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I Henry Harber of Marshall County State of Tennessee
Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life of sound
mind and memory do make and publish
This my last will and testament in manner and
form following that is to say first, I give and
bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Harber to have
that portion of the land I bot. of Calvin and
Lively Stephenson his wife a part of the land
that I now live on 2nd. I give and bequeath
the wagon and team to my sons Henry & Jacob.
3rd. I give and bequeath to Jacob the mare and
two colts, 4th. I give and bequeath all the
balance of my personal estate to whatever I may
be seized or possessed with not herein named
to my son Jacob & Daughter Trattarine and
Traney 5th. I give the land warrant if I
get it to pay the Doctor or if any of the heirs will
take the warrant and pay the Doctor that is my
will I hereby appoint my son Henry to be
my sole Executor of this my last will and testament
hereby revoking all former wills by me made
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this the 1st day of October 1855.

In presence of us

Henry A. Harber
made

Stephen Batten

A. F. Smith

Witnessed & Subscribed
this 5th day of November 1855.

State of Tennessee }
Marshall County } County Court November 1855
Personally appeared here in open court Stephen
Batten and A. F. Smith subscribing witnesses
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

This 5th day of November 1855

J. Tracy Clerk

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I Jerry Harbor of Marshall County State of Tennessee
Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life of sound
mind and memory do make and publish
This my last will and testament in manner and
form following that is to say first, I give and
bequeath to my beloved son Jacob Harbor to have
that portion of the land I bot. of Calvin and
Levety Stephenson his wife a part of the land
that I now live on 2nd I give and bequeath
the wagon and team to my sons Henry & Jacob
3rd I give and bequeath to Jacob the mare and
two colts, 4th I give and bequeath all the
balance of my personal estate to whatever I may
die seized or possessed with not herein named
to my son Jacob & Daughter Katherine and
Kaney 5th I give the land warrant if I
get it to pay the Doctor or if any of the heirs will
take the warrant and pay the Doctor that is my
will I hereby appoint my son Henry to be
my sole Executor of this my last will and testament
hereby revoking all former wills by me made
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this the 1st day of October 1855.

In presence of us

Jerry A. Harbor
made

Stephen Batten

A. F. Smith

Witnessed & Subscribed this 5th November 1855

State of Tennessee

Marshall County

Courthouse November 1855

Personally appeared here in open court Stephen
Batten and A. F. Smith subscribing witnesses
to the foregoing will and votes after first being
sworn here in open court proved said will
as the law directs, Witness my hand at office

This 5th day of November 1855

J. Talley cld

Elizabeth B. Riggs Will

I Elizabeth B. Riggs do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any time made, First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors Secondly I give and bequeath to my children all my effects both real & personal that I may die seized and possessed of to be equally divided in the following manner to wit: Mary B. Riggs formerly Mary B. Riggs children one fourth part of my estate to Freeman D. Shute formerly Freeman D. Riggs and her bodily heirs one fourth part of my estate to Miriam M. Taylor formerly Miriam M. Riggs and her bodily heirs one fourth part of my estate and to Edward M. Riggs and two sons one fourth part of my estate I further direct that my executors sell as soon after my death as may be convenient all my estate both real and personal on such terms as they may think best. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint James M. Taylor & John D. Shute my executors in Mississippi where I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 30th day of June 1855. Elizabeth B. Riggs ^{made}

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here in the presence of the testatrix this 30th day of June 1855.

J. Shuffield
W. P. Bullock

State of Tennessee

Marshall County ^{County} Court November term 1855. Personally appeared here in open court J. Shuffield & W. P. Bullock subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and who after first being sworn here in open court swore said Will as the laws direct.

Witness my hand at office November the 5th day 1855. S. Tally

State of Tennessee Marshall County. In the name of Grace given.

I William Martin of the State and County aforesaid being weak in body but sound in mind and memory and expecting shortly to finish my course on earth do make constitute and Ordain this my last will utterly revoking all other wills or wills by me personally made, And 1st I commission my body to the grave, and my soul to God who gave it, in hopes of a blessed immortality 2nd I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. 3rd I will to my beloved wife Catharine Martin one gray horse, also all the flocks of cattle sheep and hogs that may belong to me at the time of my death also two beds bedsteads and furniture one corner Cupboard together with all which it may contain belonging to me, at the time of my death one folding leaf table also all my pot ware and cooking utensils, also one side Saddle and blanket and also the entire use and occupation of the plantation on which we live during her natural life &c. I will to my beloved daughter Mary & Cynthia Martin all my Land Estate (at the death of my beloved wife) Consisting of three different tracts or lots as follows. the tract on which we live containing 67 acres and bounded on the south by the lands of Freeman Miller (formerly the school land) one other tract of 40th acres deced to me by Edwin C. Hunter bounded on the south by the above tract on which we live and one other tract of 4th acres bounded on the east by John Miller and held by Grant. the two last mentioned tracts of land to be theirs at my death and the first named tract to be theirs at the death of their mother and myself. It is nevertheless my will that said be under my control during my natural life and the first named tract become for the support of my beloved wife during her natural life. 5th I will the whomever I have disposed liberally with all my children that have married and left me (viz) James John B. William Frederic B. and the lawful heirs

him of my deceased son Josiah or Martin each dollar and Annabell McConnel have hold and retain all that I gave them and have and receive from my executors the further sum of one dollar each, to be paid out of any monies then on hand or so soon as it can be obtained.

6th I will that my beloved grand daughter Emily Jane (Daughter of my beloved son Josiah or Martin Dec'd) have the sum of five dollars provided at my death and the death of my beloved wife then be that amount on hand and not otherwise received.

7th I will to my beloved wife Catharine in addition to the former item in the above all remainder of my estate whether in money, notes accounts goods or chattels of every description during her natural life, and at her death to be sold and equally divided among all my children that may be living and the children of my deceased children, to receive the part that father or mother as the case may be would be entitled to.

8th I will that my beloved sons John B. and Vincent B. Martin be executors of this my last will and testament, given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of August A.D. 1848.

Test William Martin (Seal)
Lander M. Hunter
William Davidson Junior 5th November 1855

State of Tennessee
Marshall County
Personally appeared here in open court Lander M. Hunter & William Davidson subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and who after first being sworn here in open court swore the said will as the law directs.

Notary my hand at
Office November 5th 1855
A. Tally M

Myatt Haily Will

I Myatt Haily 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 I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just 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 It is my will that my Grand daughter Martha E. Haily shall have six hundred dollars of my Estate which shall be paid to her by my Executor,

Thirdly I direct that the Balance of my Estate both Real and Personal shall be equally divided between my five children (viz) Mary M. Davidson, McCracken, M. A. Haily, R. H. Haily & John E. Jones wife of McLarin Jones in the following manner. The negroes to be allotted and valued by two disinterested Persons chosen by my Executor in five lots, all of which are to be made equal and then drawn for by each Child, or some other Person agreed upon.

Fourthly I direct that my Land and all other Property that I may die possessed of (except my negroes) should be sold by my Executor upon such credit as he may think most advantageous to the Estate and be equally distributed by him as above directed,

Fifthly Having full confidence in my son Robert H. Haily I hereby nominate and appoint him as my Executor. In witness I have hereunto set my hand to this my last will and testament this 13th day of July A.D. 1855 signed sealed & Published in our presence on the 13th day of July A.D. 1855.

Not Peter Rogers

M. A. Lee & J. B. Boga for me the said Myatt Haily at November 5th 1855
Peter Rogers & also saw the testator sign the above will

State of Tennessee & Marshall County
County Court November 5th 1855. Personally appeared here in open court M. A. Lee & J. B. Boga also personally appeared herein from court and who after first being sworn depose & swear that Peter Rogers the other witness to the foregoing will was dead, and that he wrote the said will & saw the testator sign the same. Witness my hand at the above place & date.

Know all men by these presents that I Eliza M. Sims of the county of Greene and State of Missouri knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being full in brain but sound in mind in presence of God do make this my last will and testament

Item first I appoint Hosaa Mullings my executor and desire that he shall continue as guardian and custodian of my child Mary E. Brantley

Item 2nd I desire that my executor shall sell my house and lot in Farmington Township Tennesse and my land in the vicinity of that place and apply the proceeds to the payment of my debts. I desire that my Negro Woman Eliza shall not be hired out I desire that my daughter Mary Brantley shall stay with me and be under the control of her guardian Hosaa Mullings and my sister Peggy Mullings into whose care I commit her and I desire that my Negro woman Eliza shall stay with my daughter and assist Mrs. Mullings in caring for her and I desire that Mr. Mullings shall not in any way be accountable for her, services to the estate or my heirs at any time Item 3rd I desire that Mr. Mullings shall sell my land at private sale if it be thought best. I desire leave to his discretion in the sale or disposal of the lot or land.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto in presence of Wm. Simpson affixed my hand and seal this Eleventh day of May one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty Seven

W. Simpson
M. H. Brown
J. M. Booth

Eliza M. Sims Seal

State of Missouri }
Greene County }
Jas. D. Johnson, Judge of the Probate in and for the County of Greene aforesaid W. H. Green and J. M. Booth subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of Eliza M. Sims deceased and after being by me duly sworn deponent and saying that they subscribe their names to the within last will and testament of said Eliza M. Sims deceased

as Witness to in her presence and at her request and saw said testator sign said last will and testament and believed her to be at the time of signing the same of sound and disposing mind and memory and over the age of Twenty one years sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th of August 1855

Jas. D. Johnson, Probate Judge
State of Missouri }
Greene County }
Jas. D. Johnson, Judge of the Probate in and for the County of Greene aforesaid do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Eliza M. Sims deceased and of the proof of said will as filed and recorded in the office of Probate Court



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office this 27th of September A. D. 1855. Jas. D. Johnson Probate Judge

State of Tennessee }
Allen County }
J. D. Tally, Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the transcript of the last will and testament of Eliza M. Sims deceased together with the proof of the same and the Probate Judges certificate thereof as filed in my office for registration

Wm. Simpson at office November 12th 1855.
J. Tally, Clerk

I Samuel Perkins of the county of Hardin and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and body but knowing the uncertainty of life & sensible of my liability to sudden death pray it that to make and do hereby make this my last will & testament

It is my will and desire that my just debts and the expenses of my funeral be paid by my executors hereafter named and appointed as soon as conveniently may be after my decease, and whereas I have two families of children or children by two wives and having given some of my children a portion of my property and being disposed to do equal justice to all and give the same amount to all I here name my children and the amount

they have respectfully received from me. eldest son Amos W. Perkins has received from me seven hundred and fifteen dollars my second son John C. Perkins seven hundred and fifteen dollars my third son William W. Perkins has received of me six hundred and sixty three dollars. my fourth son Ebenezer W. Perkins has received of me six hundred and sixty three dollars. my fifth son Stelmon Perkins has received of me four hundred and ninety two dollars. my sixth child and daughter Lucinda Fowler has received of me seven hundred and fifteen dollars my seventh child and daughter Carriana Warr has received of me five hundred dollars my eighth child Sam Hardison Perkins has received of me seven hundred and fifteen dollars my ninth child and daughter Catharine Dany has received of me four hundred and twenty dollars. my tenth child and son Samuel Perkins has received of me six hundred and sixty seven dollars my eleventh child and daughter Mary Ann Sanders has received of me four hundred and ninety eight dollars my twelfth child and son Joseph Perkins has received seven hundred and twenty seven dollars my thirteenth child and son Simon Perkins nothing. For it is my will that the said Simon Perkins shall receive from my Executors hereafter named in property or cash at his discretion an amount sufficient to make his portion equal to the other children herein before named. my fourteenth child and daughter Elija C. Perkins has received of me five hundred and fifty dollars. It is further my will and desire and I hereby direct all my estate both real and personal goods & chattels of what kind soever I may die possessed of whether to may be sold at public sale by my Executors hereafter named, except my man slave Jacob, and all my children to be made equal as to the amounts received by them, except daughter Carriana who is unfortunately a cripple to whom I have bequeathed one hundred and fifty dollars more than any of the other children. Should any debt and the residue

Should any debt and the residue and remainder of the proceeds of the sale of my estate be divided equally between all my children whom and share alike except daughter Carriana to whom I have herein before bequeathed one hundred and fifty dollars more than any of the other children are to receive. It is my will that my slave Jacob whom I have accepted from sale forever free from the service of any man it is also my will and desire that he Jacob shall remain under the protection of my family or executors, I further will and desire in the hands of my children so much of my estate as to comfortably to feed and clothe my said former servant Jacob. Should he be afflicted so as to disable him from doing it himself, I desire to enable my executors herein after named to carry into effect this my last will & Testament. I do hereby authorize and empower my Executors or the survivors of them to sell my real estate and convey in full simple the title to the purchaser or purchasers, I hereby nominate and appoint my sons Ebenezer W. Perkins and Hardison Perkins Executors of this my last will & Testament and it is my will and desire that after my death any of my children prefer property my Executors shall & are hereby authorized to have the same valued to them by their disinterested men if the children cannot agree on the value thereof. In witness whereof I the said Samuel Perkins to this my last will and Testament have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 14th day of October 1851. Samuel Perkins

A Test.
William D. Blanton
Wm. H. Wilson

Codicle to Will

I Samuel Perkins having made and published my last will and Testament do make and declare this as a codicil thereto inasmuch as it is my will and desire that whatever portion of my property that may fall to my daughter Lucinda Fowler & Catharine Dany after my decease may be held by trustees after after to be nominated by me to be held in their hands and used for their benefit of themselves and their heirs of their body at all times subject to the control of the trustees. I nominate my sons Ebenezer W. Perkins and Hardison Perkins trustees over the property which may belong to my daughters by my will Lucinda Fowler and Catharine Dany. It is my desire that this codicil be attached to and constitute a part of my will.

to all intents and purposes. This the 10th day of October 1851

after

Mellum D. Blanton

Wm. H. Milson

I cert. of Property by & Inventories.

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State of Tennessee

Hardin County

I M. H. Duckworth hereby certify that the above is a true and perfect copy of the Last will and Testament of Samuel Perkins as on file in my office and also the agreement of the two several Inventories returned by the Executors of the said Will as of record 30th day of October 1855

M. H. Duckworth Clerk

State of Tennessee

Marshall County

I J. L. Tally clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect copy of the Last will & Testament of Samuel Perkins as appears from the certificate of M. H. Duckworth clerk of the County Court of Hardin County Tennessee.

Witness my hand at

Office January 30th 1856

J. L. Tally Clerk

Isiah Duncan's Will

I Isiah Duncan being of sound mind and memory but in bad health do make and publish this my last will and testament. hereby revoking all others by me at any time made heretofore made

1st It is my will and desire that my funeral expenses and all my Just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible.

2nd I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy one thousand Dollars in money and my negro boy Berry manage and dispose of as she may think proper forever. I also give and bequeath to my said wife Nancy during her natural life or widowhood the tract of land I now live on containing about two hundred and twenty acres. also all the negroes that I may die seized and possessed of the other children I have and can have

also all my moneys and notes and also all the household and kitchen furniture - also all my stock and farming utensils. Together with all and ever species of property I may die seized and possessed of. It is further my will and desire that my said wife Nancy shall not be required to give bond and securities for the forth coming of said money and property at her death but that she have the free use and control of all of said property during her natural life or widowhood as aforesaid -

3rd I will and bequeath to my sister Anna E. P. Duncan who was once married to one Matthew Powell at my wife Nancy's death my negro woman Beck and Martha and their increase and if she the said Anna E. P. Duncan die without issue then the said negro woman Beck and Martha and increase I bequeath to Edwin A. Duncan and his wife Selina and at their death to go to the said Edwin A. Duncan but it is my desire that the said negro woman Beck is only bequeathed to the said Anna E. P. Duncan or the said E. A. Duncan that they maintain and take good care of her during her life and that they shall not sell her unless the said Beck requests it.

4th It is my will and desire that at my wife's death that my lands be sold and my negro children or sold and that all my other property except that already specially bequeathed be sold and equally divided between my brothers and sisters and half brothers and sisters or their heirs with this exception that is to say M. H. Phillips' wife Polly and Eli Emerson to children have a share equal to one of my brothers or sisters to be equally divided between the three. It is further my will and desire that the said Anna E. P. Duncan and E. A. Duncan be and they are hereby entitled to their relative proportion not specially bequeathed, signed sealed & published in our presence this 13th of July 1853

James McKnight

Robert Davis

Isiah Duncan

Witness my hand 7th July 1854

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State of Tennessee }
Marshall County } Personally appeared in open
Court James McKnight and Robert Davis
subscribing witness to the foregoing will and promise
the due execution of the same as the law directs
which was ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office

July 7th 1856

J. Talley, Clerk

I W. C. Barnes of the County of Marshall and
State of Tennessee being of sound and
disposing mind but feeble in body and
knowing that it is advisable for man to die
do make and publish this as my last will
and testament hereby revoking and making
void all others with by me at any time made
First I direct that my funeral expenses and
all my just debts be paid as soon after my
death as possible out of my money that
I may die possessed of or may first come
into the hands of my executor.

Secondly for the love and affection I have for
my wife Martha A. Barnes I give and
bequeath to her during her natural life a
portion of my land to wit: Beginning at the
South East Corner of said tract of land running
in a northern direction so as to strike or
intersect the mouth of the lane near the house
thence with the center of said lane to the
end of it thence in a northern direction to
the top of the ridge thence with the meanders of
said ridge to Frank Smiths north west
corner to a black gum on my northern line
to have and to hold all that portion lying on
the west side of the above designated line.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to her all my
house hold and kitchen furniture farming utensils
(with the exception of the wheat fan, I give her
the bay mare called Pup and her colt & she
also retain an other bay mare called Doll

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for the use of the family two choice cows and
cattle ten head of stock hogs ten head of sheep
one thousand pounds of pork fifty barrells of corn
and that my executor set apart enough wheat
fodder and oats for one years support also the
further sum of fifty Dollars in money.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my children to
wit; Mary Louisa Lucinda Evaline and J. Brown
Barnes and Marcia Madeline Barnes equally all
the residue of my land and the personal property which
have not been specifically bequeathed and that
my executor sell all the personalty which I have
not disposed of after the crop is made and the
stock fattened on a credit of twelve months
and pay over the proceeds thereof to J. F. Barnes
who I appoint Guardian for my children
that is when he is qualified and gives bond
according to law and that the said guardian
shall rent out the land bequeathed to my
children for five years at a time in annual
payments for their use and benefit.

In the event of the death of my wife before the
youngest child becomes of age then I hereby
empower and instruct my executor to dispose to
sell to the highest bidder on one two and three
years credit all of said land and pay over
the proceeds thereof to my said children or
their Guardian. Lastly I do hereby nominate
and appoint D. G. Marsh my executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set
my hand and seal this 26th day of April 1856

W. C. Barnes (Sd)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and
we have subscribed our names hereto in the
presence of the testator this 26 day of April 1856

Attest: B. F. Smith

Given at 14th August 1856 } William Hammock

State of Tennessee } County Court August
Marshall County } term 1856

Personally appeared here in open court

B. F. Smith and William Hammond,
subscribing witness to the within and
who after being duly qualified proved the
due execution of the foregoing will as the
law directs, which was ordered by the Court
to be recorded.

Witness my hand at
Office August 4th 1856
J. Tally, C. C.

We L. D. Stockton and R. C. Dabney as
state that the incupative will J. C. L.
Hayward was made by him on the 30th
day of July 1856 in our presence and
in the presence of each other that it
was made in his last sickness in his
own boarding house where he had been
sick for more than twelve months
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 that my I want Ma to have all
my things and to do as she pleases with
them main out by us and signed this
8th day of July 1856

L. D. Stockton
R. C. Dabney

State of Tennessee } County Court August term 1856
Marshall County }
Personally appeared herein open Court L. D.
Stockton & R. C. Dabney subscribing witness
to the foregoing will and who after being
duly qualified proved the same as the law
directs which was ordered to be recorded

Witness my hand at
Office August 4th 1856
J. Tally, C. C.

I James W. Brittain do make and publish this as
my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making
void all other wills by me at any time made,
First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my
debts be paid as soon after my death as possible,
out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may
first come into the hands of my executor,

Secondly I will and bequeath to my dear mother
Mary J. Brittain the one sixth of my estate,

Thirdly I will and bequeath to my brother Joseph
H. Brittain the one sixth of my estate—

Fourthly I will and bequeath to my sister Sarah
J. Smiley and her husband John L. Smiley the
one sixth of my estate

Fifthly I will and bequeath to my brother Robert
H. Brittain the one sixth of my estate—

Sixthly I will and bequeath to my brother Thomas
C. Brittain the one sixth of my estate

Seventhly I will and bequeath to sister Nancy
C. Swain the one sixth of my estate but to be
placed in the hands of trustee to be loaned
at Int for her special use and benefit and
after paying the necessary expenses the balance
of the Intant to be paid to her yearly and if her
husband Charles W. Swain should die before

my sister Nancy C. then I wish and direct
that the principal and interest be paid to my sister
Nancy C. to use as she may think fit, but
if my sister Nancy C. should die before her
husband Charles W. Swain in that case I wish

the portion that I will to my sister Nancy C.
to go to her children, I wish my Uncle Goodwin
McLeod appointed trustee to receive and receive my
account for the portion that I will my sister
Nancy C. and done the same as above directed

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John
L. Smiley my executor, In witness whereof I set
this my will set my hand and seal this 19th
day of June 1856

James W. Brittain (Read)
signed sealed and published in our presence and we have
subscribed our names hereat in presence of the testator this 19th
day of June 1856
John F. Thompson
James W. Brittain

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State of Tennessee
Marshall County County Court Sept term 1856
Personally appeared here in open Court Thomas J
Patterson & J. N. Collier subscribing witness to the
foregoing will and who after first being duly
qualified proved said will as the law directs
which was by the Court ordered to be recorded
Witness my hand at Office
September 1st 1856
S. Kelly, Clk

John L. Miller's Will

I John L. Miller of the County of Marshall and
State of Tennessee being of sound mind and
disposing memory, but in the enjoyment of bad
health, at the same time knowing the uncertainty
of life and believing it to be indispensable for man
to set their house in order both in a temporal
and spiritual sense, do make ordain and
publish this as my last will and testament
herby revoking all former wills by me at any
time made. In the first place my will and
desire is that my body be decently interred, that
my funeral expenses and my just debts be
discharged out of any moneys I may dispose
of or which may first come to the hands of my
executors or those who may be legally authorized
to execute and enforce this my last will and
Testament. In the second place my will and
desire is that my beloved wife Martha have
all of the balance of my property of every descrip-
tion after paying my just debts consisting of a
negro woman named Fanny and all her
increase together with her two children she
now has Albert and Orange. And I further
desire my said wife Martha have all of my
real estate consisting of two tracts or lots of land
one on which I now live of about eighty acres
and another small lot of beam land of about
two and one half acres. Given by the hands
of J. A. D. Hightown, L. A. Ewing, Geo. W. Brown, &c.

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deceased & William S. Houston Also the interest I
have in a piece of land left me by will of E. M. Hightown
lying in Adamsman County. It is likewise my will
and desire that my said wife Martha have all my
stock of every description that I may have on hand
at the time of my death together with all my house
hold and kitchen furniture of every kind and
farming utensils, and all the provisions on hand at
the time of my death. I further desire my said wife
Martha have the portion that is due me of my fathers
estate in the State of Illinois together with any debts that
may be due me at the time of my death, for the
purpose of educating my children and such other
purposes as her necessities may require during her
natural life and at her death should any of the
property and effects herein devised to my beloved
wife Martha remain or not otherwise disposed of in
in her necessary maintenance. Then I devise the
same the said by my surviving Executors or those
having the authority (or dividing without selling as they may
think best) and be equally divided between my six
youngest children, Christopher K. Hightown,
Martha Ann, John Linay, William Benjamin Nodal,
Maudy Lane, and Ellen Thomas, I also desire should
my said wife have any other children that they
come in for their equal share with the balance of
my children above named. In the last place
my will and desire is and I hereby nominate and
appoint my beloved wife Martha and my worthy friend
Robert Weston my executors to execute this my last
will and testament made and published as my
last will and testament this 10th day of May A.D. 1856
John L. Miller

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we
have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the
Testator this 10th day of May 1856
J. William S. Houston
J. L. Ewing
J. H. Liggitt
J. H. Liggitt
J. H. Liggitt
State of Tennessee Marshall County County Court October term 1856
Personally appeared here in open Court William S. Houston & Fanning S. Liggitt
subscribing witness to the foregoing Will and who after first being duly
qualified proved said will as the law directs which was by the Court ordered to be recorded
Witness my hand at Office October 6th 1856
S. Kelly, Clk

Augustine Claiborne's Will

Tennessee State

Marshall County After proper consideration and consider myself in proper mind, and believe that I am about to leave this world do revoke all other wills of prior date, to this do require of Peter Lerma and Gaa I Claiborne to sell any part of my property and pay every just debt due after all my debts are paid I for meritorious conduct and attention given to me by Peter Lerma give him all the residue of my estate and take care of my brother L. Claiborne his life and my boy Enos this my brother will be carried out given under my hand and seal this 1st day of July 1856

Augustine Claiborne (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Marshall County County Court October term 1856 This day Personally appeared here in open Court J. B. Corns, George M. Corns, John H. Borradaway and Gaa Claiborne and who after first being duly qualified provided said will as the law directs. Which was by the Court ordered to be read. Witness my hand at Office October 6th 1856

J. Tally Clerk

Henry Smith's Will

I Henry 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 give that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ruth all the lands I own except ten acres, also one negro girl by name Peggy during the term of her natural life after which said land and negro girl are to belong to my beloved Daughters Willie H. Parthenia and Margaret Smith which land and negro are to belong to my said daughters

during their natural life without division.

Thirdly my son Ans Smith is to have the Cedar off of four acres of land for which I have value received. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John and Wm. Smith my executors in whom I do to this very will set my hand and seal this the 4th day of Nov. 1856.

Henry Smith

Agreed to and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the testator this 4th of Nov. 1856.

G. H. Allen

R. B. Perry

{ Sealed 1st Dec. 1856
Seal

State of Tennessee
Marshall County County Court December term 1856 Personally appeared here in open Court G. H. Allen and R. B. Perry subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and who after being duly qualified proved the same executively ~~of the same~~ as the law directs. Which was ordered by the Court to be entered of record.

Witness my hand at
Office December 1st 1856
J. Tally Clerk

Henry Bone's Will

I Henry Bone do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me at any time. 1st It is my will and desire that my body be decently buried and that my funeral expenses and debts be paid out of moneys I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor or executors or those who may be appointed to execute and enforce this will and testament. 2^d It is my will and desire that after my debts are paid that the moneys that may be on hand be laid out in the purchasing of two or more negroes for the use of my family by my executor and with the advice of my wife as to the kind of negroes to be purchased. Either two girls able to work or

man and woman & child as may seem best to my wife & executor,

3^d It is my will and desire that my wife Mary have all my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood for the purpose of raising and educating my children, and when any of the children become of age or marry it is my will and desire that my wife will give such child so much of the personal property as may be on hand as the estate will admit of having due regard to rest of children as it is my desire that my children be equally provided for and share equally of my estate—

4th It is my will and desire that my executor sell such property as I may die possessed of as him and my wife may think advisable and that may think the interest of the estate require.

5th It is my will and desire and I hereby nominate and appoint my friend James W. Ewing to execute this my last will and testament This 26th day of June 1886

Henry. Stone 

Signa sealed and published in our presence and not have subscribed our names in the presence of the testator
This June 1886

attest
Hampden Liggett }
Shamus G. Liggett } January 5th 1887
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State of Tennessee }
Marshall County } County Court January Term 1887
Personally appeared here in open Court Hampton Liggett & Shamus G. Liggett subscribing witness to the foregoing will and who after being duly qualified, proved said will as the law directs, which was ordered by the Court to be entered of record.

Witness my hand at
Office January 5th 1887
J. Tally, Clerk

Thomas Wilson's Last Will
State of Tennessee Marshall County
I Thomas Wilson of the County and State aforesaid being of sound mind and in my proper senses, knowing that it is appointed for all men to die and after death to judgment and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and dispose of my worldly goods whereof God has blessed me,
1st I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came
2^d I will that all my just debts be paid and also my funeral expenses out of any money that I may die possessed of or which may first come into the hands of my executor,
3^d For the will that I bear towards my son Thomas I Wilson I give and bequeath to him the negroes that he has in his possession, to wit: Fanny, Solomon, and a mulatto boy Billy that came from Gathers estate and also a black boy named William Duncan which I give him for his services in settling up a legacy which fell from my brother Henry Wilson in Virginia—
4th I give to my well beloved daughter Mary P. Mann the negroes that she has in her possession to wit: James, Nancy, Lillie, Maria and Cornelia; it is my will that these negroes be kept together until my grand children grow up and become of lawful age, at which time there shall be an equal division of them between my daughter Mary P. Mann, and her three children, to wit: Henry M. Martha S. & Mary J. S. Mann; and if this devise should be by any means set aside it shall not disannul any other portion of the will—
5th I have heretofore given to my son Mark H. Wilson Geo. four hundred and eleven Dollars & 20 cts Horse & saddle one feather bed, one Pew & calf (and to Susan S. Perkins my daughter Geo. One negro girl named Billy worth four hundred & thirty five Dollars I therefore give to their children as hereafter named,
6th I now come to the division of the property that I have in possession at this time—It is my will

and desire that the tract of land I now live on shall be equally divided between my two children Thomas S. Wilson and Mary P. Mann at the price of Twelve hundred and fifty Dollars each, the residue of my property negroes, household and kitchen furniture and all other property to be sold on twelve months credit, except my old negro woman Betsey she shall be at liberty to live with any of my heirs that will treat her best. It is further my will that my son Thomas S. Wilson's portion of the land shall descend to his heirs at his death. When the money is collected, my desire is that all my grand children to wit: the heirs of Mark H. Wilson and the heirs of Susan D. Perkins shall be equally in the division agreeable to number except Mark H. Perkins to whom I gave a young horse worth one hundred Dollars, this amount shall be deducted from his portion and when Twenty five hundred dollars is equally divided among my grand children the heirs of Mark H. Wilson and Susan D. Perkins agreeable to number the rest of the proceeds of my Estate shall be divided between my heirs to wit: To Thomas S. Wilson one fourth and to Mary P. Mann one fourth which makes one half, of the balance, the other half to be equally divided between the heirs of Mark H. Wilson Sec'd and Susan D. Perkins Sec'd agreeable to their number. —

8th It is my will that the portion of Annamite S. Plumb shall be put into the care of a responsible man to be administered to her necessities and that Benj- F. Plumb shall have no contrivance.

9th It is also my will that if Mark S. Perkins should be dead and never return from California his portion shall be equally divided between his brothers namely Ebenezer B. Perkins & William T. Perkins or if either of the latter should die before they come of lawful age his portion shall be taken by the surviving ones.

10th It is my will that my daughter Mary P. Mann shall have my two old servants after my death if she chooses at five hundred Dollars

To wit: Maria & his wife Milly-
11th Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my son Thomas S. Wilson and Benj- F. Houston my Executors to execute this my last will and testament

This the 18th day of March A. D. 1854

Thomas Wilson 

Agreed, sealed and acknowledged in our presence
This the 18th day of March 1854

J. M. Houston

Attest 5 July 1857 Benjamin P. McCombes

State of Tennessee
Marshall County
County Court January Term 1857
Personally appeared here in open Court Benjamin P. McCombes one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will and who after being duly qualified swore said will as the law directs, which will was ordered by the Court to be entered of record,

Witness my hand at
Office January 5th 1857
J. T. Tully, C. D.

When I was Dead Will

I John Lee of Marshall County State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all former 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 possessing or may first come into the hands of my Executor —

Second — It is my will and desire that the tract of land on which I now reside containing by calculation One hundred and seventy four acres and fifty five poles situated in the Counties of Williamson & Marshall bounded on the West by M. R. Hughes on the South by M. R. Hughes on the East by Margaret Wilson & John B. Hoya & T. H. Fagan on the North by T. H. Fagan and A. H. Clardy's heirs — that the same be sold on a credit of one and two years and my Executor is hereby fully empowered

and authorized to sell it to the highest bidder and convey all my right title claim & interest on as full and ample manner as I could myself. It is also my will that all my personal property except my negro man Bob be sold on a Twelve months credit.

Third It is my will and desire that the balance of my slaves be allotted off as follows to wit: That Isaac Manan shall have a negro woman named Sarah my daughter Rebecca Lea to have a negro girl named Margret - my daughter Sarah to have a woman named Caroline & a girl named Tennessee and my son William T. Lea to have a boy named Albert & a girl named Susan these negroes are to be valued by two competent Judges of Slaves and each child is to be charged with the valuation and account for the same as a part of my estate.

Fourth It is my will and desire that my son William T. Lea have the sum of Seven hundred Dollars over and above an equal share for a compensation for his labor & service since he arrived at the age of Proximity. It is also my will and desire that my daughter Rebecca have the sum of Three hundred Dollars over an equal share as a compensation for labor and attention since she arrived at the age of Proximity.

Fifth It is my will and desire that the remainder of my estate be equally divided between my Five children, Isaac Lea, Jane Manan, Rebecca Lea, Sarah Marlen & William T. Lea taking into consideration account the valuation of the negroes wills each child and that my children be made equal except the Seven hundred Dollars wills William T. Lea the Three hundred Dollars wills Rebecca Lea.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son William T. Lea, my Executor, In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my

hand and seal This 15th day of December 1856

Wm T. Lea

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator This 15th day of December 1856
James A. Larrata Lurat 5th July 1857
John W. Johnson
Joseph F. Smith Lurat 5th July 1857

State of Tennessee
County Court January term 1857
Personally appeared here in open Court James A. Larrata & Joseph F. Smith subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and who after being duly qualified proved said will as the law directs (which will was ordered by the Court to be entered of record)
Witness my hand at
Office January 8th 1857
J. S. Saly

Mary B Jones ex. Will

I Mary B Jones of the County of Marshall and of the State of Tennessee 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 direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies of which I may die possessed or which may first come into the hands of my Executor -

- 2^d I give to my son Wm B. Jones Sixty Dollars -
- 3^d I give to my daughter Elizabeth E. Spenser Sixty Dollars -
- 4th I give to my daughter Margaret B. Hunter Sixty Dollars -
- 5th I give to my daughter John B. Rainey Sixty Dollars -
- 6th I give to my daughter Martha L. Chrisman Sixty Dollars -
- 7th I give to my son Thomas B. Jones Sixty Dollars -
- 8th I give to my son Madison B. Jones Sixty Dollars -
- 9th I give to my son James B. Jones Sixty Dollars -

10th I give to John A. Jones my son and Melvina Ann Jones my daughter all the remainder of my estate of which I may die possessed to be equally divided between John A. Jones my son and Melvina Ann Jones my daughter all my house hold and kitchen furniture all my stock of every description including Horses Hogs Cows sheep Mules &c also all the grain on hand of every description including wheat Rye Oats Corn &c all the Hay and fodder and all other property of which I may die possessed I also appoint John A. Jones my son as my Executor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this my last will and Testament on this the 20th day of December 1856.

Attest
James M. Elliott

Mary B. Jones

State of Tennessee
Marshall County County Court January term 1857
Personally appeared here in open Court James M. Elliott the subscribing witness to the foregoing will and who after being duly qualified proved said will as the law directs. Which will was ordered by the Court to be entered of record.

Witness my hand at
Office January 5th 1857
J. Tally, C.D.

Nicholas J. Howard (Nick)

I Nicholas J. Howard of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee being feeble in body but sound mind disposing mind and memory being desirous of settling my worldly affairs which I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say - to pay all my funeral expenses and all my just debts as soon after my decease as practicable, out of the first moneys that shall come to their hands from any portion of my

estate real or personal, I also bequeath to my wife Malinda Howard one gray mare and colt one sorrel filly all white but one fore please one black plain one smothering plain one hama saw one drawing knife one iron auger and three greater auger one iron chisel and one three greater chisel I also bequeath to my wife Malinda all of my present flock of sheep also all the stock of Cattle, I also bequeath to my wife Malinda all of the house hold and kitchen furniture, beds, bedsteads and bed furniture all my plantation and farming utensils in same manner as above to wit during her widowhood after her widowhood or death to be sold and equally divided between my three children, that is to say Lacey Ann, Arleane, & Green Legger, Howard I also direct all the balance of my surplus property to be sold for the purpose of schooling my three children, I then come partly I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friends George Oliver and William T. Leake 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 seal this 15th day of March 1857. signed sealed and delivered by the subscriber to be his last will in presence of us

Nicholas J. Howard

W. D. Lester

William Davis Junr
Henry Collins Jr Junr April 6, 1857.

State of Tennessee
Marshall County County Court April term 1857
Personally appeared here in open Court William Davis and Henry Collins Jr. subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will & who after being duly sworn proved said will as the law directs, Which was ordered by the Court to be recorded.

Witness my hand at
Office April 6th 1857
J. Tally, C.D.

Olive McLeod Will

I Olive McLeod do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made

- 1st I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just 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.
- 2nd I give and bequeath to Willis H. McCombes my negro man named Obedience if he is willing to live with him, if not I desire that the said W. H. McCombes have eight hundred Dollars in lieu of said negro man.
- 3rd I desire that my negro man named James Choo be valued as he be valued by disinterested persons to said master or mistress.
- 4th I desire that my negro woman named Leatharine Choo be valued as she be valued by disinterested persons to said master or mistress provided she is satisfied, if not I desire that her worth be sold to the highest bidder and I desire that her youngest child named Robert be valued or sold with her.
- 5th I desire that my negro girl named Mary have a good home chosen for her by my executor and that she be valued to said master or mistress by disinterested persons.
- 6th I desire that my home hold and kitchen furniture be sold except one bedstead bed and bed clothes, that I want Louisa J. Kelly to have I also want my negroes to have such things as I may give to them of my bed & bed clothing.
- 7th I desire that Elizabeth McLeod have in money the amount of the valuation of the bedstead bed & c set apart for Louisa J. Kelly in lieu of a bed & c to be paid out of my estate by my executor.
- 8th I desire that of the debts of John McLeod Dec'd that Alexander Barron have one hundred Dollars and Mr. Wilson one hundred Dollars and Mr. Harris the debt of his debt and Genl Baird twenty five Dollars and James Master ten Dollars

and Barnabas McCombes twenty Dollars and Jack Bengie one half of his debt and Dr W. D. Hayes five Dollars.

- 9th I desire that after paying the above named bequests that the balance be equally divided between the children of my former husband John McLeod deceased.
- 10th Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Willis H. McCombes my executor, in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 6th day of April 1857.

Olive ^{her} McLeod made.

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 6th day of April 1857.

Witness my hand and seal
 In at 4th May 1857 } William H. Phillips
 Benjamin F. Phillips

State of Tennessee

County of } County Court May Term 1857
 Personally appeared here in open Court William H. Phillips & Benjamin F. Phillips subscribing witness to the foregoing will and who after being duly qualified proved the due execution of the said will according to law, which was ordered by the Court to be entered of record.

Witness my hand at
 Office May 4th 1857
 A. Kelly Clerk

Mary Jane McLeod Will

I Mary Jane McLeod being very feeble in health but of sound mind & memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

- Item 1st My will and desire is that my son John D. Ogilvie shall have of the property belonging to me that I rec'd from the estate of my former husband James M. Ogilvie two hundred Dollars more than my son Richard H. Ogilvie and Richard P. Ogilvie and James one hundred Dollars more than my son William H. Ogilvie.
- Item 2nd I value my negroes at one thousand nine hundred dollars and I have one thousand

Six hundred Dollars in money, making Three Thousand five hundred Dollars -

Item 3rd I give to my son John D. Oglesby my negro girl Charity valued at eight hundred Dollars and Three hundred Dollars in money.

Item 4th My will and desire is that the rest of my negroes Charlotte and her son Larkin be thrown back with the undivided negroes belonging to my three sons Richard, James & William H. Oglesby to be kept by their guardians and equally divided among them as they become of age.

Item 5th I give to my son ~~Richard~~ William H. Oglesby the sum of five hundred and thirty three Dollars and 33 cts.

Item 6th I give to my son James P. Oglesby five hundred and thirty three Dollars and 33 cts.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my son William H. Oglesby the sum of Three hundred and thirty three Dollars and 33 cts.

Item 8th My will and desire is that my executor pay over all the bequests of my three minor sons Richard, James & William Oglesby to their guardians so as to be kept with what their father left them.

Item 9th My will and desire is that all the expenses that my executor is at in carrying out this my last will and testament be paid equally by my four sons here named.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my son John D. Oglesby my executor, in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 1st day of April A.D. 1857. ^{for} ~~James P. Oglesby~~ ^{James P. Oglesby} ~~Head~~ ^{man}

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator This 1st day of April, 1857

R. H. Stapp
Ralph Stapp & James P. May 1857

State of Tennessee
Marshall County, 3 County Court, May Term 1857
Personally appeared here in open court R. H. Stapp and
Ralph Stapp subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will
and who after being duly qualified persons the due
execution of said will as the law requires, which
will was thereupon made by the Court to be evidence of record
Witness my hand at
Office May 4th 1857
J. P. Kelly C.W.

Thos. H. Baty's Will

I Thomas H. Baty being in a low state of health through of some illness, do make and publish this my last will and testament, in the words following to wit,

Item 1. After my death I wish all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my executor.

Item 2. The tract of land upon which I am now living containing about One hundred and eight acres and also Fifteen Acres on the north end of the Fifty six acre tract formerly owned by James Baxter I give and bequeath to my wife, Delilah H. to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood for the purpose of supporting her and my two youngest children. After the death or the termination of my wife's widowhood, the land hereby conveyed to her, I desire to be sold and the proceeds equally distributed among all my children.

Item 3rd. The remainder of the Fifty six acre tract formerly owned by James Baxter (which will be about Forty one acres) I wish soon after my death, to be sold by my executor, upon a credit of one or two years, requiring security of the purchaser, and a lien retained upon the land until the purchase money is paid.

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my wife Delilah H. the Slaves Johanna, Bob and Ralph, to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood, and upon the termination of which, it is my will that said Slaves and their increase (if any) be allotted and partitioned

off among my children, my object and cause being to keep said slaves in my family.

Item 5. I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Garrett, my negr woman Fanny, Eliza is to take Fanny at six hundred Dollars towards her share. Four hundred of the six hundred Dollars, I desire to make her equal to what I have already given to my other children. (Yeatsman W. Loran C. Mildred and John S. The two hundred Dollars, Eliza is to keep and it is to be computed (so far as it goes) as a part of her share in my other property.

Item 6. I give and bequeath to my son John S. Baty, my negr boy Chas. said boy Nelson is to be valued by three disinterested persons and the valuation so made shall be considered as going to make up said J. S. Baty's share so far as it will go.

Item 7. My boy Arvin, I give to my son Loran C. Baty and value him at five hundred Dollars, to be computed in his share.

Item 8. I give and bequeath to my son (Yeatsman W. Baty) my negr girl Sarah Anne and value her at four hundred Dollars, to be computed in his share.

Item 9. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary J. S. Baty, my two negr girls Paddy and Haggan, and I value both of them at seven hundred Dollars to make her equal to what I have already given to my other children. This bequest is not to be computed in my daughter Mary J. S.'s share with my other children.

Item 10. I give and bequeath to my daughter Delilah, my two negr girls Lucy and Fanny's youngest child, both of which I value at 24 hundred Dollars, to make her equal to what I have already given my other children and this bequest is not to be computed in her share with my other children.

Item 11. It is my will, that my daughter Mildred Garrett have her share in money derived from the sale of the Forty One acres of land mentioned in Item 3. I said share in money shall be hers

to have and to hold during her life, and at her death to belong to her children.

Item 12. It is my will that the remainder of my personal property, of every description, remain reserved for the benefit of my wife and children.

Item 13. I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons (Yeatsman W. and Loran C. Baty) my executors to execute and carry into effect this will.

Item 14. It is my will and desire that my son John S. Baty shall not have as much of my estate as the rest of my children each of whom shall receive four hundred Dollars more than he receives.

Item 15. The property herein and by this will given to my children shall be theirs to have and to hold separately during their lives and at their death to belong to their children. Given under my hand and seal this Friday the 24th day of April 1857.

Thomas W. Baty (Seal)

Interlined before signed

Signed in our presence on the day and date above written

Mont Wiley

J. W. Tillman Jurat 1 June 1857.

State of Tennessee
Marshall County
County Court, Autumn 1857
Personally appeared here in open Court Robert Wiley J. S. R. Tillman subscribing witnesses to the within deed and who being duly qualified, promise said deed as the law directs.

Witness my hand at

Office June 1st 1857

J. Polley, Clerk

John Davis Will

I John Davis of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee do make this 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 and funeral expenses be paid out of any money that I may die seized of or first come into the hands of my executors.

beema. I give and bequeath to my much
beloved wife Milley Davis One Thousand
Dollars to be paid to her by my executors as soon
as my executors can make it convenient or
collect it - also One good mare saddle and
bridle and also I give to my wife the use
of my negro girl and child and their increase
if any during her lifetime - and furthermore
I desire that my wife have in lieu of the
One Thousand Dollars if she sees proper the
the use of my farm except the place on
which Milborn Davis now lives also
so much of the stock and the household &
kitchen furniture as she may choose to keep
Hired - I give to my Daughter L. A. Salem
during her lifetime a certain portion of my land
on which Milborn Davis now lives consisting
of about forty three acres and at her death
to be sold and equally divided between all of
my heirs with the exception herein after mentioned
Fourth I desire and direct that all of my
personal property be sold on a credit of twelve
months and the proceeds of the same go
to the payments of my debts Further I desire
and direct that my lands be sold on a
credit of One and two years with the exception
of that portion left the use of to my daughter
Mrs. Clem at my death if my wife sees
proper to take One thousand dollars if not
to be sold at her death and the proceeds
be equally divided between all of my lawful
heirs with the exception of my son William
R. Davis who must account to the balance
of my heirs for five hundred Dollars who
has received that amount heretofore -
Moreover I desire and direct that my negro
woman and child and their increase if any
with personal property be sold by my
executors on a credit of 12 months and the
proceeds of the same be equally divided
between my heirs sale and division to take
place at the death of my much beloved wife

Milley Davis my son Wm. R. Davis according to the
balance of him for the five hundred Dollars or so much
as remains unpaid -
Fifth I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons John
S. and Will. R. Davis my lawful executors in writing
whereof I subscribe my name on the 17th of June
1857 John Davis Seal

Signed seal and delivered in
our presence and we ask to become
subscribing witnesses on the at it bears
date. Humphry S. Cowden

Peter L. Sealed
S. Meadows. June 8, August 1857

State of Tennessee
Marshall County County Court August term 1857
Personally appeared here in open Court Peter L.
Sealed & S. Meadows subscribing witnesses to the
within will and who after being duly qualified
upon and say that they were acquainted with
John Davis the within Testator and that he
acknowledged in their presence on the day the
within will bears date that he executed the same
for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hands at
Office August 8th 1857
J. P. Kelly etc

John L. Parsley's Will

In the name of God, Amen, I John L. Parsley being
of sound mind and disposing memory and
feeling that life is uncertain and being desirous to
dispose of all of my estate, I do make and publish
this my last will & Testament hereby revoking
all former wills by me at any time made.
Item 1st It is my will & desire that after my
death that my executor herein after named shall
pay my funeral expenses, with all other just debts
against my estate.
Item 2nd It is my will & desire that my said
executor shall sell all of my Estate both real and personal

at public sale except a negro girl named Mary which was given to my beloved wife by her father. He will sell my land on a credit of one two and three years with interest from day of sale, and the personal property on a credit of twelve months taking bond and security for the whole, and retaining a lien on the land until paid.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my brother Thomas C. Parsley for life (\$1300.00) Thirteen Hunnied Dollars To my brother Jesse Parsley for life (\$1300.00) Thirteen Hunnied Dollars. To my brother Moses M. Parsley for life (\$1300.00) Thirteen Hunnied Dollars. I give and bequeath to Susannah R. Parsley widow of my brother William M. Parsley for life (\$1300.00) Thirteen Hunnied Dollars, and to Rebecca Parsley for life (\$1300.00) Thirteen Hunnied Dollars, she being the widow of my deceased brother George Parsley, All of which of which is to be paid by my executor when my Estate is settled up, or the collections made on the land, all of which they are to lay out for land for homes for each one of them respectively for and during their natural lives, And at their deaths, the same to go to their children respectively forever, And should any one or more fail to lay out said sum of money each one so failing to do so shall forfeit their right to the same And the same shall revert back & be equally divided between those that do lay out their said legacy in land as above directed.

Item 4th I give & bequeath all the rest & residue of my estate to my beloved wife Mary Lane for and during the term of her natural life and at her death, one half of the same to be divided between those named in the Third Item of this my will, and the other half to be equally divided between the brothers and sisters of my beloved wife, that may be living and to any that may be dead leaving a child or children their share to go to such child or children forever.

Item 5th I nominate and appoint my esteemed friend James Webb the executor of this my last will & testament and desire him to collect all debts owing my Estate & close up the business of the same as soon as practicable, I further desire him to see that the several provisions of this my will are fully carried out so far as may be in his power, I desire a good tombstone put over my grave, which my executor will see is done, I desire to be buried by my father & mother, and I desire head and foot stones put to each of their graves which my executor will see to.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this the 9th day of May 1857

Witness

G. W. McGraw
Jas. M. Mitchell

John L. Parsley (read)

I John L. Parsley do make the following alteration as coarcel to this my last will & testament, I do not want my negr. Linda sold but want her to ~~have~~ be the absolute property of my beloved wife forever I have about ten thousand in notes which will be due next Christmas & I want the proceeds loaned out by my executor until the estate is settled up.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 9th day May 1857

Witness

G. W. McGraw
Jas. M. Mitchell

John L. Parsley (read)

State of Tennessee
Marshall County County Court August Term 1857
Personally appeared here in open court G. W. McGraw & Jas. M. Mitchell subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and coarcel Thereto and who after being duly qualified pronounced said will and coarcel as the law directs which will & coarcel was ordered by The Court to be recorded.

Witness my hand at
Office August 3rd 1857
J. T. Tally (read)

44
Thos. W. Robinson's Will

State of Tennessee Marshall County
 I Thomas W. Robinson of the State and County
 aforesaid being of sound mind, memory do make
 and ordain this my last will and testament
 speaking mind and voice all other wills by me
 at any other time made.

1st My will and desire is that all my just
 debts be paid and funeral expenses at soon
 after my decease as convenient.

2nd My will and desire is that my beloved wife
 Martha A. Robinson have all my property both
 real and personal of every description whatever
 during her natural life or widowhood, but if
 in case my said wife Martha should marry
 then and in that case my will is that my
 executor divide my property equally between
 between my wife and all my children

Share and share about. It is also my will
 that my wife have and educate all of
 my children out of the proceeds of my property
 it is also my will that Martha W. Cadeley
 be appointed Executor to this my last will
 and testament, signed sealed and delivered
 in presence of us. This 14th day of January 1856

D. M. Weaver

T. W. Robinson

Daniel E. M. Woods

State of Tennessee
 Marshall County County Court August term 1857

Personally appeared here in open Court D. M.
 Weaver & Daniel E. M. Woods ^{submitting to the foregoing will} who after being
 duly qualified proven the due execution of the
 said will as the law directs, which will was
 ordered by the Court to be recorded.

Witness my hand at

Office August 8th 1857

J. Tully Clerk

45
Erson Gray's Will

State of Tennessee
 Marshall County I Erson Gray do make and publish this my last
 will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills and
 testaments by me at any time made,

1st I direct that all my funeral expenses and all
 my debts be paid, as soon after my death, as possible,
 out of any money of which I may be possessed,
 or which may come into the hands of my executors,

2nd I give to my trusty and well beloved friend Richard
 W. Casapbell of Maury County Tennessee, for & in
 consideration of five dollars all my land, all my
 money and promissory notes which to me may
 belong at the time of my death, to be held by
 him in trust for certain purposes herein after
 named. That is to say,

1st That my beloved daughter Sarah E. Gray, have
 the use and benefit of the following slaves, namely
 Ellen, Metilda, Mills, Patrick, Anastacia and
 Maudie, and their increase, also a horse to be chosen
 by her from among my horses, also a cow
 and calf, and a bed and furniture, I give
 this to my daughter Sarah because I have given
 similar gifts to all my other children,

2nd I direct that all my horses, mules, cattle, sheep,
 hogs &c (not otherwise disposed of) after due notice
 be sold at public sale to the highest bidder on
 a credit of twelve months, the purchasers to give
 approved security.

3rd I direct that all the lands of which I may be
 possessed, be sold at public sale, after due notice
 to the highest bidder, on a credit of one, two & three
 years, the purchaser or purchasers giving approved
 security, and a lien to be retained on the lands
 until the purchase money be paid.

4th I give all the money arising from the sale of
 my stock, and all the money arising from
 the sale of my land, and all the money and
 promissory notes of which I may be possessed,
 together with the balance of my slaves to my friend

the said Richard W. Campbell to be equally divided by him among my four children namely Elizabeth Gray who intermarried with Isaac S. Wellborne (decd) Tabitha Gray who intermarried with William H. Driver, Frances Ann Gray who intermarried with Thomas C. Malley, and to Joseph C. Gray & to be held in Trust by the said Richard W. Campbell for the use and benefit of my said daughters and and the heirs of their bodies.

I do not that as my woman slave Teller is getting old and as such has been a faithful servant, that she have the privilege of choosing her mistress among my daughters, and as she is not worth much, it is my will, that her mistress so chosen shall not pay nor account any thing for her.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint William H. Driver & Thomas C. Malley my executors Given under my hand and seal this 10th day of November A.D. 1854

Orson Gray Seal

Witness Read & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here to the presence of the Testator, this 10th day of November 1854

Attest { G. L. McBrining }
H. G. Waters } (Witness Oct 5, 1857)
G. C. Campbell

State of Tennessee
Marshall County County Court October term 1857
Personally appeared here in open Court G. L. McBrining and H. G. Waters subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and who after being duly qualified proved the due execution of the same, whereon was thereupon ordered by the Court to be recorded
Witness my hand
at office October 5th 1857
J. Tally, Clerk

Leimima S. Porters Will

I Leimima S. Porter being in the exercise of my mind but, but prostrated on the bed of sickness, knowing the uncertainty of life, that death will inevitably terminate all mortal existence sooner or later, and having some personal affairs that I desire to make special disposition of, do in view of these things make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby making and making void all former wills by me at any time made, First, I will and desire and do hereby direct, that my body be decently and respectfully interred - my funeral expenses and all my just debts paid, out of any moneys I may be possessed of, or which may first come into the hands of my executors.

Second I give and bequeath unto my son William Randolph Quarles one of my free negro boys allowing him to have his share of them, if he survives me but if it should happen that I survive him then and in that event I direct and do desire that his heirs shall not inherit the boy slave hereby devised to him but that they shall not have any interest in him and he the said negro boy shall belong to my daughters Martha Ann and Mary Eliza Quarles, or the surviving one in the same proportion; that I shall hereafter direct my remaining property to be divided and intrested by them, Third, I have unto my daughters Martha Ann Quarles and Mary Eliza Quarles, all of my slave property not intrested in the second item of this will, to be theirs and to their representatives ever during their natural life, and after their death to descend to and belong to their heirs forever. I direct that the slaves hereby intrested to be named Consisting at present of one negro woman named Jucy and her four remaining boys shall be equally intrested or divided between them and should either of my said daughters die leaving no children or heirs of her body, that the surviving one shall have all of them during her life as aforesaid, and descend to her heirs at her death.

Fourth I give and bequeath unto my daughters Martha Ann Quarles and Mary Eliza Quarles all of my property of every kind, including moneys stock or whatsoever may consist of not heretofore devised to be equally divided

between them, Fifthly I hereby nominate and appoint my brother Joseph G. Smith executor to this my last will and testament, made and published as my last will and testament, and I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal This 19th day of February 1855
 Annina S. Porter (Seal)

Made and published by the said Annina S. Porter as her last will and testament in our presence and we have hereunto subscribed our names as witness in her presence and at her particular instance and request This 19. February 1855 Jos. G. Smith
 G. B. Mills } Deat Nov 2, 1857

State of Tennessee }
 Marshall County } County Court December term 1857
 Personally appeared herein open court Jos. G. Smith & G. B. Mills subscribing witness to the will will and who after being duly qualified pronounced well as the law requires which was ordered by the Court
 Witness my hand at
 Office November 2, 1857
 J. Tally Clerk

William Anderson's Will

I William Anderson being of sound mind make this as my last will and testament.
 First I wish my funeral expenses and my last debts paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my Executor.
 Secondly, I wish my wife Elizabeth to have the tract of land on which I live & also the lands I purchased of Thos. A. Smith during her life time and at her death I desire that the above mentioned tracts of land go to my son William G. M. Anderson & family. I give to my wife my negro woman Julia during her lifetime and at her death I wish said slave and her increase & any to

go to the heirs of my body & said slave may be subject to be sold by my wife at any time provided she may wish to make such sale. I give to my wife all my house hold kitchen furniture and farming utensils and two horse waggon and all the provisions and produce that may be on hand during her life and then to the heirs of my body I also give to my wife say two ~~four~~ means as many of my cattle as she may wish to keep all my hogs & sheep during her life and then to my heirs as above mentioned I give to my wife all the money that may be on hand and the balance of her interest in her fathers estate. I give to my son M. S. M. Anderson one horse called George Sadler and Bostall. I give to my daughter Elizabeth one young Bay mare called Kate saddle and bridle, all other property that I may have at my death not mentioned in the above conditions I wish to be sold and the proceeds after paying my debts to be divided among my children given under my hand This April 1st day 1856
 William Anderson (Seal)

Attest W. P. Connel
 J. D. Logan
 State of Tennessee }
 Marshall County } County Court December term 1857
 Personally appeared here in open court W. P. Connel & J. D. Logan subscribing witness to the foregoing will and who after being duly qualified pronounced the proper execution of the same as the law directs
 Witness my hand at
 Office December 7th 1857
 J. Tally Clerk

Rebecca Manion's Will

I Rebecca Manion being in a low state of health but being sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following
 1st I will that my funeral expenses and all last debts shall be paid out of any money that may first come into the hands of my Executor.
 2^d It is my wish and desire and I do direct that if there

should be money enough remaining after paying my
Just debts that my executor purchase a negro woman
to help to support my children until the youngest
child becomes of age, and should there not be
enough of money to purchase a negro woman then
I wish my Executor to loan the money at interest
until there be sufficient amount to purchase such
a negro girl and it is my wish that my executor
shall have the power to sell the negro if she
should not suit and purchase again until
one is purchased, that will suit and when
the youngest child shall become of age then
she and her increase shall be sold on twelve
months credit and then equally divided amongst
all of my children, that may be living at that
time or then in case

I do appoint my son John M. Manier my executor
to this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all former wills by me made in testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
seal this the 3rd day of August 1857

Rebecca Manier *(seal)*

Attest Wm. M. Turner }
W. M. Turner } Decr 7, 1857

State of Tennessee }
Marshall County } County Court December term 1857
Personally appeared here in open Court Wm. M. Turner
& M. J. Turner subscribing witness to the foregoing
will and who after being duly qualified proved
the due execution essential of said will as the law
requires

Witness my hand at
Office December 7th 1857

J. Sally Clerk

Richard Larsson's Will

I Richard Larsson do make and publish this as my
last will and Testament hereby revoking and
making void all other wills by me at any time
made. First I direct that my funeral expenses
and all my debts be paid as soon after my death

as possible out of any moneys that I may dis-
posed of or may first come into the hands of my
executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my brother
William Fossett all my estate both real and personal
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my two
friends J. M. Leachman & Hampton Liggitt my executors
In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my
hand and seal this 16th day of October 1857

R. Fossett *(seal)*

signed sealed and published in our presence and
we have hereunto subscribed our names as the presence
of the testator this 16th day of October 1857

Wm. S. Liggitt

Thomas Green

State of Tennessee }
Marshall County } County Court December term 1857

Personally appeared here in open Court J. S. Liggitt
& Thomas Green subscribing witness to the foregoing
will and who after being duly qualified proved the
due execution of said will as the law requires

Witness my hand at
Office December 7th 1857
J. Sally Clerk

Abigail H. Crosswell's Maniculation Will

We Joseph E. Boring and Andrew Crosswell do state
that the maniculation will of Abigail H. Crosswell was
made by her on the 13th day of Nov 1857 in our
presence to which we were specially requested to
bear witness by the testator herself in the presence
of each other that it was made in her last sickness
in her own habitation or dwelling house and the
same is as follows, to wit, It was her will and
desire that her effects should be disposed of after her
decease in the following manner, First all my
Just debts and liabilities shall first be paid.
Second All of my property after the payment
of my debts shall go and I do hereby bequeath
the same to my beloved sister Mary Ann Crosswell
to hold and keep as her own forever my estate
consisting only of personal property.
Third I bequeath ever give to my beloved