

# "Will of Henry Sheets"

I, Henry Sheets of Madisonville Route 3, Monroe  
County, State of Tennessee, knowing the uncertainty  
of life, and the certainty of death, and being of sound  
mind, though weak and frail of body, do make  
and publish this my last will, hereby revoking any  
and all other wills that I may have heretofore made.

I will and bequeath to my wife Mary J. Shute all the property I may own at my death both real and personal to have, own and control, so long as she remain my widow; or if she never remarry, so long as she may live, at her death I direct that all the property left, if any, be sold and equally divided between my heirs Lawrence Shute, son of Mrs. Shute, deceased & have an equal share with the rest. I appoint my wife Mary J. Shute Executrix of this my will. And to serve without bond, suit or fee. The 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1917.  
Witnessed F. L. Weston, Notary Public.

*L. E. Stokkeas*

Personally examined before me, R. D. Pennington Clerk  
of the County Court of Monroe County Tennessee. Lee R.  
Kane and C. M. Brookshire who make oath in due  
form of law, and state that they are each acquainted  
with the handwriting of F. B. Brookshire and that they  
verily know that the signature as witness attached  
to the will of George Shultz is in his handwriting.

Mr. A. Stow  
F. & F. B. Shire

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me on this the  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1883.  
Washington,  
D.C.

Will of Geo. W. Williams.

I, George W. Williams, of the town of Sweetwater, county of Monroe, and State of Tennessee, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following:

First: I direct that all my just debts and  
funeral expenses be paid as soon after my  
death as conveniently as can be done.

Second: I give and bequeath to my wife, Elizabeth Williams, now residing with me in said town, County, and State, all of my property, both Real and Personal, within the State of Tennessee and elsewhere. It is my desire, however, that my two sisters, Miss Lucrecia Williams and Mrs. Rebecca Swettman, residing in the County of Baltimore, State of Maryland, be not allowed to suffer for the necessaries of life; but this desire must not be construed so as to last the said chassis or the absolute title vested in my said wife in the first provision of this paragraph.

Third: I hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint my wife, Elizabeth Williams, of Nashville, Tennessee, my Executor or the my last Will and Testament, and desire her to graciously witness and

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed  
my name in the presence of X. M. Pardee and J.  
D. Sandie, whom I have requested to become attesting  
Witnesses hereunto, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1911.

George W. Williams

Signed and Subscribed in our presence, and we  
have subscribed our names hereto in the presence  
of the Testator, this the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of January, 1911.

- J- M- Lardeur  
- J- D- Sandere.

Proven and Probated  
Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 1918

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1918  
J. Blumington Clark

# Talitha Brumley's Will

The last will and Testament of Talitha Brumley.

I Talitha Brumley being of sound mind and disposing memory make this my last will and Testament. Maggie Brumley a sister of my deceased husband and myself own a small tract of land in Buncombe County N. C. adjoining the home place. And I give to her my undivided half interest in the same.

I also give to the said Maggie Brumley a one half interest in the home place including the dwelling house and other buildings.

I desire that my other half interest in the home place be sold and out of proceeds of sale I want all of my just debts paid and the remainder I give to the Trustee of the Presbyterian Church at Black Mountain Buncombe County N.C.

Witness my hand this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1918  
Talitha Brumley.

We heard the foregoing will read to Talitha Brumley and saw her sign her name thereto, and we each of us sign our names as witnesses in her presence and in the presence of each other.

Apr. 20, 1918

D. W. Brooke  
Mrs. D. W. Brooke  
Carrie E. Palmer

Proven June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1918

J. H. Cunningham  
Clark.

# Will of F. E. McLendon & wife. A. L. McLendon

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1913.

We, F. E. McLendon & wife A. L. McLendon of Belltown Monroe County Tennessee make, publish and declare this to be our last will and Testament revoking all former wills.

1<sup>st</sup> We will and bequeath unto our two youngest daughters, Olive L. McLendon and Frank E. McLendon the following described tract or parcel of land lying situated and being in the 14<sup>th</sup> Civil district of Monroe County Tennessee and containing by estimation 75 acres be it more or less and bounded as follows beginning and cornering at the Davis corner, thence East 80 rods, to a rock corner, thence South 25 rods to a rock. thence East 60 rods to a rock, thence north 25 rods to the Kitchen corner, thence north with the Kitchen & Sanders line about 40 rods to a rock, thence nearly West about 7 rods to a rock at the South side of a new ground, thence on down West about 12 rods to a rock. thence a little West of North about 20 rods to the public road, thence nearly West 15 or 20 rods with a marked line to the branch, thence down the branch about 25 rods to the mouth of a gully, on the West side of the branch, thence nearly North with said gully about 8 rods to a rock; thence a little South of west 5 or 6 rods to a rock; thence a little West of North to a rock on the top of the hill. thence a little South West about 60 rods to a rock near a white oak on the Davis line — thence due South to the beginning corner, in the event that either of the children herein named should die we desire the other one herein named to have all the land herein willed to both of them we strictly forbid the aforesaid property being sold until after Olive L. McLendon is 21 years of age.

2<sup>nd</sup> We will and bequeath unto our other three children namely, Pearl McLendon, Madge McLendon,

and Moze J. McLendon, all the remainder of our real estate wherever found; the mineral interest in this portion of land we desire to go to Moze J. McLendon and Madge McLendon only.

3<sup>rd</sup> In the event that Moze J. McLendon should die before he comes in possession of his portion of the estate given in section two, we desire that his interest go to Madge and Olive L. McLendon except Pearl McLendon shall have \$50.00 out of the said Moze J. McLendon's share mentioned in section two.

4<sup>th</sup> Should it become necessary we desire we desire that A. L. McLendon should have the privilege to sell 10 acres off of the Rice tract of land on the west end of said tract, and bounded on the west and south by A. F. Patterson the same being included in section two of this will.

5<sup>th</sup> It is our desire wish that should A. L. McLendon outlive the said F. E. McLendon that all the property herein named shall remain in the possession and under control of the said A. L. McLendon to be used to the benefit of herself and minor children.

6<sup>th</sup> In the event we should each die before our children mentioned in section first should become twenty one years of age we will and bequeath unto our minor children mentioned in section one all the property herein mentioned until they are 21 years, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1913.

F. E. McLendon  
A. L. McLendon.

Witnesses } of A. Upton  
C. C. Eagle

Belltown Tennessee June 24<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Codicil to the Annexed Will.

1<sup>st</sup> In the event that Moze J. McLendon should die before he comes in possession of his portion of our estate we desire that his interest be divided equally between Frank E. McLendon & Olive L. McLendon in lieu of Madge and Olive L. McLendon in section 3 of our annexed will.

The \$50.00 mentioned in section 3 to be paid to Pearl McLendon by Moze J. McLendon we desire to draw interest from date.

2<sup>nd</sup> We desire that Moze J. McLendon shall in no case have any portion of our estate unless he pays to Frank E. McLendon & Olive L. McLendon \$500 dollars each.

In the event that Olive L. McLendon or Frank E. McLendon die their share goes to the other.

Section 3. We desire that our two youngest children Frank E. McLendon & Olive L. McLendon shall have all our personal property of all kinds including all money on hand or stock tools in fact all personal property of any and all kinds.

4<sup>th</sup> We desire that our daughter Pearl McLendon shall have the privilege to sell 10 or 25 acres of land of the portion included in section 4 of this former will except she shall sell 25 acres instead of 10 acres if she thinks it necessary, the proceeds to be used for the benefit of the two minor children, Frank E. McLendon & Olive L. McLendon.

We name our daughter Pearl McLendon as Executrix of our will, excusing her from giving bond believing that she will do right in the matter.

Witnesses } I. A. Peterson  
Guy Anderson.

F. E. McLendon  
Addie Le McLendon

## G. W. Martin's Will.

Last Will and Testament of G. W. Martin.  
P.O. Box 1.

January 12<sup>th</sup> 1918.

I, George Martin, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this to be my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former will by me at any time made.

First: I hereby give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Mary Martin, all of my property, both real and personal, for her use and benefit, to live as may seem best in her judgment, for the term of her natural life.

Second: At the death of my wife, Mary Martin, the Mullins Farm known as the "Home place" shall go to my six boys, Webster, James, Wayne, Leonard, Gordon, and Clay, equally, but all of my daughters are to have a home there in the "Home Place" as long as they remain single. Said land is to be held by said sons but it is never to be sold, however if deemed advisable, they may partition it in kind but cannot sell any portion & vice versa.

Third: The rent from the farm known as the Lindsey farm shall be used for the education of Gordon May and Clay, until Clay becomes 21, if he should outline his mother, at which time it shall go to my seven daughters, Ellen, Edith, Georgia, Jessie, Amanda, Phoebe and May, equally, but in case they, or any of them, shall desire to sell their interest in said farm they may sell the same to their brothers only.

G. W. X. Martin

Signed by the said George Martin, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of me, the undersigned, who, at his request, and in his sight and presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses, This 12<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1918.

W. B. Williams  
Isaac <sup>mark</sup> Gates

Proven & Probated  
This July 12<sup>th</sup> 1918.

J.B. Bennington Clark.

## "R. E. Holloway's Will."

I, R. E. Lee Holloway of Monroe County Tennessee, knowing the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, do make this my last will and Testament, "To wit," of any lands I own and bequeath to Susie Holloway Summitt and her daughter Ana May Summitt. The 5 1/2 acres of land that I own that originally belonged to the old Joe Cline farm, of the remaining 5 1/2 acres I devise to my nephews, Alva E. Joe Wolford, Roy Houston, Chas. Clifford, and John Summitt, they to care for me, my mother and Ana May Summitt during our natural lives, of my personal property I want my brother Darke to have my  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in the Doghouse outfit owned by myself and my brother James Holloway, I will to my nephew Alva Summitt my  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in one set of Black Smith tools. I hereby appoint D. L. Holloway, Executor of this my last will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, This 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1918

R. E. L. Holloway

Attest. W. A. Moore

R. T. Harry

Proven and Probated July 15<sup>th</sup> 1918

J. B. Bennington

Clerk

## W. C. Milligan's Will.

Know all men by these presents:

That I, W. C. Milligan, of Monroe County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make publick and declare this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me heretofore made.

I.

I commit my soul into the hands of my Savin, Jesus Christ in full confidence that he having redeemed it he will present it blameless before the Throne of my heavenly Father.

II.

I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as practicable after my death out of the first money coming to the hands of my executors to be hereinafter appointed. And I also will and direct that a suitable monument be erected to mark my grave.

III.

I will, bequeath and devise to my beloved wife, Callie A. Milligan, the house where we now live near Philadelphia, said being in Monroe County, Tennessee, including all the lot containing one acre of land, more or less, on which it stands.

I further give and bequeath to her my said wife the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000<sup>00</sup>) in money or good note, and all the household goods and furniture I wish to die possessed.

I also give and bequeath to her five (5) shares of stock in the Bank of Philadelphia.

IV

To Pearl, my daughter, because of the great love I entertain toward her, I give, bequeath and devise the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000<sup>00</sup>) in money or good note. (And I suggest that she put it on interest using only the interest).

And I further give and devise to my said daughter, Pearl, five (5) shares of stock in the American National Bank, Knoxville, Tennessee.

## W. C. Milligan's Will.

V.

To my brother, B. W. Milligan, I will and bequeath the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100<sup>00</sup>) ~~per annum~~.

VI.

To my grandson, Giles Carter, Jr., my grandson, I will and bequeath the sum of Two Thousand Dollars and direct that this sum be held intact for him until he attains his majority, same to be kept at interest and the interest may be used if necessary but is not allow the interest also to accumulate until he reaches his majority.

VII.

To Willie Milligan Carter, my grand daughter, I will and bequeath the sum of Two Thousand Dollars this sum to be kept intact for her until she attains the age of Twenty-one years and to be kept at interest and the interest may be used if necessary for education, maintenance and support, but otherwise said interest also to be allowed to accumulate until she reaches her majority.

VIII.

To my grand son, Chas. C. Carter, I will and bequeath the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000<sup>00</sup>), this sum to be kept intact for him until he reaches the age of Twenty-one years, and to be kept at interest and the interest may be used if necessary for education, maintenance and support, but otherwise said interest also to be allowed to accumulate until he reaches his majority.

IX

To my daughter, Birgitte May Carter, I will, and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, of whatsoever character whether real, personal, or mixed. And if she should die before her husband, I will and direct that her share of said estate is to go to her children.

X

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint N. Giles Carter and my wife, Callie A. Milligan, as executors

## W. C. Milligan's Will

of this my last will and testament and hereby excuse them from making bond as such executors.

In testimony whereof I have to this my last will and testament set my hand on this the 3rd day of August, 1917.

W. C. Milligan

Mr. L. B. Ferguson and Dora E. Young, have signed our names unto as witnesses at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other on this the 3rd day of August 1917.

L. B. Ferguson  
Dora E. Young

## Will of H. P. Williams Jr.

I H P Williams Jr of Ruralites Monroe County Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament

After all of my just debts are paid I hereby will and bequeath to my following named children all of my estate both real and personal wherever it may be located and in whatever it may consist

The names of my children are as follows  
Namely

Frances, wife of W. C. Smith  
Callie, wife of Prof. John Henderson

James Williams  
Somera, wife of J. S. Swan

H. P. Williams Jr

Maggie, wife of Abraham Bond

W. G. Williams  
D. H. Williams

Nannie, wife of George Williams

And the children of Ada Tats deceased, formerly the wife of John Q. Tats there being four living children of the said Ada and they to take the share of their deceased mother.

Each of my living children to take an equal share of my estate and the four children of my deceased daughter Ada Tats to take her share.

And the share of my four said grandchildren being the children of the said Ada Tats to take the property free from any interest or claim of their father John Q. Tats

The above named children are the children and grandchildren of my first wife and all of my property as above stated is willed to them.

By a marriage settlement entered into between myself and my present wife before we were married and which marriage settlement is dated December 21-1901 and registered in the

## Will of H P Williams Sr

Registers office of Monroe County Tennessee in book 1106  
pages 564 and 565 on the 6th day of January 1902 to which  
reference is here specifically made I decided to her  
certain lands therein described which she accepted  
and signed and agreed that the same should be  
in full satisfaction of any and all claims which  
she as my wife or widow might have in my  
real or personal estate or both and releasing and  
waiving any and all claims of whatever character  
and kind she might have as such wife or widow  
in my property whether the same was owned by  
me at that time or afterwards acquired and in  
consideration of said anti-nuptial settlement  
she is to receive no part of my estate other than  
as mentioned in said marriage settlement  
But any property acquired by my present wife  
of either personal or real nature growing out of  
the proceeds of the lands which I decided to her  
in the marriage settlement shall belong to  
her and none of it to be considered as part of  
my estate and is not to go to my children  
above named in this will

\* Witness my hand this the 11 day of December - 1911

H.P. Williams

Signed by the said H.P. Williams Sr and for  
his last will and testament in the presence of  
the undersigned who at his request and in  
his sight and presence, have subscribed our names  
hereto as attesting witnesses the day and date  
above written.

Joseph W. Ervin  
James C. Warewood

Proven & Probated  
This Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1918

C. J. Spurlock Clerk

## S. E. Nape's Will

I, S. E. Nape, of Monroe County, Tennessee, do hereby make and  
publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking  
all former wills and codicils made by me at any time.  
First: I ordain and direct that all of my just debts be paid  
out of the property of which I die seized and possessed  
as soon after my death as practicable.

Second: I devise and bequeath to my wife Liddie  
Florence Nape, all of my property, both real and personal,  
to use and enjoy as she sees fit with full power of dis-  
position as long as she remains a widow, and in case  
she marries again, then all of my property shall be  
sold and the proceeds of the sale divided equally among  
my eight children, Namely; Sam Nape, Brode Nape, King  
Nape, Rue Nape, Fred Nape, Mallie Nape, Pearl Nape, Laurice  
Nape.

Third: At the death of my wife, Liddie Florence Nape,  
I devise and bequeath to my eight children, Namely  
Sam Nape, Brode Nape, King Nape, Rue Nape, Fred Nape,  
Mallie Nape, Pearl Nape and Laurice Nape all of my property,  
both real and personal, which has not been disposed of by  
my said wife during her lifetime or during widowhood,  
to share equally in said property and in order to have a  
fair and equal distribution among my eight children  
I order that all of my property be sold and the proceeds  
of said sale divided equally among my eight children  
above named.

Fourth: I appoint my wife, Liddie Florence Nape, executrix  
of this will, and I expressly release her from giving  
bond for the faithful performance of this will, and  
a faithful accounting for all money or property that  
comes into her hands as executrix of said will, and  
authorize her to do at without bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
this the 13th day of September 1918

S. E. Nape

We the undersigned having been requested by S. E. Nape to witness his  
signature to the foregoing instrument, which he declared to be  
his last will and testament, did witness said signature  
of S. E. Nape, which was signed in our presence, and  
we witness whereof we do hereunto subscribe.

Our names are this the 13th day of September 1918  
 John M. Jones  
 James May

Proven and Probated and  
 this the 8th day of Novr 1918  
 C. J. Spaulding, Clerk  
 By Justice Stockley, L. Clerk

J. A. Purdy's Will

Sweetwater, Tenn. Sep 3 1918  
 As my health is bad i sold my Car to Bob Bellamy  
 for five hundred Dollars and if anything should  
 happen to me i said it on time so much a month  
 and if not paid for i want Bob Bellamy  
 to have the Car. and half of my Wood insurance  
 and my wife to have the Balance of my property  
 after all debts is settled. this is Sep 3.

J. A. Purdy

State of Tennessee (Name) J A Hardin F A Carter and  
 Monroe County (Name) Charlie Stant who makes oath  
 in due form of law and  
 State that they are well acquainted with the hand  
 writing of J A Purdy now deceased and that  
 the paper writing penlets attached is every word  
 of it in the hand writing of the said J A Purdy.  
 And Cynthia J Purdy and Charlie Stant make  
 oath that said paper writing was found after his  
 death among his valuable papers

Sworn to and Subscribed  
 before me on the Nov 8 1918  
 G. J. Shurtliff Clerk

J A Hardin  
 F A Carter  
 Chas <sup>new</sup> Stant  
 Cynthia Purdy

## Miss Bettie E. Dawson's Will

Being of sound and disposing mind and knowing that all  
trust die I, Bettie E. Dawson do hereby make my last will  
and testament.

To my Sister Sadie Dinsom will and bequeath all I have  
invested in Thrift Stamps, which is Four Hundred  
(\$400<sup>00</sup>) Dollars. Should she die before I do, the amount  
settled to my Sister Sadie I give to her daughter Daisy  
Beals.

To my brother W.R. Dawson I will and bequeath the amount  
I have invested in the East Tennessee Savings Bank  
together with the share I had in my brother W.R. Dawson  
which together is something over Two Hundred and Eighty  
five (\$285<sup>00</sup>) Dollars, including interest.

To my Sister Mable Knut I will and bequeath the two  
shares which I have in the Modeston Bank, which is  
Three Hundred (\$300<sup>00</sup>) Dollars.

The remaining personal property which I had in the way  
of notes and deposits, which are at present One Note on  
O'Malley for Two Thousand (\$200<sup>00</sup>) Dollars another  
and one Cutback made payable to C. E. Miller, but which  
I brought calling for One Hundred forty two & 50/100 (\$142<sup>50</sup>)  
Dollars. One hundred dollars deposited in Duncans Bank  
and whatever monies I may have at that time.

I direct that after all my legitimate debts are paid and  
there are no debts at this time, the remaining monies  
be equally divided between my two Sisters and brother  
above specified, namely, Mrs. Sadie Dinsom, W.R. Dawson and  
Mable Knut.

As to my household goods, I direct that my two Sisters above  
mentioned Mrs. Dinsom and Mrs. Knut divide equally between  
them, share and share alike, but my Silver wares I give to my  
Niece Daisy Beals. My Carlo and Chiehias I give to my Sister Mrs.  
Mable Knut. I further direct that a tomb stone be placed at the head of my  
grave and the same be paid out of the monies left or indicated above.

In Case that my brother W.R. Dawson should die before I do I direct that the  
amount I have left to him go to his lawful heirs, also that the same be  
true for my Sister Mable Knut her lawful heirs to have what I have  
specified for her. Witness my hand this June the 1<sup>st</sup> 1918. Bettie E. Dawson

Nashville C. E. Miller

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1918

Original death probated in the  
5th day of December 1918  
J. S. Jenkins, Clerk

## Last Will &amp; Testament of Leroy Kelley

I, Leroy Kelley of Ironsburg Monroe Co Tennessee

Being of sound mind and memory do make and publish  
this my last will and testament. To wit.

First all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be  
fully met.

2nd I bequeath and devise all my personal property to  
my three daughters Rosana and Lena Kelley and at my  
death they are to pay the heirs of Dorothy Hampton \$100<sup>00</sup> in  
dollars and Phinitta Webb \$100<sup>00</sup> in dollars.

3rd I further bequeath all my  
Real estate in Monroe and Polk  
Counties as follows. To wit,

160 acres in Monroe Co. Sec. 23 Range  
4 Township 4 North West quarter of  
Said Sec.

I give and bequeath of said  
Real estate eighty 80 acres more  
less being the Northeast quarter  
of said Sec. to my beloved Daughter  
Rosana Didsam and Lena  
Kelley their heirs and assigns  
they natural lives the same  
being the lands where Leroy Kelley  
now lives and 16 acres of land in  
Polk Co. in Sec. 3, Town. 2, Range. 4,  
then being accepted of said 80  
acres lots one half acre to W.R. Kelley  
where his house now stands.

Bound, as follows, Beginning corner  
of said lot on N & East and Head  
tow'rd near the Spring running North  
35 yds to a Rock corner, and thence  
West 35 yds. South 35 yds to a  
corner thence east 35 yds to the  
beginning corner.

4th. I further bequeath to  
my son W.R. Kelley eighty acres  
80 acres being South East half  
of Sec. (2) of North West quarter  
of said Sec. (2) to his heirs and assigns forever.

Last Will of Testament of Leroy Kelley

I, Leroy Kelley, do hereby bequeath that the said W. R. Kelley my son J. S. Kelley forty (\$40,00) as his proportionate part as they may agree b/w. I further nominate W. R. Kelley executor of this my last will without bond.

Revoking all former wills by me made,

As witness I here unto set my hand and seal this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Feb., 1918.

Leroy Kelley x his mark (Seal)  
Signed sealed and declared as the last Will and Testament of Leroy Kelley the above named testator done in our presents and in the presents of each other and at the request of the testator

In witness to said testaments the above day and date

J. R. Underwood

R. M. Curtis

Promised and probated as the law directs  
This 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1918

C. P. Franklin County Court Clerk

Promised and probated as the law directs  
This Dec 27 - 1919  
C. P. Franklin County Court Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of Thomas Jones

I Thomas Jones, of Tellies Plains Monroe County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at anytime made.

First I direct that all my just debts, including funeral expenses and expenses of administration, if any, be paid by my Executor.

Second I do hereby desire direct will and bequest to the wife of J. W. Cole Mrs Ella Cole my five hundred dollar note I hold against A. M. Johnson to her use and benefit as she may see fit and proper to use it.

Third I hereby will and bequeath the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars to Thomas L. Cole son of J. W. Cole.

Fourth I do hereby will and bequeath all the balances of my property of every kind and description that I may have at my death to J. W. Cole and J. R. Cole to be divided equally between them.

Fifth Having the utmost confidence in the honesty and ability in the said J. W. Cole to carry out my wishes in this my last will and testament I do hereby nominate and appoint the said J. W. Cole my sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December - 1918

Thomas Jones  
mark

Signed by the said Thomas Jones, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, the undersigned, who at his request and in his sight and presence have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses, the day and date above written

W. M. McDaniel  
C. S. Jenkins 2d

Last Will and Testament of Margaret Nunes Niles

I, Margaret Nunes Niles believing myself to be of sound disposing mind and mindful of the uncertainty of life do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament of which my signature and writing, if unforseened, should be sufficient proof.

It is my will and intention to sell as soon as possible for a reasonable consideration all my landed estate lying in Monreal and Loudon County and invest said proceeds in Mortgages on improved farming lands of perfect title, retaining what we call the Home Place (bounded by the Little Tennessee River and adjacent lands to an unsurveyed line between J.R. Pugh's N.W. Corner and its nearest junction with mine and C.W. Steele's line) for future or last sale by me or my husband as a surviving Executor.

It is my desire that this instrument shall be first for the support and benefit of my daughter Andrea Russell Niles during her life because she is qualified for marriage, or making her own support, or attending to business, and therefore needs special protection and guardianship.

All my living sons S.G. Niles of Nashville Tennessee, Louis G. Niles Fountain Colorado and Chas H. Niles of California, having received such assistance as we could afford them and the remaining children being daughters Mrs. H. D. Safford, El Paso Texas, and my two unmarried daughters Cornelia D. Niles and Mildred H. Niles in Washington D.C. holding positions and my Grandson L. Niles Trammell of Marietta Ga. being nearly of age being a son of deceased daughter having paternal relatives to assist him it has seemed to me to be just and necessary to make this final provision for my said daughter Andrea Russell Niles Only, and Only during her life, and at her death, the remainder of said funds in trust or account to be divided between the remaining Sisters Mrs. D. Safford (nee Margaret McGhee Niles) Cornelia D. Niles, Mildred H. Niles and their heirs and legatees.

I am satisfied that the said beneficiary would be happier and better cared for, having her home with her sister Mrs. Dr. H. D. Safford first and the remaining ones in succession provided; that if my husband and son the appointed Executors herein shall decease before accomplishing the herein specified sale and designation of Trustees, that their power shall descend to the within named Guardians who shall also appoint their own Successor for the safe continuance

Last Will and Testament of Margaret Nunes Niles Continued

of the said Trust Funds and the funeral care of the said Andrea Russell Niles and at her death the remainder shall be paid to the said Guardians their heirs and legatees.

Having expressed the principal purpose of this Will I hereby appoint my husband A. G. Niles and my son S. G. Niles as Executors to carry out my purposes and intentions as to sale of land, the investment of proceeds, and the disposition of the same; with the power also to designate Trustees with usual safeguards for the custody of all funds at hand or arising from said sale of lands or any other source and that the interest on the same or so much as necessary shall be paid to the within appointed Guardians who shall be Mrs. H. D. Safford, seemingly Cornelia D. Niles and Mildred H. Niles, to be expended by her or them at their discretion for the comfortable support and protection of the said Andrea Russell Niles.

It is my desire that the aforementioned Executors and Guardians shall serve as such without remuneration and also without bond; but that so far as possible all expenses incurred for said Andrea R. Niles shall be paid out of fund and if there be any remainder from the trust income it shall be used as a sinking fund in said Guardians hands for future expenses and necessities as to my special bequests of mementos &c I hope to leave written instructions to my children.

I have finished and signed this instrument as my last Will and signed the same with my own hand this 17th day of August 1914.

Endorsed Will - 1914 Margaret Nunes Niles

Last Will

State of Tennessee / Personally came before me O. Spaulding  
Monreal County / County Court Clerk of the above named  
County or State, C. H. Niles and J. W. Niles  
who makes oath in due form of law and states that they are  
well acquainted with the hand writing of Margaret  
Nunes Niles now deceased and that the signature to  
the within will is the genuine signature of Margaret  
Nunes Niles this 31st March 1919 L. M. Niles  
J. W. Niles

Last Will and Testament Of Margaret A. Dixon

I, Margaret A. Dixon of Monroe County 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.

First: I desire that all my funeral expenses and bills if any, be by my executor paid out of any money <sup>my</sup> coming to his hands and that out of any money that I have in the Bank or deposit or otherwise, at the time of my death I desire my Executor to buy and erect at my grave a suitable and nice but not too expensive tombstone.

Second: The balance of money I may have on hands or in the Bank at the time of my death I will and bequeath to my son Lewis Dixon and my daughter Mary Cox Lewis to have one-third and Mary to have two-thirds.

Third: What ever interest I may have at the time of my death in the live stock on the farm and the grain and feed stuff on the farm I will bequeath and give the same to my son Lewis Dixon.

The above two bequests I make because Lewis and Mary have been with me and done more for me in my old age than my other children.

Fourth: All my house hold effects of every kind and nature I wish divided equally, or as nearly so as can be done between all of my children, to wit Harvey Dixon, Mary Cox Lewis Dixon, and Mrs Ellen Dixon wife of my deceased son William Dixon. And I further that they make such division without sale, if it can be done, however any article sold the proceeds to be divided between the all.

Fifth: I have this day decided to my son Lewis Dixon my former wheel I leave an instruction that he Lewis Dixon shall pay within one year after my death to each of the other children to wit J Harvey Dixon, Mary Cox and Mrs Ellen Dixon & her heirs the sum of six hundred dollars and Mrs Ellen Dixon and her children to have six hundred between them. Said deal not to take effect until after my death.

Sixth: I hereby nominate and appoint my son Lewis Dixon

as Executor of this my last will and testament and direct that he not be required to execute any bond for this trust.

Witness my hand on this the 20th day of October 1914

M. A. Dixon

Witnesses:

Signed and acknowledged as the last will and testament of Mrs Margaret A. Dixon on this the 20th day of October 1914.

W. N. Mogill

J. D. McSpadden

Personally appeared in open Court on this the 21st day of March 1919 W. N. Mogill and J. D. McSpadden Subscribers Witnesses to an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Mrs Margaret A. Dixon who after examining said instrument being duly sworn deposes as follows that they each of them signed said instrument at the request of said Mrs Margaret A. Dixon and in her presence and that she declares to them that the same was her last will and testament and that they are in no way interested in the bequest of said will, that the signatures attached thereto are their genuine signatures.

Last Will and Testament of James R. Johnson

I, James R. Johnson of Monroe County State of Tennessee knowing the certainty of death and being of sound mind and disposing memory make this as my last will and testament. hereby revoking and making void all wills heretofore made by me.

1st I desire that as soon after my death as practicable all my just debts be paid together with my funeral expenses by my Executrix hereinafter named.

2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary E. Johnson absolute and in fee all the property both real and personal or mixed of which I may die seized and possessed, including any money I may have in hand at the time of my death I am now seized and possessed of the following described lands to wit:

About One hundred One &  $\frac{4}{5}$  acres of land lying and being in the 3rd Civil District of Monroe County Tennessee, bounded on the North by the banks of Clinch, on the East by George Clark's Sack by Blueton and West by Peck's heirs, being land conveyed to me by J. H. McReynolds by deed dated Sept 3rd 1878 and Registered in the Register's office of Monroe County Tennessee to which reference is now made for a complete description.

3rd I nominate and appoint my wife Mary E. Johnson my sole Executrix of this will and she is expressly authorized to execute this trust without giving bond.

Witness my hand, Jan 27, 1909

James R. Johnson

Signed and witnessed by us in the presence and at the request of the testator James R. Johnson on January 27, 1909

State of Tennessee  
Monroe County

J. D. Stephens

J. A. Stephens

Personally appeared before me C. J. Spurlock Clerk for above named State and County J. D. Stephens and J. A. Stephens who being duly sworn say that they signed the will of James R. Johnson and that they sign affixing thereto their genuine signatures and that they signed it in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other and they are not in any way interested in the above estate

J. D. Stephens  
J. A. Stephens

Last Will and Testament of Margaret Sloan

I miss Margaret Sloan Being in my right mind and expecting to have an operation and in fear of an accident hereby make my first and last will

1st That at my death that all my debts and burial expenses be paid out of my money or estate

2nd I will and bequeath unto my son E. S. Sloan my telephone and one covered and one enlarged picture of my self and his father

3rd I will and bequeath to my son G. W. Sloan one feather bed and one covered and one counterpane two pillows two sheets and straw bed

4th And my son C. W. Sloan I will and bequeath unto him one enlarged picture of Nettie Sloan and one covered

5th And I will and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Stratton my father and mother's enlarged picture

6th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Bertha Isbell my sewing machine and one oak bed stand and one enlarged picture of her sister and her man and one enlarged frame of her brother and sister

7th That I will and bequeath to my three girls that they divide all the remainder of my bidding equally among them selves and I will to Iris Curtis one enlarged picture of Nettie Sloan her sister

8th That all the rest of my property be sold and divided equally among all of my children

9th That I will that \$20<sup>00</sup> Twenty dollars that my son Charley owes on one wagon be deducted out of his part of the estate

10th That my son E. S. Sloan be appointed Guardian of Jacob Sheets Children to look after this part of my estate for them

11th I will and bequeath unto my daughter Bertha Isbell and my grandchildren Clarence Sheets and Lannie Sheets have one years support out of my property after my death before there be any distribution or sale of my property

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provided that J. M. Shuts this father does not take them into his custody and in the event he does I will and bequeath that this interest in my estate be placed in the hands of a guardian until they are 21 years of age.

12<sup>th</sup> I will that my brother J. W. Barris be appointed Executor of my will.

Witness my hand and seal This April 8-1919

Signed. Margaret M. Sloan,

Coleman Cardin

John R. Sloan } Witnesses  
John R. Sloan

State of Tennessee

Monroe County } Personally appeared before me  
J. W. Neal a Notary Public in and for Monroe County  
Tennessee Mrs. Margaret M. Sloan with whom  
I am personally acquainted who acknowledged  
she executed the within will for the purpose  
therein contained

Witness my hand and seal This April 8-1919

J. W. Neal  
Notary Public

State of Tennessee

Monroe County } Personally appeared before me  
C. J. Spurling Clerk of above named County and State  
John R. Sloan and Coleman Cardin who makes  
oath in due form of law that they signed the  
within will at the request and in the presence of  
the testator, and in the presence of each other and  
that they are not in any way interested in the  
bequeath set out in the will

Coleman Cardin

John R. Sloan

Subscribed and sworn to before me This May 6-1919

C. J. Spurling  
County Court Clerk

### Last Will and Testament of Ewen Teal

I, Ewen Teal, being in feeble health of body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

First, I direct all my just debts, including funeral expenses and expenses of Administration, to be paid by my Executor.

Second, I give, devise and bequeath to Nelse Stratton and her wife Mrs. Nelse Stratton all my property of whatever kind consisting of Real Estate, monies, personal property and all and all other properties such as notes, accounts and debts for their sale and separate use forever. And because of my esteemed Confidence in the said Nelse Stratton and her good wife it is my desire that they raise, feed, cloth and educate my two beloved children, North and Maple, and when my said children shall come of age, the said Stratton and wife shall give to my said two children such property as the said Stratton and wife thinks right and proper.

Third Having been in business with the said Stratton for a number of years and having the utmost Confidence in him as stated above, and in his honesty and integrity, and believing he will give to my two children the same consideration he will his own children, is the reason which prompt me to devise my property as stated above.

Fourth I hereby nominate and appoint the said Nelse Stratton my sole Executor of this my last Will and testament without bond.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
this April 23rd. 1915

Ewen Teal

Signed by the said Ewen Teal as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us the undersigned who at his request and in his sight and presence have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses, the day and date so written

C. G. Latimore  
N. M. McDaniel

Last Will and Testament of Mattie Elder.

It is mine my life time and Mr John H Giles after I am dead.  
I, Mattie Elder, of Monroe County, Tennessee, but temporarily  
in Knox County, Tennessee do make and publish this my last  
Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Wills heretofore  
made by me.

After the payment of my debts I bequeath to my daughter  
Ella Beavers and to my daughter Bertie Jones and to my son  
Luther Giles, each the sum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).  
I hereby bequeath to my husband the sum of five dollars  
\$5.00.

I will, devise and bequeath to my son John H Giles all of my  
real Estate, Wheresoever it may be situated.

All the rest and residue of my property I will devise and  
bequeath to be divided equally among my children.

I hereby nominate and appoint my son John H Giles as my  
Executor and having full Confidence in him I believe  
him fram making bond and fram malingeray request  
wheresoever to the County Court of any County or State in  
which I may have property.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this  
October 29th 1919. Mattie Elder x

Signed by the testator in our presence and by us as witnesses  
in her presence at her request and in the presence of each  
other, this October 29th 1919.

J. J. Brooks  
Mattie E. Moody

State of Tennessee Personally appeared before me C. G. Shulding  
Monroe County Clerk of the County Court of Monroe County  
Tennessee and Mattie E. Moody Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and  
testament of Mattie Elder who after warning said instrument being  
duly shown before as fallacious had they each of them signed said  
instrument at the request of said Mattie Elder and in her presence,  
and that she declared to them that the same was her last  
will and testament and that they are in no way interested in the  
bequests of said will, that the signatures attached thereto are their  
genuine signatures. This now — 1919.

Last Will and Testament of Orenie Hale.

I Orenie Hale make and publish this as my last will and  
testament hereby making void all others by me at any time made.  
First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts  
if any be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any  
money I may die possessed of or that may first come into  
the hands of my executor.

Secondly All my personal property remaining in hands  
after my said funeral expenses and debts are paid I give  
and bequeath to my only daughter Mrs Maggie Sanders  
to be used by her in any ways she desires.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my said daughter  
Mrs Maggie Sanders and her heirs to be held by her as a home  
for herself and children until her youngest child is 21  
years of age my little 18 acre tract of land situated  
and being in the Second District of Monroe County  
Tennessee said land being bounded as follows: On the  
North by the lands of P. A. Leonard East by the lands of  
J. M. Leonard; South by W. B. Sample's heirs land, and on the  
west by the lands of White and Doan.

When his said child reaches age of legal age, if my said  
daughter be not then living the said land may then be  
sold or divided among said heirs, but the said Maggie  
Sanders is to have and to hold the said land during  
her life time.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint A. J. James my  
Executor.

In witness whereof I do, to this my will set my hand  
this the 10th day of February 1906 Orenie Hale.

Signed and published in our presence and we have  
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator  
this 10th day of February 1916

A. J. James  
F. A. Carter

Last Will and Testament of Alice Browder Hardin

I, Alice Browder Hardin, of the County of Monroe, State of Tennessee, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all former wills and Codicils by me at any time made:

**First:** I devise and bequeath unto my beloved husband Joseph Albert Hardin, all of my property, real personal and mixed, for and during his natural life, during which time he shall be entitled to and shall receive all of the income and profits from all of said property, and shall have and exercise full management and control of all of said property.

**Second:** In order to carry out the provisions of my will as hereinafter set out, I will, order and direct, that the said Joseph Albert Hardin, shall, at some time during his life, when he deems it best and most advantageous to my estate, sell, transfer, and convey all of my real estate, and shall invest the proceeds arising from said sale in such personal property as he may deem best and for the best interests of my estate, said personal property to be held managed, controlled and disposed of in the same manner as my other personal property, and until a sale of said real estate is made, the said Joseph Albert Hardin shall be entitled to and shall have full management and control of all of said real estate, and shall be entitled to and shall receive all of the income, rents, and profits from same.

**Third:** I further will, order and direct that the said Joseph Albert Hardin shall have the power to and may, if in his judgment he deems it proper, sell any of my personal property, and invest the proceeds of said sale in such other personal property or securities as he thinks best, to be held managed, controlled and disposed of as herein provided.

**Fourth:** I, further will, order and direct that at the death of my beloved husband, the said Joseph Albert Hardin, all of my property shall be disposed of as follows:

1 - I bequeath unto Helen Clealand and Kenneth Clealand, two of the children of William Clealand Jr. deceased, Five Hundred (\$500<sup>00</sup>) Dollars each and, unto Grace Bright and Alice Amanda Cecil, five hundred (\$500<sup>00</sup>) Dollars each, and I hereby order and direct that at the death of the said

Joseph Albert Hardin said amount of five hundred (\$500<sup>00</sup>) Dollars, shall be paid to each of the above named beneficiaries but the said Joseph Albert Hardin, executor of my will may at any time during his life advance and pay over to any of said heirs finances any portion or all of said legacy, if in his discretion he thinks it for the best interest of said beneficiary.

2. I bequeath unto the Cashier of the Bank of Sweetwater, at Sweetwater, Tennessee, as trustee, the sum of Five Hundred (\$500<sup>00</sup>) Dollars, and I hereby order and direct that the same drawn Said five hundred (\$500<sup>00</sup>) Dollars shall be applied to the up keep of the County Line Cemetery, at the County Line Church of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, where my father and other relatives are buried as to the said trustee and the trustees of that Community, in charge of said Cemetery may deem best.

3. I bequeath unto the Board of Stewards of the County Line Church of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, as trustees for said church, the sum of One Thous and (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars, and I hereby Order and direct that the same drawn Said One thousand (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars shall be divided equally and one half of same applied to the payment of the Pastor's Salary of said church, and the other One-half shall be paid to the Woman's Missionary Society of said church, to be used by said Organization as it sees fit.

4th I bequeath unto the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church of Sweetwater, Tennessee, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South as trustees for said church the sum of One thousand (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars, and I hereby order and direct that the same drawn Said One thousand (\$1000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars shall be divided equally and one half of same applied to the payment of the Pastor's Salary of said church and the other half shall be paid to the Woman's Missionary Society of said church, to be used by said Organization as it sees fit.

5th I bequeath unto my brothers and sisters in equal shares all the remainder of my property, for their natural lives and at the death of each brother and sister the interest of such brother or sister shall pass to his or her children in equal shares, and I hereby order and direct that the remainder of said property be divided equally

among my said brothers and sisters and in case of the death of any brother or sister before said division the interest and share of said deceased parent shall pass to his or her children in equal shares they taking the interest or share of their deceased parent.

Fifth: I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved husband Joseph Albert Hardin sole Executor of this my last will and testament and I hereby excuse and release him from making bond and filing inventory.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand to this my last will and testament, on this the twenty-fourth (24th) day of September Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen (1919)

Alice Browder Hardin

We, H B Dickey and Hardin N Conn of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee at the request of Alice Browder Hardin, the above named testatrix, to witness her signature to the foregoing instrument which she desired to be her last will and testament, did witness the above signature to same, which was signed in our presence by the said testatrix Alice Browder Hardin and at her request and in the sight and presence of the said Alice Browder Hardin, said testatrix and in the presence of each other we have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting to witness, on this the 24th day of September, 1919

H B Dickey  
Hardin N Conn

State of Tennessee Personally appeared before me ~~J. G. Spangler~~  
Monroe County Clerk of the County Court of Monroe County  
Tennessee H B Dickey and Hardin N Conn

Subscribing witnesses to an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Alice Browder Hardin who after being duly sworn deposes and say that they and each of them signed said instrument at the request of said Alice Browder Hardin and at her request and that she declared to them that the same was her last will and testament and that they are in no way interested in the bequest of said will that the signatures attached thereto are their genuine signatures

Deo 8th 1919 J G Spangler Clerk County Court

Last Will and Testament of George Ben Wilson.

I, George Ben Wilson of Monroe County, Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other and former Wills by me at any time made.

First: I direct that all my debts including funeral expenses and expenses of administration be paid by my Executor out of any monies that may be in hand at my death or that may first come into the hands of my executor after my death.

Second: I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved nephew O C Williams Five Hundred Dollars to first be paid out of my estate after my funeral and administration expenses are paid.

Third: I direct that my Executor divide the balance of my estate including both real and personal property, both in this state and elsewhere \$800<sup>00</sup> being in Seattle Washington and I so give, devise and bequeath said real estate, monies and personal property, aforesaid, kind and description to be divided equally share and share alike to and between the children of Ellen Party deceased said children being my beloved nephew and niece

Fourth: I desire and direct that my Executor wind up my estate as directed above and make settlement with the court within three years from the date of my death.

Fifth: I hereby nominate and appoint George E Wilson sole Executor of this my last Will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the sixth day of November 1917. George Ben Wilson

Testator

Signed by the said George Ben Wilson as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of the undersigned who at his request, and in his sight and presence have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses the day and date above written.

H M McDaniel  
L B Boning

Probated June 5 1920

Will of Mollie Stephens.

I, Mollie Stephens of Belltown, County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament.

It is my will at my death that my nephew Hest Stephens and his heirs shall have all my real estate consisting of a farm containing thirty (30) acres of land more or less, being bounded as follows: One the East by Powers and the an South by Giles and Waters, West by Dye and Stephens; North by Stephens and Powers.

It is my will that my funeral expenses, together with my just debts be fully paid and that the balance of my personal property, be equally divided among my brothers and sisters. I hereby appoint O.P. Anderson to be guardian of the said Hest Stephens until he shall become twenty one (21) years of age. I appoint the said O.P. Anderson to be Executor of this will in witness whereof I Mollie Stephens have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of September 1917.

Mollie Stephens

Signed, published and declared by the above named Mollie Stephens as her last will and testament in presence of us, who at her request have signed as witnesses of said will.

John M. Stephens

Rashel Stephens

Ella Powers

Probated March 15<sup>th</sup> 1920

County Circuit Clerk.

Will of C.L. Lunderman

I, C.L. Lunderman, of Tullie Plains, in the County of Monroe, 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 others by me at any time made.

First, I desire that as soon as possible after my death all my funeral expenses and just debts be paid out of the money that may come into the hands of my executors.

Second, I devise and bequeath all my lands, tenements, hereditaments, and all my household furniture, ready money, securities for money, choses in action, goods and chattels and all parts of any and all of real and personal property and effects, whatsoever and wheresoever that I may die, seized and possessed of to my wife Creekill Lunderman her heirs, and assigns or administrator, to and for her and their absolute use according to the nature thereof for ever, subject only to the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses as herein after mentioned.

Third, I appoint my wife, the said Creekill Lunderman as executrix of this my last will, releasing and excusing her from making bond as executrix thereof.

In witness whereof I C.L. Lunderman, have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 23 day of October in the year Nineteen Hundred and fifteen

C.L. Lunderman

Signed sealed and declared by the above named C.L. Lunderman as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this the 23rd day of October 1915.

J. M. Watson  
W. R. Rhea

## Will of E. C. and Sarah E. Beavans.

Will

March the 37, 1915

— E. C. Beavans and wife Sarah E. Beavans as we have met,  
a decide with our real estate with our children, then that  
wanted land taken up and them that didn't want land taken  
the valuation in money. We will tell you what we want done  
with our personal property if we have any, we want it divided  
equal with all of the children at our death, be yet children  
will can show you all in our

E. C. Beavans

Sarah E. Beavans

Personally appeared before me H. H. Patterson, a Notary Public  
in Monroe County, Tennessee E. C. Beavans and wife  
Sarah E. Beavans who acknowledged that they executed the  
above instrument for the purpose therein contained

Witness my hand and official seal at E. C. Beavans

Home

This May 12, 1915.

H. H. Patterson Notary Public.

*Seal*

## Will of Taylor Wills.

I Taylor Wills of Monroe County Tennessee do make and  
publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking  
and making void all others by me at any time made.  
First I direct my funeral expenses and all my debts  
be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any  
money that I may die possessed of or may first come  
into the hands of my executor.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Eliza  
Wills Nine Hundred Dollars in Cash and notes and  
One horse and buggy.

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my son General Wills  
One Hundred Dollars.

Fourthly I give and bequeath the remainder of my  
property consisting of said machinery and notes to  
be divided equally between my two sons General  
Wills and Jackson Wills.

I hereby appoint Lee R. Sloan  
Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set  
my hand this the 30th day of February, 1920.

Taylor Wills.

Signed and published in our presence and the  
presence of each other and at the request of the  
testator and in his presence. This 30th day of Februa-  
ry, 1920.

J. H. Nutt

Vastine Stickley

Probated April 12th, 1920.

County Court Clerk

Holographic Will of J G Caud

Know all men by these presents that I J G Caud being in my right mind and of my own free will, make this my last will & Testament.

First I bequeath my spirit to God who gave it.

I bequeath my Real Estate after Funeral Expenses are paid to be equally divided between my Heirs, that is the Farm, Iron One or Mountain land, all that their Grand Father Paid out, I bequeath to my son J B Caud Fifty acres known as what Deacon Caud got from J P Caud deceased, & also known as field lying above the barn.

He is to have Twelve Hundred dollars out of that. Eight Hundred for Borrowed Money. Four Hundred for Dr Bills & Incidentals Expenses that I justly owe him. Balance to be equally divided between the others.

The Tools belonging to farm & stock and his Individually he has worked them out & I want him to do as he pleases with them, the House hold goods I want my Eldest daughter Mary Lois to divide them among the other Heirs as she thinks best.

I appoint my son J B Caud Administrator & Executor to close it up without bond. Witness my Hand & Seal.

witness J F Red.

J G Caud Octo 1919

Mary Elizabeth Kirkland Will

I Mary Elizabeth Kirkland of Delco Plains, Tennessee and in the County of Monroe do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

First: I direct that my funeral and burial expenses be paid by my Executive hereinafter named. Out of the first money coming into her hands, or that I may have in hands at my death.

Second: I do hereby give and bequeath to my son Anderson my Chest and Linen quilt. My Son Joe one Linen quilt and Jim one Linen quilt. Sarah to have black dress and underskirt,

Tilda to have brown dress and underskirt of the same item.

Third: The balance of what I have I keep for my own use, and at my death it with all money I may have after my funeral and burial expenses are paid together with any other things I may have. I direct that Nancy and Max Patterson have for taking care of me.

Fourth: I do hereby nominate and appoint Nancy Patterson as my Executive without bond for this my last will and testament to carry out the conditions expressed herein. In Testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this March 4th 1919

Mary Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Kirkland.

Signed by the said Mary Elizabeth Kirkland as an for her last will and testament, in the presence of us, the undersigned who at her request and in her sight and presence have subscribed our names hereto as attesting witnesses the day and date above written

John M. Stephens

State of Tennessee

J M Keel, Notary

Marion County Personally appeared before me of Sparta County, County Clerk for above named County, and State John M. Stephens and J M Kirkland to me personally known and who being duly sworn and the law directs acknowledge that the above is their true and genuine signatures and that they signed the within will in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator and at the request of the testator and that they are in no way interested in the bequests of said will.

J M Stephens  
J M Kirkland

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this May 8th 1920

O'Fusling County Court Clerk

Last Will & Testament of Sarah J Gilbreath

I, Sarah J Gilbreath of Madisonville, Monroe County, Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do make, publish and declare the following to be my last Will and Testament. First All my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first fully paid.

Second: I will and bequeath to my beloved Grand daughter Maud Robison all the amount left, back real and personal should there be a remainder after the following has been paid.

Third: I will and bequeath to my beloved Grand daughters Ethel Watson \$100<sup>00</sup> One hundred dollars.

Fourth: I will and bequeath to my beloved Son W.L. Gilbreath the sum of \$100<sup>00</sup> and in Case he cannot be reached in person the amount bequeathed to him shall be paid over to my Granddaughter Maud Robison.

In Case I should not live the rents from my lands for the year 1920 shall be turned over to my Granddaughter Maud Robison. She shall also have the one-half the poultry products as per my agreement with Don Cardin.

Fifth: I will and bequeath to the pastor of the M.E. Church South Madisonville Tennessee the sum of \$5<sup>00</sup>.

Sixth: I also will and bequeath to the Lodgers and the sum of \$2<sup>00</sup> (Madisonville Inn)

Seventh: I will and bequeath to my beloved Granddaughter Naomi Gilbreath the sum of \$25<sup>00</sup> Twenty five dollars.

Eighth: I hereby nominate and appoint D.E. Lowry as Executor to this my last Will and Testament without bond. This 13th day Jan. 1920

Signed: Sarah J Gilbreath

Signed sealed published and declared as and for her last Will and Testament by the above named testator in her presence and who have at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other signed our names as witnesses thereto.

Witness: Frank Smith

Witness: M.A. Smith

State of Tennessee

Monroe County } Personally appeared before me C.J. Spilberg  
County Court Clerk for above named County  
and State Frank Smith and Mrs M.A. Smith to me personally  
known and with whom I am personally acquainted and

who made oath in due form of law that they signed the within will in the presence and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other and that they are in no way interested in the bequests of said will. Proved and probated as the law directs.

This May 8th 1920

C.J. Spilberg

County Court Clerk.

Last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Allen Dead

March 13, 1917

I, Elizabeth Allen of Madisonville Monroe County, Tennessee being of sound mind to make my last Will and Testament. First all my just debts funeral expense shall be first fully paid. Second I give and bequeath my land and every article I possess to my beloved Sister Sarah J Gilbreath to have and to hold so long as she shall live, in the event of her death to be equally divided between the heirs of my dear Sister Kate Conner. Should any one claim a debt made prior to Jan 15 1916 I cancel them as null and void.

Elizabeth Allen

D.E. Lowry Executor

witnesses Fred Conner

Frank Smith

State of Tennessee } Personally appeared before me C.J. Spilberg  
Monroe County } County Court Clerk for above  
named County and State Fred Conner

and Frank Smith both whom I am personally acquainted and made oath in due form of law that they sign the within will in the presence of and at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other and that they are in no way interested in the bequests set out in said will. Proved and probated as the law directs.

This May 8th 1920

C.J. Spilberg

County Court Clerk.

Will of John K. Johnson.

Know all men by these Presents:

I, John K. Johnson, of Monroe County, Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me heretofore made.

I.

I will and direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable after my death out of the first moneys coming to the hands of my Executor to be hereinafter appointed.

II.

I give and bequeath to my mother Mrs. James R. Johnson, if she shall survive me, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000<sup>00</sup>) to be paid to her out of my estate, but if she dies before my death or before the payment of said sum by my Executor the said sum shall revert to my estate to be divided as herein after shown.

III.

I give and bequeath to my sister Corry Johnson, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000<sup>00</sup>) to be paid to her out of my estate in cash, but if she shall die before I do or before the payment is made to her said sum shall revert to my estate.

IV.

I will and direct that the farm, or which I now live, being about 101 acres of land in the third District of Monroe County Tennessee, known as the James R. Johnson home farm, together with all his stock, including cattle stock, cattle hogs and stock of every kind, all crop growing on the farm at the time of my death, all feed stuffs of every kind and value at my death and all tools and farming implements and machinery of every kind on said farm be offered to my brother Rue L. Johnson at aed for the price of Nine Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500<sup>00</sup>), to be paid on such terms as may be agreed upon by my said brother and Executor, except that I direct that not less than one third of said sum shall be paid in cash, If my said brother Rue L. Johnson, shall accept the said offer and purchase the said farm and personal property at said price then he is to share equally with my brothers and sisters in the division of my estate.

except for the special bequests herein set out, but he shall decline to take the said offer and purchase all the farm and personal property as above set out, then in that case he shall only receive from my estate the sum of One hundred Dollars (\$100<sup>00</sup>) which will be paid to him in cash by my Executor and this shall be all that he shall receive from my estate.

V.

I will and bequeath to my brother Oscar L. Johnson all the property of every kind and nature of which I may die seized in Eggleston Texas.

VI.

I will and direct all the rest and residue of my estate after the payment of the above special bequests be divided equally share and share alike amongst all my brothers and sisters, the children of those who are dead taking their parents share, and those to whom special bequests are made taking and sharing equally with the others in the division of this remainder.

VII.

I will and direct that a testamentary trustee be herein after appointed take charge and control of the interests and share of my said estate going to the heirs of my deceased sister, Ruby Johnson, Hatch wife of L. M. Hatch to wit Robert L. Hatch and Ewart O. Hatch and the interest and share of my said estate going to the children of my deceased brother Jule O. Johnson and put the entire amount of same out on interest with good security and the interest to be added to the principal each year until the said children shall respectively reach the age of twenty-one years when the entire fund belonging to such child attaining his majority shall be paid over to him by such trustee. If either of the said children of my deceased sister, Ruby Johnson, Hatch shall die before attaining his majority his share of the said estate shall fall to the surviving brother, but if both of said children shall die before reaching the age of twenty-one years then and in that event the whole of said share of said estate shall revert to my estate to be divided equally between my other heirs as provided for in the original estate.

It is my intention under this clause of this will that the entire estate going to the children of my deceased brother and sister as named herein shall be kept at interest during their minority. Compounding the interest each year and the whole sum principal and interest to be paid to each of them when they reach the age of twenty one years.

VIII.

I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my brother Oscar L Johnson my Executor to carry out the provisions of this will; but in case the said Oscar L Johnson shall be incapable to serve for any reason or shall fail to qualify, I nominate, constitute and appoint my sister Katie L Johnson my Executor to carry out this will.

I also hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my said brother Oscar L Johnson my testamentary trustee to carry out the provisions of the seventh paragraph of this will, or in case he can not serve or shall fail to qualify for any reason I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my sister Katie L Johnson my said testamentary trustee.

In testimony whereof I have to this my last will and testament set my hand on this the 20 day of May 1950.

John K Johnson

We, the undersigned witnesses have signed our names hereto at the request of the testator and in his presence and the presence of each other, and the said testator signed the same in our presence and acknowledged the same as and for his last will and testament, this the 20th day of May 1950.

J E White

J A D Stephens

State of Minnesota Personally appeared before me C of Stearns County, Monroe County Court Clerk for above named County and State

J E White and J A D Stephens to me personally known and being duly sworn say that they signed the within will as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other and that they are in no way interested in the bequests of said will.

J A D Stephens

J E White

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of June 1950  
C of Stearns County Clerk.

### Last Will and Testament of Katie Johnson

Know all men by these presents: That I Katie Johnson of Monroe County Minnesota, being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me heretofore made.

First I will and direct that my funeral expenses be paid as soon as practicable after my death out of my funds that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor Second: I will and bequeath to my Sister Carrie Johnson the sum of \$2000 - Two thousand dollars in cash to be paid to her out of my estate, but if she shall die before I do or before the payment is made to her said sum shall revert to my estate.

Third I will and direct all the rest and residue of my estate after the payment of the above special bequests be divided equally share and share alike amongst the rest of my brothers and sisters the children of those who are dead taking their portions share.

Fourth: I will and direct that a testamentary trustee to be hereinafter appointed take charge and care of the interest and share of my said estate going to the heirs of my deceased sister Ruby Johnson. Which wife of L M Hitch to wit Robert L Hitch and Evan O Hitch and the interest and share of my said estate going to the children of my deceased brother Judd Johnson and for the entire amount of same out of interest and good security and the interest to be added to the principal each year until the said children shall respectfully reach the age of twenty one years, when the entire fund belonging to such child attaining his majority shall be paid over to him by such trustee. If either of the said children of my deceased sister Ruby Johnson, Hitch shall die before attaining his majority his share of said estate shall fall to the surviving brother but if both of said children shall die before reaching the age of twenty one years then and in that event the whole of the said share of said estate shall revert to my estate to be divided equally between my other heirs as provided for the original estate. It is my intention under this clause of this will that the entire estate going to the children of my deceased brother and sister as named herein shall be kept at interest during their minority. Compounding the interest each year and the whole sum of principal and interest be paid to each of them when they reach the age of

Twenty one years.

Fifth I hereby nominate Consistente and appoint my brother Oscar L Johnson my Executor to carry out the provisions of this will but in Case the said Oscar L Johnson shall be incapacitated to serve for any reason or shall fail to qualify I nominate Consistente and appoint my brother John H Johnson my Executor to carry out this will.

I also hereby nominate Consistente and appoint Oscar L Johnson my testatorialy trustee to carry out the provisions of the facit paragraph of this will or in Case the named serv or share fail to qualify for any reason I hereby nominate Consistente and appoint my brother John H Johnson my said testatorialy trustee.

In test among wherof I have to this my last will and testament set my hand on this the 20th day of May 1950

Kate Johnson

Be the undersigned witnesses have signed our names hereto at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other and the said testator signed the same in his presence and acknowledged the same as and for his last will and testament this the 20th day of May 1950 J A D Stephens

J E White

State of Minnesota Personnally appeared before me C J Spaulding  
Marin County, County Court Clerk for above named County  
and State J A D Stephens and J E White both

whom I am personally acquainted and made oath in due form of law that they signed the within will in the presence of the testator and at his request and in the presence of each other and that we are in no way interested in the bequest of said will. Signed J A D Stephens

J E White

Swear to and Subscribed before me the 8th day of June 1950

C J Spaulding  
County Court Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Mrs James R Johnson

I Mrs James R Johnson of the County of Monroe State of Minnesota do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as practicable out of any funds that I may die possessed of or that may find come into the hands of my executors.

Second I give and bequeath to my four children Kate C Johnson, Harry M Johnson, John H Johnson and Robert E Johnson all the household furniture which I may die possessed of, any of them being left their portion to go to the others just named.

Third I desire that whatever property I may have left after the payment of the aforesaid bequests, be divided equally among my children those being dead their share to go to their heirs.

I direct that the inheritance of this will of Robert L Hitch and Ervin O Hitch be kept an interest for them by my executor until they have become twenty one years of age. Should either die their portion to go to the other should both die their inheritance to be equally divided among my heirs.

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my son John R Johnson my Executor and in Case of his failure to qualify Oscar L Johnson in his place and stead should both die fail to qualify I nominate and appoint Katie C Johnson my executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand this 12th day of May 1950. Mrs James R Johnson  
Signed and published in our presence and we hereunto  
in the presence of the testator this the 12th day of May 1950.

J A D Stephens

R E Davis

State of Minnesota Personnally appeared before me C J Spaulding County Court  
Marin County, Clerk for above named County and State J A D Stephens and  
R E Davis with whom I am personally acquainted who made oath in due  
form of law that they signed the within will as witnesses in the presence of and  
at the request of the testator and in the presence of each other and that we  
are in no way interested in the bequest of said will.

Signed J A D Stephens

R E Davis

Swear to and Subscribed before me the 8th day of June 1950  
C J Spaulding County Court Clerk

Last will and Testament of Elizabeth R. Denning

I, Elizabeth R. Denning, of the County of Monroe and State of Tennessee, do hereby make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following:

First: I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as conveniently can be done.

Second: I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the First Baptist Church in the Town of Sweetwater, Tennessee, and to their successors in office, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars said account so given to be held by them in trust as a Perpetual Fund, the interest derived from said fund only to be used and that to be expended each year for the best interests of said church.

Third: I desire my son R. A. Denning, my daughters Katherine Hardy and Anna Owen and my daughters-in-law Anna C., Margaret, Eva, and Belle Denning to divide agreeably among themselves all my Household goods consisting of furniture, clothing, and every thing in and about my residence of a house-furnishing character, best if my daughter Anna Owen wishes it I desire her to have my piano.

Fourth: I give to my daughter-in-law Anna Denning, the sum of Two Hundred Dollars, and to each of my other daughters-in-law above named the sum of One Hundred Dollars, and to my grand children Ellen and Bertha Denning, each the sum of One Hundred Dollars; but I desire that Bertha's bequest be held in Trust by my executors, placed at interest, and, when she becomes of proper age, expend the same in giving her some special Course of Study of her own choosing if she desires to take such a course, otherwise to be turned over to her.

Fifth: I give and bequeath to my sons J. D. Denning and R. A. Denning, each, the sum of Five Hundred Dollars in recognition of the fact, that no money has heretofore been furnished them by me.

Sixth: I give and bequeath to each of my six living children Nancy J. Denning, D. P. Denning, A. B. Denning, R. A. Denning, Katherine Hardy, and Anna Owen, Twenty-Five Shores of Woolen mill stock, and to my grand children, Margaret, Elizabeth and Frank Denning, the children and heirs at law of my son F. H. Denning deceased the remaining Twenty-Five Shores of the One

Hundred and Seventy Five Shores of said stock now held by me in the American Trustee Worlum Company, and believing this instrument to be a good and safe one, I desire that the said stock be held by them and not sold or transferred to others unless necessary to carry into effect other provisions of this will; and I make this a Special Request of my daughter Anna.

Seventh: I give and bequeath to my daughter-in-law Anna C. Denning and to her three children Margaret, Elizabeth and Frank, each a One-Fourth undivided interest in and to the House and lot long occupied by them as a residence on the Northwest side of Oak Street in the Town of Sweetwater, Tennessee.

Eighth: I give and bequeath to my executors hereinafter named all my personal property and all my real estate not otherwise herein disposed of, to be held in Trust by them for the use and benefit of my six children named above and the children of my son F. H. Denning, deceased until the same can be advantageously disposed of by them; and I have by direct authority and empower my said executors to sell either at private or public sale transfer and convey all

of my said remaining property and to make good war, marsh, deeds for said real estate, with the usual Convenants and to divide the proceeds including all other personal property not otherwise herein disposed of, among my six living children named above and the heirs of F. H. Denning, each to receive a One-Seventh interest of the whole, with the exceptions and reservations following:

(1) I direct that the interest of D. P. Denning be charged with the sum of One Thousand and Ninety Two \$9/100 (\$1092 20) Dollars, money advanced in securing his present home and that said amount be deducted from his interest.

(2) I further direct my executors acting in the capacity of Trustees as aforesaid, to invest so much of the interest of Anna Owen as is necessary for the purpose, in a home for her and her husband, the same to be a home in keeping with their station in life and make ~~and~~ cause to be made to the said Anna Owen a deed vesting in her a life estate in the property so purchased and reserving the fee simple interest or title for her heirs, and if she should die without leaving issue the title

to nearest to her nearest blood kin but if her husband  
be still living he is not to be disturbed in the peaceful  
possession of said home during his lifetime.

(3) I further direct that my son R. D. Denning be given all  
opportunity to purchase any or all of my bank stock before  
it is offered to others, if he should desire the same and  
that he be allowed this stock at prevailing Book or market  
value.

A brief description of the Real estate now owned by me is  
as follows. In the Town of Sweetwater Tennessee,  
House and lot at the junction of First and Second streets  
known as the "Denning's property".

House and lot fronting on Oak Street known as the "Amador" property.  
One house and lot fronting on Walnut Street.  
Three houses and lots on "Fort Hill" two fronting on east side  
of First Street and one on north side of Monroe Street,  
Vacant lot fronting 70 feet on Broad Street. Hitchcock addition  
also a two-seventh interest in the following  
Livery Stable, Coal Yard, and warehouse lot fronting 160 feet  
on Railroad Street.

Three houses and lots on Monroe Street lying between  
the lots of Mrs L. E. Herkell and Algood property.

Lots No 6, 7, 8 & 9 fronting 75 feet each on Monroe Street.  
Lots No 2 & 3, No 2 fronting 94 feet and No 3, 65 feet on Pork Valley  
Lots No 4 fronting 44 feet, No 5 fronting 48 feet on Pork Valley  
and on which houses are located.

The entire block fronting on High Street and known as the  
Denning's "Home Place" and

Nearly shares of stock in the Denning's Realty Company and  
the Real estate owned by said Company.

Ninth: I hereby nominate Constitute and appoint my four  
sons namely J. D. Denning, D. P. Denning, A. B. Denning and R. G. Denning  
Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Tenth: I hereby revoke and make void all former wills  
by me at any time heretofore made.

Eleventh: It is my prayerful and well considered request  
that my children and all concerned try to be satisfied with  
what I have done for I have tried before God to do right by  
each and spared any of the beneficiaries under this my  
will object to the probate hereof or in any way controvert

any of the provisions thereof or the distribution of my estate thereunder  
then and in that event I annul any bequest herein made to such  
beneficiary and it is my will that such beneficiary shall be ab-  
solutely banished and cut off from any share in my estate.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my  
name this 14th day of March 1911 in the presence of Mrs. L. E.  
Herkell and Dr. L. M. Roberts whom I have requested to be my  
attesting witnesses hereto.

Elizabeth R. Denning,

signed and published in our presence and we have sub-  
scribed our names in the presence of the testator  
This 14 day of March 1911.

Mrs L. E. Herkell

Dr. L. M. Roberts.

Brown and Probated as the law directs this Oct 6 1920

Ogallala  
County Court Clerk