amount as he recovers of them out of the increase
of Selinda over and above the value of the Negro
girl Laura hereby given

I give to the children of my Grand daughter
Mary D. Litton girl said child of Amy I give to
Mary Elizabeth Napier Negro woman city And to
Robert Litton Son of Mary D. Litton Negro woman
city, I hold two Notes of A. C. Richard one due
the 20th of Decr 1847 for \$800⁰⁰ One due the 20th of Decr
1848 for \$600⁰⁰ And a Note on J. A. Buckner for
\$500⁰⁰ due the 20th of Decy 1847 This Note I wish
collected And put out on interest And kept out at
interest for the benefit of the three children of
W. C. Napier Eugeline, Amelia And Mary Elizabeth
And the four children of my late Grand daughter
Mary D. Litton this fund to be paid to each of said
children their shares thereof as severly come of
Age or marry I further will that all my stock
of every kind Growing Crop farming utensils
Household And Kitchen furniture Carriage And
Harness be sold and after the payment of said
debts the Balance to be Equally divided between
my Grand children Richard And Emmett, W.
I further direct my Grand son Richard to have
made a Tombstone, similar to the one put over
the grave of my daughter at McCombees Meeting
House And put over my grave to be paid for out
of any Money or Property belonging to me not

Elizabeth Sansons Will continued.

disposed of in this will I appoint Samuel D. Drimmer
And Henry Hooge Executors of this my last will
In Witness whereof I have here unto set my hand
And Seal this the 12th day of August, A.D. 1847

In Presence of } Elizabeth D. Sanson (Seal)
J. W. Gordon
W. C. Napier
Lucy Ann Hooge

John P. Blackburns will

State of Tennessee }
Lewis County } In the name of God, Amen
I John P. Blackburn

Though Bodily afflicted yet of Sound mind And
Memory 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

1st I direct that my funeral Expenses And all
my Just debts be paid as soon after my death
as possible out of any Monies that I may die
Possessed of or may first come into the hands
of my Executor

2^d I Give And bequeath to my beloved wife

Nancy Blackburn two leather Beads Beads
Steads And furniture One Cherry Cupboard And all
its contents one horse to be worth at least eighty
Dollars one side saddle Bridle And Blankets
two Cows And Calfs one Yoke of Oxen And one
wagon twenty head of Hogs giving her choice
out of the lot I may have at the time of my death
one hundred Barrels of Corn two barrels of flour
And two Bull Tongs Plows one pair Strachers
two single trees And two Chives all the above
mentioned Property my said wife Nancy Blackburn
is to have And to hold as her Property during her
natural life and at her death she may dispose
of it as she may desire I also give And

John P. Blackburns will continued
bequeath unto my wife Nancy Blackburn
my Negro man Bill age about fifty three years
to have and to hold the said Slave Bill, during her
natural life And at the death of my said wife the
Negro man Bill is to be free from bondage during
his natural life I also give and bequeath unto
my wife Nancy Blackburn one Negro Girl Sarah
age about nine years to have and to hold as her
Property during her my wifes natural life And
at the death of my said wife Nancy Blackburn
the said Negro Girl Sarah to be sold And the
Proceeds to be Equally divided Among all of my
Children

3^d I Give unto my two youngest Daughter
Elizabeth J. Ricketts And Ellen D. Keenly
fifteen Dollars each to make them Equal with my
Elder Daughters in valuation of Horses I gave them

4th I Give And bequeath unto my Son William P.
Blackburn one Horse Saddle And Bridle one
feather Bed Bradstead And furniture two head
of Sheep one Sow And Pigs one cow And calf one
Plow And Year Or its Equivalent in money out of
my Estate

5th I Give And bequeath unto my Son Meriwether W.
Blackburn one Horse Bridle And saddle the
Horse to be worth at least Eighty Dollars one
feather Bed Bradstead And furniture one cow And
calf one Plow And Year two head of Sheep one
Sow And Pigs Or its Equivalent in money out
of my Estate I also give unto the said

Meriwether W. fifty Dollars in money to make him
Equal as he has not his Portion of Education

6th I Give And bequeath unto my son Richard P.
Blackburn one Horse Bridle And Saddle one
feather Bed Bradstead And furniture one cow And
calf one Plow And Year two head of Sheep one
Sow And Pigs also one Iron Gray colt that
he now claims about two years Old also two
Sows which he now claims And one hundred
Dollars in Cash or its Equivalent in money he
being my Youngest Child And has not Received

John P. Blackburns will continued.
his Portion of an Education I would state that Children
now to be Mentioned have all had an Outfit Equal
to my Youngest Children before Mentioned to wit
Francis C. Chalk, Deloria Ann W. Lanahan,
Elizabeth J. Ricketts, Ellen D. Keenly And John C. S.
Blackburn, as I have already give Elizabeth J. Ricketts
And Ellen D. Keenly fifteen Dollars each to make
their Parts equal to Francis C. Chalk, V. Ann W. Lanahan,
And J. C. S. Blackburn

7th It is my desire that my wife Nancy Blackburn
And family reside on my land where I reside
during her my wife natural life but if it should
be the desire of my wife that the land should be
sold I hereby empower my Executor to sell the
land that I may die Possessed of on such terms
as he may think best And divide the Proceeds
Among all my lawful heirs Equally

8th I hereby nominate And appoint William A. Ricketts
my Executor to this my last will without
being required to give security
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
And Seal to this my last will and testament
this the 12th day of April A.D. 1853

John P. Blackburn (Seal)
Signed Sealed And
acknowledge in our Presence the day above
written. Witness { J. G. Cooper }
{ Robert C. Smith }

June term 1855

Received by the Court and
Ordered to be recorded
J. W. Stockard
Chairman

Hugh B. Venables Will

State of Tennessee
Lewis County

I Hugh B. Venable

Considering the uncertainty of
Mortal life and being of sound mind and memory
do make and Publish this my last will and
testament in the manner and form following
that is to say,

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife

Francis A. Venable the following lands first
the home tract second the Kinsley tract third
the tract known by the name of the Hickory flat
and also the following servants John and his wife
Damina and their five children and their increase
Charlotte and her six children and their increase
Dannose and her eight children with their
increase Caroline and her three children with
their increase Martha and her child with their
increase Matilda, Willis, Elizabeth and Pandy

also I give and bequeath to the said Francis A.
Venable all my farming utensils also one set of
Blacksmith tools all horses and mules and stock
that he may to these plantations also the household
and kitchen furniture with all my notes after
my debts are paid I also give and bequeath unto
Mary A. Walker my niece and the heirs of her
body the following tract of land known as the
Manfield tract lying on Aldrige Creek I also
give to the said Mary A. Walker and to the heirs
of her body the following slaves (viz) Sarah and
her child with their increase Perry, Christina,
Elizabeth, George, Amanda, Lee, Hugh B, Eliza,
and Mary, including the farming utensils
with wagon and team one cart with all the
stock (viz) cows sheep hogs &c under Perrys
control I also will and bequeath to my Brother
John Venable fifty Dollars provided he should
ever call for it. Signed and Sealed in our presence
this the 31st day of January A.D. 1860

Attest { Perry Hicks } Hugh B. Venable (Seal)
Margery Givins { Read and proven in open court
E. H. Wensley { March term 1860 } J. Cooper chair

J. Rhoads Will

State of Tennessee
Lewis CountyI James Rhoads of said County
And State being sick in Body

But of sound mind and disposing memory and
knowing the uncertainty of this mortal life and
the certainty of death and wishing all my temporal
affairs settled without litigation or resort to the law
do make and Publish this as my last will and
testament hereby revoking all other wills by
me at any time made

1st I will and desire that my funeral expenses

and all my just debts be paid as soon
after my death as convenient out of any money
I may be seized of or that may first come into
the hands of my Executor

2^d I will that all my property of every description
remain in the hands of my beloved wife
Sarah Rhoads during her natural life and
at her death be divided as follows to wit

3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter

Margaret S. Pomaton and her children the
following property to wit my Negro woman
Slave Amy, age about 55 years, Charles age
about 34 years Boy Barton age about 22 years
Mariah age about 18 years and her child age about
2 years (P. Leadore) Martha age about 17 years
and her child about one month old and their
increase for ever and the following lands all
that I own on the south side of Big Swan Creek
and as my Grand daughter Mary daughter of
Margaret Pomaton has married contrary to the
wish of all the family (Gideon Showers)

I do not want her to inherit any of the above
property at the death of her mother

4th I give and bequeath to my son William S. Rhoads

the following slaves Nelson, age about 50 years
Rander, age about 30 years William age about 20 years
and Keester age about 38 years with their increase
and all of the lands on the North side of Big Swan Creek

5th I give and bequeath to my three Grand children