

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, published,
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 McMurte will

I Ellen McMurte 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 Edigw 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 Edigw 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 ^{McMurte}
mum

J. M. Lee
J. J. Lee

Probated April 25- 1888
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Pleasant Ghormley Will

State of Tennessee Monroe County

Know all persons by these presents that I Pleasant M Ghormley 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 my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly to my daughter Mary Jane and Minerva Angeline Ghormley the proceeds of my farm and lands during their life time if either should die the survivor to still have the effects of the land, At the death of the said Mary Jane and Minerva Angeline Ghormley the lands to be equally divided between Elizabeth Lowenstein formerly Ghormley P M Ghormley William G Ghormley and James P Ghormley or their heirs.

Thirdly and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint William G Ghormley my Executor and Executor to be paid for his trouble out of the lands after the death of M J and W. Ghormley.

In witnes whereof I do to this my will set my hand this the 9th day of August 1886

Pleasant M Ghormley

Attest

J R Lerner

N H Cunningham

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the testator this the 9th day of Aug 1886

J R Lerner

N H Cunningham

Perchuted April 3rd 1888 See Record Books 1 - page 2

Willis Belcher Will

I Willis Belcher of Monroe County and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all my former wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be first paid out of any moneys or personal property of which I may die possessed.

Secondly It is my will that my beloved wife Sarah remain in the possession use and enjoyment of the dwelling in which we now live together with the out houses and all the personal property of which I may die possessed to be by her use and enjoyed as her necessities may require for and during her natural life.

Thirdly I direct as it is my will that all the personal property that my wife Sarah Belcher may die possessed be the heirs of Sarah Belcher and Suttens and of Suttens at the death of said Sarah Belcher after her funeral expenses are paid.

Fourthly As I have given and bequeathed my daughter Sarah Lexas and Suttens and husband G H Suttens my home farm by transfer and deed Eighty (80) acres more or less in the Co of Monroe and State of Tennessee in 12 Civil District on Natchez Creek with the respective right and to the lands as given in the deed.

Fifthly I further require that if I myself or my wife should become afflicted and helpless that my children care for and take care of us as children should their parents during their natural life and at their death we that they are carefully put

away, ~~Explicitly~~ I direct that all the
in doors property that may remain at the death
of my self and wife Sarah be divided equally
between my three living ~~children~~ daughters
(Sarah Texanna) (Peggy Jane) (Larand Elizabeth)
consisting of all the house hold ~~and~~ kitchen
furniture, bedding all in doors

Secondly This my last will and testament represent
in my home farm and personal property house
hold and kitchen furniture This 9th January
1888

Willis Belcher (and)

Washington Isbell }
Wm H Erwin }

Probated June 4 1888 Book II page 36

J W Montgomery will

I J W Montgomery of the County of
Monroe and State of Tennessee of
Sovereignty being of sound mind and
memory and being administered by advan-
ced age and feeble health that I must
in a few years at most depart this
life and wishing to make disposition of
my property by will according to a
preconceived idea of what I have long
believed to be just and proper under all
the surroundings circumstances do make
and publish this my last will and testament
hereby revoking all other wills by me
at any ^{former} time made

It is my will and desire that my
executor herein after mentioned pay off
all just and lawful demands against
my Estate, as soon after my death as
he can consistently with the general
interest of the same

I will to my beloved wife Mary
Montgomery all my property of which
I may be lawfully seized and possessed
at my decease of every kind and description
both personal and real and all moneys notes
accounts judgments and life Insurance poli-
cies and recoveries at Law, and equity,
of what ever nature or kind they may be
to have and to hold in her own right and free from the
claims of any and all persons whomsoever with
full power to sell or dispose of the same
by deed or gift or devise as she may
elect at any time, and to use control
and enjoy all and every part of said property
in the proceeds of sale from it as she
may be inclined to do, I hereby nominate
and appoint J A Mayes as Executor of

this my last will and testament with
the firm belief that he will at all times
to the best of his skill and ability act for the
best interest of my estate,

Signed in presence of the subscribing witnesses
as called by me for said purpose on this
the 12 day of May 1888 J H Montgomery

Witnesses
J. H. McClaslin
L. H. Brown den

Probated in Book II page 36

Burgess Witt Will

I Burgess Witt do make and publish this as
my last will and testament hereby making and making
void all other wills by me at any time made
First I direct that my funeral expenses and
all my debts be paid as soon after my death
as possible out of any moneys that I may
die possessed of or may first come into
the hands of my executor

Secondly I give and bequeath to M M Witt NK
Witt and H B Witt all of my real estate ^(and the debt thereon)
latter of B Witt is to have two shares of the ^{whole}
whole by paying Jane Naughton two hundred and
seventy five dollars at some convenient time
Thirdly W A Witt and R M Stone have received
their part

Fourthly I further request that
Matilda Witt have all right and control of said
property lying on Cuck Creek 19 dist of Monroe
County Tenn to be retained her natural life
time. except Lot No 10 is to be distributed
as heirs may see proper
Fifthly said real estate is to never go out of
the family or be subject to any encumbrance
what ever.

In witness whereof I do this my will
~~at my~~ set my hand and seal this 18 day of August
1886

Signed sealed and published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names hereto in
the presence of the testator on the above date
Burgess Witt deced

Attest
J L Lilly
W H Reed,

Probated July 20 1888 Book 1 - page 46

Locustkey Walker

I know all persons that this is my last will
 and only will, that after paying what I owe
 It is my wish that my minor children be
 supported & educated out of my proceeds
 of my estate; by support I mean what ever may
 be necessary for their comfort and as to an
 education I want them to have such as I
 gave my eldest daughter Mary to Lowry
 Any stock or property that I may have that
 is unnecessary to the keeping up of the
 farm or the use of the children shall be sold
 and the proceeds of the sale with what money
 I may have or may be owing to me shall
 be loaned for interest & be secured in such
 a manner as to be solvent for the benefit
 of my children.

My farm I want rented to
 the best advantage & I wish it also to be
 the home of my minor children until Laura
 Eugene my youngest child becomes of age
 then I want it sold for the best price possible
 and the proceeds equally divided between all
 my children; And if in the mean time either
 of my daughters, should marry or as they become
 of age I want them to have the same amount
 of property that I gave my daughter Mary
 to Lowry. To wit,
 One hundred & twenty dollars in cash two
 bedsteads two beds & their clothing one
 cow & calf, one saddle & bridle or their
 equivalent.

My household & kitchen furniture
 & I want equally divided between all my
 children

Any piece of property that I may have
 two or more of my children may want shall
 be sold to the one giving the most for it
 and believing that N. O. Wright will faithfully execute
 this instrument and do exact justice by
 my children I do hereby appoint him

my executor he giving such bond as
 the Court may require for his faithful
 compliance

In testimony I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal this 14th day 1875
 in the presence of
 Attest
 F. Bayart
 J. P. Cleveland } Locustkey Walker

Richard Hicks Will

I Richard Hicks of Menard County, Tennessee
 being of sound mind do make ^{and state of} ~~and~~ publish this
 my last will and testament hereby revoking all
 former wills by me at any time heretofore made

1st I direct that all my just debts be first
 paid out of any money or effects I may
 die seized and possessed

2nd I give to my beloved wife Minerva the
 possession use and ~~control~~ enjoyment rents and
 profits of my farm on which I now reside
 for and during her natural life. I also give
 and bequeath to my said wife Minerva all
 my personal property of every description
 consisting of house hold and kitchen fur-
 niture &c for her sole use and benefit
 to be disposed of by her as she may see
 fit

3rd I will bequeath to my son Elisha E
 Hicks the following described lot of land
 being a portion of the place I now live
 upon to wit Beginning on a line not
 corner at the end of the Lane near Henry
 Burckfield and being the north East corner
 of my land thence running west with the
 quarter sectional line and thence ~~and~~
 eighteen poles to the corner of the land
 heretofore by me sold to Sams Elisha E
 thence South seventeen poles to a con-
 sidered corner thence East parallel with
 the first line one hundred and eighteen
 poles more or less to the line of the land
 belonging to the heirs of Hannah Long dead
 thence with the said line to the beginning

4 I give to my son Mathew and my
 daughter Melly Long the remaining land
 that I am possessed of lying south and
 adjoining the lots herein before willd

to Elisha E to be equally divided between
 them, as to the number of acres
 Mathew taking the west part and Melly Long taking
 the East half

5 It is my will and I so direct that at the
 death of my said wife Minerva that my three
 children to whom I have willd my land is
 Elisha E (Mathew) and Melly Long be each
 charged with the sum of one dollar and
 thirty three 1/2 cents amounting in all to
 four dollars. Three dollars of which I
 direct to be paid to my grandson Casswell
 L Hicks and one dollar to be paid to my
 grand daughter Minerva Blankenship wife
 of Phillips Blankenship and lastly I nomi-
 nate and appoint my son Elisha E Hicks
 executor of this my last will and testament
 I direct that he be allowed to execute this trust
 without giving security

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed my seal this 6th day
 of May 1887 Richard Hicks

Signed sealed and acknowledged
 in presence of
 E E Griffith
 James Schell

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D. W. Latimer will

I, D. W. Latimer being of sound mind disposing my memory and good understanding do make and publish this my last will hereby revoking and making void all other wills of and in the hands of me made or made by me.

1st I desire and direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid by my Executors as soon after my death as possible and if any money I may have on hand when I die or that may first come into the hands of my Executors from my estate.

2nd I give devise and bequeath to my wife Rebecca Latimer for and during her natural life in her sole use and benefit the tract of land I am now living upon known as the Mike Snyder land, same being the same that I purchased from O'Reilly's Staff, together with my dwelling house and all other houses and improvements thereon. Said tract of land is located at the mouth of Corn Tassel Branch in the 12th Civil District of Monroe County, Louisiana and contains one hundred and sixty (60) acres more or less. I also give to her all of my house hold and kitchen furniture, my carriage and all of the negroes forming my household and all of the live stock such as horses, cows, sheep, pigs &c. that I own at my death. I also give devise and bequeath to my wife the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000) in money to be paid to her out of my Estate as soon as possible. All of said personal property is to be used, controlled and disposed of as my wife desires.

3rd

I give devise and bequeath to my eldest son Samuel C. Latimer my home farm situated in the 12th Civil District of Monroe County, Louisiana at the mouth of Corn Tassel Branch, and Natchez Creek.

Said farm includes the Mike Snyder tract (in which my wife has a life estate having given her the land I purchased of John McChes known as the Acety Plantation farm. And the land purchased from C. F. White and wife being a part of the Miles Cunningham farm the whole containing about seven hundred and twenty (220) acres. I also give devise and bequeath to my son Samuel C. the farm situated on the Little Tennessee River in the 17th District of Monroe County, Louisiana being the land I bought of the estate of Joseph Gulcher and known as the Ben Johnson farm and the land adjoining the same which I purchased of Anna Hodgden the last two tracts containing about seven hundred (700) acres, also the mountain land which I own jointly with Boyd McMurray in Blount County, Tennessee, lying near and adjoining the Persons toll gate containing about five hundred (500) acres. The above devise in relation to the Mike Snyder tract of land is subject to the devise made in articles 2nd and 3rd. Third devise is now greater than I am able to make to the benefit of my children. I have received my son Samuel C. to pay me on my estate seven thousand (\$7000) dollars he has paid me two thousand (\$2000) dollars of the same for the balance he has executed to me his promissory note for five thousand (\$5000) dollars.

4th I give bequeath and devise to my son John C. Latimer the farm on which he now lives lying on Tullies River in the 15th Civil District of Monroe County, Louisiana and known as the William Denton farm and contains about three hundred and twenty (320) acres of land.

5th I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Elizabeth J. Opent as a separate estate for her sole use and benefit free from the debts of her present and any future husband for and during her natural life then the title thereto to vest in the lawful heirs of her body my farm situated on Soudanville Creek in the first

(54) Civil Dist. of Monroe County, Tenn.
 containing about (720) Seven hundred ^{and twenty} acres of it is my will that after the death of
 my said daughter ^{and} her husband Rufus Gault
 that said lands be equally divided between the
 heirs of the body of my said daughter in the
 event of their death before the heirs of the
 body of my daughter arrive at majority
 then at their minority, or marriage (or as
 soon as division may be deemed to their
 interest by my Executors, or their Successors
 let the same be divided equally between them
 I direct for this purpose that my Executors
 or their Successors select three good dis-
 interested men one of whom may be the
 County Surveyor & that they partition said
 lands as herein directed. Should my said
 daughter die all her children die without
 issue that until the death of Rufus Gault
 who is & is hereby given a life estate in said land
 the same shall revert to my lawful heirs.

6th
 I give ^{and} bequeath to my son Thomas
 C. Latimer the sum of Ten Thousand (\$10,000)
 dollars in money which I have already
 advanced to him ^{and} held his receipt for
 same. He is not required to pay any in-
 terest thereon.

7th
 I hereby authorize ^{and} direct my Executors
 to place in the hands of Thomas C. Latimer
 the following property, to be held in trust
 by him for the sole ^{and} separate use and ben-
 efit of my daughter, Susan Mildred Kline
 To wit: The Seven Thousand Six hundred
 and Twenty five (\$7,625) Dollars in Stock which
 I own in the Crown Cotton Mill at
 Dalton Ga. ^{and} direct my Executors to turn
 over to said Trustee my certificate of
 ownership in the same. They will also
 turn over to said Trustee the sum of
 Three Thousand Nine hundred (\$3,900) Dollars

less the advancement that I have already made
 to her or to her husband W. L. Kline, or may
 hereafter make to either of them during my life
 time. I have already advanced to them one
 Thousand (\$1,000) dollars to be credited on said
 sum. Should at any time other stock be
 issued on the above sum it will be held in
 trust the same as the above. I then direct
 said Trustee to pay the dividends (or profits &
 rising from said stock) to my said daughter
 or her order, as they are collected on the stock.
 Said Trustee may at his discretion sell said
 stock and reinvest the proceeds thereof for the
 benefit of my daughter. The profits of the same
 be paid to her the same as those from the
 stock. The money above referred to, he will
 loan at the legal rate of interest, taking notes with
 good security, ^{and} pay her the interest annually
 or he may invest it for her benefit if he deems
 it to her best interest. Should my said daughter
 Susan Mildred have any children of her body
 then said Trustee is authorized to use whatever
 sum he deems necessary. Even though it
 exceed the income for their maintenance ^{and}
 education, until they marry or are twenty one
 years old. If at this time my said
 daughter is living all of said property shall
 be turned over to her if not it shall then be
 divided equally among the heirs of her body.
 Said Trustee may in his sound discretion turn
 over a part of and all of said property to my
 daughter, if she has living children.
 He may further pay either in any one of her children
 of her body its share of said property before the
 others arrive at majority, if he deems it best.
 Should the within named Trustee die before
 the execution of this trust is full then the
 County Court when my daughter is living
 or if she be dead when her children may
 be living will appoint a Trustee under this
 will to complete the same should my said
 daughter die without issue or if she should

from children ^{and} they should die without issue or before they arrive at the age of ~~21~~ twenty one years then said property shall revert to my heirs. In that event I direct that the stock he sold or whatever the money may be invested in the money all collected by them five thousand (\$5000) remain to be paid to my daughter Elizabeth J. Gant or the heirs of her body ^{and} the balance equally divided among the rest of my children or their heirs. Thomas C. Latimer as Trustee will not be required to execute a bond as such, but should he die or resign the Trustee appointed in his place will be required to give bond.

After the bequest ^{and} devise herein before mentioned have been fully paid ^{and} discharged, the remainder of my estate, will be equally divided between my children or their heirs after paying all necessary charges and expenses.

I hereby nominate ^{and} appoint my two sons Samuel C. Latimer ^{and} John R. Latimer Executors of this my last will ^{and} Testament. They will not be required to give bond as such, as required by law.

I hereby authorize ^{and} empower my Executors or Administrators to sell ^{and} be sued and to sell transfer ^{and} convey any and all land not herein devised belonging to my estate, and make title with the usual covenants, ^{and} do all other things necessary in winding up my estate in as full and ample manner as if I were living, ^{and} it was my own act. The sale of any personal property or real estate shall be made at public or private sale and on such terms ^{and} conditions as they think best for the interest of the estate, should one of my Executors die then the same power is conferred on the remaining one as on both, ^{and} in case of the death of both before the affairs of the estate have been fully settled then

the same power is vested in my Administrators with this will annexed in order to save litigation ^{and} cost. My Executors will be allowed each one hundred dollars (\$100) for discharging the duties and obligations imposed by this will for their services. I desire that the beneficiaries herein named give my Executors reasonable ^{and} ample time to wind up the estate ^{and} discharge the duties imposed on them.

Any one of my heirs dissenting from this my last will shall forever forfeit the gift bequest ^{and} devise to him or her made ^{and} this same shall revert to my estate ^{and} be equally divided among my heirs who do not dissent therefrom.

In testimony whereof I here to subscribe my name this the 26th day of Dec 1887. D. W. Latimer

At the request of the above testator D. W. Latimer in his presence we signed this instrument. He stated that it was his last will ^{and} he desired us to witness the same.
A. Howard }
James Callaway }

Probate at the February Term of the Co. Ct 1889
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D. W. Mayall Clerk

Will of Williams Giles

I Williams Giles make ^{and} publish this my last will ^{and} testament being in my right mind and memory but knowing the uncertainty of life ^{and} the certainty of death
1st I bequeath my soul to God from whence it came ^{and} my body to the mother land ^{and} God.

I wish my body decently interred
3rd

I wish my funeral expenses paid out of my money that I may have on hand or may first come into the hands of my heirs after my death

4th I wish all my just debts paid

5th I give ^{and} bequeath to my three youngest children Margaret Giles James Giles ^{and} Dock Giles all of my personal property to wit one Blue Steer at home and white steer at my son Williams and Melah cows at home ^{and} one milch cow at Andy Kirklands ^{and} house hold ^{and} kitchen furniture ^{and} all of my real estate. I want the three children above named to live on the place ^{and} have the power of my property ^{and} how the estate of the renting of it or as they may choose until the youngest one comes of age ^{and} then the land equally divided between them. Margaret Giles James Giles Dock Giles My land lies on Cane Creek Merow Co Tenn. 20th district
I have given all the other one of my children their equal portion

In testimony whereof I have set my hand ^{and} seal This Jan 28-1884

Williams ^{his} Giles

Attest Ruben Giles
Delphus Brooks

Prohibited February Term 1889

Letter to Brank

North Carolina
Madison County

I - R Brank of the above said County of State being of sound mind but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make ^{and} declare this my last will ^{and} testament

First My Executor hereinafter named shall pay all my just debts out of the first money which may come into his hands belonging to my estate. Second I give ^{and} bequeath to my beloved husband Joseph Brank one fourth of my interest in my fathers estate; also my brother W E Smith one fourth of my interest in my fathers estate also my brother N. B. Smith one fourth interest of ninth of my fathers estate, also my sister P Smith one fourth of my interest in my fathers descended from my father

The said interest consists in notes given in consideration of the sale of certain tracts of land belonging to my father Wm Smith of the State of Tennessee, The land was sold at Public sale by order of Court in said State ^{and} the notes made payable in Eighteen ^{and} twenty one months amounting to about Two Thousand Dollars

Provided That my Executor is directed to first pay my dear sister A P Smith the sum of One Hundred Dollars out of my said estate before the division referred to is made ^{and} then divide the remainder of my estate in Tennessee equally between the aforesaid parties as here in before directed

Third I give ^{and} bequeath to my beloved husband all my personal property in this State including all my household ^{and} kitchen furniture Fourth;

I here by constitute and appoint my trusty friend J T Nichols my lawful Executor to all intents ^{and} purpose to execute this my last will ^{and} testament according to the true intent meaning of the same ^{and} every part and clause thereof hereby making ^{and} declaring ~~all~~ utterly void all other wills and testaments

by me hereto fore made.

In witness whereof I the said Lettie R Brank do herunto set my hand & seal this 27th day of August 1888. (signed) Lettie R Brank (L.S.)

Signed sealed published & declared by the said Lettie R Brank to be her last will & testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence do subscribed our names as witnesses thereto (signed)

J. C. Britcham
J. R. Brank

North Carolina }
Madison County }

In Superior Court
Before Clerk

A paper writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Lettie R Brank deceased is exhibited before me Clerk of the Superior Court of said County by J. F. Nichols the Executor therein mentioned & the due execution thereof by Lettie R Brank dec'd is proved by the oath & examination of J. C. Britcham one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who being duly sworn doth depose & say for himself that he is a subscribing witness to the paper writing now shown him purporting to be the last will & testament of Lettie R Brank dec'd.

That said Lettie R Brank dec'd in the presence of this deponent subscribed her name at the end of said paper writing now shown as aforesaid & which bears date of the 27th day of Aug. 1888. This deponent further saith that the said Lettie R Brank dec'd the testator aforesaid declared the paper writing so subscribed by her & exhibited to be her last will & testament & this deponent did thereupon subscribe his name at the end of said will as an attesting witness thereto and at the request & in the presence of the said testator. And this deponent further saith that at the said time when the said testator subscribed her name to the said last will as aforesaid and at the time

of deponent subscribing his name thereto as attesting witness as aforesaid the said Lettie R Brank dec'd was of sound mind & memory of full age to execute a will & was not under any restraint to the knowledge information or belief of this deponent - Further more that J. R. Brank the other subscribing witness thereto is dead (signed)

J. C. Britcham (L.S.)

Sworn & Subscribed this

10th day of Dec 1888.

before me (signed) J. J. White Clerk of the Superior Court

North Carolina }
Madison County }

In the Superior Court
Before Clerk

It is then fore considered & adjudged by the Court that the said paper writing & every part thereof is the last will & testament of Lettie R Brank deceased & the same with the foregoing examination & this certificate are ordered to be recorded & filed. This Dec 10 1888.
signed J. J. White C. S. C.

I J. J. White Clerk of the Superior Court of Madison County hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original will of Lettie R Brank dec'd of the probate thereof & that the same were duly recorded in the Record of Will of Madison County pages 90 91 & 92 and the original copies filed according to law.

Witness my hand & official seal at office in Marshall this Dec 10 - 1888.

J. J. White
C. S. C.

per H. W. Nelson
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North Carolina }
Madison County }

In the matter of the will
of Lettie R Brank

In the Superior Court
Before the Clerk
May 27 - 1889.

This cause coming on to be heard

and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Executor of said will John A. Nichols has renounced his right to qualify as Executor aforesaid.

It is therefore ordered that Joseph Branks husband of the said Letitia R. Branks dec'd be allowed to qualify as Administrator of said estate with the will annexed & that letters testamentary issue to the said Joseph Branks.

signed J. J. White
C. S. C.

North Carolina }
Madison County } I J. J. White Clerk of
the Superior Court of
Madison County hereby certify that the foregoing is a true & correct and complete transcript of proceedings in the matter of the will of Letitia R. Branks dec'd as appears from the records & files of my office. And I further certify that Joseph Branks this day appeared before me & filed bond as Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Letitia R. Branks dec'd with good & sufficient security that he qualified as such Administrator & that letters of Administration were issued to him, the same being in all things in accordance with the Law of North Carolina in such cases.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affix my seal of office this the 27th day of May 1889.

J. J. White
C. S. C.

State of North Carolina }
County of Madison } I J. James H. Merrimon
Judge of the Superior
Court of North Carolina for the tenth
judicial district of North Carolina
do hereby certify as here by certify
that Madison County is one of the
Counties comprising said twelfth

judicial district in said State. And that J. J. White whose genuine official signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the time of signing of the same Clerk of the said Superior Court of Madison County duly elected & sworn in, that full faith & credit are due to his official acts that the seal of said Court attached to said certificate is the genuine seal of said office & that his attestation is in due form & by the proper officer.
Given under my hand this 27th day of May A. D. 1889

James H. Merrimon
Judge Superior Court
for the 10th Judicial
District of North Carolina

Letters of Administration,

State of North Carolina } Office Clerk
Madison County } Superior Court

By the Clerk of the Superior Court of the
County of Madison

It having been certified to me that Letitia R. Branks late of Madison County is dead & having made a Last Will & Testament in writing & it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that John A. Nichols appointed Executor therein mentioned renounced his right to qualify & Joseph Branks having made application to this Court for & obtained administration with the will annexed upon the deceased estate & having also entered into bond and security as the Law in such cases provides in the sum of Two hundred dollars with W. J. Gudgeon as surety.

There are then five to empower the said Joseph Branks to enter into and upon all and singular

the chattels, lands and tenements rights and credits of the deceased and the same into his possession take whenever in the State to be found and an inventory thereof to exhibit according to Law and all the just debts of the deceased to pay and distribute in accordance with the provisions of the annexed will.

Witness J J White Clerk of our said Court at Jfres 27th day of May 1889
J J White
Clerk Superior Court

E. P. Clark's will

The undersigned a citizen of the 11th Dist of Mono County being in precarious health but of sound mind and memory do hereby on the 15 day of January 1887 make and ordain my last will and Testament to wit

Item 1st I desire that all my property, real estate, live stock, farming implements, grain hay together with house hold and kitchen furniture and supplies and all moneys, notes and accounts be left undisturbed in the same and under the control of my wife Mary A Clark to be used for the benefit and welfare of herself and my children. Item I direct that she pay all just ~~and~~ claims against me together with proper funeral expenses and that the rest be disposed of as she may from time to time deem best for herself and all concerned ever keeping in view the equities of each and all my heirs.

Item 3 I deem it unnecessary that any Executor or Administrator be appointed or that any Court expenses be incurred on the said as I desire my wife to manage affairs with the same power and authority that I myself possess without bond or other legal hinderance. In testimony hereof I hereunto affix my name in the presence of witnesses this day and year above written.

On reflection I add

Item 4 In case my wife deems it best for all concerned at any time to sell and remove it is hereby provided that she is fully authorized so to do

E P Clark

Witnesses
J H Brunner
J D Clark

Wm Davis will

I Wm Davis of the County of Menard and State of Tennessee being well of perfect mind and memory and knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose of all piece or pieces of land known as the George W Madden quarter on the Land that I now live on to my youngest child Wm H Davis now living in the house with me, I do make and publish this as my last will and testament, I give and bequeath to my youngest son Wm H Davis and to his heirs forever it being the homestead containing by estimation and hundred and fifty two acres more or less adjoining the lands of W J Fowler on the north L M Blackman on the west Wm H Clemens on the south and Peter Dunn on the East, See deed of conveyance made to and by George W Madden with my papers

I further will and devise that my wife if she should survive me that she have the above described land until homestead as long as she may live and that she be cared for and kept free from want during her natural life but the said Wm H Davis shall have full control of the whole farm free from rent or charge

I also will by request that after my death my executors shall sell all the property that may be on hand consisting of stock and house hold property also one tract of land out in piney in Loudon County known as the John Cook quarter section of land to be sold as they may think best.

I also have some twelve or thirteen hundred and eleven in notes and some money \$150⁰⁰ say, I will that the land be sold and all the notes and all dues collected and disposed of as here after stated

I hereby constitute and appoint Wm J Fowler

and Wm H Davis executor of this my last will and testament

I will to all my heirs equally the same and of the proceeds after my death, (Share alike) except my eldest son John Davis who lived and died in Missouri. It is not my will that his children should have any part or lot in any of my property, personal or real, money or effects, or any kind whatever.

This request I make for reasons perfectly satisfactory to myself. The names of my other children Lottie Vayles in Mo, James W Davis in Mo, George W Davis in Mo and Lucinda Ward in Texas and Summitt in Tenn. Wm H Davis in Tenn Menard County

In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand this 25 day of April 1882

Wm Davis

Witnesses

H H Kinser

J B Breakhill

W L Breakhill

Probated June Term 1882 O. 232

Elizabeth Taylor Will

I Elizabeth Taylor of the County of Marion and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other will by me at any time made

Item 1st I will and desire that all my just debts and "funeral" expenses be paid out of the first money that comes to the hands of my Executors hereinafter named

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my children Woodson Taylor William H Taylor Thomas D Taylor Martha L McCammon wife of Hugh McCammon Zachary Taylor and Eliza Taylor and the Children of James H Taylor deceased all my land and real estate of every kind whatsoever consisting of the home farm and residence where I now live containing 160 acres lying in Marion County and two half quarter lying in W. Meigs County for a full description of all said lands reference is here made to the Deeds I hold for said lands and I make this bequest subject to the life estate vested by law in my husband E. A. Taylor and it is my will that all of said land and real estate be sold as soon as practicable after the death of my said husband E. A. Taylor and the proceeds of said sale divided equally among my children and grand children above named share and share alike the Children of James H Taylor representing him and taking together one share in said real estate or the proceeds thereof

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Taylor and her assigns and assigns I now hold in Woodson Taylor for \$2700 and the interest thereon and all my house hold and kitchen furniture now on hand

Item 4th I will and bequeath to my daughter Martha L McCammon all notes and evidences of debt I now hold against her or her husband Hugh McCammon for the balance of the purchase money due for the tract of land

purchased by the said McCammon from Thomas D Taylor lying in Marion County adjoining the lands on which I now live

Item 5 I will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named shall as soon as practicable after my death collect all the balances of the notes accounts and evidences of debt of every kind due to my estate not heretofore disposed of and distribute and pay over to my children and grand children hereinafter named and referred to all the proceeds of said collection equally share and share alike the Children of James H Taylor representing him and taking one share in the proceeds of said collection

Item 6 I will and desire that my said Executors shall as soon as practicable after my death set apart such and so much of the stock farming implements and supplies on hand as shall be deemed necessary to carry on and conduct the business of the farm which shall remain on the farm as it does now for the use and benefit of my said husband and my children residing with him on said farm

Item 7 I will and desire that my said Executors shall as soon after my death as practicable sell off all the balances of the stock farming implements and supplies on hand not heretofore disposed of and distribute and pay over the proceeds of the sales of said property to my children and grand children above named and referred to as here indicated and directed

I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas D Taylor and Zachary Taylor my Executors,

In testimony whereof I do to this my will set my signature, This the 1st day of April 1884
Elizabeth Taylor

Signed and published in our presence and we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at her request and in the presence of each other this 1st day of April 1884
J. Blizard
R. H. Warrner

Elizabeth Taylor Codicil

I Elizabeth Taylor of the County of Monroe
State of Tennessee having hereto for
made and published my last will and testa-
ment. Do make and declare this as a Codicil
thereto to wit

Item 1st I will and desire that my daughter
Mary Thomas wife of Samuel M. Thomas who
was not provided for in my said will shall
share Equally with each of her Brothers and
Sisters named as legatee in said will in
each and every bequest therein made as fully
and effectually as if she had been named
in said will as one of the legatee therein.

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my said
daughter Mary Thomas shall be made equal
with her brothers and sisters in the distribution
of my Estate under my will and it is further
my will and desire that my said daughter
Mary Thomas take hold and control her legacy under
my will as above provided for the said and
separate use and benefit of herself and her children
free from the marital rights and control of her
husband and it is further my will and desire
that this Codicil be attached to and con-
stitute a part of my said will to all intents
and purposes This the 22 day of July 1886

Elizabeth Taylor

Signed sealed and published
in our presence and we have subscribed our names
herein in the presence of the testator and at
her request and in the presence of each other
this 22nd day of July 1886

A. Blizant
L. Thomas

Eliza Peal

Know all men by these presents that I Eliza
Peal of Rural Vale in the County of Monroe & State
of Tennessee being in ill health but of sound and
disposing mind and memory do make and pub-
lish this my last will and testament hereby revoking
all former wills by me at any time heretofore made
And as to all personal property 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 manner follow-
ing to wit

All my just debts and funeral expenses
shall first be paid by my Executors hereinafter
named be paid out of my Estate as soon
after my death as shall be found
convenient. I give devise and bequeath
to my son J. C. Peal and my daughter E. E. Cain
all my house hold furniture and all the
stocks on hand at the time of my decease
to have and to hold the same together with
all the profits and income there to them the
said J. C. Peal and E. E. Cain to their heirs
Executors Administrators and assigns to them
and their use and benefit forever in testimony
whereof I the said Eliza Peal have to this
my last will and testament contained on sheet
of paper thereof I have subscribed my name
and affixed my seal this October 23rd A.D. 1886

Eliza Peal (seal)
witness

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
Eliza Peal as and for her
last will and testament in our
presence unto at her request
and in her presence and in the presence
of each other have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto

J. W. Armstrong
Eliza Lingerfelt
John Jones

Thos Yearwood Will

I Thos Yearwood Citizen of the County of
Marion State of Tennessee of former by oc-
cupation make this my last will & testament
I give Legacy & devise to my wife beloved
wife Lavina W Yearwood all the property of which
I may possess at the time of my decease
real personal or mixed to exercise & perform
all the rights & privileges that I
possessed while living over the same & at
her death it is my desire that whatever
remains of my said estate be equally divided
among the legal heirs of her body & I appoint
my said wife Lavina Later Execution of
this my last will & testament who shall not
be required to give security for the perform-
ance of the same

Witness my hand & seal this 13th day of
March 1873 Thos Yearwood Seal

The said Thos Yearwood at
testimony on said day signed
& sealed this instrument & published & declar-
ed the same as his last will & testament
in his presence & each other

Chas Corinn

A Bayart

Frank H Gains

G W Gains

William McCaslin Will

I William McCaslin make this my last
will & testament & being desirous to pro-
vide for the comfort of my wife I bequeath
to her after the payment of my debts
First the sum of Five Hundred dollars in
money. I do love & value or ^{then} equivalent in
money. I do bequeath & bequeath for them
One set of Chas. Heaton Sewing machine,
Cooking stove & its vessels and any other
articles of furniture she may desire &
which my Executors may think would be
necessary for her comfort and a horse also
if she desires one

Then I desire and direct that my Exec-
utors sell the remainder of my personal
property and all my real estate & divide
the proceeds of sale between my wife Lydia
& my children John H Mathew L Isaac
L Mary E Show Phillip G Nancy A Hairs
Alexander P Joseph H Margaret L McSpadden
& Uretka C Jones (having given all
the above named children seven hundred
dollars in money & made them all equal
in other respects) after the following bequests
are paid

To my grandson Logan Wilson
I give & bequeath the sum of Two hundred
dollars

To my grandson William Oliver Roberts
I give & bequeath the sum of two
hundred dollars should he live to be
twenty-one years of age & I appoint my
son John H McCaslin his guardian to take
charge of this bequest & keep it loaned out
till his majority or decease as the case
may be. In case he dies before he is
twenty-one, then this bequest with its ac-
cumulative interest is to be equally di-
vided between my children or their
representatives not including Logan Wilson.

William M Coslin cont'd

I appoint my son John H M Coslin and
 J H Mayall as Executors to carry
 out this my last will in every par-
 ticular selling my real ~~estate~~ personal
 estate and making distribution as above
 mentioned This 26th day of Sept-1886
 Wm M Coslin
 H. R Mayall
 H E Mayall

Probated Aug 5th 1889 See Record Book I

J. W. Howard Will

In the name of God Amen

I Johnston W Howard of the County of Mon-
 roe and State of Tennessee being able and
 well Shicken in years but of sound mind
 and disposing memory, convinced of the uncer-
 tainty of Life and the certainty of death, and
 desiring to so dispose of my Estate so as
 to avoid trouble and litigation among
 my heirs after my death do make and pub-
 lish this my last will and testament
 in the words and figures following to wit

1st It is my will and desire that my burial
 expenses and all my just debts against
 my Estate be paid as soon after my death
 as practicable out of any moneys that
 may be found on hand at time of my death
 or that may arrive from sale of personal
 property as hereinafter provided for

2nd To my daughter in law Martha Howard wife
 of my son George S Howard and her heirs
 forever I give and bequeath all the Land
 which I bought from John H Callaway
 on Dec, 15th 1840, and described in his
 deed to me of some 160 acres except (160)
 one hundred and sixty acres of said land
 which I sold to James Houston, and (100)
 one hundred acres or which I gave to J. S.
 White, and which two said tracts are partic-
 ularly described in my deeds to them
 respectively, and further excepting all of
 that portion of said Callaway Lands
 lying East of a Conditional line which
 I now make to wit.
 Beginning on the South bank of the

Johnston Howard will Cont'd
 Tennessee River at the "old Mill" of run-
 ning with the middle of the road mar-
 South Westwardly direction, towards the
 School house to the foot of the hill before
 reaching the School house, thence with
 the middle of a right hand road to the
 main big road. Then with the middle of
 the big road nearly North to the
 old "Bar Post" then with the mid-
 dle of the Left hand road nearly a west
 course, about (200) Two hundred yards
 of then leading the road & running a
 North westwardly course, a straight line
 to the nearest point on the line of the
 Cullaway Campbell Land. I also give
 of bequeath to my said daughters in law
 Martha Howard (80) Eighty acres of land
 in the Pine Bluffs by my isolated from
 my other lands of adjoining lands of C
 Jones Mrs. C. M. McQueen lands of others
 of also my undivided One half interest in the
 goods wares and merchandise cash, notes,
 accounts of debts coming to the firm of
 Latimore & Howard except however a suf-
 ficient amount thereof to pay off of discharge
 a note which my son George S. Howard
 owes against me for about (\$800.) Eight
 hundred dollars, and some interest.
 And if then should be an account against
 me in said store it must also be paid
 out of my said one half interest before
 paying this bequest.

3rd To my two daughters Mary M. Henderson
 of and Maudie C. May I give of bequeath
 in equal shares the two tracts of land
 which I purchased from Charles Donahoe
 and fully described in a deed executed
 to me by said Donahoe on the 18th day
 of November 1848. of also that part of

the Cullaway land cut off on the East
 side & by the Conditional line named
 in the second clause of this will.
 My said two daughters may either de-
 vide said lands equally in kind be-
 tween them, or sell the lands & divide
 the money of to each of these two
 daughters one half of furniture.

4th

To my son Robert C. Howard I give
 of bequeath the (80) Eighty acres of
 land which I bought from John A. John-
 ston lying East of my home place of
 adjoining the lands of John A. Johnston
 the South. On this tract there is a small
 grist mill. the proceeds and profits of
 which after keeping up the mill I desire
 shall be equally divided between said
 Robt C. Howard & my daughter Bettie
 J. Sneed during her natural life.
 after her death the whole to go to said
 Robert C. Howard, also to said Robert
 C. Howard I give of bequeath a
 tract of timbered land containing
 thirty or forty acres, bounded north
 by lands hereinafter bequeathed to Bettie
 J. Sneed, East by Russell heirs, South
 by lands hereinafter bequeathed to Joseph
 S. Howard, of West by the Great road
 leading from Madisonville, to the mill.

5th

To my daughter Bettie J. Sneed I give of bequeath
 a certain tract of land upon which she now
 lives of bounded as follows to wit
 Beginning at the North West Corner of land known
 after bequeathed to Louisa Jenkins of running
 N. 89° E. 119 1/2 rods to Fortners Corner, thence
 S 1° E 189 1/2 rods to a stake, thence S 67 1/2° W.
 136 rods to a stake, of thence N 1° West 250
 rods to the beginning containing 164 acres
 more or less. Said Bettie J. Sneed is to

have one half the profit of my grist-mill during her lifetime as herein before stated. She is also to have one feather bed & a bedstead & a one fourth part of all her clothing bedding pillows & furniture on hand at my death as herein provided. And she is to have one hundred dollars in money to be paid to her by my Executors out of money arising from the sale of 130 acres of land as explained hereafter.

^{6th} To my daughter Nancy Landon. Jenkins I give & bequeath a certain Tract of land upon which she now resides & bounded as follows to wit, Beginning on the North W. Corner of Morris Howard land & running S 1° E - 189 rods to a stake; Thence N 89° E 153 rods to a stake thence N 1° W 253 rods to a stake thence S 89° W 63 rods to a stake thence S 89° W 35 rods to the beginning, containing 147 1/4 acres more or less.

Also I bequeath to my ever loving daughter Nancy Landon Jenkins one good feather bed & bedstead & a one fourth part of all her cloth pillows & which may be found on hand at my death.

^{7th} It is my will and desire that my Executors hereinafter named, shall cut off from the West side of my home place where I now reside 130 acres of land adjoining the lands hereinbefore bequeathed to Lurisa Jenkins & Bettie Sneed on the North, & Chambers & Hall on the West, to be cut off by a straight line running East & West through the farm & this 130 acres I desire shall be sold. If my two sons Jas J. Howard & Robt C Howard or either one of them see proper to take it at \$10.00 per acre I will that they or either of them may take it at that price & out of the proceeds

then I pay to my grand children Lurisa Denton Nancy Denton & Dorcas Stephens each one hundred dollars & to John Otto Denton two hundred dollars & to my daughter Bettie J Sneed one hundred dollars & the remainder of such proceeds to my daughter Prudie C May.

In case my two sons Jas J Howard & Robt C Howard should fail or refuse to take said 130 acres of land at the price named \$10.00 per acre then I desire that my Executors shall sell the same to the highest bidder requiring one fourth of the purchase money in hand & taking note for the balance with good personal security bearing my interest from date & falling due in equal installments at one two & three years from date & retaining a lien on the land to further secure the purchase money.

And as fast as said purchase money is collected pay the same to my sons grand children as they ~~may~~ become of age & balance to said Prudie C May after giving the one hundred dollars to Bettie J Sneed as herein before provided; In case said Robt C & Jas J Howard should elect to take said 130 acres of land as above provided they may have the same terms as to time as herein before specified for other purchases.

^{8th} To my son Joseph J Howard I give & bequeath all the balance of my home place not hereinbefore otherwise disposed of.

^{9th} I hereby nominate & appoint my two sons George S Howard & Jas J Howard my Executors to execute & carry out the provisions of this my last will & Testament.

^{10th} There are now on hand belonging to me

four good beds bedsteads & a good supply of bedding & bed clothes.

These I desire shall be equally divided among my four daughters Mary M. Pettie, Nancy L. & Prudie C. giving to each a feather bed & bedstead and an old fourth part of all bedclothes pillows &c. found on hand at the time of my death.

There are the same bed & bedding mentioned in foregoing bequests.

All other personal property found on hand belonging to my estate I desire that my said Executors shall sell at public sale to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months and out of the proceeds of such sale they shall first pay all just debts against my estate, and all necessary charges and expenses incident to the wind up of my estate & secondly divide the remainder among all my heirs according to their respective degrees of relationship. Signed & acknowledged this 2nd day of April 1888. J. N. Howard

Johnston M. Howard signed & acknowledged the foregoing instrument in our presence & requested us to ~~sign~~ witness the same as his Last Will & Testament. April 2 1888.

Geo Walker
W M Howard
E P Hall

Newton T Boyart Will

I Newton Boyart do hereby make & ordain this my last will & testament--- After the payment of all just claims that may be against me I "will" bequeath & give my Estate as follows,

I give my Sisters Elizabeth Boyart & Martha M Boyart each Six hundred dollars (\$600) of the Capital Stock of First National Bank of Othello Tenn. Five hundred dollars (\$500) of the (paid up) Capital Stock of Knoxville Fire Insurance Co & Five hundred dollars \$500. ^{ad} Cash

To my Sister Susan Cannon, to my niece Betty Goddard Mayes to my nephews Walter C Boyart & N Boyart R M Cannon Frank Cannon & Chas C Cannon each One thousand (\$1000) ^{ad} dollars

To my niece Addie Goddard Dickey & Ann Goddard Frierson each Five hundred dollars \$500 ^{ad} in addition to what I have hereto fore given them as shown by their respective receipts dated Nov. 26th 1886,

To my Nephew J M Goddard Five hundred dollars \$500 ^{ad} of the Capital Stock of East Tennessee Nat Bank & Fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) ^{ad} Cash in addition to what I gave him while he was going to school

To my nephew Wm M Boyart Five hundred \$500 ^{ad} of the Capital Stock of East Tenn Nat Bank & Five hundred dollars \$500 ^{ad} Cash.

To my niece Ann M Boyart Ann M Cannon Mary L Cannon & to my nephews Arthur B Cannon & Harvey Cannon each One thousand dollars (\$1000) ^{ad} of the Capital Stock of East Tennessee Nat Bank

In my Sister in law M^c Bayart ^{Wife} to my
 Brother in law William Cannon ^{Wife} Jⁿ W^m Hordland
^{Wife} to my Second Cousin Jⁿ C^m Moore each Five
 Hundred dollars (\$500⁰⁰) - I give to
 Loudon County Treasurer or to the Magistrate
 Court of said County the Sum of Twenty
 Five Hundred dollars \$2500⁰⁰ ^{Wife} to M^c Bayart
 County Treasurer or to the Magistrate
 Court thereof the Sum of Twenty five
 Hundred dollars \$2500⁰⁰ to be invested
 used ^{Wife} & appropriated from time to time as
 said respective Courts may think best
 for the relief or benefit of poor people in
 the Counties named who are in a desti-
 tute condition ^{Wife} & who are not able to work.

If the County Court mentioned ac-
 cept this trust for the purposes indicated,
 the manner of investment, management, dis-
 tribution of said fund is left entirely to
 their best judgment ^{Wife} & discretion. But I
 request that that they adapt ^{Wife} & adhere to such
 business principles ^{Wife} & methods as will se-
 cure the money until it shall have pass-
 ed into the hands of the proper beneficiaries.

The Courts may think proper to loan
 at interest said fund or some part thereof
 if in their discretion the same shall at their discre-
 tion be otherwise invested or used.

In which case I would suggest that loans
 should be made only to persons believed
 to be entirely solvent ^{Wife} & that such loans
 should be required as will be perfectly
 satisfactory to the Court, ^{Wife} & no note should
 be allowed to run exceeding twelve
 months without renewal.

If on account of losses or from any
 cause my Estate should not yield
 enough to fully pay the foregoing Specific
 Legacies then a pro rata distribution shall
 be made to said beneficiaries.

All of my available effects, which

may remain after paying the foregoing Spe-
 cific Legacies shall be distributed as follows:
 One fourth of such remainder shall be given
^{Wife} & paid to each of my three Sisters viz.
 Susan Cannon Elizabeth Bayart ^{Wife} & Martha
 M Bayart ^{Wife} & the other fourth of such remain-
 der shall be equally distributed & divided
 between Walter ^{Wife} Bayart Jⁿ Bayart Ann M
 Bayart ^{Wife} & M^m M Bayart they being the four
 children of my deceased brother Frank Bayart.

If William Cannon or Frank Cannon
 should under this will become Guardian
 for any of the minor ~~children~~ children of
 my sister Susan Cannon, I request ^{Wife} &
 direct that no security shall be required
 in connection with such Guardianship.

I appoint William Cannon Jⁿ Bayart
 Jⁿ C^m Moore ^{Wife} & M^m M Bayart as Executors
 of this ~~my~~ will ^{Wife} & if they or any two of them
 shall consent to serve I request ^{Wife} & direct
 that they shall not be required to give
 any security in connection with such
 executorship.

I want the business of my Estate closed
 up by relative without the strict supervision
 of the Court which is proper ^{Wife} & necessary un-
 less otherwise directed by the testator.

My Executors are not expected ^{Wife} & shall
 not be required to make to the Court any
 detailed statement of my effects, but they
 are hereby requested to file with the Court
 at some suitable time receipts or vouchers
 showing all payments made by them on the
 specific legacies mentioned in this will
^{Wife} & after my Executors have complied
 with this request the Court is request-
 ed ^{Wife} & directed to take no further
 cognizance of such executorship as
 I rely solely on the integrity of my Ex-
 cutors for the proper execution of the
 trust confided to them.

I wish my Executors to keep plainly written account of all receipts & disbursements & to hold the book in which such accounts is kept subject at all times to the inspection of those of my heirs who under this will have an interest in that portion of my Estate which may remain after the payment of all specific legacies.

In witness of the foregoing I affix my signature & Seal May 15th 1888
Newton Bryant seal

I Newton Bryant on the 28th day of February 1889 make this Supplement to my last will which will bears date May 15 1888 & is now confirmed except as far as modified or changed by this Supplement.

The Specific Legacies made in said will to the several individuals therein named shall have preference & shall first be paid after which Loudon County & Missouri County shall share equally & alike until the full amounts willed to them may be paid.

After all the Specific Legacies may have been fully paid any and all of my available effects which remain shall be distributed as directed in said will.

In witness whereof I affix my signature & Seal
Newton Bryant Seal

State of Tennessee }
Loudon County } Be it remembered that on this the first day of July 1889 William Cannon produced in open Court a paper purporting to be the last will & testament of Newton Bryant deceased & said paper purporting to be the will of Newton Bryant deceased having his name signed

therein and it appearing from the evidence that said instrument was found after the death of said Newton Bryant among his valuable papers & written by himself the said Newton Bryant & it further appearing from the evidence of three credible witnesses that said handwriting of said Newton Bryant deceased is generally known by his acquaintance & that they verily believe said handwriting & every part of it to be in his hand said will is declared to be proved & it is ordered that the same be recorded as the last will & testament of said Newton Bryant deceased.
A. S. Henderson
Clerk

State of Tennessee }
Loudon County } A. S. Henderson
Clerk of the County Court of said County hereby certify that the above & foregoing is a true copy of the last will & testament of Newton Bryant deceased as appears of record in Will Book W page 216 & 217 & as appears from the original will on file in my office at Loudon.
In witness my hand & the Seal of the County Court of Loudon County this the 11th day of Oct 1889
A. S. Henderson

Hattie A Benson's Will,

I- Hattie A Benson knowing the uncertainty of life & the certainty of death, & being weak in body but sound in mind do make & publish this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all others by me made.

1st I desire my debts & burial Expenses paid

2nd I will, bequeath & devise to my two ~~sons~~ beloved sons Walter & James Equally my house & lot in which I now live in Sweetwater Tennessee fronting on Rail Road Street & lying between Rail Road Street & the E. T. V. & G. R. R. & adjoining the lot of J. H. Owens on the North East & all my personal Estate, of every kind & of character but I ask them to pay all my debts & burial Expenses

3rd I hereby constitute & appoint J. M. Samples as my Executor & excuse him from having to give any bond as such

This will has been read over to me & I sign it in the presence of D. M. Browder & Sam E Young & it is read over to me in their presence this Nov 22nd 1887.

Hattie A Benson

We certify that this foregoing Will was read over to testatrix in our presence & signed in our presence & we sign in the presence of each other

Witness Nov. 22nd 1887

Sam E Young
D. M. Browder

Lewis Johnson

The Last Will & Testament of Lewis Johnson of Monroe County Tennessee hereby revoking & annulling all former Wills & Codicils by me made & published

Item 1st

It is my will & I desire that after my death my wife Hannah Johnson shall be provided for in accordance with Deeds made by William E Johnson to me & my said wife Hannah on the 24th day of December 1874 registered in the Register's office of Monroe County Tennessee in Book II page 60

Item 2nd

After my said wife Hannah has been provided for according to the stipulations of said Deed above mentioned it is my will & I desire that all of my Lands of which I may die seized & possessed & all of my personal property shall be sold & that all of my notes & accounts be collected

Item 3rd

It is my will & I desire that all my just & legally contracted debts including my burial expenses be paid out of the proceeds arising from the sale of my personal property

Item 4th

It is my will & I desire that after my said debts have been paid that my sons Eli C Johnson & John Harvey Johnson each have Four Hundred Dollars \$500.00 each of the proceeds of my Estate, & the remainder of my said Estate shall be Equally divided among my children & grandchildren herein mentioned to wit William E Johnson Lewis H Johnson Joel P Johnson Eli C Johnson Mary L Cureton & the bodily heirs of my daughter Nancy K Wilson & the bodily heirs of my daughter Elizabeth Ann

Cleveland. It is my intention that my said Grand Children the bodily heirs of my said Daughter Nancy K. Willson have Equally divided among them a Child's part of that my said Grand Children the bodily heirs of my said Daughter Elizabeth Ann Cleveland have divided among them a Child's part. That is to say that the balance of my said Estate after having paid my said sons Eli C and John Harvey each Five Hundred Dollars is to be divided into seven equal parts. allowing the said Children of my said Daughter Nancy K. Willson one seventh of the Children of my said Daughter Elizabeth Ann Cleveland one seventh.

Item 5th

It is my desire that my Executors herein after appointed shall in the settlement of distribution of my said Estate take into account the advancements which I have heretofore made to my said Children as shown by their receipts which I herewith attach to this Will of which are as follows to wit Advancements to my said son William E Johnson on Nov 4 - 1874 the sum of Two hundred and fifty nine dollars and twenty nine cents \$259.29 and on January 12 1875 Five Hundred Dollars \$500.⁰⁰ and to my said son Lewis A Johnson Oct 3rd 1874 the sum of Three hundred and ninety Eight Dollars thirty five cents \$389.³⁵ and to my said son Joel P Johnson on Jan 7th 1875 the sum of Two thousand and thirty one dollars and eighty seven cents \$2031.⁸⁷ and to my said son Eli C Johnson on Oct 3 - 1874 the sum of Two thousand and eight dollars \$2008.⁰⁰ and to my said daughter Mary L Curston December 24th 1874 Fourteen hundred and sixty one dollars (\$1461.⁰⁰) and to my daughter Elizabeth Ann Cleveland on September the 15th 1874 Two hundred dollars \$200.⁰⁰ which said sums with the interest thereon shall be charged to my said Children

receiving the same in the final distribution of my Estate. But it is ~~not~~ my intention that my son E. C. Johnson have \$500. Five Hundred Dollars more than any of my other children.

Item 6th

I have heretofore advanced to my son James R Johnson the sum of Eleven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1150.⁰⁰) Two hundred and fifty dollars of which was advanced July 21-1874 and nine hundred dollars was advanced the 16th of January 1879 - which said sum is all I intend my said son James R Johnson to have out of my said Estate. and the Five hundred dollars herein set apart to my son John Harvey is all that I intend him to have out of my said Estate.

Item 7-

After the death of my said wife Hannah Johnson it is my desire that the land in which she has a life time interest on life Estate by said deed of William E Johnson made the 24th Day of December 1874 be sold and the proceeds arising from the sale of said land be equally divided among my said Children and Grand Children above mentioned in the same proportion as my other Estate.

Item 8-

I desire that my Executors herein after mentioned sell my real Estate all together or in parcels or separate Tracts as they may think best to the best interest of all concerned.

Item 9th

I hereby appoint my sons William E Johnson and Eli C Johnson Executors of this my Will. In witness whereof I have unto subscribed my name and affix my seal This the 15th Day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy nine

Lewis Johnson (seal)

Attest R. M. Johnson
Chas. O. Ward

Lewis Johnston, Deed.

Receipts of Heirs filed with Will.

\$250.⁰⁰ Received of Lewis Johnston Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.⁰⁰) which amount, together with the interest on the same, I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnston's Estate at his death and in the division of the said Estate.

This 21. July 1874.

James R. Johnson.

\$200.⁰⁰ Received of Lewis Johnson Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.) which amount, together with the interest on the same, I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnson's Estate at his death and in the division of the said estate. This September 15. 1874.

E. A. Cleaveland.
D. H. Cleaveland.

\$398.³⁵ Received of Lewis Johnson Three Hundred and Ninety-eight Dollars (\$398.³⁵) which amount together with the interest on the same I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnson's Estate at his death and in the division of the said Estate. Oct. 3. 1874.

L. F. Johnson.

\$2008.⁰⁰ Received of Lewis Johnson Two Thousand and Eight Dollars (\$2008.⁰⁰) which amount, together with the interest on the same, I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnson's estate at his death and in the division of the said Estate. Oct. 3rd 1874.

E. C. Johnson.

Lewis Johnson's Estate contd.

\$259.²⁹ Received of Lewis Johnson Two Hundred and Fifty-nine and 29/100 Dollars (\$259.²⁹) which amount together with the interest on the same I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnson's Estate at his death and in the division of said Estate.

November 10th 1874.

W. E. Johnson.

\$1461.⁰⁰ Received of Lewis Johnson Fourteen Hundred and Sixty-one Dollars which amount together with the interest on the same, I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnson's Estate. This Dec. the 2nd 1874.

Mary L. Bennett.
R. W. Bennett.

\$2031.⁸⁷ Received of Lewis Johnson Two Thousand and Thirty-one Dollars and Eighty-seven cents (\$2031.⁸⁷) which amount together with the interest on the same, I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnson's Estate at his death and in the division of the said Estate.

January 9th 1875.

J. P. Johnson.

\$500.⁰⁰ Received of Lewis Johnson Five Hundred Dollars, which amount together with the interest on the same, I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnson's Estate at his death and in the division of the said Estate. This 12th day of January 1875.

W. E. Johnson.

\$900.⁰⁰ Recd. of Lewis Johnson Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.⁰⁰) which amount together with the interest on the same I am to account for as an advancement and have set off to me out of said Lewis Johnson's Estate at his death and in the division of the said Estate.

This 16th January 1879.

James R. Johnson.