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# Will of J. J. Browder.

I, J. J. Browder of Monroe County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life, hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

First. I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executor hereinafter named, as soon after my death as may by him be found convenient.

Second. I bequeath to my wife E. J. Browder all my personal property, except my notes and accounts, which I direct that my executor hereinafter named, lend the money due me to good solvent men and take good security and pay the interest to my daughters E. A. and A. I. Browder annually, as long as my wife lives.

Third. I bequeath to my wife E. J. Browder the farm on which we live as long as she lives and at her death my son C. D. Browder and my daughters E. A. and A. I. Browder to have said farm.

Fourth. I bequeath to my daughter M. F. Cleveland the farm on which she now lives, with all the rents that may accrue containing one hundred and four acres more or less.

Fifth. I bequeath to my daughter A. J. Dickey a house and lot with all the rents that may accrue, in the town of Sweetwater First District Monroe Co. Tenn. Bounded on the north west by Oak Alley, on the north east by a Street, on the south east by Joe McGashins Warehouse, on the south west by Sam Sharp, and eleven hundred dollars to be paid as soon after my wifes death as my executor may find convenient.

## J. Browder Will (continued)

Sixth.

I bequeath to my son E. L. Browder fifteen hundred dollars to be paid after the death of my wife as soon as my executor may find convenient.

Seventh.

I direct that at the death of my wife E. L. Browder if the dividends on my Wooten Mills Stock and what money we owe me is not sufficient to pay the amounts given to my daughter A. J. Dickey and my son E. L. Browder that my executor sell enough of my Wooten Mills Stock to make up the deficit.

Eighth.

I bequeath to my six children now living my Wooten Mills Stock or so much of it as is left after complying with the above conditions.

Ninth.

I direct that if there is any money left after paying all necessary expenses that it be divided between my six children now living.

Tenth.

I hereby constitute and appoint E. L. Browder my son, the executor of the will, and my said executor is excused from giving bonds as such executor.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand this March 8th 1899. J. J. Browder.

Signed and published as his last will by the said J. J. Browder in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

This March 8th 1899 D. L. Smith.

James May.

P. S.

I have made a deed of gift to M. F. and Mrs. Cleveland to four acres of the land given to my daughter M. F. Cleveland since the above was written. J. J. Browder.

Probated August 3, 1903

H. A. Flinnely Clerk

## Julia A. McDermott Will.

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Julia A. McDermott, Spinster, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills.

Item First: I will that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any personal property owned by me at the time of my death.

Item Second: I give and bequeath to my Sister, Mrs. Louisa A. Mee, my gold watch which formerly belonged to our mother.

Item Third: I give and bequeath to my brother John M. McDermott, all the residue of my personal property.

Item Fourth: I give and bequeath to my niece, Caroline McDermott, daughter of John M. and Clem McDermott, all that part or portion of my Tellico Plains farm which lies south of the Ditch; bounded on the north by said Ditch on the East by the lands of Thos. H. Cook; on the West by the lands of John M. McDermott, and on the South by the lands of the Tellico State and Iron Company; for her sole and separate use and benefit, free from the marital right of any husband to whom she may hereafter be married.

Item Fifth: I give and bequeath to the other children of my brother John M. McDermott except Caroline, share and share alike, all the net and residue of my real estate wherever situated.

In the event that any of the said children mentioned in this item shall die before my death leaving issue then such issue shall stand in the room and stead of such child and shall take under this will the share of such child.

Item Sixth: I nominate and appoint my brother, John M. McDermott, to be the executor of this my last will and testament.

## Julia A. McDermott Will (contd.)

and reposing full faith and confidence in him, he will not be required to take any oath or give bond as such executor.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 13th day of August, 1902, at Pellico Plains in the presence of Thos. H. Cook and Jno. D. Stuart, who are by me specially called to witness the execution of this my last will and testament.

Julia A. McDermott (Seal)

Signed, sealed and executed in the presence of us and each of us who were specially called by the testator, Julia A. McDermott, to bear witness to the execution of this will. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other at Pellico Plains Tenn. on this 13th day of August 1902.

Thos. H. Cook

Jno. D. Stuart

Probated Sept. Term. 1903.

W. A. Shormley Clerk

## Jeremia Crumley. Will

In the name of God, Amen.

I, Bertha Jeremia Crumley, of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

First I will and bequeath to my beloved uncle J. M. Irons all of my personal property together with my undivided half interest in two acres near Sherman Heights, in County of Hamilton State of Tennessee, which I now jointly own and hold with my beloved sister, Clara May Crumley, also my Life Insurance Policy.

After paying all my necessary expenses I desire the above named Uncle to enjoy for his kindness and care during my last illness.

I do nominate and appoint my beloved Uncle J. M. Irons to be my sole executor of this my last will and testament, without bond.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish this my last will and testament in presence of the witnesses named below this twenty fourth day of August A.D. 1903.

Jeremia Crumley (Seal)

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the said Jeremia Crumley as her last will and testament in presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in presence of each other had subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

Henry Bell,

Residing near Sweetwater, Tenn.  
Tom. Brennan, Residing near Sweetwater  
Monroe Co, Tenn.

Probated Sept. Term. 1903

W. A. Shormley Clerk

## Will of P. B. Moody

I, P. B. Moody a citizen of Monroe County, Tennessee, realizing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life being feeble in body but strong and vigorous in mind do make and publish this my last will and testament, revoking and making all wills or parts of wills that might have heretofore been made by me void.

1st I bequeath to R. H. Moody my brother one house and lot of one 1/2 acre, the house and lot that S. L. Moody bequeathed to me lying in Monroe County and it being the house we now live in.

2nd I bequeath to Americus Moody my brother the interest that I inherited in the old Moody farm willed to me by my father S. L. Moody deceased it being one fifth interest of the same lying in the 1st civil district of Monroe County, Tennessee.

3rd I bequeath to Hardy and Americus Moody the share of land that I bought from Lizzie Frank formerly Lizzie Tatham, it being one fifth interest in the old Moody farm subject to an incumbrance of purchase money one note of a Hundred Dollars and interest, after that to be divided equally between them.

4th I bequeath to Lizzie Frank, my sister, my organ here in the house.

5th I bequeath to Hardy Moody my tools of every description & kind.

6th I bequeath to Nellie Moody my brother one gold watch, the one I am now wearing and then after his death to go to Hardy Moody. I make and publish this for my last written will and testament and this day call L. C. Turner & C. S. Wilkins to witness this and I hereby nominate and appoint Hardy Moody to carry out this my last will.

Given under my hand this the 5th day of July 1903

P. B. Moody

Attest

L. C. Turner  
C. S. Wilkins

Probated Sept Term 1903

## Will of Susan Delila Johnston

I Susan Delila Johnson being of sound mind and memory, though weak in body, being mindful of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, and being desirous of disposing of my property, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

First. I have made advancements and paid to my beloved children, Algie Griffiths, August Holston and Eliza Alley all the portions of my estate which I desire them to have.

Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Jessie Johnson, four hundred and fifty (\$450) cash to be paid her by my executor out of the funds of my estate, this being in addition to what I have already paid and advanced to her. I also give and bequeath to her two beds and the necessary bed clothing and bedsteads, a work table, two small toilet tables, one wash stand, bowl, pitcher and its furniture two mirrors and various small articles, all of which has been set apart to her and are known and can be distinguished by herself and other members of the family.

Third. In addition to what he has already received in advancements I give and bequeath to my son Walter Scott Johnson two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to be paid him in cash out of the funds of my estate by my executor.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my son Ashley J. Johnson in addition to what he has already received, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) cash to be paid out of my estate by my executor; I also give him a portion of the furniture and articles about the house, which I have already set apart for him and which can be designated and

## Susan Johnson Will (continued)

delivered to him by the family.  
 Fifth I will and bequeath to my son Byron S. Johnson in addition to what he has already received, all the residue of my estate after paying all my just debts; and the foregoing bequests and charges, my estate so bequeathed to him to include all property, notes, accounts, rents, choses in action, stock, cattle, machinery, tools and other property of every kind and description whatever not otherwise disposed of and on hand at my death.

Sixth. I hereby nominate my said Son B. S. Johnson, my executor of this my last will and testament and he is hereby relieved from giving bond as such Executor for the performance of the same.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 23 day of December 1890.

Susan Delila Johnson.

The undersigned being called by Susan Delila Johnson to witness her signature to the foregoing instrument as her last will and testament certify that we have signed the same in the presence of the Testator and of each other at her request on the day and date above written.

C. J. Bright

J. A. Blankenship

J. A. Anderson.

I have studied the contents of this instrument of writing and I am satisfied that I wish no change made and I am satisfied with all the contents as here before written in this my last will and testament this the 19 March 1891.

Attest

C. W. Clammer

J. A. Anderson.

Susan Delila Johnson

Probated Nov. Term 1913

W. H. Thornley Clerk.

## Will of Leroy Taylor.

I, Leroy Taylor, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First. I direct that all my just debts be paid, including my funeral expenses, as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that I may die possessed of, or that may first come to the hands of my executor.

Second. I give to my beloved wife Drucilla Taylor on her own name and right and for her sole use and benefit all my personal property of every kind and nature, and all my real estate, except the farm I purchased at Chancery sale known as the David Taylor farm lying on the South side of the road from my home place containing 160 acres more or less.

Third. I do hereby nominate and appoint J. A. Gilbreath to be the Executor of this will, and he is relieved from giving bond.

This Jan'y 30th 1902.

Leroy Taylor  
 his mark

Vastine Stickley

The foregoing will was signed by the testator in our presence, and we attested the same in his presence and at his request.  
 This Jan'y 30th 1902.

Vastine Stickley  
 W. M. Cook.

Probated Jan'y Term 1904

W. H. Thornley Clerk.

## Martha Bacomb Will.

I Martha Bacomb, of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory and understanding, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following

First I give, devise and bequeath to my sister Susan Smith 20 twenty acres of land belonging to me, being my ~~own~~ fourth interest in 80 acres of land left to the Bacomb heirs at my mother's death.

Second I hereby appoint G. M. Cline executor of this my last will Testament.

In witness whereof I Martha Bacomb the testator to this my last will and Testament, set my hand and seal this fifth day of August 1903.

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Martha Bacomb as and for her last will and testament, in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names at her request as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said } Martha Bacomb  
testator and of each other

G. M. Cline

A. M. McGuire

## Will of S. P. Hale

I, S. P. Hale, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in the words and figures following, to-wit:-

1st It is my will and desire that all just debts and liabilities outstanding against my estate shall be paid out of any moneys found on hand at time of my decease, or that may first come into the hands of my Executors

2. In the division of my Estate among my heirs it is my will and desire that each and all of my children shall share and share equally, - all being made equal in the final settlement, and that my wife, Susan A. Hale, if she should survive me, be made an equal heir with my children in my estate, both real and personal.

My children are Sallie Hale, W<sup>m</sup> D. Hale, Elmina Hale Richmond, Lolly Hale Florida, Charles P. Hale, Stephen P. Hale Jr. and Thomas N. Hale, and in order that all may be made equal in the final settlement I have kept in this book accurate accounts of advancements made to my children from time to time, and in the settlement and division of my estate I desire that these advancements shall be charged, without interest, against those of my children who shall have received the same respectively.

The account of advancements made to my daughter, Sallie, will be found on page 9<sup>th</sup> of this book, to my son W<sup>m</sup> D. on pages 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, to my daughter Elmina on page 12<sup>th</sup>, to my daughter Lolly on page 13<sup>th</sup>, to my son Charles on pages 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to my son Stephen P. on page 16<sup>th</sup> and to my son Thomas N. on page 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sec. 3. It is my will and desire that the farm upon which my family now resides, - the John A. Rowan farm, shall be given in equal shares, undivided, to my wife Susan A. Hale (if she should survive me) and my youngest son Thomas N. Hale, to be valued to them at Nine Thousand Dollars, - that is, Four Thousand five hundred dollars each. And it

## S. P. Hale Will cont'd

as my wish and desire that said farm shall be held and occupied jointly and undivided by said Thomas N. Hale and his mother while they both shall live. And I do hereby devise and bequeath to my wife Susan A. Hale, said undivided one half interest in the homestead, at its valuation as aforesaid, in absolute right, in fee simple, to be held by her forever, subject to her sole and separate use, control and disposal; she to take the same in lieu and in full satisfaction of all right or claim to homestead and dower in my real estate. And I further will and bequeath to my wife all such articles and items of personal property as are by law in Tennessee exempt from Execution to the head of a family, so far as the same may be found on hand at the time of my decease; and the buggy and harness she will also take. This exempted property and the Buggy and harness not to be charged to her in the division. And in making up this exempted property she is to make her own selections and take her own choice of horses, cows, hogs, sheep, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture &c. until the full amount of such exemptions is set apart to her.

Sec. 4. And I further will and direct that all property, both real and personal, belonging to my estate at the time of my decease, not disposed of by special bequests as herein stated, shall be sold by my Executors, at public sale upon such terms as they in their discretion shall deem most advantageous, and all debts found owing to me at the time of my decease, shall be collected by my Executors and the moneys so arising from sales and collections shall be used in paying debts against my estate or in equalizing the shares of my legates.

If at the time of my decease any of my children should be indebted to me either by note or account, or if I should be liable as security for any of them, they must account in the final settlement and division for any and all such debts and liabilities, and

## S. P. Hale Will cont'd

if any son-in-law of mine should be so indebted to me by note or account, or if I should be liable as security for any of his debts, all such debts and liabilities must be paid and made good to my estate out of the distributive shares of their respective wives.

Sec. 5. To my daughter Sallie Hale, I give and bequeath so many shares of my stock in the Crown Cotton Mills at Dalton Georgia, as will make her share in my estate equal to the respective share of my other legates, said share being rated to her at the par value of such stock as shown by the books of said Company at the time of my decease.

Sec. 6. To my youngest son Thomas N. Hale, I give and devise as a special bequest, my watch and the horse "Dock" or one of equal value and these not to be charged against him in the final settlement. And further, because said Thomas N. Hale has not enjoyed advantages of obtaining an education equal with his older brothers, and because he may be overtaxed with the duty and responsibility of waiting on and caring for me in the years of my old age and decrepitude, I now devise and bequeath that he be allowed out of my estate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, not to be charged against him in the final settlement.

Sec. 7. My Son W. D. Hale and my Son-in-law George I. Florida are hereby appointed my Executors to wind up estate and carry out the provisions of this my last will and Testament, and for their services as such they may each receive out of my estate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Written with my hand and signed with my signature this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1899.  
S. P. Hale.

## Codicil.

I, S. P. Hale, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this Codicil to my foregoing last will and Testament:

## S. P. Hale Will contd

Section 7 of said last will and testament, wherein my son W D Hale and my son-in-law George T Florida are named and appointed as my Executors, is hereby revoked, annulled and to be for nothing held, and my son S P Hale Jr and my son-in-law L O Bicknell are hereby nominated and appointed as Executors to wind up and settle my Estate in accordance with the terms and provisions of my last will and Testament. Signed with my hand, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1903.

S. P. Hale.

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Account of Advancements made to  
Sally Hale by her father S. P. Hale

|                  |                                             |         |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1883<br>April 21 | Cash on leaving home                        | \$50.00 |
| 1887<br>Nov. 10  | Cash                                        | 15.00   |
| 1888<br>March    | Cash                                        | 15.00   |
| May 24           | Cash                                        | 10.00   |
| Sept 7           | Cash                                        | 15.00   |
| " "              | Paid your % at Shidchewee                   | 35.00   |
| " "              | Cliff & Chaslands                           | 24.00   |
| Nov. 12          | Cash                                        | 30.00   |
| Dec 14           | N. Y. Ex. Sent to Mexico                    | 50.00   |
| 1889<br>Jan 1    | N. Y. Ex.                                   | 50.00   |
| 1890<br>Sept     | Check \$5. Check \$15. Check \$5. Cash \$2. | 25.00   |
| Oct 9            | 35 <sup>th</sup> Shares of Crown Cotton     |         |
| " 14             | Mill Stock at \$13 <sup>th</sup> per Share  | 4784.47 |
| " 14             | Chick                                       | 30.00   |
| Nov. 27          | Check                                       | 15.00   |
| July 22          | To Amt. Cash furnished while at Money Creek | 126.00  |

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Account of advancements made to  
William D. Hale, by his father S. P. Hale

|                 |                                      |          |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1881<br>Dec 24  | 1 Or mule bought of J. F. Magill     | \$200.00 |
| 1882<br>Nov     | Cash Proceeds of wheat               | 180.00   |
| 1883<br>July 16 | Paid your note to D. E. Harris       | 20.00    |
| 1888<br>1892    | Paid your note in Bank of S. water   | 250.00   |
| Apr 4           | Value of land this day deeded to you | 3000.00  |

## S. P. Hale Will contd

|                 |                                         |                |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1902<br>April 4 | 1 Plane Mower of N. Y. R in 1888        | \$65.00        |
| " "             | Amt. paid B. C. Hale on your note       | 78.23          |
| " "             | Amt. your note paid in Bank of S. water | 150.00         |
| " "             | Amt. your note paid in Bank of S. water | 45.22          |
| " "             | Amt. your note paid in Bk of S. water   | 47.92          |
| 1894<br>Aug 13  | Amt. your note paid Jas. E. Gwing       | 105.00         |
| 1895<br>June 16 | 160 acres land as per deed this date    | 1000.00        |
| 1896<br>Oct. 24 | Two checks \$124. + \$7.                | 131.00         |
|                 | <b>Total</b>                            | <b>5372.37</b> |

From which deduct credits

due him on settlement in 1884

564.25

Leaving chargeable amt

4708.12

1897  
Apr 15. Amt. your note paid Bk of S. water

101.25

1891  
May 11 Cash

30.00

Aug 6 1 mare (Lulas)

50.00

" " Paid H. P. Williams (wheat)

37.71

Amt. carried forward

\$4927.08

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## Account of Advancements made to

William D. Hale by his father S. P. Hale

Bk. forward \$4927.08

1892  
Oct 9 To Amt. paid A. L. Richardson N. Y.

593.60

Aug 20, 1903 One Horse (Sabe) for Let. Upton

100.00

1891  
Jan 29 Two checks for \$115.87, \$24.25, \$15.86, and \$95

320.95

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## Account of advancements made to

Emma Hale Bicknell, by her father S. P. Hale

1883  
April 13 Cash

\$100.00

May 23 Cash

100.00

1885  
March 1 Horse

100.00

May Cash

200.00

1890  
Oct 28 Cash

100.00

1891  
April 23 Cash

110.00

Nov. 22 Store House &amp; Lot in Madisonville

3000.00

1893  
April 7 48<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Acres Land deeded this date

500.00

1896  
Aug 29 160 Acres Land deeded this date

1000.00

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## Account of Advancements made to

Lilly Hale Florida by her father S. P. Hale.

|      |        |                                                                                                                                                                          |           |
|------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1891 | Aug 24 | Tract of land - part of "Kauk" farm<br>as per my deed of this date                                                                                                       | \$4000.00 |
| 1900 | Aug 14 | Two notes executed by S. P. Florida<br>to me, each for \$500. bearing interest from<br>date and now amounting in the aggregate<br>to three thousand four hundred dollars | \$3400.00 |

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## Account of Advancements made to

Charles P. Hale by his father, S. P. Hale

|      |         |                                                                        |          |
|------|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1896 | Apr 24  | Amt paid Hutchison & Co for goods<br>during the year 1895 & up to date | \$354.00 |
|      |         | Amt paid B. C. Hale for goods                                          | 20.00    |
|      | Sept 24 | Cash                                                                   | 20.00    |
| 1897 | Jan 18  | Cash for Shadden                                                       | 10.00    |
|      |         | Paid your "out" Lowry & Kefauver                                       | 8.90     |
|      | June 17 | Cash paid Expenses to Nashville                                        | 20.00    |
|      | July    | Cash for Expenses to Va.                                               | 50.00    |
|      | Aug 6   | Check sent to Mo.                                                      | 75.00    |
|      | Oct 20  | Paid your \$5 to Miller Bros                                           | 142.00   |
|      |         | Paid your \$5 to J. H. Johnston & Co                                   | 118.00   |
|      |         | Paid Samp. Stephens                                                    | 6.35     |
|      | Nov 2   | Paid your \$5 at Lowry & Kefauver                                      | 15.75    |
| 1898 | Jan 2   | Cash to pay for 2 Santa clothes                                        | 50.00    |
|      | 15      | Cash on starting to Mo.                                                | 150.00   |
|      | Feb 1   | Check sent to Mr. D.                                                   | 150.00   |
|      | 24      | W. Money order sent to Louisville                                      | 50.00    |
|      | Aug 5   | 1 Horse Prince                                                         | 75.00    |
|      | 5       | 2 Mules                                                                | 175.00   |
|      |         | 1 Buggy \$77.00 Harness \$42.                                          | 119.50   |
|      |         | 1 Dick Harrow \$24. 1 Wagon \$35.                                      | 79.00    |
|      |         | Carried to page 15                                                     | 1693.50  |

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## Account of Advancements made to

Chas. P. Hale by his father S. P. Hale

|      |       |                                |           |
|------|-------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1898 |       | Brot forward                   | \$1693.50 |
|      | Aug 6 | 1 No 30 B. C. Plow             | 8.50      |
|      |       | Paid Lowry & Kefauver your \$5 | 9.50      |

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1898

|          |                                         |          |
|----------|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Aug 6    | Paid Johnstone                          | \$ 10.25 |
| Sept 22  | " McCaslin & Jones                      | 5.00     |
|          | " John & Johnston for Land              | 3000.00  |
| Nov. 1   | Check to pay McE & Jones                | 26.67    |
| 29       | Paid Burlison for Shingles              | 42.75    |
| 30       | Paid your \$5 to Hutchison              | 10.90    |
| "        | " " " " Jas Maye                        | 37.65    |
| 1899     |                                         |          |
| Jan 18   | Check                                   | 50.00    |
| March 10 | 1 Mare (Lippe)                          | 75.00    |
| Apr 15   | 1 Foal for Ray                          | 20.15    |
| June 20  | Paid James May for Corn                 | 50.40    |
| Sept 1   | Paid J. J. Chambers for horse           | 64.00    |
| " 30     | To check for W. D. Hale for fence       | 45.00    |
| Oct 10   | " Paid Lowry & Kefauver \$5 for wire &c | 62.32    |
| Nov. 21  | Cash to pay diff in mules               | 50.00    |
| " 23     | Cash to buy Cattle                      | 100.00   |
| 1901     |                                         |          |
| Aug 31   | " 2 Checks \$226.20 and \$174.          | 400.20   |
| 1902     |                                         |          |
| Oct 6    | " Check to pay difference in horses     | 17.50    |
| 1903     |                                         |          |
| Feb 28   | " Check for John Cantrell for mare      | 165.00   |
|          | See page 18                             | 5944.29  |

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## Account of Advancements to Chas P Hale

|       |                                              |         |
|-------|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1903  | Brot. forw from Page 15                      | 5944.29 |
| Dec 1 | Bal. of 50 ck. after cr of \$45 & \$40 at Bk | 135.00  |
|       | Black Horse from Florida                     | 100.00  |

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## Account of Advancements made to

Stephen P. Hale Jr by his father S. P. Hale.

|      |           |                              |           |
|------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1897 | Jan 1     | Farm and Mill this day dated | \$4000.00 |
|      |           | Amt. paid Jos Mills.         | 15.00     |
|      | 18        | Cash                         | 10.00     |
|      | July      | One Second hand Wagon        | 30.00     |
| 1898 |           | 1 Dick Harrow                | 24.00     |
|      | Sept 1900 | 1 Bay Horse - (Primus)       | 75.00     |
|      | Aug 5     | 2 young mules - (2 yrs olds) | 150.00    |
|      | Nov 27    | " Cash - (ck 4 850)          | 50.00     |
|      | Jan 20    | Paid Rominger Lumber         | 75.64     |

## S. P. Hale Hall, cont'd

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Account of Advancements made to  
Thomas N. Hale by his father S. P. Hale.

|              |                              |           |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| June 1, 1901 | Two miles (Jack & John)      | \$ 150.00 |
| Aug 5        | One Horse - "Pinty"          | 50.00     |
| " 7          | Two Steers                   | 30.00     |
| " "          | Cash to buy cattle           | 100.00    |
| " "          | Agmt paid Ballard for cattle | 35.00     |
| 1902         | 1 Horse - "Dick"             | 40.00     |
| " "          | 1 Mare for Let               | 50.00     |
| " "          | Farming Utensils             | 191.00    |
| " "          | Paid Walker for Buggy        | 50.00     |
| Nov. 26      | Check # 764 Bk of Mad        | 100.00    |
| 1903         | Cash loaned in various sums  | 82.00     |
| Feb 24       | Paid Decker on Life Policy   | 90.60     |
| Aug 20       | Cash - Check # 1036          | 100.00    |
| Oct 22       | Check # 1000 to buy cattle   | 150.00    |

Probated at April Term 1904

H. A. Shormley Clerk

## Sarah McMullins Will

I, Sarah McMullin, being of sound mind and disposing memory 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 all my funeral expenses and all my debts, and the cost of a Twenty Two Dollar Tomb Stone to be erected over my grave, be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of, or that may first come to the hands of my Executor.

Second. I give and bequeath all my personal property, including moneys on hand, notes and accounts due at my death, stock of all kind, all grain and crops on hand and all my household and kitchen furniture, except my cooking stove, to the following named persons to share and share alike in the same: R. J. Shormley Sr., J. I. Shormley, W. H. Shormley, Augustus Shormley, Mrs. E. J. Ellis, Mrs. Mary F. Shormley, W. A. Shormley and Mrs. M. Nettie Tallent. Said personal property is not to be sold by my Executor, the same to be divided.

Third. I give and bequeath to my niece, Mrs. Sallie Stephens my cooking stove.

Fourth. I desire that my real estate be sold by my Executor and after the costs and expenses of selling is paid, and one half of the proceeds of said sale paid to the heirs of my deceased husband, Jason McMullin, namely, Jason Moore, Mrs. Mra. Nicholson and Mrs. Eva Lovitt, the remaining half I bequeath as follows: - Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars to the Trustees of the Baptist Orphan Home situated at Nashville Tennessee, Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars to the Trustees, and their successors in office of the Tellico Baptist Church of Monroe County, Tennessee, the same to be loaned out by said Trustees at interest, the interest to be collected annually and give to the pastor of said Church as long as it remains a church as it now is, but in the event it ceases to be a church the said Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars is bequeathed to the Baptist State Mission.

## Will of Mrs Sarah McMullen Could

Board of Tennessee. The remainder of said fund realized from the sale of my real estate after the above bequests are paid, I give and bequeath to R. I. Shormley Sr., J. L. Shormley, Augustus Shormley, N. H. Shormley, H. A. Shormley, Mary I. Shormley, Mrs C. J. Ellis and Mrs. Nettie Tallent, to be divided equally between them, they to share and share alike.

Fifth. That portion <sup>of my estate</sup> that I give and bequeath to my niece Mrs M. Nettie Tallent, is to be placed in the hands of H. A. Shormley, in trust for her for her sole use and benefit to be paid to her in person or on her order.

Sixth. That portion of my estate that I give and bequeath to my sister, Mary I. Shormley, I direct paid to her guardians, she being of unsound mind, the same to be used by him for her sole use and benefit.

Seventh. In case R. I. Shormley (who is in feeble health) should die prior to that of myself, I desire that the property given and bequeathed to him should be equally divided between his daughters Mrs Bettie Hawkins and Miss Gusta Shormley.

Eighth. I do hereby nominate and appoint Vastine Dickey my Executor.

In witness whereof, I do, to this, my will, set my hand, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1897.

Witness  
Sarah M. McMullen.  
Eldred M. Gendron,  
A. Shormley.

Probated at May Term 1904.

H. A. Shormley Clerk.

## Will of L. B. Stephens.

I, L. B. Stephens of Monroe County Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

Item First

I give and devise to my son James H. Stephens, for and during his natural life, and at his death to the children of his body their living the following described real estate, to wit.

The farm known as the Mrs Edwards place, lying in 2<sup>nd</sup> civil district of Monroe County Tennessee containing One hundred and sixty five (165) acres more or less.

Item Second.

I give and devise to my two sons, William Franklin and Joseph Callaway Stephens, all the balance and residue of my lands wherever lying; and I also give and bequeath to my said two sons, William Franklin and Joseph Callaway, all my personal property of whatsoever nature and kind.

Item Third

The said William Franklin and Joseph Callaway Stephens, will pay all just debts against my estate of whatever kind.

Item Fourth.

If my wife, Sarah Jane, shall survive me, then the said William Franklin and Joseph Callaway Stephens will care for and look after the welfare, and provide for the wants of my said wife during her natural life.

Signed in our presence this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 1898.

Attest.

J. B. McCroskey  
W. D. Hale.

L. B. Stephens.

Probated at May Term 1904

H. A. Shormley Clerk.

## Will of G. M. Bilderback.

I, G. M. Bilderback, 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 I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Lennie Bilderback all my personal property of all and any kind whatsoever.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my said wife, my children, Joseph, Lela, Martin, Nellie and Julia Bilderback all my real estate ~~same~~ being the 160 acre tract of land on which I now reside and in the first Civil District of Monroe County Tenn., said land or the proceeds thereof to be divided equally among them when all of said children are 21 years of age but left with my wife then whether sold or not.

Provided my said wife is then still living and has not remarried. If she remarries or dies before my said children become 21 years of age then, in either event, in so far as this will relates to her, it shall become void and of no effect whatsoever, and

Fourthly In case of either of the above contingencies I hereby give and bequeath all my said property, both real and personal, to my brother, J. A. Bilderback, to be held by him in trust for the use and benefit of my said children until they are all twenty-one years of age and then all of said property or the proceeds thereof to be partitioned among them as above stated.

Fifthly I do hereby nominate and appoint, without bond J. A. Bilderback my Executor.

In witness whereof, I do, to this my will set my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 1904.  
G. M. Bilderback.

## Will of G. M. Bilderback

Signed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator.

This 22 day of Jan 1904

Chas. Roper  
L. A. Thomas

Probated at June Term 1904.

W. A. Thornley Clerk.

## John Rodgers Will.

I, John Rodgers, 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 any former will by me at any time heretofore made.

First. I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of any money or effects I may be seized and possessed of.

Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha the use and possession with the rents and profits thereof my entire farm on which I now live containing 120 acres more or less, situate in the 13<sup>th</sup> Civil District of said County together with all my household and kitchen furniture, and all my live stock of every description and farming tools and all other personal effects of which I may be possessed for and during her natural life or widowhood for her sole use and the maintenance of my children of whom she is the mother. But at the death or marriage of my said wife I direct that my Executor sell my said farm and all personal property remaining on hand on such terms and conditions as he may deem best and distribute the proceeds thereof, after deducting all necessary costs, equally among my children of my said wife Martha, as my daughter Nancy Eagle by first marriage has been provided for.

Lastly. I nominate and appoint Washington Hensley as the executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1890.

John Rodgers

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
in presence of R. L. Griffith  
C. C. McCourry

Probated June Term 1904

W. A. Shoemaker

## George W. Williams Will

I George W. Williams a citizen of the 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Monroe County Tennessee being of sound mind and of a disposing memory - fully aware of the uncertainty of life do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

1st. It is my will that after my death my hereinafter appointed Executor will pay as soon as practical all my just debts and place suitable marks of memory at my grave out of my personal estate.

2nd. I do hereby will to my beloved wife Jane all of my dwelling house and kitchen furniture, also my farming utensils, three horses or three mules as she may select, three head of cattle, ten head of hogs, also all the corn, wheat and stock feed which may be on hand at my death.

3rd. In addition to the personally above willed to my said wife I will and devise to her during her natural life the following real estate, to wit: All situated in a body of four quarter sections in addition to two other pieces, lying in the 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District of Monroe County Tennessee containing about 620 acres, known as my home land, and described as follows: The first quarter includes the mansion house and out buildings, it being the South West quarter of Section 35, 4<sup>th</sup> township 2 range east of the meridian. The second quarter being the N.E. quarter of section 2 first fractional township south 2 range east of M. The third q. being N. N. of section 2 fractional township South 2 range E Meridian known as the Carter tract. The fourth quarter known as the James Land tract of 160 acres lying in the second range East Meridian first fractional township South 2<sup>nd</sup> Section and the South east quarter of said section. The first parcel containing ten acres purchased by me from the Southeast corner of S N quarter of Sec 35, 4<sup>th</sup> township 2 range east Meridian, bounded by a

ditch running east and west. The second parcel consists of a piece of land <sup>thirty</sup> two feet wide and eighty rods long lying along the north side of a ditch and north of the last mentioned parcel.

It is my will and desire that my son George cultivate the above lands for his mother on terms agreeable to them.

4<sup>th</sup> On the death of myself and wife, I will and bequeath to my said son George the remainder in fee simple, after the death of myself and wife of all the above described lands willed to my said wife, but he is to pay two hundred dollars on the death of myself and wife to each of his following named sisters (or if any of these should die before me and my said wife, then such shares to pass to their children) to wit: to the surviving children of Elizabeth McSpadden two hundred dollars to Johnie Newman, Jennie Brown, Ella Pope and Nannie Bryant each two hundred dollars, making in all One Thousand Dollars for him to pay, the same shall be a charge on the above land until paid by him as above provided.

The above named five daughters are to be paid out of the residue of my personal and real estate not herein above disposed of eight hundred dollars each in addition to the two hundred dollars to be paid to each of the aforesaid five sisters by my son George as above provided. In the event that any of said sisters, my daughters should not survive me and my wife then such shares shall pass to their children. But whatever advancements I may have paid the said five daughters above named during my life and evidenced by their notes or other legal evidence of their indebtedness to me then such amounts as I hold against them shall stand as a credit against each of such as are to receive the eight hundred dollars from the remainder of my estate.

5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my daughter Minnie Kimbrough one half of my Dry Creek farm,

The said half to be one half of the number of acres in said farm and to be laid off to her on the South and West side including the buildings and home where she now lives. This half to her I value at One Thousand Dollars. She is to have this land during her natural life, the remainder in fee to her children. The other half I have sold to her husband George Kimbrough for fifteen hundred dollars, which is to be paid to me or my Executor, when so paid he is to have a regular warranty deed from me or my Executor.

6<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I so direct that my executor shall sell when deemed most practical after my death but on the advice and direction of a majority of all my children living at that time, the balance of my real estate to wit: my Mocking Crow land containing about 200 acres in the 18<sup>th</sup> Civil district of the County of Monroe Tennessee, also 885 acres of Mountain land known as the land of the Lesley heirs but purchased by me, and located on the waters of Wild Cat in the 17<sup>th</sup> Civil District of the aforesaid County, and all other lands I may hold, not disposed of herein.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my will and I so direct that the residue of all my real and personal estate not herein disposed of by my executor shall sell, at private sale at his best discretion and the proceeds arising from such sales after my above named five daughters have each received their One Thousand Dollars as before explained and provided then the residue which may remain is to be equally divided among all my seven children to share and share alike in this residue as legatees of my undisposed estate; but my said wife shall dispose of the personal estate willed to her as aforesaid, which she may have at her death remaining on hand.

8<sup>th</sup> I do hereby nominate and appoint my son George W. Williams Jr as my Executor to execute the my last will. I do further clothe him with the delegated power as a special Trustee to bargain sell and by regular deed of warranty

to make and convey title to such lands as are herein directed to be sold as above provided.

In testimony whereof I do to this instrument set my hand this Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1895.

Witness

Signed by us at the special instance and request of the Testator in his presence on his acknowledgment of his Signature: A. E. Hunt  
Lillie Hunt

G. W. Williams

### Codicil

State of Tenn,  
Monroe County

I G. W. Williams being of the same disposing mind and memory as expressed in my above will do hereby add or revoke only such parts of the above said instrument as may be revoked by this codicil, but all the remaining portions not hereby effected are to remain in the same legal status as existed before this Codicil was added.

1st

It is my further will and I so direct, That my Son George be relieved from the Item in this will where he is required to pay Two Hundred Dollars to each of his sisters and the heirs of Elizabeth McSpadden, deceased and that he have the lands mentioned in Item 4<sup>th</sup> free from all incumbrances. This September the 12<sup>th</sup> 1903.

G. W. Williams

Witness

J. R. Leonard  
Kate V. King

Probated July Term 1904

W. A. Ghormley Clerk

Sally McDonald Will

Be it known to all men by these present that I Sally McDonald of Monroe County Tennessee do make this my last will and testament giving my son Frank McDonald my estate both real and personal, my land being a piece of land I bought from Jerry Boyd and paid for it myself while my husband James McDonald was in bad health and with this what personal property I may have at my death, And I ask and appoint S. J. Coltharp to see that this is carried out. In witness whereof I have set my hand this Dec 11 1902

Sally McDonald

Witness

M. R. Stakely  
J. L. Stakely

Probated Aug Term 1904  
W. A. Ghormley Clerk

# Wig Coppenger's Will

I Wig Coppenger of the County of Monroe State of Tennessee being aware of the uncertainty of life, and in failing health but of sound mind and memory do make and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner following to wit:

First, I give, devise and bequeath unto my wife Mary E. Coppenger the farm on which I now reside situated in the 14th Civil District of Monroe Co State of Tenn. I also give, devise and bequeath unto my wife all my personal property on hand at my death to be used by her for support as long as she remains the widow of Wig Coppenger.

It is my will and desire if my wife should marry then the entire property shall be sold she to receive a child's part with the heirs.

It is also my will and desire that my son C. B. Coppenger have the use of the store house and dwelling houses free of rent as long as my wife lives.

I Wig Coppenger do this day pose and declare at this time all my property is unincumbered and free from debt and I do not owe any one.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint as Executor of this my last will and testament my youngest son Andrew Coppenger.

In witness whereof I Wig Coppenger to this my last will and testament have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of June Nineteen Hundred and two (1902)

Wig Coppenger  
his X mark

Signed, sealed and declared by Wig Coppenger as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who, at his request,

and in his presence, and in the presence of each others have subscribed our names hereunto as witnesses thereof.

R. T. Ghormley  
Center Tenn  
H. C. Stephens  
Center Tenn

Probated Aug Term 1904  
W. A. Ghormley Clerk

Mrs Jane V Dyer's Will.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Jane V Dyer, widow of William Dyer, deceased, of Newnan College Monroe County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament revoking all others.

First. I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to a Christian burial, expenses of which shall be borne equally by the heirs of my body sharing under this will.

Second. I will unto my five daughters jointly viz Mary R Dyer, Jennie C Hunter, Nellie Browder, Sallie B Dyer and Mattie Dyer, the home farm on which I now reside situated in the 11th Civil District of Monroe County Tennessee, containing 2 1/2 acres more or less with all the appurtenances thereto. I make this will of the above described farm and to the above named beneficiaries to be held jointly, or sold at their discretion as they may hereafter elect, it being understood that the Executor hereinafter named is not required under this will to sell the above described farm, but it is my intention under this will that at my death this farm shall go to my five daughters above named to be held by them or sold as they may elect.

Third. I will unto my five sons jointly viz James John, William E, Hugh and Lee Dyer One Thousand Dollar Stock in the Bank of Madisonville to be equally divided by the Executor hereinafter named at my death.

Fourth. I will unto my three unmarried daughters jointly viz Mazy Sallie and Mattie Dyer all my other personal property.

I Jane V Dyer reposing confidence in my beloved son John Dyer hereby name

and appoint him my Executor and he shall not be required to give bond, but he shall keep and make a true and correct report to all the heirs interested under this will of all moneys coming into his hands.

After my death and the delivery of this Will to the Executor he is required to register same in the office of the County Register. It is my will and desire that the Executor shall not be required to make any settlement with the Court but directly with the heirs at issue.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal, and publish and decree this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below.

This the 28th day of July 1904.

Jane V Dyer

Seal

Witnesses

Signed, sealed, declared and published by the said Jane V Dyer as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto.

Frank C. McKenzie

Newnan College Monroe County

R C Hunter

Johnson City Washington Co. Tenn

Probed October Term 1904

W H Thornley Clerk

## D A Cardin Will

I D A Cardin, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all wills heretofore by me, at any time made.

First — I direct that all my just debts be paid out of the first money that may come to the hands of my Executors hereinafter named.

Second — I give, devise and bequeath to my children, Lodema Cardin and Creed Bates Cardin, in equal moieties all my property both real and personal and real wherever found.

Third — I hereby nominate and appoint W A Thornley as my Executor.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of November 1904.

D A Cardin

Signed, sealed and published by the Testator D A Cardin in our presence and we the undersigned subscribing witnesses have hereunto attached our names at the request of the Testator in his presence and in the presence of each other. This 14th day of 1904.

W M Cox

W Morris Harrison

Probated Dec Term 1904

W A Thornley Clerk

## Calvin Johnson (col) Will

I Calvin Johnson colored of Monroe County Tenn being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any and all wills by me heretofore made.

I desire that my executor pay all my just debts as soon after my death as convenient out of any monies that may come to his hands.

2nd I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Johnson the following described tract of land to wit:

The tract I now live upon being about 10 acres and being the land I bought of Mariah Dyer beginning at the N W corner of the Lee Coffin tract of land SW of my house and running in an easterly direction with the Lee Coffin tract on a straight line to a picket fence S E of my house thence on a Northern course with said picket fence to Jane Holly land and with Jane Holly line to N E Sabell line thence in a <sup>Western</sup> Northern course with Sabell line to the lane west of my house thence South or nearly south with the lane to the beginning.

I also give and bequeath to my said wife Mary Johnson a part of the Ellis Coffin land containing about (30) acres more or less Beginning at the North side of a pair of bars in my picket fence east of my house and running in a Southern course with said picket fence to Will Allen line thence with Allen & Gilreath line to my "well" field, now in corn and thence up through said corn field following the center of the hollow up to the road leading east from Ellis Coffin house, thence west with the road to where it intersects with the road leading out from Madisonville, thence

with Madisonville road in a Northeasterly course to a point opposite a Walnut tree standing near a cabin in the corn field thence due west through the field near the wagon road to the said barn in the picket fence at the beginning. It is my desire and so will bequeath the above two tracts of land to my said wife Mary Johnson during her natural life and at her death the same shall go to my children of her body to wit; Frank, Louella and Jodie Johnson.

3rd

The balance of my land and real estate I will and bequeath give to my three eldest children to wit; Earnest Richard and Corrie Johnson and it is my desire that they all hold the same jointly and share the same equally until they each come of age when if they desire they may sell and convey same as they like.

4th

I will & bequeath to my wife Mary Johnson my horse & buggy & one cow and whatever household goods I may have to go to my wife and daughter Corrie.

5th

I also give to my wife L. Shoats & one cow.

I will & appoint Harvey E. Magill as my Executor and direct that he take charge of all my personal estate not herein bequeathed and sell & dispose of the same as he may think best and apply the proceeds of same to the payment of my debts, & should there be any funds left after paying all debts he will pay same over to my wife Mary Johnson.

Witness my hand and seal on this the 12 day of Aug 1904 and signed in the presence of the undersigned witnesses whom I have called to witness same.

Witness  
H. N. Magill  
Lewis Dixon

Calvin Johnson

Probated Dec 1904  
W. A. Thornbury, Clerk

# J. M. Phillips Will

First

I J. M. Phillips of Monroe County Tenn being of sound mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of this life do therefore make and declare this to be my last will and testament after all my lawful debts are the residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit:

The North east of the farm I now live on described as follows, Beginning at what is called the Kinney Spring running up said hollow to woods there is a large black oak with two chops on it, thence straight line through forest to the corner where Dyers and Stratton Corner, thence North with said line to the Moser Corner, thence down said branch with the meanders of it to the beginning, All of which I will to John A. Townsend and Epiphany White Townsend, containing thirty acres more or less.

Second

I will the balance of my land to my four children namely, Samuel J. Seldon Phillips, Matilda and Meranda Martha Eliza & Bryan Phillips.

Third

I will all my household and personal property to my four children for the purpose of clothing them and feeding them also schooling them.

Fourth

I request that if my wife gets married that her husband is not to have access over my property or to work my land.

I hereby appoint John Dyers to see to the renting of my land and to act as guardian without bond. This August the 3rd, 1903.

Attest  
J. M. Phillips  
O. C. Phillips  
J. C. M. Kenge

Probated Jan term 1905  
W. A. Thornbury, Clerk

# J. R. Stradley Will

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

First. I nominate and appoint my son Charles Lee Stradley and my son-in-law John Gill Executors and Trustees of my will and estate, and excuse them from giving bond as such.

Second. I desire my present homestead and farm near Hiwassee College to remain to my wife and be kept as a home for my beloved wife and such of the family as may need a home subject to any arrangement my wife and Executors may make. That my single daughters have a permanent home, and if necessary my Executors will provide for their wants so far as they can. So much of the rents and profits of the home place as my Executors deem and find necessary for the comfortable support of my wife and those living with her shall be furnished and paid to them the balance after paying taxes expenses etc shall be a reserve fund to be directed by the Executors for emergencies and improvements. This home provision is not to prevent my children from helping any of my children or grandchildren that they think are needy who do not make their home at homestead provided they have the means at command.

After the death of my wife, or if other arrangements are made so that the home place is no longer needed for the purposes above stated it may be sold as hereafter provided for other property.

Third. It is my desire that the homestead and kitchen furniture and goods remain for the use of my wife and those with her during her natural life, and after her demise it may

be sold as the other personalty, or if the legacies interested in it can agree they may distribute it among themselves in kind, either all or any portion of it.

Fourth. I give and transfer unto my said Executors full power and authority subject to the provisions above set out to control, manage and sell all property real and personal and effects of my estate in such manner, in such times and places and upon such terms as in their sound discretion may be for the best interests of the estate and those interested in the same to make all proper transfers and conveyances to loan at interest or reinvest any funds not needed for other purposes or which must be held on hand for a long time; all in their discretion and to do all other things necessary and proper to carry out the provisions of this instrument.

Fifth: I desire and direct that Annie Donovan have a home and remain at the homestead with my wife during her life and so long as Annie remains single, and if she marries I desire and direct my Executors to help her or pay her out of the estate to the extent of at least One Hundred Dollars.

Sixth. It is my desire that my estate be equally divided, subject to the qualifications elsewhere expressed among my heirs that is one share each to my children Mary E. Gill, Lally Ann Stradley, Charles Lee Stradley, Susan Leuwella Hayes, Sarah Jane Stradley and Lucy May Kruse, and one share to my grandchildren, children of my deceased son W. B. Stradley to be equally divided among them. But in case any of my children or grandchildren should become helpless and cannot earn a support, I desire that my executors according to their best judgment

give and advance to such one or ones an extra or greater amount than their share if necessary so as to provide for their comfortable living as their necessities may seem to require.

As to the share of Susan Llewella Hayes unless necessary to use it under some contingency for her benefit, I desire that it or such portion of it as may be on hand go to her children and here, the same to remain in the hands of and be loaned out by my executors and trustees and the interest on the same annually be paid to her individually for her own use free from the control and marital rights of her husband. If her circumstances are such as in the opinion of my said Executors render it necessary to relieve her from want, they may use such portion of the fund as may be necessary for that purpose. As her children come of age or marry, an equal share of her portion may be paid each of them. And should there be any fund of her share on hand when my estate is finally wound up my Executors may nominate and appoint a trustee to manage said fund until the youngest child comes of age and final distribution has been made.

Subject to preceding limitations it is my intention that my Executors have full and entire management and control of my estate, to sell, collect, settle, compromise and adjust all matters and advance or pay to any or all of the beneficiaries under this will any sum or sums as their circumstances may demand without respect to keeping the distribution among them equal at all times.

Seventh. Should either of my Executors fail resign or die the survivor may nominate and appoint a colleague and go on until the estate is wound up.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this April 15, 1904.

J. R. Stradley.

We the undersigned having been called to witness the signature of John R. Stradley to the above instrument which he declared to be his last will and testament and whose genuine signature appears to same, have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator, this April 15th 1904.

W. B. Dyer

J. C. McKenzie

Know all men by these presents that I J. R. Stradley of the state of Tennessee and County of Monroe do hereby make the following codicil to my will which was made April 1904 and witnessed by J. C. McKenzie and W. B. Dyer in which J. R. Stradley and John Gill are made Executors. I do make and attach the following codicil to my aforesaid will and do make it part and parcel of the above named will. That is, should my wife Harriet E. Stradley prefer not to live on the present homestead or with any part or parts of my family on my estate, it is my ~~desire~~ and purpose that she be paid one hundred dollars annually during her life and should my present real estate be sold or reinvested that the sum of fifteen hundred, fifty six and two thirds dollars be safely invested and the interest paid to the aforesaid Harriet E. Stradley annually. Also that

she may take with her any or all of the furniture of the house that she bought for it.

Signed this 25 May 1904

J R Stradley

Witnesses

J C M Kenzie

H B Dyer

Probated Feb'y Term 1905

W A Thornley Clk

Lizzie Turner of Casinger Tenn, Monroe County being of sound mind and memory in our presence did make and declare this to be the wish of the distribution of her personal property, to-wit:

- 1st. all her just debts and funeral expenses to be paid
- 2nd She said give Marrie & Sam Millsaps baby (Geo Millsaps) her watch, mare and calf.
- 3rd She said give Mrs Lizzie Bowers five dollars in cash.
- 4th She said give Mrs Harriett Millsaps five dollars
- 5th She said give Lollie Wilson of Flato NC enough money to buy her a horse and see that she gets a horse with it. (125) Also give her one quilt (cragg) and enough silk thread to work it.
- 6th And Marrie you keep the rest of what I have.

This 8th day of Nov, 1904.

Attest  
J E Grant

Harriett <sup>W</sup> Millsaps  
Julian <sup>W</sup> Catherine <sup>W</sup> Millsaps  
Catherine <sup>W</sup> Capinger

Personally came before me, the above named witnesses who testify that the above affidavit is true and that have no interest whatever in the matter.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this Nov 12 1904  
J E Grant N P (Seal)

Recorded but not probated - Apr 3 1904.

Mariah Lenoir, Will

State of Tennessee, Monroe County.

Be it known that I Mariah Lenoir widow of Monroe Lenoir deceased, a resident of the above named County and State whose PO address is Sweetwater Tenn., do hereby name Annie Barger as Executrix of my estate both real and personal, to dispose of same as hereinafter set forth.

First To sell the land and all personal effects for all that can be obtained for them in cash.

Second To give \$20.00 Twenty Dollars of the proceeds of such sale to Lucy Bates for her faithful attention to me in my sickness.

Third To give the sum of \$1.00 One Dollar each to my two sons Robert and George Lenoir.

Fourth After all necessary expenses have been paid to divide the remainder equally among my four daughters Annie Barger, Martha R. Bradley, Mary L. Peak, & Keturah Lenoir & Sammie Johnson.

Attest { H. M. M. Kenzie  
J. F. M. Kenzie  
Mariah Lenoir mark

Subscribed before me this May 14, 1904  
John A. Cathcart J. P.

Probated Feb'y Term 1905  
W A Thornley Clk.

## Margaret R. Howe Will.

Know all men by these presents

That I Margaret R. Howe of Monroe County Tennessee do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any and all other wills by me at any time made.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all of my just debts be paid out of any funds belonging to my estate as soon after my death as practicable and out of the first monies that come into the hands of my executor to be hereinafter named.

Secondly, I will bequeath and devise all of the remainder of my estate, real estate, personal property, or mixed property of any and all classes and kinds whatever, wherever same may be located and found to my three children to-wit, William R. Howe of Monroe County Tenn, Mrs Nellie Bradner of Warwick, Orange Co N.Y. and Mrs Susan Bradner of Tallahassee Florida, all of said property to be divided between the said three children equally and the said property to be divided in kind, if practicable, otherwise to be converted into money by my ex hereinafter named, and paid out and distributed by him.

I hereby nominate and appoint William R. Howe of Monroe Co Tenn, my executor to carry out and execute this will.

In witness whereof, I do to this my last will and testament set my hand on this the 15th day of July 1903.

Margaret R. Howe.

We D C Young and Bland C Young hereby subscribe our names as witnesses to the foregoing will in the presence of the testator and at the solicitation of the testator and in her presence and in the presence of each other this the 15th day of July 1903.

D C Young  
Bland C Young

Being desirous of changing the foregoing my last will and testament written and dated above on the 15th day of July 1903 by providing nothing and I hereby will and bequeath to my grandson William Howe Thornhill of the State of Ohio the sum of Three Hundred dollars to be paid to him out of my estate before the equal distribution between my three children and after the expenses as provided are paid and this three hundred dollars is paid, the remainder to be paid equally to said three children, and this is a Codicil to my will and to be made a part of same as if written in same at first.

Witness my hand this March 1st 1904  
M R Howe.

We D C Young and Mrs Bette R Butt hereby subscribe our names as witnesses to the foregoing at the request of the testatrix and in her presence and in the presence of each other. This March 1st 1904.

D C Young  
Mrs Bette R Butt.

Probed April Term 1905  
H A Thornhill Clerk

J E White Will.

I J E White, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will and testament, making void all other wills by me made.

I direct that all my just debts be paid out of my personal property, if there be sufficient to do so, over and above legal exemptions which I here give to my wife, Lora.

If there is not enough personal property to pay all debts, then I direct that enough of my land be sold to pay them, no more to be sold than necessary; and I here give my Executor, hereinafter named, full power to make such sale and deed as I might have done.

I give and bequeath to my wife, Lora, all my land remaining during her natural life, and at her death to go to my children.

I hereby nominate and appoint Thorne White as the Executor of this will.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this Feb 27 1905.

J E White.

Signed and declared in our presence who sign our names as witnesses at the request of the testator. Feb 27 1905.

B L Steed

J E Latimore

Probated May Term 1905  
W A Gormley Clerk

Marshall Ledford - Will

State of Tenn. Monroe County. May 17, 1904.

Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death I make this my last will and Testament. I will and bequeath to my wife Caroline Ledford all of my property both real and personal, the land which I now live on and own I will to my wife Caroline Ledford to be hers at my death, so then she has a good right to said land and if she see fit to sell or dispose of said land the disposal by her is good and her deed shall be full simple, or if by will of my wife (Caroline Ledford) the title is legal and shall hold good (I mean by stating this the land is my wife's after my death to dispose of as she may see proper; day and date above given.

M. Ledford. (Seal)

Witness.

Geo L. Bell

Carrie Henderson

J W Webb

Probated July Term 1905.

W A Gormley, Clerk

## E M Bates Will

State of Tennessee Monroe County July 10 1900

I E M Bates being in sound mind make this my last will and testimony to wit; I will Martha Smith my youngest daughter or whoever takes care of her the sum of one hundred dollars of my effects, also Harriett Shidlers children to have equal parts with my other grandchildren, except Mary Sluders children, they have already received their part and more too, also every Bates my son who is dead his children to have equal parts of my estate with the other grandchildren; also Jane Stuart my daughter her child to have equal part with my other grandchildren. Also Martha Smiths two children to have equal parts of my estate with the other grandchildren. I E M Bates do hereby bequeath, that all my funeral expenses and tombstones put up at my grave, and my wife Syntha Bates is to have her support so long as she live then after all indebtedness is settled the remainder to be equal divided as above stated. I E M Bates do appoint J P Stiles as my lawful executor to advertise sell all my real estate and personal property without filing any bill in Court and properly to be sold on one and two years time with notes good security and retain a lien for and properly for purchase money. In witness whereof I have signed day and date above written and signed in the presence of witnesses on left hand.

E M Bates  
 W M Lee  
 M L Lee

Probated Nov Term 1900

## Alfred C Hampton

I Alfred C Hampton 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 first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Susie Caroline Hampton all of my personal property and realty while she lives, provided she survives me.

Thirdly, after my wifes death I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Hampton and her three sons David Bell Hampton, Dawson Cooper Hampton and Wm Abraham Hampton.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint John L Graves my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this the tenth day of December One thousand and one.

J J Curtis

A C Hampton

J J Curtis

## Martha Reagin Ransom

I, Martha Reagin Ransom, 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 as possible after my death out of any money I may die possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly. After payment of the claims as above specified, I give and bequeath to my Sister Nancy Emeline Ransom, all the right claim and interest to any property, real or personal, I may have at the time of my death.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Nancy Emeline Ransom my Executor and direct that no bond be required of her for the execution of this trust.

In witness whereof, I do to this my will set my hand this the 12 day of January 1901.

Martha Reagin Ransom  
Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the testator. This the 12 day of January 1901.

Witness

M. H. Ransom

W. C. McElroy

Testated July Term 1906

W. C. McElroy

## Norcius H. Harrell

I, Norcius H. Harrell of Monroe County Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory, but knowing the certainty of death, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void any and all wills heretofore made by me.

First. I will and direct that as soon after my death as practicable my Executor herein after appointed, by me, shall pay off and discharge all my just debts including my funeral expenses.

Secondly. I am seized and possessed of the following real estate to wit: Fifty six acres more or less, of land lying and being in the second civil district of Monroe County Tennessee bounded on the North by D. P. Hale and others; East by Hunt South by Ogley, and West by Rynds and being the same lands conveyed to me by P. H. Montgomery by deed dated Feby. 28<sup>th</sup> 1878, and conveyed to John A. Rowan by Joseph Hunt by deed dated April 1<sup>st</sup> 1859.

Third. I will and bequeath to my Son J. B. Harrell and my grand Children Martha Ellen Rodgers, formerly Martha Ellen Shields Thomas L. Shields and John A. Shields Children of my Daughter Jane Shields deed all my property both personal and real, to be divided ~~as~~ hereinafter dated. To my Son J. B. Harrell one-half of all of the real estate of which I may die possessed or the proceeds from sale of the same and to my said grand Children the remaining one-half to be equally divided among them that is each grand Child named to receive an one-sixth interest in the whole. Fourth. My said Executor is hereby empowered directed to sell said land either at public or private sale as he may deem best and on such terms as may seem to the best interest of all as soon after my death as practicable.