

James Chambers

I James Chambers of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, being sick and weak, but of sound mind and disposing memory, for which I thank God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I desire that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid, I give and bequeath the same in manner following, that is to say I leave my beloved wife Sarah Chambers an old red cow on a Pidgee bar, and household furniture during her widowhood, if she marries the household furniture to be sold and go to the support of my children and the fees except so much as I have promised, and one breeding sow and ten pigs to make ^{meat} for her and the children I desire that the balance of my property be sold and the money laid out for schooling and maintaining my children as though just to my creditors and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends George Henderson alias Hutchison Executors of this my last will and testament by me making all other will and testament by me in witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th of July, 1833.

Signed, read, sealed and delivered to be my ^{last} James ^{his} Chambers ^{mark} his last will and testament in the presence of

Samuel W. Lawson &

alias Hutchison

Samuel W. Lawson

Olias Hutchison

Henry M. Bible

I, Henry M. Bible of the State of Tennessee and County of Monroe being sick and likely soon to die but sound in mind, do make this my last will and testament which is as follows.

First I desire that such of my property as can best be spared from the support of my family be sold and out of the proceeds of the same all my just debts be paid. I hold a note on William Hens for Two Hundred Fifty Dollars which I wish my executors to give for land that a home may be procured for my family. I give and bequeath all my household and kitchen furniture to my wife Rachel to be used in raising the family. The balance of my property after paying my debts should thus be a balance I wish to be put in with the Hens note in buying land.

And last I hereby appoint my friends Henry Maximus & Jacob Bible Executors of this my last will & testament in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th Oct. 1837.

Witnesses

Nathaniel Magill &
Samuel Blackburn



Henry M. Bible (Seal)

Joseph Stricklin

In the name of God Amen, I, Joseph Stricklin of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, do constitute, nominate and appoint this my last will and testament. First I desire my soul into the hands of a mighty God who gave it, and secondly dispose of my worldly estate as follows viz. To my loving wife Mary I give all my personal estate of which I am possessed and furthermore, I appoint to her a decent support and maintenance of the proceeds of my lands during her natural life, to be paid annually by those my children who is in possession of the same, in proportion to the part they may respectively cultivate. Secondly after supporting her during her life, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Gilmath a moiety of the tract of land upon which I now live to wit, the South end of that part of the tract or quarter section lying on the East side of Yellow River beginning on the line when the center or middle line of the section crosses the same and down the meander of the River to a small hollow near rocky half on the river, thence up the hollow to the East line of the section, to have possess and enjoy all the land contained within the lines of the quarter section and to run to the hollow aforesaid. During her natural life and after her decease I appoint that the before described tract or parcel of land be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my grand children viz. William G. Gilmath, John A. Gilmath, Thomas M. Gilmath and Cynthia B. Gilmath. To my youngest son, Thomas Stricklin I give and bequeath a tract or parcel of land known by the name of the Horse Shoe being north end of the land included in my quarter section on

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The East side of Tullus River and to extend South
to the hollow below named as the north boundary of
Abigail Tulluath's lot to my two sons James & George the
line I give and bequest all that part of tract
or quarter section of land lying on the west side
of Tullus and to be divided as follows viz. be-
ginning in the hollow that drains Alexander
Spring, thence down the middle of the hollow to
a small Hickory tree, in the field thence a straight
line to a plum tree, thence I run a straight line
to Tullus River all that within my tract of land
on the north side of said line to be the inher-
itance of my son James Stricklin and all my
land on the south side of said line I bequest
unto my son George Stricklin.

I appoint my two sons James & George Stricklin
my executors of this my last will and testament
in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this 7th day of May 1839
signed in presence of
John Hendrix
Henry G. Hendrix

Richard Stephens

In the name of God amen.

I, Richard Stephens of the County of Monroe and
State of Tennessee, being weak of body, but of sound
mind and memory, do make and ordain this my
last will and testament in the following manner
form. I give unto my beloved wife Nancy, the land
on which I now live, and another tract on which the
Holloway now lives containing Forty acres more or less
also all my stock, household and Kitchen furniture, all
my papers and every species of property of every kind
in my possession, or owned by me, subject to her dis-
posal amongst my children as they may stand in need,
with a strict regard to an equal distribution. And as I
have given my two eldest sons viz. Lewis & Daniel each a
horse, beast and some education I wish my two youngest
sons, Jasper & William to have Fifty Dollars each to be ap-
plied to their education, and after the death of
my wife, I desire the property in her possession including
three Negro children, Clarissa, Burrell & Hugh, to be sold
disposed of as to give an equal part to my son Lewis,
is, and the heir of my daughter Celie Cunningham
namely, George Irvin Cunningham an equal part, to my
daughter Elizabeth, an equal part, to my son Daniel
L. Stephens an equal part, to my two daughters, Faith
and Sarah, I give an equal part, to each and to my
two sons, Jasper Newton and William Asbury I give
to each a horse, beast and a proportionable part, and
to my Grand son John Worley I give Five Dollars
when he becomes of lawful age and applies for
the same, I nominate and appoint my son Lewis
Stephens the executor of this my last will and
testament, and I do hereby disavow and revoke

all and every other will testament, legacy and bequest
by me before named will or bequeathed but does ratify
and confirm this and no other to be my last will &
testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 21st day of August 1840.
Signed, sealed & acknowledged Richard L. Stephens (Seal)
in presence of
Jermiah Hooper
Wm Stephens
Lewis Stephens

William Rawlins

I, William Rawlins being of sound and perfect mind
and memory, do make and publish this my last will
and Testament in manner and form following. first
I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Agness all my
real and personal estate during her natural life. It is
my will and desire that my son James Rawlins is to
have out of my estate one horse worth twenty five dol-
lars and that my daughter Elizabeth Carter shall have
one cow worth ten dollars out of my estate and at the death
of my wife my will & desire is that my real estate shall be sold
and the proceeds equally divided among my sons & that all the
personal estate shall be sold and equally divided among my daugh-
ters. Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of January
1833.
William ^{his} Rawlins
mark

Signed sealed published and declared by the above
named William Rawlins to be his last will & testa-
ment in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed
our names in presence of the testator this 16th day
of January 1833
James A. Hain
Saml D. Borkman

Rev. Elijah M. Egleston

State of Tennessee. Be it known that the Rev. Elijah
Hornes County M. Egleston who departed this life on
the eighteenth of this instant died whilst on his death
bed and also in his proper mind and memory, in
the presence of Samuel Blackburn and Mary McSpadden
make the following request. to wit: That two or three
or after reflection, three lots in the town of Madisonville
he requests shall be his beloved wife for her use & benefit
to enable her to support herself and her children and that
there is some little debt unsettled which he requested should
be settled and afterwards the balance of my estate to be for
her own use and the benefit of the children which
he requested of Samuel Blackburn to see to
March 19th 1838 signed
Samuel Blackburn
Mary McSpadden

And the said Samuel Blackburn and Mary Mc
Spadden further depose and say that they were
particularly requested by the said Elijah M. Egleston to
bear witness to the above named disposition of his
property as stated in said above nuncupation with
Samuel Blackburn
Mary McSpadden

William Harrison

In the name of God amen. I William Harrison of the County of Howard in the State of Tennessee being on the decline of life but of sound mind and retentive memory which I desire to thank God for and knowing that I must die and go the way of all the living I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian manner nothing doubting but I shall receive the same in the morning of the resurrection and for the better reputation of my worldly goods which it hath pleased God to bless me with I wish them to be disposed of in the following viz. First of all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Harrison the mansion house where I now live with the household and kitchen furniture during her natural life with a sufficient maintenance off the farm where I now live.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my beloved son Thomas Harrison the upper end of the farm where I now live designated by lot No 3. Beginning on a hick at the bank of the River corner to lot No 2. running up the river sixty five poles to an ash at the mouth of a creek the original corner of the survey then with the lines thence to a stake corner to lot No. 2 then with the lines of said lot to the beginning and the further sum of one hundred dollars in property which he has heretofore received.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Harrison two hundred & fifty dollars which he has heretofore received. Item 5th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Sam. Humphreys one hundred dollars which she has heretofore received

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Minnie Harrison fifty dollars which she has heretofore received

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Hannah Harrison fifty dollars which she has heretofore received.

Item 8th I give and bequeath my beloved daughter Mary Harrison fifty dollars to be paid when she calls for it

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my beloved John Harrison eighty acres of land on Mulberry Creek designated by lot No. 11. fractional township 3^d Range 5 East south of Tennessee River and also one lot of blacksmith tools which he is to receive at my death

Item 9th I give and bequeath to my beloved son Aaron Harrison the lot of land No 2 including the dwelling house where I now live beginning on a hickory at the bank of the River corner to lot No 1. running up the river one hundred and twenty two poles & 1/4 links a birch then south 4 1/2 degrees West to a stake in the back line and with said line to a stake corner of lot No. 1 then with a line thence to the beginning

Item 11th I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Harrison the lower end of the farm designated by lot No 1 beginning on a chestnut the lower corner of the original survey then up the River one hundred & fourteen poles to a hickory then south 17 degrees East to the back line then with lines of the original survey to the beginning and also one Island No. 24 above the mouth of the river containing ten acres more or less

Item 12th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Nancy Harrison fifty dollars worth of property when she may call for it

Item 13th I give and bequeath to my beloved son Alfred Harrison one hundred dollars in cash to be paid when he attains the age of twenty one by the proprietors of the three lots of land No. 1, 2, 3

Item 14th I give and bequeath to my beloved son Michael Harrison one hundred dollars in cash to be paid when he attains the age of twenty one by the proceeds of the three lots of land No. 1, 2, 3, as above stated

Item 15th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Matilda Harrison one hundred dollars paid in property when she attains the age of twenty one to be paid by those owning the three lots of land No. 1, 2, 3.

Item 16th as for the remainder of my property at my death I wish it to be sold and equally divided amongst all the children that is then living.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved sons Thomas Harrison & James Harrison my executors to execute this my last will, testament, and do hereby declare & make known this to be my last will and testament and at the same time revoke all other wills heretofore by me made signed sealed & acknowledged this twentieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty and do request Henry Stephens, Robert Wm Flannigan to sign this same as witnesses in my presence

Attest
Henry Stephens,
Robert
William Flannigan

William Harrison (Seal)

Spencer Coleman

In the name of God amen.

I Spencer Coleman of the state of Tennessee Monroe County being far advanced in years and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say first of all I give and recommend my soul in to the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors.

And as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased god to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy Coleman my land I now live on and my houses and cattle and hogs and all my household furniture as long as my wife lives a widow.

2nd After the death of my wife I give and bequeath to my beloved son William Coleman all my land that I now live on with all the buildings thereon.

3rd And my son William Coleman is to pay as follows twenty dollars to my beloved daughter Lydia Vinson in common trade to be valued equal to corn at two shillings per bushel.

4th And to my beloved son Jesse Coleman twenty dollars in common trade to be valued equal to corn at two shillings per bushel.

5th twenty dollars to my beloved daughter Edy Sammons in common trade to be valued equal to corn at two shillings per bushel.

6th twenty dollars to my beloved daughter Lucy Rains in common trade to be valued equal to corn at two

shillings per bushel.

4th One dollar to my beloved son Shealom Coleman
8th one dollar to my beloved daughter Pally Mockery all the
above to be paid one year after the death of my wife
9th all the ~~personal~~ property after the death of my wife
to be sold and the money to be equally to be divided betw-
een Lydia Winsor, Jesse Coleman, Edy Hannans and Lucy
Rains.

10th My son William Coleman is to keep in possession
my farm and cultivate said farm and pay my wife
the fourth of the grain made on said farm.

11th My clock I except out of the whole and give and
bequeath to my beloved son Jesse Coleman.

12th I also constitute make and ordain my son William
Coleman and George Snider and the said executor of this
my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this thirtieth day of
November in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred thirty four. *Spencer his Coleman* (Seal)

Signed in presence of us

Samuel R. Bell

Jesse his clerk
mark

William Johnston

In the name of God Amen.

I William Johnston being of sound and perfect mind
& memory though in a declining state of health and
believing that I was born to die and from the uncer-
tainty of human life added to my advanced age un-
der it improbable at what time, I have therefore thought
proper to make and publish this my last will and
testament in manner and form as follows to wit

In the first place when it may please God in his
providence to call me hence I recommend my soul to
the fostering care of the blessed redeemer of mankind
and my body to the care of my loving wife and my
other friends to be by them decently interred. Secondly I
will that all my just debts be paid by the sale of such
of my property as can best be spared from my family
by my Executor hereafter to be named. thirdly after my debts
being paid I will that my property both real and personal
to be disposed of in the following manner to wit in the
first place as my loving wife Renia Johnston has
gone through years of difficulty and distress in my family
and hath labored both night and day with me to secure
the little competence we enjoy it is therefore my will and
earnest desire that she may live at her ease the balance of
her days for which purpose I do hereby lend her the
whole of my property both real and personal during
her natural or widowhood for the purpose of supporting
her family strictly enjoining it upon her to make no un-
necessary waste but with saving our money to improve
the property as well as she can or she may think I would
do were I present with her but if unnecessary waste should
be made I strictly charge my Executor hereafter to be named
to take such measures as to prevent the same but to

Keep my principal object in view that is that my family may not suffer but the property to be secured for the future benefit of my Children. But if in the course of human events my wife should marry any other man then and in such a case I enjoin it on my executors to make sale of the whole of my personal property and allot to her an equal share with my old set of Children by my first wife taking my negro woman Jan into the account but in no case is she to be disinherited or dispossessed of any of my property while she remains in a state of widowhood but after her death or state of widowhood, may cease I will that my property both real and personal be disposed of in the following manner, I give and bequeath to my son John Ruffin Johnston all my lands comprehending the farm I live on together with a dry quarter adjoining the same at the north west corner. I do also give him a good bedstead and furniture and my cupboard and all the kitchen ware belonging thereto. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Anna Maria Hildgony and to the heirs of her body two negroes to wit a negro girl named Munda and a negro boy named Abraham the balance of my property I do hereby direct to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided among my old set of Children and their representatives now for the purpose of carrying this my last will into execution according to the best construction they can put on my meaning and intentions as contained in the above written lines. I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint my truly and worthily friends Henry Chesnutte Esqr and John Pennington my sole executors to superintend and carry into effect this my last will but should they refuse or neglect to act or if after acting if death removed or any other unforeseen accident should intervene to discomfit my views or expectations then in such case I commit my trust to the County Court of Monroe in the Division district

in East Tennessee to take such measures as will best suit to carry my will into execution agreeable to full meaning thereof in testimony whereof I do hereby set my hand and affix my seal this 16th day of May 1837

assigned sealed &c
Acknowledged in presence
of us.

Attest
Jesse F. Jones
Robt R. Chasland
O. P. Walker

Wm Johnston

William Kimbrough

I William Kimbrough do hereby make my last will & testament in manner and form following that is 1st I desire that my Children should continue to live together if it is possible or convenient untill my youngest child become of age I wish my Executors to dispose of so much of my personal estate as may be sufficient to pay my just debts then I wish if my Children continue to live together that the balance of my personal estate be kept and enjoyed by them for their support and education untill my youngest child become of age provided notwithstanding if any of them should marry and choose to leave the home I wish them to have suitable apparel at least two suits with a horse saddle bridle and blanket also an over coat. as my daughter Sarah has been a dutifull child and has had a large share of the care and charge of the family since her mothers decease I therefore wish her to have something extra and that to be considered for the time she may yet stay with the family as well as the time past and it is my will that any personal property which

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may be unnecessary for the support of the family be disposed of and equally divided among those of age and those not of age. I hold a note on Giles Perry for two hundred and forty dollars which when collected to be divided equally amongst my children that are now at home those of age to receive their part when collected the minor their part when they come of age inasmuch as it was my unhappy misfortune in my youth to have a child laid to me born out of wedlock by Nancy Barry the child is named Margaret Scraps I wish her to have one hundred dollars to be out of the proceeds of my real estate when sold it is also my will that daughter Sarah shall have so much of the household furniture as she may choose to take viz two beds with their furniture cupboard and half the furniture in it when she may leave the family or the price of the cupboard and chair of the cook ovens & beds my eldest woman Amelia and her son Porter and her increase if any she should have if she should continue to be faithful and agreeable with the children until the youngest is of age then I wish her & her children to be sold all together to a master of her choice at a quite moderate price but if she should prove refractory and disobedient then I wish her to be sold with her children together as the executor may advise for the best and I wish that all my children should have at least have a good English education so far as they may be capable of receiving it and will that my executor should pay particular attention to this subject and then should not be a sufficiency of the personal estate for that purpose and that of their support then that a sufficiency of the proceeds of the real estate should be applied to that purpose whether they continue together or separate and finally it is my will when my youngest

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child comes of age that the personal estate as my real estate shall be sold and equally divided among all my children born of my wife and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my eldest son John M. and my friend William Beard Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me herebefore made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of January 1836 W^m Kimbraugh
intentioned before signed

signed sealed published and declared
to be the last will and testament of
the above named William Kimbraugh
in presence of us who at his request and
in his presence have hereunto subscribed
our names as witnesses to the same
D. Caldwell
John Caldwell

Allen Dearman

I Allen Dearman bring in my right mind & being
being fifty seven years of age the 16th day of December 1836
I Bequeath my soul to God who gave it my body to
the dust from whence it came. I wish my body to be
buried in some church yard, as to my property
that God has been pleased to bestow on me

Adam Sligar

State of Tennessee Monroe County
In the name of God Amen. I, Adam Sligar being sick in body but sound of mind and perfect memory considering the uncertainty of mortal life and the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament in the following manner to wit.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Lornia the Patchman and one saddle worth twenty five dollars and one bed and furniture, also to my daughter Sally one bed and furniture, also to my daughter Betsey McCally the share of my estate to be equally divided among my children with what some have already received Peggy Wittenbarger one cow at twenty dollars and five dollars in cash Betty Byker one cow at six dollars John Sligar one cow at seven dollars fifty cents, all of my personal property to be sold on twelve months credit the land disposed of at the discretion of my Executor to be sold or divided all of my slaves to be free at the age of thirty five Peter to be free when the present crop is secure those that may be born hereafter the males to be free at the age of twenty one and females at the age of sixteen the slaves to be divided among the heirs if they can agree if not their time to be sold and the money equally divided among the heirs, I authorize and appoint John Ramsey & my son Thomas Sligar of this my last will & testament signed in the presence of in the year of our Lord this 16th day of September 1834

Adam ^{his} Sligar (initial)
mark

Witness
J. W. Roberts
L. H. Whiskell

Samuel Jameson

I Samuel Jameson being of sound and perfect mind & disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, first having hereupon given unto my sons John R. Jameson Benjamin Jameson and David H. Jameson legacies, I now dispose of all my estate both real and personal in the following manner to wit- first I give and bequeath unto my three sons Samuel G. Jameson, Robert W. Jameson & Herman S. Jameson all the tract of land on which I now live, but subject to the maintenance of my wife Rebecca Jameson her lifetime second I do give and bequeath unto my three daughters Jane M. Wilson Eleanor P. Reynolds and Rebecca R. Jameson all my perishable property in the following manner to wit- first I do give unto Rebecca R. Jameson twenty five dollars and then the remainder to be equally divided between the three girls above named I do here appoint Samuel G. Jameson and Robert Smads 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 affixed my seal this twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four

Samuel Jameson (initial)
Signed, sealed, published & declared by the above named Samuel Jameson to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

Teste
Robert Smads
Leonard Harmon

Joseph Callaway

I, Joseph Callaway in the name of God. Amen do make and constitute this my last will and testament taking into view the mortality of my body and knowing that is appointed now for all men to die first I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased almighty God to bless me with I do dispose of it in the following manner to wit-

First I recommend that all my just debts and funeral charges be punctually paid and satisfied by my executor hereafter appointed or named in this instrument & no more of my property sold there will be sufficient for the payment thereof fully authorizing my executor to sell that amount of either real or personal property at public or private sale as they may think most advisable further allowing, authorizing & requesting my said executor whenever an opportunity may offer itself to sell any or all of my lands in the Western district of this State to the best advantage for the benefit of my children hereafter named and also any of my mountain lands in Monroe or Blount County or any where else except the land I live on, the tract at the fish dam ford on Tullio River or some other tract they may think would do for one of my children to live on & if any of the land should be sold for money let it be used for the benefit of the family if for property let the family have the care and use of it as they have of the residue of my property & should my family at any time have too much property on hand my executor are authorized to sell such property at public or private sale or a gain to purchase as the case may be and to all

other acts touching my estate either private or public as I could do now living and all sales, deliveries, transfers or conveyances made by them or to my heirs through them shall be good and binding to all intents & purposes secondly, I do give and bequeath the whole of my estate both real and personal to my beloved children to wit- Thomas Howard Callaway, Rebecca Caroline Callaway Nancy Elory Callaway and Hanna Lucinda Callaway to be equally divided between them by the valuation of disinterested men as they shouldly become of age and need or demand it each to have as near equal in land & negroes as to value as possible all but Thomas he is to have my surveying Instruments, Saw books, Gun & Blotch cow and about an equal portion

Thirdly, I wish Thomas H. Callaway with the assistance of my executor to keep the family together and the plantation when I now live together with all the property under the care of my Executor and the proceeds to be applied to the use of the family equally so long as they manage it reasonably well but should they find by experience that some other method would be more advisable for the benefit of my children they are hereby fully authorized to manage it as they may think best for the benefit and satisfaction of my four children above named.

fourthly, I hereby will and direct my executor to give Nancy E. Callaway, Hanny S. Callaway good schooling at any rates as good as Rebecca E. Callaway has got which expenses is to be paid out of my estate before a division of the property so as to make their schooling equal to Thomas & Rebecca

Fifthly, I would hereby suggest to my Executor that the tract of land with the out lands that I live on equally divided would make two pretty good plantations

the trust at Pellis must make one in the division
and a fourth one must be made up out of other
lands &c

And lastly I do constitute and appoint my friends
John Callaway & Arthur H. Stuby and my beloved son
Thomas H. Callaway my Executors of this my last will
and testament and I do hereby revoke all other or
former wills and testaments by me made declaring this
only my last will and testament in attitness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
20th day of May 1831

Witness
Joseph Travis
R. Henderson
David Russell
Jesse Sted.

John Dyer

I, John Dyer of Monroe County Tennessee being sensible
of my mortality and desirous of disposing of my estate do make
and publish this as my last will and testament - I will that
my beloved wife shall have the farm on which I live being
the whole of my estate till my youngest living child becomes
twenty one years old, and that any of my children be allowed
to attend any of the said land, leaving what may be ne-
cessary for my wife's support and maintenance - my land is
to be equally divided between my children & wife when my
youngest living child comes of age - and that my children
may either of them wish to enjoy a portion of the land to
cultivate, my wife is to enjoy the whole - I will that my wife
have the wagon, two horses, such as she may select, all the

grain and farming utensils - a yoke of oxen, six cows, I
will that the stock hogs & cattle remain on the place and
next year be divided equally among my children & wife
I wish each child to have a horse I will that my wife
have the household furniture, and give to each of my
daughters, such as she may deem equal, the horse M. Don-
ald and other property which my son William owns &
is known to my wife I wish him to have - I will that
my wife have my negro ~~man~~ Ryab & negro woman Rebecca
that William have Eagleton & Willowby, that John have
Allen & Harry, I will that Betsy have Rachel that Sarah
have Lillith, that Jane have Rachel. My daughters are to
have choice of the horses choosing in succession according to
age John is to have the yearling grey colt - the stock of grain
hay & other products of the farm I will that my wife
keep on hand for the use of the family & to keep the stock
& next year of marketable stock to be sold and the proceeds
divided out I wish my wife to have the poultry and other
articles about the farm not herebefore named such as she
may need. I will that my wife have an equal ~~division~~
with my children of the money I have loaned out and the debt
due me, as well as the proceeds of the stock, grain &c
not herebefore divided, I wish no public sale unless my
executors may think desirable, but I allow my wife to sell off the stock
& appropriate the proceeds, as herebefore divided. I wish what debts I
owe to be paid out of the proceeds of the farm - and when my
land shall be divided that my wife have the dwelling house & a sufficient
portion of land adjoining. I also will two hundred dollars for
John's schooling to be first taken out of my estate.
I appoint my wife, James H. Coffey, with M. H.
Stakely, Robert Russell, & John Carson my executors of
this my will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal after the contents of the foregoing have

been read to me and duly considered in presence
of Madison Lelbourn, Robertus Loo, & B. M. Bayless Sec.
11th 1841

John ^{his} Loo (Seal)
magistrate

test
M. Lelbourn
Robertus Loo
B. M. Bayless

Leroy Taylor

I, Leroy Taylor of the County of Monroe, in the State of Tennessee, being sound in mind and memory, but afflicted with a lingering disease, and sensible of my mortality, and being desirous of making what I consider best disposition of my worldly substance, do make and publish the following as my last will and testament viz. Having full confidence that my beloved wife Keziah will manage of-
fairs to the best of her ability for the benefit of our child-
dren, I wish to leave her the means for her own comfort and this advantage, and accordingly leave all the land constituting the farm on which I live, of about three hundred and fifty seven acres, under the superintendence and control of my ^{this} wife, until our said youngest child Leander shall arrive at the age of twenty one years and allow her to receive all the rents and profits arising from the same. I give to my said wife all my stock of Horses, except one filly hereafter mentioned, all my stock of cattle, hogs, sheep and whatever else there may be of the produce of the farm left on hand at my death of grain, meat or other articles, and also all my farming utensils and household furniture, all my other property except that hereafter mentioned. I give to my said wife. I give to my daughter Barchaba my brown filly nearly two years old - which I wish to have sold

to her my said daughter when said filly becomes four years old, and I wish my Executor also to furnish her at the same time with a good Barrow, and saddle and bridle which are also to be valued, and the division of my property, the original value of said articles, is to come out of or be deducted from the distribution share of my said daughter should said filly not live to the age of four years. I wish my executor to purchase for my said daughter a good horse to be charged in the same manner I have stated, as to the filly, and as I have given said filly to my son Garrett and he got the proceeds of the sale of the same, I wish whatever said filly may be valued to, or whatever in case of her death, another horse may cost say twenty five dollars, to be charged to and finally come out of or be deducted from the distribution share of my said son Garrett.

All the debts due me by notes or Bills single, amounting to about twelve or thirteen hundred dollars I leave in the care of my executor herein after named, and it is my will that said executor collect the money due on the same, each and every year, and reloan the same, taking note, with good security that said funds may as much as possible accumulate by the time my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one years. And it is my will and desire that when my youngest child living arrives at the age of twenty one years all my property that is to say my land and money, debts &c be equally divided between my children. If they can agree among themselves it will be well; otherwise I wish the division to be made at the discretion of my executor, with the deduction made as before stated as to Garrett and Barchaba. and it is my desire that my wife Keziah should remain with our youngest child during her natural life on the part of my land on which my dwelling house stands. It is my wish

also that my two negro Slaves, named Crawford and Sister Ann, shall remain under the control of, and for the benefit of my wife during her natural life, during which term she can either keep them with her, or hire them out for her benefit as she chooses.

And I hereby constitute and appoint my friends, Robert Russell and Nathaniel Magill, Executors of this my will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty seven

signed sealed and acknowledged
in our presence by said Leroy Taylor as his last will and testament, the date above

Charles Riley
W^m Williams

Matthew W. McChes

I, Matthew W. McChes of Citrus, Marion County, Tennessee 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 brother-in-law, William Leroy and his wife Polly and their heirs, one negro girl called Ann and her children also, Lydia & Ben, children of my negro woman Jude.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my nephew and niece William and Jane M. Dermott and their heirs, my negro boy, Gally his wife Abba and their children also Harriet, Washington and Emeline, children of my negro woman Jude.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to my niece Margaret M. McChes my gold watch and chain, and seal & key.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my brother, John M. Chis all my notes of hand & security, for money or specific articles, and book accounts, also my brass clock, two silver cups, six silver spoons, my riding mule and old bald horse.

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my brother-in-law, Thomas Anderson, my young son, John Oliver Mann.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my brother, Alexander M. Chis, my house & lot, on the East side of main street in the town of Maryville, Blount County, Tennessee; also my small tract of land adjoining the Presbyterian burying ground, near Maryville, to him and his heirs forever.

Seventhly I give and bequeath all the net and residue of my estate both real and personal, of whatever nature the same may be to my two brothers, John M. Chis & Alexander M. Chis, to be equally divided between them to have and to hold the same and every part and parcel thereof, in manner and form aforesaid to them and their heirs and assigns forever, charged with, and liable to my just debts and funeral expenses.

Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my two brothers, John M. Chis and Alexander M. Chis my executors of this my last will and testament; and do request and desire that they shall not be required to give any bonds or security whatever for the execution of this my last will and testament. And do hereby revoke and declare null and void all former wills and testaments by me made.

In ~~testimony~~ whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal this 7th day of Jan. 1832. Matth. W. McChes (Seal)
Signed, sealed, published & declared by the above named Matthew W. McChes, to be his last will & testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, in the presence of the testator. — Teste

Justus Stead, John Callaway
Thos. H. Callaway, John Leroy.

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James Richardson

In the name of God Amen.

I, James Richardson of the County of Monroe & State of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this ninth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty eight make this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

First. I give and bequeath to my dear wife Elletty the third part of all my land, as follows that is to say her part of the farm on which I live to include my dwelling house beginning on James Witters line at a stake some distance on the north of the road leading from my house to said Witters, thence running a straight line by a plum bush and containing a straight line to a Spanish Oak at the head of of the Spring it being the Spanish Oak that is farthest north. Thence continuing a straight line to the line between me and Ranney Murray and including all the land lying on the south of the line above named and also the third part of the quarter section of timbered land that is here lying west of the Meridian line and adjoining with James, Leely & Ranney Murrays land that the said Murray bought of Lindsey Robertson which quarter section is to be divided as nigh in proportion to value as can be. The above named parcels of land I give and bequeath to my dear wife Elletty during her natural life.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my son Jesse all the balance of my land that is to say, the two thirds of my farm including the dwelling house where he now lives and all my land lying north of the line above named and also the other two thirds of the timbered quarter section above named.

Third I give and bequeath to my wife Elletty my negro man Henry and his wife Violet and their son Abner during

his natural life. my negro man Tom, I give and bequeath to my son John but if said Tom can be sold for four hundred dollars or more so as to be with his wife my will is that he be sold and the price of him given to my son John my negro man Peter I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Christian but if he can be sold for eight hundred dollars or more so as to be with his wife my will is that he be sold and the price of him given to my daughter Ann Christian, my negro boy and my negro girl Henry and Jane I give and bequeath to my son Jesse my negro girl Rachel. I give and bequeath to my son John the sucking child of Violet after he shall stay with his mother three years I give and bequeath to my negro woman Violet her freedom at the death of my dear wife. my will is that all my perishable property be sold and my just debts be paid out of the same. my will is that the third part of the price of my perishable property after paying my just debts belong to my wife Elletty during her natural life I give and bequeath to my son Samuel twenty dollars which will make his proportionable part with what he has formerly received of me. I give & bequeath to the lawful heirs of my son James One Hundred dollars which will make his proportionable part with what he has formerly received. I give & bequeath to the children of my daughter Dorcas Rhos Ten dollars each. I give & bequeath to my grand son Pleasant M. Miller (the son of my daughter Jane) One hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Mahala Alexander the daughter of my daughter Polly Ten dollars. my will is that if any thing be over what will pay the above bequests it be equally divided among my children.

And lastly my will is that after the death of my dear wife all the personal and real estate that I leave her be sold and equally divided among my lawful heirs— And I hereby make & ordain

my worthy friends James Mitten and Jonathan Pickel
 Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I the said James Richardson have
 to this my last will and testament set my hand and
 seal the day and year above written

James Richardson 
 Signed, sealed, published and
 delivered by James Richardson the
 testator as his last will & testament
 in the presence of us who now present
 at the time of signing and sealing
 thereof
 Lindsey Robertson
 James Seal

John Snider

State of Tennessee Monroe County October 21st 1842
 I John Snider do make and publish this my last will
 and testament freely revoking and making void all
 other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expences and all my
 debts be paid as soon after my death as possible
 out of any monies that I may die possessed of
 or money first come in the hands of my Executor

Secondly I will and bequeath to Elizabeth Snider
 my wife one half of my land that I now live
 on my home house and all furniture belonging
 to that house the other house and all cooking
 utensils, smoke house & Bacon, with all appurtenances

this present crop on this my home farm of stock
 the Blaz man, a horse, two cows, a Red Cow &
 a white face cow, the red calf yearling six of the
 best hogs, hew, and six of the next years Killings
 with a red Chiny sow hew, all poultry belonging
 to the farm, all the sheep, all the farming tools &
 blacksmith shop, a wagon and two ~~plows~~ oxen

Secondly, William Snider the other half of the
 land where he now lives on.

3rd Margaret Gray, one bond man that she
 has now in possession.

4th Elashington Snider is to have his mother's
 half of this home place land at her death, with
 all its appurtenances, one cow & calf now in
 possession of and one young mare now in possession
 in my possession of and a couple of stock hogs

5th George Snider my grand son, son of Martin
 Snider deceased is to have a traveller colt of Blaz
 man.

6th the balance of my personal ~~property~~ shall
 be exposed to public sale and after my debts is
 settled out to be divided equally between my lawful
 heirs.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint William
 Snider & Elashington Snider my sons Executors.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my
 hand and seal this 21st day of October in the
 year of our Lord 1842 John Snider 

Signed sealed and published in our presence & we
 have subscribed our names, Testes in the presence of the testator
 this 21st day of October 1842

Attest James W. Taylor
 Pleasant M. Alexander

Isaac Hise

In the name of God Amen.

As I am sick and feel that I cant live long in this world I feel it my duty to make a lawfull agreement of all my worldly estate therefore I make this my last will and testament I commend my soul and spirit to God who gave it and my body to the grave to be buried in Christian manner
1st after all my lawfull debts and funeral expenses is paid

Second, I bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Hise my lands and buildings I have on my land and all my household furniture and farming tools and all my horses and cattle and sheep and all my hogs as long as she live a widow with the exception.

Third I bequeath to my beloved son John one dollar in trade at my wifes death.

Fourth I bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary one dollar to be paid in trade at my wifes death I also bequeath to my beloved daughter Sarah one cow & one bed & steak & furniture, I also bequeath to my beloved son Ruben one comb mirror & saddle & five head of Hogs also I bequeath to my wifes daughter Ann \$1000 to be paid after my wifes death also after my wifes death my land & all the personal ~~estates~~ to be divided equal among the heirs I appoint Martin \$1000 and my wife Executor. This indenture made in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two April the 16th signed in the presence of us

Isaac Hise
witness

teste
Wm Coleman
Wm E. Hargis

John Torbett

I John Torbett of Monroe County Tennessee do make and publish the following as my last will and Testament that is to say - It is my will that my Executors hereafter appointed dispose of wholen property I possess at their discretion for the payment of my just debts and that after the payment of my debts the residue of my estate be held and enjoyed by my daughter Amanda as her own including wholen I possess both real & personal, as also choses in action, and property of every description, the land to be possessed & held by her in fee.

I hereby nominate and appoint E. C. Torbett & William M. Stakely the Executors of this my last will & Testament. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this the 16th day of November 1842.

signed & sealed, acknowledged & published
in presence of us the date above written

Henry H. Stephens

Wm B. Brown

Wm Henderson

G. K. Hoffman

John Torbett

Burrell Ivy

I Burrell Ivy do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking & making void all other wills by me at any other time made first I direct that my funeral expenses and all 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 give and bequeath to my wife Mary the use & benefit of my land as long as she shall live to bring the plantation that I now live on and one horse, two cows and one calf two beds bedsteads and bed clothing and all my plough tools and guns house hold and kitchen furniture and all of my corn and fodder and potatoes one mule two axes and sixty geese four head of sheep and nine head of hogs and all of my cotton & tobacco and one mans saddle.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Wincy H^c Allister one dollar.

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Bishop one dollar.

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Kennedy one dollar.

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Miriam Kennedy one dollar.

Seventhly I give and bequeath to my daughter Suzer one half of my land at my wifes death taken off of the south side.

Eighthly I give and bequeath to my son John Ivy one half of my land at my wifes death off of the north side of said land to be divided equal between him & the above named Suzer Ivy. Next I desire that that the balance of my property be sold on a twelve months credit and by my Executor without a public sale and at anytime that is convenient & if there be any money left it to go to my wife to use at her own request. I do here nominate and appoint my wife Mary Ivy my Executor.

In witness whereof I do put this my will to my hand and seal this 23rd of October 1842.

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the testator the 23rd day of October 1842.

Burrell Ivy (seal)
mark

Witness
John H. Allister

Thomas Bunch

I Thomas Bunch do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at anytime.

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

Secondly I give and bequeath to Sam Bunch my beloved wife all of my real estate and personal property during her natural life and at the death of my wife Sam Bunch my will is that all my property both personal and real estate be sold on a credit or as the executor may think best for the legacies and the monies arising from the sale of my property equally divided between my three children and Sam. Rail my grandson to it Polly Bunch wife of Anderson Bunch Polly Ritchison the wife of Sam. Ritchison Pry or P. Bunch and Sam. Rail the above mentioned all to share equal.

Thirdly I will and bequeath Sam. Rail a little bay horse.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Thos. L. Upston my Executor in witness whereof I do this my will set my hand and seal this 19th day of June 1840.

Signed sealed and published in the presence and in our subscribed ^{his} Thomas Bunch (seal) ^{mark}
our names hereunto in the presence of the testator this 19 day of June 1840.

J. H. Johnston

Dan. Hickell

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James M. Broyles

Madisonville Monroe County Tennessee

The late James M. Broyles, who departed this life on Monday the 10th of January 1842, did in our presence on Sunday before he died make the following request: at a time when we believe he was of sound mind and memory.

First. He specially requested that his daughter Eliza should have a side saddle and a Broom.

Second. He requested that two notes of bond which he held, one on James M. Bicknell for five hundred dollars, and the other on Guilford Cannon, on which there was a credit should immediately, or as soon as it could be done, be given to John M. Gher to pay a debt he owed M^r Gher or John C. Cannon for the use of M^r Gher.

Third. He requested that the balance of his property including his house and lot should be sold and after paying all his just debts, the proceeds should be equally divided among his children.

Fourth. He requested that the Court appoint some suitable person to attend to the matter, and said if it could be so arranged, he wished his daughter Eliza to have an opportunity, at the sale, to buy the claybank mare, not that she was the most valuable, but that Eliza fancied her.

Given under our hands and seals this 15th day of January 1842.
Witness
James Hornley
James Smith

Wm Metakely (Seal)
J. L. Roberts (Seal)

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William M. G. George

We Guilford Cannon and Barbary Bicknell do state, that the nuncupative will of William M. G. George was made by him on the 25th day of October 1841, in our presence to which we were specially requested to bear witness by the testator himself in the presence of each other, that it was made in his last sickness in his own habitation or dwelling house, or where he had resided ten days at least. 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 to pay all his debts, and the balance to be given his wife.

Made out and signed this 1st day of November 1841.

Guilford Cannon
Barbary Bicknell

Samuel Shaw

Monroe County Jan. 6. 1846.

I Samuel Shaw of Monroe County and State of Tennessee being weak in body, but perfect in mind declare the following to be my last will and testament: viz.

I. My body I bequeath to the Earth from which it was taken, and my spirit to God who gave it.

II. Of my goods & chattels I make the following disposal.

1. I bequeath to my beloved sons Samuel Shaw, Francis M. Shaw & William H. Shaw, the farm on which I now reside containing three hundred acres more or less, which tract of land shall be equally divided between my three aforementioned sons.

2. My wagon now in use, and my new still I will to be sold, and the proceeds to be divided equally among my four beloved daughters Ann S. Wilcox, Louisa C. Tidford, Sarah Shaw, and Hannah Shaw as a part of that amount which they are to receive by this my last will and Testament.

3. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Agnes Shaw the following: 1. That said Agnes Shaw my wife shall have a comfortable maintenance off the farm on which I now reside during her life. 2. That said Agnes Shaw shall hold the right to all the barrels, cattle, hogs, farming utensils, household, and kitchen furniture which I now possess untill her death at which time she may dispose of them as she may see proper, with the following exception however that in case of my beloved daughter Sarah and Hannah Shaw being married they shall each of them be furnished with a good horse, saddle, and bridle.

4. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John F. Shaw a tract of land lying in Roane County East Tennessee containing fifty acres more or less, and another tract of land lying in Knox County East Tennessee containing thirty acres more or less both the aforesaid tracts of land lying on Watston River.

5. I give and bequeath to my daughters Ann S. Wilcox and Louisa C. Tidford each the sum of Two hundred Dollars in money

and to my other two daughters Sarah Shaw, and Hannah Shaw the sum of Three hundred Dollars in money the proceeds of my wagon and still aforementioned being considered as a part of this, and the whole amount to be paid as soon as it can be conveniently collected from the proceeds of the farm.

6. I also appoint John Duncan and James Montgomery Esqr as Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Signed and sealed in presence of three witnesses
Thomas S. Kendall
Robert Kindly

Done this sixth day of Jan. in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty.

Samuel Duncan

In the name of God. Amen

I Samuel Duncan of Monroe County and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament in the words and articles following viz.

First I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth.

As to my earthly estate I request that all my just debts be satisfied. I give and bequeath Andrew J. Duncan, George W. Duncan, Archibald M. Duncan & William A. Duncan (my sons) all my real & personal estate to be divided equally as soon as William A. Duncan becomes of age except so much as may be hereinafter mentioned. I also give & bequeath to my sons John C. Duncan & James M. Duncan also my daughter Isabella Johnston formerly Isabella Duncan and Sarah Duncan three hundred & fifty

Dollars each to be paid out of the proceeds of my estate by the said Andrew J. Duncan, George B. Duncan, Archibald W. Duncan & William A. Duncan, in the following manner viz In March 1844 one third paid to each, in March 1845 one third: and in March 1846 the balance or remaining third also I give and bequeath to my son Archibald W. one bay horse known by the name of Jim, also I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah one horse, and saddle, the horse to be equal in value to the one above described to be paid over by the said Andrew J. Duncan George B. Duncan & Archibald W. as soon as she comes of age or may need the service of the said horse also I give and bequeath to my son William one horse of the above description paid over as soon as soon as he may arrive to the age of twenty one year also one saddle paid over as above also I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah three Beds & furniture also I give and bequeath to my son George B. Duncan one bed &c: also I give and bequeath to my son Archibald W. Duncan one bed &c: also I give and bequeath to my son William A. Duncan one bed &c: also I give and bequeath to my son Andrew J. Duncan all my household and kitchen furniture except so much as is above otherwise appropriated also I will that so much of my personal property be sold as will be sufficient to satisfy my outstanding debts (whether publicly or privately) at the discretion of my executor.

Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my worthy friends John Duncan & Robert Russell & Andrew J. Duncan my Executors to execute this my last will and testament hereby revoking and discharging any former will or wills executed by me

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty nine.

Samuel Duncan (Seal)

Signed & sealed in presence of:

Josiah Rowan

John C. Grigsby

John Sharp

I John Sharp of the County of Monroe & State of Tennessee being weak of body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, do through the mercy of Almighty God make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following to-wit: I leave the principal part of the property now in my possession now purchased by my wife's father & by him given to my wife for the use & benefit of her and her children. I leave my blood wife Polly Sharp to retain it all during her natural life excepting a set of blacksmith tools, which I wish my two sons James A. Sharp and Joseph Sharp to have the privilege of using from and after this present date, and with her consent to have them hereinafter. And I further wish all my other children namely James B. Little, Mary H. Samuel J. and John C. Robert having received his full part: only to have the share of a grey mare colt of this years foaling, this being his part in full. The others above named viz James B. Little, Mary H. Samuel J. and John C. to have an equal part or as near as can conveniently be with James A. and Joseph and I do hereby ratify and confirm this and no other to be my last will and Testament and do hereby disavow and revoke all and every other will, testament, legacy, & bequest by me before named, made or bequeathed. I do hereby appoint my blood wife Polly the Executrix of this my last will and Testament.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand & seal this first day of March in the year of our Lord 1840.

John Sharp (Seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged

in presence of
James B. Little
Joseph Smith
Robert C. B. Hutton

Jacob Seerst

In the name of God amen. I Jacob Seerst of the County of Monroe, & State of Tennessee, being informed of body but of sound mind & memory considering the uncertainty of life do hereby make this my last will & Testament, revoking all others by me heretofore made in the manner & form following to wit: To my beloved wife Nancy, I bequeath all my property both real & personal, during her natural life. At her decease it is my request that all my land & all my stock of every description be equally divided between my son Michael Seerst my daughter Emily Helms, and to the heirs of my daughter Melinda Osborne deceased. To my son Thomas Seerst I bequeath my negro boy Isaac. To my daughter Rachel Harris I bequeath my negro girl Lyfrie. To my son Crand Seerst I bequeath five dollars. To my son Wiley Seerst I bequeath five dollars. To my daughter Mary Holloway I bequeath five dollars. My son Thomas Seerst & my son-in-law Goodwin Harris I hereby appoint Executors of this my last will & Testament.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of December 1835.

Jacob Seerst (Seal)

Signed & sealed in

presence of,
Samuel Low
James H. Huff,
William J. Harris

Thomas Glen Jr.

In the name of God Amen,

I Thomas Glen Jr. of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee being at this time in perfect mind and memory do ordain this my last will & Testament. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly, I give & bequeath unto my wife Harriet R. Glen my bay mare & side saddle two Feather Bed, two pillows, some quilts, five shirts & one Cow head one Bureau & two bed trunks my wish & desire is that the land now belonging to the firm of Spillman & Glen be rented out yearly as long as my Executors think advisable and as they think proper and my wife & child to receive their half of the benefits of the rent, in the manner following my wife to have what will be sufficient for a liberal support & the balance to go towards educating my child. I further wish my daughter Sarah Ann to be liberally educated out of my estate. I wish my wife to remove to the Cannon River and remain there. After such repairs are done as per article of agreement between St. J. Spillman & myself as to the good belonging to the firm of Spillman & Glen I wish them to be disposed of at private sale as long as my Executors may think advisable the debts collected and the establishment wound up as to the Mercantile business. I wish the stock of cattle & hogs belonging to St. firm to be divided agreeable to valuation and quality & the farming utensils, to wit a wagon & other articles to be disposed of in the way that my Executors may think most advisable after the division of the stock I wish my wife to have as many of them as will be sufficient for her support and the balance of my

half to be sold, as to the land undivided between N. A. Spellman & myself as above mentioned. I wish my Executors to continue renting so long as they may think proper & then dispose or divide it as they may think proper when & as they may think it advantageous to my estate the above mentioned lands the Mercantile establishment & all the Copartnership concern I wish wound up so soon after my death as I can be and in the manner I have before prescribed. All the debt due by the firm of Spellman & Glen to be paid so soon as they can and an equal division of the balance to be equally divided between N. A. Spellman & my Estate as per articles of agreement in the hands of A. G. F. Co. President between N. A. Spellman & myself as Copartners after the education of my child Sarah Ann, as before mentioned. I wish my estate equally divided between my wife Harriet and my daughter Sarah Ann Glen and if my wife should die before my daughter Sarah Ann I wish the whole estate to go to my daughter.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Lewis S. Glen and Newton A. Spellman my Executors. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this fourth day of April A.D. 1838.

J. Glen Jr. (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in presence of
John L. James
Orney Miller

James Wallis

We William Wallis & Temperance Wallis do state that the nuncupative will of James Wallis was made by him on the 27th day of March 1841 in our presence to which we were specially required to bear witness by the testator himself in the presence of each other, that it was made in his last sickness, in his own dwelling house or habitation. 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, that all his estate just as it is shall remain in the hands and care of his wife Biddy Wallis during her natural life or while she should continue single and that she herself should have the sole management & disposal of it all, and that she should give any portion of it to any of the children as they may need it and as she could spare it.

Made out by us and signed this 2nd day of April 1841

Wm Wallis

Temperance Wallis

Allen Dearmon

I, Allen Dearmon being in my right mind & reason being fifty seven years of age the 16th day of December next 1844 I Bequeath my soul to God who gave it, my body to the dust from whence it came, I wish my body to be buried in some church yard as for my property that God has been pleased to bestow on me, I wish all my Just debts to be paid my will is that my wife Polly Dearmon enjoy the benefit of all my lands, my negro man Bill my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep and wagon and all my farming utensils, also my house hold & kitchen furniture during her life time or widow hood. If there be more property than she may stand in need of. Then my will is that the same be sold & out of the proceeds of that sale my will is that my son James Dearmon have one dollar the balance to be equally divided amongst the balance of my children including Thompson A Dearmon & Allen, J. Thomas, J. C. Catharine Elizabeth, Sarah Allen, Jackson, Sarah, William Richard my will further is at the death or marriage of my wife Polly Dearmon, that the aforesaid lands and property remaining be equally divided between Catharine Elizabeth Allen J. William R. Sarah and Thompson & Dearmon and Allen J. Thomas my will is that my wife Polly Dearmon have all the money and notes that I have on hands at my death for her own use if there be more than she may need she may equally divide the same among the eight children afore named my will is that my wife Polly Dearmon Allen J. Dearmon and Peter J. Thomas be the Executors of this my last will and testament

Allen Dearmon (Seal)

attest

196 Holloway

Jacob Hacker

I Jacob Hacker of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee being of sound & perfect mind & memory, do make and publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Hacker the tract of land on which I reside for the support of her and my son Register during their natural lifetimes and at their deaths to be equally divided between my four sons (To wit) Isaac Hacker, James Hacker, Jacob Hacker and Francis Hacker, I also will and bequeath to my wife Martha a sorrel horse, three head of cattle, and all my stock of hogs together with all the household & kitchen furniture and farming utensils, with the exception of two beds and furniture, which I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret which said property my said wife Martha is to dispose of at her death as she may think proper I will and bequeath to my daughter Debra Rian one dollar and to my daughter Elizabeth Cole one bed & furniture and one spinning wheel. At the death of my wife Martha, I also will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret the house and six acres of ground the house, it being the cabin where Washington Cole formerly resided with the privilege of cutting timber on the land, I have left my sons which land and timber I devise to her during the time she may remain single and at her marriage or death to revert to my above named sons I authorize & appoint my wife Martha Hacker Executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of April 1844

Jacob Hacker (Seal)

Signed sealed & published by Jacob Hacker
the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses

William Upson
Samuel Smith

Dicy Shucker

I Dicy Shucker of Monroe County and State of Tennessee
being of weak body but of sound mind, do make this as
my last will and testament hereby revoking and making
void all other wills by me made. First and principally I
recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body
to the earth and as touching my worldly estate I give
and dispose of it in the following manner my first
I give and bequeath such that my funeral expenses
and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible.
2^d I give and bequeath fifty dollars to Dicy Clark my
niece, out of my money that is in the hands of Carter
Hudgins after his and Rachel Hudgins without interest.
3^d The residue of my money in the hands of Carter Hudgins
I give and bequeath to be divided equally between Math-
ew Hudgins, James Hudgins and Edward Hudgins
to be paid at the death of Carter and Rachel Hudgins
without any interest on said money.

4th I give and bequeath my bed and furniture to
Mathew Hudgins lastly I do hereby nominate
and appoint Mathew Hudgins and James my
executors whereof I do to this my last will and
testament set my hand and seal this ninth day of July 1844

Dicy Shucker (Seal)
Mark

Witnessed, sealed and published

In our presence and we have
subscribed our names hereto
in presence of the testator
the ninth of July 1844
Attest

James Montgomery interlined before signed
P. Lawrence Forkner

Jane Carter

In the name of God Amen
The twelfth day of October in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty four
I Jane Carter of the County of Monroe and State
of Tennessee being through the blessing of God in
sound State of mind and memory, but calling to
mind the frail tenure of this life, and that it is
appointed to all persons once to die, do make and
ordain this my last will and testament
that is to say first of all I recommend my soul
unto the hands of almighty God who gave it me
and my body to the dust from whence it came
With respect to my worldly estate
I give and bequeath and dispose of it in the follo-
wing manner & proportions here following, first
I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret Carter
three Black boys viz Manuel, Solomon and Tobias
and a note of hand on David P. Walker for sixty
dollars, also two other notes ^{of hand} that I hold one
that I hold on Samuel J. Brown, and the other
in the estate of John Duggan I give and bequeath
unto my two grand daughters Louisa and Mary
H. Snygers each fifty dollars, which will be paid
out of a note I hold on Robert Carter, and
the remainder of said note I give to my daughter
Carter. I give fifty dollars to my sister Katharine
Snygers out of the above note and the remainder
to Margaret Carter. I give and bequeath unto
my Grandson Robert Carter one half of a note of hand
I hold on Linnard M. C. Dillrell if he will carry
Louisa and Mary H. Snygers and Katharine Snygers
to them and the other half of the note I give to
M. C. Dillrell I hereby name and appoint my

Grandson Robert Carter Executor of this my last will and testament hereby confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affirmed my seal October 18th 1844

Witnesses names
John Duncan
Gabriel Pagsdale

James Carter (decd)
Mark

William Lillard

William Lillard in the name of God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do give my body to be buried at the discretion of my friends and my soul to God who gave it. As touching that stock of worldly property wherewith God has given me I give and dispose in the following manner. First I give all my personal property to my wife Nancy Lillard during her natural life provided she remains single and at her death to be equally divided between my children. If any of my Slaves should become disobedient it is my request that they should be sold. This 16th day of December 1844 In the State of Tennessee and County of Monroe this being my last will and testament Signed in the presence of

William Lillard (decd)

Witnesses
C. H. White
J. K. Berry

Joseph Scott

The last will and testament of Joseph Scott of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee I Joseph Scott considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following that is to say, all my personal property (with the exception of the stock of hogs) be sold this fall on twelve months credit, One horse and two milk cows of the above excepted for the use of my beloved wife and children, my present stock of hogs, with the exception of one sow and hogs enough to make meat sufficient for the use of my wife and family. I wish to be sold now, all my farming utensils with the exception of one plow and gears, I wish to be sold after the present crop is laid by together with all my blacksmith tools, and a new wagon unfinished, all to be sold at the same time on twelve months credit all the present crop of wheat corn &c after being raised to be sold, reserving a sufficiency for my wife and family for the ensuing year my farm I want rented out after the present year with the exception of the garden and a few acres for my son Ellison to cultivate as many acres as may be thought necessary out of the proceeds of the sale of my property together with what debts are due me after being collected I want all my just debts paid should there be enough, and if any remains over and above paying my debts I wish to be kept at interest for the benefit of my children. The rents and issues of my land - a sufficiency thereof to go to my wife and family - and to be so managed under rent as would be most advantageous to my family, and to keeping up and retaining the value thereof as much so as practicable - until my children shall have arrived to age, and then I wish my land