

to him one Sorel Horse  
 Seventhly I give and devise to my daughter  
 Lucy Jane Taylor in addition to what has  
 already been devised to her one bed and furniture  
 and one fine Cherry Bedstead and  
 one Bureau,  
 Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint  
 William D Taylor and James W Taylor  
 my Executors in Nitrop whereof I do  
 to this my will set my hand and seal  
 This 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1852

Edmond Taylor Seal

Sealed and published  
 in our presence this the  
 7<sup>th</sup> day 1852

Edmond W Dean  
 James W Gant

State of Tennessee County Court  
 Marshall County November term 1854  
 Personally appeared in open court Samuel W  
 Dean & James W Gant subscribing  
 Nitrop to the foregoing will and who after  
 first being sworn here in open court  
 proved said will as the Law directs  
 Nitrop my hand at office  
 November 6<sup>th</sup> 1854  
 J. Tully Clerk

State of Tennessee I James Miller being of sound and  
 Marshall County perfect mind and memory but weak  
 in body do make and publish this my last will and  
 Testament in manner & form following (viz)  
 First, I will that all my Just debts be paid  
 and funeral expence,  
 Second, I give and bequeath to my beloved  
 wife Elizabeth Miller and the house hold and kitchen  
 furniture and all farming tools and all the  
 Stock of Every kind.

Thirdly I will that my  
 plantation whereon I now live be set apart for  
 my wife and for the support of my two daughters  
 Matilda Mary Miller during the life of my  
 wife the the plantation or the profits of the same to  
 go to the support of my two daughters abovenamed  
 If they or either of them remain single but at any  
 time after the decease of my wife those of my  
 daughters that remain single and executors finding  
 that it would be best to give the said land  
 up to my executors for them to sell to the highest  
 bidder the land to be divided as follows Alexander  
 Adams on the south Patterson on the East  
 Williams on the north Andrew Miller on the  
 West containing one hundred and twenty three  
 or more or less.

Fourthly I will at the decease  
 of my wife all the stock and house hold and kitchen  
 furniture and farming tools be sold to the highest  
 bidder and equally divided between my daughters  
 and the money arising from the sale of the land  
 to be equally divided between all my children  
 Fifthly I will after my decease that our  
 servants remain with my wife while she lives



Then our children to have them Mary to have Elsie Cynthia to have Lisa Sarah to have Levi John to have Jo. James to have Bob. Ann to Circa Elizabeth to have Julia Andrew to have Henry Matilda to have Beatrix Alara to have Hulay Levia to have Engelnie I further Will that if there be any increase amongst my servants before they are divided that my wife have the disposal of them as she please.

Lastly I appoint John James and Andrew Miller 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.

James Miller  
This the tenth day of September 1840. Signed sealed published and delivered by the above named James Miller to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names witnesses in presence of the testator

Test Robert B Patterson

Test W D Adams,

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County County Court over term 1854

Personally appeared in open Court of Deacons one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and who after being sworn then in their Covert proved said Will as the Law directs

(Witness my hand at office November 6<sup>th</sup> 1854)

J. Tacy Clerk

John Endasley's Will

In the name of God Amen

I John Endasley of the State of Tennessee Bedford County Being of disposable memory blessed be God Do this the 13 day of February in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six make and publish this my last Will & testament in the following manner. (Viz)

Item 1<sup>st</sup> My wife and asin is that my Just debts & funeral charges be first paid out of my estate  
Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I Will and bequeath to my Daughter Damaris Anderson my black Girl Ester of the value of four hundred dollars during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of body. I also Will to my said Daughter Damaris the tract of Land I bought of Joshua Kelley containing ninety seven acres and eighty poles including all the improvements of five hundred dollars to her during her natural life & at her death to be equally divided amongst the heirs of body. I also devise to my said Daughter Damaris her Horse saddle & bridle on Cow & calf two feather Beds & furniture Cash and other property up to the present date the whole amounting to twelve hundred dollars all of which she has received.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I Will and devise to my son John Milton Endasley one hundred acres of land it being the plantation whereon Hugh Luper formerly lived on, of the value of seven hundred dollars to him and the heirs of his body forever. I also devise to my son Will Endasley black man Henry of the value of five hundred dollars to him and the heirs of his body forever. I also devise to my said son

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my sixty gallon Still that I bought of Thomas  
Gibbs & six mash tubs at at one hundred  
dollar value. and further I give to my son the Gray  
Horse he now has in possession & saddle in all  
one hundred & thirty dollars, & also my Surveying  
Instruments & bed and furniture, valued at  
seventy dollars, but provided his part of my  
estate should not amount to that sum when  
it is ascertained, what will be an equal share  
In that Case he the said Jell Endsey is to pay  
back to the estate so that his share will be equal  
to that of the other 2.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my Daughter Cynthia  
Endsey my black Girl Dick to be valued when she  
gets her in possession and to have a Horse at no less  
value than one hundred dollars or to be made  
up to that in other property, and also her saddle  
valued at thirty dollars also two Beds and furniture  
one Cow & Calf and in the event of her getting married  
in that case my will is that she receive in such  
property as can be spared or money if it can be  
spared to purchase Land making her part with  
what she has heretofore received twelve hundred  
dollars. But the black girl Dick as before mentioned  
I devise to her the said Cynthia during her natural  
life and at her death ~~to the heirs of her~~ ~~to the heirs of her~~ heirs of her  
body, if any, otherwise to go to her brothers and sisters  
equally.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my son Isaac  
Newton Endsey my black boy Neddy to him and the  
heirs of his body forever, valued four hundred  
dollars, Bay Horse Colt called Boliver and saddle  
worth thirty dollars, and my silver watch at  
twenty five dollars and my Colt to be valued when grown

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Item 6<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my son Beaford Endsey  
my black Boy Lewis to him & the heirs of his body  
forever, if he has any otherwise to go to his Brothers  
and sisters equally to be valued when he receives him  
also I devise to him the plain Bedford Endsey one  
Horse with one hundred dollars, and saddle & bridle  
worth at least thirty dollars.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to my beloved wife Mary Endsey  
all the balance of my property & Estate not heretofore  
deviseed both Land negroes, Cash & Bank stock  
property of every description during her natural life  
or widowhood, for the purpose of Raising & Educating  
my children with the following exceptions, that  
when any of my children stand in need of any  
property in that Case she may help them to any  
property she thinks they stand in need of, ~~and~~  
the same to be valued and taken out of their  
distributive share of my Estate and in the  
event of the marriage of my wife Mary my will  
is that the remainder of my Estate not heretofore  
divided, be valued by ~~three~~ good men not  
connected with the legates by affinity or otherwise  
& to be equally divided amongst my children & my wife  
share & share alike first deducting what each legatee  
has previously received, out of their share of my  
estate. And all those of my children that have  
arrived to the age of Twenty one years are to choose  
Guardians & through them to receive their part, and  
give out the negroes & sell such perishable property  
as they the Guardians should be advisable, and if  
any of my children should die before they arrive  
at the age of Twenty one years in that Case my  
will is that their part of my estate be equally divided  
amongst their surviving Brothers & Sisters. Should my

Wife not marry at her death my will is that all my property be equally divided amongst all my children as above described, & that but my wife's part which she may desire as she may think proper.

Item 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition to what I have devised to my sons Isaac Newton & Beauford Emadley I devise all the balance of my land not heretofore devised equally divided between the two & their mother viz. my wife enjoy the home place during her life or widowhood and the same to be valued by disinterested persons, and to be taken out of their share of my estate, and I do hereby appoint my wife Mary Emadley Executor to this my last will and testament with privilege to employ any person she may think proper to assist her in discharging of her duty.

In witness whereof I the said John Emadley have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & date year above written

Thomas Cummings Junr — John Emadley (seal)  
Benjamin Dimmons

Sho of Sumner & Beauford County

I John H. Greer Clerk of the County Court of said County Herby Certify that the foregoing is a true & perfect Copy of the last Will & Testament of John Emadley De. & as appears of Record in my office

Witness my hand at office Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 1854 John H. Greer Clk  
State of Sumner & Beauford County

A. S. Tully clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & perfect transcript of the last Will & Testament of John Emadley together with the Clerk's Certificate thereon as now filed in my office. Witness my hand at office November 6<sup>th</sup> 1854  
A. S. Tully

That all men by these presents that I E. A. Stilwell being weak in body but sound in mind do make and publish this my last will and testament which is as follows, to wit, I will that my beloved wife Mary Ann Stilwell have three negroes to wit Gilpah a woman, and Tom<sup>a</sup> boys, and Francis Marian a boy to keep until my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years for the purpose of supporting her and my two children and she is not to charge them for their board or clothing — I will that my wife have three beds and bed clothing sufficient to make them comfortable in their use and her saddle that she now has, for benefit of her and my two children — I will that my wife have any other property that she may wish to keep at its valuation to be made by two disinterested men, she accounting for the same to my Executor on final settlement for such property as she may thus keep, after it is valued to her as before directed. — I will that my entire estate be equally divided, between my wife Mary Ann, and my two children Margaret Ann Amanda Stilwell and George Beaman Stilwell, after giving my wife the three beds & clothes before mentioned and letting her have the use of the three negroes until my youngest child becomes of age and my wife is then for the said negroes and their increase to be equally divided between my wife and my two children — I will that all the money that shall come into the hands of my executor belonging to my children shall be by him invested in land for them to come into their possession when ever they shall arrive at the age of twenty one years.

except one hundred dollars of each one share that my executor shall keep in his hands for the purpose of paying for the schooling my children—  
I Will that my friend Mr. A. Houston of Marshall County Tennessee sell fifty three acres of Cedar land lying in said County & State adjoining the lands of Mrs. Barron & others belonging to me: when he may think best to do so and on such terms as he may think will best advance my interest or that of my estate—and I will that said Mr. A. Houston pay forty dollars whenever called on that I was directed to pay by the will of my father to educate Mrs. L. Stilwell a son of E. B. Stilwell—

I will that my executor shall comply with that part of my father's will that directs me to pay to the said Mrs. L. Stilwell two hundred dollars when he arrives at the age of twenty one years and I direct that my executor loan out two hundred dollars for that purpose until the said Mrs. L. Stilwell arrives at the age of twenty one years and that he pay the interest arising from the two hundred dollars equally to my wife and my two children and that he pay the principal of the two hundred dollars as directed by my father's will. I will that my wife if I should die in Tennessee or before I get to Texas shall have the use of my Carryall and the two horses that I work to it together with the harness and my medicine chest & two trunks for the purpose of removing her and my children to Texas and after she gets to Texas she may keep one or both of the horses or any thing else at valuation as before mentioned

I do appoint my friend Isaac B. Webb my executor of this my last will & testament, Witness my hand and Seal this 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1854

Attest

E. A. Stilwell (Seal)

B. W. Goranick

J. McEnight Jurat 1st Jan 1855

G. B. Black

State of Tennessee County Court January term 1855  
Marshall County, Tenn. Personally appeared in open court B. W. Goranick J. McEnight & G. B. Black subscribing witness to the foregoing will and who after first being sworn here in open court proved the due execution of said will as the law directs. It is therefore ordered by the court that said will be entered & record. Witness my hand at office January 1st 1855  
S. Tally Clerk

I John A. Glenn being of sound mind and memory hereby make and establish this my last will and testament in the following manner. First my will and desire is that my beloved wife Elizabeth I Glenn shall have all my land and all the boys and five mares (viz) one that we call Press, Julia Beck, Polly & Sally and five head of cattle that we call Whiteheads, White Black Spuck and Red Spuck and all the sheep I have and all the Crops & Provisions on hand and all the houseing furniture and farming tools for her and her family use till the youngest child becomes of age. I also want a good servant Boy bought for her to keep the same length of time also my girl Emily

361 and Mazon. then I wish every thing else that I possess to be sold and debts collected and all my just debts and expenses paid and the balance of the money loaned out and for each of my children to draw his or her equal portion as he or she becomes of age and when my said youngest child becomes of twenty one years of age I wish the property hereby left to my said wife to be sold or divided as may best suit and make her equal with children that the balance to be equally divided among her and children

I in witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1854 John A. Lane

(Witness)

Robert Williams

J. D. S. Haywood Jurat 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1855

State of Tennessee County Court  
Marshall County - January term 1855  
Personally appeared in open court  
Robert Williams & J. D. S. Haywood  
subscribing witness to the foregoing will  
and who after first being sworn here in  
open court proved the execution of said  
will as the law directs, It is  
therefore ordered by the court that it be  
entered of record. (Witness my hand  
at office January 1<sup>st</sup> 1855)  
J. Tally Clk

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In the name of God Amen, I Joel Lane of the County  
of Marshall & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and  
memory, and being impressed of the uncertainty of life and  
the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last  
will and testament in manner & form following to wit  
In the first place I desire that all my just debts  
be paid should any exist, and that my burial expenses  
be paid out of any money that may be on hand  
at my death or out of the first money that may  
come into the hands of my executor hereinafter named,  
In the second place I desire that all my personal  
property be sold by my executor on a credit of twelve  
months with bond & good security, and the proceeds  
of the sale of said property to be equally divided  
between my wife Susanah H. Lane and my  
son Alfred J. Lane. In the third place I desire  
that the County Court grant letters testamentary to my executor  
hereafter named, on his giving security, I also desire that  
my said executor at the proper time be appointed  
Guardian for my said son Alfred J. Lane any  
law to the contrary notwithstanding. In the fourth place  
I nominate and appoint Alexander H. Carter of  
the County of Giles as my executor to this my last  
will & testament and authorize and empower him to sell  
the above property without a decree from Court.  
my real estate is disposed of by deed of gift.  
Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us this 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1854 Joel Lane

Test

John Lanes

Thomas Lane Jurat 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1855

State of Tennessee Marshall County  
County Court February term 1855. Personally

363 appeared here in open court John Lewis &  
Thomas Lane subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will  
and who after first being sworn here in open court  
promised the due execution of the same as the law  
directs, (which was ordered by the court to be  
entered of record). Witness my hand at  
office February 5<sup>th</sup> 1855  
L. Tully Clerk

I Stephen Porter of the County of Marshall State  
of Tennessee being of sound mind but in a low  
state of health and knowing that my sojourning  
in this world is uncertain do in view of this thing  
make and publish this my last will and testament  
hereby revoking and making void all former wills  
by me made at any time made.

First. I will and it is my desire that my body  
be decently intermentally interred, and my  
funeral expenses and all my just debts be  
paid out of any moneys I may die possessed  
of or which may first come into the hands of  
my executors.

Second. I give and bequeath unto my beloved  
wife Jennima Twenty five acres of tillable land  
to be laid off to her by some three disinterested  
persons to be selected by her and my Executors  
to be bounded on some of my out boundaries  
to which they shall attach as much timber  
land as will be sufficient to support the  
same, sufficient for her to have a comfortable  
residence thereon including water to be hers  
during her natural life I also give and  
bequeath her one horse and worth at least

one hundred dollars. Two Cows Ten Sheep, ten Hogs 364  
and one year provision from my death with three brass  
bedsteads and furniture I also give and bequeath her  
my negro woman named Jude, and her five children  
to wit, Tom, Dave, William, Reuben, and Morgan.  
Third. I give and bequeath unto my son William  
Porter Fifteen hundred dollars if he should ever apply  
for it.

Fourth. In this item I will I just say that I have  
heretofore advanced my son Nathaniel Porter his  
full proportion of my estate. I therefore cannot advance  
him any further.

Fifth. I give and bequeath unto my daughter  
Nancy Leonard, wife of Griffith Leonard Fifteen  
hundred dollars in addition to what I have heretofore  
advanced her.

Sixth I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel  
Porter Fifteen hundred dollars in addition what  
I have heretofore advanced him.

Seventh. I give and bequeath unto my daughter  
Sarah E. Cummings wife of George Cummings  
fifteen hundred dollars in addition to what I have  
heretofore advanced her.

Eighth I give and bequeath unto my sons  
John Porter & Stephen Porter all the lands of which  
I may die possessed, as well my tract of roover  
land in the hills of Cave Creek & Richland Creek  
as my home tract wherein I now live,  
to be equally divided between them I share alike, I also give and bequeath unto  
my said son John Porter my negro boy  
named Peter, and in like manner I give and  
bequeath unto my said son Stephen Porter  
my negro boy named Jacob, all of which

365 land jointly and slaves individually to be  
theirs and their heirs forever.  
Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my  
friend David McWhorter Executor to this my  
last will and testament

In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe  
my name and affix my seal, the 14th  
day of December A.D. 1854 Stephen Porter (Seal)  
Executor and published by the said  
Stephen Porter in the presence of said  
testator at his particular instance and  
request. the 14th December 1854

G. B. Mills

John Caldwell - Attest 5th Feb 1855

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County - County Court Feb term 1855

Personally appeared here in open court G. B. Mills and John  
Caldwell subscribing witness to the foregoing will  
and who after first being sworn here in open  
court proved the due execution of the same  
as the Law directs. which will was thereupon  
ordered by the Court to be entered of record  
Witness my hand at office February 5th 1855  
J. Vally (Seal)

I Robert Orr of the County of Marshall in the  
State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory  
for which I feel thankful to my God, for his  
blessings, but being advanced in years, and  
labouring under infirmities. knowing at the  
same time that it is appointed for all mankind  
once to die, and believing also, that it is but  
for all men to set their house in order, both

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temporally and spiritually, as in view of the premises, dispose  
of and distribute the little worldly goods it has pleased divine  
providence to enable me to possess, in manner and form  
as to me at this time seems proper, and right, and  
in order that it may be done so, do make and  
publish this to be my last will and testament, hereby  
revoking and making void all other wills by me at  
any time made, That is to say—  
In the first place. I will and desire that my  
funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid,  
as soon after my death as possible, out of the moneys  
I may die possessed of, or out of the moneys that may  
first come into the hands of my executors, to be  
administered.

I now, I will and bequeath unto my  
sons John Orr & Robert J. Orr jointly one acre of land  
to be laid off so as to include, the mill, and millhouse  
where it now stands, together with the privilege of  
conveying the water thence, from the same source,  
through the same channels, and in the same manner,  
in which the same is now done; to be theirs, their  
heirs and assigns forever.

And, I will and bequeath  
unto my son Robert J. Orr, the tract of land  
whereon I now live except that part with its  
privileges, as disposed of in item 2nd of this  
Instrument, together with the tract of cedar  
land which I purchased from — Repe  
containing about hundred acres, to be severally  
his, his heirs and assigns forever.

4th I will and  
bequeath unto my daughter Ester Hoyle, my  
coo'n, with all the articles, ~~from~~ and appendages  
thereof for wearing,

5<sup>th</sup>. I will that all the goods and chattels that I may die seized and possessed, not otherwise disposed of in this my last will and testament be sold by my executors to the highest bidder in such credits as to them may seem proper and right.

6<sup>th</sup>. my will and desire is and I so hereby devise, that the proceeds arising from the sale of my perishable property as provided for in the foregoing item together with all moneys or other means and funds, that I may die seized and possessed of, or entitled to the possession thereof, not herein otherwise bequeathed or disposed of, be divided into six equal shares, or portions, and that my son John Orr have one share thereof, that my son William D. Orr have one share thereof, that my Daughter Sally McSherry Leah Dysart, and sister Hoyle, or their heirs, have each one share, and that my grand son Robert E. Dysart and Alfred A. Dysart sons of my deceased daughter Elizabeth Dysart have one share jointly, and should either of said grandsons die, leaving their minority or leaving no heirs of their bodies, then I will that that the survivors have his brother's part, and should both of my said grandsons die leaving their minority leaving no heirs of their bodies then and in that case, I will that their share be equally divided among and between my five other heirs named, in this item, namely John, William D, Sally, Leah & Ester, or their heirs,

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my worthy friends Joseph H. Orr & David McSherry

my Executors to ~~execute~~ execute this my last will and testament, In testimony whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal, this day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four,

Signed sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the testator and at his special request, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1844.

Almire Orr  
James Price

Proven in open court

James O. Gower Chairman Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 1855

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County County Court ~~Held~~ term 1855  
Personally appeared here in open court Almire Orr  
and James Price subscribing witnesses to the  
foregoing will and who after first being sworn  
then in open court proved said will as the law  
directs, It was therefore ordered by the court, that  
said will be entered of record & witnessed by my hand  
at office, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1855  
J. S. Valley Clerk

I Richens Rankin being of sound mind and memory make and establish this my last will and testament, as follows,

My wish and desire is that my beloved wife Margaret Rankin have during her natural life with the following exceptions, The tract of land on which I now live my steers mare and Roan filly 10 Sheep all the Hogs 15 Bushels

369) What all the balance of the provisions on hands all the household furniture, and the timber that I bought from H. B. Ennin unless she should again marry, then I wish the land equally divided between her and my son Samuel, I also wish my Daughter Lucretia and my son Richard to live with their mother as long as they remain single and have a support off of the place,

My wish and desire is for my son Samuel to have the tract of land on which I now live at the death of his Mother, except a support for my son Richard, which I wish him to have off of the place as long as he lives,

I Wish my son John G. to pay half the price for the tract of land, that he and I bought from James W. Bell, and have it all except the twenty five acres, that formerly belonged to Martin Wisner,

I Wish the said 25 acres of land sold by my executors to the highest bidder, on 12 months credit without any discount of court, and the proceeds of it and every thing else, belonging to me to be equally divided among all my daughters,

My wish and desire is for my son John G. and my neighbor H. B. Ennin to be my executors, This 24<sup>th</sup> February 1855  
Signed sealed &c. R. D. Rankin (and)  
in presence of us.  
Robert Williams  
H. B. Ennin  
Witness 5 March 1855

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County County Court March term 1855  
Personally appeared here in open court, Robert Williams & Hugh R. Glenn subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and who after first being qualified here in open court swore the same as the law directs, Witness my hand as  
office clerk 5<sup>th</sup> March 1855  
J. T. Kelly clerk

I make and publish this my last will and testament. I bequeath my body to the earth from whence it came and my spirit to God who gave it. I wish all my just debts paid out of any moneys that may come into my Executors hands as soon after my death as possible. I do give to my beloved wife Elizabeth D. Ezell during her natural life my tract of land where I now live containing two hundred acres and the following negroes to wit Isaac Patta Angelina Minnie and Mary and all my household & kitchen furniture, and such of my stock as she may wish. I wish my Executors to see my boy Nelson & the funds to go to the education of my children & support of my family if necessary and as my children become of age or marry I wish my wife to give them off equally such things as she can spare and at the death of my beloved wife I wish every thing sold and equally divided between my children. I appoint J. B. Houston & J. B. Ezell my executors Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1855  
J. A. Holt  
G. W. Ezell  
Witness 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1855  
Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

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Marshall County County Court April term 1855.

Personally appeared here in open court J. H. Holt  
J. G. W. Eyrill subscribing witness to the foregoing  
~~will~~ and who after first being sworn here  
in open court pronounced the execution of the  
same as the law directs, which was ordered  
by the Court to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office  
April 2nd 1855

J. Tally Clk

I William Caruthers of the County of Marshall  
and State of Tennessee being of sound mind  
and disposing memory, but weak in body,  
do make and publish this my last will  
and testament, hereby revoking and making  
void all other wills by me heretofore made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my executor  
shall out of the money on hand at my  
death, or that shall first come to his hands  
from my estate pay ad. my just debts.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> It is my will and desire, that my daughter  
Mary R. Young wife of John C. Young  
shall have two thousand dollars to be paid  
to her by my executor for her own separate  
use and benefit, free from the debts and  
control of her husband.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I will and bequeath unto my son William  
C. Caruthers two thousand dollars.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto the children  
and grand children if any of my deceased  
daughter Sarah modern five hundred dollars

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which is in full of their share in my estate except  
negro woman Caladonia and her increase, which I  
loaned to my daughter, and which said Caladonia and  
her increase, I will and bequeath to my deceased  
daughter children and grand children if any. the  
grand children representing their deceased mother's  
interest in the distribution.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto my deceased daughter  
Malvina Harwells children one thousand dollars  
and if either of her children is dead leaving  
children to receive the share of their parent in its  
distribution by my executor.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I will and devise unto my daughter Malvina  
Creil five dollars, having already given to her  
negro girl named Harried, and knowing that she is  
in easy circumstances.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath unto Mary Caruthers wife  
of J. C. Caruthers fifty acres of land to be marked off,  
out of my home tract, by my executor which is all  
that I owing to her having already given to her one negro  
girl Martha.

Item 8<sup>th</sup> I will and devise unto my daughter Emily Butler  
fifty acres of land to be allowed to her by my  
executor and also one negro woman or girl,  
to be selected by my executor and conveyed to her  
in part for her own separate use and benefit,  
during life, and at her death to go to her  
children.

Item 9<sup>th</sup> I will and devise unto my daughter Louisa  
 Tate five dollars.

Item 10<sup>th</sup> I will and devise to Samuel Caruthers  
 fifty dollars.

Item 11<sup>th</sup> I will and devise unto the children of my deceased  
son William Caruthers fifty dollars.

Item 12<sup>th</sup>. All the rest of my property of every description, real, personal, choses in action, notes, accounts, and money, lands and negroes I will and bequeath unto my son Robert M. Cantrus.

Item 13<sup>th</sup>. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Robert M. Cantrus Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1855

William Cantrus <sup>his</sup> mark

signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence & in the presence of the testator

Witness

Richard Tanner

William & Andrew <sup>Subscribed</sup> Jurat. 4<sup>th</sup> June 1855

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County Court, Court term 1855  
Personally appeared in open Court Richard Tanner & William & Andrew subscribing witness to the foregoing will and who after first being sworn here in open Court proved the due execution of the same as the law directs.

Witness my hand at  
office June 4<sup>th</sup> 1855

J. Tully <sup>clerk</sup>

I Sandy R. Bills do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making all other wills by me 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 die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors and secondly, I bequeath and give to my beloved wife Lucinda all my property both personal and real for the purpose of raising my children during her natural life and then divide it equally among all my children and lastly, I do hereby nominate Alexander H. Bills and Samuel Becket my executors in witness whereof I do this my will set my ~~hand~~ <sup>mark</sup> this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 1855

Test

D. B. Bills

Samuel A. Becket

Sandy R. Bills <sup>his</sup> mark

Jurat 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1855

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County Court, Court term 1855  
Personally appeared here in open Court Daniel G. Bills & James A. Becket subscribing witness to the foregoing will and who after first being sworn here in open Court proved the due execution of the same as the law directs which was ordered by the Court to be entered of record. Witness my hand at office July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1855

J. Tully <sup>clerk</sup>

Robert Bigger's Mill

I Robert Bigger of the County of Marshall  
in The State of Tennessee being of sound mind  
and in the enjoyment of my usual health but  
knowing the uncertainty of life do in view  
thereof make and publish this as my last will  
and testament hereby revoking and making void  
all former wills by me at any time made.

I am first - I will also direct that my funeral  
& expenses and all my just debts be paid out  
of any money I may be possessed of, or which  
may first come into the hands of my executors  
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Item Second- my will and desire is and I  
so hereby direct and desire that all of my  
Slaves my stock of Horses Cattle Hogs and  
Sheep be retained by my wife Elizabeth, and  
by her used for the purpose enabling her to  
maintain and raise my children and  
that she also have and ~~use~~ <sup>possess</sup> all my  
lands of which I may ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> possessed  
for a home; and in addition to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup>  
support and maintenance aforesaid  
I desire that my children be educated in  
the customary mode of acquiring a common  
English education and that a portion of the  
proceeds arising from the labor of my  
Slaves and produce my lands and such  
other means as I may have, be used for  
that purpose - I further direct that the  
my wife Elizabeth retain the possession of  
the property as above directed until such  
time as she may change condition by  
marriage or the children may become grown  
and not require the joint services of my Slaves

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and proceeds of the other property should she not  
again intermarry, then whenever either of those contingen-  
cies arise, I direct that an equitable division  
thereof may be made, as well those that are now  
in living as also their increase up to that time  
in said division I desire that my wife's dower  
interest in my land be first set apart to her as  
though I had died intestate and the balance then of  
including Slaves and all my choses in action,  
equally between her and my children.

Item Third. In case then I should not be found on hand or coming to me to discharge the expenses and liabilities contemplated in the first item of this will then and in that case I direct my Executor to sell some of my personal property such as can be best done without to raise a sum sufficient therefor.

Stein & fourth I hereby appoint David McGahy  
 executor to this my last will and Testament  
 in testimony whereof I have to this my last  
 will and testament subscribed my name  
 and affixed my seal the first day of October  
 A.D. 1849. Robert Bigger (Seal)

Made and published in our  
presence and we having subscribed  
our names in the presence of the testator  
at his particular instance & request

Mr. Petty

William H. Tally, Jurat 6 August 1855  
 State of Tennessee Marshall County, Personally appeared  
 herein open court Mr. H. Tally one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing writ and who after first being sworn here in  
 open court proved the foregoing index as the law directs  
 Witness my hand at office August 6<sup>th</sup> 1855 W. Tally (att)

377 I Joshua Nicholas of the County of  
Marshall State of Tennessee do hereby make  
and publish this my last will and  
testament hereby revoking all other wills  
by me at any time heretofore made,  
First, I direct that all my just debts  
together with my funeral expenses  
be paid out of any money I may  
be possessed of at the time of my death  
or shall first come into the hands  
of my executor.

Second, After the payment of my  
debts I direct that my beloved wife  
Patsy Nicholas shall have the full  
use and enjoyment of all my property  
both real and personal for her support  
maintenance during her natural  
life.

Third, At the death of my beloved wife  
Patsy I give and bequeath to John  
McCollum a young man I have  
raised all my property both real and  
personal but in the event of the death of the  
said John McCollum, I give the  
same to his lawful begotten children  
if any then living and in the event of  
the death of all the children of the said  
John McCollum without issue then  
I give the same to my heirs at law.

Fourth I hereby nominate and appoint my respected  
friend Humphrey N. Leavelle executor to this  
my last will & testament, In testimony whereof I have  
signed at my home and this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1850

Joshua Nicholas  
W. P. Davis  
J. C. Gant  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855

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State of Tennessee  
Marshall County County Court September term 1855  
Personally appeared here in open court W. P. Davis  
J. C. Gant subscribing witnesses to the foregoing  
will and who after first being sworn in the  
open Court proved the due execution of the  
foregoing will as the law directs.

Witness my hand at Office  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855 J. Sully, clerk

### Jeremiah Gant's Will

I Jeremiah Gant of the County of Marshall  
and State of Tennessee do make and publish  
my last will and testament revoking all  
other wills by me made at any time -  
First; I desire and direct that all of  
my Debts shall be paid as soon after  
my death as possible or with the first money  
that may come into the hands of my  
executors. Second, I give and bequeath  
to my wife Craney Gant during her  
lifetime my tract of land on which I now  
live and reside, during her lifetime the following  
negroes. Gabriel and Caroline & their  
increase if any and also I give to my wife  
Craney Gant in addition to the above  
negroes one negro girl named Lissa  
to have and do with as she may think  
proper and also one other negro man  
Jacks to dispose of as she thinks proper  
at her death or sooner if she desires  
- so to do - Third; I give and bequeath to  
my son William Gant heirs at my  
death one negro girl and increase if

879 any from the date of this my will  
namely Unde to be equally divided between  
them in addition to what to what I have  
heretofore given to my son William in his  
lifetime. Fourth I Give to son Thomas  
him at my death one hundred acres of  
land on the south side of my old tract  
the only part I now owned it being  
in north end of Civil District 101 in  
Marshall County joining the land of  
Whaley Good and others and also one  
negro man Dan at my death to be  
equally divided between in addition  
to what I have heretofore given to my  
son Thomas. Fifth I give and  
bequeath to my son Charles him to  
he have them at my death by my  
two sons Richard B. Gant and Francis  
M. Gant with the exception of his son  
Calvin who has received his part  
one hundred and fifty dollars  
a piece Sixth I give to my daughter  
Elizabeth Anderson during her lifetime  
and at her death to her 3 youngest  
children named as follows Richard  
Susan and Mary one negro girl named  
Clarissa her increase if any from the  
date of this my will.

Seventh I give and bequeath to my  
son Richard B. Gant at the death of his  
mother one negro woman named Caroline  
and her youngest child and their increase  
if any from the date of this my will and  
also at the same I give him the said

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R. B. Gant one half of my tract of land  
heretofore willow to his mother Nancy Gant and  
further more I give to my son R. B. Gant one  
half of all of the personal property and farming  
implements on hand at the death of his  
mother. Eight I Give and bequeath to  
Daughter Susan Gant at my death the  
following negroes to wit; Angelina  
Ressia Patty and Simon and their  
increase if any from the date of this  
my will and also two Beds and  
two Bedsteads and all the clothing necessary  
for furnishing of the same and moreover  
I give Susan Gant one horse saddle  
and bridle worth one hundred and  
fifty dollars. Ninth I give to my son  
W. J. Gant one hundred dollars to be  
paid him by sons R. B. Gant and  
Francis M. Gant at my death this  
with the amount I have heretofore  
given him I consider his equal  
share of my estate.

Tenth I give to my son James M.  
Gant's heirs at my death one neg-  
roid named Jas. and increase if any  
from the date of this my will in addition  
to what I have given him heretofore  
it being one hundred acres of land.

Eleventh I have heretofore given the heirs  
of my Daughter Mary Miller's one negro  
woman as appears of Record of the County  
of Giles County which I believe and  
consider the equal share of my  
est.

Twelfth - I give and bequeath to my son Francis M. Gant at my death the following negroes and their increase if any from the date of this my will to wit and Mary & her children with the exception of Jan. named as follows. John Willig, Emma and her youngest the name I do not know and also at the death of his mother one negro man Subria and furthermore I give Francis M. Gant at the death of his mother one half of my land the other half hereupon willed to R. B. Gant and also I give half of all of the stock & farming utensils on hand at the death of his mother to Lucia Francis M. Gant.

Thirteenth - I give and bequeath to my two Grand Daughters Curilla and Josephine Irons one negro girl named Louisa to be equally divided between them at my death.

Fourteenth - And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Humphrey A. Bowman and my son Francis M. Gant my lawful executors in (Drum up) whereof I subscribe my name. On this day the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1854.

Jeremia Gant (Dead)  
Signed and sealed in our presence  
and our names to be sworn

Subscribing witnesses on the day it bears date  
F. L. Cooper Jm<sup>at</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1855  
E. S. Glenn  
Wm. C. Helyton Jm<sup>at</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 1855

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County  
Personally appeared in open court F. L. Cooper and  
Wm. C. Helyton subscribing witnesses to the  
 foregoing will and who after first being  
sworn then in open court pronounced the due  
execution of said will as the law  
directs. Witness my hands at  
Office September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855  
S. Tally, Clerk

The emancipative Will of Liddabury A. Wells made on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 1855 in his own house in Marshall  
County Tennessee in the presence of William H. Hester  
& R. C. Blackwell and is as follows to wit. I wish  
my wife Mildred Ann Wells to have a bay mare  
that myself and Thomas R. Wiggins own jointly  
I wish her the mare to be sold for my wife at  
the sale - I want my partner the said Thomas R.  
Wiggins to withdraw the partnership that now  
exists between myself and him and after  
paying all my debts I want my wife Mildred  
Ann to have the use of all my property during  
her natural life or widowhood for the purpose  
of raising my children & at her marriage or  
or death then the property is to be equally divided  
amongst my children. The said Liddabury  
A. Wells died in his own house on the second  
of August 1855 and the above was made  
and published in our presence the day  
above specified.  
Jm<sup>at</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1855 W. H. Hester

State of Tennessee } County Court Oct term 1855  
 Marshall County } Personally appeared here in open  
 court R. L. Blackwell & W. H. Hester ~~and~~ subscribing  
 witnesps to the within foregoing Will and who  
 after first being sworn here in open court  
 proved said will as the Law directs  
 Witness my hand at Office Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1855  
 S. Tully cl<sup>k</sup>

I L. B. Davis do make and publish this my  
 last will and testament hereby revoking  
 and making void all other wills by  
 me at any time made.

First it my wish and desire that all my  
 real estate shall be sold by my Executor  
 and I hereby authorize and empower him  
 to do so on such time as he may think  
 most advantageous to my estate, the  
 real estate to which I allude consists of  
 Two small tracts one of which I purchased  
 of J. W. Penn and his wife the other is  
 a lot of Meade land about one mile west  
 of Farmington and adjoining a tract of land  
 now owned by Jesse Stigall I further  
 authorize my executor to divide said tracts  
 to suit purchasers if necessary.

I desire further to say, that some time since  
 I executed a deed to Davis & Porter for the Stone  
 House lot in the town of Farmington, but  
 never acknowledged it which one is ~~now~~  
 probably now misplaced. if so I ~~hereby~~  
 authorize and require my Executor to  
 make a similar deed to the firm of Davis &  
 Porter. I further desire that a ~~copy~~ be made

of my personal property or so much of it as may  
 be necessary to the payment of my debts. After my  
 estate shall have been closed up and my debts  
 paid should any money or effects be left I desire  
 that it may go to my wife, to enable her to raise  
 educate and support my children.

I do hereby nominate  
 and appoint J. W. Penn my Executor & witness, whom  
 I do to this my will set my hand and seal  
 Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1855

signed sealed and published L. B. Davis  
 in the presence of  
 John Ramsey  
 P. L. Attkisson  
 J. W. Porter } Jurat 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 1855

State of Tennessee }  
 Marshall County } County Court Oct term 1855  
 Personally appeared here in open court  
 P. L. Attkisson & J. W. Porter subscribing  
 witnesps to the foregoing Will and who after  
 first being sworn here in open court proved  
 said will as the Law directs.  
 Witness my hand at Office Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855  
 S. Tully cl<sup>k</sup>

## Eli Moore (Will)

In the name of God Amen, I Eli Moore of Lincoln County and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind & memory do make and publish This my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say first I request that my body have a decent and christian burial; and of the property that I own in possession of all my just debts shall be paid; and then for the money I got with my wife Fienetta and interest on the same I give my sons William D. Mit Clinton & John D. Lafayette & Thomas Jefferson nine negroes; Their names are Jackson and Mariah his wife & her five children Perry, Jane, Henry, Wilson, Manrova, and Harry and John; and I also give and bequeath to my three younger children by my last wife Agnes; James Benjamin Franklin Elizabeth Samr & Martha longer four negroes names Fildis Latha Myet, and Sena; and I wish my executor to sell the balance of my property except five negroes Their names are Return Lewis, Manrova Lathanine Geney to be hired out yearly and the proceeds to go to the schooling of them to the amount of two hundred dollars each for five & three hundred for Thomas Jefferson (he being a cripple) and as soon as all have the money paid to them or their guardians for their schooling all the balance to be equally divided between the six above named children and I hereby appoint John M

longer sole executor of this my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal This third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Eli Moore (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered by the above named Eli Moore to be his last will & testament in presence of us who having hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the testator

James Russell (seal)

Isaac longer (seal)

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County  
County Court October term 1855  
Personally appeared here in open court James Russell as subscribing witness to the foregoing will and we, Messrs. Messrs. and who after first being sworn here in open court proved the same as the law directs. Witness my hand at office October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1855

A. Valley (seal)

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County  
I Doll Mowen of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee feeling frail in body but of sound mind and knowing that it is appointed for me to die, and in order to set my house in order, therefore do constitute and confirm This my last will and testament And first of all I have heretofore in the disposition of my property made my children equal in the way that I thought proper to do, giving some small pittance more to my sons than to my daughters and for the very good reason that they went with me

387 to the forest and to the field and hope we  
make it - now the next thing proper is to make  
arrangements for the payment of all my just  
debts. and in order to accomplish that immedi-  
ately or as soon as may be after my death  
I authorize my executors whom I shall  
hereafter appoint to sell as much of my stock  
as a twelve months credit as shall be  
sufficient to pay my debts and expenses.  
This done, I will that my Executors take  
possession of the balance of my stock of all  
kinds (viz) Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Stock hogs.  
together with all my house hold and  
kitchen furniture of all kinds as also my  
plantation tools &c. and have the  
whole of them as equally divided as may be.  
This done, I will and bequeath to my  
Beloved wife the one half of the stock &c  
This divide to be in her own right in full  
simple to do, with it in life or in death as  
she may think proper. I also give and  
bequeath to her in her own right in full  
simple one negro Girl (& in case of any) named  
Elmory to be under her control in life and  
at her death to give her to whomsoever she  
may think proper. I also give to my beloved  
Elizabeth S. Youell for her special use during  
her natural life the tract of land and  
premises that I bought of James P. Moorhead  
as a home for her during life or so much  
thereof as shall be sufficient for her cultivation  
& support. The balance of the plantation if any  
I will that my son William B. Youell take  
charge of & cultivate for his own benefit

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in order to remunerate him for superintending the  
whole premises, both for the benefit of my wife & himself  
keeping the plantation at all times in good order while she  
lives. I also will to my beloved wife the exclusive use of  
her Dower of land by her first Husband & then have it sold  
for her and her childrens benefit, or rent it annually for life  
as she may think proper. And furthermore in order to  
assist my beloved wife to make her support I give her  
for and during her natural life, The exclusive use of  
a negro boy named Joseph to be under the superintendence  
of my son W. B. Youell for the benefit of my wife. Also one  
year provisions out of my pork lard, grain &c -  
I now return to the undisposed off part of my stock  
house hold furniture &c together with the residue of all my  
servants Briggz & Maggen. If the whole of my stock &  
furniture as aforesaid together with my servants can be  
equally divided and drawn for without a quarrel among  
the lawful heirs of my body, I will it rather,  
but if it cannot be done, as above I will that  
my Executors take charge of the same advertise  
and sell the whole on a twelve months credit, Taking  
care that a mother & her suckling by no means be  
separated and also that the Husband & wife be  
so disposed of to be as convenient as possible. And  
as regards my boy Daniel my wish and desire  
is that he be sold privately so as to place him near  
his wife. I will & desire that my Executors have  
full power & authority to sell him at private  
sale at a reasonable price & make title to the  
same. And further say shewed a sale  
of the property above named be made, then &  
in that case the proceeds when collected I wish  
my Executors to equally divide the same between  
the lawful heirs of my body, after paying the necessary

389 if hence also when my beloved wife is done  
with the above described land & premises &  
with my boy Joseph if living. Then & in that  
case I will that my executors seize upon the  
same & adventure and sell the boy Joseph on  
a credit of twelve months and said land on  
a credit of one & two years retaining a lease on the  
same until the purchase money is paid and  
when the proceeds thereof is collected to be divided  
equally between the lawful heirs of my boy  
I also will my thirteen shares that I own  
in Washburn & Chatternooga Rail Road equally  
to the heirs of my boy -  
And I herewith by the authority in me  
vested do appoint my true & trust-worthy  
children To wit John T. Meadows my step son  
& William R. Youell my son carry out &  
fully execute the tenor of this will And I  
further state that having full confidence  
in their uprightness choose not to have  
them bound to security only so far  
as to take out letters of Administration In  
testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand & affixed my seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
March A.D. 1855 - Joel Youell *and*  
Signa sealed <sup>& published</sup> in the presence

J. W. Brants

W. R. Darnell <sup>for</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> / 1855

And now my children having done the  
best for you that I was capable of my last &  
dying request is that you too prepare for death  
and by no means fall out by the way  
and design your selves as has been the case

with <sup>some</sup> of my unparental neighbours children. Darnell 390

Loel Youell

Codicill to the foregoing will. In second reference  
having in my foregoing will neglected to explain a  
partnership that exist between me and my son  
Wm R. Youell as I and my son William work  
our hands & land together upon equal shares so far  
as respects the crop hogs sheep & householding business  
I will that at any time during the above named  
partnership if I should be called hence that the  
offer said property be and remain undisturbed  
by my Executors until the end of the year  
and at which time my executors will then  
proceed to close and wind my business as in  
my will directed. In testimony whereof I have  
set my hand & affixed my seal this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of March 1855 - Joel Youell *and*  
Signed sealed & published  
in our presence

J. W. Brants

W. R. Darnell Just 1<sup>st</sup> / Oct 1855

W. R. on the 5<sup>th</sup> line of road householding  
& business was undertaken before signing

Joel Youell

State of Tennessee Marshall County  
County court Oct. term 1855 Personally  
appeared herein in open court J. W. Brants &  
W. R. Darnell subscribing witness to  
the foregoing will and who after first  
being sworn here in open court proved  
said will as the law directs.

Witness my hands at  
Office Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1855  
J. S. Salyer *et al*

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