

H. B. Russell decd.

specified sum of it than be the said Arthur & Russell, is to share alike with the other heirs in my Estate after the other two children are educated to the extent that he shall be at my death, the said Arthur & Russell, then be entitled one fourth of my whole estate, as it is my desire that my wife receive at least a child's part. Second, I hereby give and bequest to my wife Elizabeth Caroline Russell, all the remainder of my estate arising from any and all sources, after the above account has been paid, and this bequest is subject to the following conditions and provisions.

I give unto her absolutely one third of all the above, to dispose of as she may see proper, and my daughter Nancy Jane Russell & my son David Arthur Russell, are also to have one third each or share & share alike with their Mother in the remainder after the said Arthur & Russell, has been paid the amount hereinbefore mentioned. I at any time it should be thought best my wife is hereby authorized to sell and convey any part or parcel or the whole of my Estate either personal or real, after having consulted in regard to the same with the said James A. Wallace.

Third, In the event my said wife should marry again, I direct that she shall have her part absolutely, and that the amount due each of my children be invested and secured by note and bond or otherwise so as to make it perfectly safe to them.

Fourth, I hereby appoint and ask that

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the County Court appoint my said wife the guardian of my said children.

Fifth, I hereby appoint my said wife Elizabeth Caroline Russell, the Executor of this my last will and Testament, and having all confidence in her, I ask and direct that she be not required to give bond for the execution of the same.

Signed and sealed in the presence of the witnesses below given on this the Fourth day of June 1883.

H. B. Russell, Seal

James A. Wallace
Thomas Forkner, Witnesses

See Probate on record
book (B) page 342 July
2, 1883.

Nancy M. Bradshaw died

In the name of God Amen

I Nancy M. Bradshaw of the County of Monroe State of Tennessee being in good bodily health and of sound and disposing mind and memory calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the estate which it has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my decease while I have strength and capacity so to do do make and publish this my last will and testament.

And first I commend my immortal being to Him who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried without ostentation with a Christian burial by my Executor hereinafter named.

As to my personal property real and mixed estate of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease.

I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the following manner to wit.

1. My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges shall by my Executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient.

2. I give devise and bequeath to my sister Mary A. C. Biggs my portion or share of the money that was and is due and belongs to me from the estate of my Father Alexander Biggs which money has been converted and used by my Brother M. H. Biggs and is due me from him or the unsettled estate of my Father Alexander Biggs.

3. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved husband Thomas R. Bradshaw all and

every part of my interest in the real estate of which my Father Alexander Biggs died seized and possessed it being my interest in the farm on which I now live in the 1st civil district of Monroe County and State of Tennessee and near the Town of Spoutwater and bounded by the lands of D. W. Latimore and others and also my interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land lying on the pond creek road and adjoining the lands of J. H. Owens and others. My said husband to have and to hold my said interest in said two tracts or parcels of land containing each by estimation one hundred and sixty Acres my interest in said tracts being one undivided one fourth part of same in fee simple forever.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my said husband Thos. R. Bradshaw to be my executor of this my last will and testament and direct that he shall not be required to give bond in the execution of this trust or will.

In testimony whereof I the said Nancy M. Bradshaw have to this my last will and testament contained on one sheet of paper subscribed my name and affixed my signature this 30 day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty Three

Nancy M. Bradshaw

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Nancy M. Bradshaw as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us not at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto this June 30, 1883

Sam. C. Young
W. B. Stephens

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M. H. Biggs decd.

State of Tennessee

Monroe County } I know all persons
 } whom it ~~may~~ con-
 cerns that this is my last will and
 Testament.

I do will bequeath and devise
 to my sister Mary Ann Biggs all my
 real Estate consisting of a tract of land
 containing eighty acres more or less
 lying in the first civil District of Monroe
 County Tenn. bounded on the north
 by the lands of J. M. Heiskell, on the
 south by the land of J. C. Warren, on the
 east by Heiskell and west by Heiskell,
 a one-half undivided interest in a
 tract of land lying in the first civil
 District of Monroe County Tenn. containing
 one hundred and sixty acres more or
 less being the tract upon which I now
 reside, a one-half undivided interest
 in a tract of land lying in the first
 civil District of Monroe County Tennessee
 bounded by the lands of Blount, Major
 Latimore and others containing one
 hundred and sixty acres more or less
 lying along the road leading from
 Spoketwater to Pond Creek. Also one
 Town Lot lying east of the E. T. Va. & Ga.
 Rail Road, and one Town Lot lying
 west of said road, to have and to
 hold in fee simple.

I also give to my sister Mary Ann Biggs
 my entire personal Estate consisting
 of whatever personal property I may
 die seized and possessed of of any description.
 It is my wish and desire that she
 shall pay my funeral expenses and my
 just debts out of the proceeds of my
 estate, and that the remainder shall
 be for her own use and that she shall

M. H. Biggs decd.

have entire control of the same to sell or
 control as she chooses. And in order to have this
 my last and only will faithfully executed I
 hereby appoint my sister Mary Ann Biggs
 my Executor without being required to
 give bond.

given under my hand and
 seal in the State and County aforesaid
 this the 14 day of December 1880.

signed in the
 presence of
 J. C. Warren
 J. W. McKeehan
 W. H. McCaslin.

M. H. Biggs
 Mark

See probate on Record book (B)
 page 444, January 7, 1884.

Sarah Jane Millsaps. decd.

I Sarah Jane Millsaps of Monroe County and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be first paid out of any money that may come into the hands of my executor.

2. I give to each of my three eldest children viz. Gregory, John and Amanda Elizabeth one feather bed and necessary clothing and I desire that my other two youngest children be provided each with one feather bed and clothing when they arrive at maturity or go to house keeping for themselves.

3. I direct that my Executor take charge of my farm and premises on which I now reside so soon as the present lease expires which will be in 1884 and rent the same to the best interest of my Estate until my youngest child comes of age and then I direct that he sell the land to the best advantage and divide the proceeds equally amongst my lawful heirs according to the law of Decent.

4. I desire that my children remain in possession of my dwelling and out houses and garden until the crop of 1884 is made and that they be allowed to keep such household and kitchen furniture as they may have use for and I direct that all other personal property not herein divided be sold either at public or private

Sarah Jane Millsaps. decd.

sale as my Executor may deem best and after the crop of 1884 is made then my Executor will dispose of all my remaining personalty and after first paying my debts put the remainder out at interest and I direct that if necessary both principal and interest be applied to the maintenance clothing and schooling of my children and should there remain any part of this fund at the maturity of my youngest child I direct that it be equally divided amongst my heirs so that my children receive an equal portion each. My farm farming implements and two horses are now under a rental contract for 1884 with Thomas Raper the terms of which will be carried out and lastly I nominate and appoint Permel R. Cloas as my Executor of this my last will and Testament and I hereby empower him to sell and make title to my land in as full and ample a manner as though I was living and doing the same myself.

In Testimony I publish these words
Set my hand and seal this 12 November
1882
attest
Sarah Jane Millsaps

J. R. Busschfil
C. E. Griffith

See probate on Record
book (B) page 452 February 4, 1884

W. H. Bogle, Deceased.

I, W. H. Bogle of the County of Whitfield and State of Georgia being of a feeble state of health and remembering that it is appointed for all men one time to die and also being desirous to declare the disposition which I think ought to be made of my property after my death I make publish and declare this instrument of writing with the following provisions to be my last will and testament to wit: first I give to my Cousin Margaret Bradley three hundred dollars second I give to my Cousin Sarah Crowder three hundred dollars Third I give to my Aunt Rebecca Sharp One thousand dollars. Fourth I give to my uncle Guilford Cannon the balance of my estate both real and personal and I appoint uncle G. Cannon my executor to carry out the above will not wishing any security for his executorship and to sell any estate as he desires.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this the 12th day of December 1871.

Attest:
W. A. Picknell
R. T. Smith
James Gallant.

Mary E. Clark died.

I Mary E. Clark a citizen of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee being of sound mind but feeble in body and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills that might have heretofore been by me made.

First I will and bequeath to Elizabeth H. Jones Widow of L. H. Jones deceased all of the right title claim and interest and demand that I have in two tracts of land known as the Rife Jones land lying on the waters of Pond Creek in the first Civil District of Monroe County Tennessee adjoining the lands of Milles Moore Adairings and others.

second I further will testify Elizabeth H. Jones a judgment that I hold against J. H. Jones rendered by J. H. Montgomery J. P. for Monroe County Tennessee at Madisonville Tennessee on or about the day of May 1882 with a balance due thereon of between six and seven hundred dollars.

Third I will and bequeath to Ida Mary Jones Rife Jones daughter three hundred dollars for the purpose of educating her to be applied by my executor as long as he thinks necessary.

Fourth I will and bequeath to my two Nieces Annie Mary and Dannie B. Jones daughters of L. H. Jones deceased all of my right title claim and interest in and to the Thomas Clark lands lying on the waters of Pond Creek in Monroe County Tennessee adjoining the lands of Rife Jones Scott Moore and others and in the first Civil District of Monroe County.

Fifth I further will testify Annie Mary and Dannie B. Jones all of the rest and remainder

Mary E. Clark decd.

of my personal property of every kind, and authorize my executor to dispose of my said personal property as he may think best for the interest of said Anne, Mary, and Dannie B. Johns, and he is to retain control and management of said real estate bequeathed to them, and use the same for them as he may think best and advance the proceeds thereof for their education support and comfort as he may think to their best interest it being my wish that said children have a liberal education. And I hereby nominate and appoint my brother Daniel, Jrus. Executor of this my last will and Testament, and having perfect confidence in his honesty and integrity, he is hereby released from giving bond as Executor of this my last Will.

Executed and published in the presence of L. J. Satterfield and C. C. Wilkins who were called by me to witness my last will and Testament. This April 10, 1884.
Attest
L. J. Satterfield.
C. C. Wilkins.

See probate on record book (B) page 519, 216. July 7, 1884.

John. Gardiner, decd.

In the name of God Amen I John. Gardiner in the State of Tennessee and County of Monroe being mindful of my mortality and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.
First I give and bequeath to my two sons James H. Gardiner and John A. Gardiner all the land that I own and now reside, situate lying and being in the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, and adjoining the lands of Henry Raker Halbins Gardin and others. The above James H. Gardiner and John A. Gardiner are bound to pay all my just debts, and in paying my debts if they pay equal the land is to be divided equally between them, and if one should pay all my debts I want him to have all the land.
Secondly I wish my Daughter Mary Ann Gardiner to be supported during her natural life off of the proceeds of the above bequeathed land.
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Gardiner my home and all the other property I have so long as she keeps house, ~~and~~ lives, and at her death I wish all that I bequeath her to be sold at the highest bidder and divided between the other six girls equally, and I do hereby constitute and appoint Henry Raker my Executor of this my last Will and Testament. I am witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

John Gardiner decd.

and seal this the fourth day of February 1868.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testator as and for his last will and testament in our presence who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

John Rogers
James W Rogers

See probate on Record book (B)
page 574. September 1. 1884.

Eli. Hudgings decd.

Be it known that I Eli. Hudgings, a resident of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, of lawful age and being of sound mind, do make this my last will, that is to day, 1st of July and bequeath unto my wife Martha Hudgings, my entire estate and property both personal and real, after paying first my legal debts and liabilities, and which expenses as may be incurred by my burial and the proper administration of my Estate. The said Martha is to hold and enjoy the same during her natural life, but it is hereby provided that she is not to sell or convey said estate or any part thereof except such as is absolutely necessary for her support and such property as may be perishable and in a condition to waste, and further provided that said Martha Hudgings pay or cause to be paid to my son William Hudgings the sum of one hundred dollars at my death or as soon thereafter as convenient, and at the death of Mrs Martha Hudgings said property and estate or so much thereof as remains after the support of said Martha, as provided for, is to be divided equally among Elizabeth Smith, William Smith and Thomas Grimes. And I do hereby appoint Thomas Grimes, the executor of my said Estate, who before entering upon the duties thereof shall give a good and sufficient bond for the faithful discharge of his trust, and who is specially charged and directed to keep said estate and property together and not allow the same to be destroyed or wasted.

Given under my hand and seal the 14 day of March A D 1874

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Eli. Hudgings decd.

Eli. Hudgings. Seal
Signed sealed and
delivered in presence

of attests
John G. Vaughn
J. M. Gaddard.

See probate on Record book page 4-5.
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Isaac Stephens decd.

August the 4. 1884.

Know all men by these
presents that my last will and testa-
ment is that out of my estate personal
all of my just debts shall be paid,
and that Eliza Ann Stephens my
widow is to have the mill and land
and hold her life time, or during her
widowhood. M. P. Stephens, my son,
and H. S. Wilkins my stepson are to
have the same property equally between
them. the said M. P. Stephens and
H. S. Wilkins are to keep the mill in
running order and if the mill should
fail to keep her self the said M. P. Ste-
phens and H. S. Wilkins are to see
that she has plenty her life time or
during her widowhood. all the part
of my children have received their
portion portion, which was thirty
seven dollars and fifty cts.

In witness whereof I set my
hand and affix my seal.

Isaac Stephens Seal

attest
Meyton Webb.
L. S. Hurnicutt.

(see probate on record book pages
5-6. October 6 1884.)

William Sutton, decd.

I William Sutton of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee hereby make my last will and Testament. It is my desire and express will that my Wife Margaret Sutton of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee shall have the use of all my property both real and personal enduring her natural life situated in the County of Monroe & State of Tennessee absolutely without rent or charge and at the death of my wife Margaret Sutton that my property both real and personal be divided between my six youngest children James M. Sutton & Newton M. Sutton, Marcus L. Sutton & Louis Nelson Sutton & Mary Alis Sutton & Alexander Bicknell Sutton. Gilford & Sutton & William M. Sutton. Eastern Elizabeth Sutton have had their full share of my estate that I allow them to have.

Given under my hand and seal this the 30 day of June 1884.

Attest

William Sutton.

Samuel Mow.
Selila ^{W. H.} Gallant.

And that Louis Nelson Sutton and Mary Alis Sutton is to have ten dollars each when they become of full age out of the estate.

Se probate our record book pages 33-4.
November 2, 1884.

Peter Johnston decd.

Know all men by these presents that I Peter Johnston of Monroe County State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be first paid out of any money of which I may die possessed or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly I direct that all my real estate being my Pottery Creek Farm of 110 acres purchased from Joseph. Ketchum and the farm on which I now live situated on Corn Tassel branch containing 160 acres known as a part of the Adam Barr farm be sold by my executor hereinafter named on such terms and conditions as he may deem most advantageous to my estate and the proceeds after paying all costs and charges be equally divided between my Brothers J. O. Berry, J. Robert and William Johnston and the children of my deceased sisters Eliza Hicks & Sally Mawle according to the laws of descent, the children of each sister receiving the amount that would have been going to each if alive. And I also direct that my executor sell the wheat on hand and the next corn due me for the present year and my red cow and that the proceeds together with whatever amount of money may belong to my estate after the payment of all costs & charges be equally divided amongst my said Brothers & deceased Sisters children in like manner as the proceeds of my real estate herein provided. Finally I give and bequeath to my deceased

Wife Brother Mrs Hunt and Sister Sarah Crowder all my personal property not herein before devised consisting of house hold & kitchen furniture beds bedsteads & bed clothing Russian chairs Tables and all other things not herein mentioned to be equally divided between them, and lastly I nominate and appoint E. E. Griffith as my executor of this my last will and testament, and hereby invest him with the same power and authority to sell and make title to my real estate as though I was living and doing the same myself.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the fourth day of September A.D. One thousand eight hundred and eighty four

Peter Johnson Seal
Signed and acknowledged

In presence of
W. E. Griffith
J. L. Barr

See probate on record book page 34
November 2, 1884

Sydney G. Cleveland, decd.

I Sydney G. Cleveland of the Town of Decatur
County of Monroe and State of
Tennessee do make this my last will
and testament.

I bequeath to my six grand
children Frank Albert, Robert Sydney,
Mina, Ethel, Luke Dayton and Anna
Eliza Berry, and any others that may
be born children of my daughter Caroline
Cleveland Berry, \$500 apiece
my daughter their mother being sole
guardian without security. But if any
of said children should die then their
mother is to have that child's
part, but if she should die first and
then one of any of said children die then
his her or their part must go to the
remaining children.

I bequeath to Dr. F. H. Berry one hun-
dred to buy some little keepsake such
as a set of surgical instruments.
I bequeath to my daughter Caroline
Cleveland Berry everything else I own
for her sole separate and exclusive use
free from the control or dominion of
her present or any other husband.

I know I can not live long and
want to do as near right as I can
and have no disturbance after I am
gone about a little property. I don't
owe a cent in world. I have always
been afraid of debt as my father and
my husband taught me to be.
I appoint my daughter Caroline
Cleveland Berry, executrix. She will
faithfully attend to this will, I hope
and believe as I have made all others
void. I set my seal to this the 17th day of
September

1882

Witness

Sydney G. Cleveland

See probate on record book page 34
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Mary A. Hendley decd.

I write this concerning my five little children if I should be called away from this life. I would like for their brothers in law and sisters to take them. I want them to draw money as they need it to buy their clothes with and something furnished for them to eat as long as my money lasts. I want what I have in the house divided and taken to each sister's house for the children to be raised on. I want Fannie to keep the Jersey heifer, the other cow sold and Mollie to have the money to buy an other and if the cow Mollie gets is not worth as much as Fannie's make it up to her.

Mary A. Hendley.

(See probate on Record book page 42.
December 1, 1884.)

Ann E. McGhee decd.

This is the only will I ever made. After my debts are settled, I leave my Mother the use of all my lands also leave her in full possession of all my personal property to own all I own and I give and possess all until her death. Then I will it to the Methodist Church and Methodist Schools in this County.

June 15. 1879

Ann E. McGhee.

See probate on record book
January 6. 1885.

Hiram A. Ray, decd.

I Hiram A. Ray of Monroe County and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be first paid out of any monies that may first come into the hands of my executor herein after named.

2nd I give and bequeath to my two oldest sons Charley E. and Willard N. all that portion of my land lying north of the main road leading through my farm, to be equally divided between them in value, giving each a fair share of timbered land Charley E. taking the west half of said land.

3rd I give to my two sons George L. and John A. all that part of my farm lying on the south side of said road. George L. is to have the west end and the cross fence running through this portion of my farm running in a N.W. and S.E. direction through a pond in the field, and the same course running through the timbered land is the dividing line between them, John A. taking the East portion including my dwelling house and out buildings.

4th It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Melissa remain in the use and occupation of that portion bequeathed to my son John Henry until he John A. arrives at maturity, and that she have the possession use and control of all my personal property to be used for the support maintenance and education of our minor children, and in case my said wife dies before the maturity of our

Hiram A. Ray, decd.

youngest child, then in that event I direct that all the personal property be sold and the proceeds equally divided amongst my lawful heirs. 5th as I have divided my real estate among my sons, I direct that they pay to my daughter Kattie May the sum of \$200.00 which I think would make her about equal with them, and I direct that of this sum my two sons first named viz Charley E. and Willard N. pay the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars each, and that George L. pay one hundred dollars, and that John Henry pay two hundred dollars, this sum to be paid as follows Charley will pay his part when Kattie comes of age and the others will pay her as they arrive at maturity respectively.

6th It is my will on further consideration that my wife Mary M. continue in the use and possession of that portion of land bequeathed to my son John Henry during her natural life or widowhood, and should she marry before John A. comes of age her interest will cease in the land on John A. maturity. My said wife is also to have the use and control of all the lands given to my sons until they respectively arrive at maturity when each son as he comes of age will take his portion bequeathed to him. 7th I have a life insurance in the Prudential Mutual Insurance Company for two thousand dollars, and I direct that my executors collect the same and pay it over to my children and wife as provided each receiving an equal portion, that part going to each to be paid to them as they each come of age, and my executors will keep the funds at interest until the children respectively come to maturity or until their marriage.

8th I have used two hundred and fifty dollars

Wiram A. Ray, died.

belonging to my Mother-in-law and I direct that when ever she may demand it that they pay the same to her out of any money or property belonging to my estate that is belia. New.

9th I direct that my executors furnish each one of my children as they come of age or marry one horse. My son Charly has already received his provided however that the condition of my Estate will admit it. Lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Mary Melissa Ray, Executrix and Erving J. White, Executor of this my last will and Testament, and direct that they be allowed to execute this trust without entering into bond.

Given under my hand
and seal this the sixth day of
January 1885.

A. A. Ray Seal

Signed sealed
and acknowledged
in presence of
E. C. Griffith.
V. R. Russell.
H. A. Lowry.

See probate on record
February 2 1885.

Howard Harless died.

know all men by these presents.

That I Howard Harless being sound in mind, but weak in body, make and publish this my last will and Testament as follows.

1st That all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as my executor hereinafter named can do so.

2nd I bequeath to my wife Delila Jane Harless all my personal property of every kind and character to her full use.

3rd I will and devise my home farm and all the real estate I now do devise and possessed of, which is bounded by the lands of Eli ~~Harless~~ and Nick McGuire, Jerry McGuire, Lu Bacom, the widow Edwards, Ed. Rawson and George Kline, it being the one hundred and eighty acres of land where I now reside to my wife Delila Jane Harless, Robert Harless, Harless, Russell, L. Harless, Virginia A. Shelton, and Ann Eliza Harless.

It is my desire that the said above described tract of land be divided equally between my said wife and my said four children, Robert L. Russell, L. Virginia A. and Ann Eliza.

4th I hereby appoint my son Robert L. Harless to be my Executor and he will not be required to give any bond as Executor of my estate. This Feb. 19. 1884.

Howard Harless.

We the undersigned subscribing witnesses saw the said Testator Howard Harless sign this as his last will and Testament, and we subscribed it in his presence and in the presence of each other the day and date above written.

D. J. McGuire
A. L. Black
Sam J. Boung
W. B. Black.

(Probate April 6. 1885)

James Steed died.

I James Steed of Monroe County State of Tennessee being of sound mind though weak in body do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of any monies that may first come into the hands of my Executor herein after appointed.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Steed (who has been good and kind in administering to my wants) one hundred and sixth acres of land including my homestead and out buildings and being the northern quarter section of the farm on which I now live in the 12th Civil District of Monroe County Tenn. I also give to my said daughter Mary all my household and kitchen furniture with all my live stock and farming tools including wagon. I also give to my said daughter the sum of three hundred dollars in cash to be paid to her out of the money on hand at the time of my death or that is due and coming to me.

Thirdly I direct that my executor after my decease proceed to sell on such terms and conditions as he may think most advantageous all my remaining lands (being all my real estate except that portion herein before devised to my daughter Mary) and that the proceeds together with any other money due my estate not herein devised be equally divided among my other children now living to wit Benjamin J. George A. and Elizabeth Eskin. Lastly I nominate and appoint Samuel

James Steed died.

to Latimore. Executor of this my last will and Testament and he is hereby employed and authorized to sell and make title to my real estate in as full and ample manner as though I was living and doing the same myself.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of April 1885.

Signed sealed and published in presence of
E. E. Griffith
J. R. Latimore.

James Steed.

See probate on record book page 128. May 4. 1885.

W. W. Porter died.

I, W. W. Porter of Monroe County, Tennessee, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

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

Secondly I do hereby nominate, appoint and constitute my wife Elizabeth Porter my daughter Margaret Rebecca Porter and my son John H. Porter my legally authorized and sole Executors to transact any and all of my business without bond or security.

Thirdly I do hereby turn over all of my estate both real and personal into the hands of my Executors to manage the same to the best advantage for the support and education of my minor children with full power to sell or dispose of any or all of my property either real or personal and make title to the same either in this state or elsewhere. Whenever they may think right and proper to do so and the interest of the family requires it.

Fourthly And if there is any surplus money saved during the raising and educating of my children I want my daughter Margaret Rebecca Porter and my son John H. Porter to have five hundred dollars each for their services as Executors and the raising and care of my

W. W. Porter died.

minor children and if there should be more surplus saved than to have five hundred dollars each out of the real estate.

Fifthly If any of my children should marry I want my Executors to let them up to housekeeping with as much as they may think the estate can afford keeping in view an equal distribution with all just as though I were here and doing it myself.

Sixthly I want my dear friends B. Porter and my daughter Lira Porter who are now off in Spain to have an equal share each in the final distribution and winding up of my estate with the other children and if either one or more of my Executors should die I want the surviving one or one to carry out the bequests or intention of my will just as though they were all living.

Seventhly On witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this the 9 day of August 1883.

W. W. Porter

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this the 19 day of August 1883. John G. Farley.
Robert L. Crookman.

J. W. W. Porter

do make and constitute this as a codicil to my last will and testament made by me on the

W. W. Porter decd.

9 day of August 1883. and witnesses
by Thomas G. Harvey and Robert L. Cochran since that time my wife Elizabeth Porter has died she being one of my Executors and since her death I have sold my real estate in this county which makes it necessary for me to appoint an other Executor in the room and stead of my wife Elizabeth Porter decd. to assist my daughter Margaret Labella and John H. Porter in the management of my estate and the care of my family after they move to Kansas and I do hereby appoint my Brother in law John M. Swan of Linn County State of Kansas my Executor in the room and stead of my wife to assist Margaret Labella and John H. Porter in the discharge of all the duties incumbent on them as such executors and that Margaret Labella and John H. Porter have full power to transact all the business in this county without the assistance of the said John M. Swan until they move to the State of Kansas and when my youngest child becomes of age I want my real estate in Kansas sold by my Executors and the proceeds divided equally amongst all of my children. Both personal and real or in the Executors think best and it suits any of the children the land may be divided into forty acre lots and any or as many as want land can be divided by a division in that way. This codicil to my will does not change or revoke the clause in the will giving Margaret Labella and John H. Porter five hundred dollars each for their service as Executors to my last will and testament. This 6 day of May 1885.

signed in the presence of
Thos. G. Harvey
Robert L. Cochran.

W. W. Porter.

Nancy Divine decd.

In the name of God Amen.
I Nancy Divine of Monroe County Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

I desire my property both real and personal to be equally shared by my children now living and my little grand daughter Ella Maeon. she taking her Mothers share in my estate to have doll and separate use and the use of forever free from any right or interest control or management of her father John Maeon either as husband of my deceased daughter as guardian or father of my said grand daughter or in any other right claim or capacity whatever and free from the control of any other person except my son James Divine and his successors or successors as trustee for my said grand daughter during her minority and as my son Jacob Divine has purchased the share of some of my children in my estate and expresses himself as desirous of purchasing the share hereinbefore devised to my said grand daughter I desire that he have the privilege of purchasing said share by paying to my son James Divine as trustee for my said grand daughter the sum of two hundred dollars at such time as they may agree upon.

I hereby appoint my son James Divine executor of this my last will and testament and trustee during minority for my said grand daughter Ella Maeon. Authorizing him to receive and manage her said share in my estate to her best interests and authorizing him to carry out said sale to Jacob Divine and make the necessary deeds and conveyances therefor.

Nancy Divine deed.

and when the money is received to have the sole management thereof for serving the same for my said Grand daughter but rising to much as may be necessary for her education &c.

I hereby expressly excuse my sons James Divine from giving bond as executor or trustee under this will, having full faith in his honesty and integrity.

Signed sealed and published
as my last will and testament
this 21st January 1845.

per Nancy Divine
Attest
G. L. Tilly
Reuben Giles.

Probated November 2. 1845.
see record book page 198-9.

Annina Hudgings deed.

Know all men by these presents that I Annina Hudgings of Monroe County Tennessee being in good health and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First I hereby constitute and appoint my two sons J. E. Hudgings and R. E. Hudgings to be my Executors of this my last will and testament but they will not be required to give bond adduch Executors. I direct my said Executors to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses and the legacies herein after given out of my estate.

Second after the payment of my said debts and funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my two sons J. E. Hudgings and R. E. Hudgings all and every part of the property and estate I shall die seized and possessed of said property consisting of Horses cattle and household and kitchen furniture and money and choses in action and my said two sons shall share the same equally with each other.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this 17th day of May in the year 1844.

Annina Hudgings.

Signed sealed and delivered by the said Annina Hudgings as and for her last will and testament in presence of us who in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

Sam. E. Young
Charles D. Dunbar

see probate on record page 208-9
December 4. 1845.

Robert Cunningham decd.

State of Tennessee }
 Monroe County } I Robert Cun-
 ningham of
 the State above written being of sound
 mind and knowing the uncertainty
 of life and the certainty of death
 do make this my last will and
 testament I bequeath to my son
 Nathan H. Cunningham all my
 land that I now possess it being
 in the State of Tennessee Monroe
 County in the 4 civil District and
 also to bequeath to my son Nathan
 H. Cunningham all my personal
 property except my household property
 and that I bequeath to my wife
 to dispose of as she deems proper
 my son Nathan H. Cunningham
 to have and to hold and dispose
 of my real estate & personal property
 above named as he may choose
 after my death on the following
 condition viz said Nathan H. Cun-
 ningham is to pay to Margaret
 McPhadden formerly Margaret Cun-
 ningham Ann Hunt formerly
 Ann Cunningham and Mary
 Jane Daugherty formerly Mary Jane
 Cunningham the sum of fifty hun-
 dred dollars each I bequeath to
 my son Nester Cunningham
 five dollars I hold a note of one hun-
 dred and sixty seven dollars and thirty
 one cts on said Nester Cunningham
 given September 15. 1881 out of which
 I bequeath to William H. Cunningham
 son of Nester Cunningham the
 sum of forty five dollars. Nathan
 H. Cunningham is to take care of
 me and this Mother as long as

Robert Cunningham decd 135

we may live and to pay all my
 just debts. This Nov 28th 1885

Attest
 J. H. Bond
 J. R. Leonard

Robert ^{his} Cunningham
 mark

"John Sheets" Will

I John Sheets do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made

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

2nd Secondly My will is that all of my Heirs have an equal Division of my Estate the Heirs of my Brother Jacob Sheets to have an equal share distributed among them. The rest of my Brothers and sisters to share equal in every thing I may die possessed of. The share of Margaret Francis to be retained in the hands of my Executor and paid to her in just such things as she may need or she may think she most needs

I also will and bequeath to Josie Lankford one bed and necessary Bed Clothing and one hundred dollars to be paid to her out of the Proceeds of the sale of my land

My will is that my land shall not be sold under four years and in the mean time to have it well fenced repaired unless he can get a fair price in the present condition, and sowed in Clover and then my Executor to sell at discretion or when she may think he can get the best price

My personal property to be left on the farm the present year to make the crop or as much of it as my Executor may think will be needed to make the crop then to sell at discretion

My Heirs at law are the Heirs of my Brother Jacob Sheets and I declare

my Brother Henry Sheets my Brother David Sheets my sister Corbellar Sumner my sister Nancy Callahan my sister Margaret Francis and my sister Emeline Barr

I have a sister Rachel Sheets who is now living very lame and am my line as very short time and her funeral expenses are also to be paid by my Executor out of my Estate

The Bed and Bed Clothing and one hundred dollars that I will to Miss Josie Lankford is for services in the family she has been a faithful servant in the family for years and is entitled to pay for her services

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Brother Henry Sheets as my Executor without Bond or security

In witness whereof I do this my will set my hand this the Twenty second day of February and Thousend Eight hundred and Eighty seven
John Sheets
mark

Signed and published in our presence and in the presence of the Testator
This the 22nd day of Feb 1887

Thos G Henry
Robert L Cochran }

Probated April 4 1887

See Reconc Book page 484+5

Franklin Boyast will

I Franklin Boyast of Menard County Tennessee do hereby make and ordain this my last will and testament.

After all just claims against my estate have been paid, I desire to approximate an equal distribution of my property between my wife and each of my four children in such a way as to avoid the sale of my real estate & also to avoid in a large measure the sale of my personal property and with this object in view I direct as follows:

I will and bequeath to my wife M.E. Boyast the house & lot in the town of Sneedwater, Tennessee which is now occupied by me as a family residence. The same to be taken by her at the valuation of seventeen hundred & fifty dollars (\$1750.00) I will and bequeath to my wife M.E. Boyast and to my daughter Ann Boyast jointly and especially my farm located near the head of Fork Creek, Menard County Tenn. and known as the "Stephen place" including any growing crops on said farm at the valuation of thirteen hundred dollars (\$1300.00) or six hundred & fifty dollars each (\$650.00).

I will and bequeath to my daughter Ann my lot in the town of Sneedwater Tennessee known as the ~~Druggstore~~ property at the valuation of One Thousand dollars \$1000.00.

I will and bequeath to my sons Walter, C. & John N. & Wm. M. jointly and especially my farm located at or near Sneedwater Tenn. together with the wagon, plowing and all farming implements, also all growing crops on said farm at the time of my death, the same to be taken by them at the valuation of seventy two hundred dollars (\$7200.00) or Twenty four hundred ~~each~~ dollars (\$2400.00) each.

I will and bequeath to my wife M.E. Boyast and to my daughter Ann jointly and especially all of my house hold and kitchen furniture

together with all family supplies that may be at or about the house at the time of my death.

I will and bequeath to my two sons Walter C. & Wm. M. jointly and especially my medical Library and surgical instruments together with my interest in the drug store ~~and~~ medicines belonging property to the medical practicing department of the firm of which I am a member. All other goods on the drug store bought in the name of H. & W. G. Boyast can be disposed of by said W. G. Boyast and the net proceeds thereof paid over to the proper representatives of my estate.

I will and bequeath to my son J. N. such books as he may wish to take out of my private Library and the balance of said Library shall be at the disposal of my wife M.E. Boyast and my daughter Ann.

My wife M.E. Boyast holds a paper executed by me for the sum of Five ~~hundred~~ dollars (\$500.00) payable on demand, which amount was by me received of her after our marriage and said amount \$500.00 without interest, will properly stand as a claim against my estate.

I have a Life Policy in the Presbyterian Mutual Association of Louisville Ky. for Two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) made payable to "my children" and it is my will that the amount which may be collected on said Policy shall be equally divided between my four children herein before ~~named~~ named.

Out of funds derived from my personal effects not herein before specifically willed (including a Life Policy for Two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) on the United Order of the Golden Cross) shall first be paid to my daughter Ann the sum of Seven hundred & fifty dollars \$750.00 on account of the Real Estate willed to her by my mother's valuation when the real estate willed to her

indly to my wife and to my three sons Walter
C. J. N. M. M. The remainder of the funds
derived from such personal effects shall be
equally divided between my wife M. C. Boyatt
and my ^{four} children Walter C. - J. N. - M. M. and
Ann.

If my son Alm m shall not have reach-
ed the age of twenty one years at the time of my
death my Execution or proper legal representa-
tives are hereby authorized and empower-
ed to consider and hold a binding and valid
any settlement that he may make or any written
paper that he may execute during his mi-
nority, in connection with this interest as a
beneficiary of this will

I appoint John M Jones Walter C Bayart
and my wife M E Bayart as executors, and
executrix of this my last will and testament
and having full confidence in their integrity
I request and direct that they shall not
be required to execute my bonds,

In witness of the foregoing I hereunto affix
my signature this April 9th 1887

Franklin Boyer

Witness

R. L. Morris

Newton Boyast

Stephen Floyd

I Stephen F. Lloyd do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and Making void all others by me at any ^{time} ~~time~~ made First I direct that my funeral expenses and all ~~of~~ my debts be payed as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I give & bequeath to my wife Elisabeth
all the property both Real and ~~personal~~
property her life time and at her death if
any thing left I want it to close out
our debts all of the house hold property
is left to my wife to use as her own property
also I want my wife to have the milk cow
& shoths, I have 40 acres of land in Lincoln
County lying in the 3rd district East Tennessee
known as the lands of Stephen Filzard lying
adjacent to James Wilson on the West on the
East James Wilson and on the South by James
Wilson on north by Perry Sutton.

Land sold as soon as possible to furnish
paying for this land that I now live on

In witness whereof I do this my ~~last~~
 will set my hands this the 20th day of Aug
 1881 one thousand Eight hundred and Eighty
 six Subscribed in the presence of three
 witnesses. Sub ~~scribes~~ in our presence
 and we have subscribed our names hereto
 in the presence of the testator, viz
 Stephen & Mary d
 mark

Attest

J P Sloan

A S Evans

B.P. Reyan

Abijah Dean

In the name of God Amen

I Abijah Dean

being old and of a sound mind and disposing memory as I ever had make this my last will and testament,

First. I give my "soul" to God & my body to be buried as my wife & children see proper.

Second. I want all my just debts paid.

I want my wife Rebecca to have the East half of the place. I now live on from the time between me and Newton Dean a minor heir

Third. I give to my wife Rebecca a bay mare and two cows & four sheep and the household furniture and one son and ~~five~~ pigs

4th I want Joseph Hamelton and her heirs after my wife death to have the land. I have willed to my wife her life time

5th item. And after my death, I want Joseph Hamelton to pay Emaline ~~Richerson~~ Seventy Five Dollars for her portion

6th item I want my son Riky to pay Mary Jane Jones after my death Seventy Five Dollars for her portion

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this the 5th day of March 1887

Attest Abijah Dean

Wm Ervin

Henry & Moss

Lemuel Pallant

I Abijah Dean hereby revoke that part of this will

First that part that requires Joseph Hamelton to pay Emaline Richerson Seventy Five Dollars

Secondly that part that requires my son Riky to pay Mary Jane Jones Seventy Five Dollars. Third I want Len Hamelton to

cultivate that part of the farm that he has been in the habit of cultivating

Witness my hand and seal this 12 January 1887

Attest

Henry & Moss

Lemuel Pallant

Abijah Dean

P Isbill will

State of Tennessee
Monroe County

I P Isbill a citizen of Monroe County and State of Tennessee being of a sound mind and memory do therefore make ordain publish & declare this to be my last will & testament that is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate, real & personal I do give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit

I give to my beloved wife Mary Isbill all my estate both real & personal to be hers until her natural death of my wife and after her death I give and bequeath all of my estate both real & personal to my heirs to be equally divided except except son (J M) I give him ten dollars more than the balance of the heirs The names of ~~the~~ my heirs I here record.

P L Isbill M C Mayo M L Isbill Mary Ann Denton J M Isbill H L Isbill C W Isbill

I appoint my sons C W Isbill & H L Isbill to be my executors of this my last will & testament in witness whereof I have here subscribed my name and affixed my seal This 7th day of July 1887 P Isbill

The above written will was assigned by P Isbill in our presence and acknowledged to be his last will and testament and by his request do assign our names as witnesses

Test

Names of witnesses

J B Sloppa

C W Gregory

Probated Aug. Term 1887

W N Magill

clerk

Nathan Thomas Will

I now divide my land among my children
I give my home farms to Leonard Thomas
and Calaway Thomas, beginning at the corner
of the apple orchard up the road run
catten corners through the orchard to the
corner at the branch, then run straight to the
big gate up on the hill, then run along
the fence across the gully, then take the cross
fence that runs up through the woods follow
it till it comes to a white oak where it
turns up the hill then keep straight along when
the old fence runs till you come to John
Leust patch, (is) then run down the corner
of the meadow then run straight across the
road to a white oak tree (a fork on a tree)
I give the South side to Leonard Thomas
where I live the north side to Calaway Thomas
where he lives.

I give the farm across middle
creek to Leut Thomas when he now lives by
paying Samuel Thomas, one hundred & fifty
dollars, Cassien Thomas one hundred & fifty dollars.

I give the Mason place to Samuel Thomas
& Cassien & Thomas to be divided through
the middle South & north
Samuel Thomas to have the half next to Marion
Hinson Cassien & Thomas is to have the half
next to Gert Maxwell.

I give the fifteen acres I got from Henry
Hinson to Samuel Thomas & Cassien Thomas
to be divided north & south Samuel Thomas
get the West End Cassien get the East End
Leonard Thomas Calaway Thomas is to
furnish them mother with plenty to eat
and wear.

It is all to stand so till my death
April 15 1879 Nathan Thomas

Probate Dec Term 1887 for
Record Book C 695

Amanda Smith Will

In the God Amen!!

I Amanda Smith
of Madisonville Monroe County Tennessee do
make ~~the~~ Pub publish this as my last will
my testament hereby revoking all wills by
me at any time heretofore made.

1st I resign my body to the dust whomever it comes
and commit my spirit to God who gave it.

2nd I will Pub bequeath to my two daughters Arietta
Cassien Smith & Lettie Rebecca Smith all
interest of every kind which I have or is com-
ing to me from the estate of my brother James
G. Gorman or his wife Elizabeth G. Gorman both
of whom are now deceased.

It is my intention that my said daughters
above named shall have all monies and all on
any property of any kind to which I am or
may be entitled coming from the estate of my
said brother or that of his wife either by de-
cent or by will. My said brother & his wife
lived & died in the State of Missouri & the
money or property intended to be conveyed
by this will is now in the said State.

3rd It is not my intention in this will to convey any
other property or effects of which I may
be seized or possessed except the property
above specially named.

4th I nominate and appoint my son William
Elkanah as Executor of this will.

In testimony of all which I have signed
sealed executed & published this will on
this the twelfth day of January 1887
Amanda Smith Seal

Signed & sealed by the testator
on the day it bears date in
our presence & signed by us
as witnesses in the presence of and at
the request of the testator James Cunningham Robt. Partch

Amanda Smith will continue

Codicil to the Last will and testament of Amanda Smith, of Monroe County Tennessee which bears date Jan 12 1888 and which is hereto annexed

In the name of God Amen!!
I Amanda Smith do make and publish the following Codicil to said will hereby disposing of property, not therein disposed of. That is to say

1st I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin one Bed & bedstead, and the proper and necessary bed clothing, then for, also one milk cow, the son and pays now owned by me and as nice bibles to be purchased for him after my death, if I should not precede and give it to him before

2nd To my son Elkanah I give and bequeath one bed, bedstead and the proper and necessary bed clothing for the same

3rd To my daughter Aristia I give and bequeath my Breast pin and milk cow, two bed bedsteads, and the necessary bed clothing for the same, my pair of mules and two stand one large wash kettle, my sewing machine and safe, the carpet in the parlor floor one large fruit picture and frame two large photographs, frames and pictures, one gold watch chain, and key, and the other articles of personal property that belonged to Elvendon,

4th To my daughter Leticia I give and bequeath one milk cow, two bed bedsteads and the proper and necessary bed clothing, then for, one Black mare called Mallie, one yellow striped and quiet and one blue mottled wash kettle, one square table with two drawers my working rug, and sack my chain

5th To each of my said four children

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6th I give and bequeath a China tea cup and saucer set or keepsake
The organs belong to my two daughters jointly, but it is my wish and desire that the same go to Leticia individually and if it is not allowed her, one half the value of it shall be made up to her by Aristia. They also each own a bed, but instead of a lot of bed clothing, and my daughter Aristia owns in her own right two cows, and three calves, each of the girls owns some books, as does also my son Benjie, and Benjie owns a gun the curtains in the parlor belong to the girls, and they severally own some other small articles, not necessary to be here mentioned, the bequests herein for made, are in addition to the articles they already own.

7th All the rest and residue of my personal property, not disposed of by my will, are this codicil, I desire to be divided among my said four children Aristia and Leticia each to have one third of the boys Elkanah and Benjie, to have one third between them or one sixth each, and if they can not agree upon a division, I direct that the same be sold, and the proceeds divided as I have directed the property to be divided.

8th I have appointed my son Elkanah Executor of my will, and I hereby reappoint him as executor of this, and of the codicil, but it is my wish and desire that my daughter Aristia also qualify as executrix, of said will, and this codicil and she is hereby appointed executrix.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published and declared

Amanda Smith will

Continued

this as a part of my will will
not revoke but republishing this
same ^{will} every part thereof this 11th
day of March 1887

Amanda Smith seal
Signed, sealed, publishing,
and declared, in our presence
on the day of its date ^{lastly}
the testatrix, decessum me
subscribers and named as
witnesses in her presence ^{and}
the presence of each other,
Alice P. Hays
Robert Pritchard

Probated March 7- 1888
J. M. Maguire
Clerk

Ellen McMurtry Will

I Ellen McMurtry being of sound mind
and disposing memory do hereby make this
my last will and testament,

1st After the payment of my just debts
I will to Edigaw J. Horn and his ^{and}
his co-heirs ^{and} one milk cow ^{and} fifty dollars
in cash ^{and} a part of my wearing clothes
provided Edigaw J. Horn still lives on
with me as long as I live ^{and} help to
take care of me

2nd All the balance of my estate includ-
ing all the stock I now hold ^{and} kitchen
furniture ^{and} all of my farming article
^{and} all of the money I now have left after
paying my burial expenses ^{and} all of the
grain I have left at my death I will
to Joseph M. Ware my grand son pro-
vided he still lives on with me ^{and}
helps to take care of me as long as I
live

Third I do hereby appoint Moses Gamble
executor of this my last will ^{and} ~~testator~~
hereby revoking all others by me made
here to fore

Witness my hand this 12 day of February
1886
Ellen McMurtry
mark

J. M. Lee
J. Lee

Probated April 25- 1888
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