

Witnesses  
John Twitty Seal  
R C Hill Seal  
dated August 7<sup>th</sup> 1865

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County Personally appeared here in Open Court John Twitty & R C Hill, the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1865 each of whom after being duly sworn swore the execution of the same in law streets which was ordered to be Recorded  
Witnesses very humbly as

Office August 7<sup>th</sup> 1865  
R L Adams Clerk

### John B Fowler's Will

On the name of God amen - I John B Fowler  
of the County of Marshall and the state of Tennessee, being of sound mind, and disposing memory and being in usual health, but being mindful of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me heretofore made -

First - I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to earth to be decently buried by my Executor herein after named

I also desire that my burial expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly - It is my desire that my children or the heirs of my body shall inherit my Estate equally, Share, and Share alike and for that purpose I have had my lands divided into tracts or lots as represented in a plat of survey which plat is to accompany this my will marked exhibited A, and made out in the hand writing of Stephen Sally - Of which tracts or lots I give and bequeath to my son Auburn L Fowler his heirs and assigns Lot No one as described in said plat or Survey to reserve to myself for the purpose of a family burying place 1 3/8 poles of and out of said lot to be laid off by myself at the present family burying place the balance to lie his and his heirs forever

I have advanced to my said son Auburn L Fowler four thousand two hundred and nine dollars & 78 cents - Two hundred and nine dollars and 78 cents he is to pay back, that amount to me, but should I die before he pays that amount to me, then he shall account to my Executor to go into my estate for the above amount of \$ 2038 78.

Thirdly - I give and bequeath to my daughter Tennessee A Fowler Lot No 2 as designated in said plat to be hers and her heirs forever, but in case said Tennessee A should die before her youngest child shall arrive at lawful age, then and in that event Alanthus Fowler her husband shall have and exercise full ownership over said lot of land until said Tennessee A's youngest child shall arrive of age, which lot contains one hundred and eleven acres (11) I have advanced to my said daughter Tennessee A Fowler the sum of four thousand two hundred and seventy one 5/100 dollars of which amount she is to pay me back Two hundred and seventy-one 5/100 dollars; and if I should die before she pays the same to me, then and in that event she is to pay the same to my Executor to be accounted for in the distribution of my estate

Fourthly - I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret E Thompson Lot No 3 to be hers and her heirs forever, which lot contains 98 1/50 acres but should my said daughter Margaret E die with or and leave heirs then and in that event said lot of land is to be equally divided between my other sons and daughters or their heirs. I have also advanced to my said daughter Margaret E Thompson the sum of four thousand sixty six 7/100 dollars - of which amount she is to pay over to my Executor the sum of sixty six 7/100 dollars

Fifthly - I give and bequeath to my son William N Fowler that portion of my land designated on said plat as Lot No 4 to be his heirs and assigns forever containing 28 acres 66 poles. I also give and bequeath to my son William N Fowler and his heirs and assigns the tract of land wherein I now live containing 5 1/2 acres in District No 14 in Marshall County. I have advanced to my son William N Thirty one hundred and fifty seven 7/100 dollars

It is my will that my Executor pay over to my said son William N Eight hundred forty two 95 dollars out of my estate to make him equal with the rest of my children that is if there should be sufficient assets in his hands, but then if should not be enough, then they shall all be made equal, it being my intention to make all the advancements equal at four thousand dollars

Sixthly - I give and bequeath to my son Eldridge P Fowler his heirs and assigns, that portion of my lands known and

described as Lot No 5 Containing 115 acres and 807 poles to be held during his natural life and at his death to descend to his children - and also 33 acres of land in District No 10 in Marshall County being the land whereon Albert Smiley now resides; and my son Elbridge B may dispose of the said twenty two acres as he may see proper & have advanced to my son Elbridge B twenty nine hundred and twenty three  $\frac{7}{100}$  dollars by my Executor is to make equal with the rest on the same condition that is provided in the fifth Clause of my will.

Ninety - I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha S Smith and her children two tracts of land adjoining each other in District No 5 of said County, - one the tract wherein she now lives containing by estimation seventy four acres & one half (74 acres) and the other tract known as the Richardson tract containing by estimation One hundred and Thirteen acres, also one tract of Cedar land containing seven acres lying in District No 5 in said County it is also known as the Richardson tract - The said Martha S Smith is to have the before mentioned tracts of land during her natural life; and at her death her children are to inherit the same - I have advanced to my said daughter the sum of Two thousand six hundred and twenty six  $\frac{5}{100}$  dollars and my Executor is to make her equal with the others of my children subject to the same restrictions set forth in the 6<sup>th</sup> Clause of this my will.

Ninety - I give and bequeath to my son John L Fowler and his heirs the tracts of land wherein he now resides in Peter County Tennessee Containing by estimation One hundred and Ninety one acres and Sixtenths lying and being in the 14<sup>th</sup> Civic District of said County - I have advanced to my said son John Lee the sum of Thirty five hundred and forty  $\frac{8}{100}$  dollars, which my Executor is to make up to Four thousand dollars subject to the same conditions in the said 6<sup>th</sup> Clause of this Will.

Ninety - It is my will and so direct that my children who are in possession of the land bequeathed to them shall not account to each other for Rent - and that those not in possession of the land bequeathed to them are not entitled to rents as long as they may be unless authorized by me.

Ninety - It is my Will and desire that all of my property, both real and personal not herein bequeathed, except that bequeathed to my wife be equally divided between my children and their heirs, except to Adeline G Grant, who I have already given as much as my other children will get.

But should my estate be worth more than Four thousand dollars to each of my children, then the mid Adeline G Grant shall be entitled to her equal proportion, but in the event my estate will not amount to that much to each share, then she shall account for her part of the deficiency - She having received Four thousand dollars.

Eleventh - I desire to my wife Elizabeth Fowler all the slaves she and myself inherited from the estate of Richard Lee dead consisting of the following To Ned, Celyd, Peggy, Rachel, Agatha, Patrick, Ann, and Ruth increase - I also desire to her one Bed and furniture, one choir stool and how which shall be sufficient amount for her maintenance during her life.

Twelfth - It is my will and desire, and do so direct that all my negroes be equally divided between my children or their heirs but it is truly my will and desire that all the property that may descend to my daughters, either personal, mixed or real, is fairly & properly bequeathed to my said daughters and their heirs, and if either of them shall die without bodily issue then the property bequeathed to them or either of them shall be equally divided between my other children.

Thirteenth - I hereby nominate and appoint my trusty friend James M Knight my Executor to this my Will.

Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1858

John B Fowler *(Signature)*

Signed sealed and delivered in our presence and we have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1858

Thomas McKnight  
Thomas W London  
Thomas M Tucker

{ Jan 25 1858

State of Tennessee

Marshall County *(Signature)* Personally appeared here in open Court Thomas M Knight, one of the subscribers to the foregoing will on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1858 and after first being duly sworn proved the execution of the subscriber law direct, which was ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at

Office Marion the 6 1858  
R. L. Adams *(Signature)*

James & George Ewing

I do James D Ewing do make and  
ordain this my last Will and Testament making of  
others by me made

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife N.C.  
Ewing a certain tract or parcel of land including  
my dwelling and out houses except the John Barns  
house and a barn and a stable furthest from my  
dwelling, said tract of land supposed to contain  
about eighty acres the line on the west to be so  
run as to put the well known as the new well  
on the line between the Down or farm tract  
and the lands west of said tract to be hers during  
her natural life this is the middle tract as lately  
surveyed, known as plat no. 2. my wife is also  
allowed to get firewood and timber of a certain  
tract of land known as the Abshar tract the lands  
given to my wife N.C. Ewing at her death and the  
Abshar tract is to be equally divided between my  
daughter P.A. Ewing and grand daughter Hattie P.  
Fuller.

2d It is my will and desire that all my house-  
hold and kitchen furniture be equally  
divided between my wife and P.A. Ewing  
or so much thereof as they may desire to keep  
said house hold and Kitchen Furniture to be  
valued to them and one third of said value  
to be paid by them to my Grand Daughter

H.P. Fuller

3d It is my will that my daughter P.A. Ewing  
have for herself and body hers a certain tract  
of land lying East of the Down tract to  
contain one hundred and five acres the lines  
to be run parcels with my East Boundary  
line.

4th It is my will that my Grand Daughter H.P. Fuller  
have all the lands belonging to me lying  
west of Down or lands given to my  
wife, except the Abshar tract containing  
about one hundred and forty acres the  
west of the death of my Grand daughter

Hattie P. Fuller before she marries or becomes  
of age that lands given to her in Down and the  
lands given to her mate or the Down be equally  
divided between Littleton Fuller her Father and  
John B. Wilkes -

5th It is further my will that my wife N.C. Ewing  
have the following stock and property one bay  
mare Martha and first choice of horses that  
may be on hand two choice Milch cows five  
head of sheep ten head of hogs out of hogs  
not now up for Pork two plows and two pair  
of geers two weeding hoes one spinning wheel  
and what cards on hand one Loom and one  
Chalk set one axe one Iron wedge

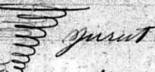
6th On the event of the death of my daughter  
P.A. Ewing leaving no bodily heirs arriving  
at the age of twenty one years Then the lands  
given to her and her heirs is to be equally  
divided between N.C. Ewing her husband  
and John B. Wilkes

7th It is my will that all the balance of my  
property of every description be sold by  
my executors and applied first to the  
payment of my debts and if there is a  
balance after my debts is paid my wife  
N.C. Ewing have four hundred dollars and  
James H. Wilkes have fifty dollars and  
the balance to be equally divided between  
P.A. Ewing my daughter, Hattie P. Fuller my  
Grand Daughter

8th On giving my household furniture &  
except one bed bedstead & furniture and one  
bureau which is to give to Hollie Ewing  
daughter of G.N. Ewing

It is my will Nominate and appoint  
my worthy friends John B. Wilkes and William  
B. Stein my executors to execute this my  
will and testament

In testimony whereof I have set my  
name in the presence of, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of

attest  
 James V Curing  April 4<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 John E Bugg  " " "

State of Tennessee

Marshall County  County Court I car Term 1865

Personally appeared here in open Court  
 James V Curing and John E Bugg, Subscribing  
 Witnesses to the foregoing will, who  
 after first being duly sworn proved the  
 due execution of the same as law directs -  
 Witness my hand at

Office December the 4<sup>th</sup> 1865  
 R L Adams 

State of Tennessee

Marshall County  I James Boren of the County  
 and State aforesaid, do make and ordain this my  
 last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other  
 Wills by me at any time made.

1<sup>st</sup> I will that my just debts and funeral expenses  
 be paid out of the first moneys that comes into  
 the hands of my Executor.

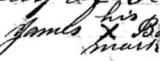
2<sup>nd</sup> My will and desire is that my beloved wife  
 and Boren have all my property of every description  
 whatever, real and personal during her natural life,  
 and at her death, my will is that my son James M  
 Boren have my negro girl named Eliza, and Five  
 Hundred Dollars in Money

3<sup>d</sup> and also at the death of my said wife, my  
 will is that my son John W Boren have Twelve  
 Hundred Dollars.

4<sup>th</sup> My will is that the children of my deceased  
 daughter Martha Long have one Thousand Dollars

5<sup>th</sup> My will is thus at the death of my wife, that  
 all of my property be sold by my Executors,  
 both personal & real, and that James M  
 John W & the heirs of my daughter Martha Long  
 do not have what I have willed them above  
 until the death of my wife, as for my daughter  
 Mrs N. A. B. she

Thousands Dollars, also I have given to  
 my son W of Boren a negro girl worth one  
 thousand Dollars. I have, also given my son  
 S A Boren his share of my Estate.

6<sup>th</sup> My will is that after the sale of my property  
 that all of my Children have an equal share  
 after the legacies before mentioned is paid  
 over except S J, who has had a full share  
 of my estate. I also authorize my Executors  
 to sell my land at public auction on terms  
 just such as my heirs may agree on, and  
 convey titles and that the same shall be as  
 good and valued as though I was present  
 and doing the same myself, I also appoint  
 my sons James M and W of Boren Executors  
 to this my last will and testament. witness  
 my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1860  
 signed & sealed in our presence James Boren   
 this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1860

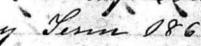
M M Oakley

J G Carlton  jurat May 4<sup>th</sup> 1860

Codicil to the last will and testament of  
 James Boren Whereas I have bequeathed in  
 my foregoing Will my negro girl named Eliza  
 at the death of my wife, to my son James M Boren  
 Therefore it is also my will & desire that any  
 said son have said girl together with all  
 his further in case if there be any witness  
 my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1861  
 signed and acknowledged in our presence James Boren   
 province the 9<sup>th</sup> March 1861

M M Oakley

James H Carlton

State of Tennessee  County Court  
 Marshall County  May Term 1866

Personally appeared here in open Court of Carlton  
 one of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will  
 who after first being duly sworn proved the due  
 execution of the same as Law directs - M Oakley  
 the other subscribing witness being dead - witness my hand  
 to all the above. M M Oakley

Concise will of Green B London deceased -

On or about the first of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty two Green B London Deceased, at his home in Marshall County Tennessee on the eve of his departure for the Army (having been Conscripted) into the Service of the Confederate States Army) and being in bad health and saying that he never expected to get home again alive, declared in our presence the undersigned, whom he requested to bear witness thereto that his will was as follows -

That if he should not get home again a live. He desired that his wife Ann London have all that he had in the way of property, including the land & house upon which he then lived.

That she should pay all his just debts with the effects of his personal property and have the land her present home absolutely for her own during the period of her natural life that she might be able to raise and educate their Children and that said Ann London his wife be his Executrix & to act as Executrix without giving bond. Said Green B London was killed at the battle of Murfreesboro Thirty first day of December 1862 written in our presence & at our request & signed by us the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1866.

<sup>C. E. London</sup>  
mark

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Attest of witness

Rachel Lincoln  
<sup>her</sup> mark

State of Tennessee County Court  
Marshall County 3 May Term 1866

Personally appeared here in Open Court C. E. London & Rachel Lincoln Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing concise will of Green B London deceased and who after being duly sworn provided the due execution of the same as law directs. Returns my hand at

Office May 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

B. C. Adams C. E.

I Alexander Barron of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind but in feeble health, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others theretofore made by me at any time.

Item. I will first that all my debts be paid out of any means that may be on hand at my death, or that may come into the hands of my Executors hereafter mentioned.

Item. I will that my dearly beloved wife keeps and use all of my estate left after paying my debts real and personal - for her own use and the use of our Children, and that she have and use the same during her natural life or widowhood; and if she marries I will that she have the use of a Child's part, until death and at her death it is my will that the same go back to my children or their legal heirs -

Item. I will that my land be equally divided amongst my children at the death of my wife in lots or parcels to be valued to them, so that they may all share and have a like, and that my personal property be sold and divided as may seem to be the best interest of my Children at the time -

Item. I hereby nominate and appoint my dear wife Susan M Barron my Executrix, and request that her brother Nathan Ewing London act with her as Executor - and assist her in settling up my estate and raising our Children - and they are hereby empowered to manage and control the same according to this my last will as I would do if living. In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name and fix my seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1866

Test

Daniel M Barron

J. C. Ewing

State of Tennessee County Court  
Marshall County 3 May Term 1866

Personally appeared before me in Open Court Daniel M Barron & J. C. Ewing Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will of Alexander Barron deceased

<sup>his</sup>  
Alexander M Barron  
mark

and who after being first duly sworn proved  
the due execution of the same as law directs -  
Witness my hand at

Office May 4<sup>th</sup> 1866 -  
R. L. Adams C.R.

### W M Short's Will

I, William M. Short 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 be paid out of any money I may die seized or possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors

Secondly I direct that my wife, Elizabeth Short have all my household and kitchen furniture and a certain sum of money now owned together with a sufficiency of provision to last her one year to be set apart by three disinterested persons outside of this & direct that all my personal property be sold upon a credit of twelve months by my executors the proceeds be applied to the payment of my debts

Thirdly I direct & bequeath unto my wife, Elizabeth Short the use of all my real estate during her lifetime or widowhood for the purpose of supporting, raising, maintaining and educating my children after having paid the encumbrances that may be upon it after the proceeds of my personal may have been exhausted

Fourthly On the event my wife Elizabeth Short should change her condition in life by marrying I direct that all my real estate be sold upon a credit of one, two and three years & that she be allowed one fourth of the proceeds as her own & that the remaining three fourths be equally divided among my children

Fifthly If she should live and die my widow I direct that after her death all of my real estate be sold as directed in the above clause and the proceeds distributed equally among my children

Sixthly I hereby nominate and appoint as my executor my friend and neighbor Joseph McBrine, I witnessed whereof I hereby seal & subscribe my name and affix my seal this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1865

W M Short

signed and acknowledged in presence of  
Humphrey A. Cowden jurat Aug 6<sup>th</sup> 1866  
S.C. Wilson " 11<sup>th</sup> 1866  
State of Tennessee

Marshall County & County Court Aug' Term 1866.

Personally appeared here in open Court on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1866 Humphrey A. Cowden and on this day S.C. Wilson subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will and who after being duly sworn proved the due execution of said will as the law directs. It is further ordered by the Court that the same be so certified and recorded.

Witness my hand at office Aug the 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

R. L. Adams C.R.

### Rachel Jackson's Will

I, Rachel Jackson of the County of Marshall & State of Tennessee, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former other wills by me at any time made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses be paid out of all my just debts & so soon after my death as possible out of any money that may come into my executors hands first, or that I may die possessed of.

Secondly, I give and bequeath an equal portion of whatever money may belong to my estate, to my five children or their heirs

Thirdly, Give to my son Isaac D. Jackson and Sally L. Powell divided between them all my personal property at a fair valuation and shall account to my estate for the same, and the amount shall be deducted out of their part of my estate. In testimony whereof, I do to this my will, set my hand and seal, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1863.

Test

J. G. Calvert, April 8, 1866.

State of Tennessee

Marshall County & County Court, Sept Term 1866

Personally appeared herein open Court J. G.

Rachel Jackson

Subscrit, the Subscribing witness to the foregoing  
Will, who after being duly sworn proved the  
true execution of the same as law erects -  
Witness my hand at  
Office, September 3<sup>d</sup> 1866.  
R. L. Averitt *(Signature)*

## Maryat Smith's Will

In the name of God, Amen.

I Maryat Smith of the County of Marshall,  
State of Tennessee, being now on the bed of  
affliction, but in my right mind do make this  
my last will and testament, to wit, I  
Item. I give unto my Sister Parkina Smith a  
certain Negro woman named Betsy, a Slave for  
life, aged about 10 to have and to hold during  
the natural life of my said Sister and at her  
death to be free -

Item. I give to my two Sisters Parkina & Cary  
Smith and my Niece Elizabeth Carlton all my  
household property, to be equally divided between them -

Item. I give to my two Sisters Parkina & Cary Smith  
& my niece Elizabeth Carlton, Five hundred Dollars,  
to be divided equally between them

This 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1863. Margaret Smith *her mark*  
I C Howard *mark*

I C Howard *mark* Sept 3<sup>d</sup> 1866.

State of Tennessee,  
Marshall County County Court, Sept. Term 1866.  
Personalty appeared before me in open  
Court I C Howard one of the subscribing  
Witnesses to the foregoing Will, who after being  
sworn, proved the true execution of the same as  
law erects - Witness my hand at

Witness my hand at  
Office, September 3<sup>d</sup> 1866.  
R. L. Averitt *(Signature)*

## J H McCollum's Will

State of Tennessee,

Marshall County J. H. McCollum do hereby  
make & publish this my last will and  
testament hereby revoking and making  
void all other wills by me at any time  
herefore made.

Item 1 It is my will that all my just debts &  
funer expenses first be paid out of  
my estate.

Item 2 I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary  
E. McCollum during her natural life  
or widowhood the whole of my estate  
for the purpose of executing & supporting  
my children.

Item 3 It is my will that in the event my wife  
should marry again the whole of my estate  
is to go to my children equally -

Item 4 I do hereby nominate and appoint  
my worthy friend James M. East, my  
executor to carry out this my last will  
& testament who is empowered to sell  
so much of any property as may be  
necessary to pay my debts of any description  
May 23<sup>d</sup> 1861. J H McCollum *her mark*

Attest  
P G W Gouverneur  
A. G. M. McCollum. Just date 3<sup>d</sup> 1866.

State of Tennessee, Marshall County,  
Personalty appeared before  
me in open Court A. G. M. McCollum one of  
the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing  
Will, who after first being duly sworn,  
proved the true execution of the same as  
law erects - Witness my hand at  
Office date 3<sup>d</sup> 1866

R. L. Averitt *(Signature)*

14  
George Catheray's Will

I, George Catheray of the County of Marshall in the State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me ~~hereunto~~ before made.

1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible.

2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Adeline Catheray, the tract of land wherein I now live, containing two hundred and sixty four acres, be the same more or less. I also bequeath to my said daughter all my household and kitchen furniture, also all the cattle I may own at any death, - all of the foregoing bequeathed shall be in possession of at the time of my death also all the provision that may be on hand.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Matilda Ann Houston, wife of Wm A Houston and her heirs my tract of land lying on the east side of East Rock Creek, containing two hundred and sixty four acres more or less. Said tract is known as the John Houston tract, and to take possession of it my death.

4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my daughter Jane B Long, wife of James D Long Two Thousand dollars, and in the event she should die before she receives the money, then it is my desire that the said two thousand dollars be equally divided between her children.

5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to Gilford Laws, Mary Laws, Heram Laws, and Margaret Laws, children of my deceased daughter Mary A Laws, three hundred dollars each, and to be paid to them after they come of age, after my death, with interest on the same from and after my death. The said Mary Laws is now the wife of A P McClellough.

6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my grand son George E Appleby, son of my deceased daughter Easter E Appleby, One hundred dollars, when he arrives at twenty one years of age, provided he be of that age at any death; and in the event he should die without leaving heirs, then the said sum of five hundred dollars, to equally divide between all of my grand children.

It is my will that in the event that my personal property should not be sufficient to pay off the foregoing legacies bequeathed in money, the same shall be made up out of the two tracts of land heretofore described, in exact proportions. And if my personal estate should exceed the legacies heretofore bequeathed to my said daughter and grand children, then the surplus to be equally divided between them, that is, all of my grand children to share equally.

I have forty two hundred and seven dollars Stock in the Sheltzmine and Leevings Corp Company, and in the event said Stock should be worth any thing, it is my will and desire that the same be equally divided between my three grand Sons, to wit: George leather Appleby, George leather Long and George leather Arlington.

Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my brother friend Nielson A Houston my Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1866.

signed, sealed & acknowledged George leather Long  
in our presence, and witnessed  
by us at the request of the testator,  
this 30<sup>th</sup> of August 1866.

This McNight first Aug 10 1866  
J M Burnett Great Seal 12 7566.

State of Tennessee

Marshall County County Court, dear Term 1866,

On Person ally appeared here in  
open Court C. H. Barnett one of the Subscribing  
witness to the foregoing witness to the who after  
first being duly sworn pronounced the due execution  
of the sum as law directs.

Witness my hand at

Office, this dear 13<sup>th</sup> 1866,

R. L. Adams C.R.

State of Tennessee County Court

Marshall County January Term 1867

Personally appeared here in Open Court  
Thomas McKnight the other Subscribing witness to the  
foregoing will, and who after being duly sworn pronounced the  
due execution of the same as law directs.

Witness my hand at

Office Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 1867

Robert L. Adams C.R.

W. Garrett Will.

I Geo. Garrett of the County  
of Marshall and State of Tennessee, do this day make and  
publish this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other  
Wills by me made at any time.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I desire and direct that all of my debts and  
Funeral Expenses be paid first of any monies I may die  
deign off or first come into the hands of my Executors.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my much beloved  
wife Francis P. Garrett, all of my Household and Kitchen  
furniture and also two young Poodles and one Chocolate  
Spoon Boule named Puss, and I give also to my wife  
during her lifetime my tract of Land on which I  
now live known as the Parks place also I give to  
my wife one other tract of Land eleven acres  
be the same more or less, said eleven acres  
joining the lands of Thomas Parks and John Braden  
and at the death of my much beloved wife I  
desire and to direct that said two tracts of land

be held by my youngest son George W. Garrett and  
I give and direct that my son George W. remain  
with his Mother and receive his education and support  
off said farm -

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my son W. G. Garrett  
my two tracts of land known as the Clayton and  
Cable tracts amounting in all to Two hundred and  
sixty four acres at the valuation of Five Thousand  
two hundred & eighty dollars - He - the said W. G. Garrett  
paying to my son James the sum of Five Hundred  
and fifty dollars, when the said James Garrett  
arrives at the age of twenty five years and the  
right of said two tracts of land is retained to  
the said James Garrett until the said Five Hundred and  
fifty dollars is paid him by the said W. G. Garrett  
and furthermore, I direct that the said W. G. Garrett  
be not charged with interest on the said Five  
hundred and fifty dollars until my son James  
arrives to the age of twenty five years -

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my two sons John A.  
and J. G. Garrett my tract of land of two hundred  
and twenty four and one half acres valued to them  
at Nine Thousand eight Hundred and Forty dollars, known  
as my old Homestead they paying to my son James  
Garrett at the sometime that my son W. G. Garrett  
has to pay him the sum of Three Hundred and eighty  
dollars it being one hundred and ninety dollars each  
and I desire and direct that the sum left my  
two sons J. A. and J. G. Garrett be bound for the payment  
of said sum of Three Hundred and eighty dollars  
to said James Garrett and direct that they pay no  
interest until interest is due from my son W. G. Garrett

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son  
James A. Garrett my tract of land known as the  
White place at the valuation of Thirty eight hundred  
dollars. The said land I desire shall not be subject  
for his debts until he arrives at the age of twenty  
five years at which time the monies then due  
him from W. G. A. and J. G. Garrett of Nine  
& thirty dollars making him in monies and  
equal amounting in all to the sum of  
Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty dollars

of my estate left to my four eldest sons  
 Item 6<sup>th</sup> I direct and direct that  
 all my personal property not willed be sold  
 on a course of 13 months and the proceeds of  
 the same with what monies I may die  
 seized off be equally divided between my  
 wife and children  
 Item 7<sup>th</sup> and lastly I hereby nominate my  
 two sons Wm S and John A Garrett my lawful  
 executors in witness whereof I subscribe my  
 name this January 23<sup>d</sup> 1867 Louis Garret  
 signed and acknowledged in  
 our presence and we agreed to become  
 subscribing witnesses on the day it bears date  
 Humphry A Cowden Janus Feb 11<sup>d</sup> 1867  
 Elbridge P Cooper " " "

State of Tennessee County Court, Feb term 1867  
 Marshall County Personally appeared here  
 in open Court H A Cowden and E P Cooper subscribing  
 witness to the foregoing will, who after being  
 first duly qualified proved the due execution of  
 the foregoing will as law directs -  
 Witness my hand at Office this Feb 11<sup>d</sup> 1867  
 R L Adams (att)

### John Elliott's Will -

I John Elliott do ~~hereby~~ publish this my last  
 will and testament, hereby revoking and making  
 void all other wills by me at any time made.  
 I direct that funeral expenses and my debts be  
 paid as soon after my death as possible out  
 of any money that I may die possessed of  
 or that may first come into the hands of  
 my Executor.

I give and bequeath to my son James Elliott,  
 item (below it is) \$1000 Dollars, and horse and  
 carriage which he has before had -

Thirty I give and bequeath to my son George H Elliott  
 after my funeral expenses and debts is paid one  
 hundred dollars  
 Fourthly I will and bequeath me below wife Morning  
 Elliott the I live on and all the balance of  
 my estate that I may die possessed of  
 during her natural life and at her death to my  
 daughter Eliza Elliott and my son Joseph J.  
 Elliott all to be equally divided between them.  
 Fifthly It my will and desire that there should be no  
 sale of my property at my death except it  
 should be necessary to pay my debts or when  
 I do hereby nominate and appoint my son  
 Joseph A Elliott executor. In witness whereof I  
 do to this my will set my hand and seal this  
 the 19<sup>d</sup> of January 1858.

John Elliott (signed)  
 Signed sealed and published in our presence and  
 have subscribed our names here to the presence  
 of the testator this the day of January 1858.  
 John T Ferguson Junr Sept 2<sup>d</sup> 1867  
 John A Jones " " "

State of Tennessee  
 Marshall County County Court  
 Sept, term 1867.

Personally appeared here in open court, John  
 T Ferguson & John A Jones, the two subscribing  
 witness to the foregoing will, who after first  
 being duly sworn, proved the due execution  
 of the same, as law directs, which was ordered  
 to be record - witness my hand at  
 office, this September 2<sup>d</sup> 1867.

R L Adams (att)

# William Shekane's Will

I william.

1<sup>st</sup> Shikane of Marshall County Temper, do make and publish the following as my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made.

2<sup>nd</sup> I desire my just debts and funeral expenses paid by my Executor as soon after my death as convenient.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give to the children of my son Charles H R Shekane Five dollars to be equally divided amongst them.

4<sup>th</sup> I give to the children of my son Robert Shekane Five dollars to be equally divided amongst them.

5<sup>th</sup> I give to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of James Collins Five dollars,

6<sup>th</sup> I give to my son James Shekane Five dollars.

7<sup>th</sup> I give to my children M G Shekane, Caroline Shekane, Barbara Shekane, and Diana Shekane my tract of land of 85 Acres on which I now live - , together with all the balance of my estate, ~~either~~ whether real or personal, after the payment of my debts and the above bequests to be equally divided amongst them - and I would desire that my said four children pay my debts and the bequests and retain nothing on the place as it now is, provided they can do so -

Lastly, I nominate & appoint Mr G Shekane and Caroline Shekane Executors & Executrix to this Will.

Witness my hand, this 33 day of November AD 1860  
Signed, sealed & acknowledged *Wm H Shekane Esq*  
in our presence by the Testator on the  
above date and at his request, we  
have been witnesses to the same in the  
presence of each other -

Horatio M. Phillips. *Sept 28 1867.*  
Thos H. & Landon

State of Indiana,  
Marshall County, <sup>B</sup> County Court

September term 1867.

Personally appeared here in open court, Horatio M Phillips, one of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, who after first being duly qualified, proved the due execution of the foregoing will, which was by the court ordered to be record.

Witness my hand at  
office, this September 2<sup>d</sup> 1867.  
R L Adams *(initials)*

estate of William

# Robt Hardin's Will

I Robt Hardin, being of sound mind but in failing health do make and publish this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me. I commit my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the ground there to await the final resurrection.

I will that all my estate real and personal remain in my wife and my children, after my death, to be used and applied to the support and benefit of the whole family in common. I wish no sale of any part or parcel of my property (except as hereinafter mentioned).

Item. I will that my two hundred and about twenty two acre tract of land called the flats place situated in Harrison County be sold and the proceeds appropriated to the payment of all my just debts, so far as may be necessary and also I will that my eighty five acre tract of land situated in Hardin County adjoining the one hundred and three acre tract and the same that I purchased of Rossey be sold.

and for the same purpose that I desired the  
two hundred and twenty two acre tract sold.

I will that my one hundred and three acre  
tract of land which I purchased in Hardin  
County from Thos a colored man - and that  
amongst one thousand and forty acre tract situated  
in Henderson County Tennessee, be leased or  
turned out and the proceeds arising therefrom to  
go into the support and maintenance of my  
family as above.

I will that the place on which I now reside  
situated in Marshall County Tennessee, civil  
district No. 5, and the sum that I purchased of  
Thos J. Davidson, containing two hundred and  
fifty acres, be left with and in the possession of  
my widow Mary J. Hardin - and her children  
and to be used by them for the object specified  
in Item 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I will that a full and finished education be  
given to all of my children - and after my  
children are all thus educated and when  
the youngest child becomes of age. I will that  
all of my property in whatever consisting, be  
sold and the proceeds equally divided on the  
property itself equally divided amongst my  
children including my grand son Robert A.  
Hardin, and my grand daughter Marguerite E.  
(formerly Gray, her present husband not now  
known to me, (who are the children of my  
son Alexander A. Hardin deceased.) as one of  
my heirs with my other children and entitled  
to an equal share of my estate, as one of  
my own children - except the place on which  
I now live which I leave to my wife during  
her natural life and such stock and farming  
utensils that may be necessary to carry on  
the same, and at her death the same to be  
divided amongst my children and grand  
children as above stated.

Item That the proceeds of the sale of lands directed  
to be sold after paying all of my just debts

be applied by my Executors hereinafter mentioned  
to the improvement of my farm in Marshall  
County for the support and benefit of my family  
as provided in Item 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Mary  
J. Hardin my Executrix, and Thos W Coffey  
my Executor to assist her in carrying out  
this my will, so far as the use and distribution  
of my property in Marshall County Tennessee, is  
concerned, and I hereby nominate and  
appoint my grandson Robt A Hardin as my  
Executor to far as carry out my will in  
reference to any property in Hardin County  
Tennessee, and Henderson County Tennessee is  
concerned, and I hereby empower him to sell,  
transfer and convey title to the lands I have  
directed to be sold in the same way as I would  
do if living, and rent or lease my other lands in  
the same way that I would do if living -

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife  
Mary J. Hardin as Guardian for my children  
and Thos W Coffey to assist her in the  
education of my children in the way I direct  
and further if as it may become necessary  
to send my children to High Schools with  
a view to complete their Education, there  
should not be a sufficient fund to carry out  
that desire, either in or coming into the hands  
of my Executors then and if that event it  
is my will that the one hundred and three  
acre tract of land in Hardin County be sold  
and the proceeds used for that purpose and  
I hereby empower my Executors or their  
successors to sell the same to transfer and  
convey title to the same just as I would if  
living - and to use the proceeds arising  
therefrom for that purpose as it may be  
needed, and if there should be at any  
time a fund not needed for that purpose  
the same is to go into the general fund

for the benefit and support of my family—  
I, Robert Hardin, do ~~witness~~<sup>hereunto</sup> sign my name, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
September A.D. 1866.

Attest,

R. G. Tucker, Notary Public, 1866.  
Thos H Allison " " "

State of Tennessee,  
Marshall County, ~~3~~ County Court,

November term 1867.

Personalty appeared here in open court,  
Dr R G Tucker & Thos H Allison, subscribing  
witnesses to the foregoing will, who after  
being duly qualified, proved the true execution  
of the same as law directs, which was  
ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at  
Office, this November 4<sup>th</sup> 1867.  
R L Adams *(Signature)*

### Mary Meek's Will.

I Mary Meek of the County of Bedford and  
State of Tennessee being weak of body but of  
sound mind and disposing memory do  
make, execute & publish this to be my  
last will & testament in manner & form  
as follows, to wit,

Item 1<sup>st</sup> it is my will & desire that my son James  
Meek shall have my tract of land it to do  
merely will & bequeath the said land to him  
which the land I ~~but~~ of Mr Martin & the  
land is situated in the County of Weakley  
in the Western district of this State, same  
& containing one hundred acres more or  
less. Provide always that the said James  
Meek shall pay the sum of Five hundred  
dollars after deducting twenty dollars, to owe  
him out of the same.

and I will and bequeath to my two daughters

Mary Jane Hopkins & Matilda Robinson the  
four hundred & eighty dollars that will be  
coming from James Meek for my tract  
of land in St. District together with all the  
house & remainder of every thing I may  
own at my death after paying all just  
debts that I may owe at my death &c  
& it is my will that my son James Meek  
have until the 25 of Decr next to pay to my  
2 daughters or their heirs the sum of four  
hundred & Eighty which is to be equally divided  
among them after all debts be paid &c  
I hereby revoke all other wills by me at any  
time made as witness my hand & seal,  
this 5 day of April A.D. 1856.

Signed & acknowledged  
in our presence. Mary *Meek* *Seal*.  
Joseph Anderson  
M B Fisher *Notary Public*  
Salomon Rosenthal " "

State of Tennessee,  
Marshall County, ~~3~~ County Court, January term 1868.

Personalty appeared here in open court,  
M B Fisher and Salomon Rosenthal two of the subscribers  
witnesses to the foregoing will, who  
after first being duly sworn proved the due  
execution of the same as law directs.  
which was ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at  
office, this January 6<sup>th</sup> 1868.  
R L Adams *(Signature)*

### Joseph Culver's Will

I Joseph Culver do make and publish this  
my last will and Testament revoking and  
canceling ~~all~~ all former other wills by  
me at any time made.

I direct that my funeral expenses and

all of my debts be paid as soon after  
my death as possible out of any monies  
that I may die possessed of, or that first  
money that among come into the hands of  
my executors.

2ndy I direct my executor as soon after my  
death as possible sell to the highest bidder  
all of my personal effects except the  
house hold and kitchen furniture and give  
the proceeds to my wife Mary, as many  
be required, also to rent out my land  
annually and give the proceeds to her -  
also unless she should intent to reside  
upon the land -

3rdy I direct and hereby empower my executor  
after the death of my wife to sell to  
the highest bidder on a one and two  
years credit, all of my real estate and  
give my Grand Son Thomas Moore  
One hundred dollars out of the proceeds  
when he arrives at the age of thirty one  
years and divide the balance of my estate  
entire estate between my two sons in law  
John H Thomas and John McCauslin their heirs  
or legal representatives - I also direct that  
any effects left my wife be also sold  
after her death and divided between  
my two sons in law as before mentioned.  
I direct that should my Grand son  
Thomas Moore die before living one years  
ago the amount recd him by sale to  
his grandfather James Moore -

4thly I hereby appoint and nominate Jas R Moore  
my executor - given under my hand and seal this  
8th day of September A.D. 1863, eight hundred and fifty three.  
Test. Joseph Lewis Ed  
Edt Deed first June 1868  
Joseph N. Wilson " " "

State of Virginia,  
Marshall having been January 1868  
Personalty appraised here in open

Court, Edt Deed & Joseph N. Wilson subscribing  
witnesses to the following will, who after  
first being duly sworn, passed the due  
execution of the sum as law directs - which  
was ordered to be transcribed,

Witness my hand at  
Office, January 13<sup>th</sup> 1868,  
R D Adams (Ed)

### Last Will and Testament of Park H Townsend

I Park H Townsend being of  
sound mind and disposing mind blessed be god for it do  
declare this my last will and testament

I will that all of my just debts be settled  
by my executor as soon after my death as possible -

I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother Elizabeth Townsend during  
her natural life the following named slaves, to wit Peter aged  
about Twenty five years - Betsy aged about Thirty two and aged about  
seventy & also give to my beloved Mother the following notes and  
judgments to wit one note on E. G. Townsend for one hundred & thirty eight  
dollars & 8<sup>cts</sup>. an note on S. W. Townsend balance of one hundred thirty  
four dollars & 8<sup>cts</sup>. one note on J. W. Alexander balance of one hundred  
sixty two dollars & 6<sup>cts</sup>. one judgment vs. S. W. Townsend for about  
one hundred dollars one judgment vs. J. W. Alexander for about  
fifty dollars one vs. S. W. Townsend for about seventy dollars  
one vs. P. W. Townsend for about twenty dollars one vs.  
E. G. Townsend for about twelve dollars I also give to my  
beloved Mother all of my stock of horses mules Hogs &c with  
the exception of my saddle horse also my portion of my crops  
that is now growing

- at my mothers death I want the negroes with the exception  
of Peter, and all other effects converted into money and divided  
between my brothers and sisters as follows, to Elizabeth Clegg  
I give the sum of five dollars to M. & P. Clegg I give the sum of  
five dollars to Ann H. Clegg I give the sum of five dollars  
the balance to be equally divided between my other sisters  
and Brothers.

I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Townsend son of  
E. G. Townsend my entire interest in the lower claim off by  
the court at Lewisburg for my mothers my interest

being any tenth part of said sum.

I give and bequeath to my beloved sister Ellen E. Lownard my saddle horse.

I give to my beloved Brother S. C. Townsend, at my mother's death, my negro man Peter to dispose of as he sees proper.

I do hereby constitute and appoint S. C. Townsend my executor.

In witness whereof I do to this day my will set my hand & seal this 16th day of May 1861

D. G. Townsend

Signed sealed & published in our presence we subscribe our names hereunto in the presence of the testator this 16th day of May 1861 M. L. Alexander. B. H. White) State of Tennessee,  
Present Feb 3<sup>d</sup> 1868 by witness Marshall County Personality  
Marshall & B. H. White both being negroes opposed here in upon account of the  
being my slaves, now the property of one who after his  
master my hands at office, this February 3<sup>r</sup> 1868. D. G. Adams AD

Daniel Bachman Hill

I Daniel Bachman of the County of Marshall and 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.

Fifth I direct that my funeral expences and all of my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may just come in to the hands of my Executor which shall herein after name.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my seven children (now) Ann B Lawrence formerly Ann B Bachman Jannel B Clayton formerly Jennet B Bachman John B Bachman William B Bachman Sarah D Marks formerly Sarah D Bachman Polly B Barnes formerly B. C. Bachman and Margaret D Doromny formerly Margaret D Bachman an equal portion of my real & personal estate with the provisions I will hereinafter mention.

Third I give and bequeath to Mrs B Bachman one negro boy John aged about four years valued at six hundred and fifty dollars on one two three and four years credit which was valued to him in the division of my negroes with the rest of my children in part of his equal share.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret D Doromny formerly Margaret D Bachman one seventh part

of my whole estate real and personal for her sole use and benefit and the heirs of her body forever making her equal with the rest of my children including what I have heretofore given them or loaned them for which I hold her due bill & notes which shall be accounted for in a settlement with my executors.

Fifth I further more have Ann B Lawrence formerly Anna B Bachman and John B Bachman charged with a negro boy named Helen aged about seventeen years which was valued at twelve hundred dollars in the above named division of my property on one two three and four years credit and also one hundred and five dollars in cash which charge is made equal between the said mentioned heirs in this article and was sent to them by A. Lawrence.

I further direct that my executors sell all of my property both real and personal after giving twenty days notice one at the Court House of said County and at four of the most public places in the County my personal property to be sold on a credit of twelve month and my real estate on a credit of one two and three years sales direct and empower my Executor to sell as above directed convey and make title in fee simple which shall be valued and remain in full force as if I had sold conveyed and executed the same while living Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Washington Hunter and Wm. H. Marshall my Executors in writing where I do to this my will set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of June A.D. one thousand eight hundred and forty one. Enslaved before signed

Daniel Bachman

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here to in the presence of the testator the day and date above mentioned

Attel A. H. George Jurat March 2<sup>r</sup> 1868

James S. Finley

Karlton H. Finley .....

State of Tennessee 3 County Court  
Marshall County 3 March Term 1868

Presently appeared here here in open Court Attel A. H. George & Karlton H. Finley two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will who after first being duly sworn proved the true execution of the same as

law directs

Held my hand at  
Office March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868  
R G Adams (rk)

## William A Houston's Will

I William A Houston do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking any other will by me at any other time made— I am now in body but of sound and disposing mind, and do dispose of my property as follows, to wit;

Item first— It is my will and desire that my funeral expenses, and all of my just debts be paid out of any money that may first come into the hands of my executors.

Item Second— It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Matilda Ann Houston retain in her hands as much of my personal property as she may think necessary for her support and the maintenance of my children and any overplus of said personal property to be sold if any should remain.

Item Third. It is my will and desire that all of my lands, South of and beginning at Kieling's brother's line & running thence West to a Dog-pond gate— reserving one acre East of said gate, and in the Wood Lot for the purpose of building a residence with the right of using the water out of the mill— And also fifteen acres of land I bought at the sale of J M Bowden land

The aforesaid land I direct to be sold at any time my wife & executors so proper to see the same, in such terms as they deem right and proper, and that my executors are hereby authorized and empowered to make the same as far simpler to the heirs!

Item Fourth— I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth R & her husband Wm A Lyford, the

following described land, commencing on the ~~Westwardly~~ South bank of Rock Creek, and running thence Westwardly the S bank of said Creek above the 1st Branch bay— thence S with the fence 6 or 8 poles— thence West with the fence to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Branch fence above the ford; thence North with the fence until it strikes a fence going to, and with the same to Wm. Calton's line which is to include all of any land both of said described land, except a portion of the woodland which is to be equally divided so as to make the sum equal in value of the tract hereafter to be described, and the same to be owned by two disinterested persons.

Item Fifth— I will and bequeath to my son Franklin Busey Houston, all of the land lying between the two foregoing tracts, and to have an equal portion of wood land described in Item 4<sup>th</sup> & to be owned as herein directed and that he have possession of the same when he comes at the age of twenty one years.

Item Sixth. It is my will and desire that the tract of land lying in Amherst County and bequeathed to my wife by her father George Lathay be equally divided between my three sons to wit, Wm Clark, Geo Lathay & Larymell Houston, and that the same be held in common between them until the youngest arrives at the age of twenty one, and to be divided & owned by two disinterested men alone to them.

Item Seventh. It is my will & desire that my two daughters Jane Amusilla & Peggy have all the personal property that my wife may think she can spare or the proceeds thereof and at my wife's death to have the residue or proceeds thereof, and I also direct that my two said daughters Jane & Peggy have such portion of the proceeds of the land I have directed to be sold whenever they may desire it after they may come of age or marry & be from the control and management of their husband if they should marry.

Item Eighth. I hereby charge Elizabeth Boyett with two hundred dollars as advancement - I also charge James D. with three hundred dollars as advancement.

Item Ninth I have some three thousand dollars in Lumpsum Stock which I direct to be held & owned by Son George Lathay, and that he is not to account for it as advancement or otherwise.

Lastly. I hereby appoint my friend James S. Cleving and my Son-in-law Mrs A. Liffey my executors to this my last will & testament -

Miting my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February 1868. and that they be exempt from giving bond.

Signed, sealed delivered in our presence William Atkinson and  
presented & subscribed by us at the  
testators request Feb 29 1868

Thos McKnight junr March 2 1868  
A N Crawford " " "

State of Tennessee,  
Marshall County, County Court March Term 1868,  
Personally appeared here in open court  
Thos McKnight & A N Crawford, subscribing witnesses  
to the foregoing will, who after being duly qualified  
swore the due execution of the same as her  
direct:

Miting my hand at

Olive, March 2 1868

R L Adams *(Signature)*

*F*

*John*

### James Boyett's Will

I James Boyett of the County of Marshall and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me before made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. It is my will and desire that ~~all~~ my executors ~~have~~ <sup>be left</sup> ~~and~~ pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my death as possible, and enable them to do so I direct that they sell a sufficient of my perishable property to do the same such that can best be spared off of the farm.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lizzie Boyett the whole of my estate of every name and kind both personal and real during her natural life after my debts are all paid as above stated in item 1<sup>st</sup> for her support and maintenance.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will and desire at the death of my wife aforesaid, that my executors sell all of my perishable property on a credit of twelve months and also sell all of my real estate upon such time as they may think best; or divide the same equally amongst all my children herein after named share and share alike either proceeds of the sale or the division of the same with the following exception, to wit; Preccilla Ownby is not to have any portion of the tract of land or any interest in the same that I purchased of Wm Park upon which my son James Boyett now resides.

my children's names are as follows, Zeph  
Tucker, Josiah Boyett, Jason Boyett, Edisha  
Boyett, Preccilla Ownby, Schelly Boyett, James  
C Boyett and William T Boyett, all of  
whom are to be made equal on a final  
distribution of my estate, with the above  
exception to Preccilla Ownby.

(APR 10, 1868)

My executors are hereby instructed to pay for my daughter Charity a fine Saddle worth twenty dollars before a division takes place.

I have & th<sup>e</sup> I direct and bequeath my daughter's help, my daughter Judith my daughter Charity and Son Wm of Baynt to remain with their mother on my farm to cultivate the same and keep it in repair, and see that she is well provided for, and any surplus, they may make, they shall not be chargeable to my estate for it.

I have & th<sup>e</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint my sons James Baynt and William Baynt my executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have counterset my hand and affixed my seal, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 1868.

Attest

S. Sally  
W M Emerson

James <sup>his</sup> Baynt <sup>Seal</sup>

State of Tennessee,  
Marshall County, County Court,  
April Term 1868,

Personalty appeared before me in Open Court, S. Sally, and W M Emerson, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, who after first being duly qualified, proved the due execution of the ~~forgoing~~ or ~~same~~ as law directs.

Witness my hand at  
Office, this April 6<sup>th</sup> 1868  
R L Adams <sup>Seal</sup>

### Fredk Colvitt's Will -

State of Tennessee, Marshall County, October 6<sup>th</sup> 1868.

I, Fredk Colvitt being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make this, my last will and testament, in manner and form as hereafter set forth, revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

Dinnes<sup>rd</sup> It is my will all of my property both personal and real shall be kept together and unsold or divided, until my youngest child becomes of age except so much as shall be required to pay all my just debts, and so much as shall be from time to time required to defray the necessary expenses of my family -

Dinnes<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that all the stock & farming utensils cattle, and all my property both personal and real of every kind be taken in charge by my second wife, Jane, Colvitt for the purpose of enabling her to raise support, and educate my minor children, and that she be allowed to sell such property from time to time as shall be required to do the same.

Dinnes<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that my land shall be kept in charge until my youngest child is of age and then divided lawfully, if possible, among my heirs, Jane, (my wife,) Wm H. Robt L. May, A. B. & Frederick Colvitt.

Dinnes<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that my children as they, each become of age, or marry, shall be given a good & valuable horse or mule by my wife Jane Colvitt, and said right and title shall be a good one, and I now and hereby give to Wm H. Colvitt one iron grey mare, and the others to have similarly according to the intimation of my wife as before set forth. Date above written in presence of

W M Melton <sup>Seal</sup> Fredk Colvitt <sup>Seal</sup>  
Samuel Colady <sup>Seal</sup> " our 7<sup>th</sup> 1868.

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County, County December 7<sup>th</sup> 1868.

Personally appeared before me in open Court Atf M.  
McCombie one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the  
forgoing will on the 2nd day of November 1888,  
and James W. Edwards the other Subscribing  
~~Witness~~<sup>the 2nd</sup> to the foregoing will, each of whom  
after being duly sworn, proved the due execution  
of the foregoing will as law directs -

Witness my hand at  
office, this December 7<sup>th</sup>

R.L. Adams *(Signature)*

## John London's Will

I, John London do make and publish this  
as my last will and testament hereby revoking  
and revoking 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 money that I may be  
possessed of, or may first come into the hands  
of my executor.

2nd I direct that all the property both real ~~and personal~~  
is divided, that I may, during or previous of,  
be taken into the possession of by my executor  
herein after mentioned in this my last will  
and testament and by him retained for the  
support of my wife Sarah London, and our  
three affilited children during their infirm  
lives, to wit: William London, Lorenzo London,  
and Matilda London, to be used by him in any  
way that he may think best for them and  
my estate -

3rd It is my will after the death of the above named  
Sarah London, William London, Lorenzo London  
and Matilda London, that my executor sell  
or divide without any discrimination the lands  
as he may think best all of my real estate  
and divide the proceeds together with the business

of my estate, legacy between all of my children  
herein after named, the children of my  
deceased son William London, and Lorenzo London  
are to get the shares of their deceased father.  
The names of my children names are as  
follows, to wit; Wilson London, Anna ~~London~~  
Gipson, Lorenzo London, and Sarah ~~London~~  
Edwards.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint my son Wilson London  
executor to this my last will and testament.  
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed my seal, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
April A.D. 1888.

Enclosed in our presents

the original above written.

S. Tracy, Sarah Lee 7/7/88.

Jesse Bright,

B. W. Hodge " " "

John <sup>his</sup> London  
*(Signature)*

## State of Tennessee,

Marshall County, <sup>3</sup> County, Court, December Term, 1888.

Personally appeared here in open  
Court S. Tracy & B. W. Hodge, two of the Subscribing  
Witnesses to the foregoing will, who after being  
duly sworn, proved the due execution of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> same, as the law directs - and the same  
is ordered to be record - Witness my hand at

Office, this December 7<sup>th</sup> 1888.

R.L. Adams *(Signature)*

William Brunk's will.

I William Brunk of the County of Marshall and State of Minnesota, being satisfied of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, and also being anxious and desirous of disposing of the worldly goods which through the mercy of God, I have gathered together after years of honest labor and industry, so as to do justice and equality amongst my children now living and the descendants of such as have died, and also with the advice and command of my present wife whom I have consulted as to the provisions herein made for her, and with which she expresses herself well satisfied, do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other heretofore by me made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup>. It is my will and desire that all of my just debts, and funeral expenses shall be paid by my Executors, out of the money on hand, or the first income that may come to their hands after my death.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is my will and desire that upon my death my beloved wife Harriet if she should survive me, and of my estate shall receive 10 and for her use, during her natural life, one Horse, one Cow and Calf, one Trotter Bed, Bedstead and furniture, and also one negro man, and one negro girl or woman, and one year's provision for her support and maintenance and these slaves and other articles are to be selected out of my estate which are for the purpose of doing justice to her, it is my will, that the property specified in this item shall be selected and set apart out of my estate, by two disinterested persons to be named by my said wife and my Executors; and who shall provide and preference the same assigned to them as soon after my death as practicable; which property, except the Horse, Bed Bedstead, and furniture, cow and calf and year's support and provision shall rest in my said wife during life and at her death go to my heirs as hereinafter directed.

Item 3. It is my will and desire, that all the rest of my real, personal and mixed Estates descend in, and be divided equally between my children I. J. Brunk, John W. Brunk, F. J. Brunk, George W. Brunk, Letitia Morris, Sadie L. Brunk, Tony Brunk and my grand children Sarah Winona and Mary

Lactilia Buchanan, whose mother Fanny Buchanan being now dead it is my will that they should have their mother's share - and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this item equally, I hereby empower my Executors hereinafter named with the power of selling at public sale all or any portion of my said estate, whether consisting of land, negroes, or other personal property, and the proceeds to be equally divided between my said children and grand children as specified above. If my Executors should deem it advisable to sell the land and Slaves, I desire the same sold on a one, two & three years credit, with interest from date, and the Slaves on a ~~one~~ three months credit with the rest of my personal property -

Item 4. It is further my will and desire that if either of my said children who are named in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Item of this my will should die leaving children then their children to have their father or mother's portion of my estate.

Item 5<sup>th</sup>. It is my will and desire that the Household furniture, including beds, bedsteads, tables, chairs, Beacons, and all the other articles used about the House, shall be divided between my four children, John W. Sadie L. Letitia and Nancy S., as I have already given off to one other division a free share of my Household and Kitchen furniture.

It is my will and desire that the part of my estate which I have directed to my Daughters, Nancy S. and Letitia, be vested in them during their natural lives, for their own Specie use and benefit, free from the control of any person whatever, and at their death to go to their children if they should have any, to be equally divided between their children that may be living at their death, and the representatives of such as may be dead - but in the event of my said daughters or either of them shall die leaving no children or grandchildren, then my will and desire is, that their part of said estate shall return to, and be equally divided equally between their brothers and Sisters, or the children of their brothers and Sisters, provided their own brothers and Sisters are dead. But if at the death of either of my said Daughters

Lactitia or Nancy, they should leave children or grand-  
children, then the legacy as to each of them  
shall rest in their said children or grandchildren.

<sup>Item 7<sup>5</sup></sup>  
It is my will and desire, that the part of my estate  
which I hereby devise to my Grandchildren Buchanan,  
and Mary L Buchanan shall rest in them during  
their natural life, and if either of them should die without  
children, then the portion to go to the surviving sister; and  
then if the survivor should die without children or Grand-  
children living at her death, the said property or its  
proceeds to return back to my estate and devolve  
equally between my other children and their representa-  
tives as hereinafter directed by the ~~ff~~ items of this my  
last will.

<sup>Item 8</sup>  
It is my express wish that in the division of my  
estate, my daughter Lactitia, shall not be charged any  
thing for her board or that of her children during  
the period of time they shall live with me, or as  
long as I shall live.

Lasting  
I do hereby nominate and appoint John W Crunk  
and George W Crunk, my two sons, executors of this  
my last will and testament, testifying as to us, that  
they will faithfully and justly perform the duties  
justly imposed on them.

In testimony of all which I William Crunk have  
signed to my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1853 - and I Harriet Crunk also sign my name  
~~below~~ to show my satisfaction with the provisions  
made for me.

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged  
in our presence, and attested by  
us at Wm Crunk's request the  
same day.

Edmund Cooper  
L B Wills

Wm Crunk / E B  
Harriet Crunk

I William Crunk do make and publish this  
codicil to my last will and testament aforesaid  
and published on the 15<sup>th</sup> day January 1853, in the  
presence of Edmund Cooper & L B Wills

My Daughter Nancy S. having since that time, intermarried  
with William J Blackmore and desiring to settle the  
property which I have devised to her in such a  
manner that she can have the use and enjoyment  
of the same during her natural life free from  
the control or debts of her husband and then to  
her children that may be living or the repres-  
entatives of such as may be dead - I do  
therefore will and devise that whatever property  
in the division of my estate, whether it consists  
of land, slaves or other property, shall fall to  
Nancy S. under the 8<sup>th</sup> Item of my last will and  
Testament shall be vested in Jas W Crunk in  
Trust, to be by him held and controlled for the  
benefit of my said daughter Nancy S. in accor-  
dance with my wishes as herein expressed  
and in the event that my executors deem it  
advisable under the power conferred on them  
by said will to sell the property of which I  
die the owner, ~~ff~~ instead of dividing the same  
then my will and desire is that my executors  
pay over the share of the money that may belong  
to Nancy S. in to the hands of Jas W Crunk as such  
trustee, to be by him vested as he may think best,  
and most conducive to her welfare in lands or slaves,  
or both - and he shall have the land and slaves  
thus purchased as Trustee, for the benefit of the said  
Nancy S. during her natural life and in accordance  
with the conditions contained in Item 8<sup>th</sup> of my said  
last will and Testament - It however being my wish  
and desire that my said daughter shall have the  
use and enjoyment of said property thus pur-  
chased during her life freely as it can be done  
consistent with its preservation for the benefit of  
those to whom it is divided after her death  
and vesting the power in said trustee of con-  
trolling and managing the slaves thus purchased  
or acquired, so that they cannot be removed  
from the state of Temple, without his consent  
also conferring on the said trustee the power to  
purchase at the best made by executors, any property

that he may desire as such Trustee for my daughter  
Annie D.

In testimony of all which I have herein set my  
hands and seal, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1864 - and  
attached the same to my original will as a valid  
Signature, Sealed, and acknowledged  
in my presence, and attested  
by us at Wm Lennard's request

Wm Lennard

The sum of one  
Cent  
as a legacy  
to my daughter  
Annie D.

State of Tennessee County Court June Term 1869  
Marshall County Probate of Will and oration of Mr. Court  
Decided.

The deposition of Edmund Lennard one of the Subscribing witnesses to said  
Will & Codicil taken according to law, by one of the Court, was read  
in open Court, and proved the due execution of the said Will  
and codicil. And John B. Miles the other Subscribing witness to  
said Will being dead, or if living, resides beyond the limits of  
the State, and his place of residence unknown to the Court or  
him, and therefore Justiffication of his being duly sworn in  
open Court, proved the hands writing of the said John B.  
Miles to be his genuine signature as a witness to said  
Will; and also proved the hand writing of Wm. Lennard  
the Testator to be his genuine signature to said  
Codicil to the Will. And E. H. Lennard one of the  
Subscribing witnesses to said codicil appeared in open  
Court, and of his being duly sworn proved the due  
execution of the same by the said Wm. Lennard and said  
Will and codicil thereto even then upon oath as follows to probate  
by the Court. See Records of the County Court in last  
case; in book "A" page 572, and book "C" page 5 at  
the May Term 1869 - and Book "C" pages 14-15-T-16  
at the June Term 1869.

Witness my hand at Office  
this June 7<sup>th</sup> 1869

R. L. Adams

## Susan Sewell's Will.

I Susan Sewell of the County of Marshall  
and State of Tennessee, being much advanced in  
life knowing the certainty of death being apprehended with  
living and suffering from the common infirmity of the  
aged, and while possessing a clear and lucid mind and  
disposing memory do make and publish this as my last  
will and Testament revoking and making void  
any and all wills by me at any time made

First I resign my body to the Tomb and with a  
lively hope that my Spirit is to return to God who  
gave it.

Second I desire that my funeral expenses and all  
other just debts be paid first which I thank God however  
are few out of any money's first coming into the hands  
of my Executor;

Third For the love and affection as well as the  
kind assistance heretofore offered me and my beloved  
Consort George Sewell who has some time since  
departed ~~this~~ life & with assurance that my  
beloved Son Mai T. Sewell will never relax his  
efforts for comfort & support so long as I may live or  
cease to care for me, do give and bequeath unto him  
my said beloved Son Mai T. Sewell the farm on  
which I now reside in the County of Marshall  
& State of Tennessee District No 5 Bounded on  
the East by the lands of Robt. Williams  
South by Henry C. Carron, West by Robt. Williams  
Over & F. B. Woods, & North by the heirs of Brown & Adam  
late deceased containing some fifty-five or sixty acres  
more or less. To have & hold while hisn the said Mai T.  
Sewell, his heirs and assigns forever.

Fourth I bequeath to give unto my beloved son Mai  
T. Sewell & Joseph H. Sewell to be equally divided  
the entire household & kitchen furniture of which I may  
die possessed which I design divided & not sold for such  
portion. By my said Executor or by any person or  
persons which the said Mai T. Sewell & Joseph H.  
Sewell, may agree upon & care that should either  
or both of them die before the consummation of this

my last will & Testament. There are in that case  
I desire the same to descend to the bodily heirs of either  
in behalf of their parents.

Fifth I give & bequeath the residue after the before  
referred bequests to said son Jas T. Sewell & Mai T  
& Joseph H. Sewell; Both real & personal to the  
balance of my children both sons & daughters to be  
equally divided between them should it be legally  
enacted to inherit the same in any way manner  
or course whatever.

Sixth & Lastly I nominate & Specially appoint -  
Robert D. Cook my sole Executor to this my last  
will & Testament Signed & Sealed in our presence  
this the 24<sup>th</sup> December A.D. 1866 Susan <sup>husband</sup> Sewell  
J. B. Neill Deurat June 7<sup>th</sup> 1869 Marsh  
Dreas. McLean  
R. S. Walker " " "

State of Mississippi  
Marshall County County Court -  
June 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1869

Personally appeared here in open Court Jas. B. Neill  
& R. S. Walker two of the subscribing witnesses  
to the foregoing will, who after being duly sworn  
proved the due execution of the same as the law  
directs.

Witness, my hand at office this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1869  
R. G. Collyer Attest

## Robert Marsh's Will.

I Robt Marsh do make and publish this as  
my last will and testament, hereby revoking  
and making void all others by me at any  
time made.

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

Second, I have given to Elizabeth L Edwards, wife of Henry  
Edwards Fifteen hundred and Sixty-two dollars, in  
a tract of land bought from A. Edwards for  
which I hold Henry Edwards Receipt for said  
amount of Fifteen hundred & Sixty-two dollars  
dated 4<sup>th</sup> day of August Eighteen hundred and  
fifty six. Now on the final distribution of  
my estate I relinquish Eight hundred dollars  
out of said receipt and my daughter Elizabeth  
L Edwards only account for Seven hundred and  
Sixty-two dollars of said receipt specified above  
without any interest thereon.

Third, I have given to my son Simon M. Marsh  
Eight hundred dollars, to assist him for paying  
for a tract of land purchased in Mississippi -  
I have no receipt for said amount of Eight  
hundred dollars given to him but he is not  
to be charged nor to account for said amount  
of Eight hundred dollars given to him on a final  
distribution nor the interest thereon.

Fourth, Thos P. Marsh and myself have been farming  
together for a number of years but have had a  
final settlement up to March 18<sup>th</sup> Eighteen hundred  
and Sixty eight and I now consider him  
equal with ~~the~~ other children. Simon M.  
Marsh and Elizabeth L Edwards and he is not  
to account nor be charged for what he has  
received from me nor the interest thereon  
on a final distribution.

Fifth I wish my land divided and valued by ~~3~~  
Three disinterested persons, one selected by each  
Legatee into three tracts and thenthren children  
Thomas P Marsh, Dennis M Marsh & Elizabeth  
& borrowed to our heirs for the tract after  
being divide as above stated, and if ~~either~~  
one draws the tract before at the bush price  
he or she is to account to the others so as all  
to be made equal in valuation.

Six. It is my will that all my mules & horses,  
Household and Kitchen furniture and any half  
of the cattle. Sheep Hogs and farmyng tools  
(the other half belongs to S D Marsh,) be divided  
between my three children as far as they can  
agree amongst themselves and if they should  
not agree in dividing all, then the three  
children shall each one of them to advertise  
sell on on a twelve months credit the balance  
undivided and the proceeds of the sale to be  
equally divide between them also all money  
and notes I die possessed of shall be divide  
equally between my three children.

It is my will that my wife shall be buried  
wound up by my children themselves without  
any Executor or Administrator, but if it should  
happen that it cannot be done by them I hereby  
nominate and appoint my Son Thomas P  
Marsh as my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will  
set my hand and seal; this March 25<sup>th</sup> 1869.  
Signed sealed published in our

presence and we have subscribed Robert Marsh Esq  
our names hereto in the presence of  
the testator, March 25<sup>th</sup> 1869.

L Mc Orr Justl sur 7/49  
W Mc Orr " "

Stone of Pennsylvania  
Marshall County, being County from 1870.  
Personalty appeared here in open Court  
Decr Term 1869.  
Personally appeared here in open Court

L Mc Orr & W Mc Orr subscribing witness to the  
foregoing will, who after first being duly  
sworn proved the due execution of the same as law  
dictates.

Witness my hand at  
Office, in Lewisburg,  
This December 7<sup>th</sup> 1869,

P L Adams Cll

### Terissa Wilson's Will

I Terissa Wilson this day remember that 1869,  
make this my last will & Testament -  
1st I give or donate of my effects One hundred  
dollars to Warren P Wilson  
2nd I desire that my land lying in section  
No 10th Marshall County Tennessee be sold to the  
highest bidder by my executors & the proceeds  
of which together with my personal effects,  
after my donations & just debts are satisfied,  
be divided equally between my brothers or  
their heirs -

3rd I desire and appoint E P Wilson & J A  
Wilson as executors to execute this my last  
will & testament

Tested by  
E W Riggs Aprt 3/70  
G P Rinn " " "

Terissa Wilson

Stone of Pennsylvania  
Marshall County, being County from 1870.  
Personalty appeared here in open Court  
E W Riggs & G P Rinn Subscribing witness to the  
foregoing will, who after first being duly  
sworn proved the due execution of the same  
as law directs - Witness my hand at  
office, in Lewisburg, this  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1870.  
P L Adams Cll

# Serena Reynolds Will

State of Minnesota, <sup>3</sup>  
Marshall County, I, Serena Reynolds in the  
name of God, being of sound mind revoking  
all former wills, do make this, my last will  
and testament.

Fist. After bequeathing my soul to God, who gave it  
I desire that my body be buried in a decent  
manner and the necessary expenses be paid  
out any money that I may have on hand.  
Secondly. For the love and affection I have for my  
brother Michael E. & my Sister Salina Reynolds  
I give to them jointly and equally the  
undivided interest that I own in the tract  
of land on which we are living at this  
time. also all the money that I may  
have on hand or may come into the  
hands of my executors to divide equally  
between my brother M E & my Sister  
Salina Reynolds after paying all my  
just debts.

Thirdly. For the love and affection I have for my  
beloved law wife Mrs Nancy M Reynolds I give  
her one feather bed and Counterpane.

Fourthly I furthermore give and bequeath to my  
Sister Salina all my household and  
kitchen furniture not otherwise disposed  
of also one Yearling & one Sheep

I hereby appoint M D Reynolds my Executor  
to see the provisions of this will carried out  
and I desire that there be no court  
expenses incurred in his appointment  
as executor in that he be required to  
give no bond for the performance of  
his duty herein assigned.

In witness of the foregoing I have hereunto  
affixed my name to be wrote & seal affixed  
this 25 of May 1868.

In witness of  
M D Cooley Jurat Feb 9 1870

Gertrude Reynolds Esq  
and  
James A. Green " " "

State of Minnesota, <sup>3</sup> County Court,  
Marshall County <sup>3</sup> February Term, A.D 1870.  
Personally appeared before me in  
open Court M D Cashay and James A Green  
Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, who  
after being duly sworn prove the due execution  
of the same as law directs - which was by the  
Court ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at  
Office, this February 9 1870.  
R D Adams (Signed)

# William Mullins Will

State of Minnesota Marshall County March 10<sup>th</sup> 1870

I William Mullins make and publish this my last  
will & testament.

In the first place I want all my just debts paid out  
of my estate. The balance of my estate, I leave & bequeath  
to my beloved wife Harriet E Mullins with the following  
provisions. On the first place I have given my son  
W. J. Mullins one saddle horse worth one hundred &  
twenty five dollars & I wish the rest of my children  
to be made equal with him as my wife may feel  
able without distressing herself. I will that my son  
John F. Mullins shall have five hundred dollars over  
and above the rest of my children, and that William F.  
& A. M. Mullins shall be his (Johns) guardians the five  
hundred dollars to be paid to his guardians on the death  
of my wife Harriet E Mullins & if the said John F shall  
die without heirs, his estate is to be equally divided  
between all of my children. I further bequeath all my  
personal & real estate to my wife Harriet E. during her nat-  
ural life & at her death to be equally divided between all  
my children taking into consideration what any of them  
may have received prior to her death. I further request  
that my William F. Mullins & B. F. Walker act as Exe-  
cutors of this my last will & testament.

Hearing for a long period preached the gospel of my blessed Lord & Saviour who was crucified, buried & resurrected & ascended to heaven for lost & ruined man & never having lost faith in his atoning blood, I recommend his redemption to all my friends & to my beloved wife & children, I would say live as I have long instructed you so than when you come to stand on the verge of boundless eternity as I feel I am now, you can say all is well, all is well.

Signed and our presents this day & date  
above written Meltroy Mullay

Test

J D Johnson Jurat May 4/70  
O H Hill " " "

State of Tennessee  
Marshall County County Court May Term 1870  
Person ally appeared here in open Court J. D. Johnson & O H Hill subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will, who after being duly sworn pronounced the due execution of the same as the last directs which was by the court ordered to be recorded & witness my hand at office

This May 2<sup>d</sup> 1870.  
R L Adams C.R.

## Samuel Riley's Will -

I Samuel Riley do make and publish this my last will and testament being revoking and making void all wills by at any time made.

1<sup>st</sup> I desire that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible lack of my money that I may die ~~paid~~ of or The first <sup>mon</sup> Collector after my death or may come in 10 the hands of my Executor

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Ann Riley one half of all my property

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my Sister Anna Jane Riley the other half of all my property

4<sup>th</sup> if my Sister Anna Jane Riley Should die before my wife Elizabeth Ann Riley then I want the property given to my Sister Anna Jane Riley to fall back to my wife Elizabeth Ann Riley.

5<sup>th</sup> I desire that none of my property should be sold only so much as may be ~~of sufficient~~ value to pay all my just debts and then the balance turns over to my wife Elizabeth Ann Riley and my Sister Anna Jane Riley by my Executor

Lusty I nominate and appoint W G Land my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my Hand and Seal

Samuel <sup>his</sup> Riley

Test This was acknowledged in our presents  
on this the 9 day of April 1870.

O W Hill

W W Watson Jurat June 1/70  
J J Humphries " "

State of Tennessee

Marshall County County Court June Term 1870.

Personalty appears before me here  
1 in open Court W W Watson & J J Humphries law  
of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will,  
who after first being duly qualified proved