

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

Witnesses

John Duncan

Gabriel Pogsdale

James Carter (Seal)
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, to give my body
to be buried at the discretion of my friends and my soul
to God who gave it, touching what 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 Mary 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 (Seal)

Witnesses

E. J. White

J. K. Berry

Joseph Scott

The last will and testament of Joseph Scott of the coun-
ty of Monroe and State of Tennessee I Joseph Scott con-
sidering 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 en-
ough 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 sometime on twelve months credit
all the present crop of wheat corn & oats 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 Hollison 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 undertant 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

to be divided or sold and distribution to be made
equally to my children and beloved wife Sarah Ann
I do further request my friends Samuel P. Hall and
G. W. Carmichael to act as Executors of this my last will
and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal April 13^d In the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five

Joseph Scott Seal

Signed, Sealed published and declared by the
above named Joseph Scott to be his last will and
testament in presence of us who, at his request
and in his presence have subscribed our names
as Witnesses thereto

James W. Kelso

E. W. H. H. H.

John Tolspeich

State of Tennessee Monroe County

In the name of God amen I John Tolspeich of the County
of Monroe State of Tennessee being weak in body but of
sound and perfect mind and memory. Do make and publish
this my last will and testament in manner and form
following, first I wish my property both real and
personal divided between my beloved wife and children
according to the laws of this State (except a farm lying in the
County of Rhea and State of Tennessee which I wish the
Executor to dispose of as early as he may think best)

I wish all my children to be made equal in the distribution
to me of the property taking in view the sums already
received by some of them, My son Ralph Tolspeich having
received five hundred dollars, My son Henry
Tolspeich having received three hundred dollars, also a
note on James Allen for four hundred dollars which he
is to account for. Samuel Tolspeich having received
three hundred and sixty dollars, also a note

on J. O. D. Dyer for ninety three dollars a note on J
W. J. J. J. for twenty one dollars, and on R. Lauson
for five dollars all of which he is to account for, My
son Felix Tolspeich having received five hundred dollars
My daughter Mary A. Tolspeich nee Robinson having
received four hundred dollars, also a note on James Allen
for fifty dollars which she is to account for
My daughter Emeline Tolspeich nee Pickle having
received five hundred dollars, also a note on John
McTearns for fifty three dollars all of which she is to
account for, also one horse worth forty five dollars
My son Christopher M. Tolspeich having received five
hundred dollars, My son John M. Tolspeich having
received one hundred dollars, My daughter Elizabeth
Tolspeich nee Brander having received one hundred
and fifty dollars

I hereby appoint My son Samuel T
Tolspeich sole Executor of this my last and testament
hereby revoking all former wills by me made

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal. This the fifteenth day of
April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and forty five

John Tolspeich Seal

In presence of
John Hamsey
William Scott

Jesse Millsaps

I Jesse Millsaps do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking & 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 die possessed of or may come to the hands of my Executors

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Millsaps my estate real and personal during her life or widowhood & in case of second Marriage the real estate then immediately to descend to my youngest son John E. Millsaps, as is intended by this my last will and testament

Thirdly I direct and allow my wife to give to my youngest daughter Lucinda any species of property and to the extent she may think proper

Fourthly I hereby enjoin on my son John E. Millsaps to live and remain on the farm where he now lives to superintend and take care of his mother and at her death take possession

of the premises fifthly after the death of my wife my personal property to be equally divided between my daughters Lucinda Elizabeth, Rufina, Fannina, Polly, Jane and Rebecca, Lucinda first being provided for by her mother sixthly to have this my last will fully understood at the death of my wife I bequeath my real estate to my son John E. Millsaps

Seventhly & lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Polly Millsaps and John E. Millsaps my Executors In witness whereof, I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 8th day of May 1846

Jesse Millsaps (Seal)
Jesse Millsaps

Signed Sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the testator this 8th day of May 1846

J. S. Mulligan
Benjamin Johnson

Hannah Clayton

In the name of God Amen

I Hannah Clayton of Monroe County Tennessee, being of sound mind ^{gathering} and in memory But being weak in body and desiring to arrange my earthly affairs previous to my demise, do make and ordain this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore at any time made by me

Item 1st I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust I desire that it shall be decently interred

Item 2^d I desire that in case my claim against the Government of the United States for pension shall be obtained that my attorneys shall be paid out of it the amount I have agreed to give them for their services in prosecuting my claim

Item 3^d I desire that my funeral expenses shall be paid out of the Balance, by my Executors to be hereafter named as soon as may be after it is obtained

Item 4th I desire that the remainder if obtained be divided among my children as follows To wit, to my daughter Lucinda Wells for the care she has taken of me and the love I bear her one third the amount of said claim, and to each of the remainder of my children To wit, Elijah Clayton Malinda's Parlin, Robert Clayton Hannah Boyd Patsy Dunn & Francis Sutton & Betsy Collins I give and bequeath one equal share of what shall remain of said claim if obtained

Item 5th I hereby name and appoint my son-in-law Martin Wells and my son Robert Clayton Executors of this my will and testament and desire that they see it faithfully executed I also desire that my Executors give to my sister Lucinda Evans ten dollars of my said claim shall be obtained therefrom to be paid her before any division among my children

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Read and published

before us
Elizabeth Given
mark

Montgomery McLeer

Anne Dill
mark

Jonathan Wright

I Jonathan Wright do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made first I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executrix Secondly I give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah all of the benefit of my land that is the land that I now live on and one piece joining it as long as she should live or remain my widow and all my house hold and kitchen furniture except one bed and furniture and all my horses and cattle except one cow, and all of my hogs and sheep and poultry and also I wish my wife to be allowed out of the wheat and corn a full years support for the family and that Malisa Louisa my daughter to be schooled and supported by the land and I further direct that all the balance of my property be sold on a twelve months credit except one bed and furniture and one cow by the purchaser giving good security as soon after my death as is convenient

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son William Wright twenty five cents fourthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Mahala Davis twenty five cents 5th I give and bequeath to my son James Wright twenty five cents sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Angelina Clark twenty five cents seventhly I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Ann

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twenty five cents eighthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Whitlock twenty five cents ninthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Artless one bed and furniture and one cow tenthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Malisa Louisa all of the land that I have left in my wifes hands at the death of my wife or at the end of her widow hood and all the cash or cash notes that my Executrix should have in her possession at the end of her term or at her death and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah Wright my Executrix in writing whereof I do to this my will and testament set my hand and seal this 14th day of January 1844 Jonathan Wright (Seal)
mark

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 14th day of January 1844

John Wilson

John Cox

I Jonathan Wright have changed my views since I made my will on the 14th day of January 1844 so far as to say that I wish my wife to carry on the farm this summer by the hands that I have employed and pay them agreeably to our contracts out of any thing on hand and also a contract with John Cox for plank to build me a house and a workman to finish off my house I wish my wife executrix to have full power to pay out of any of my produce on hand and I wish the sale of my property to be after the present crop is made and that my wife sell the horses willed to her and with the money purchase others that is gentle farm horses whereof to do this my codicil will set my hand and seal 17th day of April 1846 Jonathan Wright (Seal)

Signed and sealed in our presence and we have

Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of
the testator this 19th day of April 1846

John Wilson
David McKennedy

Robert Ferguson

I Robert Ferguson of the County of Monroe and State
of Tennessee do make and publish this my last
will and testament hereby revoking and making void all
former wills by me at any time made
and first I direct that my body be decently interred at the
York Creek Brick Churchyard in said County in a manner
decent to my condition in life. And as to such worldly
estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dis-
pose of the same as follows, first I direct that all my debts
and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as
possible Out of any money that I may have die possessed
of or may first come into the hands of my Executors from
any portion of my Estate Real or personal Secondly I give
and bequeath to my wife Ruth one Gray Mare and bed
and furniture during her natural life and then to revert
to my sons John and Robert also to have her support during
of the land I am possessed of Thirdly I give and bequeath
to my daughter Polly Ann one sorrel Mare a good saddle
and bridle and bed & furniture and Cow and calf
Fourthly I give & bequeath to my sons John & Robert all
my land where I live and supposed to be 13 1/2 acres to be divided
equally between the two Boys John & Robert their Mother
to have here support during her natural life also all
my household and kitchen furniture to be equally divided
between my daughter and Polly Ann & sons John and Robert
my oxen wagon gray horse and two year old colt with
all my farming utensils Stock hogs cattle sheep &c
after all my just debts are paid I give to my sons John and
Robert Fifthly I give and bequeath to my sons & daughter

Moses one dollar to Hannah Dickson to Jane Hanna
my daughters one dollar each also to my son James here
who is deceased one dollar also my daughter Margaret
husband James McCutty one dollar also one horse I allow
my executors to sell to pay my just debts &c

I do hereby make and appoint my esteemed friends
friends first my son Moses Ferguson and my neighbor
Jesse Cunningham my Executors of this my last will and
testament In Witness whereof I John Ferguson the said
testator have to this my will written on one sheet of
paper set my hand and seal this 8th day of March 1849
Signed sealed and published } Robert Ferguson (Seal)
in presence of us who have }
subscribed in presence of }
the testator and of each other }

Wm. M. Johnston

Wm. McComish

Gincy Douthett

State of Tennessee } The following Statement was the Special
Monroe County } request made to Mary Ann Douthett
in the presence and hearing of the subscribing witnesses
of the Last Will. Mary Ann I want to talk to you before I get
so I cannot talk. If I do die, I want you to give Sophia
my blue calico dress, I want you to give Bailey Howard
my best caps I want you to have the rest of my things
when your papa is done with them I want you to
have my silver spoons & to keep my cap Basket that
holding glass and drawers I want you to have my
things when your papa is done with them this Statement was
made by Gincy Douthett some few days before her death and at
time when she seemed to be properly in her senses this in-
strument of writing was taken down some two or three days after
the death of the said Gincy Douthett Mary Ann Douthett
her daughter
Elizabeth Douthett

George Snider

I George Snider 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 die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved grand son George Snider son of my son George Snider my plantation on which I now live with all its appurtenances Nevertheless my desire is that my son George and the balance of his family enjoy the benefit of the proceeds of said plantation, he in turn till he comes of age and after that his father & mother if living at that time still have their support of the said land till their death

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my grand son Isaac N. Snider my sorrel pony called Jeff and also one yoke of Oxen called Dick and Dork

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my grand Daughter Mary E. Snider one Cow and calf called Dick also her br and mother's side saddle one spotted snipper one loom one little wheel and one school Bible

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto my grand son James M. Snider one sorrel mare called Fly and one black cow called Pad

Sixthly I give and bequeath unto my grand son John M. Snider one Arabian Mare and one cross cut saw

Seventhly I give and bequeath unto my grand son John Snider one Wagon and one clock

Eighthly I give and bequeath unto my grand son Alexander Snider one set of Smith tools and one yoke of oxen named Buck and Call and one broad axe

Ninthly I give and bequeath unto my son George Snider my Saddle, Saddle bags and books

Tenthly the Balance of my estate I wish to be equally divided among my heirs

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son George Snider my Executor In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this 27th day of August 1846

George Snider

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 27th day of August 1846
Robert W. Bidlee
Junt Lusk

H. A. Patton

I James A. Patton 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 die possessed of & may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Amanda Ann Patton every part of my personal property consisting of household and kitchen furniture stoves farming implements wagon & every thing my wife belonging to my farm with the stock & every thing I own unless it should be found necessary in my will to sell some portion thereof for the payment of my debts or if there should be more stock than appears expedient to be kept upon the farm

I do also give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Mary Elatine my Black girl named Margaret and to my oldest son Harris Harris my Black boy Bob, to be given to them when my said daughter shall come of age up to that period they are to be left in the possession of my wife to assist in raising and educating all my children the above negroes I give to my daughter Mary A & my son Harris I in consideration of about two hundred & fourteen dollars that came into my hands from the estate of their Grandfather Samuel Bell

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To my other three children Francis Taylor, Ann Elizabeth
and James I give and bequeath three hundred dollars to be
equally divided between them at the time the above named
Negroes are given to my two eldest children in order to make
something like an equal distribution among all my children
I wish all my landed estate and every thing appertaining
thereto remain in the possession of my beloved wife
Amanda Ann and be used by her for the purpose of raising
and educating all my children and it is my desire that
they should all have a good English Education
until my eldest son Harris Davies shall become of age
and then I wish all my lands sold with the remainder
of the Negroes (those I have not bequeathed I wish my
wife to keep and use for the same purpose I leave both the
land) with the increase if any on a reasonable credit or for
cash as may be thought best by my executor and the proceeds
equally divided between my wife Amanda Ann and
my five children after taking out one hundred dollars
each for my three youngest children as I have before
requested that an equal division is to take place.
It is my desire that the lands of my estate be cultivated
in such a manner that the value thereof may be in-
creased rather than deteriorated which I have no doubt
can be done, and at any time if there should manifest
negligence appear in regard to the lands and Negroes
that I have desired sold at the time my eldest son
shall become of age I wish them and the lands sold
and the proceeds divided as I have above requested

I do hereby appoint and nominate John Barney my Executor
In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand
and seal this 16th day of December 1846 Francis A. Patton
Signed Sealed and published in our presence & we have sub-
scribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 16th day of Decem-
ber 1846 James H. Reagan
William Patton

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Matthew McSpadden

I Matthew McSpadden of the County of Monroe and State of Louisiana
do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form
as follows Viz 1st I will that all my Just debts and funeral
expenses be paid & I will to my wife Margaret the use of my
farm with all its appertinances the proceeds of which to be
used for the support of my family and in educating our chil-
dren James I and Mary I McSpadden. Should my wife
and exutors think best to sell the land and invest the prin-
cipal of the same in land elsewhere they are hereby empowered to do
so and when my daughter Mary is twenty one years old an
equal division of said land shall be made to my wife and
two children above named. My wife to hold her share
during her widowhood or natural life, But after either
of these occurrences her share shall be equally divided
between my son James I and my daughter Mary McSpadden
I also give all my household and kitchen furniture to my
wife Margaret and also two horses (Box and Colly) and two
hens and calves to be chosen by herself I give to my son
Samuel I and daughter in law Lucinda McSpadden fifty acres
of land which was surveyed and described by K. H. Moore on the
14th September 1844 I bind my said son and daughter in law to
and Lucinda to pay my Executors twenty five dollars
4th I give my daughter Martha I and son in law N. S. Taylor
four hundred and twenty five dollars which I paid them
I hold a note on A. S. Taylor which is taken in the Court
and which shall be handed back to said Taylor when he
pays six dollars and the interest on said note to my Executors
5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Ester I and my
son in law Hugh H. McMill four hundred and twenty five
dollars one hundred and twenty five dollars of which I
have paid them and the balance my Executors shall pay
them if my perishable property when sold by my Executors
and the twenty five dollars that my son J. A. McSpadden is
obliged to pay to my Executors fails to make the balance my

which my Executors are bound to pay to Easler & and
 through Magill, then each of my other heirs shall pay to
 my Executors equally sums sufficient when put together
 to make the balance that may be coming to Easler & and Hugh
 M Magill But should there be a balance left after
 what said Executors are bound to pay It shall be equally
 divided among all my said heirs And lastly I app-
 oint Samuel M Spadden & Nathaniel Cuing of this my
 last will

Matthew M Spadden
 Intervined before signed
 witnesses

X Magill
 J Magill

Isaac Burlison

I Isaac Burlison 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
 I may die possessed of or may come into the hands of my Executors

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Polly one half of the
 farm where I live with the building thereon during her
 widowhood And after she marries or dies to my son Isaac
 I also give her a horse, a cow and a calf and an equal share
 with the children of the household furniture

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Isaac M. Burlison
 the other half of the farm where I live also the mare he
 claims a saddle and Bridle also a cow and calf he claims
 Fourth I give and bequeath to my daughter Celary J Bur-
 lison the farm where Jesse Coleman now lives also the mare
 she claims also I give her the cow and calf she claims also
 also two small steers to buy her a saddle

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Charlotte
 Burlison the farms where Zachariah and James

Johnson formerly lived and a cow and a calf also the coll that
 come of Isaacs Mare Sixthly I give and bequeath to my son
 William one half of my other farm where Samuel Smalling
 now lives to be divided as it was by Mason and Malone and
 the said William to have the half where Smalling lives
 also the gray mares coll and a cow and calf which he claims
 Seventhly I give and bequeath to my son John H. Burlison
 the other half of the tract where Smalling lives it being
 the half where old Gray now lives also the coll that come
 of Celarys Mare also a cow and two likely yearlings
 Eighth I give and bequeath to my son Vanburin Burl-
 ison the tract of land where Eason White now lives also
 a cow and the coll that come of Jane

Ninth I also give and bequeath to each and all the family
 my waggon and the balance of my stock for the use
 of the family

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint Holloway
 Wiley my Executor In witness whereof I do to this my
 will set my hand and seal

August 1st 1846

Isaac Burlison (Test)
 signed sealed and published in our presence and we
 have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of
 the testator August 1st 1846

Arch M. Gray
 Hugh F. Holland

James Reedy

I James Reedy of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee
 hereby make this my last will in the following manner: 1st
 I give to my daughter Malinda Terpa one bed and bed clothes
 2^d I give to my daughter Cornelia Ann the bed and bedding on
 which I now lie 3^d I will that my Executor sell my Mule and
 a few small articles I have at the widow Brights and with the
 Money they bring purchase a bed for my daughter Science Caroline
 4th I give to my friend Samuel Hoss whom I appoint Executor
 of this my last will my Carriall for taking care of me in this
 my last illness and to defray my funeral expenses

In testimony whereof of the above contents
 I set my name this 11th day of April 1847

c^d R. Reedyne
 Rufus H. Jones

John H. Roberts

I John H. Roberts do make and publish this my last
 will and testament hereby revoking all others by me
 made. It is my desire that after my death that all my
 debts should be paid out of any money I may die possessed
 of I also wish that all my personal property be divided
 between my father and brothers as may be herein after pro-
 vided I give and bequeath to my father Phillip Roberts
 my Iron Gray mare Saddle and Bridle and my Rifle
 gun I give and bequeath to my ^{said} father Phillip Roberts
 and my two brothers Phillip Roberts Jr and Jackson
 Roberts the land I am to receive from the Government
 of the United States of America for my services in
 the war against Mexico in Capt J B Andersons company
 a Lt It is my wish that the said land be equally divided
 between my said brothers and father shares and share
 alike after my debts are paid I wish all the money and
 property of every description I may die possessed of to be
 equally divided between my said father and brothers
 except that which has been specifically described in

this will I also appoint Phillip Roberts my Executor
 Signed Sealed and published this 6th day of April 1847
 Signed and Sealed in our presence the day the same bears
 date and we have signed our names
 in the presence of the Testator
 W. H. Stephens
 B B Land

William Gadd

Be it remembered that on the ninth day of April one
 thousand eight hundred and forty eight I William
 Gadd of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee
 being of sound health and of sound disposing memory
 for which I desire to thank God do make and ordain
 this my last will and testament
 Item 1st After my funeral expenses I wish my debts paid
 2^d I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah all my lands
 and moveable property during her widowhood or her
 natural life if she does not marry
 3^d In Case of Marriage or death of my wife Sarah then
 I wish all my lands and moveable property to be equally
 divided amongst my children viz Mary McDaniel, Polly
 Brannon, Ansel Gadd, Ellender Brannon, Malitha Gadd
 William Gadd, Daniel Gadd, Moses Gadd, Betsy Ann Gadd
 Sarah Jane Gadd, and Martha Gadd if the same can
 be done equally without selling the same but if not
 let all be sold and the proceeds of the sale equally divided
 among the legates 4th I do hereby make and ordain
 Ansel Gadd and Moses Gadd my sons Executors of
 this my last will and testament given under my hand
 the day and date written
 William Gadd
 Mark

Nathaniel Young
 Daniel Gadd

Samuel Lusk

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Lusk of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and being at this time of sound and disposing mind perfect Memory do constitute and ordain this Instrument as my last will and testament in the words and figures following To wit

Item first I give and bequeath to my wife Betsy the tract of Land whereon I now reside with the house and all the appertains thereto pertaining or belonging and all my part of the flock of every kind together with all the Blacks which I am possessed during her natural life and then to be disposed of as follows

Item 2 I give and bequeath unto my Son Elijah Patten Lusk the Land and negroes and all the above named property at the decease of the above named Betsy Lusk his Mother with the exception of eighty dollars in trade

Item 3 I give and bequeath to my grandson William Vance Lusk the above named eighty dollars in trade so soon as he may come of age. I wish it that and that I should on W. H. Baltimore shall be paid in discharge of a debt I owe John McWhie and should I owe any other debt they are to be paid out of the property that is left to my wife Betsy Lusk and Elijah P. Lusk ~~to wit~~ death I do hereby appoint my Son Elijah P. Lusk Executor to this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of the witnesses hereunto subscribed this 1st day of April in the year 1848
 Armstrong & Morrow
 William H. Patten
 Samuel Lusk

Samuel McCrosky

I Samuel McCrosky 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

1st I give and bequeath to my two sons Solon and Samuel all my Land lying in the County of Monroe and their heirs forever. It is my request that in the division of my Land between my two sons that a line be run East and West so as to divide the same according to quantity and quality as nearly equal as possible. And that all the land lying South of such division line fall to the share and portion of my son Solon and all lying to the North of said division line fall to the share and portion of my son Samuel - In estimating the portion falling to my son Solon it is my request that the buildings be not taken into the valuation thereof - I also give to my two sons Solon and Samuel my four horse Waggon to be owned and used by them as joint property - I also give to my two sons Solon and Samuel a horse saddle Bridle and Blanket each to be chosen and selected by themselves together with my wheel Gun or Wind Mill to hold by them jointly - I also give to my son Solon my Rifle gun and its accoutrements - and to my son Samuel I give my shot gun and its accoutrements

and the balance of my estate not hereby disposed of I request to be sold on the usual terms and after the payment of all my just debts and the payment for the erecting of said tomb stones with the usual inscriptions thereon to be placed over the tomb of my late wife and myself to be equally divided among all my children, to wit, Betty Ann Sumner, Mary Bushell, Solon, Elizabeth, Loma, Sophrona, Samuel and Sarah Josephine

I do hereby constitute and appoint my Brother John McCrosky of Monroe County William Minton of

Blount County and my son Solomon McCrosky of Monroe
County Executors of this my last will and testament In
testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this ninth day of August 1848 and
signed sealed and acknowledged Samuel McCrosky
in the presence of
William H. Hiskell

Jesse Butler) Samuel McCrosky do hereby declare
this Codicil to be a part of my last will and testament
that is to say Having given to my daughter Hettie Ann
Hammon the sum of one hundred and thirty two
dollars and twenty five cents in property and to my daugh-
ter Emily Finkbe the sum of ninety nine dollars
and fifty six cents It is my will and request that these
respective sums be delivered to said their portions or
dividend of my estate when under my hand and seal
the twenty eighth day of August in the year 1848
Signed Sealed and Samuel McCrosky
acknowledged in the
presence of

Wm. H. Hiskell
Charles H. Hiskell
Wm. M. Hiskell

Isaac Hagler In the name of God Amen
I Isaac Hagler of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee
do make and ordain this my last will and testament
in the following manner and form
First I desire that all my just debts be paid, And as
to the balance of my worldly goods after my debts are satisfied
I give unto my beloved wife Susannah that she retain posses-
sion of the land on which I now live during her natural
life together with all my stock of every kind also my
household and kitchen furniture of every description
and for the consideration of the attention paid and services
by my son Benjamin Beaton Hagler rendered and for
taking charge of his Mother and myself during the re-
mainder of our lives - I give him the whole of the
land on which I now live at and after our death
and that he be in full possession of the same from
the death of his Mother I desire at and after the death
of my wife Susannah my children have an equal
distribution of the personal property that she may leave
as the nature of the case may admit of
And whereas Elizabeth Stepp, Mary Curtis David
H. Hagler, Malinda Howard, William S. Hagler
and Estate Snider have each received a bequest
and I desire that my remaining children
receive the same amount namely J. M. (Wilson
having received a bequest) Benjamin B. Cynthia,
F.ira and Ralph and I further desire if there should
remain any surplus after an equal division that it be equally dis-
tributed amongst all before named or their legal representatives
I nominate and appoint my two sons Wilson & Benjamin B. Hagler Executors
of this my last will and testament utterly revoking all and every
other will and testament legacy or bequest by me in any way
before named or bequeathed But do hereby ratify and
confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 27th day of July in the year of our Lord 1840
Signed Sealed and acknowledged Isaac Bagler Seal
In presence of the us
Jeremiah Frazier
Charles Bogart
Armstrong Monroe

Mark McKenzie

State of Tennessee,
Monroe County } I Mark McKenzie do make and
publish this as my last will and testament hereby revo-
king and making void all other wills by me made at any
time first I direct that my funeral expenses and all of my
debts to paid as soon after my death as possible out of my
monies that I may be possessed of or may first come
into the hands of my Executors
Secondly, I give and bequeath to William McKenzie
all my land property and money for all my debts
are paid.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint James
Ray and John Clayton my Executors. In witness
whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this 30th day of September in the year of our Lord
1848

Mark McKenzie Seal
Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we
have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the
testator this 30th day of September 1848

James Clayton Seal
Martin Nelson Seal

Arthur H. Henley

State of Tennessee, In the name of God Amen
Monroe County } I Arthur H. Henley of the County and
State aforesaid—being of the age of sixty seven years—being
the subject of a lingering disorder—and considering
the uncertainty of my life—But being in full possession
of my mental faculties—sound and unimpaired—
I have appointed and do hereby appoint this my last will
and testament—for the disposal after my death, of all
such temporal estate and property as it hath pleased
Providence to put in my trust

I suppose, it is my will and desire that all of my
children, should share and share alike, in the division
of my estate both real and personal as near as ^{the same} can
be effected, in order to which as near as may be I direct
that my landed property shall be kept and remain
undivided until my youngest surviving child
shall become of age.

My personal property consisting of negroes—furniture
stock—horses—wheeled carriages—implements and house-
hold and kitchen furniture and all other articles to be kept
and remain on the farm on which I at present reside
subject to such charges in the ordinary and management
my property my Executors shall find or deem necessa-
ry for the support and maintenance of my family—

My farm on which I now live and reside I wish to re-
tain as a homestead for my surviving family by the
said surviving family (I mean my wife and my young
children who are yet to be of age and have
not entertained the idea of dismembering themselves
from my household) where all rents issues and
profits from my other lands and plantations and
all of my real and personal property are to be accumu-
lated for the support and expenses of the said
homestead—Wife Homestead to be considered

as under the control of my wife and authority of my wife
 Ann Evelina Henry - who is to be considered sole
 Mistress of the same during her natural life - She being
 desired at all times in cases of emergency to consult
 with others whom I shall name as my Executors as to the
 prudence or propriety of any measure she may wish to enforce
 My six elder children Sarah, David, Elizabeth, Mary, Alexander
 and William having had expended on them in public
 Seminars, two hundred dollars - exclusive of what
 has been used in private instruction - My remaining young
 or children who survive are to be considered entitled each
 to the same share to be drawn from my estate for the
 same purpose or to be paid to their credit in case it is
 not used for that purpose. Now in order and to the end
 that an equal and fair division shall be made and take place
 between my heirs I do herein set forth the several amounts
 that I have given to my six elder children with which they
 are to be charged at the commencement of a final settlement
 of my estate, viz. to Sarah, H. Williamson - for her outfit when she
 was married to John H. Williamson for articles for housekeeping
 four hundred and fifteen dollars and sixty seven cents - for
 three negroes each - four hundred - four hundred and five
 hundred dollars - amounts paid in cash on notes and
 the interest thereon for her husband John H. Williamson
 twelve hundred and forty four dollars and sixty six cents
 for her education two hundred dollars - making in all
 all three thousand one hundred and sixty dollars
 and three cents - To David Henry, for his education
 two hundred dollars - for two negroes each four hundred
 and five hundred dollars - making in all eleven hun-
 dred dollars - To Elizabeth H. McShee for amount
 paid for her education two hundred dollars for
 her half of expenses when gone to Tusculum & Alabama
 eighty seven dollars and twenty two cents - for goods given
 her before marriage and outfit for articles for house

keeping after marriage four hundred dollars - for two
 negroes each four hundred and five hundred dollars
 making in all fifteen hundred and eighty seven dollars
 and twenty two cents - To Mary H. McShee - for amount
 paid for her education two hundred dollars - for her half
 of expenses to Tusculum & Alabama, eighty
 seven dollars and twenty two cents - for goods given her be-
 fore marriage and outfit for articles for housekeeping
 after marriage four hundred dollars - for two negroes each
 four hundred dollars and five hundred dollars - making
 in all fifteen hundred and eighty seven dollars and
 twenty two cents - To Alexander S. Henry - for his
 education two hundred dollars - for two negroes each
 four hundred and five hundred dollars - To William
 S. Henry, for his education two hundred dollars
 - for two negroes each four hundred and five hundred dollars -
 To make up the balance of the respective amounts of Alexander
 S. Henry and William S. Henry's accounts my day book
 must be consulted referred to - My remaining younger chil-
 dren - Ann Evelina, Arthur H. Thomas, Samuel, Lavina
 and Charles S. Henry, I have as yet given nothing and
 in order that they shall be made equal to the elder chil-
 dren I herein instruct my Executors to provide for
 them as far as I have already provided for the elder ones - as soon as
 they each one with the exception of the two youngest surviving
 children, shall arrive at the age of twenty five years - pro-
 vided they the executors can do so without dispossessing
 the homestead - Twenty five years being the average age
 at which the elder children drew their respective amounts
 already received by them and charged to them - On the
 thirtieth day of October eighteen hundred & forty seven
 I put my son David Henry in possession of one of my
 farms in Blount County East of Memphis known by the name
 of the old Carathers farm, containing according to plat
 four hundred and seventy eight acres two rods

I entered into a written Contract with him the said David Henry which written agreement is signed by me Arthur H. Henry and the said David Henry and witnessed by A. S. Henry and Arthur H. Henry my Sons - In said agreement I Bargained and sold unto the said David Henry the said land for four dollars per acre - Making an amount of nineteen hundred and fourteen dollars - which sum the said David Henry is to account for in the final settlement of my estate - Which Contract was entered into to secure David Henry for all improvement he might be might put on the said land - unless he the said David Henry should choose to relinquish it - All the provisions terms and stipulations contained in that said written agreement it is my desire should be faithfully adhered to - which provisions terms and stipulations will be seen by referring to said written agreement and I further desire that if any of the rest of my Sons that are already of age or any of them that shall hereafter arrive at age - if they shall desire it shall be put in possession of the same number of acres on any of my other lands other than the homestead place valued in the same proportion according to quality and soil - under the same provisions, terms and stipulations contained in the agreement made with my son David Henry I have three half acre lots in the town of Knoxville East Tennessee on a small tract of land containing two hundred acres more or less lying on the waters of Hatchers Creek in Monroe County East Tennessee now occupied by Claiborne Steam and claims on part of a tract on Dinkins Creek Monroe County East Tennessee by agreement with John Wilson which my Executors are authorized in the exercise of their discretionary power to sell or exchange notwithstanding the clause heretofore inserted in relation to my real estate that clause being intended to apply to larger bodies of land more compact and more conveniently situated - All of the out standing debts

now due me, it is my desire that my Executors shall collect as fast as possible and place at interest for the final benefit of all of my children - Any surplusage of money derived from the sale of grain or bestial stock reared by the labor of the young or heirs that may remain on the homestead farm shall be applied exclusively to their benefit

I now for the purpose of carrying into effect this my last will and Testament hereby recalling all other wills and Testaments that may have been made by me heretofore

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Emma E. Henry my Executor and my beloved Sons David Henry and Alexander S. Henry my Executors Given under my hand and seal on the 10th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty nine 1849

Intestations made before signing

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Witness me

B. H. Henry

James H. Henry

- Arthur H. Henry (Seal)

George Selvidge

I George Selvidge of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee being aged and infirm but of sound mind and memory Make this my last will and testament: My will is that my wife Mary have for her part of my personal property one horse, one cow and calf one sow and as many ^{hogs} stock ^{hogs} as will make her meat for the next year also two beds and bed set one, two bedsteads, six chairs and all the cupboard and kitchen furniture and as much of the farming tools as she may want to have and any of them during her natural life and if any thing should remain at her death to be disposed of according to her will - And whereas I have given to all my children their marriage portion equal as I could and under Joseph my will is that he have the Saddle more and Saddle and bridle already given him and ten dollars as his marriage portion and if he stay at home and conducts himself ^{well} he shall receive my rifle gun - My will is that Maria Caroline receive as her marriage portion one cow and calf, one bed and clothes, one bedstead and ten dollars, My will is that my son James have a horse saddle and bridle worth sixty dollars as his marriage portion and all the balance of my property not included in this will be sold on a twelve month credit and ^{the} money is collected for the same and also what money may be owing from persons not a kind, and what money there may be on hand be applied to the use of my minor children namely Joseph Caroline and James until they are made equal to my eldest children My will is that there be ten dollars laid off for Joseph Caroline and James ten for Caroline and sixty for James first as written to them as their marriage portion and whereas some of my children have received more than others my will is that those that have received less receive more so that all my children receive equal share of my personal property Except Polly Ann Diggon who is the offspring

of my daughter Elizabeth who is now dead, My will is that she receive what belongs to her mother at her death and no more My will is that my son Green H. Selvidge receive twenty five dollars less than he would be entitled to receive had he not left home when he was but eighteen years old and also my son Dily M. left home when he was but seventeen years old and has acted very ungrateful towards me ever since my will is that there be deducted from his part of my personal property the sum of seventy five dollars and that he receive that much less than he would have been entitled to receive had he stayed at home and treated me kindly - My will is that my wife Mary have and enjoy all the land that belongs to me, that is contained in the master section that my dwelling house stands in and also the half of my log quarter lying on the north side of the township line and also the timber growing on five acres lying on the north & west corner of my quarter it being the North West quarter of section four beginning at the North East Corner and running West forty rods thence South for complement and all the timber growing on said land to belong to my wife Mary and when the timber is all taken off or when I should happen to die before the timber is all taken off then the land is to belong to the proper owner My will is that my wife Mary have and enjoy all the use and benefit of the above described land during her natural life or until she marries again and when either of them takes place at then and day for her benefit except the five acre part she was to have the timber off of said three acres and to be sold to Green H. Dily M. and Joseph M. and Maria to and James to be divided equally among them or sold and the money divided and if sold not to be done until her own occurs or age - My will is that all the North West quarter that belongs to me and the half of the quarter mentioned my quarter divided equally running North and South and my wife to have choice of it and that the above described land at my death belong to the four eldest children namely Maria Mary and George

to and John jointly and to be equally divided amongst them but there is to be no division of land take place until all my children is provided for according to the provision of this will and as soon as Joseph Caroline and James receive their Marriage portion Money and all my children have received their part that may be coming to them according to the provisions of this will then and not till my four eldest children ^{may} take possession of that part of my land laid off for them and if Joseph fail or refuse to stay at home and make crop he is not to have my right share my will is that William & Abby John Rickel execute this my last will and testament any other donation I may want give I will write them down in my family account book which shall constitute a part of my last will and testament written and signed this 7th day of May 1849

Test

Robert Wright

John C. C. C.

George H. C. C.

Ebenezer Johnson

In the name of God Amen I Ebenezer Johnson of the City of Buffalo County of Erie and State of New York, being of Sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding do hereby make publish and declare my last will and testament in manner and form following

First I order and direct that my Executors hereinafter named pay all just debts and funeral charges, as soon after my decease as conveniently may be

Second I give and bequeath unto my wife Lucy & all my household goods, bedsteads, beds, bedding and all other furniture, including Library & provisions and the family carriage & Horses or Carriage & horse

Third I give and bequeath to each of my children that I now have or may have by my said wife Lucy & one thousand and five hundred dollars each to educate and support them during their minority, and for the better support and care of my minor children I do hereby dispose of the custody and tuition of such of my children as shall be minors at my decease, to my said wife Lucy & until they respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years or until their respective marriages

Fourth I give and bequeath to my son Herbert & my daughter Sarah seat and chain & gold pencil case

Fifth I give devise and bequeath all the residue of my personal and real estate to my wife and children to be equally divided amongst them share and share alike except my daughter Mary & son having already received from me the sum of two thousand dollars and my son William & having received from me the sum of five thousand dollars, I hereby will and direct that the sum of two thousand dollars

be deducted from the portion of my estate which the said Mary & Lord shall take under the provisions of this will and that the said sum of five thousand dollars be deducted from that portion of my estate which the said William I shall take under the provisions of this will and that the respective sums be divided equally between my said wife and children share and share alike after the decease of my said wife. I say & I give and bequeath that portion of my estate that she shall take under the provisions of this will to my children had by my ^{said} wife I say & I do will and declare that the devise and bequests herein made to my said wife I say & are by me intended to be in full bar and satisfaction of all and every claim and demand of dower and thirds, which she could by law might have at the time of my decease if in or to my estate and effects real or personal or any part thereof and I do further will and declare that if my said wife and children cannot agree amongst themselves upon a division of my estate personal and real that then my Executors herein after named shall dispose of and sell the estate real and personal at the best advantage and shall divide the proceeds thereof amongst my said wife and children in accordance with the terms of this will

Lastly I do hereby nominate my friends Joseph Gary Albert H. Gray and Charles Townsend Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all and every former wills and will by me made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 16th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Ebenezer Johnson I Signed Sealed and published and declared by the testator to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed

our names as

John Laroon of the City of Buffalo and County of Erie and State of New York

W. B. Ford of the City of Buffalo and County of Erie and State of New York

State of New York } Erie County } Be it remembered that Surrogate's Office } on the day of the date hereof the last will and testament of Ebenezer Johnson late of said Erie County in the State of New York of which the foregoing is a copy was duly proved before Peter H. Vosburgh Surrogate of said County according to law as and for the last will and testament of the personal estate of the said deceased which said last will and testament and the proof and examinations taken thereon are recorded in this office and that letters of administration with the said will annexed have been granted to Smith Inglehart Albert H. Gray the surviving Executor named in said will having renounced by executing and filing his renunciation according to law which is also recorded in this office

In witness whereof the Surrogate of said County hath hereunto set his hand and seal of office this 16th day of November 1849

P. H. Vosburgh
Surrogate

William Taylor

I William Taylor of Monroe County Tennessee being sensible of my mortality and desirous of disposing of my worldly effects do make this my last will and testament viz- I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Ann all my personal property, that is to say all the property which I have in possession and which I own, aside from what is due me from the estate and by the will of my father Leroy Taylor

I will and bequeath whatever estate I am entitled to as heir and devisee of my father to my Mother Elizabeth Taylor My sister Bessie to friend my brother Earnest H James Isaac of address John H Southel and Leroy, that is to say the property both real and personal I acquire from said estate I devise in equal parts to my mother and living brothers & sister, to be taken in charge and divided by H Magill & Robert Russell Executors of my father Leroy Taylor

In testimony whereof I put my hand and seal this January 12th 1860 William Taylor

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

In presence of us the date above written

James T. Coffey

Wilson Brothers

John W. Bright

I John W. Bright do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made

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

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Bright after all my lawful debts is paid, all my personal property and real estate to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood - But if she changes her situation in life by marriage it shall be the duty of my Executor to sell the personal and real estate and to divide the proceeds of the sale equally among my lawful heirs

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint Harry S Bright my Executor In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 10th April 1860

John W. Bright (Lid)

Signed Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 10th April 1860

Attest

William Abbott Horron

James W Taylor

John M. McFee

I John M. McFee of the County of Monroe in the State of Tennessee being in good health and of perfect mind and memory and contemplating the certainty of death and the uncertainty of time and being desirous to dispose of my property do make and publish the following as my last will and testament

Item 1.

After my death I desire that my body shall be interred in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors

Item 2. I desire that whatever just debts I may owe at the time of my death shall be promptly paid by my Executors out of my estate

Item 3. I give and devise to my daughter Margaret W. Thomas all that portion of the tract of land lying in the County of Monroe called Calvin Smiths reservation including the ferry that lies North and East of Little Tennessee river and about that portion of said tract that lies South and West of said river and North and West of Tellico river making Tellico river the line, also all my lands that adjoin the said tract known as the Calvin Smiths reservation, on the North and East side of said Tennessee river including the tract known as the Allenton Springs tract lying partly in Blount and Monroe Counties, and owned to me by Baldwin Wolfe of Jefferson County, also all the lands that I purchased of Lewis Hop lying in Monroe County including a large island in said Little Tennessee river called Hop Island, together with any lands adjoining said land purchased of said Hop that I may own, and all the lands that I may own that adjoin the Calvin Smiths reservation on the South West side of said Tennessee river and North West of Tellico river. All the above lands supposed to contain two thousand seven hundred and fifty five acres, more or less together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging I give to my said daughter during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the said lands to the children of my said

daughter and their heirs forever; and should any of the children of my said daughter die during her lifetime, leaving children then the portion of such deceased children and childrens shall go to their lawful heirs forever

I also give and devise to my said daughter Margaret W. Thomas the following named slaves, to wit, Jack and Crismon, his wife and their four children Maria, Mary, Jim, and Mounting, also Patience and Nelson her son, Mahala and her five children, Sam's Anna, Andrew Margaret and John, Susan and her three children Alfred whose names are not now recollecting; Peggy and her child Fopline; Chancy and her child Isabella, Levenia, Jim's son also Charles Samuel and Tom. The above named slaves I give to my said daughter together with their increase during her natural life - and at her death I desire that said slaves with their increase shall go to the children of my said daughter and their heirs, and if any of said children should die in the lifetime of their said mother then I desire that the portion of such deceased children or childrens shall go to their lawful heirs in the same manner as the above lands which I have given to my said daughter. All the above named slaves are now in the possession of my said daughter and it is my wish that such of the children of any of the above slaves as may be born between this time and my death shall go with their mothers to my said daughter in the same way as their mothers

The above lands and slaves I estimate to be worth forty thousand dollars five hundred dollars and in the division of my estate are to be rated at that value to my said daughter

Item 4. I give and devise to my son Barclay McFee and his heirs forever all that tract of land called the Honcho tract and which I purchased of Thomas H. Callaway that lies within the following boundaries, together with certain quarter sections of land that lie immediately adjoining the same which land lies in Monroe County on Little Tennessee river, Hiwassee District beginning at a walnut

on the bank of said river and running with the crop fence as it now stands between the lands more cultivated by the said Barclay Mc Ghee and his brother Charles Mc Ghee to a gum stump and a small Black oak, and from thence direct course line to near the North West corner of what is called the new meadow, to the South West quarter of Section 17. thence East to the South East corner of the South East quarter of section 17. thence South to the center of section 20, thence East to the center of section 21, thence running North to the School Section, thence round with the line of the School Section to the river, at the upper corner of the said Donoho tract, thence down the various Meanders of the river, to the beginning. — together with a small Island in said river known as the Scrimsher Island. I also in like manner give to my son all the lands assigned in the upper divisions of Citico by a decree of the Chancery Court at Madisonville made on the 18th day of September 1842 to Thomas L. Mc Ghee John Mc Ghee Jr and Mary Jones Mc Ghee children and heirs of my brother Dr Alexander Mc Ghee deceased, which said lots or divisions I now own having purchased the same, together with all the balance of said lands assigned to me by said decree including all the lands I hold in common at Citico with my said brother Alexander Mc Ghee and all lying partly in Blount and partly in Monroe Counties. I also in like manner give to my said son a tract of land down in Hamilton County lying at the shallow fords of Chickamauga Creek or river and known as the Taylor plantations, together with the quarter sections of lands which I have since purchased adjoining said tract, and also another small piece of land adjoining said first tract containing seventy or eighty acres I also in like manner give to my said son a tract of land in Blount County near Maryville containing about 615 acres and which tract was divided by the above mentioned decree

between me and the heirs of my said brother Alexander Mc Ghee; and by said decree one half was assigned to Barclay Mc Ghee one of the sons of said Alexander Mc Ghee and lying on the waters of Tugal Creek adjoining the lands of Dr Samuel Price, Sanford Duncan and others.

I also give and bequeath to my said son and his heirs forever the following named Slaves viz Lewis, & Julia his wife and their six children, George, Violet, Harry, Sarah, Woods, & Jas, Jack and Dinah his wife and their seven children, Charles Susan, Alexander, Betty, Rhoda, & Adeline, Florence, Ben Britha, Ed. Mathew, Benton, Andy and Monroe, Lucinda and Harriet, all of the above Slaves are now in the possession of my said son, and my children that may be born of any of said Slaves between this time and my death, are also to go to my said son in like manner as their mothers.

The above lands and Slaves I value at ten thousand four hundred and eighty dollars and in the division of my estate are to be valued at that valuation to my said son.

Item 6 I give and devise to my son Charles Mc Ghee and his heirs forever, so much of the tract of land known as the Calvin Smith reservation as lies north and west of Little Tennessee river and south and east of Little river, making Little river the line between him and my said daughter Margaret W. Burns. So as to give to my said son all said tract above the mouth of Little river. I also give to my said son and his heirs forever a tract of six hundred and forty acres lying in Monroe County on the South West side of Tennessee river. Originally granted by the State of Tennessee to my father Barclay Mc Ghee ^{partly his wife's} being the plantation on which I formerly lived, together with all the lands adjoining the said six hundred and forty acres tract, that are not included in the devise to my son Barclay Mc Ghee lying in the fork between the rivers Tennessee and Tellico and also adjoining that part of the Calvin Smith reservation

John M. Chee

I John M. Chee of the County of Monroe in the State of Tennessee being in good health and of perfect mind and memory and contemplating the certainty of death and the uncertainty of time and being desirous to dispose of my property do make and publish the following as my last will and testament
Item 1.

After my death I desire that my body shall be interred in a decent Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors

Item 2. I desire that whatever just debts I may owe at the time of my death shall be promptly paid by my executors out of my estate

Item 3. I give and devise to my daughter Margaret M. Thomas all that portion of the tract of land lying in the County of Monroe called Calvin Smiths reservation including the ferry that lies North and East of Little Tennessee river and above that portion of said tract that lies South and West of said river and North and West of Tellico river making Tellico river the line, also all my lands that adjoins the said tract known as the Calvin Smiths reservation, on the North and East side of said Tennessee river including the tract known as the Alaletha Springs tract lying partly in Blount and Monroe Counties, and devised to me by Baldwin Harle of Jefferson County, also all the lands that I purchased of Lewis Hopf lying in Monroe County including a large island in said Little Tennessee river called Hopf Island, together with any lands adjoining said land purchased of said Hopf that I may own, and all the lands that I may own that adjoins the Calvin Smiths reservation on the South West side of said Tennessee river and North West of Tellico river. All the above lands supposed to contain two thousand seven hundred and fifty five acres, more or less together with the boxed trammels and appurtenances thereto belonging I give to my said daughter during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the said lands to the children of my said

daughter and their heirs forever; and should any of the children of my said daughter die during her lifetime, leaving children then the portion of such deceased children and childless shall go to their lawful heirs forever

I also give and devise to my said daughter Margaret M. Thomas the following named Slaves, to wit, Jack and Ursula, his wife and their four children Maria, Mary, John, and Elizabeth, also Patricia and Nelson her son, Mahala and her five

children, Samts Anna, Andrew Margaret and John, Susan and her three children Alfred whose names are not now recollcted, Peggy and her child Josephine, Chaney and her child Isabella, Lavinia, Jim a man also Charles Samuel and Tom. The above named Slaves I give to my said daughter together with their increase during her natural life - and at her death I desire that said Slaves with their increase shall go to the children of my said daughter and their heirs, and if any of said children should die in the lifetime of their said mother then I desire that the portion of such deceased children or childless shall go to their lawful heirs: in the same manner of the above lands which I have given to my said daughter. All the above named Slaves are now in the possession of my said daughter and it is my wish that such of the children of any of the above Slaves as may be born between this time and my death shall go with their mothers to my said daughter in the same way as their mothers

The above lands and Slaves I estimate to be worth forty thousand dollars five hundred dollars and in the division of my estate are to be valued at that value to my said daughter

Item 4. I give and devise to my son Barclay M. Chee and his heirs forever all that tract of land called the Stoncho tract and which I purchased of Thomas H. Callaway that lies within the following boundaries, together with certain quarter sections of land that lie immediately adjoining the same which land lies in Monroe County on Little Tennessee River Hiwassee District beginning at a walnut

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 of what is called the new meadow, to the South West
 quarter of Section 17. then East to the South East corner
 of the South East quarter of section 17. thence South to
 the center of section 20, thence East to the center of section
 21, thence running North to the School section, thence
 round with the line of the School section to the river, at
 the upper corner of the said Donoho tract, thence down
 the various meanders of the river, to the beginning. -
 together with a small island in said river known as
 the Scrimsher Island. I also in like manner give to
 my son all the lands assigned in the upper divisions of
 Citrus by a decree of the Chancery Court at Madisonville
 made on the 19th day of September 1842 to Thomas L. Mc Ghee
 John Mc Ghee Jr and Mary Jones Mc Ghee children and
 heirs of ~~my~~ brother Dr Alexander Mc Ghee deceased, which
 said lots or divisions I now own having purchased the
 same, together with all the balance of said lands assigned
 to me by said decree including all the lands I hold in
 common at Citrus with my said brother Alexander
 Mc Ghee and all lying partly in Blount and partly in
 Monroe Counties. I also in like manner give to my son
 a tract of land I own in Hamilton County lying
 at the shallow fords of Chickamauga creek or river
 and known as the Taylor plantations, together with two
 quarter sections of land which I have since purchased
 adjoining said tract, and also another small piece of land
 adjoining said first tract containing seventy or eighty acres
 I also in like manner give to my said son a tract of land in
 Blount County near Maryville containing about 615 acres
 and which tract was divided by the above mentioned decree

between me and the heirs of my said brother Alexander Mc Ghee, and
 by said decree one half was assigned to Barclay Mc Ghee one
 of the sons of said Alexander Mc Ghee and lying on the waters of
 Pistol Creek adjoining the lands of Dr Samuel Price, Sanford
 Duncan and others.

I also give and bequeath to my said son and his heirs forever
 the following named Slaves viz Lewis, & Julia his wife and
 their six children, Caroline, Violet, Harry, Sarah, Woods
 Mary, Jack and Dinah his wife and their seven children, Charles
 Susan, Alexander, Betty, Rhoda, Adeline, Florence, Ben
 Belditha, Ned, Matthew, Benton, Andy and Monroe. Lucinda
 and Harriet, all of the above Slaves are now in the possession of my
 said son, and any children that may be born of any of said
 Slaves between this time and my death, are also to go to my
 said son in like manner as their mothers.

The above lands and Slaves I value at worth forty one
 thousand eight hundred dollars and in the division of
 my estate are to be valued at that valuation to my ^{said} son.

Item 6 I give and devise to my son Charles Mc Ghee
 and his heirs forever, so much of the tract of land known
 as the Cabin Smith reservation as lies South and West of Little
 Tennessee River and South and East of Tellico river, making
 a line between him and my said daughter
 Margaret, H. H. Keweenaw, so as to give to my said son all said
 tract above the mouth of Tellico river. I also give to my said
 son and his heirs forever a tract of six hundred and forty
 acres lying in Monroe County on the South West side of Ten-
 nessee River, originally granted by the State of Tennessee to
 my father Barclay Mc Ghee ^{or his wife} being the plantation on which
 I formerly lived, together with all the lands adjoining
 the said six hundred and forty acres tract, that are not
 included in the devise to my son Barclay Mc Ghee
 lying in the fork between the rivers Tennessee and Tellico
 and also adjoining that part of the Cabin Smith reservation

above given to my said son Charles H. Mc Ghee to which I have
 titles also the tract of land containing the hundred and
 forty acres lying on the North East side of said Little Tennessee
 river known as the Nicholas Byers river tract and including
 a large Island in said river and extending in Blount and
 partly in Monroe Counties and also adjoining the heirs of
 Arthur G. Gony, the heirs of Benjamin Howard deceased
 and also adjoining the lands of Andrew Rogers and down
 to the mouth of Nine Mile Creek; also I give to my said
 son, in like manner, the small Islands in the said
 Little Tennessee river, known by the names of the Tuskegee
 Islands and the Vance Islands; also in like manner
 I give to my said son the undivided half of a tract of land
 on Nine Mile in Blount County on which William R.
 Hainly has and legally held a mill and saw mills
 and adjoining the lands of James Montgomery and others
 I also give to my said son Charles H. Mc Ghee and his
 heirs forever the following named slaves viz: Norman
W. Moore and their born children John, Eliza, Amanda
John, William, Margaret his
 wife and their two or three sons, a boy, Henry, Leah
and Polly; James and six or seven children, Henry, Henry,
Isaac and Sarah a young one and Sarah his wife John
Proby his wife and their child George also though
 I think said George is dead, the above named slaves and slaves
 I esteem to be worth early thousands and five
 hundred dollars and in the division of my estate
 are to be rated at that value to my said son. The
 above named slaves are now in the possession of my
 said son and it is my will that each of the children
 of said slaves as may be born between this time and my
 death shall also go with their mothers to my said son
 Item 6 I give to my negro man James and to his
 wife Sally in consideration of their faithful servitude
 their natural freedom and as soon after my death

as my executors can make the arrangement I wish my
 executors to give to said negroes James and Sally his wife
 each a horse out of my stock and each a saddle and bridle which
 with the horses to be worth not more than seventy five doll
 ars each, also to give to each of them a cow and calf out
 of my stock, and also I give to the said James and Sally
 his wife each the sum of five hundred dollars in money
 to be paid to them at such times as their necessities may requ
 ire, they the said executors bring the entire judges in
 what sums said money shall from time to time be paid.
 It is further my wish that said negroes James and Sally
 have the possession and control of my two young negroes
Barelay and Santopee for such length of time as my executors
 in their discretion may choose.

Item 7 I give to each of my said children heretofore the
 sum of five thousand dollars in cash and cash notes
 together with the further sum of two thousand dollars
 each in stock making to each the sum of seven thousand
 dollars it is my desire that in the division of my estate
 that they each be charged with that sum as having been
 received by them, and then that such division of my
 estate be made as to give to each an equal portion of
 the same valuing the property above devised to them
 at the valuation I have put upon the same

Item 8 All the residue of my property of every description
 including my said debts owing to me I give and bequeath
 to my said three children Margaret W. Thomas, Barelay
McGhee and Charles H. Mc Ghee to be legally divided
 amongst them in such manner as to make the share
 of each equal as I have before above directed

Item 9 And I hereby constitute and appoint my said two
 sons Barelay McGhee and Charles H. Mc Ghee my executors
 of this my last will and testament and are not required
 that they shall be held to security by the County Court
 as such but to act without security

Item 10. It is my desire that in the event of the Marriage of any of the children of my said daughter Margaret W. Harris in the lifetime of their said Mother, that she have the power which I hereby give her; to give to such child or children that may marry such portion of the Slaves which have given her as above, as she in her discretion may choose having due regard to the number of said Slaves. And said power is not to be exercised in such way as to prevent an equal division of said Negroes among her said children as may be conveniently had at her death; and such child or children as may receive any of said Slaves as above mentioned; to be charged with value of them when received, and to account for such value in the division of said Slaves at the death of my said daughter.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal the 20th day of May 1849

John W. Harris

Signed sealed published
and declared by the testator
in our presence this date

above John W. Harris

Edmond W. Harris

William Wallis

I William Wallace Senior of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testimony hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made

And first, I direct that my body be decently interred in a manner suitable to my condition in life, and as to such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of them in the following manner. First I direct that my funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any Monies I may die possessed of. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Emily, the plantation on which we now live, with all the farming utensils and household and kitchen furniture, I also give her one Negro Woman named, Lamer, one Negro Man named George, one Negro girl named Mary, and three Mares known by the following names, Betsy, Baker, Nancy, and Cate. And I give to her three Choice Cows, all the Sheep I own, and a sufficient number of hogs. The above named property real and personal, I give to her during her natural life - I require my executor to take all the property of which I die possessed not disposed of by this will and sell it - also all notes or hand due bills, or accounts and collect them and what money may be found belonging to me and divide all the said proceeds of the sale of the said due bills and accounts equally between all my children. I also require my executor at my wife's death to sell the plantation, Negroes and all the other property and divide the proceeds equally among all my children. And I require my executor to let my old Negro man named Dean remain on the plantation and see that he is provided for during his lifetime, and lastly I do hereby appoint make and ordain my

son William Wallis Jun executor of this my last will and testimony whereof I the said William Wallis have hereunto set my hand and seal June the twenty fifth one thousand eight hundred and fifty one William Wallis

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of us

Attest
J. H. Fitzgerald
J. C. Lord
Jos. H. Patton

Parker Hood

I Parker Hood 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 just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys I may be possessed of. 2^d I may first come into the hands of my executor, 3^d I direct that all my estate both real and personal be sold on such terms as my executor may think best and after my debts and funeral expenses are all paid as provided for above: that the ^{of the proceeds} remainder be given to my beloved wife for the purpose of enabling her to raise and educate my three children. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Joseph W. Wilson my executor in which whosoever do to this my will set my hand and seal this 11th July 1851 Parker Hood

Signed Sealed and published
in our presence, day and date
above written

James, & H. H. H. H.
H. H. H. H. H. H.

Asa Mullins

State of Tennessee
Monroe County
October 9th 1851

I Asa Mullins for the love and affection that I have for my wife Margaret I give unto her my land during her life, and at her death to be equally divided amongst all my children, also all my personal property I give unto her after all just debts are paid, to have during her life, and at her death if any left to be divided equally among my children

This is my last will and testament signed in the presence of us

Charles Bogart
John C. Lennore

Asa Mullins

Isaac Weaver

November the 2^d of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one of the county of Monroe and state of Tennessee have all men by these presents that I Isaac Weaver, do will or bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet Weaver all my estate including land and property and money after my debts are paid during her widowhood and if her second marriage, all the land and property to be sold and equally divided betwixt all my lawful heirs. And my request is that Harriet Weaver and William Denton be appointed Executors of my estate signed and acknowledged by Isaac Weaver before us John H. King
Robert Sharp

son William Mullins Jun executor of this my last will and testimony whereof I the said William Mullins have hereunto set my hand and seal June the twenty fifth one thousand eight hundred and fifty one
William Mullins (Seal)

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in presence of us
Attest

J. H. Fitzgerald

H. B. Ford

Jas H Patton

Parker Hood

I Parker Hood 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 just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may die possessed of. & may first come into the hands of my executor, secondly I direct that all my estate both real and personal be sold on such terms as my executor may think best and after my debts and funeral expenses are all paid as provided for above that the ^{of the proceeds} remainder be given to my beloved wife for the purpose of enabling her to raise and educate my three children. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Joseph Wilmerson my executor the wife whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal This 11th July 1851 Parker Hood (Seal)

Signed Sealed and published
in our presence, day and date
above written

James, C. H. Ware

Wm. J. Clark

Asa Mullins

State of Tennessee } October 9th 1851

Monroe County }

I Asa Mullins for the love and affection that I have for my wife Margaret I give unto her my land during her life, and at her death to be equally divided amongst all my children, also all my personal property I give unto her after all just debts are paid, to have during her life; and at her death if any left to be divided equally among my children

This is my last will and testament signed in the presence of us

Asa Mullins

Charles Bogart

John C. Lennore

Isaac Weaver

November the 2^d of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one of the county of Monroe and state of Tennessee have all men by these presents that I Isaac Weaver, do will or bequeath to my beloved wife Harriet Weaver all my estate including land and property and money after my debts are paid during her widowhood and if her second marriage, all the land and property is to be sold and equally divided betwixt all my lawful heirs. And my request is that Harriet Weaver and William Denton be pointed Executors of my estate Signed and acknowledged Isaac Weaver before us John H. King

Robert Sharp

Joseph Smith

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Smith of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee being Sick and weak of Body 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 give and bequeath the same in Manner and as follows viz

1st I will that all my Just debts and funeral expenses be paid ^{out} of my household property the remainder of which after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Margaret, and my land on which I now live and all its appurtenances and also all my household and kitchen furniture car and during the term of her natural life and after her decease I give the same to my children viz. Lucinda, Thebo, Eliza Jane, Mary Lucinda Margaret Eveline, Flora, Isabella, Martha Ellen the three first named, viz. Lucinda, Phoebe, Eliza Jane, I have given fifty dollars to each of them - The four last named viz. Mary Lucinda, Margaret Eveline, Flora Isabella, and Martha Ellen are minors, I will that no division of my estate be made until the four last named children who are minors receive ^{the sum of} fifty dollars so made equal to the three first above named & then I will ^{the sum of} my estate to be equally divided among all of them to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever If my wife should decease before my youngest child be twenty one years of age viz. Martha Ellen, I will that my estate remain undivided until she be twenty one years of age, And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends, John & V. Wright executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others and former wills by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of November 1848 Joseph Smith
 Attest
 William L. Caldwell
 Nathl. E. Ewing

James Smith

I James Smith of Madisonville Tenn being in full health and sensible of my mortality do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament

1st I wish my real estate disposed of at the discretion of my executors, after Mr George Montgomery shall have occupied the premises two years and longer if he may wish to rent the same & my executors and he can agree as to terms, When Mr Montgomery shall cease to occupy my dwelling house I wish my executors to sell all my town lots as soon as practicable exercising their discretion as to price and time given for payment, giving ample time on a greater portion of the price if they so deem best - The lot adjoining it and in the block with Mr. M. Stakely's Storehouse lot - I wish Mr Stakely to have the refusal of at its cash value, The half lot now enclosed with the Female Academy lot, I wish so to remain for the use of the Academy till the sale of my dwelling house lot and those connected therewith, the lot of ground opposite to my dwelling house and directly south of the same I give and bequeath to S. M. Madison, W. J. Bush, James A. Coffin Amos Carson and others, Trustees of the Chestnut Presbyterian Church in Madisonville and their Successors for the use of said church on the following conditions they are permitted to take and occupy the said lot for the erection of a Church building thereon, whenever they may have obtained an amount of subscriptions sufficient to build a handsome Church edifice such will add to the appearance of the town, the said building to be of tasteful modern style, The title to be made for said lot by my executors at their discretion when ever the stipulation is complied with
 Any lands which may still be owned by the late firm of Stakely and Smith, I wish William Stakely to dispose of at his discretion dealing with my interest as with

his own and making title for land sold as surviving partner of said firm

The unadjusted business of the firm of Stakely & Smith consisting of notes and accounts, being mostly of an insolvent character I wish William M. Stakely to settle at his discretion, taking whatever he may think for the best in each doubtful case and accounting to my executors for whatever he may collect on my part

The notes now in my possession I wish collected at the discretion of my Executors, as fast as practicable and the proceeds loaned out. My executors are vested with power to compromise doubtful and insolvent debts taking what they may deem for the best in full discharge of the same

It is my wish that my daughter Martha Adaline remain under the parental care and charge of George Montgomery and his wife Alpha, and that my executors pay as they may incur, the necessary expenses of Boarding clothing and education of my said daughter

My personal effects such as furniture I leave to be disposed of at the discretion of my executors, who are to leave what articles may be necessary for Mr. Montgomery to retain during his occupancy of my dwelling house and retaining for my daughters use what articles they may deem desirable for her

I wish my executors to keep my buildings insured until they shall be sold

Finally, that ultimately and as fast as practicable my estate be vested in cash means and consist of notes bearing interest and each note having good security. The whole proceeds of my estate are designed for the use and benefit of my said daughter

For the execution of this my last will and testament I hereby appoint William M. Stakely & James A. Caffin my executors, whom I desire to take charge of and loan

out the funds of my said daughter Martha Adaline & to act as her Guardian as well as my executors

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 22^d day of December 1861

Signed sealed & acknowledged James Smith Seal
in presence of us the date above written

Guilford Cannon

N. W. Heaun

Whereas at the time of the execution of the foregoing as my last will and testament my sister Sarah Stakely was very low and hardly expected to recover, and whereas she is now convalescent & has a fair prospect of recovery - It is my wish that at my death, my daughter Martha Adaline be placed under her charge & that she have the care of raising of her. I therefore make this as the only alteration in my last will and testament heretofore made on this sheet of paper, except as far as concerns the raising and training of my said daughter which I hereby make. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed my seal this February 4th 1862

James Smith Seal

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in presence of us Feb 4th 1862

Guilford Cannon

N. W. Heaun

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. Heiskell

John Mosier

W. 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 Nancy 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

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A. J. McKinney

J. B. Gilbreath

John R. Williams