

At the death of my wife among my following named
Heirs "To wit" William A. Pitts, Elizabeth M. Bright, Henry P. Pitts,
Leithy Dean, Jane M. Blair, Robert R. Pitts, James J. Pitts,
Thomas B. Pitts, Isaac R. Pitts, Wiley J. Pitts, also the
heirs of my two Daughters that is now dead, "To wit"
Admry C. Rowe, and Rachel A. Wall, is to have their
deceased Mother's part in my estate - but it is to be
the express understanding of this my Will that all my
Property shall remain with my wife during her
natural life or widowhood, except the Negro Boy
willed to my Son Wiley W. Pitts which he is to have
possession of at the time of my death -

It is further my wish that at the death of my wife
provided the Negroes can not be satisfactorily divided
among my heirs that they shall be sold on the
Plantation to the highest bidder, said sale not to
go out of the family, and further it is my
will that any property that I have given or may
give during my life to any of my children shall
remain with them and be accounted for as
any part of my estate -

and lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint Robert
R. Pitts and Robert Drummond sole Executors of this my
last Will, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & affixed my seal this the 24th day of August in the
year of our Lord 1855

James Pitts

Abner Scroggins

Signed Sealed & Published in our Presence & we have
hereunto subscribed our names in the presence & at the
request of the Testator the day & date above written.

Let
William Stewart

Clinton Marshall

State of Tennessee
County of Lincoln
County Court October Term 1862
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County Court of
said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing last Will &
Testament of ~~James Pitts~~ deceased were proven in
open Court by the oaths of William Stewart & Clinton
Marshall the subscribing witnesses thereto, It is therefore
ordered by the Court to be recorded as the last Will & Testament
of James Pitts Decd.
Witness Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of our said Court at
office the first Monday in Oct. 1862
Daniel J. Whittington, Clerk

Matthew H. Barter Tied to this

Matthew H. Barter I am going to write what I want
you to do with my property if I never get back home
I want you to administer on my estate, I want you to
see my land that I have in copartnership with A. L. Davidson
also my property of all kind except one bed a piece for the
two children and bed cloth and one trunk and one chest
I want them taken care of for the children then I want
you to be appointed guardian for the children, pay off
all my debts what money is left put it out on
interest till my children become of age, let my
children stay where they are unless something happens the
the old folks that they can take care of them, then do the
best you can for them, I want them reared in this
neighbourhood if suitable, I want you to see that
my children gets good learning keep my saddle and
then another saddle for them, also the spinning wheel
for mother Arlona

me

Brother please tied to this for

M. H. Barter will

State of Tennessee
County of Lincoln
County Court October Term 1862
I Daniel J. Whittington Clerk of the County
Court of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing
last will & Testament of M. H. Barter subd.

were proven in open court by the oaths of M. H. Carter
A. L. Davidson W. A. Carter & J. H. Sallenger. It is therefore
ordered by the court to be recorded as the last Will & Testament
of B. M. Carter Decd.

Witness David J. Whittington clerk of our said court
at office the first Monday in Oct 1862

David J. Whittington clerk

I James B. Gill

do make & publish this as my last will &
testament, hereby revoking & making void all other
wills by me at any time made.

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

2nd I give & bequeath to wife Maria Gill all my
property both real & personal during her life time or
widowhood to support and educate my children
out of the same and to divide or give to each child
such property as she may think fit, so as to do equal
justice to all of your children by me to give to
each & every one of them a thousand dollars in money
or property as may suit best to make them equal
with my three children by Marjaret Gill my
first wife. I have given Mary D. and Samuel M.
Gill a thousand dollars worth apiece in property
and money as to Sally B. Gill when she comes to
be of age & I or my executor settles with the
court for her. If she haist a thousand of her
Grand father estate It must be made to her out
of my estate & at the death of wife Maria, it is my
desire that all my property both real & personal
shall be sold to the best advantage and an equal
division made of the same

between my wife and all my children share & share
a like between all my children and if my wife
Maria should marry again it is my will & desire
that all my property both real & personal shall be
sold to the best advantage and an equal division
made of the same between my wife and all my
children share & share alike.

Lastly - I do hereby nominate & appoint my wife
Maria my Executrix in witness whereof I do to
this my will set my hand & seal this 20th day of
June 1854, signed sealed & published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names hereto in
presence of this Testator, this 20th day of June 1854

James B. Gill

State of Tennessee
County of Lincoln County Court November Term 1862

I David J. Whittington clerk of the County Court of
said county, do hereby certify that the last Will & Testament
of Jas B. Gill Decd were proven in open court by the
oaths of W. H. Wilson & A. L. Myers. It is therefore
ordered by the court to be recorded as the last
will & testament of Jas B. Gill decd.
Witness David J. Whittington clerk of our said court
at office the first Monday in Nov 1861

David J. Whittington clerk