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The last Will of John Massam dec'd.

In the name of God Amen, I John Massam being of sound mind and memory, but knowing it to be appointed unto man to die do make this as my last Will and Testament. hereby revoking all former wills by me made at any time.

First- I give my soul to God to be disposed of according to his good pleasure. Touching the goods with which it has pleased God to bless me I dispose of it as follows, I require my Executors hereinafter named, to pay all just debts and funeral expenses out of any money, on hand, or that may be due me, It is my Will that my grandson Benjamin J. Massam Son of Isaac Massam dec'd shall be equal to the rest of my children in the division of my property both personal and real; after my death, It is my Will that all my property not herein disposed of be equally divided among my children now living viz. John M. Massam, Sarah E. Morrell, wife of William Morrell, Mary D. Hicks wife of W. D. Hicks & M. Massam James C. Massam, Minerva C. Massam and Mrs. J. Massam my bequests to my grandson, Ben. J. Massam, being intended for him as the share to which his father would have been entitled to if he had lived. I direct that each of my children shall account for such advances as have been made to them respectively before they receive anything under my will, which advancements will be found charged to each on my book kept for that purpose and I direct and it is my Will, that my Executors before distributing my estate to deduct the same so charged up to this date as follows to John M. Massam of the hundred and thirty dollars, Sarah E. Morrell one hundred and forty nine dollars and five cents, to Mary Jane Hicks eighty one dollar and fifteen cents, to Minerva C. Massam three hundred and six dollars which sum will be deducted from the legacy hereinafter to be bequeathed to my grandson Benjamin J. Massam he being the legal heir of my deceased son Isaac to Francis M. Massam for the sum of

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three hundred and nine dollars, to James D. Massam two hundred and twenty seven dollars and fifty cents, to Manora Massam the sum of one hundred and thirty four dollars and fifty cents, also a charge to Mrs. J. Massam of one hundred and thirteen dollars, and I allow John M. Massam, a credit of three hundred and fifty dollars for seven years services, to Francis M. Massam of two hundred dollars for four years services to James D. Massam, of one hundred dollars for two years services to Mrs. J. Massam of twenty five dollars for eighteen months services also to John M. Massam of three hundred dollars for one half of the effects I received by my first wife she being the mother of John M. Massam and Sarah E. Morrell the wife of William Morrell also to Sarah E. Morrell a credit of three hundred dollars for her half of the effects I received by me of her mother which sum is to be deducted from charges made against them or their legal legatees and as there are five beds, Bedsteads and Bedding charged on the family book but no price fixed of which is hereafter to be valued three of which have been delivered viz. to Sarah E. Morrell, Mary D. Hicks and Isaac J. being the three of my children that have married, and gone to house keeping and I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Massam one hundred and forty four acres of land out of five of my tracts of land known as follows, Traverses Bluffhold District of one hundred and forty five acres, twenty three acres of Aaron Shelt, twenty acres of Isaac Morrell & Lindsey Bluff, five and a half acres one hundred acres of West Bluffhold, known as the timber ridge tract and should the timber ridge tract fall short of one hundred acres, as to the value at the rates of ten dollars per acre and should it be over one hundred acres when surveyed it is to be charged to my three sons James M., James D. and Mrs. J. Massam at ten dollars per acre with the four other tracts as before cited in the aggregate at at five thousand seven hundred and sixty nine dollars and should it be necessary for a lot of land to be laid off for my wife after my decease which I have described

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above to be done by the Court Surveyor or
aid two disinterested freeholders and I would
suggest Joseph Pease Joshua Hamilton and
John McCarra Jr. as suitable men all or either
to serve should it as I desire that it be ami-
cably arranged that my three youngest sons and
my wife Elizabeth do arrange in writing after
my decease for my three sons to have ^{the} ~~Contract~~ ^{Contract} of my
entire home tract consisting of 148. 23 1/4. 20. 53 1/2 and
100 acres making in the aggregate as I suppose
three hundred and forty four acres more or less
with one half of all my buildings on said land and
my wife Elizabeth the other half of said buildings
with that should it be necessary by my wife and
three sons Francis James and William to have
one hundred and forty four acres of land laid
off as a dower out of the before mentioned pro-
perty of land to improve for her one half of all
my home buildings that it be so done as to afford
privilege of in and egress to the timber ridge tract
for fire wood or fencing timber or timber for any
necessary buildings or improvements and no timber
to be used unless it be for the benefit of the farm
also that she have my gray mare and her saddle
and bridle all of my household and kitchen fur-
niture not heretofore allotted in my family books
Cupboards all of my or my poultry of every kind
two cows or heifers not otherwise disposed of my team
with all my farm furniture of every character such as
geese slugs or needs six first head of sheep two ho-
res one sow pig shoats and four killing hogs for
next season out of any of my hogs three hundred
pounds of bacon before the 15th of August next also
fifty pounds of lard ten bushels of wheat ten bushels
of corn and twelve 2⁵ first bushels of wheat out of the present
growing crop in the creek she should from any
Cause fail to get the ten bushels first mentioned
above fifty bushels of corn out of the anticipated
crop of this year also fifty dozen of sheep oats out
of the anticipated crop. It is my wish and will

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that my three youngest sons take care of all my
hay crop this year and retain one third of it as a
fair compensation for gathering cutting and stacking or
putting under roof all at their own expense and my
present growing crop of wheat which may I suppose
in the fall to have by our former verbal Contract one
half of it and they are to make manure equal
with them in their part and the present or anticipa-
ted crop of corn to be grown this year on the home
farm they have to have and retain one third for their
part and should they grow the well field on the sink
land they are to cultivate it in corn and retain one
half of the corn for the sowing and cultivating of
that same and any or all the other land belong-
ing to the sink or Thomas tract that my three sons
may cultivate in corn they are to retain one third of
all the grain grown by them this year and I the
remainder as it is now near cropping time and as there
is one other field on the Thomas tract known as
the Rib field on which there is some clearing to do
as to be done at my expense also if any oats to be
made and I get two thirds of the corn & oats all
my crop on said field cultivated by my sons and that
by J. J. Hicks he is to pay one third and my three
sons to house all my corn & oats to be hauled to barn
and house and enter it for the packers shucks &
sops and any extra oats left on the ground to
be removed for sowing and to be piled and my wife
and will is that all my ploughs harrows & all har-
ness to be used by them in making and securing
this year crop up to the 15th of August next and I
will that my two horse wagon have the necessary
repairs done by it making it a good wagon for ser-
vice and at my expense and I will and bequeath
to my daughter Sarah E. Merrill two tracts of land
one known as the Jesse tract containing twenty nine
and three fourths of an acre which I purchased of
Wm. Merrill also one other tract containing fifty four
acres more or less and known as the Ford & Lathrop
of said tract of land she is to be charged with at the

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same price I paid to her husband for say the Jesse track at six hundred and twenty four Dollars per acre amounting in the aggregate to two hundred and sixteen Dollars and to Mary J. Hicks will and bequeath one hundred acres of land out of my Thomas or Oak lands at twelve Dollars per acre beginning on three white oak trees along the path from the Hannah Carr field towards Island Cedar house I think the Rutledge Corner and in the direction of Jacob Glovers and with Rockholts line Edwards Glovers line so as to embrace the best land in the hollow to include one hundred acres and I on consideration will that Jane Hicks be only charged eleven Dollars per acre for one hundred acres of land above mentioned and that my son John M. Wassum have the remainder of the said Thomas track of of one hundred eight square & half acres of land and tis my will that he be charged all the rates of eleven dollars per acre and that I will and bequeath to my daughter Maria A. Wassum be made equal with my other children taking fully into view the charges in my family book to which this my last will and Testament refers to and as there is no satisfactory evidence in my possession of my son John M. Wassum being alive or of his being dead and wishing to do justice between all of my children or their legal representatives should he or any legal representative of his appear to receive for him or himself or themselves after my decease that portion of my estate intended for him that my two sons James and William I do hereby appoint as my executors and they are to exercise for my son John by will fully to receive and administer in the ruling looking after paying taxes cultivating or otherwise caring for said land and until my children are all fully satisfied as to whether my son John M. Wassum is alive and if dead if he has left any legal heirs and my sons James & William and William J. Wassum as my executors are to pay any necessary expenses that may be

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incurred in obtaining the satisfactory evidence of to the whereabouts of my son John M. if alive and if dead if he has any legal representatives who ought properly to heir that portion of my estate inteded to him or them and when my children have had full and satisfactory evidence that John is not living and if dead that he has no legal representatives then it is my wish that that my portion of estate allotted for him be disposed of by my children if they can fully meeting with the wishes and interests of the whole of my legal heirs if not it will have to be sold by my Executors and that portion due to each paid over to them so soon as the Executors get into their possession the proceed of any sale of any or from the sale of the land and that if sold in any way the full and satisfactory evidence to Court that they have full discharge their duty and that they be held accountable for that portion that would be due to Benjamin J. Wassum as the legal heir of my deceased son Isaac J. Wassum and in the event of the death of Benjamin J. Wassum a minor before he arrives at the age of twenty one years unless he should marry and leave a legal representative in case of his death then the representative to heir John Wassum portion of from my estate as he is mentioned otherwise my children generally or if any of them should die without a will or legal heir my children that may be living or if any dead their legal heirs if they have any are to heir their interest in any of my or my son John's estate or that portion that would be due him of mine unless said heir shall have disposed of it in accordance with law and as my son John and Benjamin J. Wassum's portion of my estate would require that a sale be made of my stock grain and all and every property of every character not otherwise disposed of in my family book and this my last will and Testament moved notes accounts judgments bonds or other evidence in respect and at the decease of my wife Elizabeth any personal effects which she may desire from my estate under this my last will and Testament

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same price I paid to her husband for say the present tract at six hundred and twenty four Dollars per acre amounting in the aggregate to two hundred and sixteen Dollars and to Mary J. Hicks will and bequeath one hundred acres of land out of my Thomas or Oak lands at twelve Dollars per acre beginning on three white oak trees along the path from the Hannah Carr field towards Island Cedar house I think the Rutledge Corner and in the direction of Jacob Glovers and with Rockholds line Edwards Glovers line so as to embrace the best land in the hollow to include one hundred acres and I on consideration will that Jane Hicks be only charged eleven Dollars per acre for one hundred acres of land above mentioned and that my son John M. Massum have the remainder of the said Thomas tract of of one hundred eight square and half acres of land and to my will that he be charged with the rate of eleven dollars per acre and that I will and bequeath to my daughter Maria A. Massum be made equal with my other children taking fully into view the charges in my family book to which this my last will and Testament refers to and as there is no satisfactory evidence in my possession of my son John M. Massum being alive or of his being dead and wishing to do justice between all of my children or their legal representatives should he or any legal representative of his appear to receive for him or himself or themselves after my decease that portion of my estate intended for him that my two sons James and William I do hereby appoint as my executors and they are to exercise for my son John by will fully to receive and administer in the ruling looking after paying taxes cultivating or otherwise caring for said land and until my children are all fully satisfied as to whether my son John M. Massum is alive and if dead if he has left any legal heirs and my sons James L. Massum and William J. Massum as my executors are to pay any necessary expenses that may be

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decend or revert back to my heirs and she is at liberty to have the use when any fruit on my farm to the use of all she may want to use in a green state or to dry or to Cook into butter, preserves or otherwise vinegar or cider and in the event I should die before the wheat or any growing crop should be harvested or either the heretofore described lands willed by me to Sarah C. Merrill or Mary Hicks they are to have free of any charge that portion of grain that I would be entitled to and as to one and one half bushels of clover seed purchased and in my house for spring this spring my sons are to sow it hereafter without any charge being made and as there is a saddle charged to David S. Harrison decend with a saddle and bridle at twenty three dollars it having been so much used, worn and abused by others I deem it my duty to correct such error and it is my will that he only be required to account for as a charge the sum of ten dollars and my great son Benjamin J. Wasson is to wait for that portion of my estate until he arrives at the age of twenty one years which I have retained as the dower of my wife supposing according to a Course of nature and giving her age that she will most likely have deceased before he arrives at the age of twenty one years and after that portion of charge for and against each and every one of my heirs all of which are fully referred to in various parts of the my last will and testament that Benjamin J. Wasson is to be paid by my two executors making him equal after deducting according in this my last will and testament also I will and bequeath that my wife after my decease be paid by my executors the sum of ten dollars in cash and I require of my executors to pay out on their portion of lands received by them if this will be received and ratified, should they have any surplus and the heirs wish to receive and receipt for it and in the event that the three sons James Francis and William and my wife Elizabeth harmon-

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in satisfaction as to the lands and dower out of said five tracts of land they are not required by me or my will to do any thing binding on them unless they saw harmonize viewing the future interest of each and if not the five tracts of land embrace the homestead and consisting of Three hundred forty four or five acres is to be sold and my wife Elizabeth to have her portion and the sons theirs in accordance with the foregoing will of mine and in the event the other heirs Sarah and Jane are satisfied and ratify my will of to day no further sale or any thing is to be done with their legacies assigned by me to them in this my will but a delivrance by my executors to them in accordance with this my last will and testament of their lands and the moneys in accordance with the conditions before stated and should my sons as executors fail to pay to my grand son Benjamin J. Wasson that portion that may be due him from my estate promptly by the time he is twenty one years of age they are bound to pay him at the rate of six per cent interest annually until he receives his proper amount all of the foregoing read and understood by us John Wasson and the subscribing witnesses this 14th day of March 1842.

Joseph Boy
C. S. Morley
W. W. Rockhold

John Wasson
mark

In reflection I find I have omitted stating the time when my three youngest sons shall pay the remainder of the homestead lands I designate the time for paying for the remainder of the lands should they take the lands embraced in the dower and can harmonize with Elizabeth Wasson my dear wife the use to pay for it except for Ben J. Wasson at four annual installments commencing twelve months after my decease this 14th March 1842.

Witness
Joseph Boy
C. S. Morley
W. W. Rockhold

John Wasson
mark
Proven as open April 3rd 1842
J. P. Kader Clerk

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I John Nasson after mature reflection and looking directly to the interest of my heirs after my will of 5th of March 1872, and my protracted afflictions since then and not knowing how long it may continue and the season of the year when farmen should be at their crops and also of the heavy afflictions since the above date of my wife Elizabeth and thinking most likely that she may from fatigue and frustration in attending to me that her health when viewing her age that my three youngest sons should have longer time given to them to make payments to my heirs for the land willed to them I having in my will of the 5th of March last I gave them five years to pay for the lands intended for them after my death to be paid for in four annual installments by my will that they pay one half of the price fixed by me in my will of the 5th of March or paid for in accordance with the before stipulated time and the other half twelve months after the death of my wife Elizabeth also that my three sons are to have one half of my growing crop of oats hay and wheat and they are to house & cart through the wheat and oats and my daughter Manerva is to shear equal with her brothers in the oats hay and wheat that is allotted above for my sons pay one fourth and when my sons receive their part she is then entitled to her right part of my entire crop of oats hay wheat now growing and my sons when they make the payment to my grand son Benjamin J. Nasson are at liberty to furnish themselves horse saddle and b. etc. in a fair cash valuation to be divided out of his part of the legacy referred to in my will of 5th of March 1872, as intended for him and I further will and bequeath to my son John A. Nasson my black Smith tools consisting of everything pertaining thereto and what cash that may be on hand for labour done of an extra character over and above my other sons in doing a part of my Smith work and is not to be chargeable with anything for them in this my Codicil to my will of 5th

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March 1872, and further that my sons James Francis and William and my daughter Manerva are to be equally divided among them one half of my corn crop of this year and the other half and my sons are to house & cart all of which was willed to me in the presence of the subscribing witnesses 16th day of May 1872. I further will and bequeath that my wife let as her dower of land the Francis Rockhold tract of land of one hundred fifty acres this 16th day 1872.

Witnesses

Edw. Hicks

W. C. Hicks

Wm. W. Rockhold

John ^{my} Nasson
Mark

Proved in open Court June 3rd 1872.

James P. Baker Clerk.

Will of Alexander S. Jamming Deceased.

I Alexander S. Jamming of the County of Sullivan and State of Tennessee, being of sound and disposing mind, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at anytime made.

First: I direct that my funeral expenses, and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies I may be possessed of, or that may first come into the hand of my Executor hereinafter named.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my son James A. Jamming my tract of land whereon I now live and known as my home place, to have and to hold and enjoy the same during his natural life, and after his death, then to be the property of his lawful children. I also give to my son James A. Jamming all the personal property of every kind that may be on said farm at the time of my death belonging to me (except such as may be specifically devised in this will).

Thirdly: It is my will and desire that said son have a home with my son James, on my home place and that