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It is ordered by the Court that letters of administration to the said will be granted and delivered to the said widow who took the oath prescribed by Law and together with Nathan Brown and William Brown her associates enter into an account before the Court to the Governor in the penalty of one thousand dollars conditioned as the court directs.

In the name of God Amen. I John B. Gilliam  
of Smith County State of Tennessee, Calling to  
mind the uncertainty of human life and  
knowing that it is lot of all living over  
to die and thanks be to God I am at present  
in health and distressed memory too  
aching worldly state that it has pleased  
God to bless me with. I have to my  
loving wife Anna Gilliam all my worldly  
estate in the western state to wit, Negro Wm  
the Duke Joice and Cooper and my tea  
bin et Tools with all household & kitchen fu  
niture - also I will engrave Slavery  
which i: now at my mothers in Camp  
bell County in Virginia to my brother  
James Gilliam John B. Gilliam  
Int. Wm Turnbull John B. Gilliam  
Samuel Anthony August 12<sup>th</sup> 1841  
State of Tennessee

Damon County Court November Term 18

The last will and Testament of John B. Gilligan was exhibited in Court for probate, and thereupon the said will is duly proved by the Oaths of William Thompson and Samuel Anthony, Subscribing witness, thirty; and there being no Executor named in said will - On Motion it is ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration with said will annexed to grantee and delivered to John Gilligan Widow & Relic.

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of said record and thereupon the  
Sum of five hundred dollars conditioned  
to pay to the Governor in the penalty of five  
hundred dollars conditioned to the last day

Know all ye to whom these presents may come  
Greeting, that I Peggy Gannett of Sumner  
County, State of Texas <sup>here</sup> am, being now in a low  
state of health, and knowing the uncertainty  
of life, being in my perfect reason, do make  
and ordain this my last will and testament  
of <sup>my</sup> first. I give and bequeath to my brother  
Ezekiel Gannett, all my right little and  
lesser to my portion of land when de-  
ceased, let it be more or less. Secondly, I give  
and bequeath to Dr. Andrew Preston our bed  
together with the curtains belonging to the  
same; provided she remains with my  
sister Sally until she becomes of age  
otherwise the aforesaid bed and curtains  
I give and bequeath to my sister Sally.  
Made this twenty fourth day of April in  
the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and fourteen in the presence of  
David J. Green      for Peggy Gannett  
Darius Wilson      David J. Green  
John <sup>his</sup> Goodwin  
<sup>mark</sup>  
State of Texas <sup>here</sup>  
Sumner County Court November Term 1814

The last will be a sustainer of all.

The last will and Testament of Henry  
Leavitts D.D. was exhibited in Court  
for probate and the same duly proved  
by the Oaths of Daniel J Green and  
David Wilson attorney attorney  
chests and ordered to be registered.

In the name of God Amen: I William  
Wright of Newbury late of Town of

Being now sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die do therefore make this my last will and Testament First I give and bequeath to my brother Ezekiel ten thousand dollars singular all my land, together with my bay horse by him to be possessed Secondly I give and bequeath to my Sister Sally my Negro boy Anthony as his own right and property until he arrives to the age of forty, from the expiration of which time he is to be legally literate. Thirdly, I give and bequeath to Robert Scott, son of James & Dolly Scott my Horse Colt. I do also by this my last will and Desirment, ordain and appoint David Wilson my sole Executor. I do hereby ratify and Confirm this and no other to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have caused my name and seal to be affixed, this eighteenth of September Eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Acknowledged & Confirmed For William Cenothus  
before us Daniel Fox Green

Hugh Carothers  
James Scott

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I do further ordain that all other property that I may now possess as well as all justlyments or accoumpts, either by note or otherwise due me shall be contributed to the discharge of my lawful debts

James Scott For William Cenothus  
Hugh Carothers. Daniel Fox Green

State of Tennessee

Seimus County Court October Term 1814

The last will and Testament of William Cenothus as was exhibited in Court for probate and the same Thompson is duly proved by the oaths of Hugh Carothers and James Scott, Subscribing witness, Thence and ordered to be recorded. At the

David Wilson Executor named in said will and Testament qualified as such by taking the Oath of an Executor as prescribed by Law.

Samuel Wilson of the State of Tennessee and County of Jefferson, being weak in body of perfect mind and memory, calling unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that is appointed for all men once to die to make and ordain this my last will and Testament; and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, dispose of the same in the following manner and form, and first of all. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jacob all my household furniture and all my plantation tools and also her choice of two of all my horses creature, leaving her choice of two of all my Cows: I also give unto her my Negro man Linc and likewise my Negro woman Sena, during her life; after her death the said Negro man Linc and the said woman Sena to be appraised and the valuation be equally divided among my son John and my son James. Only abt. W<sup>m</sup> Cenothus is family it is my will that my wife live on the plantation from her own dying till her, then to be sold to James. I give and bequeath unto my son John five hundred dollars. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Samuel Wilson, son of John Wilson two hundred acres of land situated on Spring Creek, a branch of Duck River, including the Little Snake Spring. I give and bequeath unto my son James my Negro woman Called old Bess and her child; also five hundred acres of land situated on Spring Creek a branch of Duck River, adjoining Pinhook on the south, then running North for Compton, likewise five hundred dollars to be directed to my two grandsons

four hundred acres of land each. Samuel Wilson  
and Miller Wilson, sons of Jacobus Wilson did  
the said situated on Sprucey Creek a branch  
of Duck River, lying in the North West corner  
of the tract. The remaining part of my property  
I allow to be sold and the money arising  
from the sale to be equally divided among  
my legatees: I do likewise constitute,  
make and ordain Oscar Moon and Br-  
adachan Wilson the sole Executors of this my  
last will and Testament, and I do hereby  
entirely disallow, revoke and disavow all  
and every other Testament by me made and  
do confirm this and no other to be my last  
will and Testament. In witness whereof  
I have signed at my house and seal  
this ninth day of April 1814.

Signed a sealed in presence of Samuel Wilson  
of us, McBell

Willis Hall

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court February Term 1815.

The last will and Testament of Samuel  
Wilson who was produced in Court for probate and  
was duly proved by the oaths of William Bell and  
Willis Hall Subscribing witnesses thereto and  
ordained to be recorded. At the same time also  
and Jonathan Wilson Executors named in  
said will were qualified as such by taking  
the oath of an Executor, as prescribed by  
law, and together with Stephen Wilson and  
David Beard their securities entered into an  
acknowledgment their bond to the Governor in  
the penalty of Seven hundred dollars, con-  
ditioned as the law directs, and said  
Executors also rendered into Court on oath  
an inventory of the goods and chattels of  
said deceased which is ordered to be accom-  
plished.

In the name of God Amen. I David Beard Am  
of the County of Williamson State of Tennessee  
do make and ordain this my last will and  
Testament, in which I bequeath and dispose  
of all my estate both personal and real in the  
following manner viz. But first of all, I com-  
mend my soul to the hand of God who gave it  
and my body to the ground to be buried in a  
decent Christian Manner: And the plan-  
tation on which I now live, together with the  
farming utensils and half of the wagons  
I bequeath to my youngest son, Thomas  
Beard, all the right of my property such  
as horses, cattle, sheep, &c I allow to be sold &c after  
having paid all your debts to be equally divi-  
ded between my four daughters and their han-  
dymen-in-law viz. the wife of my son Adam  
Daria, & Samuel. I also will and ordain my  
two sons David Beard, & Thomas Beard  
to be my executors of this my last will and Testa-  
ment. In Testimony whereof I have set my  
hand and affixed my seal, the fifth day of Jan-  
uary in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and fifteen D. Beard <sup>Seal</sup>  
Signed and delivered in presence  
of Carson Dobbins

Elizabeth <sup>mae</sup> Dobbins (Printed before signed)  
State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court February Term 1815.

The last will and Testament of David  
Beard Jr. was exhibited in Court, and duly  
proved by the oaths of Carson Dobbins and  
Elizabeth Dobbins, Subscribing witnesses thereto  
and ordered to be recorded. At the same time  
David Beard and Thomas Beard  
Executors named in said will and Testa-  
ment appeared in Court and qualified as  
by taking the oath of an Executor as pre-  
scribed by Law and thereupon said Heir  
with David Beard their security when  
it was agreed upon to have it to be

or, in the penalty of two thousand dollars  
undiminished as the law directs.

In the Name of God Amen: I Norman Peck  
Deeck of the County of Socorro and State,  
Socorro being in my perfect mind  
and memory, do on this day and date  
hereafter written make this my last will  
and Testament, to wit, First: I leave to my  
beloved wife Anne Peck, the tract of land  
whereon I now live, containing three  
hundred and twenty acres bounded as  
follows beginning at a corner White Oak  
on James McRae's line, thence North  
46 for Corners compliment: also three acres four  
Cows and Calves, twelve hogs, such as may  
be her choice, also all the plantation utensils  
all the house hold and Kitchen furniture  
all the meat, corn, wheat, oats, fodder &c now on  
the plantation, also one Negro woman named  
Lettie and one child named Anthony and  
which to be hers during her natural life, or  
widowhood: Secondly: I give to Joshua Smith  
the tract of land whereon he now lives con-  
taining one hundred and ten acres more  
or less bounded as follows: Beginning at  
a post oak and Hickory on James M.  
McRae's line thence south for compliment  
Thirdly: I give to Silas Bulger, one tract  
of land, whereon the widow Bulger formerly  
lived, containing thirty acres, more or less  
bounded as follows: Beginning at a corner  
on James McRae's line, thence North  
46 for Corners compliment. Fourthly: All the residue  
of my property to be sold and the money to re-  
main in the hands of of the Executors for  
the support of my beloved wife Anne Peck.—  
In case of misfortune or otherwise than she  
also need the same. I fear there will be  
at the death of the wife

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wife that all the property left her to be sold by  
my Executors and the money arising there-  
from, with what may remain in the hands  
of the Executors from the first said to be  
equally divided between Joshua Smith  
spouse and them of my nephews, to wit,  
Siffey Peck and Sager Peck, Sons of William  
& Anna Peck and Nathaniel Simmons son  
of John & Elizabeth Simmons. And forth,  
I leave James McRae and Joshua  
Smith both of the County and State aforesaid  
My Executors to this my last will and Testa-  
ment. Appear, sealed and signed this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of Decr. 1814. **Norman Peck Read**  
in the presence of  
**Joseph C. Harris**  
**Leonard Penell**  
**Nicholas Overby**  
**Hudson Paranal.**

State of Socorro  
Samuel Evans Notary Public May Term 1815

The last will and Testament of Nor-  
man Peck did was produced in Court for  
probate and the same proved in due form  
of law, by the oaths of Joseph C. Harris and  
Nicholas Overby, two of the subscribing  
Witnesses thereto and Thompson Isaacs  
McRae and Joshua Smith Executors  
named in this will and Testament, quali-  
fied as such by taking the oath of an Executor  
prescribed by law and together with Wilson  
Kimbrell their Surety, entered into and  
acknowledged their bond to the Governor  
in the penalty of three thousand dollars undi-  
minished as the law directs.

In the Name of God Amen: I Abraham Peck son of  
Samuel Evans being very weak and near to death, and  
in my perfect mind and memory, I make this  
last will and Testament in the presence of

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and to Almighty God who is the giver of all things  
blessedly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife  
Milly Bledsoe my Negro woman Callie and her  
son by the name of Poll, and her two eldest daugh-  
ters to wit, Mary and Sally, also the old  
Negro fellow Abram, and the house and farm  
where I now reside, during her natural life,  
and at her death, the farm & Negroes to return  
to my four oldest boys, also I will to my eldest  
Son David S. Bledsoe the Negro boy Sam  
also the Negro Girl Eliza to my daughter Polly  
the Negro Girls Dina and Charity to my son  
Anthony the Negro boy Bill and his brother  
Robert, to my son Robert the Negro Girl Fiddie  
I wish my two Negro fellows to wit, Bob & Dan  
to be sold and the money arising therefrom  
to pay share of my Negroes and for Poll and  
the other two for my son James Bledsoe. I  
wish my Millie and the plantation and all ap-  
partances thereto to be sold to discharge my  
just debts. I wish my lands on Rock River to be  
equally divided between my four eldest sons  
also I wish my children to be co-heiress in  
the first measure my estate will admit of.  
I do hereby appoint my Brother Isaac Bledsoe  
Henry Bledsoe, and James Weatherhead Executors  
with my wife Milly Bledsoe, Executors to settle  
all contracts subsisting between myself and  
my two Brothers, wishing them and allowing  
an authorized Henry Bledsoe, Jas Weatherhead and  
Milly Bledsoe to make and sign to my Bro-  
ther Isaac Bledsoe a title in fee simple to my  
part of the farm that was attached to my  
commissioners in the Greenfield Sur-  
vey and condition that my brother Isaac B.  
do make a right in fee simple to my heirs equal  
number of acres adjoining the farm wherein  
I now live. And further I do injoin the prop-  
erty on my Executors with my wife as it relates to  
make and convey a right in fee simple  
to minority five acres or land to William H.

art, whom Iain William Steward now lives.  
In witness whereof I have written & signed my last  
will this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our  
Lord 1815.

Abram Bledsoe

Witness, sealed and attested in presence of us  
Eliz. Gillespie

S. J. Humphreys

James Wallace

State of Indiana per

St. Lucie County Court May Term 1815

The last will and Testament out of Abram  
Bledsoe we were produced in Court, in  
probate and the same was duly proved by the  
Death George Gillespie, S. J. Humphreys &  
James Wallace, Subscribing witnesses  
thereunto and ordered to be recorded, at the  
sum sum of one hundred, twenty  
Twenty Dollars and Millie Bledsoe, Isaac  
Bledsoe, Henry Bledsoe and James  
Weatherhead executors in said will and Testament  
appended in Court and specifically as  
such by taking the oaths prescribed by Law  
and the said Executors and Executrix together  
with James Weatherhead for Robert Weatherhead  
their Testator executed with due acknowledgement  
then bound to the Governor in the sum of  
thirty Thousand dollars conditioned as  
the law directs.

In the name of God Amen. I Stephen Winkler  
of the County of St. Lucie and State of Indiana  
being weak in body, but of disposing mind do hereby  
publish and declare this to be my last will and  
Testament: In the first place I desire that  
my Executors let my children remain with  
my wife and support them by making the  
most judicious disposition of the property left  
in trust from Joshua Howard of Maryland  
either in living said property or working  
it on a farm, and should my brother Dan  
Winkler die before me to leave the property and

in my proportion, & my family, that my executors make such disposition of them as will best promote the interest of my family. I desire that my children receive an education, such as can be afforded from any of the before mentioned property and at the decease of my wife I desire that the property may stand to equally divided amongst my children. Secondly I appoint my brother James Winchester, my son Palmer Winchester together with my two friends George Roberts and A.B. Shelly executors of this my last will and Testaments, truly witnessing & attesting and ratifying this as my last will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I have caused my name here affixed my seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 1815.  
 Signed, sealed, acknowledged. Winchester And  
 am delivered in presence of  
 R. G. Gillispie  
 M.S. B. Winchester

State of New Hampshire

Secon County Court May Term 1815.

The last will and Testaments of Stephen Winchester late deceased was exhibited in Court and duly proved by the Oaths of Richard G. Gillispie and M.S. B. Winchester subscribing thereto their hands and the same ordered to be recorded. At the same time James Winchester and George Roberts, two of the executors herein named, appeared in Court qualified as such, by taking the oaths of an executor as prescribed by law and Thompson said Executor with Benjamin H. Henderson, their security entered into and acknowledged their bond to the sum or in the penalty of three thousand dollars conditioned to the due discharge and payment in the sum of one thousand dollars.

last will and Testaments of Stephen Winchester late deceased came into Court and recorded in law form his nomination aforesaid.

In the name of God Amen. I Andrew Hamilton of Secon County and State of New Hampshire, being Mindful of the fragility and Mortality of Human Nature being a low and languishing state of body but of sound mind and understanding and of disposing disposition, do make this my last will and Testaments, truly testifying all others, in manner and form following. In the first place I give to Commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth thence to be decently buried, in the Manner in which my Executors hereafter named shall think proper to have it done. Secondly I wish all my just debts and funeral expenses paid and especially the Rent myself and James West punch and of Thomas Harrison round neck Creek, which was taken by an older claim, I am to be at one third of the expense and West at the other as that was the situation of the purchase from Harris, after whom demand are demanded with, I leave to my sister Ruth and the heirs of Gardner and Margaret my deceased sister to each of the three hundred dollars. In the next place I give to my sister Mary my mare I call Patience, which I take to be worth thirty dollars; and to my sister Dory I give thirty dollars in Cash to be paid in the course of twelve months, to my Stephen William Brown I give my ten year old Colt from the man above named. To my brother John W. Hamilton then I give my Negro man Dublin all my personal estate except what is above named and my Negro boy Peter, together with my duck River land which I purchased. Patton Chamber being known by my brother to pay all my debts. To my brother John son Patrick Hamilton I give my Negro man Peter and the land on which I now live, giving his father the use of the said land and pasture. Clean more if he should think better suited.

arrive at the year of twenty one at which time it is my wish that Patrick should have the benefit arising from the land, but that he is not to be possessed, to able to sell, or make a title to the land except with the approbation of my Executors until he arrives at the age of twenty five years. The Negro Peter whom named that I have given my Stephen Patrick Hamilton. I wish to remain with my brother John to care for his use until the ink is twenty one years old and forty I make, as stipule and appoint my trusty and beloved friends John M. Hamilton and William L. Miles and Executors of this last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 1815.

Signed in presence of Andrew Hamilton  
R. Alexander

Ethelbert Sanders

Polly M. Chapman

State of Town of

Stamford County Court August Term 1815.

The last will and Testament of Andrew Hamilton did witness produced in Court for probate, came the same duly proved by the oath of Richard Alexander and Ethelbert Sanders two of the subscribing witnesses, then to be recorded. At the same time John M. Hamilton, one of the Executors named in the said will and Testament qualified as such by taking the oath of an Executor prescribed by law.

In the Name of God Amen. I John B. Johnson of the State of Penna. Co. St. Louis County being very sick and weak in body but (thank God) of perfect mind and memory and calling to mind the Mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament as follows— Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto my Brother Chapman the sum of the sum

of Virginia the following Negroe a female now named Callie Miller and her four children Maria, Hamilton, Nelson and Elizabeth. In Trust for my Sister Anna Maria to be applied when she and exercising a use, first upon herself. All my Estate both real and personal I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Johnson to be kept together by her for the use of herself and my children until my Son Chapman be twenty one years old the 31<sup>st</sup> of last October comes of age at which time it is my wish and desire that the Estate both real and personal be equally divided between my dear wife and three children Thomas Chapman, wife Maria— and if my Executors should judge it advantageous to my family to sell my estate I hereby authorise and empower them to sell the same both real and personal, either for Cash or on credit and apply the Proceeds as I do direct, to wit to be paid out at interest, and the Proceeds applied to the use of my dear wife and children until my said Son a Son Chapman comes of age at which time I wish it to be equally divided between my dear wife and three children Thomas, Ethelbert Chapman and Maria. And I do appoint as Executors to this my last will and Testament my wife Elizabeth Johnson and my brother Chapman an Attorney of the State of Virginia and I do hereby publish, establish and declare this to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking and disannulling all others by me made. John B. Johnson  
Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared to be his last will and Testament before us

J. Hunt

William Bloodworth  
Mark C. Holloman  
mark

State of Tennessee

Stamford County Court August Term 1815

The last will and Testament of John B. Johnson

one and was produced in Court for probate the Thompson Sain will was duly proved by the Oaths of Sam Want and William Blodworth, two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

I give Mary Ann of Sumner County to disposed of all my estate whatsoever I wish it be in the following manner. By care & solicitation of the fidelity and attachment which my Negro Child had manifested to me I give him his freedom immediately after my decease, and occasion and leisure allowing to conduct himself afterward as he shall desire him to do, according to the rules of good Conscience and Morality.

This I give to Polly Daugler daughter of my brother William Daugler of the State of North Carolina to be her Negro Woman Slave.

I give to my other Miss Nancy Daugler the second daughter of my brother William Hough of the State of North Carolina a Negro boy named Harry.

Then I give to Nancy Daugler the daughter of my Sister Ann Daugler of this County a Negro boy named Daniel. I give to my other Miss Polly Daugler the second daughter of my Sister Anna Daugler of this County a Negro girl named Agg. I give Doctor Penwell of the state of Maryland a Negro woman named Cal and his Child Whitney. My Negro Wench Sarah having a husband named Leopold who belongs to my Neighbour Daniel Smith, if his Son George Smith chooses to give five hundred dollars for her and his Child Leopold he is to have her, if not my Executors or Executrix are to dispose of her. The money arising from the sale of the said Negro Wench & Child I give to be equally divided between my Sister Anna Daugler and her two daughters Mary and Polly Daugler above named first page all my just debts and funeral expenses. I give to Sally Daugler a bed and its furniture, and a chest together with a stool and candle stick and

also two cans one called old Booth the other Red and further I give her the bold Brasset, all the rest of my property consisting of the residue of my household furniture, Stock and Capp. Given to my Sister Anna Daugler. I do appoint my friend and Neighbour Thomas Weston the Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Seal this first day of October 1815. Signed, sealed, published & declared by the Testator and attested by the Testators to be his last Will and Testament in presence of Daniel Smith, William Polman, Mrs Weston.

#### State of Tennessee

Sumner County, First November Day 1815.

The last will and Testament of John Daugler poor and was produced in Court for probate and thereupon the same was duly proved by the Oaths of Daniel Smith and William Polman two of the Subscribers thereto and ordered to be recorded.

I Thomas Daugler of Wilson County one State of Tennessee being very sick but of sound mind and do now do make and ordain this my last will and Testament and mamma and form following witness. In the first place I give unto my beloved wife Charlotte Daugler her choice of one of my Males and one of my feather beds and furniture and it is my will that as soon as my Executors hereafter named can hire some one to get in my Crop to sell the whole of which I may dispossess of in this state to the highest bidder for Cash. And it is my will that my such alias hereafter named may sell all my just portion of Negroes in Virginia as soon as i can, and my land where my Mother dwelt or as soon as she will consent, either in public sale or private for Cash as they will think best - And let it be my will that

This & of the whole of my estate may be allotted to my wife Charlotte Dugger and the balance to be kept for the use of my son Thomas Fletcher Dugger who is now an infant. And it is my particular request that my executors may see that he is well raised, and a education if the whole of my estate be sufficient and at a proper age, See that he is bound to some good trade that they may think profitable. Lastly I do testify and appoint Sterling Orgain and Hubbard Sanders Executors of this my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have signed my hand and affixed my seal this 24 day of July 1815.

Signed, Sealed and in presence of us Alexander Stocke  
and Thomas Dugger and  
witnesses of us Alexander Stocke

Long Sines

Mary Connell

Elizabeth Connell

A. D. It is my ~~testament~~ will that my wife should have the interest of the money to assist her to raise my son Thomas Fletcher during his widowhood, or until he is old enough to go to School

Thomas Dugger

State of Town of  
Summ County Common Pleas 1815

The last will and Testament of Thomas Dugger deceased was produced in Open Court for probate, and thereupon said will or the last execution thereof was proved by the Oath of Alexander Stocke a Subscribing witness thereto.

The last will and Testament of Thomas Dugger deceased was produced in open Court for probate and the same having duly proved by the Oath of Elizabeth Connell a subscribing witness thereto were the said last will and Testament being proved in open Court by the Oath of Alexander Stocke another subscriber witness thereto at a previous

day of this Court, and the same is Thompson ordered to be recorded, and the executors named in the same will sufficient to take upon themselves the burden of the execution thereof, it is ordered on motion that Charlotte Dugger widow and Relict of said deceased have letters of administration with the will annexed on the estate of the said deceased. Also Thompson the said Charlotte Dugger with James Young and Jas P. Woffley her executors, entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the penalty of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

In the name of God Amen. I Mary Ann Gardner being in Common Health and of a sound judgment and memory set Colling to mind my Mortality as made and obtain this my last will and Testament, in the form and manner following now shew I do leave and bequeath unto my grand daughter Mary Ann Sloan, my Bed One Sheet, One Pillow & the Pillows. And Secondly I leave and bequeath unto Mary Ann McTough One bed, one Sheet One Pillow & the Pillows. And Thirdly I leave my Saddle to Margaret McTough and fourthly I leave to my grand daughter Mary Ann Gilkes one Counterpane drawn up in the form, and one of the two Blankets. And fifthly I leave to my Grand daughter Mary Ann Harris one single Counterpane, One Counterpane drawn up with the middle and Sixthly I leave to my daughter Ann Bradley One double Counterpane & one Stand of White Curtains and Seventhly I leave one black Habit to my daughter Mary Sloan and Eighthly I leave one Calico Habit to Mary Bradley and Ninthly I leave one big Cotton Habit to Hannah Gilkes, and Tenth I leave one Collar, piece up the quilt to my daughter Abigail ~~black had Elizabeth~~ and Eleventh I leave one Linsey tow quilt and one Blanket to my Grand daughter Margaret Harris And I further leave to Richard Harris One Pewter Pail one large Pewter Dish and four Chain one large

Dish. Books and tools; and I further have the remainder of dreiping furniture and one large Pot with its tools and my Mourning Room with all its furniture and one set of Spools and one Sewing Room and one Coffe Mill to Abby Clark. And I further leave to Rachael Morris one Pot back etc. I leave my glass to Mary Mann and I further leave my looking glass to my daughter Abigail Clark. And I do further order that my Negro woman Phyllis, with all my horses cattle hogs and article of every kind not mentioned by name in my will be sold, and after paying my just debts and giving Jane Reed five dollars and Ediza Roadsly five dollars, then the amount of said sale to be equally divided among my daughters and all my clothing not mentioned in my will by name. I order to be divided among my daughters equally as they may see fit. And I do further appoint John Barr and John Sloan Executors wholly & solely of this my last will and Testament, signed with my own hand & sealed & spiced this day the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Mary Anne Gardner Esq  
n<sup>r</sup>

Signed in presence of us  
Mrs Ann Margaret Barr  
Polly Barr

Seal of Town of  
Sumner County Tennessee Jan 1895.

The last will and Testamant of all my property that was produced in Court for probate and then you saw and was duly proved by John Barr and Polly Barr two of the Subscribers wife of his son & ordered to be recorded.

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Bugg of the County of Sumner and State of Tenn of an age of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say. First I give to my wife Gracian Bugg one third part

of all my Negroes, the place wherein I now live which includes the lawn & garden of William Adams with all my Stock of every description, household and Kitchen furniture for use during the term of her natural life provided she remains my widow, but in case of a second marriage, I give the land above mentioned to all my sons hereafter named, equally to be enjoyed by them and their heirs for ever.

I give should my wife Gracian Bugg die again or at her death all my house hold and Kitchen furniture all my plantation utensils and Stock of every description to all my children hereafter named equally to be enjoyed by them and their heirs for ever.

I give unto all my sons equally (viz) Samuel Bugg, Henry Willis Bugg, John Langley Bugg, Sam and Howell Bugg, Walter Lewis Bugg all the Money that may be in hand at my death; Also all the money that may be due me at my death or after to be enjoyed by them and their heirs for ever.

Fourth I give unto all my children male and female viz Samuel Bugg, Henry Willis Bugg, John Langley Bugg, Sam and Howell, Walter Lewis Bugg, Anna Bugg, Joyce Bugg Mary Ann Bugg equally all my Negroes (except the one that given to my wife Gracian Bugg as above) to be enjoyed by them and their heirs for ever.

Fifthly the one third part of all my negroes given to my wife Gracian Bugg at her death I give unto all my children male and female above mentioned equally to be enjoyed by them and their heirs for ever. Should my wife Gracian Bugg marry a second time I give her six Negroes only three males and three females to be enjoyed by her and her heirs for ever and the residue of the Negroes that I have given her during the time of her remaining my widow I give unto all my children both male and female equally to be enjoyed by them and their heirs for ever. Revoking all other and former wills and Testaments by me hitherto made. Witness my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1896. Samuel Bugg (sig)

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court Feb'y Term 1856

The last will and Testament of Samuel Bugg did was probated in Court for probate, and then being no Subscribing witnesses thereto, Thompson, William White, Joel Parikh, and Anthony R. Shelly made oath that they were acquainted, or had a knowledge of the hand writing of the said Samuel Bugg, and that they believe the whole of the said will was in the proper hand writing of the said Samuel Bugg and Thompson said will and Testament is Thompson ordered to be recorded. And then being no Executor named in said will & Testament, on Motion it is ordered that Letters of Administration with the will aforesaid annexed be granted and delivered to Asaelius D. Bugg, who made oath equally to law and together with William Bugg Jr. and James L. Clegg his son-in-law countersigned and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars conditioned as in law directs.

I Joseph Metheral of Sumner County and State of Tenn uppon my sound mind memory but knowing the uncertainty of my time in this world have thought proper to make the following distribution of such worldly good as a gracious God has given me, before my beloved wife and four children.

First It is my will that all my lawful debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the stock of my estate.

Second It is my will that my beloved wife have one half of the house wherein we now live, and half of the Kitchen furniture, and half of the barn and half of the farm wherein we now live, to keep during her natural life, and at her decease to go to my daughter Polly - also that my beloved wife have one hundred dollars and one negro man named Henry and one nego woman named Phiby and his child named Rose and their inheritance - and a good horse saddle and bridle - two cows and a colt a

good bed of wardrobe, her apparel & furniture and one Case of drawers to be at her disposal for ever.

Third It is my will that my daughter Jane have the tract of land that I bought of the heirs of Robert Green there and one negro girl named Lucinda.

Fourth It is my will that my daughter Polly have the tract of land wherein we now live with its appurtenances, and but that part I have willed to my wife and that she have a negro girl named Selch, and one good horse, saddle and bridle, two cows, a colt, two beds, and furniture one Bureau also all other things necessary for housekeeping that my other sisters got from me to help them her and her heirs for ever.

Fifth It is my will that all my other lands be divided amongst my four children as follows: Nancy Robt, to have one hundred dollars worth more than one fourth, Jane to have one hundred dollars worth more than one fourth, Betty Glaser to have one fourth, Polly Metheral to have six hundred dollars worth less than one fourth, to keep them and their heirs for ever.

Sixth It is my will that all my other property be equally divided amongst my four daughters.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Joseph Robt, and William Glaser as Executors of this my last will and Testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of October One thousand eight hundred and fifteen

Joseph Metheral Seal

Signed sealed in presence of  
Adair McConnell, Thomas Bonnell  
William Bennett, Robert Hodges.

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County February Term 1856

The last will and Testament of Joseph Metheral did was exhibited in Court for probate and the aforesaid said will was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of William Bennett and Robert Hodges Subscribing Testimony

thence and recorded to be recorded at the same time Joseph Robt and William Oliver Executors named in said will appeared in Court and qualified to serve by taking the oath of an Executor prescribed by Law and to gether with William Figg Jr and Richard Ding their Securities entered into and acknowledged before the Governor in the penalty of Twenty Thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs.

In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Barron of Gallatin County said State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, but weak and indisposed in body, so much the following as my last will and Testament to witness, I first allow all my just debts to be paid - I then beg my wife to my two daughters Mary P. Barron and Jane Barron all my estate real and personal, excepting the negroes kept in mentioned by me to my Sister in law Margaret Elvers I leave five hundred dollars - To my Sister Sam Webster, who I expect lives in the County of Marion in Ireland, I leave five hundred dollars - I leave a brick and stellony house lot in Jackson my plantation or tract of land lying in Madison County State of Tennessee containing one hundred and eighty acres more or less - and to said Catharine Heddle, Daughter Jane Barron I leave my house and lot in Williamsburgh Jackson County and State of Tennessee. In order that it may be more easy and convenient to divide the real property remaining for my two daughters Mary P. Barron and Jane Barron aforesaid, my will is that Mary P. Barron is to have my house and lot in Evansham North County and State of Virginia and my two improved lots in Gallatin aforesaid whereon I now live - And that my daughter Jane is to have my two unimproved lots in Gallatin and my house and lot in Northville Davidson County and State of Tennessee and that the said Jane part of my estate may be equal.

with her Sisters the said Mary P. I allow the said Jane to have twenty five hundred dollars more of the personal estate than her Sister the said Mary P. Part of my Personal estate consists of my interest in Partnership over existing between Mr Thomas Marston & Evansham upon one side and me in our establishment of Merchantile in that place - I having advanced the Stock that said Partnership commence with, and our terms are that on Settlement I am to receive the account of said Stock and the profits to be equally divided between said Marston and me. I hereby appoint and ordain my Brother-in-law Mr Dobyns Finley of Christian County and State of Kentucky and the aforesaid Mr Thomas Marston to be Executors to this my last will and Testament, and empower them to settle all my Affairs so as to execute the above will. I also appoint the aforesaid Mr Dobyns Finley and Marston to be Guardians to my aforesaid said two daughters, Mary P. Barron and Jane Marston. In Testimony whereof I have written to my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 1815

*Joseph Barron*

Acknowledged and attested by the Testator as and for his last will and Testament in presence of us James Bangy  
Ashly Stanfield  
Geo Crookst.  
State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court February 1<sup>st</sup> 1816.

The last will and Testament of Joseph Barron deceased was this day ordered in Court for probate and the same was proved in due form of law by the Oaths of James Bangy, Ashly Stanfield & George Crookst Subscribing witnesses thereto and said will ordered to be recorded. At the same time Dobyns Finley one of the Executors named in said will appeared in Court and qualified as such by taking the oath of an Executor as prescribed by

I am and together with James Brown, Ashby Thompson and William Pittman his Securitie, entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the penality of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs. 5<sup>th</sup> day of February Term 1816 of Sumner County Court of record. Thomas Warren one of the Executors named in the last will and Testament of Joseph Barron did appear in Court and took the Oath of an Executor as presented by Law and entered into bond to the Governor with George Crockett & Samuel H. Shelly his Securitie for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office as Executor of said Will and Testament in the penality of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs. And a motion ordered that letters Testamentary be on account and delivered to the said Thomas Warren to empower him to act in conjunction and as Co-Executor with George Shelly the other Executor named in said Will who appears in open Court and qualified as such at a previous day of this time and remained letters Testamentary.

- First. I give to my Sister Ann Burton a Negro woman named Cesar, a Negro girl named Matilda and a Negro boy named P'ell.
- Second. I give to my Brother Josephus H. Brown a Negro man named Harry.
- Third. I give to Lydia Brown daughter of John Brown one Negro boy named Bob, also one silk dress a dozen Silver Tea Spoons and half a dozen Silver Table Spoons.
- Fourth. I give to my Niece Lydia Burton half a dozen Silver Table Spoons, and also half a dozen Windsor Chain.
- Fifth. And Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my brother-in-law John Brown Executor to this my

last will and Testament or making any will or wills hereupon made by me. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal 13<sup>th</sup> February 1816.  
In presence of  
Mrs Shelly  
Stephen R. Hobbs,  
State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court February Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of Lydia Thompson deceased was probated in Court for Probate and the same was Thompson duly proved by the Oaths of John Shelly and Stephen R. Hobbs Subscribing with us that she was dead and to be recorded. At the same time John Brown Executor named in said will and Testament appeared in open Court and qualified as such by taking the Oath of an Executor as presented by Law and together with Will Scipp Jr and A.D. Shelly his Securitie entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the penality of five thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs.

In the Name of God Amen. I James Basby of Sumner County of the State of Tennessee by man being infirm in body but in sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in odd following that is to say. I give and command my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gives it and my body I command to the earth to be decently interred at the direction of my Executors, and touching such worldly estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath in the following manner and form. I Bequeath to my well beloved Daughter Polly Pitt One Saddle Mares and Saddle, One Bed upstair One Cow and Calf, by her freely to be enjoyed from the time. I Bequeath to my well beloved wife Dorothy Basby all my estate both personal and real by her freely to be enjoyed during life, and at her death to be equally divided amongst all my children which is two in number and if a childless in descent, it is to

Shan equal with the rest - My first born Polly Bush, Anderson Bushy, Sussey Bushy, Meany Bushy, Riter Bushy, Ann Bushy, Pekay Bushy, Sarahah Bushy, Howard Bushy, Dr. R. Bushy; and I determine to constitute my beloved brothers William Bushy and Stephen Bushy to be my lawful Executors to make all right, given to my heirs when they come of age - And I do hereby entirely disallow, revoke, disannull all and every other former Testiment and will by me in any way before hand made, written and begun and ended ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testiment. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January One thousand, Eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Signed sealed published and <sup>in</sup> attested <sup>and</sup> ~~read~~  
provened by the said James Bushy as his last  
will and Testiment in the presence of us who  
in his presence and the presence of each other  
have hereunto subscribed our names.  
John Cotton, Mrs Mitchell  
James Dugane.

Notary Public

Sumner County February First 1816.

In last will and Testiment of James Bushy, as was produced in Court for probate and affirmed John Cotton and Mrs Mitchell two of the Subscribing witnesses to the said will made oath that the said James Bushy, signed sealed, published and declared the same to be his last will and Testament in their presence and that they subscribed their names as witnesses thereto at the request of the Testator, and that said Testator at the time of signing said will was of sound mind and memory - Whereupon said will is ordered to be recorded.

I Enos Benthall of Sumner County and State of Ohio in perfect soundness of mind, but in a low state of health and recollecting that all men have to die I think proper at this time to make my last will and Testiment which I request may stand as follows to wit, In the first place I recommend my soul to Almighty God to dispose of as he thinks proper - And in the next place I appoint my loving wife Martha Martin

following distribution of the small portion of worldly goods which the Supreme Lord of all has been pleased to bestow upon me.

What ever property I am or may be entitled to at the death of my brother Grand mother Mary Lasseter I bequeath to my then Brother Willis Benthall, I also Benthall and Lasseter Benthall and all money due us for services to my Country and all moneys otherwise due me I beg each to my then brothers above named to be equally divided between them - My Saddle Bridle and all my Clothing, I give separately to my brother Willis Benthall, to be for his use and benefit. Lastly I do disclaim all former wills and declare this to be my last will and Testament. Signed and sealed on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March eighteen hundred and sixteen - in presence of - Further I hereby appoint Captain James Wilson to be my Executor to execute this my last will and Testiment & Second in presence of

Enos Benthall,

James Wilson  
State of Georgia

Sumner County, First Monday Feby 1816.

The last will and Testiment was pronounced in open Court for probate and the same was duly proved by the oaths of Enos Wilson and James Hamilton Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded - Whereupon James Wilson Executor named in said will qualified as such by taking the oath of an Executor as prescribed by Law.

In the name of God Amen: I William Martin now in sound mind and perfect memory, but in a low state of health and recollecting that all men have to die I think proper at this time to make my last will and Testiment which I request may stand as follows to wit, In the first place I recommend my soul to Almighty God to dispose of as he thinks proper - And in the next place I appoint my loving wife Martha Martin

and my son Abram Martin jointly as Executors: in the first place I request that all my just debts be paid out of my property. In the second place I request my Executors to sell such Stock or personal property as they in their discretion may think preferable. In the third place I will and bequeath to my living wife Martha all my estate both real and personal during her natural life. In the third place I will and bequeath to my son Oliver Martin fifty acres of my land in the North end of my tract to include the house where he now lives - I will that all the remainder of all my estate both real and personal be equally divided between my children viz. William, Ruth and Daniel, Frederick, Jonathan, Oliver, Lewis and Sarah at the decease of my wife - done this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1815 witness my hand  
John Edward Green Jr. *William Martin*

Samuel Roney  
Edward Green Jr.

State of Tennessee

Daviess County Court May Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of William Martin did bear probate in Court for probate and the same Thompson was proven by the oath of Edward Green and Samuel Roney Subscribing witnesses who ordined to be recorded. Thompson Martha Martin and Oliver Martin Executors and Executor aforesaid in said will qualified as such by taking the oath of an Executor prescribed by law.

In the name of God Amen: I Robert Boykin of Daviess County Tennessee being now sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory and knowing that it is appropriate for all men once to die do make and constitute this my last will and Testament according to myth and memory what worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me with - I do give and dispose of in the following manner. Item that all debts shall be paid and all the balance of my estate I leave to

my beloved wife Delilah Boykin January 25<sup>th</sup> 1816.

James Boykin  
John Blasingame  
Daniel Webb

State of Tennessee

Daviess County Court May Term 1816

A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Boykin deceased dated January 25<sup>th</sup> 1816, and attested by James Boykin John Blasingame and Daniel Webb was duly proved in open court by the witness of the said John Blasingame and Daniel Webb who made oath that said writing contained the will of the deceased as expressed by him in their presence and hearing which writing is ordered to be recorded Whereupon on motion it is further ordered that letters of administration with said will annexed be granted and delivered to Delilah Boykin widow and wife of said deceased who made oath according to law and together with John Brown and Johnathan Davis her securities entered into and acknowledged their bond to the governor in the penalty of five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs.

In the name of God amen I Eliza Thomas being in my senses and soundly afflicted by the hand of the Lord make and constitute this my last will and testament. First part My desire is that all my just debts be paid speedily I leave to my beloved wife Mary Thomas all my property real and personal and that it be neither apportioned nor sold bodily My desire is she should give to the children as they may marry about equal portions has been given to my son William Thomas and my daughter Maria Neal. That is to say Robert Thomas Thornton Thomas Nancy Thomas Hastings Thomas Elizabeth Thomas Jane Thomas Fisher Thomas etc. If my beloved wife should marry then and in

That case my desire is that my property be divided equally amongst my above named children 144. I appoint my beloved wife Cynthia and my son Robert Thomas as co-executor of this my last will and testament of 1814. That there be no security required of these my Executrix and Executor in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March in year of our Lord eighteen hundred and 14.  
First W<sup>t</sup> Brewster  
Geo. H. Brown  
Hestha Thomas Seal

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court, May term, 1816.

The last will and testament of Hestha Thomas deceased was exhibited in court for probate and the same duly proved by the oaths of William Brewster and Robert H. Brown, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded at the same time Polly Hens and Robert Hens as Executrix and Executor of said will appeared in court and qualified as such, by taking the oath of an executor prescribed by law.

In the name of God amen. Having taken into consideration that I am appointed for all men once to die and leaving in a poor state of health at this time but of sound mind. I first will and bequeath my body to the dust from whence it came and my soul to God who gave it. It is my will and desire that my wife Franky Brewster shall keep the plantation whereon I now live and every thing that is belonging to it during her widowhood and to divide the property among her children as they stand in number giving each one of them a good horse saddle and bridle and other things that she my wife Franky thinks proper. Should either one of my sons or daughters marry or leave their mother satisfactorily I will that they have such property as my wife can spare without amounting to herself and those that remain with her, it being valued to them and recorded. The land and plantation containing one hundred and fifty acres to be

divided equally among my five youngest sons. Viz David H. James Joshua John S. Marks Hickman, &c at such times as she thinks proper, & till I die that my son Thomas have fifty acres of land where on he now lives and if he has more land than each one of the other five will have when they come of age he Thomas shall pay to them the same joint equally and lastly I appoint my son Thomas Hickman and my wife Franky Hickman my Executor and Executor to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand this twentieth of April 1816.

Test. Geo. Seale

Polly Leath

Samuel Henry

State of Tennessee.

Sumner County Court, May term 1816.

The last will and testament of Nathan.

Hickman deceased was exhibited in court for probate and the same was thereupon duly proved by the oaths of George Leath and Samuel Henry subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded at the same time Thomas Hickman and Franky Hickman Executor and Executor of said last will and testament. So proved in court and qualified as such by taking the oath of an executor as prescribed by law.

V John Brigance Jr. do give and bequeath all my estate my land or personal property to my wife Paley Brigance so long as she lives a widow and then to distribute it among my children as she pleases. Michael Brigance, Sarah Blanton Brigance, Joel Dyer Brigance, John Stewart Brigance, William Henry Brigance, Mrs. Anna Brigance. July 28<sup>th</sup> 1816.

Test. Henry C. Wills;

Geo. S. Brigance

David Bent

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May term 1816.

The last will and Testament of John Biggane deceased was produced in Court for probate and the same duly proved by the Oaths of Geo. S. Biggane & Henry A. Willis Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and there being no Executor named in said will, it is Thompson on Motion ordered that letters of administration with the will annexed to grant her and delivered to Polly Biggane and of the same date who took the oath prescribed by Law, and together with Geo. S. Biggane and David Bassett her securities entered into and acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the penalty of five hundred dollars conditioned as the Law directs.

A verbal Will of William Crain who died on the fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixteen. First: My will is that my wife Susannah Crain shall keep as much of my property as her father Lew is or ever may think sufficient for the support of her and her family until my then sons John Crain Lewis W. Crain and Isaac Crain shall be able to tend my plantation. Secondly: My will is that the remainder of my property be disposed of as Lewis Crain may think proper. This will was countersigned to writing April 20 1816.  
Test: Lew Crain

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May term 1816.

A writing purporting to be the aforesaid will of William Crain deceased was produced in Court, and the same was proved in due form of Law by Lew Crain and ordered to be recorded. Thompson on Motion it is ordered by the Court that letters of administration with the will annexed be granted to Lew Crain, who made oath according to Law and together with Elizabeth Crain and William Crain his securities entered into and acknowledged

this bond to the Governor in the penalty of Eight hundred dollars conditioned as the Law directs.

March the 15<sup>th</sup> 1814. I do give and bequeath my estate to my wife during her life and at her death to be divided amongst my six youngest Children, Considering that those that are deceased to have had in proportion. As witness my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> March 1814.

Test: James Hunt

James Basley Seal

John Hunt

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of James Basley deceased was produced for probate and the same was duly proved by the Oaths of James Hunt and John Hunt Subscribing witnesses thereto and there being no Executor named in said will, it is ordered, on Motion that letters of administration with said will annexed be granted and delivered to Polly Basley, who took the oath prescribed by Law, and together with John Bass her security, entered into and acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the penalty of five hundred dollars conditioned as the Law directs.

This fifth of April eighteen hundred and sixteen. I John Badgett being in my eight score years have here made my last will and Testament, that is I want Jane and Elizabeth Badgett my loving children to have one bed and one Box a piece; and I want John Badgett my loving son to have the horse mare, tent I give him and the saddle and a bed and the balance to Nancy my loving wife, during her life, and after her death divided equally amongst Polly Moore, Deborah Heil, Jane Badgett, Elizabeth Badgett, John Badgett all my loving children

I acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament signed, and acknowledged in the presence of Lewis Johnson  
John T. Badgett  
John A. Mail.

Thomas Badgett  
John A. Mail.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of John Badgett deceased, was produced in Court for probate, and the same duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Thomas Badgett and John A. Mail; and then being no Executrix named in said will it is ordered on motion that letters of administration with the will annexed be granted and delivered to Nancy Badgett widow and wife of said deceased, who took the oath prescribed by law, and together with John A. Mail and Lewis Johnson her securities entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Court in the penalty of five hundred Dollars conditioned as the sum directed.

I Nathaniel S. Anderson of Nashville Tennessee do make and witness this my last will and Testament in the first place & place that all my just debts be paid I desire that my Negro Girl Louisa now at Shannondown Illinois be emancipated, and five hundred dollars appropriated to buy her a lot of ground whereon she may soon to reside. Item I give to my Brother James W. Anderson my house and land wherein he stands in Nashville, and that the house be immediately furnished at the expense of my estate, also fifteen dollars in the Nashville Bank. Item I give unto my brother John D. Anderson 15 Shanes in the Nashville Bank. Item I give to my wife Mary Plummer twenty five dollars in the branch bank of Tennessee at Nashville, also my miniature set in gold the balance of my estate abidingly be equally divided between all my brothers and sisters. Lastly I appoint my trusty friend Gilbert G. Washington and my brother John D. Anderson Executors of this my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

Subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the year 1816. Nathaniel S. Anderson  
Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence  
of us John B. Shelly

Robert Bush Jr

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1816

The last will and Testament of Nathaniel S. Anderson deceased was exhibited in Court for probate and the same proved in due form by the Oaths of Anthony B. Shelly and Robert Bush Jr Subscribing witness before subscribing witnesses stand and agreed to be executors. Whereupon Gilbert G. Washington an Executor named in said will, qualified as such by taking the Oath of an Executor as prescribed by Law and on motion of said Executor it is ordered by the Court, that he may give bond and security in Davidson County where he resides, and appear mounting and action according said bond in the Circuit or County Court of said Davidson County, soon the same duly certified by the Clerk of the Court to be transmitted to this Court upon which said Executor shall and will be deemed qualified to take upon himself the execution of said will. 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1816. A bond executed by Gilbert G. Washington as Executor of the last will and Testament of Nathaniel S. Anderson deceased with Thomas D. Reed, Jones Reed, and Thomas Shuckford his securities in the penalty of forty thousand dollars and acknowledged in Davidson Circuit Court as appears from the Certificate of the Clerk of said Court bonds or seal was recorded herein into Court and ordered to be recorded - Whereupon on motion it is so ordered by the Court that letters Testamentary be granted to deliver to said Gilbert G. Washington as Executor aforesaid.

In the Name of God Amen; I James Walker  
of Sumner County State of Tennessee being of sound  
and perfect mind and memory blessed be God.  
At this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March in the year of our

for one thousand eight hundred and sixteen  
Pence and publish this my last will and Testament, in  
Manner following - I give and to you all unto my wife  
or wife Dennis Harten all my land and plantation  
and all other thing belonging to it during her natural life  
or widowhood and then to be equally divided between  
my two beloved Sons Thomas Harten and William  
Harten also I give and bequeath unto my loving  
son Joseph Harten a fifty dollar horn Also to  
my two beloved Sons Nathaniel Harten and Archibal-  
d Harten a sixty dollar horn. Saddle and bridle  
each - Also the said Nathaniel & Archibald Harten  
to be at liberty as the age of eighteen to work for them  
Selves if they think proper - Also to my beloved daugh-  
ter Peggy Harten and Mary Harten a horn Saddle  
and bridle, one feather bed one Cow and Calf each  
and to have their manumission off the plantation which  
while single or till they come of age. Also I hereby  
make and ordain my loving Son John Harten  
Executor of this my last will and Testament.  
In witness whereof I the said James Harten  
have to this my last will and Testament set my hand  
and seal the day and year above written. Signed  
Sealed published and declared by the said James  
Harten. The testator as his last will and Testament  
in the presence of us, who were present at the  
time of signing and sealing thereof  
Test Joshua Rice.

James Harten Esq  
Signed

Nath Goochne

State of Tennessee

Sullivan County Court May Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of James  
Harten and was produced in Court for probate and  
the same therfore duly proved in open Court by the  
Executor of Joshua Rice and Nath Goochne Subscri-  
bing with their thumbs and ordered to be recorded  
whereupon John Harten Executor aforesaid  
in said will qualified as such by taking the  
oath of an Executor prescribed by Law.

In the Name of God Amen: I William Perris of the  
State of Tennessee and County of Sullivan, being weak in  
body but in my real senses doth make and wish this  
to be my last will and Testament - First I hope and  
wish my soul to return to the Almighty from whence  
it came and my body to the Earth, it former original  
to be buried in a decent manner at the direction  
of my Executors; and touching such worldly pro-  
perty as I am possessed of I give in manner  
following, to wit: Item I leave to my wife Sally Pe-  
rris, Peggy and her three children namely Harry, Jacob  
and Sally during her natural life and after  
her decease to be equally divided between my three  
children Henry Perris, Sally & William Perris, sha-  
ring and share alike. Item I give my Riffle gun  
to my son James Perris also the use of of my  
farming Tools, the same barn and household furniture  
of every description I give to my wife Sally. I also  
give my year old Colt to my son Edward Perris.  
I leave my shot gun to my wife for the use of  
the family Item I give to my son John Perris  
my Cow and goatling. The Negro man Stephen that  
is now under a mortgage to Nathan Barnes I  
wish to be sold and Barnes paid up, the ten mous  
I wish to be left with the family for the benefit  
of my wife and children. In witness whereof I  
here set my hand and seal this 10th April 1816.  
Witnessing and attesting my wife Sally  
Perris my Executor to this my last will and  
Testament. In witness whereof I here set my  
hand and seal, the day and date above  
Test David Allen. William Perris Seal  
Nath Goochne Carter.

State of Tennessee

Sullivan County Court May Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of  
William Perris and was probated in Court  
for probate and the same was duly proved by the aforesaid  
of David Allen and Nath Goochne Carter. Subscribing  
whereupon and ordered to be recorded.

In the name of God Amen I Elijah Humphreys of the County of Sonoma and State of California being weak in body but sound in mind and memory do now know my uncertainty of this present life do make the following my last will and Testament Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Charles S. Humphreys two hundred and <sup>one</sup>/<sub>forty</sub> acres of land out of the three hundred and twenty acres that is belonging to me from Thomas Murray for a his hundred and forty acre land warrant which I let the said Murray have - My said Nephew to receive the land as said Murray shall be able to make him a little advance and the other hundred acres of land in the hands of said Thomas Murray which is concurring to one out of said warrants I give and bequeath unto my relation Sally Humphreys daughter of my Nephew Katie Humphreys; and the said hundred acres of land I allow the said Sally Humphreys to receive as soon as said Thomas Murray shall be able to make a little advance - Which land is to be laid off by my said Nephew Charles S. Humphreys to the said Sally as soon as a right can be presented as above stated. It is my will that the said hundred and forty acres of land warrant that I heretofore have given to my Nephew David Humphreys by assignment I allow my said Nephew David to have and enjoy the said land warrant, or the proceeds thereof to himself his heirs & espous for ever. I also give and bequeath unto my said relation Sally Humphreys my bay filly of two years old. I also give and bequeath unto my said Nephew Charles S. Humphreys my bay horse, I give unto my brother Rachal Humphreys my bedstead and furniture. I give unto Miss Katie Humphreys my chest. I also give unto my said Relation Sally Humphreys my Bureau & Beddlin. I give unto my said Nephew David Humphreys my Sister's Hatch. I give and bequeath unto my Brother Dr. Solomon Humphreys the whole of my clothes and wearing apparel except one black Coat which I give unto

my Nephew Elijah Humphreys. I also give and bequeath unto my said Nephew Charles S. Humphreys the sum of my Money, my book account, my Shot gun, and my other Master tools, farming tools and Kitchen utensil after my just debts are paid. I hereby appoint my said Nephew Charles S. Humphreys Executor of this my last will and Testament, hereby reserving all for me will or wills by me made before writing of whom I have presents set my hand & seal, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1816.

Signed sealed and *Elijah Humphreys*  
acknowledged in the presence of us  
W. Hall, M. M. Keen  
*Levi Jackson*  
State of Sonoma  
Sonoma County Court August Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of Elijah Humphreys did was presented in Court for probate and the same was duly proved by the oaths of William Hall, and W. M. Keen before being witnesses thereto and ordered to be record. Nephew Charles S. Humphreys Executor named in said will qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by Law; and together with J. C. Keen, M. Keathman his security, entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the penalty of five thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs.

In the name of God Amen I Robert Deka of Sonoma County and State of California being weak in body of mind and disposing mind and memory, knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time and of so make ordain, publish and declare the as follow for my last will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to say, I assign my soul to God who gave it and my body the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors after named and after all my just debts of any I have and funeral charges made

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paid & give and bequeath as follows. Item I give and bequeath to my son John Disha One thousand dollars in Cash and no more of my estate real or personal. Item I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Disha one hundred dollars in Cash to purchase a suit of Mourning and no more of my estate real or personal. Item I give and bequeath to my son James Disha five hundred dollars in Cash and my Negro man Called Daniel; but in Case my said son James who lives at a great distance from me should not have an opportunity to receive said Negro man Daniel then and in that Case it is my will and pleasure that my Executors should pay him five hundred dollars in Case of said Negro and no more of my estate real or personal. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Hill goes one hundred dollars in Cash to purchase a suit of Mourning and during her natural life and the services of my Negro girl Hettie, which Negro girl set aside for her self during I give and bequeath to my grand son John Drummond his hair and epigree; but he is not to have the possession of them until the death of his Mother Nancy Hillgoe; Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Abby Cook my Negro woman Ned, his wife Bedcorn and all his Children as one hundred dollars in Cash to purchase a suit of Mourning and no more of my estate real or personal. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Abby Burton her hair and epigree my Negro woman Called Dick, my Negro woman named Bebe and all her Children and am hundred dollars in Cash to purchase her a suit of Mourning and no more of my estate real or personal. Item I give to my sons Robert Disha and Benjamin Disha in trust for my daughter Polly Rose and act for their own use, my Negro woman Afric and my Negro woman Afric and all her Children. And it is my express will and desire that my said Daughter Polly Rose still have the benefit of the services of the said Negroes at the discretion of the Trustees here named during her Convalescence.

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in Case she becomes a widow then and in that Case it is my will and desire that the said negroes with their increase shall be immediately delivered and to my said Daughter Polly Rose as her own property free from encumbrance, but in Case she dies before her husband, Charles Rose, then it is my will and desire that the said Negro should be equally divided with them increase amongst all his Children then and there alike as they respectively become of full age. I also give and bequeath to my said Daughter Polly Rose One hundred dollars in Cash to purchase a suit of Mourning at my pleasure and no more of my estate real or personal. Item I give to my sons Robert Disha and Benjamin Disha in trust for my daughter Betsy Dowell a suit for them wear, my negro woman Beck and all her Children — and it is my express will and desire that my said Daughter Betsy Dowell shall have the benefit of the services of the said Negroes at the discretion of the Trustees just named so long as remains in this Jefferson County, and in Case she becomes a widow, it is my express will and desire that the said Negroes with their increase shall be immediately delivered to my said Daughter Betsy Dowell as her own property free from all encumbrance — but in Case she dies before her husband Benjamin Dowell, then and in that Case it is my will and desire, that the said Negroes with their increase shall be equally divided amongst all my said Daughter Betsy's Children Shared then alike, as they respectively become of full age. I also give and bequeath to my said Son John Betsy Dowell One hundred dollars in Cash to purchase a suit of Mourning at my pleasure. Item I give and bequeath to my grand son George Rose his hair and epigree my Negro boy Caled. Item I give and bequeath to my sons Robert Disha and Benjamin Disha the balance of all in case I die purposed of after the death of my said heirs, as well as hereinafter are said to be equally divided in them three share and share alike. Item I give and

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begueth to my son Robert Desha his heirs and assigns  
my Negro man Colas Lee and his wife Charlotte and  
all her Children. In south half of the tract of land  
whereupon I now live, to be laid off by a line to be  
drawn East and West through the Center of the  
said tract and to contain there hundred and  
twenty acres of land more or less, and One Thousand  
and dollars in Cash and one undivided half  
of all my lands in the Territory of Upper Louisiana  
and Mississippi Territory. Then I give and  
bequeath to my son Benjamin Desha his heirs  
and assigns one half of the tract of land whereupon  
I now live to be laid off on the North side of said  
tract by a line to be drawn East and West through  
the Center of it, and to contain there hundred and  
twenty acres more or less - one undivided half of  
all my lands in the Territory of Upper Louisiana  
and Mississippi Territory - my two Negro men Charles  
and Isaac my negro woman Hannah and all  
her Children, all my stock of horses Cattle, hounds  
and dogs, all my parading utensils and house  
hold furniture of every description, including  
beds and bedding and all the rest and <sup>all the</sup> residue  
of my estate of what kind or nature soever not  
herein devised before. Lastly I do hereby nominate  
and appoint my son Robert  
Desha and my confidential friend Adams  
Winchester Executors of this my last will and  
testament, hereby revoking and disavowing all  
former wills by me hitherto made, ratifying  
and confirming this and only this as and for  
my last will and testament. In testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my  
seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighteen  
(In the presence of us the) Robert Desha <sup>his</sup> <sup>mark</sup> <sup>and</sup>  
subscribing witness, Robert Desha the Testator  
signed, sealed, published and declared the for  
eigning as, and for his last will and testa  
ment. In Testimony whereof, in the Testa  
ment present and at his request,

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to purify each other we have hence subscribed  
our names.

J. H. Winchester, Will Cage,

G. D. Blackmon

State of Tennessee

Dinner County Court November Term 1818.

The last will and Testament of Robert  
Desha and was produced in Court for probate  
and said will was duly proved by the oath of James  
Winchester, William Cage and George D. Black  
mon Subscribing witness thereto and ordered  
to be recorded. At the same term Robert Desha  
and James Winchester Executors named in  
said will appeared in Court and qualified  
as such by taking the oath prescribed by Law.  
And thereupon said Executors with George D.  
Blackmon and Will Cage their executors certified  
into and acknowledged for their bond to the sum  
or in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars Con  
ditioned as the Law directs.

In the name of God amen. I Ma:tha Alvis of  
the state of Tennessee and dinner County being  
of sound mind and memory but rememb'ring that  
it is appointed for all mankind to die do make  
and ordain my last will and testament as folle  
ws First of all I bequeath my soul to God who  
gave it to be disposed of, in <sup>as far as my</sup> my death and my  
body to the earth there to be decently buried  
at the directions of my Executors and first I will  
and bequeath my part of the tract of land on  
which I now live to my two sons Ashby and Eliphaz  
each to have an equal part of the land And 2dly  
I bequeath one over to my daughter Nancy and  
the rest of my household property to be equally  
divided between my two sons and daughter to wit  
Ashby Alvis, Eliphaz Alvis, Nancy Alvis and I make  
and ordain my son Ashby Alvis and Nancy Alvis  
Executors of this my last will and testament in  
entire land. And my hand and seal this 24<sup>th</sup>

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begyneth to my son Robert Deska his heirs and assigns  
my Negro man Eddie Lee and his wife Belat and  
all her Children. The south half of the tract of land  
whereupon I now live, to be laid off by a line to be  
drawn East and West through the Center of the  
said tract and to Contain there hundred and  
twenty acres of land more or less, and One thousand  
and dollars in Cash and one undivided half  
of all my lands in the Territory of Upper Louisiana  
and Mississippi Territory. This I give &  
bequeath to my son Benjamin Deska his heirs  
and assigns one half of the tract of land whereupon  
I now live to be laid off on the north side of said  
tract by a line to be drawn East and West through  
the Center of it, and to Contain there hundred and  
twenty acres more or less - one undivided half of  
all my lands in the Territory of Upper Louisiana  
and Mississippi Territory - my two Negro men Charles  
and Oscar my negro woman Hannah and all  
her Children, all my stock of ~~horses~~ Cattle, horses  
and Hogs, all my farrowing swine and hogs  
held for service of every description, including  
beds and bedding and all the rest and ~~desirous~~  
of my estate of what kind or nature were not  
herein devised before. Lastly, I do hereby nominate  
and constitute and appoint my son Robert  
Deska and my Confidential friend James  
Winchester Executors of this my last will and  
testament, hereby revoking and disavowing all  
former wills by me hitherto made, ratifying  
and confirming this and only this as, and for  
my last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my  
seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord  
one thousand eight hundred and eighteen  
(In the presence of us the) Robert Deska <sup>his mark</sup>  
subscribing witness, Robert Deska the Testator  
signed, sealed, published and declared the for  
eigning as, and for his last will and Testa  
ment. In Testimony whereof, in the Testa  
tors presence and as his exhortation in

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the presence of each other we have hereunto subscribed  
our names.

J. W. Winchester, Will Cage,

G. D. Blackmon.

State of Tennessee

Benton County Court November Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of Robert  
Deska late was produced in Court for probate  
and said will was duly proved by the oath of Jas.  
Winchester, William Cage and George D. Black  
more Subscribing witness thereto and ordered  
to be recorded. At the same term Robert Deska  
and James Winchester Executors named in  
said will appeared in Court and qualified  
as such by taking the oath prescribed by law.  
And thereupon said Executors with George D.  
Blackmon and Will Cage their executors admitted  
into and acknowledged over their bond to the sum  
or in the sum of twenty thousand dollars Con  
ditioned as the Law directs.

In the name of God amen. I Martha Alvis of  
the state of Tennessee and Sumner County being  
of sound mind and memory but remebering that  
it is appointed for all mankind to die do make  
and ordain my last will and testament as follo  
ws: First of all I bequeath my soul to God who  
gave it to be disposed of, <sup>as he sees fit</sup> in my death, and my  
body to the earth till to be decently buried  
at the direction of my Executors and first I will  
and bequeath my part of the tract of land on  
which I now live to my two sons Ashley and Eliphaz  
each to have an equal part of the land. And next  
I bequeath one cow to my daughter Nancy, and  
the rest of my household property to be equally  
divided between my two sons and daughter to wit  
Ashley Alvis, Eliphaz Alvis, Nancy Alvis and I make  
and ordain my son Ashley Alvis and Nancy Alvis  
Executors of this my last will and testament in  
entire but I let my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup>

of March 1816.

Martha <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>now</sup> is Dead  
 Test Hugh H Stephenson  
 John H Stephenson  
 State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November term 1816

The last will and testament of Martha Hix  
 doth now exhibit in court and duly proved by the  
 witness of Hugh H Stephenson and John H Stephenson  
 subscribing witnesses here to and ordered to be ren-  
 dered at the first term. As they witness of the  
 Executors named in said will appeared in court  
 and qualified as such by taking the oaths prescribed  
 by law and together with the witness H H Stephenson and  
 Hugh H Stephenson Jr. severally entered into and  
 acknowledged their bond to the sum in the  
 penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned as the  
 sum directed.

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In the name of God amen I John Weather of the  
 County of ~~Sumner~~ and State of Tennessee being weak  
 and indisposed in body but sound in mind do  
 be strongly feel for the same to publish and de-  
 cline this my last will and testament

1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
 Catherine Weather my negro boy William and  
 negro girl Lucy together with one third part  
 of all my household furniture and stocks during  
 her natural life. Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I will the tract of land  
 on which I now live to be sold by my Executors  
 herein after mentioned in the manner they may  
 deem the most profitable for the purpose of paying  
 my debts the balance I wish to be laid out in the pur-  
 chase of land out of which I may will that my wife  
 Catherine have the sum of one hundred and four  
 soul use and benefit during her natural life.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to the wife Porter but in  
 trust for my eldest daughter Bettie Easley and in  
 trust for her soul use and benefit during her natural  
 life that tract or parcel of land in which she

now lies lying in Gallatin County Kentucky which  
 I purchased of William Hollands agreeable to a time  
 agreed on between friend Wesley and John Phillips  
 also my wife and those wchth her husband friends  
 Wesley shall not have it in his power to sell lease or  
 dispose of said land in any way but while living  
 on said land to enjoy all benefits that may arise  
 from the same. It is my will that all the other  
 property I now have or put in my possession  
 be to my wife and her heirs forever also it is my will  
 and desire that after the death of my said daughter  
 Bettie Wesley the above described tract of land  
 belong to and be divided between my grandsons  
 equally viz William Wesley Wilder Wesley and Wm. Eas-  
 ley. 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my second daughter  
 Nancy Phillips the sum paid of the above described  
 tract of land which I purchased of William Hollands  
 lying in Gallatin County State of Kentucky agreeable  
 to a tract of land and John Phillips has made over  
 me thereon. Also I give my said daughter Nancy my  
 Negro child Rosella together with all the property I  
 have hitherto possessed her of; and further I  
 release all debts due me from her husband John  
 Phillips. 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter  
 Sally Weather a feather bed and furniture belonging  
 unto Collier hers. Also a horse saddle and bridle  
 to the amount of twenty five dollars. Also a little  
 Negro girl Cordelia. 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath  
 each to my son Ernoch Weather my Negro boy Cullen  
 Jones. 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John  
 Weather my Negro girl Fanny. Item eighth I give  
 and bequeath to my grand daughter Phley Weather  
 a feather bed and furniture to the amount of thirty  
 dollars. Also a horse saddle and bridle, to the am-  
 ount of fifty dollars. Item 9<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath  
 to that at the death of my wife Catherine Weather  
 all my estate whether real or personal which I  
 know not positively assigned or be divided  
 by my Executors equally, my daughter Sally  
 Weather, Hugh Weather, Thomas Weather  
 Ernoch Weather John Weather and other

My beloved daughter Patsy Withers receives one hundred and fifty dollars in money let it be remembered that it is my will that my Executors sell my estate at the death of my wife to the highest bidder and divide the Money as above mentioned Item 10. My will is that my Negro Man Peter be sold to the highest bidder. Item 11<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that Enock Withers Run, Grobosc Piper be Executor of this my last will and Testament. Lastly I command my soul to God the Father and my body to the Mother Earth, signed, sealed published and declared this eleventh day of September in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixteen in the presence of us witness and the Testators Will Daig Jr. George A. Lucas

Stephen Winkham

John Withers

State of New Jersey

Sussex County Court November Term 1816.

The last will and Testament of John Withers did die was exhibited in Court for probate and the same was duly proved in open Court by the Testators Will Daig Jr and George A. Lucas Subscribing whereupon said will and Testament to be recorded. At the same time Enock Withers and Abraham Porter Executors named in said will took the Oath of Office of Notary as prescribed by Law, and together with Thomas Howell and John H. Bryan their securities entered into and acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the penalty of Ten thousand dollars and delivered at the Law Court.

November 16<sup>th</sup> 1816. Sussex County Township:  
In the Name of God Amen. I acknowledge myself aging the way of all the earth, and acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament. First I will give bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth my Blacker man and 500 Cows and Sheep her life time house hold furniture and from my Wills to her the Dollars sold for her support and all the Con-

now we have to be kept for her support run to hold from the upper line of my land to the certain Oak tree and to the Barn for her support for her life. My beloved son Joseph Henderson I will and bequeath from my lower line to a certain Walnut near the Dog fence about - though not to have possession between the Dog fence until his death - My beloved son Thomas Henderson I will and bequeath from my upper line to the said Walnut about mentioned though not to hold till his death; at his death what property there is left is to be equally divided amongst the Children. I Chuse John & Thomas Henderson to settle my Affairs.

Wm H. Henderson Esq

Jas. John Henderson  
Thomas Henderson.

State of New Jersey  
Sussex County Court November Term 1816

The last will and Testament of William Henderson did die produced in Court for probate and there upon said will was duly proved by the oaths of John Henderson and Thomas Henderson subscribing whereupon said will and Testament to be recorded. And the said John Henderson and Thomas Henderson being Notaries named in said will came into Court and took the Oath of Office of Notary as prescribed by Law, and together with Thomas Henderson and Elijah Russell their securities entered into bond in the penalty of fifteen hundred dollars to the Governor as the law directs.

In the Name of God Amen. I think and declare of the County of Sussex and State of New Jersey weak in body, but sound in mind, now very old and infirm, acknowledging, praising be to God for the same; and knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of living do make the following my last will and Testament. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife

Elizabeth Hall during her natural life my Negro boy George my Negro woman Charlotte Anne Affry and my negro boy Timrod and the income of said Negro women. I also give and bequeath unto my said wife Elizabeth my Negro or girl Lydia and her man to be her slave light and property for ever to be disposed of at her death as my said wife may think proper; and I also give and bequeath unto my said wife Elizabeth during her natural life all my Stock house hold and Kitchen furniture and all of my personal property of every description whereto and it is my will that after the death of my said wife Elizabeth shall my Executors shall sell at private sale to good Masters the aforesaid negroes, to wit, George, Timrod, Charlotte Affry & their interest and all the Stock and their interest with all the personal property left as aforesaid to my said wife Elizabeth, at the death of my said wife I allow my Executors to sell at public sale on a Credit and the money arising from the sale of said property and negroes I allow to be disposed by my Executors as they may think proper and as I shall hereafter direct. I give and bequeath unto my grand son Redding Hall one hundred and twenty five dollars to be paid him out of the money owing to me in South Carolina as soon as my Executors can collect the same. I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Betsy Bowring twenty five dollars. I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Celia Hall ten dollars. I give and bequeath unto my grand son George Hall ten dollars. I give and bequeath unto my grand son Clement H. all two dollars. I give and bequeath unto my grand son Joel Hall ten dollars. I give to bequeath unto Fannimah Hall wife of my son William Hall all ten dollars. I give and bequeath unto my Stephen Kent Hall of Summerville County at the death of my wife Elizabeth Hall one third part

of all the money arising from the sales of the Negroes left to my wife during life - the one third part of all the money due by estates or otherwise and one third part of the money arising from the sale of the personal estate, i.e. the second of the said wife Elizabeth when sold by my Executors - I give and bequeath the other two thirds of the money arising from the sale of the Negroes and personal property in the hands of my Executors here to be divided among my four grand sons Richard Hall, Redding Hall, Lester Hall, and Stephen Hall to be equally divided between them three and share alike I allow all the legacies heretofore named to be paid without limitation within six months after the death of my said wife Elizabeth Hall of Concord to my Executors and I do make, nominate, constitute and appoint my said Stephen Willard Hall my sole Executor of this my last will and Testament hereby making and causing this my will and every will or wills at any time heretofore by me made and so declared this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of December 1816.

Saymond, Richard and L. Pick and Hall Sealed  
published by the above named 3

Richard Hall the Testator as and for his last will and Testament in the presence of us, who at the request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses. David Humphreys

C. S. Humphreys

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court February Term 1817

The last will and Testament of Richard Hall deceased was produced in Court for probate the upon said will was duly proved by the Oaths of David Humphreys and C. S. Humphreys Subscribing witnesses thereto, and the same ordered to be recorded. Whereupon William Hall his Executor named in said will appeared in Court and qualified as such by taking the Oath of

Executor proscripted by law. I<sup>rd</sup> day of said January Term William Gray Executor of the last will and Testament of Richard Hall deceased came into and together with Readman & D'Vany and George D'Clarkson his securities entered into bond to the Governor for the faithful discharge of the duties of his Office of Executor of said Will in the penalty of six thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

In the name of god amen. I Peter Lemmons sen of the County of Giles and State of Tennessee bearing in a low state of health but blessed be god in a reasonable state of mind willing to mind the mortality of my body knowing that I am appointed only for all manner of business herein and within this my last will and Testament and doth make and ordain my beloved friends John Lemmons William Lemmons and another wife my Executress and administrator of my earthly estate recommending of them to pay off all my just and lawful debts after all my lawful debts are paid I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Lemmons all the profits arising off the plantation where I and she now live on. And one slave man four years old his saddle and bridle and all the cattle and hogs and other vegetables together with all my house hold furniture and farther I do allow and order that my house and saddle will be sold at the discretion of the Executors and where that money together with all other debts due to me are collected or a sufficient part thereof I order that the Executors buy a suitable negro to wait on her if it be her choice not otherwise and the balance of the money for her comfortable support at the discretion of the Executors this to be done and the above to remain her during her natural life time or otherwise than as when the change takes place if by marriage an equal divide of all the estate she taking a half and

which is to say the sixth part but should the change be by death I do will and bequeath unto my beloved children or the heirs of their bodies or their lawful heirs all save that of Martha Haffington that to the heirs of her body an equal divide of all the estate that is to say unto the heirs of Martha Haffingtons body deceased my eldest daughter Dorothy wife John Lommons & my William Lommons & Mrs Mary Haffington & her husband for only excepted from the estate money enough to give my grandson Isaac Haffington eighteen months schooling if he should live and continue with his grandmother until he is fourteen years of age if she should live and he she will force to have the schooling against his wif that age alone stated and this I do make and ordain my last will and testament to stand good in law disallowing and disannulling of all and every other will heretofore making this my last will and test in witness hereof I set my hand and affix my seal this twenty third day of October and in the year of our Lord 1816. and in the presence of  
 Jeth Joseph Spalding  
 Peter Lemmons <sup>his</sup> mark

Stephan Gable

State of Tennessee

Bunnen County Court February term 1817

The last will and testament of Peter Lemmons sen was produced in court for probate and the same was there upon duly proved in open court by the oaths of Joseph Spalding and Stephan Gable subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded when upon John Lemmons and William Lemmons two of the Executors named in said will appeared in court and qualified as such by taking the oaths of an Executor as prescribed by law and together with Joseph Spalding and John Taylor his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the penalty of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs