

was made but directed that James Fulton Howard  
be his executor and if he would not for Charles  
Bright his next choice me the undersigned being  
present do certify above statement is the substance  
directed by Christopher Howard given under our  
hands this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1852

H. R. Moore

W. A. Wood

George Berry

R. M. Haage

David Rorun

Proven and admitted to record first monday in  
December 1853 by order of the County Court

George Cunningham Clerk

The last will and Testament of Andrew Caughran  
Andrew Caughran being in a very low state of  
health but of sound mind and perfect memory do  
make and publish this my last will and Testament  
hereby revoking and making void all former 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 my money that I may die seized of or may  
first come in to the hands of my Executor Secondly  
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah my  
gray mare Hiddle Saddle and bridle also one hundred  
and four dollars and furniture

Thirdly I direct that all the balance of my property  
both Real and personal of every description be sold  
to the highest bidding negroes and the balance of  
my personal estate to be sold on a credit of  
twelve months my lands that lies in Lincoln  
County to be sold on a credit of one two and three  
years my lands lying in Jackson County Arkansas  
together with the warrant which I hold undelivered  
direct to be sold privately to the best interests of my  
estate I further direct that after all my debts  
are paid that the balance of the proceeds of my  
property of every description shall be equal divided  
between my wife and three children my wife

part to be hers during her natural life or widowhood  
and at her death or marriage to go my children I further  
direct that my executors purchase a small piece of land for  
my wife suitable for her to raise my children said land  
to be paid for out of her share of my Estate and lastly  
I do hereby nominate and appoint John J. Caughran  
and Robert Grinnon sole Executors of this my last  
will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1853

Andrew Caughran

Signed sealed and published in our and we have  
hereunto subscribed our hands in the presence and at  
the request of the Notary this day and date above  
written

J. A. Stuart

W. T. Caughran

Proven and admitted to record first Monday in January  
1853 by order of the County Court

George Cunningham Clerk

The last will and Testament of Prior Buchanan  
of Pigeon Buchanan of Lincoln County Tennessee  
make and publish this my last and Testament  
First I direct that my funeral expenses and  
all my debts be paid as soon after my death as pos-  
sible

Second I give and bequeath all my property of  
every description whether real or personal as well that  
I now have as that which I may hereafter acquire  
wherever the same may be situated to my two da-  
ughters to be equally divided between them The said  
and their increase and the land to be held by them  
respectively during their natural lives and should  
either of my said children die leaving no children  
or the issue of such living at the time of her death  
the slaves and their increase and the land hereby  
given to such deceased child shall belong to the  
other and should both die one leaving issue of  
another not then it shall be my will that the whole  
herein bequeathed shall belong to such slave  
as to be equally divided between them

Third I nominate & appoint my friend Pleasant  
Walbert guardian for my said two daughters Sarah  
M. & Mary L. Buchanan I desire that he may act  
as such and out of the hire of Slaves or rent of Land  
herein bequeathed he shall see that they have a pri-  
vate female education.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Samuel S.  
Buchanan & Josl M. Harris Executors of this my last  
will and Testament In witness whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day November

1852 Signed sealed & published  
in our presence & we have P<sup>r</sup> Pryor Buchanan (Seal)  
Subscribed our names hereto

in the presence of the testator  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1852

James Fulton

Gideon Lay

Proven and admitted to record first Monday in  
February 1853 George Cunningham

Alfred H. Berry's last Will & Testament

Alfred H. Berry of the County of Lincoln and State of Kentucky  
being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding  
to make and publish this as my last will and testament  
humbly revoking all other and similar instruments hitherto made  
by me

First. I will and direct, that my funeral expenses, and  
all my just debts be paid, as soon after my death as practicable  
leaving I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Rebecca H.  
Berry during her natural life the following slaves viz. James  
Sarah, Catherine, Virginia and John and their increase and  
after her death it is my will that said slaves be equally  
divided between my children by the said Rebecca H. Berry  
and said Alfred -

Second. It is my desire that all the balance of my property  
both real and personal, be sold and the proceeds be  
applied to the payment of my debts, except such of my  
house hold furniture, as my said wife may be proper to  
retain - The proceeds of the sale of my property after  
I will put out by my Executors at interest and the inter-  
est thus arising I desire to be applied to the education  
of my children, and the support of my family, and as  
much of the principal as necessity may require; and  
at the death of my said wife, I desire that said fund  
be equally divided between my children herein before  
stated.

Fourth - If my said wife should desire, the above men-  
tioned fund, moreover to be invested in real estate  
for the use and benefit of herself and my children  
I will and direct that she have the privilege of doing  
so, and that such real estate, thus purchased be  
equally divided between my said children, after the  
death of my said wife, or before if my wife should  
wish.

Fifth - If my said wife shall bear a son other child  
is in a Venture more at the time of my death, then  
it is my will and desire that said posthumous child  
shall share equally with my said children herein before  
named, in all the property, funds, and effects above  
set forth and in all and any other property funds  
or effects which may hereafter come unto the hand