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during her life, and as I am desirous that my family should be settled on a farm of their own provided it dont cost more than five thousand dollars, I therefore appoint Robert Drumm, James C. English and O. B. Wiley to purchase said farm, so soon as it can be done to the best advantage of my estate, in which farm when purchased my wife is to inherit as above directed and lastly I nominate James C. English sole Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I James P. Claughran have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 29th day of April in the year of our Lord eight hundred and sixty six and sealed and published in our presence and we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence and at the request of the Testator, the day and date above written.

Witness
Hugh P. Penny
Pleasant A. Randolph
Robt. Drumm

James P. Claughran (seal)

State of Tennessee
County of Lincoln
County Court April term 1863
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of said County Court of said County do hereby certify that the will of James P. Claughran Decd. was proven in open Court by the oaths of Hugh P. Penny, Pleasant A. Randolph and Robt. Drumm subscribing witnesses to the said will and testament it is therefore ordered by the court to be recorded as the last will and testament of James P. Claughran Decd.

Daniel J. Whittington Clerk

I General S. Marcum of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee do make and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me at any time heretofore made. First I will and direct my body to be buried in a plain and decent manner and direct my funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid out of the first money which shall come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly - I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Charlotte M. all my real and personal estate of every kind and description during her natural life or widowhood, and at her death I will and direct that all my said estate both real and personal be equally divided among my children, in the case my wife should marry again then I will and direct that my said estate both real and personal be equally divided between my said wife and my children, my wife receiving only a child's share, in willing and desiring all my real and personal estate to my wife as above it is for the purpose of my said wife holding said property together, and I will and direct that my said wife hold the same for her own support and for the purpose of maintenance and education of my children.

Lastly, I hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Charlotte M. Marcum my Executor of this my last will and testament and request that she shall not be required to give bond and security.

I signed sealed & published in our presence this 29th day of November 1861
James R. Bright
James W. Wright

S. Marcum (seal)

State of Tennessee
County of Lincoln
County Court April term 1863
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of said

County court of said County do hereby certify
that the will of G. S. Marcum Decd. were proven in open
court by the oaths of James R. Bright James W. Wright
subscribing witnesses to the said will & testament. It is
therefore ordered by the court to be recorded as the
last will and testament of General S. Marcum Decd.
Daniel J. Whittington Clerk

The Last Will of John F. Couser

State of Tennessee Lincoln County.

I John F. Couser do make & publish this
my last will & testament revoking all that I
came at any time, first I direct that my debts and
expenses be paid out of any money I may be
possessed of or may first come into the hands of my
executors. Secondly, I give & bequeath to my son
John F. Couser Junior my only plantation on
which I now live which I fully deliver to him
at the time of my death to him, I subscribe against
all claims and assigns. Thirdly, I direct that
all my personal property be sold to the highest
bidder and the following division to be made of
the personal property & Land money to my son
Robert M. Couser. I bequeath five dollars & the
balance of the above named amount I bequeath
my six Daughters to wit: Mary Gore Elizabeth, Miss
Sarah Long, Rebecca Pitt, Isabella Bates Nancy
Pearson, the above amount to be equally divided
between those six daughters. Fourthly & lastly I do
nominate & appoint Robert M. Couser, John F. Couser Jr
my Executors in witness where of I do to this my will
with my hand & seal this 21st day of August 1860

John F. Couser

Subscribed and sealed in presence of us we have
subscribed our names in presence of the testator

Test A. S. Mann

Ward, Reavis

S. S. Reavis

Shack

State of Tennessee
County of Lincoln County Court Me: term 1863
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of
said County, do hereby certify that the last Will & Testament
of John F. Couser as were this day proven in open
Court by the oaths of Ward, Reavis & S. S. Reavis two of the
subscribing witnesses to said Will & Testament.
It is therefore ordered to be recorded as the last
Will & Testament of John F. Couser as Decd.
Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of our said
Court at office the first Monday in May 1863
(Daniel J. Whittington Clerk)

Wesley Turner Will^d This March the 8th 1863-

In the name of God Amen I Wesley Turner of the
County of Lincoln State of Tennessee, being of sound mind
& memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail
and transitory life, do therefore make ordain publish and
declare this to be my last will & testament, that is to say
first after all my lawful debts are paid & discharged the
residue of my estate real & personal, I give bequeath
and dispose of as follows to wit: first to my beloved
wife Frances Turner I give my land that I now live
on during her life for her benefit for whom to be
recolled or managed for her benefit to the best
advantage & take good care of said land and
improvements. Secondly at the death of
my wife Frances Turner I give my land