

Abraham Buck

I Abraham Buck of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and declare this to be my last will and testament

First I do hereby give and bequeath to my son Matthias and his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract of land belonging to me and now in his occupancy and possession. In consideration that he supports and maintains me for and during my natural life and pay in twelve months after my decease to each of my lawful heirs the sum of thirty dollars

I do hereby constitute and appoint my said son Matthias Buck the sole executor of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I the said Abraham Buck have this the Sixteenth day of August in the year of our Lord 1836 hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to these presents Signed, sealed & acknowledged } Abraham Buck (Seal)

in the presence of us also in the presence of the testator & of each other David Patterson

Wm Weiskell

John Mosier

Wm Lawrence

A. W. McKinney

In the name of God Amen I Andrew Thompson McKinney of Monroe County and State of Tennessee, being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be to God for this as this 31st March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say first I desire that my funeral charges and just debts shall be paid out of my estate for the second place. It is my desire that my estate real and personal shall remain in the hands of my wife Elizabeth McKinney during her natural life or widowhood and thirdly at her death or marriage it is my desire that my daughter Anneth Gumm shall have one dollar out of my estate. fourthly it is my desire that my daughter Mesomy Roberts shall have one dollar out of my estate. fifthly it is my desire that my son David McKinney shall have one dollar out of my estate sixthly. It is my desire that my daughter Eliza Watkins shall have one dollar out of my estate. seventhly it is my desire that the remains of my estate be equally divided among my four youngest children that is to say Andrew Thompson McKinney, Jane, McKinney and Margaret McKinney and Josephine McKinney and I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend James A. Coffin executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Andrew Thompson McKinney have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this day and date above written. Signed, sealed and declared by the said Andrew Thompson McKinney the testator as his last will testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof

at test

A. J. McKinney

J. B. Gilbreath

John R. Williams

Frederick Snider

I Frederick Snider do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made first I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Best three hundred dollars. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Susanah Wilson three hundred dollars Fourthly I give and bequeath to the heirs of my daughter Elizabeth best one hundred dollars Fifthly I give and bequeath to the son of my daughter Lucinda an odgrass seed being five dollars. Sixthly I give and bequeath to my son John H. Snider fifty dollars Seventhly I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Snider one hundred and fifty dollars. The remaining part of my estate I give and bequeath to my two sons Elisha and Daniel Snider equally - Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Elisha Snider and David Loring ^{my} my Executors in witness whereof I ~~for~~ this my will set my hand and seal this 30th day of April 1852 Frederick Snider

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 30th day of April 1852
William M. Loring
Daniel, H. Shaffer

James Horshee

I James Horshee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may die possessed of or may come into the hands of my Executor Secondly I direct that a portion of my personal property be sold sufficient to meet the demands that may be against my estate. Thirdly the balance of my property including my lands and all other property I may die possessed of I direct to remain in the hands of my wife Mary Horshee for the support of herself and family during her natural lifetime. Fourthly I direct that at her death that my land go into the hands of my four sons equally viz. J. W. Horshee, Francis A. Horshee, James A. Horshee and William H. Horshee. And I further direct that what personal property may be in hands at the death of my wife ~~may~~ descend into the hands of my five daughters, viz. Lucinda L. Loring, Tabitha J. Sarah C. and Lucretia A. Horshee. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint David Loring ^{my} my Executor in witness whereof I set this my last will set my hand and seal this 30th day of February 1853
James Horshee (read mark)

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the testator this 30th Feb 1853

John H. Gillcuth
Robert L. Keelman

Mathew Nelson

I Mathew Nelson of the State of New Jersey and County of Monroe being feeble in body but sound in Mind do make this my last will and testament revoking all others, I do give, devise, bequeath to my beloved wife Martha, all my land that is to say all my real estate and also all my personal Estate during her natural life. And at her death all my land or real estate to my three sons, Mathew, John, and William, jointly which they may divide to suit their convenience, and all my personal estate to be equally divided amongst all my living children and John O. Cannon my grand son after paying all my lawful debts and funeral expenses. I further will and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha, all the debts now due me, out of which she alone stuns, that is to say the funeral expenses to me to be paid, the remainder to be hers forever. I appoint my son Mathew Nelson for my executor, and my wife Martha my executrix of this my last will and testament, Not wishing security of either with my hand and seal this 3rd day of May 1862.

Witness

James H. Cramm

H. D. Cramm

M. Nelson (Seal)

Andrew Vaughn

I Andrew Vaughn being in a weak state of health but in my right mind I wish the following distribution of my property after my death. I want my daughter Lily born wife to get my bed and bedstead and bed clothes that is at Richard Cottrells for her trouble of waiting on her Mother during her sickness and whatever is right for her trouble with with me, the allowance to be made to Richard Cottrell and family for keeping me to be made by Sam Thompson and Sam S. Calkins to be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of my property. I want all the rest of my property to be sold to the highest bidder in a credit of twelve months. And the proceeds thereof, first to pay all my debts and the balance to be equally divided among my children, David & John & Edy Cottrell and Betty Bell & Margaret Bertschman to get each a part & Andrew and Washington. I have one wagon and 1 new 1 pair Stretcher 1 Blind mare & 1 cow & calf 12 head of stock hogs, the meat & seven hogs & four fat hogs to kill, something like one hundred bushels of corn, 3 barrels flour, one shovel & bed & bedstead and clothes 1 chest 1 large pot, 1 skillet 1 small skillet one oven without a lid, 1 small oven and lid, one clock, 1 looking glass, 1 bureau for one medicine ar plates, one sugar Bowl, 1 set of knives and forks, 1 fire shovel, 1 pair ironed tongs, 1 spew 1 Big spinter, two fire plows, 1 jack plow, 1 Cooper adf, and bowell, 1 large hand saw and 1 small handsaw one large wood file, 1 rasp, 1 inch auger 1 inch and half longer, one three quarter auger 1 large cutting ax, 1 small ax one history Josephus, 1 Methodist Discipline the life of Harrison and Washington one house Bettle, 1 Pot riveller, 2 Broad hoes, 1 set of single trees and double trees one horse stretchers 2 fodder stakes plow chains and horse and mule harness. I have one bedstead

186.
dollars and seventy cents, Credit to be given on the note
1 three dollar note on Garner Trucked 1 umbrella, 1 new
riding Bridle, two shingle trees, and three Calves and
some other little articles too tedious to mention, 2 pen
compasses 1 butcher knife 2 leather pots 1 Sea Stettle
Now my desire is that there be no administration on my
estate I want Samuel Thompson and Saml Hullock
to sell my property and pay all my debts and divide
the Balance among the within named heirs without
my hand and seal this 21st day of January 1863.
Witness
Anderson Reenan
John Caldwell

Andrew X. Vaught
his mark

186.
x George Long
I George Long of Monroe County Tennessee in
Sound Mind but feeble in body & sensible of my
Mortality do make this my last will and testament
1st I wish whatever debts I may owe and my family
expenses paid
2^d I give and bequeath to my wife Bethany during her
life or widowhood for herself and the two daughters
living with her my Rebecca and Margaret all my
household and kitchen furniture, my stock hogs horses
and cattle, except the two calves, the one I got from
Mr Small I give to Rebecca and the calf the cow
Now has I give to Margaret I also give to my said
wife for herself and said two daughters all my
farming tools and other personal property not named
3^d Should my said wife marry or should she die
I wish what may be in hand of said property equally
divided between my five children William, Rebecca,
Squire, Alexander and Margaret in the survivals
of them 4th I wish the note which J. A. Wright is
owed me for \$115.11 with whatever amount my wife
may be able to save by selling property which can be
spared to be laid out in the purchase of a piece of
land at the discretion of my said wife for the benefit
and use of my wife & her five children at one
mentioned & in the case of the death (or marriage of
my said wife I want the said land which may
have been purchased as is directed to belong equally
to said five children my William, Rebecca, Squire, Margaret
& if in case they many should not be laid out in land to be
put out at interval and be equally divided as the land
5th My tract of land lying in Chardon County Kentucky
I give and bequeath to my five children namely
as follows George Long, Mary Blanton, Catharine
Carter, Rode Howard, Anna Taylor Peter No and

I Jackson Lang and the said land in Kentucky
which is all I have for said living children I hereby
direct shall be sold by George Howard my son in law
and the Money divided between said two children
Witness my hand and seal this 10th
signed sealed of March 1853 George Howard
returned in presence of
I D M Reynolds
James Westmard

Jacob Sheets Decease

I Jacob Sheets do make and publish this my last
will and testament hereby revoking and making void
all other wills by me made, first I direct that my fu-
neral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after
my death as possible out of any Money I may be
possessed of or may come into the hands of my Executor
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Polly Gaston ten dollars, also I to my son Henry
Sheets ten dollars lawfully and to my daughter Mary
Bogart ten dollars lawfully to my daughter Mary
Ellison ten dollars lawfully to my daughter Peggy
Sheets ten dollars, lawfully to my son John
Sheets all my land it being the land whereon I
hitherto have lived resided there being in the tract one
hundred and fifty nine acres joining the land of
Jacob Kiehn, William Dine and Daniel McConey and
others and I do hereby appoint John Sheets my son my Executor
In testimony whereof I do to his my will set my hand and seal this
3rd day of December 1849
Signed sealed and published in our presence and we
have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of
the testator

David Loring
William Loring

Mary A Brown Deceased

In the name of God Amen I Mary Ann Brown of
the County of Monroe in the State of Tennessee being weak
in body but of sound and disposing Memory Mind and
understanding & Mind full of the uncertainty of life and
certainty of Death do make this my last will and
testament hereby revoking and declaring null and void
all others which I may have made
First I give the payment of all just debts which I may owe
I give, bequeath and devise to my four children Emma
Brown, Lucinda Brown, Gordon H Brown, and
Martha M Brown and to their heirs and assigns in
fee simple as tenants in common equally All of the
following mentioned and described tract of land sit-
uate lying and being in the County of Monroe and
State of Tennessee to wit one hundred and sixty acres
being in the Second Range East of the Meridian
Stearns District First Township third
Section and South West quarter of said Section
and being the tract of land on which I now reside
And conveyed to me by Robert Gresham by deed dated
24th day of August 1850
Second I give and bequeath to my aforesaid
Gordon H Brown all of my horses being four in
number to have sales separate and to be the only
owner of the wagon & burning tools & gears
Third I give and bequeath to my aforesaid three
daughters Emma, Lucinda & Martha M to be equa-
ly divided between them, all my cattle and sheep
being the cattle and sheep now in my possession
and all that are claimed by any of my aforesaid
family of children, all of the household and
kitchen furniture Beds &c now in the possession
of the family being of right the property of my

Mary Ann Brown Deceased

aforsaid three daughters I do not pretend to make
my disposition of it and only dispose of the land horses
& cattle and sheep being all the property that I own
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal in the presence of the subscribing witnesses
on this Second day of June in the year of Our Lord
1853

Mary Ann Brown (Seal)

Signed and Sealed in the
presence of us and subscribed
by us as witnesses at the
request of the testator and in
his presence and in the presence of
each other.

Mary S. Montgomery
Sarah L. McKinnon
J. H. Montgomery
J. Nixon Vandyke

Mark Morgan Deceased

Do all whom this may concern greeting be it known
that on this the 7th of August that I Mark Morgan on the
day and date above named am in the year of Our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty two be very ill and
afflicted though in my mind and unimpaired
doth for the love and affection that I have and hold
for my wife and step sons and daughters I do will and
bequeath all of my personal and real estate to my beloved
step sons during the life of my beloved wife, with the
exception of one Gray Mare, saddle and bridle which
I will and bequeath to my beloved wife her lifetime
and one small filly which I will and bequeath to my
beloved step daughter Mary Jane Sipton forever
I desire the said step sons to wit, J. S. Sipton and Jacob
Sipton to take all of my property in their hands

Mark Morgan Deceased

and to make sale of the same and then to buy
the said Mary Jane Sipton a fifteen dollar saddle
which she is to have forever & further I will and bequeath
to my beloved wife Mary Morgan all the household
and kitchen furniture her lifetime this is to include
everything in the house, And I further desire
after said sale of said property is made ^{that} the money
that is left after said saddle and all just claims
and demands is settled to be put out on interest
in safe hands and you my beloved step sons
J. S. Sipton and Jacob Sipton to maintain my beloved
wife decently and in good order her lifetime and
of said moneys I don't want nothing herein
contained so as to deprive her of her maintenance
then at her death I desire you to divide the moneys
and property between my beloved step sons and daughter
to wit J. S. Sipton and Jacob Sipton. I am H. Sipton
Catharine B. January, Leonia January, I now
desire that the said Catharine B. January
relinquish her share to Mary Jane Sipton the said
money and property to be equally divided and manumitted
I further desire as I hold a note
of hand on Jacob Sipton given on the 8th of
February 1851 that it be credited so much as he has
paid William Erwin on a note he holds on me and
I further desire of Mary Jane Sipton stays single and
desires to live with her Grand Mother that she
be allowed to do so I now acknowledge the above to be
my words & last will and testament Given under
my hand and seal day and date above named

attest

J. M. Harris
G. W. Givens
John Warden

Mark Morgan (Seal)

Charles Kelso Deceased

I Charles Kelso of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee being weak in body of perfect Mind and Memory and contemplating the certainty of death and the uncertainty of time and and being desirous to dispose of My property do Make and publish the following as My last will and testament

Item 1st I commend My Soul to God who gave it and My body

Item 2^d I give and bequeath unto My beloved wife Elizabeth My two horse Wagon and My two horse Carriage; also My gray horse, My Black & bay Mares, also three Cows & calves also the hogs on hand at My death; Ten head of Sheep

Item 3^d I give and bequeath unto My wife Elizabeth five Negroes named Peter, James, Maria, Bill and child Eliza during her natural life and at the death of My wife I desire all of said Negroes be equally divided among all My children I further desire and do give My wife all the cash on hand at the time of My death for the purpose of schooling and supporting My daughter Mary Josephine Kelso and if any remains unexpended at her death I give it to My daughter Mary Josephine

I further give and devise unto My said wife eighty acres of land being one half of the quarter upon which My house stands the other half of which I have conveyed to My daughter Mary Josephine together with all the cleared land belonging to the home farm for and during her natural life. I also desire that My Executors allow her as many farming tools as shall be necessary to cultivate said lands

Item 4th I give and bequeath to My daughter Mary Josephine Kelso the eighty acres of land upon which My house stands being the remainder of the quarter I have given her by deed and which I have devised to My wife her Mother for life at the death of her Mother and to her children forever in fee simple

Item 5th It is My will that at the death of My wife all

Charles Kelso Deceased

My lands not otherwise devised be sold and divided equally among all My children

Item 6th It is My will that at My death My Executors proceed to sell all My stock not herein devised together with all other personal property not specially devised and I prefer that they sell the same at private sale and divide the proceeds of their sales together with the Monies arising from the cash notes on hand at the time of My death equally among all My children

Item 7th I desire that the Madkins farm be rented out until the death of My wife when I desire that it be sold and divided equally among all My children

Item 8th I desire that My Executors in Making distribution of the proceeds of My Estate among all My children shall charge them all but Mary Josephine with the respective amounts for which they have given their Receipts so that they will all have received equal amounts from me, and I desire ^{so devised} my Estate that My daughter Mary Josephine be charged only the amounts I have fixed on the property I have conveyed to her by deed

Item 9th I hereby constitute Lindy Madkins of Hamilton County Tennessee and my neighbors George Sefton Executors of this my last will and testament

The word Carriage on the 1st & the words so devised in the 3^d page mentioned before signing (Charles Kelso) signed published and delivered this 29 day of October 1853 in the presence of

Solon McCroskey }
William Kile }

John Love Deceased

I John Love 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 expences and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my Moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Robertus Love the farm on which I now live, containing about one hundred and sixty acres and five Negroes to witely Toby, Harriet, Martin, Rebecca, and little Harriet, which said property is to be chargeable with my just debts, and the said Robertus Love is to pay my debts and then the said land and Negroes are to his property. I also give to the said Robertus Love six head of cattle and one half of my household and Kitchen furniture, and all of my farming utensils. I also give to my said son Robertus Love my stallion horse named Van & Brown Mare Pig & a mule two years old next Spring. I also give to the said Robertus Love a ten acre tract of land adjoining the home farm & the land of Joseph Johnston. I also give the said Robertus Love one half of my Sheep.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Grandson William S. Snodgrass one hundred and eighteen acres of land lying in Cherokee County Alabama being part of the land on which Byler and David Love now live, the said one hundred and eighteen acres are to be laid off on the North West Side of Chattooga river and if there is not one hundred and eighteen acres on the North West Side of said river the amount is to be made up on the other Side of said river to be measured off the upper end of the land on the East Side of said river. If there is not one hundred and eighteen acres on the said North West Side of said river the portion which is to be taken

John Love Deceased

off the other Side, shall be surveyed in asquare commencing on the river at the place above named

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Byler Love eight acres of the land on which he now lives, to be laid off of the upper part of said land on the Side of the river on which he lives, immediately below the fraction which may have to be laid off to the said William S. Snodgrass. Fifthly I give and bequeath to my son David Love the residue of my land on which him and the said Byler now resides being about forty acres and lying at the East end of said land. I have advanced about six hundred and ninety three dollars for the said land bequeathed to the said Byler and David Love and William S. Snodgrass and the bequest to the said Byler and David Love is made on conditions that they refund and pay to me the said sum of money by the first day of November 1851 and the said land bequeathed to them is to be chargeable with said amount.

I also give the other half of my household and Kitchen furniture to my said Grand son William S. Snodgrass and also my black Girl Harriet and my son Marekel. Lastly I nominate and appoint Robertus Love and William S. Snodgrass my Executors in witness whereof I do to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this 6th day of February 1851 signed sealed and published John Love (seal) in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the testator this 6th day of February 1851

W. B. Stephens
William Byler

Daniel H Jones Deceased

I Daniel H Jones being in my right mind and capable of making this my last will and testament which is as follows

First I wish all my executor to pay all of my just debts
Secondly I give and bequeath unto my wife Hannah Jones, all of my town property, which I now own in the town of Thetford in Vermont, also in addition to the above real estate I give unto her, my house and all of my cattle together with all of my house hold and kitchen furniture entire

Thirdly, I give unto my daughter Mary Jones my negro girl Bet, the possession of which she is to have whenever she arrives at twenty one years of age But if she should marry sooner than at that age, then she is to have her at or on her marriage, But the increase of said negro girl Bet if there should be any before said negro girl arrives at twenty one years of age, shall belong jointly to my four daughters Mary, Caroline, Hester and Susan,

Fourthly I leave in the possession of my wife Hannah Till and then her two children to remain with her to assist her in raising and schooling my children until the youngest daughter Susan arrives at twenty one years of age, and then her and her children with her in or case if any, shall be sold and after the three girls Caroline, Hester and Susan, shall be made equal with Mary, the remainder shall be equally divided with my four children daughters, ^{youngest} Mary, Bet at seven hundred dollars But if there should be no increase, why then I'll give my two children or their proceeds I give unto my three daughters, my wish and will is further that should Caroline, Hester, or Susan or Mary before the youngest should arrive at age I want them to have some of said children as alien until the youngest daughter shall arrive at twenty one,

Daniel H Jones Deceased

Fifth, I will my Son Hardy my negro boy Charles which he is to have possession of as soon as he arrives at twenty one years of age. But this Boy is to remain in the family or hired out as my Executor may think best & his labor or hire to be used in the support of my wife & family until Hardy is twenty one.

Sixth I will my Son Thomas my tract of land I bought of John Stanfield, but he is to take possession of it at the age of twenty one years, and until that time it must remain my wife's for the support of my children. But should my negro boy Charles die before Hardy arrives at age or become valueless then I will the above land equally divided between my two sons Thomas & Hardy, my Saddlers Tools I will entire to my brother John H Jones, the Stock wimmings &c I wish sold, my debts due me I wish collected and after all my funeral expences & debts are paid I want the remainder loaned, the interest to be appropriated to the schooling and raising my family, as necessity may require I should ^{my} the labor of Charles my boy not be sufficient for their maintenance when this money loaned may be used as required principal as well as interest until that amount may be expended, at the Option of my Executors, whom I will hereafter name, I her State that it is my will that my negro girl Till & her children should not be used if the girls my daughters can make a satisfactory division of them but if they cannot why then they must be sold and divided as directed above

I appoint my friend Hugh C Martin my Executor of this my last will and testament

Daniel H Jones Deceased
 and request that he will execute the same thirty
 to the letter this done this 25th day of December 1853
 In presence of
 G. L. Long
 A. H. Linn
 J. D. Jones
 Daniel H Jones
 My self Jones as Authorizer
 of the Deed in presence of
 the Subscribing witnesses

Jonathan Davis

In the name of God Amen I Jonathan Davis of the
 County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, being weak in body
 but of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertain
 of life and the certainty of death and am desirous to dispose of all
 my real and personal estate, I do therefore make ordain &
 publish and declare this to be my last will and testament
 revoking all former wills by me made

- 1st I will and bequeath that my funeral expenses is to be
 paid as soon after my death as possible
- 2nd I will and bequeath that all of my just debts is to
 be paid out of estate
- 3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter Sally Whittentony
 four hundred dollars in cash which is to be paid to
 her in two years from my death it being in addition
 to what I have already gave her
- 4th I will and bequeath to my son Thomas H Davis
 four hundred dollars which is to be paid to him
 in two years from my death it being in addition
 to what I have already gave him
- 5th I will and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Davis
 one good horse when she may want him
- 6th I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret
 Davis when she may want him
- 7th I will and bequeath to Eliza Jane Watts
 a girl I have raised one horse worth fifty
 dollars and one cow and some things about

Jonathan Davis Deceased
 the house for house keeping such as my daughters
 Nancy and Margaret sees proper to give her the above
 bequest is to be given her when she leaves
 8th I will and bequeath to my son Charles H Davis
 and my daughter Nancy Davis and my daughter
 Margaret Davis my plantation with its (briets
 and bounds) equally between them and Eliza
 Jane Watts is to live with them as long as she
 remains single and to have her support of said
 land if she remains as one of the family and not
 otherwise

9th I will and bequeath to my son Charles H Davis
 and my daughter Nancy Davis and my daughter
 Margaret Davis my two slaves Sally and Hammer
 slaves for life I further give and bequeath to my
 son Charles H Davis and my daughters Nancy and
 Margaret all my household and kitchen furniture
 and all of my stock of all kinds and all of my farming
 utensils and my wagon Black Smith tools and
 all of the corn I have on hand and all of the grain
 I have on hand of all kind which is to be divided
 equally between my son Charles H Davis and my
 daughter Nancy Davis and my daughter Margaret
 Davis

10th I will and bequeath that if either my son Charles
 H Davis or my daughter Nancy or Margaret Davis
 Decease without issue in that case what interest they
 have in my land that it is to go to them that is living
 that is the heirs that I have bequeathed my land to or
 if two of them above heirs Decease their interest is to
 go to the remaining heir if they Decease without
 issue

11th Lastly I make constitute and appoint my son

Jonathan Davis Deceased
Charles H Davis and my daughter Mary Davis
and my daughter Margaret Davis to be my Executors
of this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all former wills by me made, the confidence I have
in my Executors my desire is that they be not ruled
to security to carry out this my will and testament
I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed
my seal this 16th day of March 1854

Attest
Thos Robison
Crockett Godley

Jonathan Davis

behold on Supplement made to the last will and testam-
ent to Jonathan Davis Deceased will made by the said Jon-
athan Davis at his late residence in Menudo County in
our presence on the 16th day of April 1854 at night
it being about three days before the said Jonathan Davis
departed this life and the said Jonathan Davis the night
of the 16th April he had his children all called up
to his bed and asked if they all were there and he
was told they were all present but Sally and the said
Davis said he had made a will and had made them
all equal but had not done right with his daughter
Sally when entering he wanted his daughter Sally to have
four hundred dollars more than he had bequeathed
to her in his will and he asked if they all understood
it and they all said yes there was no objection on
the part of the heirs and his son Charles asked him if
that all he wanted to talk about and he said yes and
he called to his son Charles and said he did not know
where Sally could get this money they might have some
divides it might be from two to eight years from the
time all things was settled and requested his
son Charles to see that his daughter Sally

Jonathan Davis Deceased
would get the four hundred dollars
Given under our hands this 28th day of April
1854
George Bouman
James E Bright
John B Simpson

Margaret S Wear Deceased
State of Tennessee Be it known that
Monroe County I Margaret S Wear
being now in health but of sound mind and
memory do hereby make and publish this my last
will and testament revoking all others hitherto
made by me
First I bequeath my soul to God the Father &
my body to the grave
First I wish my burial to be decently done
and my funeral expences paid out of any
money I may dease possessed of or that may
or that may come to the hands of my Executor
Secondly I give and bequeath to all my children
one dollar apiece to wit Matilda Garner
Nancy Jenkins James M Wear Joseph Wear Thomas
Wear Margaret Stapp Samuel Wear to be
paid out of my Estate by my Executor
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son John
M Wear all the remaining portion of my estate
after deducting the charges of my Executor
which I wish to be liberal
Fourthly I do hereby Appoint my son Joseph Wear
my Executor to the end thereof
Made & Signed in the presence Margaret S Wear
of us Henry Donato
Thomas J Brown

Adeline Humphreys Deceased

I Adeline Humphrys of Monroe County and
State of Tennessee do make and publish this my
last will and testament hereby reciting all others
by me heretofore made

First I request that my just debts and funeral
expences be paid out of any moneys I may die
possessed of

Second I give and bequeath to my beloved Brother
 New York

Third I give and bequeath to my beloved sister Sophonia
Beard the Sum of two hundred dollars

Fourth I also gave and bequeath to my nephew
James Anderson Hemphrys infant son of Wm &
Hemphrys deceased the sum of fifty dollars
L. 18. 18

Gifts I give and bequeath to my beloved Mother
Nancy Stumpings all the remaining portion of all
the Monies and dues I may die possessed of after
discharging the bequests herein before made

Sixth. It is my will and desire and I hereby bequeath
and transfer all the right and undivided

Interest I have as heir at law of my father James
Humphreys deceased in and to the following manner
To wit by Sarah & her two children George and Bob
to my said Mother & Brother Van Buren Humphreys
equally and jointly between them

Seventh I give and bequeath to my said Brother
Van Buren one Leather Bed Bedstead and furniture
and my other Bed Bedstead and furniture

I give to my said Mother Mary Hamplers and it is my desire that my Mother retain and have all other articles together with my clothing of which I may die possessed & that she make such disposition thereof as she pleases.

Adaline Humphrys Deceased

Eighth It is my desire and I hereby constitute and appoint My brother in law Ignatius M. Beard the Executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
Set my hand and affixed my
Seal this twenty fifth day of March
eighteen hundred and fifty four

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
in presence of E. E. Griffith Adeline Humphreys
Marret C. Humphreys

William Dickson DeCarrel

In the name of God Amen

I William Pickson of Monmouth County & State of Vermont being weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given to God calling to mind the Mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in a decent burial at the discretion of my Executors and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has been pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following Manner And form. First I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Pickson, all my Negroes vizt. old James Abigail and little James and Samuel's Sonny and George the offspring ^{of Sonny's} all the offspring that may hereafter come them to be her right and property during her lifetime, on the following conditions vizt. that if the above mentioned Negroes prove to be dutiful servants to their Mistress during her lifetime then then

William Dickson Deceased

all to be freed from slavery and bondage at her death
 & if they should prove undivided then they are enticed at
 her disposal to be disposed and appropriated to her
 own emolument, then I further bequeath unto my
 wife Sarah Dickson all my Money & land and
 other personal property to be her own and at her own
 disposal then I further appoint my wife Sarah
 Dickson sole executrix of this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking all former wills by me made made
 in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 27th
 day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hun-
 dred and twenty four

William ^{his} Dickson
 mark

John McQueen
 John Dickson
 James Griffin

State of Tennessee

I William B. Blair clerk of the Court of pleas and quarter
 sessions of the County of Monroe do certify that the foregoing
 is a true copy of the Original filed in my office

Given under my hand at office the
 18th day of July 1829

William B. Blair clerk

The above is a true copy of the will & exhibit filed in my
 office. attest

John B. Kepley

clerk and ex

By John C. Cassman & Co

Sarah Boyles Deceased

I Sarah Boyles do make and constitute this my
 last will and testament

1st I wish my body decently buried & my funeral
 expenses paid

2nd I give and bequeath unto Thomas Dixon
 all my property of every description except
 my Slaves, including Notes Accounts and everything
 that may belong to me at the time of my death

3rd In consideration of the kindness and Affection
 they have shown me I give and bequeath unto my
 Slaves, Ally, Houston, Min, Bitha, Ann, Oliver, Jim
 brother of Abby, Samuel, Anderson, Perlia and
 all her children, whose names are not now recollected
 penny and all her children whose names are not
 now recollected, George, Minna and Nancy their
 freedom I desire their Servitude as Slaves to
 cease at my death

4th I wish John L. Hopkins to be paid a reasonable sum
 out of my property for superintending my affairs
 and drawing this will and I nominate and
 appoint Robert F. Cooke and John L. Hopkins
 my executors In testimony whereof I have here-
 unto set my hand this 17th day of May 1860

Signed, sealed & acknowledged in presence of

John M. Blair
 A. S. Hopkins
 W. B. Stephens

Sarah ^{her} Boyles
 mark

Henry Chesnut Deceased

In the name of God Amen, I Henry Chesnut being of sound and perfect mind and memory though in a declining state of health, and recollecting that I was born to die, and from the uncertainty of human life added to my advanced age, renders it imprudent 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 now, In the first place when it may please God in his providence to call me home 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

Thirdly, After my debts being paid I will that nothing both real and personal be disposed of in following manner to wit that my loving wife, Abitha Chesnut, and my three daughters that is now living with me to remain there I now live and be supported of the proceeds of the farm so long as they choose to remain at home, also my negro man named David shall remain on the farm for their benefit

I also desire that my sons George Chesnut, Hugh and A. D. Chesnut remain with my family and manage the farm as they have heretofore done for the best interest and support of the family

Fourthly, I will that my daughter Mary Reynolds have the benefit of the house and lot where she now lives so long as she may wish to remain where she now lives. I also desire that my sons now living with me my daughter Abitha and my grand daughter Mary have a good new saddle each as soon as convenient

Fifthly, My will and desire is at the death of my beloved wife, that my children to wit James, George, Hugh

Henry Chesnut Deceased

Richard D and my daughters Almira, Elizabeth and Abitha sell make an equal division of all my personal property and real estate be equally divided among them the above mentioned children by giving A. D. Love & Mary Love one hundred dollars each in two years after the death of my beloved wife I consider that I have given my son John five hundred dollars which is to be deducted out of his part of my estate in consideration of land. In case my property real and personal should be worth more than five hundred dollars to each heir. I desire that he shall have an equal division with the rest. I consider that my daughter Mary Reynolds has had her share in the use of the house and lot where she lives

In testimony whereof I have so hereby set my hand, and affix my seal this 30th day of October 1849

Henry Chesnut

Assigned sealed and
Acknowledged before
in presence of us

Attest

James Chesnut
Hugh Chesnut

Joseph Gorshee Deceased

In the Name of God Amen

I Joseph Gorshee of Monroe County and State of Tennessee on the second day of April one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, being of sound Mind, but afflicted in body, do make and Ordain this My last Will and Testament

Item 1. I do hereby constitute My son Eben My executor to carry into provision of all the provisions of this instrument

Item 2nd After My decease I wish My executor to dispose of so much of My effects, whether real estate or personal property, as may be necessary to pay all just claims against My estate

Item 3rd The Buggy Harness I have given to My son Eben and is to be considered his property

Item 4. All property not affected by the foregoing I do hereby give will and bequeath to My Wife Eleanor Gorshee, during her lifetime, that she may have comfortable home for herself and members of the family who may wish to remain with her, whether they be over or under the age of twenty one years

Item 5. Should My Wife Eleanor Gorshee die before My youngest child Eben Rebecca arrives at the age of twenty one years, I direct that My executor or his representatives in office, shall keep the estate whole or together till the said youngest child shall have arrived at that age

Item 6. It is My will that the estate consisting of personal property and real estate shall at the death of My Wife and the arrival of My youngest child at the age of twenty one years be sold at public sale to the highest bidder and that the proceeds thereof shall be equally divided among My heirs according to law in such cases made and provided

Joseph Gorshee Deceased

also that those who have not ^{yet} received a portion shall first be made equal to those who have; that is: My single daughters shall receive as those have received who have married and My other sons shall receive as Eben has done, a good young horse and fifteen dollar saddle

Made signed and Marked on the day and date above written Joseph Gorshee

Witnesses
Philip Keller
William Brinkhill
Jacob H Bruner

Joseph Caldwell

John Caldwell Deceased

I John Caldwell 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 my personal expenses and all my debts, to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my two sons John E and Thomas L Caldwell my farm whereon I now live and for and consideration of said bequest they are to take care of maintain and support their Mother her lifetime and also my daughter Elizabeth what time she may remain single and with the family. Also I will to the said John E and Thomas L each a horse to be chosen by them at my death out of any horses that may be on hand at that time.

Thirdly, I will and bequeath to my wife all the household and kitchen furniture and have the same paid to her to distribute to the children either during her lifetime or at her death. Also, I will to my wife a certain bay mare named Sally and my Baraniche and my negro girl Sarah and Norman a pig for lifetime and at her death to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between all my children except John E and Thomas L. In addition to the above I wish my wife to have two chineese milk cows and all my sheep and the same I leave to her disposal as she may wish.

Fourthly I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth my my negro girl Mary and a certain gray pelt and saddle and bridle and also two milk cows to be given her at her marriage said cows to be set apart at the sale for that purpose.

Fifthly, My will is that at my death the following negroes and other property to be sold viz Geo. W. H. & Mary and also all the cattle and other property to be sold and horses of no service above otherwise disposed of also all my farming utensils

John Caldwell Deceased

and my hogs and if I have any notes or money on hand at my death more than will pay my debts and the proceeds arising from said sale, equally divided between all my children except John E and Thomas L.

Sixth I hereby authorize and empower my executors to make sale of all the property (negroes included) above mentioned after giving notice of the time and place of said sale, as to them may seem just & right.

Seventh and lastly I nominate and appoint James B Johnston and my son John E my lawful executors of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal December 1854

Attest
E Griffiths
E E Griffiths

Samuel Magill Deceased

I Samuel Magill of Monroe County Tennessee being sound in mind, full of years, full in body, & sensible of my Mortality, make and publish this my last will and testament

I bequeath to my son James my Bay pelt and one thousand dollars in cash to be paid to him on his arriving at the age of twenty one years.

I bequeath to my daughter Malinda one horse head of the value of one hundred dollars, and one thousand dollars in cash to be paid to her on her arriving at the age of twenty one years, both the horse and the cash

I bequeath to my stepdaughter Sarah Magill and my stepdaughter Mary each one hundred dollars each. It is my will & desire that if S. B. & R. Magill refund the cash by me advanced to the

Samuel Magill Deceased

firm of J B Magill & Co the amount now being
recalled supposed to be about eight hundred dollars
(reference being here made to the books of said firm) which
advances was made with a view to partnership in business
which is now by agreement dissolved, no article of agreement
having been entered into, and I hereby release to said
J B & A B Magill my interest in the land bought of S R
Hurst, on their payment of the advances above mentioned
and finally, I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret
all my estate after the payment of the above named requests
to be disposed of as she may think proper
I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Margaret
Magill executrix of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed
my name and affixed my seal this 7th day of August
1853 Samuel Magill

Signed sealed and acknowledged
the date above in presence of the
undersigned

James A Coffin
et Magill
et al Edging

Robert Hutchinson Deceased

I Robert Hutchinson do hereby make and publish this
as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making
void all other wills by me at any time made.
First I direct that my funeral expenses and all
my debts be paid after my death as soon as possible
out of any moneys I may die possessed of or that
may first come into the hands of my executors.
Secondly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife
my farm whereon I now live the same to inure to
her benefit her life time or during her widowhood
so as to assist her in maintaining and educating
my children and I also will to my wife all
my personal property, that is all that is not sold
to satisfy my just debts.

Thirdly, my will is that in case my wife should
cease to marry then and in that case, my wish is
that all the personal property that may be on hand at
that time and the farm herein above mentioned be sold
and my wife to have an equal proportion with each
one my children. Fourthly my will is that in case my
wife should not again marry after my decease
but should live sole and with the children on the
farm aforesaid till her death, then my wish is in
that case that the farm and all the personal property
be sold and equally divided amongst all my
children Fifthly I nominate and appoint C Smith my
true and lawful executor of this my last will and
testament. Given under my hand and seal this
15th day of March 1853 Robert Hutchinson (seal)
Signed sealed & acknowledged in
presence of D W Latamore
James Sheed

Leonard Barden Deceased

In the name of God Amen, I Leonard Barden being old but of sound mind and memory knowing before long I shall have to die I desire to make this my last will and testament reaching all others. Item 1st I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it to me, and my to be buried by my surviving friends and all my debts paid and all that is due who collected.

Item 2nd John Barden, Faly, Newton Adaline, Larkin & Malinda Case & Alfred Barden & Andrew Barden, & James Barden, all those are my first wives children and I have given to them each what I have given to them each what I have allowed them

Item 3rd is my wife Cynthia, I give to her all the land that I own and all the property that I am possessed of except one Cow & Calf during her life or widowhood, and for my wife to give to each of her children one Cow and Calf one bed and furniture as they get free and leave her

Item 4th I give to Catharine Basso one Cow and Calf & her ~~and~~ she has got

Item 5th I give to my son Leonard Barden one half of my land when he comes of age and the other half to Joseph Battering Barden when he comes of age and their Mother is still to remain on the land as alone mentioned. I want that if my wife shall die before my youngest son comes of age for my executor to send out his part of the land for him till he comes of age and let him have the profits for which I appoint my wife Cynthia and my son Larkin Barden my executors hoping they will discharge their duty as such. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & for my seal this the 6th day of December 1854 Leonard Barden

Larkin Barden Jun
Linda B. Barden
Larkin B. Barden

Robert W. Hockes Deceased

In the last will and testament of Robert W. Hockes he being in sound and rational mind.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann provisions amply sufficient to maintain her and family for the term of twelve months.

and I further wish her to have my young mare, also my cow, also the bedding bedsteads, and furniture I also wish all my property of which I am now possessed to belong to my wife during her widowhood after paying all my just debts. If my Mary again, then it is my wish that the property be sold and equally divided between her and my heirs. I have bought one interest in my mother's land from my brother John W. Hockes also one interest in the same from Isaac Hockes for which I have their joint deeds I wish them to be acknowledged and recorded. I also will and bequeath my wife my young sow also a real mule keeper calf January 17th 1855 Robert W. Hockes

Witness
W. A. Britnell
Chas. L. Potter

William Gray Deceased

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

1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Francis Gray all my real estate and personal property during her natural life, and should she be more personal property than she wishes to keep she may sell and use the proceeds for her use and benefit.

2^d And at the death of my wife Francis Gray I will and bequeath all my lands to my beloved sons Warren Gray and William Gray jointly, that the said Warren Gray have all the land above a conditional line, made by himself and Pettumun run by Calloway and that William Gray, Jr. have all the land lying below said conditional line.

3^d And after the death of my wife, I will and bequeath unto my beloved sons and daughters Anna Arpe, Thomas Gray, Cintha Day, Ruth Ball, Alfred Gray, Mary Brown, Maria Jones, Samy L. Howard, Nelson Gray, Amanda Anderson and Polly A. Triplett that all my personally and equal all estate remaining in the hands of my wife at her death be sold and equally divided between.

And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Francis Gray & D. S. White my executors, to act in and whereof I do hereby do this my will and my hand and seal this 12th day of March 1855

William Gray

signed sealed and published in our presence, and we subscribed our names hereunto in presence of the testator this 12th day March 1855
T. B. Riffe
D. S. White

Robert A. Young Deceased

I Robert A. Young of the County of Monroe and State of Kentucky, being in full health - yet in the full possession of my intellect and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, make this my last will and testament, revoking all others by me made

1st After my death I wish to be buried in a suitable suit of clothes as though I was visiting my patients

2^d I wish all my just debts to be paid out of the first monies collected.

3^d I give and bequeath to my wife Polly Young during the term of her natural life to have and to use, the tract of land which I reside upon, which is the land, which I bought of Thomas Soered, adjoining the lands of H. J. Spillman and others together with all the houses, cattle, hogs, household and kitchen furniture and with the exceptions to be hereafter mentioned, all debts which may be due my estate, together with all monies on hand at the my death, at her death the above property which I have left to be divided between my two daughters, Mary Jane and Melinda Young, and should either or both die, she can dispose as she sees proper between my lawful heirs, and should my wife see fit to dispose of this tract of land, she can do so at any time she may think best, provided it is the wish of my executors

4th I give and bequeath to my son J. A. Young a certain tract or parcel of land, situated and being in the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, adjoining the lands of J. A. Young, Robert Henderson, and others, supposed to contain about 57 acres more or less, and authorize my executors to make him a deed in fee simple for the same

Robert N. Young Deceased

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Jane my gold watch hoping it may remain in the family.
 6th I give my dump to my son J. F. Young and all my shop furniture.
 7th - To W. D. Young all my Medical Books hoping that they may remain in the family.
 8th - To my son J. C. Young I give all my historical and other Books, also a good Young horse worth from \$75. to \$100. dollars, together with a good saddle bridle and blanket, also the large leather trunk left me by my son R. N. Young deceased.
 My rifle gun I leave to my son W. D. Young, also the powder and horn, and wish it to remain in the family. My shot gun to my Grand son Robt. N. Young, together with the powder and horn. My other children having all been provided for when they left me so far.
 It is my wish that my sons J. C. Young and J. F. Young shall be my executors to this will and that J. F. Young make W. D. Young a deed for the tract of land before mentioned.
 John Probst
 Hefziah Mott
 Robert N. Young
 May 13th 1855

John Wolf Deceased

In the name of God Amen.

I John Wolf of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and Testament.
 Where 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane B. Wolf, all the property she brought with her to my house after our marriage, and all the other property which she has since made or has purchased with her own money since that time. Said property consists principally of three large Beds, one Sprinkle Bed, and Bedstead one large Bedstead, three cases and Chairs, and some other things of less value. I also give and bequeath to my said wife our small mare called Ag and my two horse Wagon and harness. I further desire that my executors, as soon as practicable after my decease cause a year's support to be laid off and set apart for my said wife, suitable and proper for a Woman in her condition in life and of my estate.
 Where 2nd I do have in the hands of Mrs. M. Statz a sum of eight hundred dollars and it is my will and desire that said sum of money remain in the control and direction of my executors and be continually kept upon interest until my youngest child arrives at the age of twenty one year, and I direct that the yearly interest arising from the aforesaid sum of eight hundred dollars be applied year by year to the raising and educating my three youngest children James Monroe and Catherine and John Peter Wolf and when the youngest arrives at the age of twenty one year then the said sum of eight hundred dollars aforesaid shall be equally divided among the three, but should either of the three

John Wolf Deceased

children die before the youngest comes of age, as aforesaid, leaving no issue alive, then the said sum of eight hundred dollars to go equally to the survivors or survivor.

Item 3^d. I give and bequeath to my two daughters Flora and Mary Jane each a bedstead bed & furniture being or to be such beds and bedsteads as shall be in hands at the time of my death.

Item 4th. I further will and direct that my executors or executor hereinafter to be appointed proceed as soon as practicable after my decease to sell all the property of which I may die seized & possessed both real and personal not herein specially devised to the highest bidder the personal property upon a credit of three months and the real upon a credit of twelve months, taking & giving in every instance for the purchase money, and retaining a lien upon the same for the payment of the same and when they have collected the proceeds of all of said sales, to make a distribution of the same among all my children and my said wife, in the following manner viz to my son Joseph Wolf the sum of fifty dollars, the balance to be equally divided between all my children except Joseph and my wife the said Jane B Wolf so that each shall receive equal amounts of the proceeds of said sales the said Jane B receiving as much as one of the children and should any one of my children die before making said distribution leaving issue alive, then the issue shall receive the share that would have gone to the parent if living, and the aforesaid sum of eight hundred dollars herein bequeathed to my three youngest children shall not be taken into the account in making an equal distribution of the proceeds of the sales herein directed.

Item 5. I do hereby appoint and nominate my wife

John Wolf Deceased

Jane B Wolf and William Dyer Guardians of my three youngest children James Monroe, Sarah Catharine and John Peeler Wolf.

Last I do nominate constitute and appoint William M. Vokes and Robert Russell Executors of this my last will and testament this 21st day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six signed sealed and published in presence of

W^m E. Eaton

Samuel Brunner

John Wolf of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee do make and publish the following codicil to the last will and testament which I made and published on the 21st day of February 1863, and which is witnessed and signed by and in the presence of W^m E. Eaton and Samuel Brunner, and it being provided in said will that my son Joseph Wolf shall receive the sum of fifty dollars, I do so far revoke said will so far that instead of the said Joseph Wolf receiving the sum of fifty dollars as herein provided, he is hereby given and bequeathed an equal amount with the balance of my children and my wife Jane B Wolf, out of the fund which my executors are to distribute arising from the sales they are to make after my decease, I do further give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane B Wolf, my Bonawill, my chest, and family Bible, But this codicil is in no way to change or in any way affect my said will or any of the specific bequests or devises contained therein except as herein stated and directed. This 18th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six should I survive the said Joseph I devise and bequeath to his children shall receive the share he would have received under this codicil signed, sealed and published in the presence of W^m E. Eaton and Samuel Brunner

144
John Hankins Deceased

In the name of God Amen

I John Hankins of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee being of sound mind memory and understanding fully conscious of the uncertainty of life and being desirous of so disposing my temporal affairs so that no contentions may arise after my decease about the same therefore I John Hankins of the County and State aforesaid do make ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me herebefore and declare this alone as my last testament In the first place I bequeath my body to the dust whither I came and my soul to God who gave it, desiring for a happy immortality through the Meritor of the precious blood of the atoning blood of the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I bequeath to my wife Susan Hankins & my sons David D Hankins & Aaron Harmon Hankins all the lands tenements and appurtenances of which I am seized or I claimed by deeds grants from Thomas Irvine, George C. Hankins, John Irvine & John Henry lying on the west side of Hatchy Creek in the County and State aforesaid being the place on which I reside, I know as the same alone to be divided in three equal parts between them My Susan Hankins David D Hankins & Aaron Harmon Hankins one third to my wife Susan Hankins during her natural life, and at her death to be equally divided with and between my sons David D Hankins & Aaron Hankins & to be theirs with the privileges and appurtenances forever.

I bequeath to my sons David D Hankins & Aaron Hankins during my wife Susan Hankins during the natural life and at her death to be equally divided in four equal parts between my sons Edward Hankins Jonathan M. Hankins and daughters Anne Stephens and Melissa Browne all the land I obtained & held from John McConnel known as the old place

145
John Hankins Deceased

lying and being in said County and State aforesaid during the natural life of my wife I wish my sons David D Hankins & Aaron Hankins to have full privilege and free use of the same I bequeath to my wife Susan Hankins during her natural life my negro woman Polly & at the death of my wife Susan Hankins should the said Polly be alive I bequeath her to my sons David D Hankins & Aaron Hankins equally between them.

I bequeath to my wife Susan Hankins a negro child of the said Polly named Martha for her sole use and benefit and declare the same without maintenance & otherwise. Having previously made due provisions for my other children by deeds and grants making them equal with those herein named, I hereby declare and appoint Joseph Irvine of this County and David D Hankins as executors of this my last will and testament & direct them to make settlement of all funeral expenses together with all just claims and accounts from the proceeds of my personal property and any residue remaining. I bequeath to my sons David D Hankins & Aaron Hankins equally to whom I have in charge care my wife I find them to care and provide for during her natural life.

Having now disposed of so much of my estate as occurs to me at present I commend myself to God & patiently await his will & do here in the presence of witnesses signed and declared this my last will and testament this 10 day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six John Hankins (read)

Attest John McKinnis
Joseph Irvine
Wm H Morgan
M. Rapert & his mark

Jeremiah Duncan Deceased

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

Second I Give and bequeath to my wife Mary Duncan a good reasonable support as long as she remains on the place, and remains a widow.

Third. I want my Minor heirs taken good care of clothed well and well educated, say a good common English Education and to have a good horse saddle and bridle each after they come of age.

Fourth. It is my will that my son William Duncan stays on the farm and takes care of the family, and keeps all the personal property all together to the best advantage as he may think best for the benefit of the family toward Samuel, Joseph, & Mary S Duncan Minor heirs for which I give up the farm & all to my son William, which he may have all the proceeds after complying with the above request until the youngest child is of the age of twenty then it is my wish that the land be sold, and the proceeds be divided between my three eldest sons, toward William, James and John. Except the sum of five dollars to each of my three married daughters toward Catharine Singleton, Mary Ann Taylor and Margaret Roddy, the house and lot I have in Raleigh Georgia I give to my daughter Margaret and her heirs the personal property after raising the minor children shall belong to my son William. In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this 3 day of September 1855.

Witnesses

John H. Duncan

James H. Duncan

B. McShee Deceased

I B McShee being of sound mind, but aware of the uncertainty of life, make this my last will and testament, all of my property real and personal I will to my beloved wife Mary H. McShee during her widowhood. In the event of her Marriage, I wish my said property equally divided between my wife and surviving children that portion paid off to my wife to send to my children at her death. It is my desire that my negroes, whom I view as human beings, should be kept in the family during good behavior and humanely treated. In order to do this, I advise that they be placed one on one of the farms and a suitable person agent appointed to attend to them giving advice to induce some man to have the care of such business. It is my desire that my wife retire to some suitable edifice on some one of the farms or elsewhere as she may choose, taking with her such servants as she may like so as to be free from the care and trouble attendant upon the farm. It is further my desire that my wife in case she remain a widow in case of the Marriage or the coming of age of any of my children shall give such portion as may be felt taking into consideration of the size of the estate and having in view an equal final division of the said estate which final equal division I wish finally to take place of all my worldly effects, now in view of the extensive business of my near relations and their great care. I advise my wife to pay some suitable person a stated salary to wind up my said estate to pay all debts collect all dues and to vest the surplus Capital in good State Bonds or other good safe securities so as the said widow may have the least trouble with the same. It is further my desire that my children each receive the advantage

B M Ghee Deceased

of a fine rate education to be drawn out of my estate my advantage which would conduce to the interest of their education

Henry Clict Deceased

State of Vermont County I Henry Clict do make and ~~make~~ hereby ~~publish~~ this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all other will or wills by me at any time made that is to say

1st I direct that after my death, that my body shall be buried in a style suitable to my condition in life and after a Christian form of Burial, and that my funeral Expenses, and all of my just debts shall be paid out of any money, that I may die seized, and possessed of, or which may first come into the hands of my Executor

2nd I give to my daughter Hepzaba Clict one hundred dollars to be paid, out of the money arising from the sale of my property, next after paying the items set forth in the first item to be paid to her by my Executor

3rd I give to Eliza Jane Lewis formerly Eliza Jane Clict and daughter of James Clict Deceased, five dollars to be paid by my executor as aforesaid, which sum I desire shall be her full share of my estate, that I may die seized and possessed of both real and personal —

4th It is my will and desire, after the death of my wife self and the death of my wife Ruth Clict, that the tract of land on which I now live, be equally divided amongst all of my lawful heirs, except the heir of James Clict Deceased for whom I have made provision for in the third item in this will, which I intend shall be her full share of my estate and as a portion of my heirs to wit Lewis A Clict, William Clict, Jeremiah Murr and

Henry Clict Deceased

Rachel Murr his wife, Charles Hartwell and Amanda Hartwell his wife, and Alfred Denton and Dorcas Denton his wife have agreed to and with Andrew A Clict one of my heirs also that he may have and possess any interest that they may have of and in and to the land I now own and have made title according, it is my will and desire that said transfer be confirmed which will give to Andrew A Clict, all of my lands except the interest in said land belonging to the heirs of Henry J Clict and Hepzaba Clict

5th It is my will and desire, and I direct that the items mentioned in the 1st item set forth in this will be paid as early as possible after my death, and the items set forth in the second and third items, are not to be paid until after the death of my wife Ruth Clict

6th It is my will and desire that my wife Ruth Clict shall have and enjoy the use and benefit of all the property I may die seized and possessed of, during her natural life, and after my death I direct my executors to sell all of my personal property at public sale as the law directs, pay the same out as directed in the different items as before set forth, and after the same shall be paid, divide the remainder equally between all the balance of my lawful heirs, except Eliza Jane Lewis for whom I have made provision for in the third item,

7th and last I hereby nominate and appoint my son Lewis A Clict and Charles Hartwell my son-in-law to be executors to this my last will and testament

The records seven five erased and the records one hundred written before signed

In testimony whereof I have hereunto

Henry Eliot Deceased

set my hand and affixed my seal the
ninth day of June 1849

Signed & sealed in our presence the date first written

William McSwain

William P. Barnes

I Henry Eliot having heretofore made and published
my last will and testament, do make and declare
this as a codicil thereto, to wit, In my will heretofore made
I made a provision that the heirs of Henry Eliot
Deceased (Mary Jane and Martha) should have as one
of my heirs an equal interest in the lands which I may
see or possess, but instead thereof, it is my
will and desire, and I hereby direct, that my son
Andrew Eliot shall pay to the said heirs Mary Jane
and Martha the sum of fifty dollars, which will
be twenty five ~~each~~ dollars each, which shall be full
compensation to them for their share or interest in said
land which will give to my son Andrew Eliot at my
death and the death of my wife Ruth Eliot all of
my tracts or part of land except the interest of my
daughter Hephzibah Eliot. It is my desire that this
Codicil be attached to and constitute a part of my will
to all intents and purposes, this 23 day of October
1849

Henry Eliot (seal)

signed and sealed in our
presence the date above written

William McSwain

James McSwain

J. S. Rowland Deceased

I J. S. Rowland of the County of Monroe and
State of Tennessee, knowing the uncertainty of life
and the certainty of death, and knowing also that
it is often the case when a man dies and leaves a
widow and Orphan; ~~children~~ they are defrauded
of their inheritance by rascals and pretended friends.
Knowing all these things and having full confidence
in the judgment and integrity of my beloved wife
Louisa I have determined to dispose of all my
worldly effects should she survive me in the following
manner to wit

I give to my wife Louisa all my estate for her
own use, and for the use and education of my
children by her. It is my will that she has sole control
of every thing I possess, for the purposes above named
during her natural life, at her death the property she
possesses of me to be equally divided amongst
my children & her. In making and signing
this instrument I feel an abiding confidence
that its intent will be carried out in letter
and in spirit of my beloved wife

attest

David Caldwell J. S. Rowland (seal)

Hugh & Martin

I Hugh & Martin being weak in body, but of sound mind do this day make and declare the following to be my last will and testament to wit

I wish all sums due me collected and all my just debts paid.

It is my wish that, that tract of land on which I now reside. Containing some seven hundred acres, remain for the benefit of my wife Nancy Ann and my children until the youngest child becomes of age, subject to the following provisions viz, I wish my two oldest sons William & Martin and James & Martin when they become of age to have my tract of land known as the "Martin farm" to be equally divided between them and to have possession as they become of age - that my daughter Margaret Ann have my tract of land known as the Patton farm, when she is of age and that William & and James & Martin then pay her three hundred dollars each so as to make her equal with them, and when the youngest child becomes of age the home farm is to be equally divided between my wife Mary Ann and my four youngest children my wife to get one sixth part of the same, and if they cannot agree in a division of the land, the same is to be sold and the proceeds equally divided, and with this provision in the same, that from the time the eldest child, of the five youngest is of age - each child at its lawful age is to have its pro rata of the rents of said land.

It is my wish that my negroes, all the stock except one horse, all farming utensils and house hold and kitchen furniture, all remain for the use of the family - and as soon as it

Hugh & Martin

can be done left to the discretion of my executor a negro may be given off to the three oldest children. It is my wish if I have any money left after my just debts are paid, that it be loaned out to the best advantage.

It is my wish that a dwelling house shall be built on the home farm, out of the proceeds of the rent of land, any money on hand - and as far as possible at the lawful age of the youngest child, they all be made equal, if any should be found to have received less than others.

It is my request that my executor make title to Samuel Williams to a certain piece of land sold him, when said Williams pays the remainder of one hundred and forty dollars due for said land.

It is my wish that my children have a good english education, to be paid for out of the proceeds of the rents of land, and any other money on hand.

It is my wish that John Plamey act as my executor of the above will.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of W. Snipes this the 10th day of January 1857

Hugh & Martin

John H. Blair
John H. Blair
Josiah H. Blair
Mark