

including that portion of ground attached to said lot by the latter part of second clause. — Said house and lot upon which I now live with the portion attached and all class of which I may die possessed or have a right by possession of, I give and bequeath to my wife Abantha C. Ross for and during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among my children. — Seventh. — It is my Will and desire that should my wife Abantha C. Ross wish to sell my home and lot in Fayetteville and West, the means in any other property she may and with the assets of my executor hereinafter named she is hereby fully authorized to sell the same, and with the means in any other property she may feel disposed to do, and keep the same during her life time and at her death to be equally divided between my children. — And should my wife Abantha C. Ross desire to change or swap any property I may seized or possessed of she is hereby fully authorized to do so and hold the property received in exchange on the same way as she holds the property given for it. — Eighth. — All the property that I am entitled to from my mother's estate I do hereby authorize and empower my executor to collect, receive and then and hereby further authorize and empower to sell, with or compromised with the heirs or distributees of the said Mary Stiles in any way that my said Abantha C. Ross my executor may deem best, and whatever I am entitled to out of said estate I hereby give and bequeath to my wife Abantha C. Ross during her life time and at her death to be equally divided between my children. — Ninth. — Should my wife after my death and during her life time find that she has any property to divide out among the children after the payment of all my debts. — I do hereby authorize and empower her at any time to give to any one of my children their share or portion of my property under this Will. — Each one to be charged with the fair value of the same, and whatever portion of the said property my daughter Mary M. Ross and Abantha S. Ross may receive during the life time of my wife or after her death, I hereby give the same to them to their sole and separate use to be absolutely free from the debts or contracts of their husbands if they should ever marry, whether said property be real or personal or mixed. Tenth. — It is my Will and desire that in the education of my children my executors shall ^{charge} the estate with a sufficient amount to pay for the education of any younger children, or to make them equal with the elder. — In witness whereof my Will that the same be spent for the education of each one of my sons, and that my daughters shall receive an education suitable to their sex in proportion to that of my sons.

and lastly. — I hereby nominate and appoint my friends William H. Marshall and Robert Hargreaves Executors and my wife Abantha C. Ross Executive to act in conjunction in executing this Will. — and it is intended that whenever the word Executor is used in the foregoing clauses, the same shall include and comprehend my said Executive. This 7th day of July 1856 Witness my hand and seal signed sealed & published in
W. S. Ross
our presence and us hand
subscribed our names here in
the presence of the Testator this
7th day of July 1856
Abraham M. Marshall, John Gilliland & proved 2nd Sept 1856
Matthew Gilliland, Abam Marshall & Cetera 1856
Eli. F. George Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Henry M. Elroy

I Henry M. Elroy do make and publish this my last Will and Testament. — First, I will that if there is any thing lacking to pay the bequests made by my husband's last Will to be paid out of that my Estate makes up the deficiency. — Second, I Will that my daughter Mary Jane Crawford Oguthin Smith and Elizabeth Elroy have each twenty two hundred Dollars worth of my Negroes the same to be set a part by her or more disinterested men and said Negroes so set a part, are to be theirs for their sole and separate use during their natural lives and then go to their children here or their body. — 3^d. I Will to my son Thomas six hundred Dollars to be paid him in cash or Negro property set a part and valued to him at cash valuation by the disinterested men; I also Will him my Dear Horse. 4th. I Will to my daughter Oguthin Smith my Bay Horse. 5th. I Will to my sons Alexander, Ellicajah, Jackson, Thomas & John each a Bed and furniture. — 6th. I Will that my son Jackson have the use and control of all my property of every description the present year except my Negro man Bob & Anthony; my said son Jackson is to make a crop and go his service after payment for his part of the land, he is to have one third part of all the crop raised. — 7th. I Will all the balance of my property not herebefore Will'd to be equally divided between my sons Sam and Jackson, Thomas & John, if it should consist in Negroes I wish them valued and divided if not susceptible of division, I wish some one or more of my sons to take them at valuation and pay the others or others for their share. I do not want any of my Negroes sold out of the farm. I appoint my sons Sanford and Ellicajah my Executors.

Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence

1836

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May 16th 1836

Pleasant Hallett

David Buchanan

Given in open Court

The 3rd day of Nov 1836. Ch. L. Hodge Clerk

Last Will of James B. Doolery

I James B. Doolery being of sound mind and fully capable of disposing of my property, do ordain and publish this my last Will & Testament.

First I desire to be decently buried and suitable Tombs to be placed over my body. — I want all my debts paid, and I now give to my son George B. Doolery five hundred Dollars. — To my son Thaddeus C. Doolery five hundred Dollars. — To my son John C. Doolery five hundred Dollars. — To my daughter Emily C. Doolery five hundred Dollars, she having lived upon my land for a long time free of charge, which makes her part equal to five hundred Dollars. — To my son Alfred B. Doolery fifty Dollars in addition to the sum of three hundred Dollars he has before received which has not been paid back, and for which I have no Note or evidence of the debt against him, which debt and lawful interest on the same with the fifty Dollars will about make him equal with the rest of my Children above named. — I give to my Grand Daughter Francis Simonds Smith eight hundred Dollars, and it is my desire that John S. Comstock should become her Guardian. — The debt hereby directed to be given to each above named person as the money can be collected out of the debt due upon Notes I now hold for the sale of my land. — It is my Will that the balance of my estate shall be equally divided between my Wife & my two small Children, Sarah, Virginia Boyd and Lewis Sand, and in the event of the death of either the last named (to wit) my Wife and my two Children by her or them, if and then their portion to be divided between the other two and so of the remaining two and so like occurred. — I acquiesce what property I possess, and I dispose of the same according to my own views of property and justice under the circumstances with which I am surrounded. Having full confidence in my friend John Warburton, I appoint him my Executor of this my last Will and Testament. — In testimony whereof, and which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of October 1836

Witness —

James B. Doolery

Attest

David Buchanan

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Last Will of Samuel H. Hobbs. Deceased

I Samuel H. Hobbs of the County of Lincoln and State of Tennessee and being sound in mind, but feeble in body and knowing that it is appointed for Man to die, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made.

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

Secondly — I Will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Sarah C. Hobbs all my lands during her natural life, for the purpose of supporting her and raising the Children upon, providing she remains a widow and provided she marries it is a disadvantage to the interests of the Children in the judgment of my Executor, but in the event of either contingency above named, then I hereby empower and instruct my Executor to lay off her dower in pursuance of law, and if any things should die before the youngest Child becomes of age, and if my wife or does not manage the farm well, my Executor is hereby empowered to sell all or the residue of the land if he is of the opinion that it will be to their interest to do so, upon a credit of two and three years and the proceeds divided equally among my Children to wit Margaret C. Hobbs, John A. Hobbs, Richard C. Hobbs, James H. Hobbs, Mary A. Hobbs. — Thirdly — It is my Will that all of my personal property remain in the family uncollected for their use and benefit, and my Executor have the dower laid off and when that is done, I direct my Executor to sell all the personally that may be in their possession at that time upon a credit of twelve months taking bond and good security for the same, and the proceeds equally divided among my Wife Sarah C. Hobbs and all my Children to wit.

I direct my Executor to sell such property either privately or publicly as in his opinion the family does not need or that will be to their interest to do, and purchase such articles or property as they may need for their benefit, that is my Executor has the power to buy and sell before the said dower may be laid off, and if that contingency should ever come then this power ceases. — Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint William H. Hinkle my Executor. — In Witness whereof, I do to this my Will set my hand and seal this 11th day of Nov 1836

Signed Sealed and published in our presence J. H. Hobbs
and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the Testator this 11th day of Nov 1836
Given in open Court the 1st Dec 1836 by
Sarah Hobbs. Ch. L. Hodge Clerk

Attest Sarah Hobbs
J. W. Hinkle