

The following is the last will and testament of
John Hill Durand,

" Mary County November 3^d day 1885

I John Hill being weak in body and having my recollection
as well as I have for twelve months, do make this my last will
and testament. And first, I will all my just debts be paid
out of my Estate. Secondly I will to my beloved wife Nancy
Hill. My lands horses, Cows, Sheep, and all my stock, farming
Utensils and four Negro: one Woman named Rebecca; one girl
Dorcas, one name Judy and one named Robin, And the interest
of one thousand dollars, that is in the hands of Charles D Young
And David Loomy. During her widow hood or Natural Life
My eldest son Wyatt B. Hill, I have given to the worth of
seven hundred dollars, that is all of my estate I will him now
to have, My daughter Ann Mitchel, My son Stephen A. Hill
And Moses B. Hill, have an Equal part after one hundred and
Twenty five dollars, apiece is taken out, I will this be all they
have untill my Younger Children are made Equal with
them, I will Sarahanna & Sally Arnold daughters of my
(Daughter Elinor Arnold that the two shall have an Equal
part with one of my children, at my wifes death, after one
hundred dollars is taken out, I will will to my son William
H. Hill the maid bread and sassa already given being worth
seventy dollars, And when he Marryes or needs his bed & wife
them that has left us has had being the worth of one hundred
and Twenty five dollars that he have it out of my estate. And
he have an Equal part After the same is taken out. And this
be all he has untill ^{Children} my Younger ^{are made Equal},
I will to my daughter Phoebe one Bureau one bed and three
perpetual And other property, now, to the amount of one
hundred and Twenty five dollars, an and Equal part at the
division with Wm that has had the same, I will all Equal
he now and at the division to her During his life, and
after to the heirs of her body, I should be due I will

3) That not any of the property fall into John L. Howles hands, and this be all she has until the younger children are made Esquered, with her Twice also at the death of my wife, the \$1000 above named and all of my estate of every kind be sold and Esquered divided among all my children except my son

Wyatt as described above; I will my son John Hill Dreta H. Hill, Abraham L. Hill be sent to school to read Wrights and Cypha to rule of three if possible and when they be over of age or many be made Esquered with them that has left us. Moreover I will that Thomas H. Menot be never more a resident at my house. I will also that my wife Nancy Hill be Esquered and William D. Ewing Esquered of my estate. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above written Entered before aforesaid

Witness
Clark H. Bagley
Leonard D. Thompson

January 10th 1836

" I John Hill being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make this Codicil to my last will and testament the one thousand dollars above mentioned in my last will and testament I have taken out of the hands of Charles P. Pomeroy and David Loring and eight hundred dollars in the hands of John Stephen Thomas Nix and James Elliott the intent of which is to be disposed in the same way that the said thousand dollars was. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above written

Test
William C. Peckham John Hill Cal

State of Tennessee & Martin W. Calkley clerk of Marshall
Marshall County & County Court certify that the foregoing
will of John Hill deceased was duly proven in open court by
by the oath of Clark H. Bagley and Leonard D. Thompson this
7th day of November 1836

M. W. Calkley clerk

The following is the last will and testament of
John H. Wilson deceased,

" In the name of god amen I John H. Wilson
of the County of Bledford and State of Tennessee, being very sick and
weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given
to God calling unto mind the mortality of my body, and knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this
my last will and testament, that is to say principally and first of
all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of Almighty God
that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent
Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, Nothing doubting
but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again
by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estate
wherein it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise
and dispose of the same in the following manner and form—
First, I give to my beloved wife that part of Land I got of my
father which he never by lot and what I got of Thomas Wilson
hers and what I got of Robert Wilson these said land to be for
the use of my wife her lifetime and for raising the children upon
and at my wife's death the said land is to be John H. Wilson
Wilson, this part of the land wherein I now live to be equally
divided between James H. Wilson, and Walter H. Wilson and that
part I got of Isaac Wilson and Andrew Patterson. I also
for Isaac Shook Wilson, the Bird B. Lavenan tract and the
Worthern tract I allow to be sold Ermy Moten Wilson
Susanina Malender Mary E. Wilson. I also to each of

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them three hundred dollar and a good horse and saddle a good bed and furniture and Bureaux to each of them, and they boys to have a horse and saddle Bed and furniture Bureaux, the old wagon to be sold, the new one to be kept for the use of the farm and the family, and live stock that were not wanted for the use of the family to be sold and the money made use of for the schooling the children the loom and all the trappings I allow for the of the family. I nominate and appoint my friend Moses Wilson Administrator and my wife Sarah C. Wilson Administratrix of this my last will and testament — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty fifth day of September one thousand Eight hundred and thirty eight signed sealed and published in presence of —
George Catty
Sarah C. Wilson
Mary Muck
John H. Wilson (Seal)

I hereby certify that the foregoing the last will & testament of John H. Wilson decase was duly proven in open Court by the oath of George Catty & Sarah C. Wilson — Given under my hand at office the 7th day of November 1838
M. W. Oakley (Seal)

The following is the last will and testament of A. B. Reed Decase;

" Marshall County November 3rd 1836

In pursuance of request of Alvander B. Reed on his death bed we have this day committed to Writing what he asked us to write Respecting his temporal concerns to wit, that his Administrators

Be authorized to purchase a place for the use of the widow and Children so as to suit his wishes and that his wife have his negro woman and Child (to wit, Fanny and Dan her lifetime and further he said not Given us all our hands and seals

John Ellerson (Seal)
Thomas A. Reed (Seal)

" I Martin W. Oakley clerk of Marshall County Court do certify that John Ellerson and Thomas A. Reed subscribing witnesses to the within was duly qualified in open Court and Examined according to Law

Given under my hand at office
December 5th 1836
M. W. Oakley (Seal)

The following is the last will and testament of William Hogg Decase;

" I William Hogg being of sound and perfect mind and Memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy Hogg the tract of land whereon I now live containing one hundred and four acres or so much of it as will be a competency for a comfortable support during her natural life I do also give unto her all my stock consisting of two grey mares three cattle and sheep except three steers together with all my farming utensils house hold and kitchen furniture also my present crop of corn Tobacco and Cotton; Also all my money Notes or book accounts, all of which she is to have ownership over after paying all my just debts during her natural life here. Second I do also will and bequeath unto my two youngest sons Simon Hogg and Edward H. Hogg the above named tract of land together with all the above named property with its increase or so much as remains unexpended for the maintenance

6. Of my wife and payment of my debts the said
Liam and Edward Henry is to be equal sharers
in all I do hereby appoint Ezekiel Hogg and
Samuel Watson my Executors 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 affixed my seal this the 23^d day
of October 1836

^{Wt}
Lewis W Hogg
Abraham Bostick
Newton Wolf

Wm Hogg Seal

State of Tennessee Marshall County

I Martin W Oakley clerk of Marshall
County Court do hereby certify that the within will
was duly proved and admitted to probate in open
Court — Witness my hand February 6th 1837

M. Oakley clerk

11111 The following is the last will and testament of
Matthew Wallace deceased:

In the name of God amen I Matthew Wallace
of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee
being of sound mind and memory am calling
to mind to mind the uncertainty of life do make
and ordain this my last will and testament (To wit,
Item 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Melinda
Wallis during her natural life the Tract of Land
whereon I now live my negro man by the name
of Mars all my household and Kitchen furniture
two cow mares and hundred dollars in money
all my farming and shop utensils one

Share part of the corn fodder Cattle hay cattle hogs and other
that may be on hand at the term of my death or pasture from
this life —

Item 2^d It is my wish and desire that all the balance of my
property not bequeathed to my wife be sold on a reasonable
credit by my Executors and divided in manner and
form hereinafter directed first I wish all my just
debts to be paid it is my wish and desire that my son Ezekiel
Wallis should have Ten dollars in addition to what I have
heretofore given him and my grand children bodily heirs of
my daughter Sally Brown died whose names are Stewart Brown
William Brown & Prudence Caroline Brown jointly her
present name unknown to me have three dollars each and
my daughter Melinda Ragsdale have two hundred dollars
and the balance of the proceeds of the property above named be
equally divided between my daughter Melinda Ragsdale
my daughter Margaret Scott and my daughter in law
Sophira Wallis;

Item 3^d My wish and desire at the death of my wife that
the property she leaves on hand both real and personal be
sold to the highest bidder by my Executors on a reasonable
credit and divided as follows I wish and desire my
grand son James N Wallis M. George W Wallis &
Matthew J. Wallis ^{both sons of my son Ezekiel & Sophira} Wallis
de. have ten dollars each and the balance
be equally divided between my daughter Melinda Ragsdale
my daughter Margaret Scott and my daughter in law
Sophira Wallis; after deducting from Sophira Wallis
part one Thousand dollars it being the amount I have
heretofore given my son William Wallis died. —
I do hereby nominate and appoint Samuel
Ragsford and Sheword Suragan Executors to
this my last will and testament revoking all former
wills — In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19th day

Of January 1837

signed seals and acknowledged

in presence of us

Matthew Wallis (decd)

Attest

Leonard Bullock

John Rylee

John Laide

State of Tennessee Marshall County

March term 1837

The last will and testament of Matthew Wallis
decd was proven in open Court by the oath of
Leonard Bullock and John Rylee and ordered to
be recorded

M. W. Wallis clerk

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Samuel Gray decd

State of Tennessee Marshall County

" In the name of God amen I Samuel Gray

being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make this
my last will and testament in manner and form following

First I request at my death that I be decently buried
and all my burial Expenses paid

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Rachel Gray all my personal property to be disposed
of in the following manner I request that she be
sola and the proceeds be expended for the maintenance
of my said wife, Rachel Gray during her natural
life and at death for her to dispose of what is
left if any as she thinks proper and further I
appoint my son Suster Gray and John
Common my sole Executors of this my

last will and testament truly and lawfully all former wills
by me made in writing and of I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed my seal this 23rd day of December 1836
before me published and declared by the above named Samuel
Gray to be his last will and testament in the presence
of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses
in the presence of the testator

Attest Holland (decd)

Joseph Morris (decd)

Samuel Gray (decd)

State of Tennessee I Martin W. Calkley clerk of
Marshall County Marshall County Court certify
that the within will was duly proven in open Court
by the Oath of Attest Holland and Joseph Morris
Witness my hand at office this 3rd day
of April 1837

M. W. Calkley clerk

The following is the last will and testament of
Samuel Vest decd

I Samuel Vest of the County of Marshall
and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last
will and testament and as to such worldly estate as it happens
God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows
First I direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my
decease as possible out of any money 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
Second I give and bequeath to my loving wife Ann Vest
all my estate Real and personal household and
kitchen furniture the negro boy John all my stock
of horses cattle and hogs and their increase during her
life or widowhood to enable her to raise and school

My children and to give to each of my children an equal portion of my estate. But if my said wife Ann Vest should marry it is my will that she should have a horse saddle and bridle a cow & half a start of hogs the first choice of all the beds and furniture. And if said wife Ann Vest should marry that a Guardian be appointed for my children and the said Guardian to take possession of my estate both real and personal for the worth.

I do hereby make ordain and appoint my wife Ann Vest and Brother in Law Edison Chadwell Executors to this my last will and testament. On witness whereof I Samuel Vest the said testator here to this my will written on a sheet of paper set my hand and seal this Twentieth day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven,
 Signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presents of the testator and of each other
Adam Miller
Bred B Lavinia

State of Tennessee I Martin H. Oakley att Marshall County of Marshall County Court do hereby certify that the within will was this day proved in open Court by the oath of Adam Miller and Bred B Lavinia and ordered to be recorded
 Witness my hand at office this 1st day of May 1837
M. H. Oakley att

~~Will~~ The following is the last will and testament of Reith Harris deceased
 I Reith Harris of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my will and testament. First I direct that my body be decently interred in a manner suited to my condition in life and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows. First I direct that all my debts and funeral Expenses be paid after my decease out of my money that I may die possessed of a my peace come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate. Second I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann and the heirs of her body a negro girl named Pemelope (daughter of Sam & Nane) also I give her one bed and furniture one linen saddle and in case she ever needs such articles as is necessary for house keeping she shall receive to the amount of those have received before her for the same purpose, also one cow & calf. Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son Lamar a negro boy named Stephen (son of Sam & Nane) the said boy being now in possession of Lamar by virtue of a gift the said boy therefor is and shall be the full amount of Lamar's Legacy out of my property. Fourth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lynette and the heirs of her body a negro girl named Ethel (daughter of Sam & Nane) also one bed saddle one cow and calf one bed and furniture also such necessary articles as are necessary for house keeping all of which she has received. Fifth I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel and the heirs of her body a negro girl named Elvira (daughter of Sam & Nane) also one cow & calf one bed and furniture one linen saddle and necessary articles for house keeping all of which she has received. Sixth I give and bequeath unto my son, a negro boy named Vimrot (son of Sam & Nane) also one cow & calf which has been received

Seventh I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary and the heirs of her body a negro boy named Beauford (son of Sam and Mary) also one side saddle worth Twelve dollars also one cow and calf ^{on side & further} and some articles being already received —

Eighth I give and bequeath unto my son Lawson one negro man name Sam, one negro woman name Mary (the being Sam's wife) —

Ninth I give and bequeath unto Harriet my son a negro boy name Thomas (being a son of Mary & Thomas)

Tenth I give and bequeath unto my son Nicholas Five hundred dollars in money the same to be paid in part out of the property in hands or possession at my death or distribution of property between the heirs after all claims against the estate is paid the balance or remainder of said Legacy shall be paid or appraised off of the legacy assigned to Lawson, Harriet and John, the same shall be paid by them according to the value of their assigned legacy, the same to be ascertained by agreement between themselves or any other way to do justice to each — and I

further give and bequeath unto Nicholas the first born of the body of Philopie (negro girl of Amos, the child shall be raised and taken care of by its mother untill it is two years old and then to be taken by possession of by Nicholas as his own property and if the first dies he shall have the second — it is also my will and desire that Nicholas shall remain on the plantation and work with the hands or negroes untill the present crop is raised gathered and made sale of which shall be done in the most advantageous way to the legacy also he shall be supported also the family house and stock by and upon what provision there is now upon hands the fourth part

of the crop now on hands by Nicholas he is fully and lawfully entitled to by working with the negroes according to agreement between him and myself —

I do hereby make it done & appoint my sons James & Lawson Executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I Ruth Harris the said Harriet have to this my will written on ^{our} sheet of paper set my hand and seal this seventh day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the said Ruth Harris and in the presence of each other

Test
Joseph Black, Senat,
Charles Hopkin, Senat,

her
Ruth + Harriet
mark

The following is the last will and testament of James I. Coffey deceased

State of Tennessee Marshall County
April 13th 1837 Know all men by these presents that I James I. Coffey being now indisposed but in my right mind do hereby make this my last will and testament it is given to my beloved wife Mary ~~the whole~~ ^{the} use of the whole of my Plantation and in case she should marry again in that case I wish my plantation to be divided equally between her and all my children and I also give her the free use of all my other property except such as she may think proper to have sold and to have the using of the proceeds for the support of herself and family and in case as above she should marry

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again I wish all that may be left there
to be left of my money and property to
be equally divided between her and all
my children And I do hereby give to
my black girl Nancy her entire freedom
So soon as she arrives at the age of twenty
one and wish her to remain with my wife
until she is free and that free from here
And I do hereby appoint David Ramsey &
Samuel Ramsey my lawful executors to
execute this my will and testament signed
and acknowledged in the presence of
Peter Carpenter
Thos Coffey Amos Coffey

3 The following is the last will and testament of
of Allen N. Woods as;
In the name of God amen
I Allen N. Woods of the County of Marshall
and State of Connecticut calling to mind that
all men are mortal and being now in a state
of sound mind and memory do make and
ordain this my last will and testament —
viz. principally and first of all as respects such
worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust
to my care my lawful debts and funeral charges
being first paid I give and bequeath unto my
wife Martha B and the children God has given
us, viz. Margaret, Elizabeth, Martha, Rebecca
and William Bradshaw and equal portion
of what money on hand and also what is
owing to me when collected and the proceeds of
my carriage which I direct to be sold —

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I also give and bequeath unto my wife Martha B
my house — I also order that my cattle household and
kitchen furniture shall be kept for the use of my family
unless my wife should marry I then direct it to be
equally divided between her and the above named children
I also will and direct that the black girl named
Ellen about eleven years old now in my possession remain
in the family until twenty one years old and be emanci-
pated if it can be done consistently with the laws
of the land without placing the family in danger thereby if
otherwise she is to remain in the family and be paid
a reasonable compensation for her labour with the liberty
of going to any free state or country that the laws will
allow her to enjoy equal liberty with its inhabitants

I further direct and request that when my children
grows up that my executors have power to purchase
a piece of land for them to live on if their
funds are sufficient provided they think best
or expedient — I also do appoint William C
Evering, Samuel L. Wood and my wife my executors
of this my last will and testament ratifying and
confirming this my last will and testament
for witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and
seal this 12th of June one thousand eight hundred
and thirty seven signed sealed and delivered in the
presence of

Samuel H. Woods Edw
Thomas H. State Edw
Edw A. Evering Edw

Allen N. Woods Edw

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The following is the last will and testament of
Christopher Houston do

"In the name of God amen. Hallowed be
his name let men and Angels repeat the name Hallowed
be his name & Christopher Houston of Marshall County
Tennessee being aged and infirm of body but of sound
mind and memory (blessed be God) do this Twenty first day
of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and thirty six, make credible and ordain this my last will and
testament, in manner and form following, that is to say, I will
that all my just debts be paid. And in order to discharge them
I will that all my moveable property (my black people my
library and such other things as may be particularly mentioned
hereafter as given to any particular person excepted) be sold
by publick vendue. I give to my beloved wife, Elizabeth, the
use of the farm on which I now live (containing two hundred
acres during the term of her natural life) to cultivate as she may
think fit, & to have full power to cut timber for firewood and
repairing fences or buildings but not to sell or dispose of otherwise
with all the houses & outhouses, privileges & profits belonging to
the same. I also give her my beloved wife, one horse or mare
her choice of my stock, together with her saddle & bridle and
if she chooses a maid with her cott not worned, it must go
with its dam & also two cows and their calves if suckling or
thereabouts be her choice of my stock, I give her also the
the cattle which I now use, I give her also the service of
any two of Mulatto children which she may choose the one
a male & the other a female, belonging to me, during her widowhood
and also the service of any two of Mulatto grand children belonging
to me during the term of her natural life, provided however, that
she relinquish her claim of two hundred dollars promised in
our marriage contract, and upon her so doing I give her
also one hundred dollars. And as I have now in my
hands two hundred and thirty two dollars with

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Interest from the beginning of the Year 1834 I will that she
be paid principal & interest from the date aforesaid as the former
= all was her money. And I do hereby give claim to all the property
she brought with her to me, and all any property which she
may acquire hereafter by gift Legacy or bequest, I also give her
my beloved wife one year provisions.
I will that the tract of land on which I now live be sold after the
death of my widow & the money there arising be equally di-
= vided between my daughter Martha Leonard & my daughter Sarah
Young, I give bequeath & devise to my daughter Eliza Bille a
tract of land on Elk ridge containing fifty three acres but with
this reserve, Viz, that my Executors have the use and benefit of the same
until all my debts and the legacies herein mentioned & all expenses
of administration be paid or payment provided for & expunged
however the legacies of Martha Leonard & Sarah Young which
can not perhaps be call for, within many years, with all the ap-
= pertainances, privileges and emoluments thereto belong my or in
anywise appertaining to her, her husband & assigns forever.
I give bequeath & devise to my son James Houston the tract of
land which I bought of him containing fifty seven & a half acres
with however the reservation as that above mentioned as that of Eliza
Bille to him his heirs and assigns forever.
And where as I have some land in the County of Greene North car-
= olina, which perhaps may not all be sold before my decease
I give bequeath & devise the whole of it, if any remain unsold
to my daughter Sarah Young her heirs and assigns forever with
its appurtenances, privileges and emoluments whatever.
I give to my daughter Sarah Young both family bible and also
five volumes of his theological works, I give to my son Placido the
whole price of the same which he sold (all that remain as a
= paid) to John Leavitt for the purpose of ^{procuring} books for the
use of his family & my daughter Sarah Young equally. And if
any more of my land in Greene is sold or can be hereafter sold
before my decease or not I will the price thereof to my

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Daughter Sarah Young, I give to my daughter-in-law Patterson
Houston Verris complete debt of man and all the rest of my
Library, I will be equally divided into four shares one of which
shall belong to my widow and the other three to my ^{three} children in this
State: namely Martha London, Lilias Bille and Jamies Houston
I give to my Executors and Executors, hereafter named all
the right that the laws of our State give to me to dispose of my black
people as other property (in trust for the benefit of the black people
themselves) It is however my will that my Executors and Executors
hold said slaves in their hands until all my debts be paid
& legacies and all ~~other~~ necessary expenses be paid or payment
provided and that they then, or as soon after as may be,
practicable send them to Liberia in Africa there to be emanc-
ipated, excepting those that may have to serve my widow
which cannot be done until their time of servitude expires

And as I have given into the hands of my son Placer
the whole price of the land he sold to John Wootton it is not
to be understood as giving him back what has been paid
to me but only what remains unpaid and if I should
hereafter be set to give a deed of gift to any other person
with an intention to make the way for the liberation of my
Black People more certain It is not to overthrow any thing
herein ~~after~~ contained but to accelerate & insure the freedom
of my black people And I mention it here to prevent
collisions and to satisfy my Executors & Executors, that those
to whom the deed is made, shall succeed in liberating my
black people to Liberia agreeably to the intention of the said of Gift
them in that case my Executors & Executors are separated from
attending to the disposition of them But let difficulties should
be thrown in the way of my Executors by an attorney a deed of
Gift I make it to my Executors and Executors. In addition
to what I have given to my widow I also give her the
cupboard together with its contents. And if any of my
heirs shall by him, his or themselves either by proxy or

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any means interfere with design to contradict my will, he or
they so doing shall thereby forfeit all right, title or interest in
to any property which I may have on earth. The names of my
black people are as follows, to wit, Miley, Austin, Luna, Simon, Maria,
Votit, Malinda, Niam, Jane, Henderson, Rosanna, Louisa, Sam-
-da, Charles, Jefferson, Sarah, M. Foster, James, Chelsey, Ralph,
Madison, Josh, Bolivar. If any of my heirs herein mentioned shall
die before the execution of this will leaving issue, the part allotted
to the deceased, shall be given to such his or hers equally. And all
if any increase of the black people by the birth of same, shall
be liable to be sent to Africa with their parents, who choose
to go there as all the owners must, but not before all my debts
or legacies are paid, excepting Martha London, and Sally Young
which perhaps cannot be done during several years, as it depends
on circumstances. I do hereby make constitute & ordain
Col. John Cog, John Ramsey, William Cowden, Capt James
Houston, James & Hayes my Executors and my beloved wife
Elizabeth A. Cog Executor of this my last will and testament.

I do hereby revoke and disannul any and every will by me
made heretofore and ratifies here this my last will and testament.
And now wishing peace on earth & good will to all upon
it I resign my body to the dust, and my Spirit to God
who gave it, Hoping and trusting that he will
Notwithstanding my great sins or theirs,
prepare me for that Blessed abode, where
peace forever reigns.

In Testimony of all which I have herein to set
My hand and Seal this day and date above
Written. Note, the Word paid, in Second page 8th line
from the Bottom is interlined before signed.

Teste
Elijah Alseward Christopher Houston
James Osburn James
J. C. Osburn James

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The following is the last will and testament
of William Duncan de?

" I William Duncan of the County of Blacksburg

On the name of God amen,

I William Duncan of the County of Maury and
State of Tennessee being weak in body but of perfect
mind and memory thank the Lord for the same
do make and ordain this my last will and
testament Revoking all others begin with my
own hand this fourteenth day of November one
thousand Eight hundred and thirty one;

Item 1st I will all of my property my land &c. &c.
to be sold by my Executors hereafter named and
all of my just debts paid out of the money
arising from the sale of said property and the
balance of the money which may be left
to be Equally divided between all of my
Children, or their heirs —

Item 2^d My will and desire is that my son
Joab Duncan take possession of my land
at my death which is supposed to be one
hundred Aers and all of the ground he clears
he is to have the term of six Years and is only
liberated to clear in the south east corner
of my tract I now live on and to finish
clearing out the lease he now lives on if
not already done and should he be able at
the Expiration of six Years to pay all that is
owed his equal part of my estate my will and
desire is that he keep my land, but should he
fail so to do he must pay rent for all the
cleared land annually from the time he takes it
into possession and he is to be allowed a
Reasonable compensation for all of the

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Repairs he may make in the plantation, my will
and desire is that my son Joseph Duncan shall have
the liberty of my Dwellinghouse with the lot adjoining
the Yard and use of the necessary buildings pertaining
thereunto the term of six Years from my death if
he wants them and at the expiration of the six Years
should my son Joab Duncan be able to pay the value of
the land I die possessed of I will and desire that my
son Joab Duncan should have full possession of all
my land with the houses &c. —

my will and desire is that my Executors should have
Commissioners appointed to value my Estate and plantation
and all that pertains thereto Just as soon as they may
think proper so as to know how to make a just calca-
-lation what is coming to each Legatee,

Item 3^d My will and desire is to make an equal division
between all of my children and their heirs — Should
my son Joab Duncan not be able to pay for my
land at the expiration of the six Years the land then
must be sold and the money equally divided between
all of my heirs. I want my Executors to have a special
leave to take into consideration all the money and
property that I have let my children have for my will and
desire is that all that has received any property in that way
that there should be a due account made out of the same
and it to be apart of their portion out of my estate
And my will and desire is that my son Joab Duncan
shall not be compelled to pay any rent until the expiration
of the six Years after my death and after he has taken
my plantation into his care and should he fail to pay
the value of the land at the Expiration of the six Years
the rents accruing for the above six Years must be deducted
out of his part of the estate;

Item 4th My will and desire is that should any part

Of this my last will and testament not to be altered
I do not want my children to go to law
but leave these disputes to referees -

Item 5th Last of all I appoint my two sons
Joseph Duncan and Robert C. Duncan
my Executors for this my last will and testament
ratifying and confirming the same as before stated
Revoking all others. In witness whereof I have this
day signed my own hands and affixed my seal the
day and Year first above written his
Wm. C. Record Clerk, } Mr. W. Duncan @
William D. Emmons Esq. mark

The following is the last will and testament
of Samuel M. Cole (De.)

" In the name of God amen -

I Samuel M. Cole of the county of Bedford and
State of Tennessee being weak in body, but of perfect
mind and memory, and calling to mind
the mortality of man, knowing it was
appointed for all men to die, And after
death to appear at Judgment, And also
having in mind the worldly estate wherein
God hath been pleased to bless me with
do make and ordain, this my last will
and testament Revoking all others -

First of all I commend my soul into
the hands of the living God who gave it.
Secondly my body to be buried in a
(Worldly estate the 1st) Christian like manner at
the discretion of my Executors. Then may
I desire that all my Just debts be
promptly paid Secondly all my
house hold and kitchen Furniture

together with all my perishable property
to be and remain for the use of my
dear beloved wife Eлизабетта McCall, during her
natural life or widow hood to assist her in
raising ^{and maintaining} my children it also the use and bene-
fit of my sons. Also I desire that my much
esteemed brother-in-law Hannah Pickens may
have a particular interest in the use and trust
of my estate while she remains single. But
should my wife Eлизабетта McCall, think proper
to enter a second marriage or die, then I
desire, the following disposition to be made
of my property, my household and kitchen
Furniture and all my perishable property
to be divided equally between my three ~~children~~
daughters but in case my wife should
enter into a second marriage then and in that
case I desire her to have an equal part with
my three daughters of the personal estate
or maintenance before. Lastly I desire the tract
of Land to be and remain for the use of the
family particularly my wife during her
natural life or widow hood or her second
marriage, to be for my son James D. McCall
I further appoint my well beloved wife
Eлизабетта McCall, and James Belington my
Executors to this my last will and test-
ament in witness whereof I have signed
with my hand and seal this 23^d day of
October 1833

Intentionally signed } Samuel M. Cole (De.)
James D. Brown
Richard + Nimble Esq. mark

The following is the last will and testament of Noah Healey de:

" In the name of God amen,

I Noah Healey of the State of Tennessee Marshall County, being in a low state of body, but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die I do therefore make and ordain this my ~~last~~^{last} will and testament as follows. 1st I commend my soul to god, and my body to the to be buried in a christianlike manner at the discretion of my Executors and as to the things of this world, with which it has pleased God to bless me I dispose of them in the following manner to wit, first that all my just debts be paid by my Executors out of such goods and chattels as are now to me belonging. 2^d I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife, Mary M. Williams, all my land amounting to one hundred and 36 acres being in two tracts together with all my stock of every description also all my house and kitchen furniture farming utensils or what so ever else I am possessed. And I do hereby appoint James Patterson Esq. & George R. Patterson my sole Executors. In testimony I have here to set my hand and affixed seal in presence of on this the 10th day of February in the year of our Lord 1838.

Ezekiel Bogg, Junr
W. D. West
Coel & Hughes Junr

Noah Healey test

The following is the last will and testament of John H. Carr de:

" Know all men by these presents that I John H. Carr of Maury County and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind & disposing memory, and knowing I have to die and wishing to arrange & dispose of the affairs of my estate as that justice may be done, and dispute prevented after my death, do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows, that is to say: 1st My will is that all my just debts be paid out of money in hand at the time of my death or due me. 2^d And that whereas, owing to their natural defects, I am acting guardian (legally appointed) for my four children Charles, David, Susanna & Sarah as respects a devise to them, by their uncle Isaac Saulston de: of Two thousand dollars which amount I am responsible to them for and for raising that sum, my will is that the tract of Land I bought of Shepherd Davis of one hundred and fifteen acres; together with the following negroes, to wit, George, Lee, Will, Penny & Levin, be sold to the best advantage, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to raise the said sum of two thousand dollars, or any balance which may at the time remain unpaid; 3^d That all the balance of my estate of every description whatever, as well real as personal, I leave to my beloved wife Elizabeth Carr, to hold and possess of & to use at will, for her use & comfort during the term of her natural life, or widowhood; and at the time of her death or marriage as the case may be, my desire is, that there be delivered over to my son Charles my negro man Dick, to my son David my negro boy Oliver, & to my daughter Susanna, my negro girl Johny and boy Henry, and also to my said three children each a bond & saddle, of say Twenty dollars worth with a box and furniture

Each all of which, with the increase of the said
Negroes, I give to my said children respectively, their
heirs and assigns forever; and to my said children Charles
David and Susanna, to my daughter Sarah Byrnes, &
be the tract of Land whereon I now live containing two
hundred & thirty five acres, more or less equally & jointly
between them my said four children, which they are
to possess at the death or marriage of their mother as the
three first married are, the negroes &c and not before, which
said tract of Land with its appurtenances, I give to my said
four children their heirs & assigns forever; and at the death or
marriage of my said wife, in the case now be my will is, that the
whole remainder of said estate of every description whatever
lent to my said wife as above (and not otherwise disposed
of in a foregoing part of this will) be sold to the best advantage
at public auction; & the proceeds thereof Equally divided
among all my children with the following exception viz. 1.
That as my daughter Elizabeth Martin has been reduced to
poverty, by the misfortune of her husband Alexander Martin
and I being desirous from the love & affection I have for her,
to make some provision & disposition for her comfort
& maintenance, and that in a way not subject to the
debts or contracts of her said husband, Therefore,
before the sale as above provided for, said estate shall
commissioners shall be appointed by the county court,
to appraise the whole remainder of said estate;
(Not otherwise disposed of as above) and that they set
out out of said estate so appraised one equal
child's part of such valuation, in the estate of
negroes, of such description as may with convenience
be removed to the State of Mississippi, where my
said daughter Elizabeth now lives, which said
Negroes with their increase, I give to Brian M
Harrison of the State of Mississippi & his

heirs, in trust for the use and benefit of her my
said daughter, ~~daughter~~ during the term of her
natural life, and that during which time, he either
let her have possession & benefit of said negroes or
consent to her for her use the regular profits thereof
as she may need, and at her death for her said son
B. M. trustee as appraised or in here as the case may be
to transfer & set over in due form of law all the
right title & interest in and to said negroes with
their increase, then vested in him said Brian M. & his heirs,
for the purpose above, to the children of her my said daughter
Elizabeth, as well such as she may hereafter have, as those
she now has, to be equally divided among them, in full
faith & confidence, that my said trustee, will truly &
honestly do justice in this matter, according to the true
intent & meaning of the foregoing provisions, have invested
him with, this trust, and that when this provision as
respects my said daughter Elizabeth is fully complied with,
then the whole balance of said remainder be sold as above &
the proceeds thereof equally divided among all the balance of my
children to wit; Alley Bugher, William Carr - Charles Carr - Sarah
Martin - David Carr - Polly Davis - Susanna Carr - Mit
do Jones - and Sarah Byrnes, Excepting out of this division
my daughter Betty for the reason above. & I do hereby
nominate constitute & appoint my son William Carr, and
my much esteemed friend Charles Harrison to execute this
my last will and testament in the true intent and meaning
thereof.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 26th day of May ~~1834~~ in the year
of our Lord 1834. and in the seventeenth Year of my age
In presence of
Matthew Morn, James
Humphrey Harrison James,
John Carr (dear)

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State of Tennessee
Marshall County
The foregoing last will and testament
of James Humphreys dec. was this
day presented in open court by James Bell and James
Humphreys Executors thereof And was thereupon duly
proved by the oath of A. Rosborough and John
Amerson subscribing witnesses thereof.

Given under my hand this 4th
day of June 1839.

M. M. Oakley Clerk

The foregoing is the last will and testament
of Noah Hadley.

In the name of God Amen I Noah Hadley
of the State of Tennessee Marshall County, being in a sound
State of Body but of sound mind and memory, and
calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to
die I do therefore make and ordain this my last will
and testament as follows 1st I commend my soul to
God and my body to the dust to be buried in a
Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors
And as to the things of this world with which it
has pleased God to bless me I dispose of them
in the following manner to wit, first that all
my just debts be paid by my Executors out of such
goods and chattels as are now to me belonging 2^d I give
and bequeath to my wife beloved Wife Mary McWilliams
all my land amounting to one hundred & 36 acres being
in two tracts together with all my stock of every
description also all my houses and kitchen furniture
farming utensils or whatsoever else I am possessed of.
And I do hereby appoint James Patterson Esq.
& George R. Patterson my Sole Executors in
testimony I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed seal in presence of one then the

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11th day of February in the Year of our
Lord 1838
Ezekiel Hogg
J. D. West
Jarl B. Elledge
Noah Hadley Seal

The following is the last will and testament
of Daniel Bills dec.

I will to my beloved wife Polly the farm on
which I now live together with all the farming utensils
also the stock of all kinds. I will that my surplus
produce or stock that she may not wish to keep to be
sold at her discretion and the proceeds to her use,
The farm where Isaac Gardner now lives is rented
to him for three years for two hundred and forty dollars
I will that, money to my son Alfred T. Bills afterwards
to be rented out and the proceeds to belong to my wife
Polly for the purpose of equalizing my heirs,
The farm where David Calvert now lives is only
rented to him for one year the rent is to belong to my
wife Polly, afterwards my son in law Green Wilson is to
have it for five years for one hundred Dollars to keep
up the fences and repair the houses the money

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to be left in his hands as a part of his share
afterwards to be rented as the farm where Isaac
Gardner lives, my widowed daughter-in-law
Hathorn Bells and her four children, I will to
them ten dollars to be equally divided.

I will to my three youngest children Franklin
Ashbury, and Polly each twenty dollars more than
an equal share for the purpose of schooling them.

John Houston
John Wilson
B. J. Houston

his
Daniel & Bells (seal)
mark

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I Written will and testament
I John Milroy of Marshall County and State of
Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and
testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other wills
by me made at any time made, That I direct that funeral
Expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as
possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or may
first come into the hands of my Executor. I do hereby give
and bequeath to my loving wife Sabra Milroy my lands where
I now live, also our man and cart, also all the cattle and
and Hogs, all my house hold and kitchen furniture
all my Books and Farming utensils, also my Wagon
and Harness - I also do hereby nominate and appoint
Sabra Milroy my loving wife my Executor.

In Witness whereof I do to the my will set my hand
and seal this the Twenty seventh day of July 1840.

John Milroy (seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we
have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the Notary
the day and date above written -

James Dork

David V. Dork, Junat

Sarah J. Dork, Junat } 30th 5th 1840

State of Tennessee

Marshall County & County Court October term 1840.

Personally appeared in open court, David V. Dork and
Sarah J. Dork two of the subscribing witnesses to the
within will who being first sworn, proved the due
Execution of said will as the Law directs, which said will
was then and is now to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 5th
day of October 1840

M. M. McKelvey, Notary

In the name of God - I Martha Weaver of the
County of Maury and State of Tennessee do make and ordain
this my last will and testament. I last at my death I ordain
and direct that all my just debts be paid out of my movable
property after being voted by my administrators duly
qualified. I give and bequeath to my negro
Woman called Rachael the freedom. Secondly I hereby
ordain and direct that all the residue of my property, what-
ever and whomever found shall be sold by my ad-
ministrators at public sale on a Twelve months credit
and the money arising from such sale shall be Equally
divided Between Benjamin S. Weaver & Joseph
Weaver & John Weaver & the share of my daughter Mary
Weaver Deane, wife of Sutherland Collins De. Tennesse
I give formerly Lemmy Collins & Thomas Collins
& Myroni Weaver the foregoing Lemmy Turner & Thomas
S. Collins & Myroni Weaver, and to have one share
Equally to be divided between them & what share is
to be Equally to that of one of my sons Benjamin Joseph
& John Weaver to James Brown and his heirs & devise and
bequeath nothing but the tract of land that I gave said Brown
which I think was more than an equal part -
I further will and bequeath that the lawful heirs
of Benjamin S. Weaver & Joseph Weaver & John Weaver
shall receive said portion provided either of my sons
shall Decease before said Legacies are received,
I further will and bequeath that my son Joseph Weaver
& John Weaver shall act as guardian for my negro
Woman called Rachael, and I further appoint and
direct that my sons Joseph Weaver ^{Benjamin Weaver} and an
appointed Administrators of my estate signed and
in the presence of this 26 of October 1835
John S. Weaver Martha Weaver
John R. Weaver

State of Tennessee
Marshall County, County Court, July term 1838.

Personally appeared in open court John R. Weaver one of
the subscribing witnesses to the within will, proved the due
Execution of said will as the law directs. Also personally
appeared in open court Benjamin Williams & proved the
signature of John S. Weaver to be genuine.

Witness my hand at office July
2^d 1838. M. W. Cathey (Clerk)

In the name of God amen.
I John Selman of the State of Tennessee Marshall
County Being of sound and perfect mind and memory
do hereby do this 23^d day of March in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight make publish
this my last will and testament in the manner following
that is to say after my funeral Expenses proving my will
and letters testamentary and all my just debts are paid
I give and bequeath to Lezannah Selman my wife the
land and plantation whereon I now live during her lifetime
or widow hood. I give & bequeath to my wife Lezannah
Selman all the perishable property that I now possess during
her lifetime or widow hood, my will further is that any
time that she may think proper to sell any part of the
perishable property above bequeathed to her either at private or
Public sale and give it to my children and charge them
with it so it may stand good against them in a division
of my estate among them my will further is that all the
property above bequeathed to my wife Lezannah Selman
and all the effects arising from said property at her death
or marriage shall be sold and be Equally Divided among
all my children, and I hereby make and ordain

35th My son James Selman and stating heretofore my
 by my Executors of this my last will and testament
 in witness whereof I the said John Selman have to
 this my last will and testament set my hand and seal
 the day and year above mentioned signed sealed published
 and declared by the said John Selman the testator as his last
 will and testament in the presence of us who were
 present at the time of signing and sealing thereof

to
 James S. Selman — John Selman
 Joseph & Selman Seniors }
 Joseph S. Selman and Seniors } Nov 4th 1839

State of Tennessee }
 Marshall County } County Court. Nov term 1839.

Personally appeared before me John Selman
 and Joseph S. Selman subscribing witnesses to the foregoing
 will, and proved the due Execution of said will as the
 law directs, Witness my hand at office Nov 4th
 1839 M. M. Calkley

I William Cowden 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 1st I desire that
 my funeral Expenses and all my debts be paid as soon
 after my death as possible out of any money that I may
 die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my
 Executors (legally) I give and bequeath to my wife
 Rhoda Cowden my house and land also my negro girl
 named Eliza and her increase if any during her widowhood
 or until my eldest born married John Cowden arrives
 at the age of Twenty years or could have done if life

lasted then I desire that the above said property be sold
 to the best advantage and the proceeds of said property be
 equally divided between my wife Rhoda Cowden and all of
 my children and further I desire that the said Rhoda Cowden
 shall Board and School all of my children and defray all
 necessary expenses that occur with them during her widowhood
 or until they arrive at the age of Twenty years or marry also
 I bequeath to my wife Rhoda Cowden her lifetime my two acres
 my spotted mare Horse hold & Kitchen furniture farming utensils
 fifty Barrels of Corn Twenty five Bushels wheat one Thousand and
 fourteen of pork and I further desire that all the balance of
 my property that I now possess be sold and I value more the
 credit to the highest bidder and the proceeds of said property
 including all the rest of my monies be equally divided
 between my wife and children when collected and they (I do
 hereby nominate and appoint Humphrey McEwen and
 John F. McLelland my lawful Executors, in witness whereof
 I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 28th day of
 August 1839. W. Cowden

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we
 have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator
 the same day and date above written,

Wm F. McLelland, Seniors }
 Morgan Clayton Seniors } Oct. 1st 1839.

State of Tennessee }
 Marshall County } County Court. October term 1839.

Personally appeared before me Wm F. McLelland and Morgan
 Clayton subscribing witnesses to the within will, and
 proved the due Execution of said will as the law directs,
 which was read to be recorded,

Witness my hand at office this 1st day of
 October 1839. M. M. Calkley

State of Tennessee Marshall County,

We Thomas Hopper and Nathaniel A. Lunn do state that the herein signed will of Nathaniel Lunn was made by him on the 28th day of August eighteen hundred and thirty nine, in our presence to which we were specially required to bear witness by the testator himself in the presence of each other, that it was made in his last sickness in his own habitation or dwelling house. And the same is as follows to wit, It was his will and desire that his effects should be disposed of after his decease in the following manner First sell a sufficient quantity of property to discharge all his debts, and then the remaining part of the property to belong to Mrs. Lunn the wife or consort of Nathaniel Lunn. And the said Mrs. Mary Lunn to be made his Executor. Made out by us this 9th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Thomas Hopper
Nathaniel A. Lunn

State of Tennessee
Marshall County } I Martin W. Oakley clerk of Marshall
County Court, certify that Thomas Hopper and Nathaniel
Lunn, whose signatures appear to the above will appeared
in open Court and proved that the same contained the
last words of Nathaniel Lunn as to his property,
It is therefore ordered by the Court that the same be admitted
to probate & recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 7th day
of October 1839.

M. W. Oakley

I Nathaniel Smith do 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 Monies that I may
die possessed of or my first Comers into the hands of my
Executors, Secondly I give & bequeath to my dearly beloved
wife Mary Smith all my estate real and personal during
her natural life, Thirdly to my son Jackson Smith all my
lands and negroes boy named Isaac & a share of the house-
hold furniture & stock equal to what the other children
has received Fourthly to my son Nathaniel Franklin
Smith I give a negro boy named Cordas, Fifthly the re-
mainder of my estate at the death of my wife is to be divided
equally amongst all my children except my son Jackson
being two in number, Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint
my wife Mary Smith Executor and my sons William
Smith & Jonathan Smith Executors.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand
and seal this 25 day of October 1838.

Nath^l Smith

Signed & sealed & published in our presence & we have
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator
This 25th of October 1838
John Gula, Secy,
Humphrey Harans, Secy,
Jonathan Boock

State of Tennessee
 Meigs Co. County In the name of God Amen - I
 Allen Lister of the State & County aforesaid, being weak
 body but sound in mind & memory as I believe, and expecting
 shortly to finish my course in time, do make constitute and ordain
 this my last will utterly revoking all other wills by me formerly
 made. And 1st I commend my body to the ground & my soul to
 him who gave it in hope of a joyful Resurrection.
 2^d I will that all my just debts & personal Expenses be paid
 provide no extravagance nor vain show be had in my Burial
 but all be plain & decent -

3^d I will that my Executors when they provide a good stone for me
 that the also provide the like for my mother's grave that has been so
 long neglected (to show her birth death and age) & that they have a
 neat clean railing placed around her grave my father's & to include
 Charles Ewing's grave at record hill grave yard -

4th I will that my beloved wife Rebecca keep possession of our
 present dwelling house during her life, with all the household
 & kitchen furniture, stock hogs, Horses, cows, & sheep, Farming
 Utensils waggons & oxen & carriage, unless she and the Executors should
 think it best to sell a part that may not be so necessary for her
 to keep & provide such sale should be deemed necessary, then
 the money arising from such sale should be made up some
 of my other Bequests shall be at her disposal,

5th I will that Herman & Lucinda shall not be held as slaves -
 But as in and to them servants until they arrive to the age of twenty
 years during which time they shall remain with my widow if
 she should live so long & be obedient to her in all things, then
 when they shall arrive to the age of twenty three years, they shall be
 her hired servants, & shall receive a just recompense for the
 Labour if they be industrious & attentive to her business. They
 shall receive her wages, but if otherwise lower wages
 which must be paid to them yearly, that there may be no dispute
 farther on the subject of wages. Let my widow choose one

Respectful Neighbor & Herman & Lucinda choose another
 judicious Neighbor & let these Neighbors choose a third & let them
 set the wages if my widow should die before the said boy & girl
 arrives to the age of twenty three, let them choose a fourth among my children
 or with Harriet E. Ewing or Rebecca E. Neill & the person with whom
 they choose to live shall pay reasonable wages which shall be equally
 divided amongst my heirs and when they arrive to 23 years of age & my
 widow demand they (viz) Herman & Lucinda shall have liberty to choose
 to whom they or either of them will hire themselves to Labor. Yet it is
 my wish that they go not into dishonour as will with hold from
 them their wages or injure their morals. I wish attention paid particu-
 larly to having them to Read,

6th I will and bequeath to my three sons in Law (viz) W. M. Lacy, Saml
 A. Ewing & David C. Melcher (in addition to the accounts charged to
 them on my family Book, & also the Mill tract of 400. acres with
 all its appurtenances) all that tract or parcel of Land that I purchased
 of David M. Curd & James M. Curd lying west of the Mill tract containing
 about three hundred & 29 acres be the same more or less -

7th I will & bequeath to my three grand children (viz) To Harriet E. Ewing
 Rebecca E. Neill, & James E. Neill, all that tract of Land where the
 line begins in the middle of the west fork of creek a few poles
 below the bridge so running down the creek with the line of S. A. Ewing's line
 to James Ewing's corner on the west bank, thence north
 with his line to the creek, thence down the channel of the creek with
 Harriett D. Turner's line to James E. Ewing's line, thence west with
 his line to his corner on the North line thence south with the line
 to the line of the Mill tract, thence east with the north boundary line
 of the Mill tract to the beginning, with all its appurtenances to be theirs
 after the death of their grandfather to be divided as follows (viz)
 into four equal parts according to quantity & quality, taking in to
 view the improvements & conveniences that each part has a near
 equal in value as may be, and two parts begin to Harriett D. C.
 one part to Rebecca E. & one part to James E. Neill, But
 Harriett E. & Rebecca E. Neill is to live in the house with

Three Grandmothers while they remain single; and if either of them get married & their good mother willing they may still occupy a part of the house & the privilege of cultivating part of the farming land. But be it remembered that my son have at his disposal all the net proceeds from the land and stock during his life & at his disposal at death.

8th I will that at the death of my widow the household & kitchen furniture the stock of horses cows, sheep & hogs waggon carriage farming utensils &c. then on hand be sold and Equally divided amongst my heirs before named a luck of them as may then be living & that my Library be divided or sold as my heirs may think fit.

9th I will that Lela A. Ewing pay out of the money that he stands charged with on my family Book, which is more than his part as follows, to Allen S. Woods fifty dollars, to Allen S. Mc Cleary when he becomes of age fifty dollars with interest to his own son Allen S. Ewing fifty dollars with interest when he comes of age & to Richard A. Ewing fifty dollars & Ewing fifty dollars.

10th I will all the land that I hold north of the Huron and being of different surveys joining Geo. Fisher Robert & Joseph Cowans Hosp. Watson, & others containing between five & six Hundred acres be put to sale by my Executors to the best advantage upon one two or three years instalments & that the money arising therefrom after paying all necessary expenses thereon be Equally divided first to the American Anti-Slavery Society 2nd to the home Missionary Society 3rd to the Presbyterian Education Society for the Education of poor & pious young men for the Gospel Ministry 4th to the American tract Society & 5th to the American Board for Foreign Missions. — and 6th and lastly to the American Bible Society.

11th I will that wherever there is paint & oil on hand that the remainder of the out side of my dwelling house & Chace and kitchen & dwelling house & another house be painted the roofs brown & the weather boarding the same as the house and that the windows in the north end of the house be filled with glass & the hearth be laid & if there

is not materials enough on hand the balance to be bought. 12th It is my will that when collection of the debts due my estate be collected if there should not be a sufficiency to make up to W.D. Mc Cleary & D.C. Mithell to be equal to what Lela A. Ewing has drawn from my estate and any to their several accounts charged in my family Book that L.A. Ewing pay to W.D. Mc Cleary & D.C. Mithell so as to make them all three equal according to the my family Book & provided there be a sufficiency of money to make them equal without L.A. Ewing paying over any or should there be any surplus it to be equally divided with themselves so as to make them equal.

13th I will that James S. Ewing & Samuel Nell keep and retain the signs or amount that is charged to them on my family which is to wit to J.S. Ewing nine hundred and thirty nine dollars 19 cents & to S. Nell eight hundred and ninety two dollars & 6 cents & to have no more. 14th I will that if either of my three grand children by my de^d daughter Jean Lee leaving no heirs that the property of the de^d fall back to the surviving brother or sister & W.D. Mc Cleary, Lela A. Ewing and D.C. Mithell, by equal division.

15th It is my will that my Executors divide my home tract of land above named amongst my three grand children therein named and according to the 1st item of this will & further if either of them should marry during their grand mothers life I intend in that case the land may be divided at once.

16th I will that my trusty friends James Ewing, W.D. Mc Cleary, Lela A. Ewing & D.C. Mithell be the Executors of this my last will and Testament & having Confirmed in their fidelity & hereby released them from having to give bond and security to the courts. 17th & lastly I will that if any disputes should arise among my heirs & legatees, or between the Executors & them concerning the true intent & meaning of any part of this my will respecting any of the same, then my will & direction is expressed by this, that such disputes shall be decided by three or more impartial & intelligent men to be chosen by the disputants each

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Having the choice of one & a third by three two and the
decision of said mind unfettered by law or legal construction
shall be considered as binding on the parties to all intents
& purposes as if it had been given in the Supreme Court of
the United States, Given under my hand and seal this
15th day of January 1839.

Signed sealed in presence of 3 Allan Leiper Coat
John A. Hall (Senat.)
Edward Doyle
Englehard E. Varner (Senat.)
Samuel B. Ewing

State of Tennessee } Personally appeared in open court John
Marshall County } A. Hall and Englehard E. Varner subscribing
witnesses to the within last will & testament of Allan Leiper de-
ceased who being first sworn depose and say that the said Leiper
requested them to become subscribing witnesses to said will
on the day it bears date, and that he was of sound mind and
disposing memory and signed the same in their presence
Witness my hand at office this 4th day
of March A.D. 1839.

M. M. Calkley

State of Tennessee } I Allan Leiper being yet
Marshall County } living but weak and feeble in
body but sound in mind & memory do hereby make &
execute this as a part or a codicil to a will lately in
last month by me made & assigned as my last will &
testament wherein in said will I had bequeathed to
my Grand Daughter R. Adeline Ewing fifty Dollars more
I hereby will that if my said Grand Daughter R. A. Ewing
do live to marry and have a baby her in addition to
the above fifty dollars, I will that in that case that she
do have One hundred dollars more and that it be

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paid to her by my three grand children by my Daughter
Jean Neill, to it from Harriett C. Ewing Two hundred
and fifty dollars and by Robert E. Neill one hundred and
Twenty five dollars & by James L. Neill one hundred & Twenty five
dollars - as in my aforesaid will I have bequeathed to
them the tract of land I now live on as thine to be divided
into four shares them and further it is my wish and will
that the old houses that David McCurdy built & lived may be removed
from off the land I willed to W. & M. Chay, J. L. A. Ewing &
D. C. Mitchell by grand children to whom I have given
my home tracts to any of the lots, that would seem by my
Executors to be the most useful, not to go on the lot apart
that my now dwelling house be on in the division,

Given under my hand and seal this 14th
day of February 1839,

Test
John A. Hall (Senat.)
George A. Hon (Senat.)

State of Tennessee }
Marshall County } Personally appeared in open court John
A. Hall and George A. Hon subscribing witnesses to the within
Codicil to the last will and testament of Allan Leiper
deceased who being first sworn depose and say
that the said Leiper requested them to become
subscribing witnesses to said will on the day it bears
date and that he was of sound mind and disposing
memory and signed the same in their presence,

Witness my hand at office this 14th
day of March 1839.

M. M. Calkley
of Marshall County, Court

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State of Tennessee Marshall County
I John Wilson do make and publish this my last
will and testament hereby revoking and making void
all other wills by me at any time made, I first Decree
that my Funeral Expenses and all my debts be paid as
soon after my death as possible out of any money that I
may be possessed of or may come in to the hands of ^{my} Executor
Secondly my will and desire is that my ^{my} said home ^{my} the
house & lot where I live, together with twenty five acres
of Land that I hold adjoining the Land of William J. White
Thom. and others be sold on such Credit as my Executor may
think best. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my loving wife
Mary Wilson all the remainder of my property that she
may wish to keep. The balance to be sold under the direction
of my Executor, and the proceeds together with the proceeds
of my other property before mentioned to be retained
in the hands of said Executor, to be paid over to my
loving wife whenever she or said Executor shall think necessary
Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Wilson my saddle
my wheel saw also is that my loving wife retain possession of my
living ~~house~~ house and lot & Land the ensuing Year Lastly I do
hereby nominate and appoint John Ramsey my Executor
In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal
this 26th day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and thirty eight.

John X Wilson Seal
mark

Signed sealed and published in our presence and
we have subscribed our names here to in the presence
of the testator this 26th day of October 1838

Benjamin B. Brantley, Junr, 3 January 7th 1839
Lile A. Ewing Junr,

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State of Tennessee Personally appeared in open court
Marshall County Benjamin B. Brantley and Lile A.
Ewing Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will, and proved
the due Execution of the same as the law directs, which was ordered
to be recorded. Witness my hand at office this 7th day
of January 1839. Wm. Oakley Clerk

Be it remembered that I Charles R. Neil of
the State of Tennessee and Marshall County Being a law
State of full the but of sound mind and memory and calling
to mind that it is appointed for all men to die, as it respects my
property which God in his goodness has blessed me with in this
life I leave and Bequeath in the following way

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane all my
Consisting of two tracts one which I now live on one of them
the other adjoining consisting of one hundred and Twenty acres
the other fifty be same more or less the better & bounds will appear
from deeds in possession to hold possession of the same during her
life for the support and Benefit of my family, and if my
wife should feel disposed to sell said Land and purchase
another tract she may do so by consulting with and by the
Consent of my Executor.

2^d I also give to her my negro boy Jim during her life
the above mentioned Land and negro at her death to be
sold and the money arising from said sale to be equally divided
between my five children (viz) Sophia Ann, Maria Ann,
Mary Ann, Malicia, Sarah Francis, James Boston

3^d I also give and bequeath to her my wife all my household
and Kitchen furniture,

4th and further give her all my stock of horses cows
hogs and sheep.

5th After all my debts is settled and the necessary Expenses
paid the balance of money coming to me I allow to

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to be used
My wife for the support of and for the education
of my children, I do constitute and make this my last
will and testament and appoint Marcus S. Wilson
My Executor April 1840

Signed and acknowledged
in the presence of
William N. Hill, Junr,
John C. Nill, Junr, June 1st 1840

State of Tennessee
Marshall County Personally appeared in open
Court, William Nill and John C. Nill witnesses
to the foregoing will, and proved the due execution of
the same as the Law directs, which was or was to be used
Witness my hand at office this 1st day
of June 1840.
W. M. DeKney (Clerk)

25 On the name of God amen I James Hix of the
County of Bedford and State of Tennessee being very sick and
weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be
given unto God, knowing unto mine the mortality of my
body, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in
manner following I recommend my soul in to the hands of
Almighty God that give it and I pray I recommend to the earth
to be buried in decent Christian burial At the discretion of
of my Executors, And as touching such worldly estate where
with it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise
and dispose of the same in the following manner and to wit
First I give and bequeath to my dear wife my Dear wife
all my land while she lives or continues in her widowhood
and at her death the same to fall to my son James
Hix and all the rest of my property, to her while
she lives to dispose of as she thinks proper I like ways

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Constitute make and ordain Robert Arr And John
Arr to be the sole Executors of this my last will and testament
and I do hereby utterly Disallow and revoke all former
testaments wills Legies and Executors Ratifying & confirming
this and no other to be my last will and testament. In
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this twenty six day of January in the Year of our Lord one
thousand Eight hundred and fifteen,
Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us.
Robert Arr Junr, James Hix (Clerk)
Heli Whaley

State of Tennessee Personally appeared in open
Marshall County Court Robert Arr one of the
Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing will and proved
the due Execution of said will as the Law directs. Also personally
appeared James Hix Jr. and proved the signature of Heli
Whaley, which will was or was to be recorded.
Witness my hand at office this 5th day of
October 1840.
W. M. DeKney (Clerk)

3 I William Alexander 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 money
that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands
of my Executors, Secondly I give and bequeath to my son
Elias one bed, cloths and furniture, Thirdly I give and
bequeath to my daughter Susan Mary Alexander one
bed, bed cloths and furniture, together with all the
bed cloths she has made for her self also one cow
and spring wheel. Fourthly I give and bequeath

To my daughter Sarah Harriet Alian an one bed
cloths and furniture together with such bed cloths as
she has made for herself also one cover and spring bed
which I consider will make them equal with the
res of my son and daughter. Fifthly I give and bequeath
to my daughter Rachael Aliandes eight children the
sum of five dollars each to be paid to them within
twelve months after my decease. Sixthly I will and ordain
that the balance of my estate consisting of Land and
negroes stock house hold kitchen furniture and farming
Utensils be equally divided among all my children
in the following manner. First my land to be laid off
into three or four lots as equal as possible. Secondly
the residue of my estate of what kind soever to be
equally divided among all my children by lot drawn
for by them successively. Lastly Lastly I appoint my
two trusty friends as to say G. Kelly and Robert Cox
my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my
will set my hand and seal this 20th day of July 1839
Wm. Alian

signed and published in our presence and we
have subscribed our names here to in the presence of
the Testator this 20th day of July 1839.
Nimrod Brown Jurat Nov 4th 1839.
Jo. Robbins Jurat Oct. 7th 1839.

State of Tennessee } Personally appeared in open court
Marshall County }
Nimrod Brown on the 4th day of November 1839. and
Jo. Robbins on the 7th day of October 1839. subscribing witnesses
to the foregoing will and provided the due Execution of said
will as the law directs, which was read to be recorded.
Witness my hand at office this 7th day of October 1839.
M. M. Oakley atty

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I John Lipscomb do 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 that I may be possessed
of or may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly
I leave to my beloved wife Julia Lipscomb all and singular
my property and effects during her natural life or so
long as she remains my widow with this condition that
my three daughters (Viz) Rebekah Lipscomb, Ann Lipscomb
and Martha Lipscomb live and remain with her and
have a support of my property as at present so long as they
may live single thirdly at the death or marriage of my
wife Julia Lipscomb I give and bequeath to my two
sons Henry Lipscomb and Franklin Lipscomb my tract of
Land whereon I now live to be equally divided between
them fourthly my desire is that at the death of my beloved
wife Julia Lipscomb or marriage that my negro man
Harriet and all my personal property be sold and the
proceeds to be divided equally between my three daughters
(Viz) Rebekah Lipscomb, Ann Lipscomb, and Martha
Lipscomb excepting three dollars which I give and bequeath
to my son William Lipscomb, and my two daughters
Elizabeth Retchy and Sally Stubbs to be equally
divided between them. Lastly I do hereby nominate
and appoint William Wilks my Executors in witness
whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal
this 31st day of ~~January~~ December 1839.

John ^{his} Lipscomb
signed sealed and published in our presence and
we have subscribed our names here to in the presence
of the Testator this 31st day of December 1839.
John H. Bryant Jurat, }
James J. Bryant Jurat, } Feb. 3^d 1840