

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.

William W. Winston

Will

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

The manner in which I want my property divided - I want my wife to have the place which we now live on with the benefit of my lease from H. C. Seeborg and bed with bed-clothing.

I want my property sold and my Foundry matters settled and my debts paid and I want my mother to have ten dollars of the first money that is on hand the balance I want divided between my wife and son William Robert. I also want William Robert to have my land 180 acres near Leotton Grove, to be sold at such time as the price will justify - the money put at interest until she is twenty-one years old - provided there is money enough to give him a practicable education without taking the money of the land - if there is not enough money to educate him take some of the proceeds of the land - now if William Robert - not live - I want the money divided between the children of my brother to be appropriated to educate them - the money put in hands of trustees that will see that they are educated - I want J. R. Chippell and W. H. Whitlow to settle up my business to the best interest of wife and child -

October 22nd 1853.

William W. Winston.

Hand writing
proved by
S. C. Ball
P. S. W. Couger
Arnold Winston.

Hiram Adams

Will

Proven at April Term, 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7 - p. 245.

I Hiram Adams of the County of Madison State of Tennessee being weak in body but perfect in mind do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any former will by me at any time made.

First: I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any money coming into the hands of my Executor.

2^d - I give and bequeath to my wife Martha all property in my possession and belonging unto me whether real or personal during her widowhood, leaving it with her to dispose of any property she may think necessary in the payment of my just debts and if my wife Martha should at any time see proper to marry I then wish and direct that my property may be equally divided with the said Martha Adams and Mary Burton Adams Martha Josephine Adams and William Hiram Adams.

3^d - I nominate and appoint Martha Adams and John B. Boykin Executors and Executor of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand and seal 23

January 1854.

Hiram Adams

Test.

Wm C. Stovall
Young A. M. Lemore.

A. L. Borer

Will

Proven at Augst Term 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7 - p. 303.

This is to witness that I, A. L. Borer of Madison County and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory mindfull of the

uncertainty of life, desire that all my property both real and personal go to my wife Julia to be hers and her heirs forever. The selection of an administrator I leave to my wife Julia.

Madison Co. Ten March 26th / 85-2,
A. L. Rorer

In witness
Parthenio Transon
W. Bennett

James F. Crews

Will

Proven at Aug. Term, 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7-p. 304.

The last will and Testament
of James F. Crews of
the State of Tennessee, Mad-
ison County.

I James F. Crews considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary Ann Crews, my entire estate of what kind and nature soever, I give and bequeath the same to my said beloved wife Mary Ann Crews, whom I hereby appoint sole Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 29th day of June in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four.

James F. Crews

attesting Witnesses
R. W. Crockett

James Exam. residing in the County
of Madison and State of Tennessee

Archibald Harbrough

Will

Proven at Aug. Term 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7-p. 305.

I Archibald Harbrough 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 all my just 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 sister Francis E. Harbrough all the property of every description that I may die possessed of to her during her life and then to the heirs of her body forever and if she should die without and heir of her body then to be equally divided between my two youngest brothers Henry and David Harbrough.

Lastly: I do hereby nominate and appoint Richard F. Harbrough my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 22^d day of July 1849.

Archibald Harbrough
Richard F. Harbrough
(J. A. M. Clellan)

Baron Tison

Will

Proven at Sept. Term 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7-p. 311.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Baron Tison of the County of Madison and State of Tennessee, being now in common health and of sound disposing mind and memory, do make and ordain this instrument of writing to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following.

I recommend my Soul to Almighty God, who gave it me, my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner and as touching my worldly estate, which has been pleased God to bestow on me, my wish and desire is that my Executor may sell one or two of my negroes if it shall be necessary to pay off all my just debts.

Item - I lend to my beloved wife Nancy Nixon at my death during her life one half of my houses and farm whereon I now live also negroes by name Raphael Solomon Bryant and Cherry also one horse Charley bridle and saddle one riding cheer and harness two feather beds, bedstead and furniture one table one half of my household and kitchen furniture two cows and calves two sows and pigs five head of sheep ten head of geese all my dung-hill fowls too, bee stands one half of my farming tools during her life one year allowance of meat and corn out of my estate.

Item - I now give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sally Kaines two negroes by name Ariaky and Loderick one horse bridle and saddle one feather bed bedstead and furniture three sows and pigs one Cow and calf which is in her possession and at my death I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Kaines the Plantation whereon she now lives containing two hundred and sixty five Acres of land also three negroes Edward Dyanner and Lettis, ten head of sheep ten head geese also one feather bed, bedstead and furniture one cart and one yoke of oxen to her and her heirs forever.

Item - I now give and bequeath to my beloved son John Nixon at my death one half of my houses and land whereon I lived one bed bedstead and furniture one gray mare bridle and saddle now in his possession also one half of my

farming tools one half of my household and kitchen furniture also two negroes by name Edy and Elijah one silver watch two cows and calves ten head of sheep three sows and pigs ten head of geese and at the death of my wife one feather bed bedstead and furniture also the balance of my household and kitchen furniture also the balance of my farming also one waggon and one yoke of oxen, also one bee hive to him and his heirs forever.

Item - give and bequeath to Augustus b. Downing when he arrives to twenty one years old one Sorrell mare, covered his one feather bed bedstead and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

My wish and desire is that my wife and my Executor may raise the said Augustus b. Downing until he may arrive of age and provide for him with all and every necessary clothing to keep him in a comfortable situation in order to carry out my performance in raising the said orphan as have his guardian Hyatt Mayo, a bond of one thousand dollars for my performance in raising and schooling said orphan, the bond was given in North Carolina Greene County dated the 20th May 1834 which I have the said Mayo bond the same as mine same date for performance to me for raising said orphan which I have filed the receipts for the tuition more than I was bound to give with said Mayo bond in order to receive mine, and after my death if my Executor can do without selling the said negroes I wish them to be divided between my to children, my wish and desire is after my death my Executor to sell all my horses that not given away, all my hogs and sheep goats my crop of corn and cotton and what I have not given away, and pay off all my just debts and the balance to be

equally divided between my two children to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my worthy son John Tison my Executor to this my last will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this the 8th day of October in the year of our Lord 1846.

Araron Tison *ESQ*

Christopher Hutchings

Mill

Proven at Dec Term, 1854.

See Minute Book No. 7 - p. 344.

In the name of God, Amen.
I, Christopher
Hutchings 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, - after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, real and personal, I give bequeath and dispose of as follows, to-wit:

To my beloved wife Louisa, the land and appurtenances situated thereon, known as a part of the tract of land formerly owned by Gabriel Anderson deceased, in the County of Madison and State of Tennessee together with all of the personal property now possessed by me, during the term of her natural life, and should she marry, then and in that event, the property so as aforesaid bequeathed, to be and remain hers and not subject to the control use or debts of her husband, and after her death to be equally divided among my heirs.

Likewise I leave to my beloved daughter Mary C. the wife of Jno. H. Croft a negro

girl named Lilly aged about thirteen years, which said negro girl and her increase is subject to the provisions of this my will and Testament, and is to be returned to the estate subject to division or chargeable to her at valuation, whenever a division of my estate is necessary to be made.

Likewise I give bequeath and dispose of, to my beloved wife Louisa a County Land Warrant for eighty acres issued to me under the Act of Congress, passed in September 1850, to her during her natural life, and at her death to my heirs, and I desire that said Land Warrant be located, or if located by me, to be subject to the provision of my will and Testament as aforesaid.

Likewise I make, constitute, and appoint my beloved wife Louisa to be Executrix of this my last will and Testament, without security, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my seal this 7th day of November 1854.

Christopher Hutchings *ESQ*
The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Christopher Hutchings 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 testator request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto.

R. J. Gays
B. H. Gays
W. B. Tidwell.

George Anderson Comally
Will
Proven at Decr Term, 1854.
See Minute Book No. 7. p. 339.

In the name of God, Amen.
I George Anderson Comally,
of the County of Madison in
the State of Tennessee, do
make ordain and publish this my last Will and
Testament.

First - I direct that my executors pay
my just debts.

Secondly - I give and bequeath to my son
Robert Anderson Comally, and his heirs forever
the following described lands in Madison County, con-
sisting of different surveys, but forming in
all one tract of about one thousand acres, and
lying in one body - To-wit:

The tract of land on which he lives called
the ^{1st} Coke tract, calling for 640 acres
but containing as I suppose about 690 acres - say } 690 acres

Also a tract conveyed to me by William
Jamezon containing - say } 24 acres

Also a tract conveyed to me by
same - containing say - 38. "

Also a tract conveyed to me by
same - containing say - 46. "

Also a tract granted to me -
containing say - 14. "

Also a tract conveyed to me by
Samuel Lancaster, containing say - 60. "

Also part of a 174 acre tract bought
from John H. Chalmers & J. H. Talbot Trustees of
which a part has been sold off, leaving
about 84 acres - say 84. "

Also part of the original Thomas An-
derson tract bought from S. Lancaster - say 49. "

Making in all about one thousand and five ¹/₂
acres.

These lands I estimate now at Eight
Thousand Dollars, and in any future settlement
or division of my estate, said lands are to be
estimated at that sum.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath to my said
son Robert Anderson Comally the following twenty
negro slaves, and the increase of the females born

after this date, to-wit:

Fanny a woman, estimated at \$500⁰⁰ and her six
children, viz: Mary at \$650⁰⁰, Jun at \$750, Malinda
at \$550, - Emily at \$450, Henry at \$350, and Joe
at \$250. -

Also Anderson, a blacksmith at
\$900. - Sandy a boy at \$700 - Eliels a boy at \$450 -
Maria a woman at \$450, and her three children
viz: Jim at \$550 - Pete at \$450, and Ben a child,
at \$150. -

Also Tour a man about 35-years
old at \$700. Ned, a man \$650. - Lewis, a man \$750.
Peter a young man \$800. - Jack a young man \$900, and
Charlotte a girl at \$500.

These negroes I estimate at Eleven thousand
four hundred and fifty dollars, and in the division
and settlement of my estate they are to be so
estimated.

Fourthly - To my daughter Rebecca Frances
Oliver for her natural life, I give and bequeath
the following twenty one slaves and the increase
of the females after this date, to be held by her
for her sole and separate use, benefit and support
to be wholly free from the debts, liabilities or
contracts of her present or any future husband
with remainder to her children, and if she
leaves no child or children, then one half
of the same to my son Robert Anderson Comally,
and the other half to such person as she
may by last Will and Testament direct, and
in default of such direction by Will and
Testament, then to my said son Robert Anderson
Comally - said negroes are of the following
names and values: To-wit:

Ann a woman and her young child, together
valued at \$650⁰⁰ Also her five other children
viz: Sarah at \$650. - Elvira at \$600. - Vincent at
\$550. - Tom at \$450. - and Charles Freeman at
\$250.

Also Charles, a man husband
of said Ann, at \$700 - Wash a blacksmith at
\$800 - Jimmy a woman at \$850. - and her five children
viz: Monroe at \$750. - Governor at \$600. - Eliza at
\$650 - William at \$500 - and Wash a little boy
at \$350 -

Also Alfred a man at \$900 - Nelson
a man at \$800 - Charles a boy about 15-years

old at \$700 - Biley and her young child at \$850. - and Martha at \$800. ^{est}

These negroes I value at Eleven Thousand, nine hundred dollars, and to be so estimated in any further division or settlement of my estate.

Fifthly. - I direct that my executors sell, for cash or on credit at their discretion all the rest of the lands of which I may be seized; and that they invest seven thousand five hundred and fifty dollars of the proceeds in other land, or in negroes at their discretion, for the use and benefit of my daughter Rebecca Frances for her life, with remainder to her children.

This bequest in this clause is made to make her equal in land and negroes to my son Robert A. If the proceeds of the sale of said lands should not be sufficient for said investment, then the deficit shall be made up from other sources.

Sixthly. - To my executors as trustees I lend the sum of twenty five hundred dollars, to be raised from my estate, - the interest of which they shall annually pay over for the support and education of the children of my deceased brother Thomas S. Connally until they respectively reach the age of 21 years - That is, upon any one arriving at the age of 21 years, his or her share I shall survive to the younger children if living - and upon their all reaching the age of 21 years, or upon their death under the age of 21 years, said interest shall stop, and said principal sum shall revert to my estate, to be divided between my children Robert A. and Rebecca Frances. If any of said children of Thomas S. Connally should die, his or her share of the interest shall go to the survivor or survivors being under the age of 21 years.

Seventhly. - All the rest of my property not hereinbefore disposed of, I

give and bequeath in equal portions to my son Robert Anderson Connally and my daughter Rebecca Frances Oliver, share and share alike.

Eighthly. As I may desire to make advancements to my children, I will keep an account current in a book of such advancements and of the values to be put upon them - which are to be estimated in dividing the property under the 7th clause.

Ninthly. I appoint Robert A. Connally and John Oliver executors of this will, and in the event of the failure of any one to act as such or of the death of any one after qualifying, the survivor shall have authority to carry out this will in all particulars.

In testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty one.

Geo. A. Connally

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in our presence on the day of the date and at the request of the Testator we have signed our names as witnesses to this will.

Signed and acknowledged in our presence this day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty three, and at the request of testator we have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same in his presence.

A. S. Rogers
John C. M. Garland