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I George Hudson do make and publish  
this as my last Will and Testament  
hereby revoking and making void all  
other wills by me at any time made  
First of all my ~~personal~~ <sup>personal</sup> ~~possessions~~ <sup>possessions</sup>  
together with my Wife Rebecca and  
all my just debts to be paid.  
Secondly I wish my son Joel Hudson  
to have the black smith tools, I also  
wish my grand daughter Elizabeth Jane  
daughter of Joel Hudson to have the  
oldest feather bed and furniture. I  
also want Basdill Scruggs to have  
all of my farming tools of every dis-  
cription and also all the household  
and Kitchen furniture except the  
feather bed above named also a sorrel  
horse and brown mare and six head  
of cattle with the increase of any  
and what Hogs on hand and half of  
the sheep on hand to have and to hold  
and to have full controll of the same  
during the natural life of my daughter  
Anny Porter then to be equally divided  
between the heirs of the body of my  
daughter Anna Porter. I do not will  
that the above should be so construed as  
that the said Baswell Scruggs should  
apply the above named property to his  
own use or any part of it or the proceeds  
thereof but to apply it intirely to the  
use and benefit of my daughter  
Anna Porter and the heirs of her body  
and the balance of the Sheep I want  
my son Joel to have, I wish my  
lands to be divided as follows viz  
A line running about an East and  
West course passing throu two corners  
and between the fields North and

"I John Brabson of Sevier County and State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament

Item 1 I Will and desire that after my death my Executors pay my debts and funeral expences out of my estate.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth all my house hold and Kitchen furniture including two clocks and my safe together with such books as she may chose; the residue to be divided between my three Sons Benjamin Thomas & Reese.

I also give to my wife Elizabeth all of the crop ~~now~~ have on hands at my death either in the ground or gathered and also all the provisions on hand the crop is to include all the rents that may be coming from my tenants as well as what may be raised on the ground cultivated by myself. I also give and bequeath to my said wife as much of my stock of every description and farming utensils as she may need leaving that to her own judgment.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I also give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth during her natural life the following tracts of land for her support. First the tract on which I now live including the hereditaments and appertinances thereto belonging and bounded as follows Beginning on a Spanish oak near where Latham Warren lives on the public road leading to the store then running down Boyds creek so as to include a lot and house adjoining said oak tree and including the spring at the creek.

to the mouth of said creek and then down with the meanders thereof including the ferry to James Ellis line and with that line to a stake that will lie in a line between the corner of Ellis fence that turns short round to go towards my mill; from thence to where the road turns round a 14 Acre field called the mud hole field to go towards Blain big field and from that corner with the mill road to the public road and with that to the beginning. Also I give to my wife Elizabeth during her natural life what cleared land I have in the Island called Buckinghams Island with liberty to clear five acres more in the Island adjoining the cleared land on the bluffs. Also I give to my said wife during her natural life all the land I own on the north side of French Broad river adjoining my ferry and where Samuel Cook including the ferry and where Samuel Cook now lives all for her use to farm but not to sell or waste or sell any timber but to use such timber as may be necessary for keeping<sup>up</sup> the farms and for fire wood &c. Also to use what timber in the Island above named that may be necessary to keep up the farming thereon. My said wife is also at liberty to clear twenty acres on the land on the north side of the ferry. I also give to my said wife all the rents that that may be made on the Shamblin place on the Linas Galyan place and where James White lives during her life. I also give to my wife during her life the use of what is called Blain Big field and the field adjoining that I have worked, also the fourteen acres

field called the mud hole field and the fields adjoining and the Reagan field all for her to have to farm during her natural life, <sup>and</sup> also she to have the privilege of using timber on the different tracts of land to keep up the fences; and to have what timber she may need on any of my lands in the North for rails &c

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth six hundred dollars to be paid her out of my money or a good note as she may chose

Item 5. I give and bequeath to my said wife during her natural life the use of all my slaves that I do not otherwise dispose of.

Item 6. My will is that my slave Molly be freed from bondage at my death and the death of my wife; and that my Executors make provisions for her to live with some person that will be bound to keep her off the County and to live with some person of her own choice if any person will go her security to keep her from becoming a County charge and the County Court will allow it my will is that she may be emancipated instead of being bound to live with any person

Item 7. It is my will that my wife may have as many raw hides tanned in my tanyard free of charge as will shoe her family during her life provided the tanyard is kept up, also my will is that she may in like manner have what sawing she may need for ferry boats done at my saw mill provided she furnish the timber and the mill continues to run;

Item 8. I give and devise to my son Benjamin de Brabson and his heirs forever all the lands that I have herein given to my wife Elizabeth except such as I have otherwise disposed of to others, and the possession of which he is to get at the death of his mother, my will is that my son Benj<sup>r</sup> de Brabson begin two chains along the road towards the ferry from the corner Spanish oak spoken of above and to run parallel and with the gully to the present fence and with the fence two rods and then at right angles to the creek and then with the creek to its mouth and with the line allotted to his mother until it reaches within two chains of the Spanish oak his mother's corner, I also give and devise unto my son Benj<sup>r</sup> de Brabson and his heirs forever all the lands I own on the north side of French Broad adjoining my ferry including the ferry and adjoining the lands of George Hudson and the heirs of John Near supposed to contain five hundred acres with the exception of a small piece of land I allotted to the widow Ingram during her life or widowhood, at which term of time my will is that it belong to my son Benjamin de Brabson, and his heirs forever, I further give and devise to my son Benj<sup>r</sup> de Brabson and his heirs forever one half of a <sup>my</sup> hundred acre tract that lies on the public road between my ferry and Henry crop roads and the other half of said tract I give and devise to my son Thomas de Brabson and his heirs forever, I further give and devise to my son Benjamin de Brabson and his heirs forever all the lands I own in what is called

Blue Rinkhams Island together with  
eight acres of an Island together  
with that lies in the river adjoining.  
I also give and devise to my said  
son Benj. L. Brabson and his heirs  
forever all the land where William  
Leamon once lived including one  
hundred and thirty acres of an Entry  
adjoining said land. I also give  
and devise to said Benjamin L. Brabson  
and his heirs forever a slip of ground  
32 feet at the road and wider at the  
creek that lies between the lands of James  
Ellis and Hugh Cowan got off of Cowan's  
land for a road to the creek to get  
timber a crop the creek, all the land  
that I have willed to my wife Eliza-  
beth during her life that at her  
death go to my son Benj. L. Brabson  
are not to be ~~occupied~~ occupied by him  
until after the death of his said  
Mother. I also give and devise  
to my said son Benjamin L. Brabson  
and his heirs forever the one third  
part of all my Knott lands that are  
not specially devised to others.

Item 9 I give and devise to my two sons  
Benjamin L. Brabson and Thomas L. Brabson  
and their heirs forever my tract of land  
containing about 360 or 370 acres that  
runs with Byrd's water land and lies  
on the waters of Panther creek & Knott  
creek.

Item 10 - I give and devise to my two  
sons Benjamin L. Brabson & Thomas  
L. Brabson and their heirs forever  
all the lands that lie on that part  
of my place that lies between  
James Ellis where he lives and his

old place that lies on the west side of the  
road that leads towards the mill until  
they come to the corner of the 14 acre field  
on the corner that turns to go to the Blair  
big field they are to run on the line  
allotted to Benjamin L. Brabson undimen-  
sionary to a stake on James Ellis land provided  
this line does not run the line to Ellis  
fence corner spoken of in Elizabeth Brabson's  
line through a sinkhole if so it is to be  
allotted so as to pass by one of the sinkholes  
and to run from said stake on Ellis line  
with his line and to his corner that runs  
from the river and to run from that  
corner so as to run in a ~~sinkhole~~ small  
distance to the road that runs towards  
Whittles old place and with the road  
to Hugh Cowan's corner and Randles v-  
by varying in some place so as to suit  
the road or make it better than where  
it now runs; and with Cowan's line to  
James Ellis line and with Ellis line  
to the white oak corner on the creek  
and then with the creek to the middle  
of it to the bend and then down the creek  
on the south side to the mouth and up on  
the other side to Benjamin L. Brabson's  
corner on the creek and then with his  
line to the State on the road two chains  
from the Spanish oak. The fields that  
are allotted to my wife during her life  
out of the above lands are not to be  
occupied by the said Benjamin L. Brabson  
and Thomas L. Brabson until after the death  
of my said wife. I also give and  
devise to my said sons Benjamin L.  
Brabson and Thomas L. Brabson and  
their heirs forever all my ~~San~~ yard  
with all the tools on hand and dry

hides and also one half of all the leather in tan or in preparing for tanning and the other half I direct to be divided between the rest of my children to be worked out by my black boy Henry and the bark and oil on hands to be used for that purpose and what is left if any is to belong to my said two sons Benjamin & Thomas & Brabson and if any is wanted ~~and if any is want~~ then my said son Benjamin is to furnish it, the leather to be divided as it is worked out. I also give to my said two sons Benjamin & Thomas all my smith tools, I give and bequeath to my said sons Benjamin & Thomas my two black boys Henry & Charles the black smith equally during their natural lives, at the death of either that shall die leaving no heirs of their own body then the right to said two slaves Henry & Charles shall go to the survivor and his heirs forever, I further give and devise to my said two sons Benjamin & Thomas & Brabson and their heirs forever all the tract of land that my old mill was built upon in the Knob with its appertinances, also a small piece of land of about three acres near where the widow Perry once lived being part of the field where Shamblin lives, I also give to my said two sons Benjamin & Thomas & Brabson and their heirs forever a one hundred acre tract that takes in the Knob at the left as one paper towards the old mill.

and also one other tract that contains two hundred acres that Whittle entered and sold to me, also one third of a tract of three hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts that runs to the lick place, and also in like manner I give and devise to them my said two sons my part of an Entry made by myself & Chandler that lies between Chandler & Whittle fifty acres and my mill tract that runs to the lick and the creek, I also give and devise to my said sons Benjamin & Thomas & Brabson and their heirs forever the balance of the said tract called five hundred and fifty two acres or near that, some of this tract is taken in by ~~an~~ other entries, if my wife Elizabeth may want timber out of any of these lands she is to have for rails fire wood and other uses my will is that said Benjamin & Thomas & Brabson shall tan the leather spoken of for my wife in part consideration yard and black boy

Item 11 I give and bequeath to my son Thomas & Brabson and his heirs forever so much of my lands where he now lives as lies on the north side of the road that leads from my mill towards Levi Whittle's old place with the exception I have made in the road mentioned in the line of Benjamin & Thomas & Brabson on said road where there is a wagon road used that is to make the road better in places where it needs changing of the road to better ground the bounds are to be as follows Beginning at a post oak corner

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Hugh Cowan, James Randles and Myself  
and to run with the road spoken of  
to a corner between one and James  
Ellis, the first corner from a beach on  
the river bank, and from that corner  
to said beach on the river bank  
and from thence up the river  
various courses and distances to  
include the land in a twenty five  
acre entry, also to run down the  
river so as to include the mills  
and an Island of thirty seven acres  
or thereabouts called Bogges Island  
and down the river to James &  
Richard Randles mill, and with  
their line to the public road, and  
with the road to James Randles  
deceased and with said James  
Randles line to the beginning,  
+ containing one tract of land formerly  
owned by John Clinckenland and  
purchased by me from Edward George  
and other purchased by me at a true  
sale of Samuel Bowmans the land formerly  
belonging to Samuel Bogges part of  
another tract formerly owned by Joseph  
Blain all that has not been devised to  
Benjamin and the said Thomas C Brabson  
jointly. I further give and devise to my  
said son Thomas C Brabson and his  
heirs forever a one hundred acre tract  
I own in the Knobs being the one I  
purchased two thirds of it from James  
W Ellis adjoining the lands of said Ellis  
I further devise to my said son Thomas  
C Brabson & his heirs forever the one  
third of the tract of land that belongs to  
John Chandler & Myself the one half to  
each the tract contains 532 acres

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lying Knobs creek the waters of Boyas creek  
and which I decided between Benjamin  
C & Thomas C Brabson,

Item 12 I direct that my Executors shall  
sell my house and lot in the town of  
Sevierville and my twenty tract near Jerry  
Mathus old place with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Series I got  
of John Battelle upon such a credit as will  
secure the best price, so that it be not  
longer than two years and to be sold as  
soon as there is an opportunity of selling  
for a fair price, and until it can be  
sold I desire that it be rented and the  
money arising from said sale I direct  
that it shall be equally divided among  
my five daughters,

Item 13 I give and devise to my daughter  
Mary Hodsden my land known as the  
Bush tract including three tracts, one  
two hundred and forty eight acres in the  
fork of the big East fork and little East  
fork of little Pigeon river, one other  
tract on the opposite side of the little East  
fork containing one hundred & fourteen acres  
being the place George Bush formerly lived  
on and one other tract of fifty acres the  
above lands with the hereditaments and  
appertinances thereto belonging I give to  
my said daughter Mary during her natural  
life and at her death I give and devise  
the same to her children born of her body and  
their heirs forever, I also give to my said  
daughter one negro girl out of my estate  
during her natural life together with her increase  
and at the death of my daughter Mary  
then I give and bequeath the said negro  
girl and her increase to the children  
born of the body of my said daughter and their  
heirs forever to be equally divided amongst them

If I should furnish my said daughter with a negro girl before my death then she is to hold the same under this will in lieu of the one given by the will and to be held by her children as directed by this my will,

Item 14<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my daughter Precilla Shields my tract of land lying near McLarys mill where Frederick Deruggs lives & Jesse Leasingham lives containing three hundred and thirteen acres more or less together with one entry containing fifty two acres on Truckahoe creek, adjoining the same, the above lands with the hereditaments and appertinances thereto belonging I give to my said daughter Precilla during her natural life and at her death I give the same to her children and their heirs born of her body forever. I also give to my said daughter Precilla during her natural life one negro girl named Lourenee about thirteen <sup>said</sup> years old and at the death of my said daughter said negro girl and her increase I give to the children of my said daughter and her heirs forever. I also give to my said daughter Precilla fifteen hundred dollars to make her land equal in value to the lands of my other daughters.

Item 15 I give to my daughter Lucy Deruggs all that tract of land I purchased of Levi Whittle in Sevier county containing from five to six hundred acres it being in different deeds and the lands that said Whittle lived upon including a Cotton Machine, and also seventy acres of land I purchased of Richard Hauey

the above land with the hereditaments and appertinances thereto belonging I give to my said daughter Lucy during her natural life and at her death I give and devise the same to her children born of her body and their heirs forever.

Item 16 I give and devise to my daughter Elizabeth McNeill my tract of land formerly owned by Doctor Thomas Lill containing four hundred & thirty four acres or thereabouts the above lands with the hereditaments and appertinances I give to my said daughter during her natural life and at her death I give and devise the same to her children born of her body & their heirs forever. I also give to my said daughter Elizabeth a negro girl named Malinda and her two children Gilbert & Sarah Pmeline during her natural life and at the death of my said daughter I give and devise the said above named negroes with their increase to the children of my said daughter and their heirs forever. I also give to my said daughter five hundred dollars in money to make her land equal in value to my other daughters.

Item 17 I give and devise to my daughter Penelope Borabson that tract of land I purchased of John Franklin with the hereditaments and appertinances lying in what is called McLarys bend containing about one hundred and ninety two acres. I also give to my said daughter my Island with its appertinances called McLarys Island & French Broad & river the above said lands I give to my said daughter Penelope during her natural life and should she marry and have children then at her death I give said lands to her children and their heirs

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forever but should she die unmarried or without children or the lawful descendants of children then I give and bequeath said lands to her Brothers and Sisters & their heirs forever.

I further give to my daughter Penelope one negro girl out of my stock of negroes or out of my estate during her natural life and at her death said negro & her increase is to go to the children of her body if she should marry and if ~~she~~ die unmarried or without children or the lawful descendants of children then said negro and increase to go to her Brothers and Sisters and their heirs forever. I also give to my said daughter Penelope twelve hundred and fifty dollars to make her land equal in value to my other daughters I also give to my said daughter the same amount of house hold furniture and stock that I gave to my other daughters out of my estate.

Item 18 I give and devise to my Son Reese B. Brabson and his heirs forever my tract of land lying in Gibson County in West Tennessee containing about 337 acres together with the hereditaments and appertinances thereto belonging. I also give to him the sum of \$2535 heretofore advanced to him by me for the purpose of purchasing a tract of land near the Town of Chattanooga. I also give to my said son Reese B. Brabson the sum of four hundred and sixty five dollars to be paid to him by my Executors in money. It is further my will that if the tract of land in Gibson

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County shall not sell for or be worth one thousand dollars then I give to my said son Reese out of my estate in addition to what I have given to him as much as will make said tract of land equal in value to one thousand dollars. I also give to my said son Reese the sum of eleven hundred dollars heretofore advanced to him by me to purchase a lot in the town of Chattanooga. I also give to my said son Reese a negro boy now in his possession named Bill.

Item 19<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my Son Benjamin L. Brabson and his heirs forever that tract of land with its appertinances that lies above Peter Huffaker's old place on the North Side of the river called twenty eight acres or thereabouts, also I give to my said son & his heirs forever the tract of land that ~~was~~ was in dispute with Wesley Huffaker supposed to be about sixty eight acres or thereabouts, my will also is that my said son Benjamin shall not be charged interest on his note of 655 dollars that he gave for the Baker place.

Item 20<sup>th</sup> My will is that so much of my stock and other articles that may not be disposed of such as stock that my wife Elizabeth may not want or other articles be sold by Executors and the money placed with my other monies.

Item 21<sup>st</sup> I give to my son Thomas B. Brabson my surveying instruments and my Gibson or surveying.

Item 22<sup>nd</sup> My will is that my son Benjamin L. Brabson have the use and benefit of my house lots in the town of Maryville during the life of his mother and at her death they shall be sold by my Executors.

and the money equally divided among my eight children,

Item 33. I give to my daughter Lucy Seruggs one half of an Entry of land lying back of the Widow Hendersons place, the whole containing 150 acres owned now by John Chandler & Myself which she is to have during her natural life and at her death to go to her children and their heirs in the same way that I have devised the other lands willed to her.

Item 34 My will is that my executors contract with some person to wall in a grave yard on the Hill above my house and pay for the same out of my estate or debts as they can make a contract the wall may be thirty feet square or more if thought necessary and be of such height and thickness as may be best to make it a good wall

Item 35 I direct that my executors shall sell my lands where where Charles R. I owned and the money divided among my eight children,

Item 36 My will is that if I should provide other means for any of my above named children they are to have no more than what will make them equal with what I have given them,

Item 37 My will is that at the death of my wife my negroes shall be divided by my executors as follows

First I give to my son Thomas B. Brabson one negro slave of his own choice after he has made his choice I then direct there shall be set apart by executors seven lots of negroes placing two in each lot and the said

lots to be as near of equal value as may be one of which lots I give to Thomas B. Brabson one to Reese B. Brabson one to Mary Hodsdon one to Precilla Shields ~~one~~ to Lucy Seruggs one to Elizabeth McNutt & one to Penelope Brabson and the rights to the respective lots to be determined by drawing and the difference in the value of said lots is to be made up in money by my executors so as to equalize the value of said lots. The remainder of my negroes at the time above stated to be divided into eight lots so as not to be better than what will be half of each of the above seven lots and those eight lots I give one to Benjamin B. Brabson, one to Reese B. Brabson one to Thomas B. Brabson one to Mary Hodsdon one to Precilla Shields one to Lucy Seruggs, one to Elizabeth McNutt & one to Penelope Brabson and said lots to be made of equal value by my executors by paying the difference in the value in money and the choice of these last lots to be likewise determined by drawing the negroes that shall fall to my daughters under the above two divisions Mary Hodsdon Precilla Shields, Lucy Seruggs, Elizabeth McNutt & Penelope Brabson I give and bequeath to them respectively during their natural life and at their death to go to their respective children and their heirs in the same way that I have directed the other slaves given them to go, and should my daughter Penelope die unmarried or without children or the lawful descendants of children then her said slaves are to go to her brothers and Sisters

Item 38 It is my will that the business of the firms of John Brabson & Co

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of Brabsons Tools, may be wound up in such manner and time as may be consistent with the interest of said firms that reasonable time be allowed for winding up the same without unnecessary preping collection of the debts so as to hazard their safety

Item 28 It is my desire that my Executors collect as soon as they can or within a reasonable time so much money out of the debts owing to me as will pay of the money I have directed specially to be paid to my wife and Legates.

Item 29 I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin L. Brabson the sum of two thousand dollars in money in addition to what I have already given to him in consideration his services rendered to me in the management of my business.

Item 30 I give to my son Thomas L. Brabson one thousand dollars in money in addition to what I have already given him in consideration of services rendered by him in management of my business.

Item 31 All the rest and residue of my estate I direct shall be equally divided among my eight children and their heirs to wit, Benjamin L. Brabson, Thomas L. Brabson, Lucilla Shields, Rice B. Brabson, Mary Goddard, Lucy Bernggs, Elizabeth Mcnutt and Penelope Brabson

Item 32 I hereby appoint Benjamin L. Brabson, Thomas L. Brabson and John S. Mcnutt Executors

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of this my last Will and Testament  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 1848  
Sealed signed published { John Brabson (deceased)  
and declared by the testator  
to be his last Will and  
Testament in the presence of  
Reps J. Davis  
Robt M. Hynds

Proven in open court by the two subscribing  
witnesses December Term Court 1848  
W. S. J. Ford clk.

State of Tennessee }  
Sevier County } I William S. J. Ford clerk  
of the County Court in & for said County  
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a  
true copy of the original Will of John  
Brabson as recorded and filed in my  
office. Given under my hand at office  
in Sevierville this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1849  
W. S. J. Ford clk.

+ The foregoing is a true copy of a  
Certified copy of the last Will and  
Testament of John Brabson deceased  
which is recorded by order of the  
County Court the original will and  
the record book containing a copy of the  
same having been destroyed by the  
burning of the County Court Clerks office  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 1856  
B. M. Chandler clk.

✓ By his Deput Mr. M. M. Covert

## Asa Delozier's Will

I Asa Delozier of the County of Surin  
and State of Tennessee do make and  
publish this as my last will and testament  
herby revoking and making void all other  
wills by me at any time made. First I  
direct that my funeral expenses and all  
my debts be paid as soon after my death as  
possible out of any moneys that I may die  
possessed of or may first come into the hands  
of my executors. secondly I will and  
bequeath to my wife Caroline all my house-  
hold & kitchen furniture and also as much  
of my stock with my waggons and farming  
essentials as may be necessary for my family  
support and farming purposes also it is  
my will that my wife with my  
family remains on the farm where they  
now live until my youngest child  
comes to 21 years of age it is my will  
that my son Andrew remains where he  
now lives and he with wife Caroline to  
have full contrall of all the farm it is  
my will that my son Cromwell remains  
where he now lives and have the full  
benefit of that farm for his own use  
also it is my will that Rufus Davis and  
family remains where they now live  
and have full benefit of said farm  
for his own use also it is my will that  
my son William have one third year  
old bay horse Colt, whereas Cromwell  
Delozier and Andrew Delozier has  
executed their Promisary note payable  
to me for seven hundred and sixty  
four dollars. one day after date  
dated the 9th day of September 1856  
it being the last payment on full

for the land I conveyed to them in the year  
1847. and whereas they have granted my wife  
and family the privilege of living on said  
land and raising my family until my  
youngest child arrives to 21 years of age  
Now it is my will that my Executors hold  
this note until my youngest child arrives  
to 21 years of age it is also my will that  
said Cromwell & Andrew Delozier at that  
time when my youngest child arrives to  
21 years of age propose to said heirs  
together with all the balance of my heirs  
to each and every one of them and equit-  
able division and interest with them selves  
in and to all the lands that I conveyed  
to them in the year 1847 provided the  
heirs or heirs pays said Cromwell &  
Andrew Delozier all the money with  
interest that they have paid or may  
yet pay out up to that time. it is also  
my will that when Cromwell & Andrew  
Delozier complies with this request  
whether accepted or rejected by my heirs  
the proposition shall be considered as  
payment in full of the Promisary note  
and then intitled to their note without  
any further considerations it is also my  
will that my Executors as soon after my  
death as convenient they examine into all  
my ~~land~~ interest & personal property  
in North Carolina and see lease or rent  
as they may think the most advantages  
to my Estate. Lastly I do hereby nominate  
and appoint Cromwell Delozier  
and Andrew Delozier my Executors in witness  
whereof I do ~~the~~ this my will. Set my  
hand and Seal this 10th day of September 1856  
Asa Delozier  
Wife

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Signed Sealed and Published in  
our presence and we have  
Subscribed our names hereto in  
the presence of the testator  
Andrew Kirkpatrick  
David Vauget

### Thos Stehleys Will

I Thomas Stehley being of sound  
mind and disposing memory make and  
publish this my last will and testament as  
follows (viz) First I want all my debts  
and general expence, paid out of my loose  
property. Then I will and bequeath to my  
beloved wife Polly all the residue of my  
property both real and personal during  
her natural life at her death my will is  
all the property real and personal be equal-  
ly divided among my Children last of  
all my will is that my wife Polly by my  
Executive Signed Sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1854.

William Stehley  
John Lindsey

Thos Stehley  
Mark

The above will of Thomas Stehley Sealed was  
proven in open Court on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1857 and admitted to record  
this 4<sup>th</sup> January 1857 W. M. McConnel Clerk  
By his Sept M. M. Cowen

### Isabella J. Davis Will

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I Isabella J. Davis of the County of Sevier  
and State of Tennessee do make and  
publish this my last will and testament  
hereby revoking and making void all  
other wills by me at former time made  
1<sup>st</sup> I direct that after my death that my  
General expence together with all my debts  
be paid first out of any money that may  
be on hand or may first come into the hands  
of my Executors and as to my property that  
I may die possessed of I wish disposed  
as follows to wit.

1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath to my Son Robert B. Doyle  
my negro boy Mitchell one Sorel Horse  
with white face one rifle gun two beds  
& furniture & one Sunk of Green color.  
2<sup>d</sup> I bequeath to my daughter Mary Barth-  
ena Doyle my negre woman Ellen three  
beds & furniture my Bureau two half round  
Tables one large looking glass my China  
& half the furniture usually kept in the  
same after the following bequests are filled  
I wish said Mary B. Doyle to have one  
set green figured China ware one set  
German Silver Table Spoons one set tea spoons  
that has been in use one black colored trunk  
with rollers on the bottom & six green colored  
chains also my Saddle. I further wish  
said Mary to have any increase of family  
that the said negre Ellen may have after  
the date of this will.

3<sup>d</sup> I Bequeath to my Son Joseph B. Davis  
negro boy Adam one Bed & furniture one  
revolving pistol.

4<sup>th</sup> I Bequeath to my daughter Priscilla  
J. Davis negre girl Virginia two Beds & fur-  
-niture one set brown Sorel Saddle Case

Knives & Forks Six brass Tea Spoons one large looking glass Six Chains of green color one black trunk my large Family Bible & the one half of the remaining portion of the same usually kept in the China Trunk  
5<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to Mary B. Boyle my Carpet my dining further is that the Table Linens Table cloths window Curtains & Trivets belong-  
ing to my house be equally divided between my two daughters Mary B. Boyle & Priscilla J. Davis.

6<sup>th</sup> my desire is that the remaining portion of my property not herein devised be ex-  
-posed to Sale & the monies arising from the same together with any other money due me after paying my debts be paid over to Robert B. Boyle & Mary B. Boyle as herein after devised my desire further is that Robert B. Boyle & Mary B. Boyle be put in pos-  
-session of the aforesaid bequeathed property except the negroes soon after my death by my Executors I direct the said negroes Mitchell & his wife Ellen be kept out until said Robert B. & Mary B. Boyle become of age or married at which time I direct that my Executors put into the possession of the aforesaid Robert & Mary Boyle said negroes as bequeathed as well as their equal share of money as bequeathed I further desire in the event of the death of the said Robert or Mary before they become of age or married the surviving one get the negroes & their increase as the same may be or money money coming to the deceased be paid over according to my Executors  
7<sup>th</sup> I desire that the property as bequeathed to Joseph B. Davis & Priscilla J. Davis go into the possession of one of

my Executors Hiram Boyle and left to his discre-  
-tion whether to give said money arising from the sale at interest or to keep said property until said Joseph & Priscilla become of age I left the negroes as bequeathed to said Joseph & Priscilla said negroes Adam & Virginia I direct that said Hiram ~~Boyle~~ over the said negroes as set apart as well as the distributive share that may arise from the hire of the said negroes further any expenses incurred by said negroes Adam & Virginia are to be paid out of the effects of the said Joseph & Priscilla Davis & in the event of the death of the said Joseph or Priscilla Davis the said Hiram Boyle is to pay over to the surviving party the effects of the deceased after said party becomes of age but should both Joseph & Priscilla Davis die before they become of age or married then in that case I direct that the effects of the aforesaid bequeathed to Joseph & Priscilla Davis be paid over to Robert B. Boyle & Mary B. Boyle equally. I do hereby make & ordain and appoint John S. McCroskey & Hiram Boyle executors to this my last will & Testament in Witness whereof I Habilla J. Davis have to this my will written on one Sheet of paper set my hand & Seal this November 5<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty six.

Signed and sealed in presence of  
the presents of us  
who have subscribed  
in the presents of the  
Testator & each other  
attest

William Mayland  
Jos M. Hodges



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The foregoing is a true copy of a ~~third~~  
Certified copy of the last will and testa-  
ment of John Sharp Decd. which is  
recorded by order of the County Court  
the original will and the record book  
containing ~~the~~ copy of the same having  
been destroyed by the burning of the  
County Court Clerk's office This 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of August 1854

J. M. McWhorter Clerk

State of Tennessee  
Sevier County } I Edmond Hodges  
of the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee  
do make and publish this my last will  
and Testament hereby revoking and making  
void all former wills by me at any time  
heretofore made, as to such worldly estate  
as it hath pleased God to entrust me  
with I dispose of the same as follows  
First I direct all my debts and funeral  
expenses be paid as soon as possible after  
my decease out of any moneys that I may  
die possessed of or may first come into the  
hands of my executors from any portion  
of my Estate real or personal. Secondly  
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Sarah M. Hodges during her natural life  
or during her widowhood the one third of  
of my lands on which I now live which  
third it is my will and desire that it should  
include the mansion house barns and all the  
out houses or as many as may be necessary  
for her reasonable use and further it is  
my will and desire that her third should  
be laid off and be included in the  
following butts and bounds to wit

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Beginning on the original line between my self  
and John McCroskey at a place where the Con-  
ditional line between my self and George Kenean-  
now now William Mayland ~~cross~~ said origi-  
al line and running with said Conditional  
to the corner of said line then with the same  
Course through my lands to the Spring branch  
that runs from the Spring where my son  
Henry lives and at the place where my son  
William formerly lived and follow Williams  
Spring thence up said branch to the Spring  
and thence with the hollow that the Spring  
is in up to the line between my self and John  
Sharp thence with my original line to the  
aforesaid Conditional line which was the  
beginning on the line between my self and  
John McCroskey and in addition to the above  
Specific lands and its appurtenances it is my  
will and desire that my said wife Sarah M.  
Hodges should have the entire use and benefit  
of that field on my said farm known as my  
son Edmonds lease which is supposed to  
contain fifteen acres more or less and further  
in addition to the aforesaid bequests I will  
and bequeath to my said wife Sarah M.  
Hodges my four horse waggons and all the  
gearings as they may be at my decease, also  
my two horses to ride, my Gray horse rocks  
and my bay horse Pete and a Suffernay  
if the farming interests on hands for her  
reasonable Carry on the Cultivation of the  
aforesaid bequeathed lands, also all the  
household and Kitchen Furniture and the Stock  
of provisions on hands for her Support  
the present year and also six hundred  
bushels of Corn out of the ~~crop~~ now grow-  
ing on my lands and a sufficient  
number of Stock Hoys suitable for yard  
Killing to make twenty five hundred

James of York also one hundred bushels of  
 wheat, if made out of the present crop now  
 growing for her next years support I also  
 will give bequeath to my <sup>Said</sup> wife Sarah M  
 four milch cows and colts also ~~two~~ white  
 broad Sows and two or three shoats also a  
 Sufficiency of Hay and fodder to winter the  
 said stock through the ensuing winter  
 and it is my will and devise that my  
 said wife Sarah M. should have the full  
 and entire contrall of all the foregoing  
 bequests and that the benefits arising from  
 the same may enable her to decently main-  
 tain herself and her six children the children  
 of her body born since she became my  
 wife and also my son Isaac Hodges a  
 minor heir of mine by my first wife if  
 provided he will stay and live at home  
 and Jane as the rest of the minor heirs do  
 which if he will not do he is not to  
 receive any thing as Compensation for his  
 maintenance from any part of my estate  
 other than his distributive share and also  
 my wife Sarah M. is not to receive any thing  
 as Compensation for the raising and maintaining  
 of all of said minors from any part of my  
 estate whatever other than is herein before  
 allowed and prescribed and at my said  
 wife Sarah M. decease or at her marriage  
 the said bequeathed lands as far as relates  
 to her the said Sarah, are to fall back to  
 my estate and be in common with my  
 other lands which I desire my Executors  
 to sell on a twelve months Credit to the  
 highest bidder the purchaser giving bond  
 and approved security after giving six  
 months notice of the day of Sale in some  
 Newspaper published nearest to where  
 the land lies and the proceeds of said

of said lands when collected to be equally divi-  
 ded, Shane and Shane alike amongst all the  
 heirs of my body male as well as female  
 half blood as well as whole blood, and here  
 I will publish and declare that it is my will  
 and devise that the heirs of my deceased  
 daughter Elizabeth Burrows shall live and be  
 entitled to receive their distributive share as  
 though she were now living and I direct  
 my Executors to pay over the same as to  
 the rest of my heirs Shane and Shane alike  
 and further it is my will and devise  
 that within ~~the~~ months after my decease  
 my Executors shall expose to public Sale  
 after giving four months notice in News-  
 paper published nearest my last residence  
 on a Credit of twelve months the purchaser  
 giving bond with approved security all  
 my Negroes to wit, Bill, Ned, Sullivan  
 and her three children Rachel and  
 her five children, and further I will  
 and devise that the residue of my personal  
 property not herein before disposed of shall  
 as soon as practicable be exposed to Sale  
 at public auction on a Credit of twelve  
 months with approved security after  
 giving twenty days notice of the day  
 of Sale at ~~at~~ least five different places  
 in the County one of which shall be at  
 the Court House in Doverville and further  
 it is my will and wish that my Executors  
 after they have received the proceeds of the  
 last mentioned Sales of Personal Property  
 and Negroes shall pay over to the Guardians  
 of each of the minor heirs of my body an  
 amount to each as follows to wit, to the  
 Guardians of my son Isaac ten dollars  
 which it is my wish and will should  
 be expended for schooling and ward

I likewise I will and bequeath that my executors pay over to the guardian of my daughter Virginia Jane the Sum of four dollars to be expended in schooling said ward and also that my executors pay over to the Guardian of my Son Joseph fifteen dollars to be expended for schooling said ward, also that my executors pay over to the Guardian of my daughter Nancy Caroline seven dollars to be expended for schooling said ward, also that my executors pay over to the Guardian of daughter Louisa ten dollars to be expended for schooling said ward, also that my executors pay over to the guardian of my Son Wiley thirty dollars to be expended for schooling said ward, also that my executors pay over to the guardian of my daughter Martha thirty dollars to be expended for schooling said ward and further it is my will and desire that my executors should pay over out of the money when collected from the last mentioned sales of personal property and negroes to the Guardians of my four daughters Virginia Jane, Nancy Caroline, Louisa and Martha the Sum of twenty dollars to each for the purpose of purchasing a saddle and a cloak a piece and also that my executors pay over to the Guardian of my Son Sam. ten dollars to be expended in the purchase of an over coat if said ward may choose or as said ward may dispose, also that my executors pay over to the Guardian of my Son Joseph fifteen dollars to be expended in the purchase of a over coat for said ward, also that my executors pay over to the Guardian

of my Son Wiley thirty dollars to be expended in the purchase of a saddle and an over coat for said ward, also it is my will and I bequeath to my seven minor heirs to wit, Sam. Virginia Jane, Joseph, Nancy Caroline, Louisa, Wiley and Martha, ten dollars each to be expended for the purchase of a bow a piece when they or any one of them may come of age or marry which money I direct my executors to pay over to their separate Guardians out of the aforesaid money arising from the sales of the said Negroes and personal property and after all the foregoing specific bequests are taken out of the proceeds of the sales of said negroes and personal property then it is my will that my wife Sarah M. should come in with the children and heirs of my body and have an equal share with all my children and heirs share and share alike to each their distributive share making in all twenty shares in this division, and further the residue of my lands such as have not been otherwise herein before disposed of in this my last will and testament wills the devise or marriage of my widow shall be at the disposal of my Executors, except so much as my son-in-law Samuel Blackwell has under lease which lease will expire with the year one thousand eight hundred and forty five to rent-out to tenants on the best possible terms for the estate always giving my heirs the preference provided they are faithful tenants and the rest so disposed of and divided equally amongst the heirs of my body share and share alike as may be to the best interest of my estate. It is my will that the Annul when it occurs to my wife Sarah M. the household & kitchen furniture should

be understood to include the same and every other thing which abate the house and family for the use of the family.  
I do hereby make and declare and appoint my beloved Son, Edmonds Hodges and David McCroskey Executors of this my last will and testament.  
And further I will here publish and declare that this my last will and testament is written on two sheets of paper and that the same are attached by five strings with a striped ribbon and a tie on the same of two knots with a seal on the ends of said ribbons with my name written in my own hand writing written across the said seal. In ~~testimony~~ whereof I Edmonds Hodges the said testator have to this my will written and attached as aforesaid set my hand and seal this third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.  
Edmonds Hodges Test.

Signed Sealed and published  
in the presence of us who have  
subscribed in the presence of  
the testator & of each other

William Mayland

Robert McCroskey

John Lowmire

State of Tennessee,

Sevier County } I B. M. Chandler Clerk  
of the County Court of said County do certify  
the foregoing to be a true and perfect transcript  
of the will of Edmonds Hodges dec'd. as appears  
of record in my office.

Witness my hand at office in Sevierish  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1855

B. M. Chandler - Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of a certified copy  
of the last will and testament of Edmonds Hodges  
deceased which is recorded by order of the County  
Court the original will and the record books  
containing ~~the same~~ of the same having been  
destroyed by the burning of the County Court  
Clerk's office this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Nov 1857.  
B. M. Chandler Clerk

State of Tennessee }  
County of Sevier } S S

I John Underwood of  
the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee being  
of sound mind at the time of making and  
publishing this my last will and testament  
~~disposing~~ dispose or direct to all my children  
portions of my Land except to my three grand  
children Mary, Hannah and Fanny the daughters  
of Peter and George A. Hanfaffen, to whom  
I give and bequeath a certain tract of my  
land known as the Thomas Underwood farm  
being and lying in Knox County State of Tennessee  
adjoining the lands of McCarty, Leatons and  
others containing three hundred and fifty  
acres more or less to be equally divided between  
them when they arrive at the age of  
twenty one years of age, if either of ~~the~~ Grand  
children shall before such division have  
died, leaving lawful issue such issue to  
receive the Parents share, but if there be no  
issue then such share to fall into the gen-  
eral fund to be divided among the survivors  
in the manner before directed, also another  
tract containing one hundred and thirty  
acres more or less being and lying in Sevier  
County State of Tennessee, adjoining the  
lands of Thomas Henry, William Underwood

and others, to be used as above described to have and to hold their heirs forever. The above tracts of land, and I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Son Joel Underwood Guardian or Executor to the before and above mentioned Heirs Mary Hannah and Paddy Heffalpe, and I give my Son Joel Underwood full power and authority to rent lease and manage said lands to the interest and benefit of said heirs, as he may think best. Also I desire to give him said executor the sum of Five dollars per annum for his services to be paid to him from the proceeds of said lands rent. I also I give to my daughter Joanna Bales and her heirs a certain tract of land being and lying in the County of Knox and State of Tennessee containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less adjoining the lands of Peter Collins & John Blanches to have and to hold the same to her heirs and assigns forever, also I give to my wife Polly Underwood a certain tract known as the old Collins tract containing one hundred acres more or less adjoining the lands of Joannas above mentioned to have and to hold the same and dispose of the same as she may deem proper to her heirs and assigns forever, also another piece adjoining the last mentioned of Six acres which includes the water, which I desire shall be divided equally between my wife Polly and Joanna Bales my daughter to be used and held by them as above. In witness whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name and affixed my Seal the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1854

John<sup>his</sup> Underwood Esq  
Mark

The above written instrument was Subscribed by the said John Underwood in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so declared to be his last will and testament, and we at the testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence

John Underwood  
Mark

Joseph L. Plunkett of Knox County Tennessee  
Payne McClary of Sevier County Tennessee  
John Kelly of Sevier County Tennessee

Now Therefore I John Underwood do by this writing which I certify and declare to be a Codicil to my last will and testament and to be taken as part thereof order and declare that my will is that my two grand children Hanson Carr and Elizabeth Stigs New of Sevier have one quarter section of land located in State of Missouri and County of Mercer containing one hundred and fifty acres which land I have purchased of my Son Thomas Underwood and do desire that the same be given to my heirs above mentioned, reference to the deed or plat for courses Town ship & Range of said land and I declare this to be a true Codicil to my last will and testament as aforesaid to all intents and purposes. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1855

John Underwood Esq

R. McBrinnell  
Jesse Heffalpe

and others, to be used as above described to have and to hold their heirs forever the above tracts of land, and I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Son Joel Underwood Guardian or Executor to the before and above mentioned Heirs Mary Hammock and Rody Hestoffler, and I give my Son Joel Underwood full power and authority to rent lease and manage said lands to the interest and benefit of said heirs, as he may think best. Also I desire to give him said executor the sum of five dollars per annum for his services to be paid to him from the proceeds of said lands rents &c. Also I give to my daughter Fanny Bales and her body heirs a certain tract of land being and being in the County of Knox and State of Tennessee containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less adjoining the lands of Peter Leering, John Collins & John Randall, to have and to hold the same to her heirs and assigns forever, also I give to my wife Polly Underwood a certain tract known as the old Collins tract containing one hundred acres more or less adjoining the land of Joannas above mentioned to have and to hold the same and dispose of the same as she may deem proper to her heirs and assigns forever, also another piece adjoining the last mentioned of six acres which includes the water, which I desire shall be divided equally between my wife Polly and Fanny Bales my daughter to be used and held by them as above. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 1854

Joel Underwood  
his mark

The above written instrument was Subscribed by by the said John Underwood in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be his last will and testament, and we at the testators request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence

John Underwood  
his mark

Joseph L. Plummer of Knox County Tennessee  
Payne McCleary of Sevier County Tennessee  
John Kelly of Sevier County Tennessee

Now therefore I John Underwood do by this writing which I certify and declare to be a Codicil to my last will and testament and to be taken as part thereof, order and declare that my will is that my two grand children Larson Carr and Elizabeth Shigo Mrs of Texas have one quarter section of land located in State of Missouri and County of Mercer containing one hundred and fifty acres which land I have purchased of my Son Thomas Underwood and do desire that the same be given to my heirs above mentioned, reference to the deed or plat for courses Town Ship & Range of said land and I declare this to be a true Codicil to my last will and testament or of record to all intents and purposes. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1855

John Underwood, Sr.  
R. M. Ennave  
Jesse Hestoffler

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State of Tennessee  
Sevier County } On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October  
1854 I John Underwood do in addition  
to the before written will further devise  
that my five Sons Thomas, Joel, James  
Henry and George shall have all my  
Notes and what Cash I may be Seised  
with at my decease to be equally divi-  
ded between Thomas, Joel, James and  
Henry and that George my Son shall  
have one hundred dollars of the same  
in Cash or notes. Further I will that  
my Muling house tract of land known  
as the Sabin tract of land containing  
fourteen acres two reserved to said Church  
so long as it continues to be a place of  
worship, be and I hereby give the same  
to William my grand Son the Son of my  
Son Thomas. I declare the above to  
be my will in testimony whereof I  
hereunto set my hand and Seal in  
presence of  
Joseph S. Sumler John Underwood  
William H. Livingston Mark

State of Tennessee  
Sevier County } I John Underwood  
of said County & State have heretofore  
made my last will and Testament in  
writing bearing date December 28<sup>th</sup> 1854  
and ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> bearing date Oct 30<sup>th</sup>  
1855 and Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 1856 now therefore  
I do ~~the~~ <sup>by</sup> this writing which I do declare  
to be another Codicil to my said last  
will and Testament and to be taken  
as part and parcel thereof. Now there-  
fore I will and bequeath to my Son John  
Underwood one dollar to Sally Grimes  
Susan Cole, Nancy Underwood, Elizabeth

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Bryan my daughters each one dollar to be paid  
to them by my executor hereafter appointed by  
my will. I further State that my wife Polly  
is to have the Collin tract of land as set forth  
in my will before mentioned in lieu of a  
dower in my home tract of land by our mutu-  
al agreement heretofore and further my  
wife is after my decease if she longest lives  
to have and to hold said land and dispose of  
it as she may think proper, and in addition  
to said land my wife is to have all my house-  
hold furniture and to dispose of the same as  
she may think best. I will further that my  
wife Polly have one Cow & calf and one Sow  
& Pigs of my own stock which are now or  
may be on the farm at my decease. I give  
my black Smith Tools consisting of all that  
belongs to said set to my Son Thomas Under-  
wood now on my home farm. I will that  
my Mill Stones now on the farm of my Son Joel  
be sold after my decease and that the money  
be equally divided between my Sons George  
Thomas James Joel and Henry Underwood  
I further give unto my Son Thomas's Sons  
John James William Ephraim, White, Sam-  
uel & Joel my home tract of land known  
as my Residence to have and to hold the  
same forever. it is my ~~desire~~ <sup>will</sup> that this  
Codicil be annexed to and made a part of  
my last will and Testament as aforesaid to  
all intents and purposes. In witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal. I  
wish my Son Thomas Underwood to have my stock  
hogs, if there should be more of my present  
crop than will necessarily do my family. I  
wish my Son Thomas to have <sup>my</sup> it  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 1858 John Underwood  
Mark  
Poyne McClary  
Arnold Livingston

42.  
I Margaret Cunningham of the County of  
Devon and State of Tennessee Calling to  
Mind that it is appointed for all to die  
and being desirous to dispose of all the worldly  
estate that it has pleased God to bless me  
with and being at this time of Sound mind  
and disposing memory, do make consti-  
tute make and appoint this to be my last  
will and testament as follows. First I  
Design my Spirit to God who gave it to me  
and my body to be buried in a Christian like  
Manner. Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that all my  
just debts ~~and~~ and General expenses be  
paid out of my estate by my executor in  
what ever manner he may think proper.  
2<sup>d</sup> It is my will that my Friend and Con-  
nection William McTier who has been my  
faithful friend and Connection in settling  
my dear husband's Estate after his death  
which was near seven years past and atten-  
ding to my business ever since and never has  
been allowed any thing by the law for his  
trouble and has ever refused taking any  
thing from me during my life for his trouble  
shall at my death be rewarded out of my  
estate to his Satisfaction for all his trouble.  
3<sup>d</sup> It is my will that my two black girls  
Silva and Lela shall cleave to William  
McTier Senior to be his property and that Mr  
McTier shall take into possession and be  
the owner of all my Estate of every descrip-  
tion that I may die possessor of after my  
bequests and debts be satisfied, and I  
also leave a request binding on him if  
the laws of our Country should ever be  
changed or made so that he can give  
the above named two black girls their  
freedom and them to stay in the State  
of Tennessee that he will ob. &c. and

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also that if such a circumstance should take  
place that he will provide for them as well  
as he can all things ~~to~~ into Consideration  
Item 4<sup>th</sup> It is my request that my Friend William  
McTier shall execute this my last will and I do  
revoke and disannul all other and former  
wills by me made.

Given under my hand and Seal this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1855

Margaret Cunningham  
Mort

Signed Sealed and  
acknowledged to be the last  
will of Margaret Cunningham  
the Testator who has signed the  
Same in our presence and we  
subscribed the Same by his request.

Josias Gamble

Thomas S. Hardin

I Thomas Solbot of the County of Devon and  
State of Tennessee being of Sound mind but much  
debilitated in body and being desirous to make  
a disposition of what property both real and  
personal that I am possessed of and also  
all affects which I am temporarily possessed  
of do this day make and ordain this to  
be my last will and testament hereby  
revoking all other by me at any other  
time made. First of all I want my General  
expenses to be paid together with all my  
just debts if any. Secondly I wish my  
wife Sarah Solbert to have the entire use  
benefit and Control of the lands which  
I am lawfully possessed of together with  
all buildings both dwelling house Corns  
He with the free and entire use and  
Control of the timber on said lands

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also all the farming tools and other items  
that thereto belonging. I also want her  
to have all the ~~Stock~~ of every description  
not heretofore disposed of also all the  
money on hands or that may be due me  
at any time with the exception of two  
hundred and fifty dollars which money  
I wish to be put to interest during the  
natural life of my wife Sarah Tolbert  
I also want a bay Colt & Mule Colt to be  
sold next fall to the highest bidder  
for ready cash and the money put  
to interest the same way as the above  
mentioned two hundred and fifty doll-  
ars with the exceptions of what money  
I direct to be paid to the heirs as follows  
I wish James H. Tolbert to have sixty  
dollars when he becomes of age and  
Thomas Ephraim Tolbert to have sixty  
dollars when he becomes of age but  
in the event my wife Sarah Tolbert  
should marry I wish the above be null  
and void from that date and all the  
property both real and personal to be  
sold on twelve months credit and  
the money to be equally divided between  
my wife Sarah Tolbert and the following  
named heirs of my body Malinda an wife  
now wife of Jackson Cowan. Mary Elizabeth  
now wife of Harrison Blair. Sarah Ellen  
now wife of McCorwan. Eliza Jane Tolbert  
Rachel Blissett now wife of Paul Underwood  
Nothaniel Tolbert. William Odell Tolbert. James  
H. Tolbert. Thomas Ephraim Tolbert and  
Leotharine Tolbert. but in the event my  
wife Sarah Tolbert never marries I  
wish the above named lands property  
money &c. to be disposed of as above  
directed at her death that is to be

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Sold as above directed ~~and~~ divided  
between all the above named heirs together  
with the money above named. Lastly I appoint  
Mr. McCorwan my Executor or Witness my hand  
and Seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1854  
Attest Thomas Tolbert  
Ephraim Johnson  
Thomas Henry  
Mr. M. Bryan

I J. P. McCorwan Clerk of the County Court  
of Sevier County do hereby certify that the  
 foregoing is a true copy of the original will  
 as on Record in my office Given under my  
 hand at office in Sevierville this 10<sup>th</sup> of April  
 1854. J. P. McCorwan Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of a certified copy of  
 the last will and testament of Thomas Tolbert  
 dec'd which is recorded by order of the County  
 Court the original will and the record both  
 containing the copy of the same having been  
 destroyed by the burning of the County Court  
 Clerk's office this 14<sup>th</sup> June 1858  
 R. M. Chandler Clerk

In the Name of God amen I Henry Butler  
 of the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee  
 being of a sound mind and disposing memory and  
 calling to mind the uncertainty of time and the  
 certainty of death I do ordain this my last  
 will and testament. I give and bequeath  
 to my daughter Sarah Butler one half  
 of the land on the side of the Creek where  
 the house stands with the orchard and  
 one young man to dispose of as she pleases  
 after my decease I give and bequeath

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my daughter Anne Butler the other  
half that part that runs with Whites line  
and one horse Colt to dispose of as she  
pleases after my decease. I give and  
bequeath to my daughter Germaine Mar-  
shall all the land that I possess lying  
on the west side of the Creek with the  
young horse to dispose of as she pleases  
after my decease my horse Cotton Shop  
hogs born and all the Crops that  
may be of all kinds with all the ~~plant~~  
~~at~~ household and kitchen furniture  
with all plantations utensils what  
I have done has been my intention  
for seven years past that if the the  
above mentioned children was the  
longest lived and was with me at my  
decease my will was as above written  
Witness my hand & Seal  
written with my own Henry Butler (S)  
hand this the Cattle  
Shop hogs horse hold &  
kitchen furniture and other  
articles equally between the above  
mentioned Sisters This 2<sup>d</sup> day of June 1847.

List Henry Butler

George McCown

My negro Ginn I leave her free  
to live where she pleases as witness  
my hand and Seal This 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
my decease of June 1847

Henry Butler

The above written with my  
own hand

List Geo McCown

Proven in open Court this 6<sup>th</sup> July 1858  
and ordered to be recorded.

Robt Chancellor C.M.

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Margaret Nichols Will

I Margaret Nichols do make and publish  
this my last will and testament.  
First it is my will that my daughter Clarissa  
Suggan have one half of my town lot which  
is lying in Sevierville South of Main Street  
& West of Cross Street where I formerly lived to  
have the use and benefit of during her ~~life~~  
life and at her death to descend to her children.  
It is my will that my daughter Sally Nichols  
have the other half of the above named town  
lot during her natural life and at her death  
to descend to her children. It is my will that the  
division line of said town lot between my two  
said daughters shall be as follows beginning on  
a Plum tree on the street between the two  
houses and running directly through the lot  
to a plum tree below the Stables at the corner  
and that my daughter Clarissa Suggan  
have the East Side and my daughter Sally  
the west side.

It is my will that the debts owing to me by  
M. Nichols & B. M. Chandler be equally divided  
between my two daughters Sally Nichols  
& Clarissa Suggan after all my just debts  
are paid out of the proceeds of said debt.  
It is my will that the debt owing to me  
by John McMahon or the proceeds of said  
debt be equally divided between all my  
children to wit Elijah Nichols, P. B. Nichols  
Sally Nichols & Clarissa Suggan and if it  
should appear that my son Elijah Nichols  
is dead or should not appear within  
five years from my death to receive his  
share of said debt then in that event  
I will that the share intended for him  
shall go to my other two sons P. B. Nichols  
& P. B. Nichols. I will and bequeath the

Following property to wit my Cow & calf  
 Crookley Stone & tentails Sides Saddle Clock  
 one black bear Stead & furniture to my  
 daughter Sally Nichols. I will and bequeath  
 to my daughter Clarissa Suggan the follow-  
 ing property to wit one black bear Stead  
 & furniture my Bureau work Bench & pitch  
 and looking glass. It is my will that  
 my Son P. B. Nichols have the use and  
 benefit of during his natural life my  
 Entry of land of about eleven acres  
 lying on the West fork of Little Pigeon  
 River adjoining the lands of the heirs of  
 Wm Henderson dec'd, and Elijah Brown  
 and at his death it is my will that  
 said land descend to his Children  
 It is my will that the remaining portion  
 of my black clothing & property be divided  
 out between my four Children to wit  
 Sally Nichols Clarissa Suggan P. B.  
 Nichols and W. F. Nichols. It is my  
 will that my Son W. F. Nichols be  
 my Executor to carry out this my  
 last will and testament. Witness  
 my hand and Seal this 20th day of  
 April 1859.

her  
 Margaret Nichols (L3)  
 mark

Witness  
 M. W. Cowan  
 R. L. Chandler

William Fletcher Will

In the name of God Amen I William  
 Fletcher do make and publish this my last  
 will and testament hereby revoking and  
 making void all other wills by me at any  
 time made. First I declare that my body be  
 decently buried and that all my just debts  
 be paid as soon after my decease as possible out  
 of any money that I may owe present or that  
 may first come into the hands of my Executors  
 Secondly I will and bequeath to my beloved  
 wife Mary Fletcher the use and possession of  
 my land or lands during her natural life  
 time or widowhood. Thirdly I give to my said  
 wife all my personal property except what  
 may be sufficient to pay all my just debts  
 4th I will that the little boy that I have got  
 here by the name of John Rather or Lither if  
 he should stay while he is twenty one years  
 old with my wife or family and be a good boy  
 he should have a horse worth sixty dollars and  
 bridle and saddle and two suits of good common  
 clothing and schooling as long as the school may  
 go on. 5th My wish is after the death or marriage  
 of my wife that my land with my personal prop-  
 erty that may be on hand to be equally divided  
 between my Children John Fletcher & Peter May &  
 James & Shannon & Sarah & William & Sally & Mary  
 & Nancy. 6th I lastly do nominate and appoint  
 Shannon Fletcher my Executor of this my last will  
 and testament, given under my hand and  
 Seal this 23rd day of May 1859 his  
 Signed Sealed & published William Fletcher  
 in the presence of us who have subscribed  
 our names hereto in the presence  
 of the Testator this 23rd day of May  
 1859

M. Murphy  
 W. G. Gany

Probated 4 July 1884.  
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Wesley Dodgins (M.D.)

In the name of God Amen

I Wesley Dodgins of the County of Lewis and State of Tennessee being ~~in~~ in body but of sound mind. Witness be God and knowing it is appointed me for men to die ~~at~~ <sup>on</sup> the Twenty Seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Fifty eight make this my last will and Testament and for which I do ordain and appoint and bequeath my beloved wife Mary Dodgins all my land and goods and Chattels to have and to hold during her widowhood or natural life the afore said land I want equally divided between my two beloved Children William Oliver and Wesley when they are twenty one years of age I want my name and Cott sold to pay all my just debts as witness hereunto I set my hand and Seal date above named.

Wesley Dodgins  
Mark

Witness in our presence

Thos Blair  
Samuel Blair  
Merr

In the name of God Amen

~~Wesley Dodgins~~ of Glasgow Snoddy  
being of sound memory but in feeble health but committing to mine the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed to all men to die do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby making void and revoking all former wills made by me at any time 1<sup>st</sup> of all I recommend my Soul to the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to the dust from whence it was taken to be buried in Christian decency at the discretion of my Executors not doubting but it will be raised again at the general resurrection and as to such property as it has pleased God to entrust me with it is my will that it be disposed of in the following way and manner that is to say that it is my will that all my just debts be paid ~~and~~ funeral expenses be paid out any money that may first come into the hands of my Executors from any part of my estate. Second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Snoddy all of my personal property of every description including household and kitchen furniture of every description Stocks of every ~~kind~~ <sup>sort</sup> except one Black yearling horse Cott and all of the Stock of provisions that may be on hand at my death of every kind and it is my will and I bequeath to her by wife Margaret Snoddy Three hundred dollars in money to be paid to her by my Executors so soon as it comes into their hands from any part of my