

James Vaux as special trustee, my negro girl Ann and her child now living and such increase as she may have hereafter to be held in trust for the sole use and benefit of my daughter-in-law Miriam Fenner and her heirs forever, to be held by him for her use and enjoyment in the same way as the property above bequeathed to my daughter Juliana Mc Knight hereby revoking my said will so far as relates to the said negro Ann & child but confirming it in every other respect In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th September, 1842.

Ann Fenner *ESQ*

Witnesses who signed in presence of Testator

L. C. Harris
William F. Henderson.

Codicil No 2.

As a further Codicil to this my last will and Testament, I, Ann Fenner do hereby will and bequeath to my two grand-children, Laura B. Fenner & Junius S. Fenner children of John M. Fenner decd - as tenants in common, the negro boy Dick now about seven years old, whom I bought from Samuel Lancaster. and I ordain & publish this as a part of my last will and testament.

Witness my hand & seal December the 23^d 1850.

Ann Fenner *ESQ*

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in our presence on the day of its date.
Julius Johnson
Wm. H. Burges.

William Dyer
Will.

Provs at Nov. Term, 1851.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 384.

do make and publish

In the name of God, Amen.

I, William Dyer of Madison County and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament

in the following manner.

First: I wish my funeral expenses to be paid and all my just debts.

Second: I give and bequeath to my loving wife Jane Dyer all of my property and monies so long as she remains a widow in case she should marry then the property to be equally divided amongst the children & wife.

Third: My will and wish is for her to keep all the property together so as to raise my little children free of charge so long as she is a widow.

Fourth: I wish my children to have a good English Education my will and wish is all the money that's due me to be laid out for land for my wife and children to live on.

My will and wish is for Hardaway Alston be my executor to my will this given under my hand and seal this September 10th 1851.

William Dyer *ESQ*

Test.

James Baxter
John Rooker.

Jordan C. Holt
Will.

Provs at Nov. Term, 1851.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 384.

The will of James Alston, coming here in regular order, is lost or mislaid - diligent search for it has been made in my office, and it cannot be found.

Tryphena Williams
Will.

Provs at Nov. Term, 1851.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 385.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Tryphena Williams of Dyer County and State of Tennessee, Being mindful of death, knowing that death is certain and life uncertain now of sound mind and memory do ordain this twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord, one

thousand Eight hundred and forty-two. Make ordain constitute and appoint this instrument of writing my last will and testament in manner and form following to-wit:

First. I give and bequeath my immortal Soul to Almighty God who give it next I give my body to the dust of the Earth to be immediately after death interred decently in a respectable and plain and common way. As to what God in His Providence has been pleased to put me in possession of first of all I give unto my sister Rhoda Page or her children five hundred dollars. Also I give unto my sister Jane Ellis or her children five hundred dollars being and living in North Carolina and supposed in Pitt County. I hereby constitute nominate and appoint Edward Williams Executor to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the day and date above written I signed

Tryphena Williams

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us,

Ashby Crisp
Stephen Milburn
W. H. Edwards
Wm H. Mitchell

Andrew Davis

Will
Proved at Nov-Term, 1857.
See Minute Book No. 6 p. 386.

by me at any time made.

First. I direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly. I give to my wife Tabitha all the lands that I now am seized and possessed of

during her natural life, also I give to her the said Tabitha one negro woman named Elmina during her natural life also one Cow and calf one good horse one Sow and pigs, two ewes and lambs one bed and furniture also the household and kitchen furniture all the above named property the said Tabitha Daves is to have have during her natural life and one side saddle and bridle.

Thirdly. I give to Elizabeth Powell Sixty dollars.

Fourthly. I give to my daughter M. Ellen Buntin a horse worth sixty dollars. I give further to my daughter Elizabeth B. Powell twelve dollars and fifty cents to buy a press and bedstead.

Fifthly. I give to my daughter Francis & Loyd twelve dollars and fifty cents to purchase a press and bedstead.

Sixthly. I give to my son John I. Davis after the death of my wife the lot of land around the house. Beginning at the corner of John I. Davis land, North of the house in the field, running thence West forty four poles to a mulberry & poplar on a drain thence a direct line to John I. Davis South West corner on the Creek thence along his line North to the Beginning.

further my desire is that after the death of my wife all the land not now given off be divided among all my children equally according to value. further my desire is that the children of my negro woman Elmina as they arrive to the age of six years old that they go among the children to the one that will pay the most yearly for them - further my desire is that after the death of my wife that the said negro woman and children be put up to the highest bidder among the legates and the highest bidder to be the purchaser and pay over to all the other children their equal share of the price of said negroes, and all the balance of the property not herein named to be sold and divided equally among all my children.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate and appoint John I. Davis my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this

my will set my hand and seal, this 27th of June 1857.
 Andrew Davis ~~222~~

the word stuff interlined before signed,
 signed, sealed and published in our
 presence and we have subscribed
 our names hereto in the presence
 of the testator, this 27th of June 1857.
 E. P. Simpson,
 James B. Cole.

Codicil

I Andrew Davis the above testator
 do hereby make and publish the following Codicil
 to my will above written (to-wit:)

Whenever the negro woman Elmina & her children
 shall be sold among my legates according to
 the provisions of the above will, it is my desire
 that the purchaser or purchasers pay one third
 of the money going to the other legates at the
 time of sale, one third one year thereafter, and
 the remainder two years from the day of sale,
 the last payment to bear lawful interest until
 paid.

Andrew Davis ~~222~~
 Signed sealed & published in our
 presence and we have subscribed
 our names thereto in the presence
 of the testator the 22^d day of Sept-
 ember 1857.

Jas. McGrivethery
 E. P. Simpson.

Peter J. Swink
 Will.

Proven at Nov. Term, 1857.
 See Minute Book No. 6, p. 336.

State of Tennessee
 House in the town of Jackson,
 County of Madison, and State aforesaid
 on the 3^d Monday being the 20th of September
 in the Year of our Lord 1852, and 77th Year of
 American Independence.

Present The Hon. John Reid Judge,

Contest

State of Tennessee

Please at the Court

Peter J. Swink
 Will.

Proven at Nov. Term, 1857.
 See Minute Book No. 6, p. 336.

House in the town of Jackson,
 County of Madison, and State aforesaid
 on the 3^d Monday being the 20th of September
 in the Year of our Lord 1852, and 77th Year of
 American Independence.

Present The Hon. John Reid Judge,

On the second day of said Term the following
 was entered upon the records of the Court, to-wit:

Darius D. Newbern Executor
 of Peter J. Swink, deceased

Contest of Will

Jesse W. Swink, John Evans,
 Maria C. Evans David M.
 Swink, William C. Swink, James
 H. Swink, Turner L. Swink, Bur-
 well P. Swink and Mary Susan
 Swink

The parties appear
 by their attorneys, and
 thereupon comes a Jury
 of good and lawful men

to-wit: Robert Stark, Barry Blunt, Charles Sevier, William
 C. Hutchinson, William Coz, Baxter J. Williams, Jesse M. Kane,
 Isaiah Tidwell, James Powell, Thomas Blair, Frederick Webb,
 and John Tidwell, who being elected, empanelled and sworn
 well and truly to try the issue of devisavit vel non joined
 between the parties, upon their oaths do say that the
 paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament
 of Peter J. Swink deceased, is his last will and testament.

It is therefore the judgment of the Court that said
 paper writing be established and received as the
 last will and testament of said Peter J. Swink, decd, and
 that the original will with a copy of this judgment
 be sent to the County Court to be recorded, and that
 the plaintiff recover of the defendants the cost in
 this behalf expended.

A true Copy from the record.
 Oct. 6, 1852.

Jno. L. Brown, Clerk

Peter J. Swink.
 Will.

I, P. J. Swink being in a low state
 of health but of sound mind, knowing
 the uncertainty of all human things
 do hereby publish and declare this to be my last Will
 and Testament - hereby revoking all wills by me at
 any time made.

I direct that my funeral expenses and
 all my just debt be paid out of any moneys of
 which I may die seized and possessed, of or which
 first come into the hands of my Executor.

I give and bequeath to my son Wm. P. Swink

Twenty five Dollars

3rd I give and bequeath to my son David
Marion Swink Two Hundred Dollars -

3rd I give and bequeath to James Alexander
my son, One Hundred and Seventy five Dollars.

4th I give and bequeath to my son
Turner L Swink One Hundred and Seventy five
Dollars -

The money to be paid to the
above named children out of the first moneys
that may come into the hands of my Executor.

5th For the love and affection I have
for my wife Melinda I loan to her during
her natural life, all my property of every description
or widowhood all my property of every
description to be to her use and control for
the purpose of raising and educating the
children, and after her marriage or death
all the property to be sold and equally divided
amongst my children as follows - viz

Jesse, Milbourn Swink, Maria Catherine's children, on share
Russell Robert, Mary Susan, Sarah Elizabeth, Henry
Karrison, George Washington, Darius Newbern and if
my wife should have a child within nine months
from the date of my death that child is to share
equally with the above named children. But pro-
vided my wife should die before my youngest
child or children are educated there shall be
a reasonable allowance made by three disinterested
men for the purpose of raising and educating
such children before any division of property
shall be made nevertheless the moneys allowed
to Mrs P. Swink, D. M. Swink, J. F. Swink and Turner
J. Swink shall be paid to them as above specified.

But when Jesse H. Swink, Maria Catherine's child-
ren, Russell Robert, Mary Susan, Sarah Elizabeth,
Henry Karrison, George Washington, Darius Newbern
and a child if one should be born of my wife
within nine months from the date of my death
shall each receive the sum of twelve thousand
dollars each then all the money or property if
any to be equally divided amongst all my
lawful children.

I desire and wish that the property

that my wife Melinda may receive from her
father's estate after the death of her mother
should be to the use and benefit of my wife Melin-
da & children forever.

I hereby nominate and appoint D. D. Newbern
my Executor to this my last will and Testament
Given under my hand and seal this 15th
day of September 1857.

P. J. Swink *seal*

Witness
E. M. McGuire }
E. S. Leggett }

Joshua Cozart
Will

Prove at Dec. Term 1857.
See Minute Book No. 6 p. 406.

I, Joshua Cozart, 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 debts 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 hands of my Executors.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my
beloved wife Elizabeth Cozart, during her
natural life or widowhood my tract of land
on which I now live, and stock of all kinds
on it or belonging to me; also my farming
implements, household and kitchen furniture,
together with all my slaves, except my
slave named Green.

Thirdly: After the decease of my beloved
wife my tract of land to be equally divided
by a North and South line between my son
Joshua M. Cozart and my daughter Mahuldy Cozart.
I also give and bequeath to my son Joshua M. Cozart
my slaves - Peester and her son John. And likewise
to my daughter Mahuldy my slave - Martha also
to her, one hundred dollars to be paid over to
her, by my Executors as soon as collected out

out of the cash notes now in my hands.
Fourthly: - I give and bequeath to my ^{grand} son
Berry M. Grey and my grand daughter - Cynthia A.
E. Grey my slave Green valued at six hundred
dollars.

My will is that my wife Elizabeth Cozart
take my two grand-children Berry M. Grey and
Cynthia A. E. Grey, under her care and control; and
the slave Green under her management and
control, whose services is to defray the expenses
of their board clothing and schooling, till the two
children are of age, but should my wife
die before they are of age I will that my
son Joshua M. Cozart and my daughter Mahuldy
Cozart have the same control of these said
children and my slave Green as directed above
that my wife do. But should both these children
die, I will that the slave Green revert to my
heirs named in my will.

Fifthly - I give and bequeath to my son Gil-
bert Cozart a slave Jeff, valued at three hundred
and fifty dollars, which he has already in his
possession.

Sixthly: - I give and bequeath to my son
Madison Cozart a slave - Sam valued at four
hundred dollars, which he has already in
possession.

Seventhly - I give and bequeath to my
daughter Jane Hathaway a slave - Lida Ann valued
at four hundred dollars whom he has already
in possession.

Eighthly - I give and bequeath to my daughter
Mahulda Allen a slave - named Jack valued at
four hundred dollars, which she has already
in possession.

Ninthly - I give and bequeath to the heirs
of my son William D. Cozart, deceased, viz:
Robert M. Cozart, Joshua Cozart, Gilbert Cozart,
Newton Cozart, Henderson Cozart and Jasper Cozart.
These last mentioned six to be considered as
one heir. A. Raymond Cozart and Thornton L. Cozart
And as one heir Cynthia A. E. Grey and Berry M. Grey.
be made equal in this final division of my

moneys and effects, including what they each
have already received as I have mentioned
above.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and
appoint my two sons Gilbert Cozart and Joshua
M. Cozart my Executors.
In witness whereof, I do to this my
will, set my hand and seal, this 2nd day of
1857.

Joshua Cozart

Seal

Signed, sealed and published in our
presence, and we have subscribed
our names hereto, in the presence
of the testator, this day of
1857.

Test. Bird S. Jones
Test. Thomas Wright.

George E. Childs

Will

Prove at January Term, 1852,
See Minute Book No. 6. - p. 428.

J. Geo. E. Childs of the
County of Madison, Town of
Jackson, State of Tennessee,
do make and ordain this

my last Will and Testament.

First: - It is my will and desire that all
my just debts be paid.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to Sarah H.
Childs, James H. Read & John Read son of said
James H. or their survivors of them in trust for
the sole and separate use of Mrs. Mary Read wife
of the Hon. John Read, all the benefit, right and
interest, and monies due and arising therefrom
in and to a debt which is due and owing me
by said Hon. John Read, as specified in a mortgage
upon real and personal property, made by said
Read, under date of the 5th of December 1849,
and Registered in the Registers Office of Madison
County on the 5th day of December 1849, in Book
number 13 page 17 - saving and reserving out of
the same for the use and benefit of my wife Sarah
H. Childs, her administrators or assigns, the sum of

Five Hundred Dollars, bearing interest from the date of said Mortgage.

It is my wish and desire that in case the said Mary Read should die before me, that said bequest to her shall survive and come to the benefit of her husband the said John Read.

Thirdly, I give bequeath and devise unto my wife Sarah F. Childs, all the rest, residue of my estate, real, personal, and choses in action of which I may die seized or possessed of, or having a right unto, hereby appointing her my sole executrix, and my desire is that she shall not be required to give bond or bond and security, as such executrix, for the performance of her duty, as such, for any cause whatever in regard thereto.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this the 14th day of February 1850.
Geo. E. Childs.

signed & acknowledged
in our presence

B. R. Person

J. F. Bayley

State of Indiana
Clark County, ss.

Personally appeared before me the Clerk of the Probate Court of Clark County in said State John F. Read, who being duly sworn did depose and say that he was acquainted with George E. Childs whose name appears to the above instrument of writing purporting to be his last will and testament and that said testator at the date thereof was of full age, and that said affiant saw the testator write his name during his lifetime, and believes the signature above written to be his genuine signature and said affiant further states that he verily believes that neither of the subscribing witnesses to said will now reside in the State of Indiana, and that said will was found amongst the papers of the said testator who departed this life in Clark County Indiana on the 19th day of

August 1851.

John F. Read,

State of Indiana Clerk County, ss.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 25th day of September 1851.

In presence of the seal of said Court the day & date last written.

Eli M. Cally, Clerk.

State of Indiana
Clark County, ss.

I, Eli M. Cally Clerk of the Probate Court for Clark County in said State certify that the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of George E. Childs late of said County deceased, was produced before me and John F. Read of lawful age made oath in due form of law that neither of the subscribing witnesses thereto were residents of the State of Indiana and that said will was found amongst the papers of the deceased and that he (said affiant) had saw the testator write his name during his life time and that he (said affiant) believed his signature to said will was his genuine hand writing, upon which proof said will was admitted to record and the same together with the Proof of the said John F. Read, stands recorded on Will Book D. of the Probate Court of said County on pages -



In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Charlestown the 25th day of September A. D. 1851.

Eli M. Cally, Clerk.

In the settlement between George E. Childs and Benjamin Rush Person, late of the firm of Childs and Person, they mutually divided their claims notes & accounts, apportioning over their respective

interests one to the other for better or for worse with a mutual understanding & agreement that neither was to be responsible over to the other for the solvency of the respective debts or any of them, but to be taken entirely at their own risk respectively - This was done at the termination of their partnership in 1850.

This was my understanding.

John Read.

The above was the understanding between Geo. E. Childs - myself

B. R. Person

I have heard both Geo. E. Childs & B. R. Person say they took the claim falling to each as above expressed.

Thos. Clark, admr.

Geo. E. Childs, decd

Laban O'Neal

Will

Proven at Febry Term 1852.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 445.

In Laban O'Neal considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind & memory blessed be Almighty God for the same. Do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, (that is to say)

First - I give and bequeath to my wife during her lifetime or during her widowhood, all of my land & tenements money and property possessed by me at my death.

I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter Lizz Jane five dollars a piece - I give and bequeath to unto my daughter Emily E. five dollars

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah A. five dollars.

I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary Matilda five dollars

Lastly - It is my desire for my brother E. O'Neal to manage and wind up my business hereby breaking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 2^d day of

December in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty one.

L. O'Neal

Witnesses

J. H. Foster
C. H. Childs

Robert Exam,

Man. Captive Will

Proven at Febry Term 1852.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 446.

He state that give were present at the house of Robert Exam late of Madison County in the month of December 1851 - That he made the following verbal disposition of his property to take effect after his death - I we state that we were present together when he made said disposition in our hearing -

1st That his son Jack should have the negro man Ephraim and negro girl Floira - which last negro was given for his extra services.

2^d His son Washington was to have negro boy Louis Boyd and also a girl which girl was to be of equal value with Ephraim. But no particular girl was mentioned. This boy Louis was to be for his extra services.

3^d Each of the other children as he or her reached the age of 21 years, was to have a negro of the same value as Ephraim, is now James being of age is entitled to his negro now.

4th All the rest of the property was to remain unmolested in the hands of his wife during her life or widowhood, for the support of herself & the support & education of the children. On her marriage she was to take a child's part; and the balance to be divided amongst all the children - But the shares advanced to Jack and Washington except their extra negro and also the shares which each receives on coming of age are to be estimated in making the division on the death or

marriage of the widow.

On the death of the widow, all the property was to be divided among the children in the manner herein before stated.

The negro girl Elvira given to Jack, boy Louis given to Washington, were for their extra services, & were not to be counted in dividing the estate.

The rule in the possession of Jack was to be a criterion in estimating the value of a horse or mule to be given to each one of the children on coming of age, each one on arriving of age except Jack, was to have a horse or mule of that value.

John Exam.
Martha Exam.

Thomas M Cobb,

Will

Proven at Febry Term, 1852
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 446

I Thomas M Cobb of Madison County and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind, but in exceeding feeble health of body, do make appoint and publish this to be my last Will and Testament, to-wit:

Item 1st — I desire that all my debts be faithfully paid as soon as possible and to that end I authorize my Executors to sell as much of my land and as many of my negroes as they may deem sufficient to raise the money for that purpose.

Item 2^d — I give and bequeath to my faithful and beloved wife Frances Ann Cobb, all my estate real and personal without reserve in full and entire confidence and trust that she will do ample justice to our dearly beloved children Mary Adeline Cobb and Emma Frances Cobb whenever they marry or come of age.

Item 3^d — I appoint my beloved wife Executrix and her father James Mcriter and her brother Thomas M Mcriter Executors of this my above Will.

Thomas M Cobb,

appointed, published, signed and acknowledged by the testator in our presence at his last will and testament the 19th day of Jan^y 1852
J. D. Tarver }
J. C. A. Skillern }

James D. McClellan
Will

Proven at March Term, 1852,
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 471.

I, James D. McClellan of the town of Jackson, County of Madison in the State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time made.

I will and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Isabella Caroline McClellan all the property both real and personal legal and equitable that I may die seized or possessed of or in any manner whatever entitled to, all the money notes accounts choses in action and every other species of property that I may be entitled to, to her and her heirs forever, to dispose of as she may think proper. I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Isabella Caroline McClellan my sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testament without taking the oath of an Executrix or giving bond and security to the Court for her Executorship.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23^d day of August A. D. 1841

James D. McClellan

Witness

A. Guthrie }
J. M. Conroy }
J. P. Sewlock }

Justin L. Edwards.

Will.
Proven at April Term, 1852.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 497.

I, Justin L. Edwards of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz: my tract of land lying in Lodadale County to be sold and the proceeds of the sale to be used to buy a home for my family, all my stock household and kitchen furniture and farming utensils to be sold by my Executor and the proceeds to be equally divided between my beloved wife and children. My watch I give to my son William H. Edwards.

Furthermore all notes and accounts due me my Executor to collect and pay my just debts and if not a sufficiency the balance to be taken from the proceeds of other property sold.

I now nominate constitute and appoint sole Executor of this my last will and testament Luther Shivers, hereby revoking all former wills heretofore by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th February 1852,
Justin L. Edwards
mark

Test.
Robert G. Jones,
Newton Harris.

Elizabeth Taylor

Will.
Proven at April Term 1852,
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 498.

I, Elizabeth Taylor of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee being weak of body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substance as it has pleased God to bless me with: I give and bequeath the same

in manner following, that is to say:

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Taylor and her children, one bed, Stead and furniture together with all my wearing apparel.

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my son Richard Altman Twenty dollars.

Item 3rd I give to my son Linchen T. Best One dollar.

Item 4th I give to my son Wiley J. Altman One dollar.

Item 5th and should there be any money left after paying the above named legacies I give and bequeath the same to my above named daughter Nancy Taylor and children.

And Lastly (if necessary) I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Mark Taylor, Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January Eighteen Hundred and fifty one.

Elizabeth Taylor
Signed, sealed and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Elizabeth Taylor in presence of us, who at her request, and in her presence, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Martin Higgs
Mark Taylor.

John Gately,

Min. sup. Will.
Proven at April Term 1852
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 499.

We the undersigned were present at John Gately's on the day he died and heard him speak and tell his children how he wanted them to manage his estate and affairs about six hours before he expired and we believe he was perfectly in his senses.

until his last moments = which is as follows
 He stated that he did not want a public sale of his property & that he wanted his children to all live together and if James thought best to sell the land to take the money it would bring and buy another place with it and move all his children upon it and live together = he further stated that he wanted his son James to take all his property in hand and sell enough of it to pay his debts keep the balance together to raise his children upon and said also that James would do what was right.

Given under our hands April 2^d

day 1852,
 Test, Wm M. Farlin.

Philip his Son
 Charles his Son

Jesse Armistead

Will

Proven at May Term 1852.

See Minute Book No. 6, p. 508.

State of Tennessee,
 Madison County.

Jesse Armistead being of feeble health but sound in mind do make and publish this my last will and testimony hereby annulling and revoking all other codicils of wills by me heretofore made of what date or kind soever.

Item the 1st I give and bequeath unto my wife Frances Armistead the following property to-wit: Negroes: Stephen Sam Louisa Jane plantation stock household and kitchen furniture during her widowhood.

Item 2^d I bequeath to each child as it becomes of age 1 horse bridle and saddle one sow and pigs and one years provision provided my wife can spare it off the plantation.

Item 3^d At the expiration of my wife's widowhood I want my negroes hired out and my plantation rented out for the support and education of my younger children.

Item 4th When the youngest child be-

comes of age I want the property equally divided amongst my children provided my wife dies or marries before that time. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Frances Armistead my sole executrix.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this December 5, 1846.

J. Armistead

John Warming
 W. D. Martin
 Wm H. Warming
 W. H. Warming

John Strayhorn

Will
 Proven at June Term 1852.
 See Minute Book No. 6, p. 520.

John Strayhorn of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last

Will and Testament hereby making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred in a manner suitable to my condition in life and to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to give me I dispose of the same as follows.

First I direct that my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money I may die possessed of or may first come in the hands of my Executor from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Secondly I give & bequeath to Nancy Strayhorn my boy Henderson her life & time and then to the heirs of her body & her children One hundred dollars a piece.

I also give and bequeath unto Sarah Tate my boy Luke his hire & three hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to Sarah Strayhorn two hundred dollars. I also

give and bequeath to David Strayhorn's heirs the remainder of my estate after paying my just debts.

I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my esteemed neighbor and friend William Pope Esqr. my Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I John Strayhorn Testator, have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this the tenth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

John Strayhorn

Signed and sealed in the presence of us, who have subscribed in the presence of the testator & of each other

Lamb Jackson
Jonathan Bryan
Thomas J. McMan

John Burton

Will

Proven at Octo. Term 1852.

See Minute Book No. 6. p. 550.

In the name of God, Amen.
I John Burton, of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. That is to say,

First & finally - after all of my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath to my beloved and only sister Elizabeth Likewise I make constitute and appoint my Father William Burton to be Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

John Burton
The above written instrument was subscribed by the said John Burton in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and we at the testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residents.

David Thorn, Madison Co. Tenn.
Littaberry Thorn, Madison Co. Tenn.

John Percy

Will

Proven at Octo. Term 1852.
See Minute Book No. 6. p. 551.

I John Percy of the County of Madison State of Tennessee, being of a sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made heretofore.

1st I desire that, as soon after my death as convenient, enough of my personal property be sold at public sale by my Executor, as will pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts.

2^d I loan to my dear beloved wife Sarah Percy all the balance of my personal & real property during her natural life for her support and maintenance.

3^d I will and bequeath to Mary Kirby as Trustee for the use and benefit of my son Everett H. Percy's children that they may have by the present or any subsequent marriage or marriages, all the property, both real and personal, that I have loaned to my said wife Sarah Percy as above, to be held by said Trustee for the exclusive use and benefit of my said son Everett's children for their support and benefit, and not to be

subject for the debts of my said son heretofore created, or to be hereafter contracted but is to be for my said grand childrens exclusive use and benefit, which is to be equally divided after the death of my said wife Sarah, between my said grand children on their arriving, but the age of twenty-one years or marriage.

4th I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my friend Wiley Kirby my Executor of this my last will & testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 29th day of January A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty one-

Test
J. D. McClintock
(Mr. Keroun.)

John H. Percy *Seal*
mark

William Goodwin
Will

Proven at Jan'y Term 1853.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 592.

To all whom it may concern, I William Goodwin of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee, make this my last will and testament I desire my property disposed of in the following way - I wish my lands stock of every kind and my crop to be sold to pay my just debts and if this should not be enough to pay them all, I wish my old negro man John to be sold.

I wish my Brother Samuel & Allen to take my wife and all of my negro property home with them. I wish my wife to live with my Brothers Samuel & Allen and I wish her to have the use of my property during her natural life or widowhood. I wish her to have a good horse saddle & bridle at her own command. I wish my Brother Samuel & Allen after the death of my wife to keep all of my negro property in their possession during their life time (I wish two thirds of the interest of my property) to be

converted to the benefit of my Brother Nathaniel's Children when ever they think they need assistance my Bros. Samuel & Allen to manage it for them.

The other third of my property I wish divided between Nicholas Perry's four Children by his first wife and my Bro. A. B. Goodwin's Children. I wish my Bros. Samuel & Allen to manage the property for Nicholas Perry's Children in the same manner prescribed for the management of the property left Bro. Nathaniel's Children.

I hereby appoint my Brothers, Samuel & Allen executors to this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal, this the fourth day of December One thousand, eight hundred and fifty two.

William Goodwin *Seal*

Attest -
J. B. Littlepage }
Spencer Williamson }

John L. Deberry
Will

Proven at Dec Term 1852.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 579.

found.

The wife of John L. Deberry, coming here in regular succession is lost or mislaid - diligent search has been made for it in my office, and it cannot be found.

James N. Watt
Will

Proven at Jan'y Term 1853.
See Minute Book No. 6, p. 605.

has been made for it in my office and it cannot be found.

The will of James N. Watt deceased, coming here in regular order, is lost or mislaid - diligent search has been made for it in my office and it cannot be found.

Stephen Lacy

Will

Proven at March Term 1853.

See Minute Book No. 16, p. 635.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Stephen Lacy of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do this 27th day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty seven make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows:

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son David Lacy the following described Land. Beginning at a Sycamore the South East corner of the tract that I now live upon running North One hundred six and seven eighths poles to a stake; Thence West two hundred and fifty six poles to a stake; Thence South One hundred six and seven eighths poles to a stake the South West corner of the tract of Land that I live upon; Thence East two hundred and fifty six poles to the Beginning containing One hundred and Seventy one acres. Also twenty Acres of the thirty of Occupant Land I bought of Robert M. Taylor, the South end of said Land.

Also One hundred three and one eighth acres of Land being the South end of Entry No. 3787 made in my name for two hundred three and one eighth Acres. To him and his heirs forever.

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my son James Lacy the following described Land

Beginning at a stake the North East corner of the ones above described running North One hundred eleven and three and three quarter poles to a small Black oak corner with two Black oak pointers; Thence West One hundred and eighty poles to a stake in the East boundary line of a ten acre tract that I deeded to Griffith Lacy; Thence South with said line nineteen and five ninth poles to the Corner; Thence West Seventy six poles to a Black oak the North West corner of the tract that I am now living upon; Thence South ninety three and one eighth poles to a stake.

Thence East two hundred fifty six poles to the Beginning - containing One hundred and seventy one Acres - also ten Acres of the North end of the occupant. I bought of Robert M. Taylor also One hundred Acres of the North end of entry No. 3787 - to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3^d - I give and bequeath to my son Griffith Lacy the following described land

Beginning nineteen poles West of the North East corner of the tract bequeathed above to James Lacy on a stake running North forty five degrees West sixty four poles to a stake; Thence North twenty degrees East one hundred and forty three poles to a stake; Thence West One hundred and fifty eight poles to a stake in the West boundary line of the Godson tract; Thence South with said line one hundred and eighty one poles to a stake; Thence East one hundred and sixty and three fourth poles to the Beginning - containing One hundred and sixty five Acres - Also another tract lying West of the one above described it being entry No. 3786 made in my name containing forty two $\frac{40}{100}$ Acres to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th - I give and bequeath to my son Donald R. Lacy the following described land -

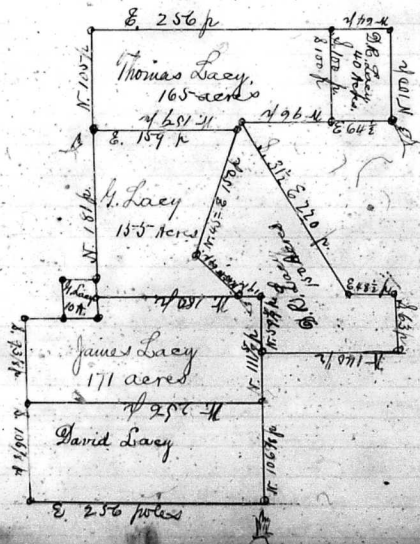
Beginning at the South East corner of the Godson tract, running West One hundred and forty poles to a post oak; Thence North fifty nine and five ninth poles to a small Black oak the North East corner of the tract bequeathed to James Lacy; Thence West nineteen poles to a stake; Thence North forty five degrees West sixty four poles to a stake; Thence North twenty degrees East One hundred and fifty poles to a stake; Thence South thirty one and a half degrees East two hundred and twenty poles; Thence East forty eight and one half poles to a stake; Thence South Sixty three poles to the Beginning - containing one hundred and fifty Acres - Also another piece Beginning on the East boundary line

of the Lodson tract one hundred poles South of the North East corner running to said corner, Thence West sixty four poles to a Black oak corner two Walnuts and Red oak pointers. Thence South one hundred poles to a Black oak corner, two black oak pointers. Thence East one hundred poles to the Beginning, containing forty acres to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5th - I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Lacy the following described Land.

Beginning on the West boundary line of the Lodson tract one hundred and five poles South of the North West corner, running to said corner, Thence East two hundred and fifty six poles to a Black oak corner, two Walnuts and Red oak pointers; Thence South one hundred poles to a Black oak corner, two Black oak pointers, Thence West ninety six poles to a stake, Thence South twenty acres West five and one quarter poles to a stake; Thence West to the Beginning one hundred and fifty nine poles, containing One hundred and sixty five acres, to him and his heirs forever.

I have herewith attached a plat of the most valuable part of my land shewing the particular divisions.



Item 6th - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Katharine the following named negroes, Mary Anthony women Abby and Minny, also two head of horses, three cows and calves, all my stock of hogs and sheep, one bed and furniture and as many farming utensils as is necessary for her use and all my kitchen furniture, the above named negroes my wife is have during her natural life or widowhood.

Item 7th - I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Gladney in addition to the negro woman Paulina and her child, Primas my negro girl Dinah, and two hundred dollars to be made out of any property that I may die possessed of, not particularly bequeathed to her and her heirs forever.

Item 8th - I give to my son David three cows and calves.

Item 9th - I give to my son James three cows and calves and one Red and furniture.

Item 10th - I give to my grand son William Barothers two hundred dollars in addition to what I have given him but to remain in the hands of my Executors until he is twenty one years of age.

Item 11th - My will is that all the negroes that I may die possessed of not particularly bequeathed be divided among my five sons Griffith, Donald R. Thomas, David and James share and share alike and if there should be any money left after paying my daughter Jane Gladney and my grand son William Barothers the money I have willed to them of the sale of my personal property that it be divided equally between my five sons named above and my will is that the property that I have willed to my wife Katharine be divided after her death or marriage among my five sons share and share alike by sale or division as may suit them best but if they should sell the negroes that they be not sold out of my family unless it be at the special request of the negroes. I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Thomas and David Lacy my Executors to this my last will and testament, In witness

whereof I have set my hand and seal
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Stephen Lacy *ESQ*

Witness

P. N. Smith
 Jordan Lof.
 P. B. Moore

Benjamin H. Perry
 Will

Proven at July Term 1853.
 See Minute Book No. 7- p. 74

I Benjamin H. Perry 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 debts be paid as soon
 as any money may come into the hands of
 my Executor.

Secondly — I give and bequeath to Mary
 H. Perry my wife all my personal and real
 estate and every thing else and the said Mary H.
 Perry at her death is to act with the property
 as she sees proper to do this the 18th day of
 May 1853

Lastly — I do hereby nominate and
 appoint James H. Perry my Executor.

In witness whereof I do this my
 will set my hand and seal this 18th day of May
 1853.

B. H. Perry *ESQ*

Signed, sealed and published
 in our presence and
 we have subscribed
 our names hereto in the
 presence of the testator
 this 18 May 1853.

Test — John C. M. Garland
 Geo. A. Connally

Gabriel Davey
 Will

Proven at July Term, 1853.
 See Minute Book No. 7, p. 75.

I Gabriel Davey of the
 County of Madison in the
 State of Tennessee do this
 day make and publish this
 as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
 and making void all other wills by me made
 at any time.

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

Secondly — I will and bequeath to my
 dearly beloved wife Tabitha Davey all my property
 both real and personal of every description
 whatsoever all the money in hand at the
 time of my death or in any wise due to me
 to her her heirs & assigns forever.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my
 wife Tabitha Davey my Executor, without se-
 curity, to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set
 my hand & seal this 22nd day of May 1847
 G. Davey *ESQ*

Signed, sealed & published
 in our presence we have
 subscribed our names hereto
 in the presence of the testator.

B. M. Perry
 James R. Glenn

Thomas Lacy
 Will

Proven at July Term, 1853.
 See Minute Book No. 7, p. 76.

In the name of God, Amen
 I Thomas Lacy of
 the County of Madison in the
 State of Tennessee do make
 and publish this my last will and Testament.

1st — I direct that my Executor sell
 either for cash or on credit publicly or privately
 as may seem best to him, all such of my
 stocks, provisions, crop, utensils and other

perishable property, except the household furniture as may not be needed in carrying on any farm.

With the proceeds of such sales and with such other cash as may be realized, I wish my just debts to be paid. If the property and means above referred to are not sufficient to pay my debts, then my Executor shall have power to sell publicly one or more negroes for that purpose.

2^d I give and bequeath in equal portions to my children as tenants in common all the property real & personal of which I may die seized or possessed, or to which I may be entitled, after the payment of my debts. The household furniture must be divided amongst them as soon after my death as convenient, and handed over to them in person.

3^d I wish my Executor to keep my hands and stock upon my farm (except such as may be sold under the foregoing directions), and to carry on the farm according to his discretion to the best advantage for my children, until some one of the children marries or comes of age, in either of which events the property shall be divided amongst them as soon as it may be conveniently done. But if my Executor should find that the farm does not prove to be profitable, or that it would be to the interest of my children to cease from carrying on the farm, he shall have the power, at his discretion, to rent out the farm, hire out or sell the negroes and sell off the perishable property. And at any time during his management of the farm he shall have power to sell off or exchange stock, provisions &c. and to make the necessary repairs & purchases.

4th I wish my children to be sent to school and educated in a manner suitable to their means.

5th There is some property coming to my children from the estate of their maternal grandfather in the State of Ohio, after the end

of some tenants life estate. I wish this property looked after for their benefit: and I mention it here so that it may not be overlooked.

6th I appoint my brother Hugh R. Lacy Executor of this will, to act as such without giving any bond or security for its execution. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th day of June 1853.

Thos. Lacy, Seal

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in
our presence, and at the request of
Thomas Lacy we have hereunto set
our hands as witnesses.
Test. — John M. Cole,
John Cope land.]

Mary Randolph
Will

Proven at Augth Term 1853.
See Minute Book 12, p. 82.

I, Mary Randolph, of the County of Madison State of Tennessee being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me heretofore made.

First. — I desire that my funeral expenses and debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any means that may first come to the hands of my Executor.

Second. — I will and bequeath unto & to the use and benefit of my Nephews and nieces, to-wit: James M. Mclellan, Mary C. Mclellan, William G. Cole, Martha F. Cole, James R. Cole, Adeline F. Cole and John F. Cole, all my negroes that I may die seized and possessed of except three hereafter to be provided for, the negroes and stock to be kept upon the farm and worked in common and kept together for the use and benefit of said children and to be given off to them as they arrive to the age of twenty one or marry.

the negroes and stock, in equal shares to the survivor or survivors of their brothers or sisters in the event any one of them die without issue, Each one's share to be valued at the time it is given off, and said trustee is to execute to each one a conveyance for their portion and upon the youngest child becoming of age then my land is to be equally divided among my three nieces, to whom I will my Land and one bed and furniture each, to-wit: Mary E. McLellan, Martha A. Cole, and Adeline A. Cole or the survivor of their sister and if either or all should die without issue then said Land is to go to the survivor of their brothers herein named to be equally divided among them. The Land and one bed and furniture I have willed my nieces is that much more I give them over and above my Nephews of my property.

Third - I will and bequeath unto my sister Harriet Eliza McLellan three of my negro servants to-wit: Ben, John Crittendon and Sellar and her increase and my pleasure carriage and household furniture of all description and wearing apparel and all my money notes and accounts and the proceeds of my farm until the above named division with my Nephews and nieces after the entire expenses of the farm is paid by my Executor.

Fourth - I hereby will and expressly desire and forbid that Alexander T. Cole the father of his above named children be prohibited from having any thing to do with the property herein willed in any way whatever for good causes to me known.

Lastly - I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my Brother in law, Albert G. McLellan, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, without being required to give security.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of January 1853

We witness this will at the request of

Mary Randolph

the Testator

P. C. Midgett
Burgess B. Davis.

Burgess B. Davis
Will

Proven at August 1853.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 83.

I Burgess B. Davis 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 desire that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies or that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Second - I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Sabitha Davis and her increase by me all my lands and tenements all my monies notes and accounts and all of my household furniture of every description during their lifetime; or her widowhood but in the event there should be no issue by me and she should marry or die without issue by me then two thirds of my property is to be distributed among the following named persons to-wit: -

Mary Ann Sammons, Martha P. Davis, Quincy Davis, Sarah Davis, Rebecca Davis my Mother Mary Ann Cox and Elizabeth Jane Deloach in equal shares all but Elizabeth Jane Deloach whom I give One hundred dollars over and above the others.

Third - I do hereby nominate and appoint Albert G. McLellan my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 9th day of July 1853.

We witness this will at the request of the Testator
Burgess B. Davis
E. H. Matthews
Silas Lassiter

Kinchen Carter

Will

Provs at Aug Term 1853.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 83.I Kinchen Carter do
make & publish this as my
last will & testament, hereby
revoking & making voidall other wills by me at any time made.
1st I direct that my funeral ex-
penses & all my debts be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of any moneys that
I may die possessed of or may first come
in to the hands of my Executor.2nd I direct that such personal
property as my wife does not wish to keep
to be sold by my Executor in the usual way of
disposing of the estate of deceased.3rd I give and bequeath to my wife
Margaret Carter all my estate both personal
and real, consisting of any & every thing that
I may die possessed of during her natural life
and then for her to dispose of the same as
she may choose to do - at her death.4th and lastly - I do hereby nominate and
appoint R. W. Sims & John B. Boykin my Executors.
In witness whereof I do & this
my will set my hand & seal this the 1st day
of June 1853.Kinchen ^{his} CarterSigned, sealed and published
in our presence & we have
subscribed our names hereto
in the presence of the Testator
this 1st day of June 1853.Witnesses
Henry F. Halsey
Robert L. Jones,

James Sanford

Will

Provs at Oct Term 1853
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 107.I James Sanford do make
and publish this as my last
will and testament, hereby
revoking all other wills by
me at any time made.
First I direct

one at any time made.

that my debts be paid as soon after my death
as possible out of any moneys I may die
possessed of or that may first come into the
hands of my executor and for this purpose
I authorize her to sell whatever in her judge-
ment she thinks fit.Secondly: All my remaining property
of every kind I leave to my beloved wife Eliza-
beth Sanford during her lifetime.Thirdly: After her death I direct all my
property to be equally divided among all
my children -Lastly: I do hereby nominate and appoint
my beloved wife Elizabeth Sanford my Executor
In witness whereof I do & this my
will set my hand and seal this 19th day of
September 1853.Newton Harris
James S. Smith.

James Sanford.

William Dungan

Will

Provs at Nov Term 1853.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 121.I William Dungan of
the County of Madison,
State of Tennessee, do make and publish thismy last will and testament, hereby revoking
and making void all former wills by me at
any time heretofore made. And first I direct
that my body be decently interred at Mason's
grave yard in said County in a manner
suitable to my condition in life; And as to
such worldly estate as it hath pleased
God to entrust me with, I dispose of the
same as follows.First - I direct that all my debts
and funeral expenses be paid as soon after
my decease as possible out of any moneys
that I may die possessed of or may first
come into the hands of my Executors from
any portion of my estate, real or personal

Kinchen Carter

Will

Provs at Augth Term 1853.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 83.I Kinchen Carter do
make & publish this as my
last will & Testament, hereby
revoking & making voidall other wills by me at any time made.
1st I direct that my funeral ex-
penses & all my debts be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of any moneys that
I may die possessed of or may first come
in to the hands of my Executor.2^d I direct that such personal
property as my wife does not wish to keep
to be sold by my Executor in the usual way of
disposing of the estate of deceased.3^d I give and bequeath to my wife
Margaret Carter all my estate both personal
and real, consisting of any & every thing that
I may die possessed of during her natural life
and then for her to dispose of the same as
she may choose to do - at her death.4th and lastly - I do hereby nominate and
appoint R. W. Sims & John B. Boykin my Executors.
In witness whereof I do & this
my will set my hand & seal this the 1st day
of June 1853.Kinchen^{his} CarterSigned, sealed and published
in our presence & we have
subscribed our names hereto
in the presence of the Testator
this 1st day of June 1853.Witnesses
Henry F. Halsey
Robert L. Jones,

James Sanford

Will

Provs at Oct. Term 1853
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 107.I James Sanford do make
and publish this as my last
will and Testament, hereby
revoking all other wills by
me at any time made.
First I direct

one at any time made.

that my debts be paid as soon after my death
as possible out of any moneys I may die
possessed of or that may first come into the
hands of my executor and for this purpose
I authorize her to sell whatever in her judge-
ment she thinks fit.Secondly: All my remaining property
of every kind I leave to my beloved wife Eliza-
beth Sanford during her lifetime.Thirdly: After her death I direct all my
property to be equally divided among all
my children -Lastly: I do hereby nominate and appoint
my beloved wife Elizabeth Sanford my Executor
In witness whereof I do & this my
will set my hand and seal this 19th day of
September 1853.

James Sanford.

Newton Harris
James L. Smith.

William Dungan

Will

Provs at Novth Term 1853.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 121.I William Dungan of
the County of Madison,
State of Tennessee, do make and publish thismy last Will and Testament, hereby revoking
and making void all former wills by me at
any time heretofore made. And first I direct
that my body be decently interred at Mason's
grave yard in said County in a manner
suitable to my condition in life; And as to
such worldly estate as it hath pleased
God to entrust me with, I dispose of the
same as follows.First - I direct that all my debts
and funeral expenses be paid as soon after
my decease as possible out of any moneys
that I may die possessed of or may first
come into the hands of my Executors from
any portion of my estate, real or personal

Secondly. - I give and bequeath unto my two beloved sons William Hill and George Washington the whole of my real estate, consisting of one tract of land now in my possession to be divided as follows, viz: Said tract of land contains one hundred and fifty acres be it more or less.

To my son William Hill I give and bequeath the Southern portion of said tract of land embracing my mansion house.

Beginning at a black oak stump it being the South West corner of said tract of land; Thence running East to J. S. Blades tract of land; Cornering on a White oak and elm (on an island) Thence North with Blades line to a stake; Thence West to a maple; Thence South to a black oak; Thence West to a Post oak on Joseph Pearson's line; Thence South to the Beginning; Comprising ninety acres be they more or less - And unto my son George Washington, I give and bequeath the remainder of said tract of land, comprising the Northern portion containing sixty acres be they more or less.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Parthena five dollars - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally twenty five dollars - I give and bequeath unto my son Nathan five dollars - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca five dollars - I give and bequeath unto my son Allen five dollars - I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas five dollars. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly five dollars -

With regard to my personal property and chattels I give and bequeath them all to my son William Hill in consideration of his attention to me while living.

Lastly: The Legates are to be paid their legacies by George and William equally in consideration of what I have given them more than the rest, and thereby making them all equal. I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my esteemed neighbors and friends Benjamin F. Collinsworth and Joseph R. Pearson

Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I William Duncan the said testator, have to this my will, written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this twenty third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

William Duncan

Signed, sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and of each other.

Test:

W. T. Jelks
L. Duncan
J. R. Pearson

Norfleet H. Ward

Will

Prove at Nor. Term 1853.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 122.

I Norfleet H. Ward of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind; do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking & annulling all other Wills by me heretofore made.

First. - I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid out of my monies I may die possessed of or that may come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly: I give and bequeath unto my sister Lucy Ann Fry my negro woman Matilda and negro boy named Stephen also my negro boy Eaton - also my negro girl Harriet to have and to hold to the said Lucy Ann Fry and her heirs forever. I further give and bequeath unto my aforesaid sister Lucy Ann Fry all the monies and stock that I may have left after paying my debts.

Thirdly. - I give and bequeath unto

my Brother Joshua Ward my negro man
relict to have and hold to the said Joshua
Ward and his heirs forever

Fourthly: I give and bequeath unto
my sister Martha Goodwin's children - William,
Joshua Goodwin, and Mary Thomas Norflett Goodwin,
jointly my negro Boys Jefferson and Allen
and also my negro girl Selilah - but in
case they should die without any heir
or heirs from their bodies, then in that
case their mother the aforesaid Martha
Goodwin, if living is to hold the negroes
that I have bequeathed to her children and
in case she should die without any heir
or heirs from her body then and in that
case my sister Lucy Ann Fry is to hold
the said negroes.

Lastly: I hereby nominate and appoint
Samuel M. Fry my Executor of this my last
Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have here-
unto affixed my hand and seal, this
the 23^d day of May A.D. 1857.

N. H. Ward

Signed, sealed and published
in our presence, who have
subscribed the same as
Witnesses in the presence
of the testator and at his
request.

A. G. Davis
P. B. Littlepage.

Benjamin H. Hubbard
Will

Proven at Dec. Term, 1853.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 150.

I Benjamin H. Hubbard
of the County of Madison
and State of Tennessee, do
hereby make declare and
publish the following as my last Will and
Testament.

After the payment of my funeral
expenses and debts, I desire my estate or

the proceeds thereof, kept together by my
Executor in trust for the use and benefit of
my beloved wife and children; to be used or
expended as their wants may require - until
my youngest child, then living, shall arrive
at the age of twenty one years - at which
time whatever may remain is to be equally
divided among my said wife and children.

For the purpose of carrying out this
trust my Executor is hereby empowered
and authorized to sell or dispose of any
part or all of my estate real or personal
and to use or reinvest the proceeds for the
use and benefit of my said family as their
wants may require, from time to time -
I hereby appoint Milton
Brown my sole Executor of this my last
Will and Testament, and request that he
shall appoint my friend John Furcature of
Alabama to sell and dispose of my property
in that State.

In witness my hand and seal this 29th
April 1853.

B. H. Hubbard

Signed, sealed and
published in presence
of us
Lorenzo Lea
B. M. Currow

Abolom Deberry
Will

Proven at Dec. Term, 1853.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 151.

In the name of God Amen.
I Abolom Deberry
of the County of Madison
and State of Tennessee, being
in the enjoyment of ordinary health but knowing
the uncertainty of life, do ordain and establish
this as my last Will and Testament.

First - I give and bequeath to my
beloved wife Elizabeth D. Deberry my carriage
and horses and house hold and kitchen furniture

and in addition thereto I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife one half of personal estate of every description whatever.

Second. — It is my will and desire that in the division of my negroes my wife by herself or agent shall be permitted to choose out of the entire lot ten of said negroes which shall be valued by disinterested persons and my said wife permitted to take them at valuation in part discharge of the foregoing bequest.

Third. — It is my will and desire that my lands and real estate, be divided as near as possible into two parts of equal value, the one to include the place on which my brother Matthias Seberry now lives and also my new mills and fixtures, which said part shall go to my said brother Matthias and his heirs forever. The other part subject to my wife's right of dower and out of which her dower is to be laid off, shall go to my brother Allen Seberry, his heirs and assigns forever, but should my said brother Allen Seberry die before he arrives at the age of twenty one years and without issue, then said part (he leaving no child or children to inherit the same) shall go to my brother Matthias Seberry and my sisters E. J. Meriwether, Rebecca T. Taylor and Susan A. Burt and their heirs forever.

Fourth. — I give and bequeath my half brother James H. Haley and my half sister Martha A. Smith each five dollars.

Fifth. — I direct that out of my personal estate remaining after the parts given to my wife, that my debts be paid and the remainder I give and bequeath in equal shares to my brothers Matthias and Allen, and my sisters E. J. Meriwether, R. T. Taylor and Susan A. Burt. Should my brother Allen die before he attains twenty one years and leaving no child, or children I then his part hereby given to go my brother & sisters

of the whole blood as directed in the third clause of this will.

Sixth. — It is my will and desire that my brothers Matthias and Allen shall each pay three thousand dollars to be equally divided between their sisters E. J. Meriwether, Rebecca T. Taylor and Susan A. Burt — said payments to be made in three annual payments — the first payment of the three thousand dollars to be paid by my brother Matthias to be made on his receiving his portion under this will and the first payment of the three thousand to be paid by my brother Allen to be made when he receives his portion on coming of age as hereinbefore provided for.

Lastly. I hereby nominate and appoint my brothers Matthias Seberry, Robert Burt and David J. Meriwether my Executors, and require that no security be required of them or either of them in the administration of this trust.

Witness my hand and seal this 3rd day of June 1849.

Signed sealed & published by the testator in our presence, who sign the same as witnesses in presence of said testator and at his request.

Milton Brown
Alex. Jackson

Codicil.

In the name of God, Amen! — Having heretofore made and executed my last will and testament in which I appointed Robert Burt, David J. Meriwether, and my brother Matthias Seberry my Executors therein — But my said brother Matthias having since departed this life, which renders a change in some respects expedient, I now declare and publish this as a codicil

to said last will and testament changing the provisions thereof only so far as herein after declared - to-wit - I desire and direct my said Executors to sell my Mills with the lands purchased of James H. Thomas and John H. Clish containing about a hundred acres - also all the land I own below a line running due North from the North East corner of said Mill tract above described - the lands here referred to are a part of a twenty eight hundred and eighty eight acre tract conveyed to me by S. D. Napp - also I direct to be sold the tract I purchased of Robert Hart of about one hundred and thirty three acres - said several tracts and Mills above described to be sold on one two and three years time and the proceeds when collected shall be added to my personal estate and be divided as personal property as directed in my said will -

The charge imposed on the lands given to my brother Matthias to be paid to my sisters shall be taken off, because the lands are hereby directed to be sold & converted into personalty is taken out of the portion given to him - All my lands not hereby directed to be sold I give to my brother Allen provided he arrives at the age of twenty one years - retaining on his portion the burden imposed for the benefit of my sisters - and also reserving my wife's right of dower therein.

It is my wish that the portion given to my brother Matthias as modified by this Codicil shall go to his two children and the survivor of them - but should they both die under twenty one or without issue then the portion I give to them shall go to my brothers and sisters of the full blood -

The portion given herein and in said will to my brother Allen should he die under twenty one years or without issue

shall go to my remaining brothers and sisters of the full or whole blood or their heirs.

And I hereby appoint my brother Allen one of my Executors in place of my brother Matthias I hereby appointing said Robert Hart, David S. Meriwether and said Allen Seberry my Executors.

Given under my hand and seal this 17th day of June 1850.

Ab Seberry *Ed.*

Signed, sealed, declared and published in presence of us, we signing the same in presence of and at the request of said testator -
Milton Brown
Alex Jackson, J.

Nancy G. Rogers

Will
Proven at January Term, 1854
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 153

I Nancy G. Rogers, 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 debts be paid as soon after my death as possible.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to Mrs. S. Weaver and John L. Weaver my two first children all the interest in a tract of land piped by my first husband and all the interest I have in money or notes, is to go to the two first children that I have by Philip Weaver my first husband.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath to Arch S. Rogers my present husband all the interest I have in lands negroes or property of any kind to do as he pleases with so long as he lives and after his death I want Mrs. S. Weaver and John L. Weaver to be equal heirs with

Martha J. Rogers and Charles G. Rogers my two youngest children. I wish A. S. Rogers to keep all my children together.

Lastly, - I do hereby nominate and appoint Archd. S. Rogers, my present husband, my Executor.

In witness whereof I do this my will set my hand and seal, this 28th day of Nov, 1853.

Nancy G. Rogers, 220

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 28 of Nov 1853.

Test

L. S. Taylor
John C. M. Farland

William H. Hamilton

Will

Proven at January Term, 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7, p. 154.

I, William H. Hamilton of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee do make and publish this 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 other debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any monies I may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2^d - I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Hamilton during her natural life or widowhood, the land on which I now live, my negro boy Cowper and such other of my personal property as may be necessary to her comfortable support, which property I hereby direct my Executor to dispose of in any manner he may think best, by her consent, (i.e.) to hire or sell the negro, and

sell or rent the Land.

3^d - I direct that my Executor sell on the usual terms, or in any manner he may think best, such of my personal property, and real estate as in his judgment may not be necessary for the use and comfortable accommodation of my wife, and that the proceeds of such sale be equally divided among all my children.

4th - After the death of my wife, I direct that my Executor sell the balance of my estate, whether personal or real, which may not have been previously disposed of and that he sell the same in any manner, and upon any terms he may think best and divide the proceeds among all my children in such a manner that my sons James, Absalom's children and Elijah have each thirty dollars more than each of their sisters Elizabeth, Mary Ann, and Perlina; and that my son Peyton have fifty dollars more than each of his Brothers, taking into consideration the amount with which I have charged each one of my children in my account book kept for that purpose; and further, if any of them shall have received more than his or their part of my estate, according to the above named distribution that he she or they be charged and refund the overplus for the benefit of the other Legates.

The amount as found in my account book, with which each one of my children is charged, is as follows:

James -	Seventy six dollars;
Absalom -	Eighty Seven Dollars;
Elijah -	Eighty four Dollars;
Peyton,	One hundred and one dollar
and fifty cents,	
Elizabeth,	Fifty one dollar;
Mary Ann,	Fifty two Dollars;
and Perlina,	Fifty four Dollars and seventy

five cents;

And I also authorize my Executor to credit the notes which I shall take of my son and son in Law Peyton, and Henry Claridge for the Land which I have this day deeded to them.

Ith and Lastly - I nominate and appoint my son Elijah Hamilton, Executor to this my last Will and Testament, this 28th day of February 1852,
Wm. W. Hamilton *ESQ*

Test:
S. P. McDonald
S. H. Stewart J.

John Rooker
Will

Proven at Janury Term 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7 - p. 154.

I, John Rooker, being of sound mind and memory do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all will heretofore by me made.

1st I wish as much of my perishable property sold, such as my wife may or can best spare as will pay off all my just debt by my Executors.

2nd I want my two youngest sons William J. Rooker and Andrew Rooker to have a horse saddle and bridle each of a value equal to which the rest of my children have had heretofore.

3rd The balance of my effects of what ever nature or kind both real and personal I will and give to my wife Elizabeth Rooker during her natural life time or widowhood, in case she die without marrying the said estate to be at her entire disposal. But in case she should ever intermarry again I want my entire effect disposed of by

Executors and a equal division between my children and herself she receiving a child part only.

4th I nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth Rooker and Roulard Harris as my Executors to carry into effect this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my seal and subscribed thereunto this the 16 day of October 1853.
John Rooker *ESQ*

Signed sealed and published
in the presence of - this the
day and date above written

Attest
R. W. Lums
Henry Bluntow J.

Nancy Nicholson
Will

Proven at Febry. Term 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7 - p. 183.

Tennessee
Madison County } Be it

Known that Nancy Nicholson of the State and County aforesaid, being sick and weak of body but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to God, calling on him for the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all persons once to die, I do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, to go into effect after my death.

As touching the estate wherewith God has blest me with I give and bequeath in the manner and form following, (Viz.)

1st - My proceeds of say cotton crop is to be applied to the payment of my debts.

My Horses cattle and Hogs together with any property not given to my children I wish to be sold at public sale and applied

to the payment of my debts. My 3 negroes
(viz) Amy, Ben and Reuben is to be disposed
of as follows.

Sarah Ann Stanley is to have Amy
My son Joseph P. Nicholson to have Reuben
David Shimmul to have Ben — said
negroes all to be valued by three or 5 Free-
holders, citizens of sd County of this if
there should be a remainder of any just
debts unpaid they are to be paid each
one in proportion to the value of his or her
negro.

After which time sd Sarah Ann Joseph
and David Shimmul shall pay over to their
brother James Nicholson and Sister Ann
Mariah, A Amount sufficient to make them
all equal in the division of the negroes
having three year to pay said amount in
each one to pay in proportion to valuation
of sd negroes — Sarah Ann Stanley is to
have the Loom press geese and Turkey's
and sing hill fowls.

David Shimmul is to have 1 Bureau
1 young Black horse 1 Bed and Furniture
The Bible is for Sarah Ann and Shimmul

In the distribution of the proceeds of
the Negro property if Sarah Ann Stanley's
Negro woman should not be of sufficient
value to make her equal with the others
she is to be made equal as the others.

I now appoint Mr. Wright Nich-
olson and A. G. Beatty my Executors to carry
out this will in that way and manner
the law may direct.

Given under my hand and seal
this 14th of January 1854.

Bryan Kirby }
John W. Lackey, }

N. B. — David Shimmul Nicholson and
Sarah Ann Stanley is to have the use of
the dwelling house and plantation this

present year.

I give to Amy Mariah one feather
and furniture which was omitted in the
body of this work

14th Jan'y 1854

Test.

Bey & Kirby }
John W. Lackey }

Nancy ^{her} Nicholson _{mark}

John Fly
Will

Proven at March Term 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7 - p. 223.

In the name of God, A.
I, John Fly of 1
County of Madison in
State of Tennessee, do

and publish this my last will and testam

First. — I direct my Executors
pay my just debts and funeral exp

Secondly. — Having heretofore mad
advancements to my married children
in property, I hereby confirm said
vancements, and do direct and order
said advancements shall in the division
my estate, be estimated as follows, to-wit

William S. Fly's at Seven hundred & fifty do
Christopher B. Fly's at Seven hundred and
five dollars.

Mary A. Clements at Six hundred and fifty do
Sarah Elizabeth Halls at Seven hundred and se
five dollars.

Benjamin Franklin Fly's at Seven hundred a
fifty dollars.

Frances M. Graves at Seven hundred and f
dollars.

Micajah Fly, at One thousand dollars.
Jane Eliza Greer at nine hundred dollar

Said advancements to my living chi
to be charged against them at the ratio
sums and the advancements to Micaja
to be charged to his children at the

to the payment of my debts. My 3 negroes (viz) Amy, Ben and Reuben is to be disposed of as follows.

Sarah Ann Stanley is to have Amy my son Joseph T. Nicholson to have Reuben David Shimmul to have Ben — said negroes all to be valued by three or 5 freeholders, citizens of sd County of this if there should be a remainder of any just debts unpaid they are to be paid each one in proportion to the value of his or her negro.

After which time sd Sarah Ann Joseph and David Shimmul shall pay over to their brother James Nicholson and Sister Ann Mariah A amount sufficient to make them all equal in the division of the negroes having three year to pay said amount in each one to pay in proportion to valuation of sd negroes — Sarah Ann Stanley is to have the loom press geese and turkeys and dung hill fowls.

David Shimmul is to have 1 Burean 1 young Black horse 1 Bed and Furniture The Bible is for Sarah Ann and Shimmul

In the distribution of the proceeds of the negro property if Sarah Ann Stanley's Negro woman should not be of sufficient value to make her equal with the others she is to be made equal as the others.

I now appoint Mr. Wright Nicholson and A. G. Beatty my Executors to carry out this will in that way and manner the law may direct.

Given under my hand and seal this 14th of January 1854.

Ben Kirby }
John W. Lackey }

N. B. — David Shimmul Nicholson and Sarah Ann Stanley is to have the use of the dwelling house and plantation the

present year.

I give to Ann Mariah one Feather-Red and furniture which was omitted in the body of this work

Nancy ^{her} Nicholson (S)

14th Jan'y 1854

Test.

Ben & Kirby }
John W. Lackey }

John Fly

Will

Proven at March Term 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7 - p. 223.

In the name of God, Amen
I, John Fly of the County of Madison in the State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and testament:
First. — I direct my Executors to pay my just debts and funeral expenses.
Secondly. — Having heretofore made and advancements to my married children in property, I hereby confirm said advancements, and do direct and order that said advancements shall in the division of my estate be estimated as follows, to-wit:
William S. Fly's at Seven hundred & fifty dollars.
Christopher S. Fly's at Seven hundred and Seventy five dollars.
Mary A. Clements at Six hundred and fifty dollars.
Sarah Elizabeth Halls at Seven hundred and Seventy five dollars.
Benjamin Franklin Fly's at Seven hundred and fifty dollars.
Frances M. Graves at Seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Micajah Fly at One thousand dollars.

Jane Eliza Greer at nine hundred dollars.

Said advancements to my living children to be charged against them at the above sums and the advancements to Micajah to be charged to his children at the sum

stated.

Thirdly: I lend to my wife for her life only, two hundred and thirty acres of the tract of land on which I live, to be laid off by my executors off the south or south east part of the tract so as to include the dwelling house, in a manner satisfactory to her, and at the same time in such a way as shall cause the least damage to the residence of the tract. If my executors cannot lay it off to her satisfaction, they shall call in three disinterested persons to assist them, and their action shall be final.

I also lend to my wife for her life, my three negroes Moses, a man, Anna a woman and Rebecca a woman. Also my pleasure carriage, which is to be put in good repair at the expense of my estate; also all my household and kitchen furniture, and she shall have power to give off to any of our children when they marry, portions of said furniture, and such child or children so advanced, shall account on the future division of my estate for the reasonable worth of the furniture so advanced.

Fourthly: I give to my wife the two carriage horses, and the gray mare Ruey; also two good cows and calves, my waggon, and two yoke of oxen and a log chain, three plows and gear, three weeding hoes, one grubbing hoe, also a sufficiency of bacon or of pork hogs as the case may be, for the supply of her family for one year; also all the old wheat now on hand; also a sufficiency of stock hogs for the size and condition of her family; also a years supply of corn and fodder.

Fifthly: To my eleven living children, and to the children of my deceased son Micajah I give all of my

negroes except the three hereinbefore lent to my wife, to be divided into twelve shares and drawn for; the children of said Micajah Ily to draw together one share, and to stand in all respects in dividing my estate, in the shoes of their deceased father.

Sixthly: My Executors shall sell to the highest bidder all the rest of my property, including my land, and the proceeds shall be divided equally amongst my children, including the children of Micajah Ily, who shall together take one share.

And in the division of these proceeds and of the estate generally, reference shall be had to the advancements heretofore made to my children, who shall account for the same as already estimated.

Seventhly: At my wife's death, all the property I hereinbefore bequeathed to her for her life, shall be sold by my executors, and the proceeds divided in the same manner as directed in item the Sixth.

8th I appoint my sons William Dickson Ily and Christopher Columbus Ily, Executors of this will. In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the day of October 1853.

The words "a two yoke of oxen & a log chain" interlined before signing.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by
John Ily, in our presence to be his
last will & testament, at his request
we have in his presence & in pres-
ence of each other signed our names as
witnesses to the same.

David Hill.
C. C. Clements.