

State of Tennessee
Sumner County

In the presence and name of the Almighty God Amen. I William Redditt, knowing life uncertain and death certain have this day thought proper to dispose of my little estate as follows being now in strong mind. I first for the love I have for my wife Fanny Redditt give and bequeath unto her all my household and kitchen furniture also all my stock and likewise the proceeds of a negro woman and child by the name of Lucy and Lily which I have sold to Mr. Leavins after paying all of my just debts. I also appoint John C. Cullen as Executor to this my last will & testament and also authorize Cullen to settle with all of my creditors as well in my lifetime as after my death so far as he may think necessary.

Given under my hand and seal this ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty three

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of

Jacob Stratter
Eggleston & Austin

Subscribed before signed

William Redditt

State of Tennessee
Sumner County

May 2nd 1833

The last will & testament of William Redditt was exhibited in open Court for probate & duly proved by the oaths of Jacob Stratter & Eggleston & Austin & ordered to be recorded

A copy test

A. H. Douglass clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee
Sumner County

In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Hunter of the County & State aforesaid being in my perfect mind & memory doth appraise this my last will & testament & first of all recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body to the dust from whence it came. I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Polly Williamson my daughter of my daughter Sarah Shute a negro girl named Charlotte the daughter of my negro woman Rachel. I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Elias Briauch my son a negro boy named Clinton son of the said Rachel. I give & bequeath unto my Grandson William William my son a negro boy named Perry son of the said Rachel & I do hereby give all the children that may be born of the body of the said Rachel during my natural life to be equally divided between my five children to wit: Mary Ann Hunter, John Hunter, Jacob Hunter, Sarah Shute, Polly my daughter and I do further appraise my trusty friend James Green to be my Executor to this my last will & testament.

Given under my hand and seal this thirty first day of

December One thousand eight hundred & sixteenth.
in presence of
Samuel Quinn.
Melus M'Conde.
James Quinn.

Elizabeth House (Seal)

State of Tennessee
Sumner County

May June 1823.

The last will & testament of Elizabeth House died was exhibited in Open Court for probate & was duly proved by the oaths of James Quinn & Samuel Quinn two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk
of said Court

I William Bennett of Sumner County, State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory, but knowing the uncertainty of my time in this world have thought proper to make the following distribution of such worldly goods as a gracious God has given me between my beloved wife & two children.

1st It is my will that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid out of the whole of my estate.
2nd It is my will that my wife have the house and plantation with its appurtenances; one negro woman by the name of Lucking and a boy by the name of Bob one good gentle horse one Cow - call one Calfboard & one Desk to possess during her natural life.

3rd It is also my will that my wife have one certain bed bedstead & furniture & twenty five dollars in silver to dispose of as she thinks proper.

4th It is my will that my three sons have the tract of land where we now are containing two hundred acres to be divided so as follows. Eliza to have at her mother's death the house and eight acres of land to be laid off so as to include the house & the north west corner of said tract the balance to be equally divided between Richard & William agreeable to their situation.

5th It is my will that the value of the above land be fixed at one dollar per acre and the negroes which I gave my three daughters at the time of their marriage be fixed at three hundred & twenty five dollars each and that each of my daughters receive as much of my other property as will make their portion equal to that of my sons & the balance if any to be equally divided between my two children. I do hereby constitute & appoint my three sons Eliza Bennett, Richard Bennett & William Bennett my Executors of this my last will & testament.

On which when I have hereunto set my true twenty fourth of March one thousand eight hundred & twenty three.

Signed sealed in presence of
Joel Parrish
David Wilson
Wm Cherry Es

William Bennett (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May June 1823.

The last will and testament of William Bennett died was exhibited in open Court for probate & was thereupon duly proved by the oaths of Joel Parrish one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded whereupon Eliza Bennett, Richard Bennett & William Bennett the executors therein named in said last will appeared in Court & took the oath of Executor prescribed by law & together with Philip Chapman Wm Cherry & William W. Cline their securities entered into & acknowledged their hand & the Governor in the presence of four thousand dollars constituted as the law directs.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk.

In the name of God Amen I Abraham Echols of the County of Sumner & State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory but in a bad state of health have thought fit to make this my last will & testament to dispose of the property that I have been pleased God to bless me with in the following manner to wit. First my will & desire is that all my just debts should be paid secondly I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy all my property both real & personal I say to her her entire disposal forever & lastly I do nominate & appoint my said wife Nancy my sole & sole Executor to this my last will & testament & do hereby make and declare all wills & parts of wills & this only do I claim to be my last will & testament and my last will & desire is that my said Executor should act without giving security to the Court for her faithful performance.

On which when I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th day of March 1823.

In presence of

Isaac Walton
Miguel Gardner
John Dorn

Abraham Echols (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May June 1823.

A writing purporting to be the last will & testament of Abraham Echols was exhibited in open Court for probate & thereupon duly proved by the oaths of Isaac Walton & John Dorn subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & thereupon Abraham Echols the Executor named in said last will appeared in Court & qualified as Executor no security having been required in said will.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk.

In the name of God Amen I Matthew Alexander of Sumner County & State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory do make and publish this my last will & testament in presence and before following viz. First I give and bequeath

unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Alexander and my negro woman named Esther to her own disposal forever also all my household & kitchen furniture in like manner also two Cows & Calves & the half of my stock of sheep & sundry. I give & bequeath unto my son James Alexander and his heirs forever my plantation in which he now lives & one Cow & calf & sundry. I give unto my son Stephen Alexander & his heirs forever forty dollars & sundry. I give unto my son Edwin Alexander & his heirs forever fifty dollars & sundry. I give unto my son David Alexander & his heirs forever the tract of land in which I now live & one negro fellow named Sam likewise my wagon & all my plantation tools & sundry. I give unto my daughter Prudence Moody & her heirs forever fifty dollars & sundry. It is my will & desire that all the property I may die possessed of not herein mentioned shall be sold at my death & the money arising therefrom shall be equally divided among all my children. It is further my will & desire that my son David shall comfortably maintain & support his mother in any way she shall choose during her lifetime and lastly it is my will and desire that my wife Elizabeth & my son David do hereby appoint these persons & executors to this my last will & testament. This 5th Sept 1823.

Signed sealed published & delivered

Matthew Alexander (Seal)

in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the Relation

Saml. A. Lewis

Amos Wilson

State of Tennessee

Sumner County, Court & Recorder June 1823.

The last will & testament of Matthew Alexander deceased exhibited in your Court for probate, Thompson duly proved by the oath of Samuel A. Lewis & James Wilson subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded and Thompson Daniel executor, one of the Executors named in said last will appeared in Court & took the oath of Executor prescribed by law & together with Stephen Wilson & Robert Lawrence his securities are and was acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the name of Sam Thompson & others constituted as the law directs.

A Copy

A. H. Douglass clerk

In the name of God Amen. I John Dickerson of Sumner County State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory Considering the certainty of death & uncertainty of life do make this my last will & testament in manner & form following viz. It is my will that my beloved wife Mary shall have at my decease seven negroes viz: Virgil, Isaiah, Albert, Louisa, Patsy, Nina & Catharine also one cow horse & two Cows & Calves together with all her household & kitchen furniture. I give to my son William Dickerson all the property he had at the first division of my estate which I made in the year 1816 to him & his heirs forever. I give to my

daughter Sarah Havis all the property she had at the first division of my estate in the year 1816 also four hundred dollars to be paid in twelve months after my decease to her & her heirs forever. I give to my daughter Nancy D. Stovall all the property she had at the first division of my estate in the year 1816 also four hundred dollars to be paid in twelve months after my decease to her & her heirs forever. I give to my son John H. Dickerson one hundred & thirty acres of land upon which he now lives with all the property he had at the first division of my estate in the year 1816 including a negro boy named Billy also my Blacksmith tools which he now has in possession to him & his heirs forever & I give to my daughter Elizabeth Findall all the property she had at the first division of my estate in the year 1816 to her with three hundred & sixty dollars & give to her to give her the land she now lives on to her & her heirs forever. I give to my daughter Rebecca L. Shilton all the property she had in possession at the first division of my estate in the year 1816 also one bed & furniture which she now has in possession & one negro girl named Malinda to be delivered her at my decease to her and her heirs forever. I give to my son Ellis A. Dickerson two thousand dollars to be held in trust for his benefit by my Executors John H. Dickerson & Hartwell D. Dickerson the said money to be put out to interest by my Executors and I allow them to give my son Ellis A. Dickerson the interest of said money each year during his natural life or other time he lives single but should he marry I then allow my Executors to lay out said money for his benefit to the best advantage and should my son Ellis after marriage die without issue it is my will that the two thousand dollars or the proceeds thereof shall be repaid back equally to all my children except Elizabeth Findall & her heirs & they are to have no part thereof and should my son Ellis die without marrying I allow the two thousand dollars in the hands of my Executors to be equally divided among all my children except Elizabeth Findall & her heirs & they are to have no part thereof. I give to my son Hartwell D. Dickerson four negroes (viz) Rachel & child, Isaac & Anne also two hundred & sixteen acres of land lying in Maury County on the waters of Grisham Creek also one hundred & thirty acres of land more or less whereon I now live & also ninety four acres of land which I purchased of Pleasant Spivey joining the tract that I now live on together with all my personal property consisting of stock, household & kitchen furniture that I may have in possession at my decease this bequest to my son Hartwell D. Dickerson is made on this condition that he shall support comfortably my beloved wife Mary so long as she shall think proper to live with him and may not alienate or make away with her property & he is to do hereby and appoint my son John H. Dickerson

and Hartwell I Dickson to be executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Will or Wills by me made In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal This fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three

Signed sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us.

W. Hale
Pleasant Jones
John Carr

John Dickson Seal

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court, November Term 1823

The last Will and Testament of John Dickson dec'd was produced in Court for probate and was thereupon duly proved by the oath of John Carr as subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

A Copy Test

A. H. Douglass Clk

Will

State of Tennessee

Sumner County In it remembered that I Charlotte Cole of Sumner County State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (viz)

I give and bequeath unto Daniel Allen all that my messuage and tenements situated lying and being in Sumner County State of Tennessee a certain tract or parcel of land containing twenty acres lying in the first District in an easterly branch of Madison Creek Beginning at a small walnut in Jennings North boundary line near a spring thence east seven and a half poles crossing a branch to a creek and thence North forty first one half pole to the beginning and also all the rest of my personal estate goods & chattels of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath the same to said Daniel Allen his heirs and assigns forever whom I hereby appoint my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

Charlotte Cole

Signed sealed published and delivered

by the above Charlotte Cole to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request and at her presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same

Benjamin Taylor
Edward Eliff
John Kirby

State of Tennessee, Sumner County Court August Term 1823

The last Will and Testament of Charlotte Cole was exhibited in this Court for probate and thereupon duly proved by the oath of Benjamin Taylor one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clk

State of Tennessee

Sumner County

In the name of God Amen: I Charlotte Barratt of the County of Sumner State of Tennessee, being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (viz):
Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter in law, Mary Barratt my cloth loom one griddle and five plates to her and her heirs forever.
Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sally Barratt, one bed and furniture, one seven pined bay and harness one butter dish, one flat iron and five plates, and one chest, and one wooden wheel and carts to her and her heirs forever.
Item: I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Barratt one bed and furniture, one wooden wheel and carts one set of silver teaspoons one butter dish and one butter basin, five plates and one flat iron to her and her heirs forever.
Item: My will and desire is that all the rest of my property not already given away be sold by my wife at twelve months credit and the money arising therefrom to be put on interest and kept so until my son Jacob Barratt comes to the age of twenty one year and then to be equally divided between my said son Jacob Barratt and my son John Barratt share and share alike and my father desiring that if either of my sons should die before they come to the age of twenty one year that the other should take his part to him and his heirs forever. I constitute and appoint John M. Elmore my sole and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this 26th day, 1823.

Signed in presence of

Charlotte Barratt

John M. Elmore

State of Tennessee, Sumner County Court August Term 1823

The last Will and Testament of Charlotte Barratt was exhibited in open Court for probate and thereupon duly proved by the oath of Hudson Thomas a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clk

Will

In the name of God Amen: I Jesse H. Phipps of Sumner County State of Tennessee, being in my perfect senses and recollecting the shortness of life do make and acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament after my soul is separated from my body I do commit it to the hands and protection of Almighty God, and my body I consign to the tomb in Christian Order. Item: I do desire that all my just and lawful debts should be discharged out of the remains of my estate as soon as practicable, I then desire that the rest of my property should be disposed of in the following manner.
Item: With respect to my land and tenement I do leave unto my beloved and affectionate wife Mildred Phipps for her to sell and dispose of at her discretion rather to sell

rent or live on during his natural life so as to raise and support herself and children and if it should be thought necessary for the land to be sold for the above mentioned purpose, I hereby do direct my executors to sell and convey a good and sufficient title in fee simple.

Item 3^d With respect to my stocks, household furniture together with my plantation utensils and all my property entirely I do give and bequeath unto my above mentioned Wife, for her to dispose of or to enjoy in any way that she may think proper during her natural life for the above mentioned purpose of the support of herself and children and after her death if any surplusage should be left, I do desire that it should be divided equally between my four children, Polcy, Isaac, Mildred and Betsy, and I hereby do leave and appoint my friend Elijah Robertson and Wife Mildred my sole and sole executors, as witnesses whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal, this tenth day of February eighteen hundred and twenty one.

Attest
Elijah Robertson
David Robertson
Frederick Brown

Jesse H. Phippin (Seal)
Mark

State of Tennessee - Sumner County Court City Term 1823
The last Will and Testament of Jesse Phippin deceased was produced in open Court for probate and duly proved by the Oaths of Elijah Robertson and Frederick Brown subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon Elijah Robertson and Mildred Phippin the exors of the deceased named in said last Will appeared in open Court and took the necessary oath of exor, prescribed by law, together with Elijah Robertson and Frederick Brown, their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Court and his successors in office in the sum of Eight Hundred dollars Conditioned as the law directs.

Will

State of Tennessee
Sumner County

In the name of God Amen:
I Asa Hodges of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, First, I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Lemima Hodges all my estate real and personal during her natural life or widowhood not otherwise herein mentioned.
Secondly, I give and bequeath to my four sons (viz) Ransom S. Hodges, Gaud L. Hodges, Asa M. Hodges, and

Alfred Hodges my land one hundred and eight acres to be equally divided among them at the death or marriage of my beloved Wife Lemima Hodges, to them and their heirs forever, and Thirdly, at the death or marriage of my wife Lemima and bequeath my negro Girl Bitter with her increase and all my personal property to be equally divided between my lawful heirs Ransom S. Hodges, Gaud L. Hodges, Polly B. Hodges, Betsy C. Hodges, Sarah M. Hodges, Asa M. Hodges, Malinda S. Hodges, Alfred Hodges and Lemima Hodges.

Fourthly, I appoint Mildred Hodges my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Further it is my wish for all my just debts to be paid, out of my estate, my children's school and when any one of my children comes of lawful age to act for themselves, I wish my executor to give them such a portion of my Chattle property as he may deem necessary having due regard to an equal division and the maintenance of my beloved Wife Lemima Hodges. I hereby revoke all former Wills by me heretofore made.
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty third day of October in the Year of our Lord One Thousand eight Hundred and twenty three.

Asa M. Hodges (Seal)
Mark

Signed sealed published and delivered by the above named Asa Hodges to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

Isiah Hodges
Isiah Hodges Jr.
Sarah M. Hodges

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court November Term 1823.

The last Will and Testament of Asa Hodges deceased was exhibited in open Court for probate and thereupon duly proved by the Oaths of Isiah Hodges and Isiah Hodges Jr., two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
A Copy test A. A. Douglas Clk.

Will

State of Tennessee
Sumner County
In the name of God Amen:
I John Kennedy of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory, but in a feeble state of health, with thought fit to make and ordain this to be

my last Will and Testament to dispose of the property, that it hath been please GOD to bless me with. First my Will and desire is that all my just debts should be paid, if any there be, I would I should bequeath to my Daughter Emily, one feather bed and furniture, one Walnut Bed and one Clock, rug and cotton white I say to her and her heirs forever. Secondly my Will and desire is that all my personal property of all kinds, that is not before named should be sold on a credit of twelve months and the money arising from the sale of said property to be equally divided amongst my three children, that is to say my Daughter Emily and my two sons Orion and Preston and for them to have their parts as they come of age, my Will and desire also is that my Executor shall sell all my real estate, when and in what way they shall think best and equally divide the money amongst my three children as is named above. My Will and desire also is, that my Executors shall take charge of any money or property that shall be coming to my said children from my Father's Estate in their minor years and dispose of it to their use as aforesaid; My Will and desire is that my Executors shall give my children a reasonable English Education out of my Estate. Lastly I do nominate and appoint James Williamson and Daniel Kennedy my entire Executors to this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disown and revoke all Wills and parts of Wills and this only do I claim to be my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of August 1823 I do not desire that my Executors shall give security.

Test.

John Kennedy (Seal)

Isaac Matton
James Williamson
Daniel Kennedy
Frederick Laffiter
Wm Kennedy

State of Tennessee Sumner County, Nov. Term 1823
The last Will and Testament of John Kennedy dead was produced in open Court for probate and was then upon duly proved by the Oaths of James Williamson Daniel Kennedy Frederick Laffiter and Wm Kennedy subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk

Will

In the name of God Amen:

I Samuel Briley of Sumner and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Heavily God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and following (that is to say). First The tract of land whereon I now live I bequeath to my Wife

during her widowhood and at her marriage or death to be divided in the following manner between my sons James and John (to wit) by a line to be run due East and West across the tract so as to leave sixty acres in the south end of the tract including the plantation on which my son James Briley now lives which sixty acres I bequeath to my son James Briley and his heirs forever the balance three of North of said division line being eighty two acres I bequeath to my son John Briley and to his heirs forever I also give and bequeath to my son John Briley all of my farm implements and one feather bed and furniture and to his heirs forever and to my son William Briley I give and bequeath the tract of land whereon he now lives in possession containing one hundred acres to him and his heirs forever the balance of my property that may be remaining at my death I bequeath to my wife during her widowhood unless there be such property as she may deem useless to her, which may be sold and the money arising from the sale thereof distributed as hereafter directed the property remaining on land at my Wife's marriage or death to be sold and account thereof together with that of the property previously sold (if any there be) distributed as follows: The sum of Five Dollars and six cents I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne, Sumner's Wife of Cornelius Sumners and the balance remaining of any there be, I will and bequeath that it be equally divided between sons William, James, and John Briley my daughters Mary Minor and Polly Sumners, and lastly I will and appoint that my friends James Briggan and Edwards Morgan be Executors to this my last Will and Testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty two.

Signed, Sealed, and acknowledged in the presence of
Samuel Briley (Seal)
James Turner
John H. Turner

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court February Term 1824

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Briley dead was produced in open Court for probate and duly proved by the Oaths of J. H. Turner and John H. Turner subscribing Witnesses thereto, and thereupon Edward Morgan one of the Executors named in said last Will appeared in Court and took the Oath of Executor prescribed by law and together with J. H. Turner and Samuel Briley his securities entered into and acknowledged their Bonds to the Governor and his successors in office in the sum of Three Thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs.

I William White of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being in a weak state of health but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

First: I give and bequeath to my son Robert White fifty acres of land where he now lives. Secondly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Letinger one negro woman named Filly. Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my son Charles H. White one negro man named Mark with the land where I now live containing fifty acres also before he takes possession of the before named negro and land he shall give bond with approved security to my son Robert White after my decease for three hundred dollars payable at One hundred dollars per year till the whole amount of principal and interest is discharged, also my farming tools, he shall take possession of. Fourthly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Fanny White, one negro girl named Prude with the room and fire place up stairs in the house where I now live, with free liberty of keeping a horse, beast and one cow and calf with one small stable on the place where I now live. The horse and saddle which I have formerly given her shall not be counted in her division, also that my son Charles H. White bind himself to board the said Fanny White during the term of her single life, also that my son Charles H. White give bond and security sufficient for the amount of One hundred dollars before he receives his aforesaid legacy to my daughter Fanny White bearing interest from the date payable within three years after date, also I give to my daughter Fanny White my bed which I lay on and furniture. Fifthly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Dickenson one negro girl named Fanny the horse and saddle which I have formerly given her shall not be counted in her division, also my China ware shall be equally divided between Fanny White and Sally Dickenson which shall not be counted in their division also I give and bequeath to Sally White daughter of my son Robert White Keene by Letinger son to my daughter Elizabeth Letinger that she be paid by Charles White my son to be equally divided between them to be laid out for schooling the aforesaid children. Concerning my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, household and kitchen furniture they shall be equally divided between Robert White my son, Elizabeth Letinger, Fanny White and Sally Dickenson my daughters by two disinterested men.

Whence the property which I have given to my daughter Fanny White if she should decease without a lawful heir the said property shall be ~~equally~~ divided among the before named heirs (viz.) Robert, Elizabeth, Charles and Sally or their heirs. I do appoint my two sons Robert White and Charles H. White executors to this my last Will and Testament. I do hereby disavow all other Wills legacies &c. Ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 2nd day of

March and in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Eight hundred and twenty.

Signed sealed and delivered to be the last Will and Testament in presence of
John A. D. Carey
James H. Chilton
Henry H. Chilton

State of Tennessee Sumner County Court May Term 1821
The last Will and Testament of William White dead was exhibited in open Court for probate and was thereupon duly proved as the law directs, by the oaths of John A. D. Carey and Henry H. Chilton the subscribing witnesses to last Will and ordered to be recorded and thereupon Charles H. White and Robert White the executors named in said Will appeared in Court and agreed to take up on themselves the execution thereof and together with Jacob C. Cook and John Shaver entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor and his successors in Office in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs and also took the necessary of Executors prescribed by law. J. Carey, Clerk

J. H. Douglas Clerk of said Court

Will

In the name of God Amen or be it remembered that I Adam Hunter of the State of Tennessee Ad County of Sumner being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory do hereby make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and as touching those worldly goods wherewith it hath been pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life I do hereby dispose of in manner and form following (viz.) I do give and bequeath to my eldest son Edward Hunter the following negroes (viz.) Anthony and Puss and Nelly and her Child Lydia to him and his heirs forever likewise Fifteen hundred dollars already received by him and one bed and furniture. I do hereby give and bequeath to my second son Layton Hunter the following negroes (viz.) Jacob and Mary and her children and Fifteen hundred dollars already received by him also one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. I do give and bequeath to my third son Samuel S. Hunter the following negroes (viz.) Frank, Jerry, Hannah and her children also one bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Charlotte Hunter the following negroes (viz.) Maud and Linda and her children and also rather one hundred dollars in silver, one riding horse two beds and furniture one Bureau to her and her lawful heirs forever. I do give and bequeath to my second daughter Lucinda Hunter the following negroes (viz.) Lewis, Abby, Mary Jack and Martha and one hundred dollars in specie two beds and furniture one Bureau one riding horse to her and her lawful heirs forever.

remaining stock of my negroes with their increase together with house hold and kitchen furniture and farming utensils and stock to remain in the possession of my Wife Gilly Hunter for the comfortable support and maintenance of my Wife and three remaining children (viz) Silas H. Hunter, David Hunter and Gilly P. Hunter until Silas H. Hunter arrives to the age of twenty one then and at that time the remaining negroes with their increase to be equally divided between my Wife Gilly Hunter, Silas H. Hunter, David Hunter and Gilly P. Hunter my Wife to have choice of lots of the divisions of negroes to have and to hold during her natural life and at her decease to return to my children at her discretion and when my three above mentioned children severally arrive at the age of twenty one each to have one ending horse and saddle one bed and furniture my land disposed of as follows (viz) One tract containing One thousand acres lying and being in the County of Madison State of Tennessee on the Forked Deer River I give to my four children (viz) Samuel, Silas, David and Charlotte, and divide said land to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality to them and their lawful heirs forever. One tract containing six hundred acres lying and being in the County of Carroll State of Tennessee on the Union River the same I give and bequeath to my two sons Edward and Layton Hunter to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality to them and their heirs forever. My plantation whereon I now live lying in the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee on the waters of Station Camp Creek containing three hundred and thirty acres to remain in the full and quiet possession of my Wife Gilly Hunter during her natural life with all appurtenances belonging thereto. Yet when David Hunter shall arrive to the age of twenty one shall be entitled to the one half of the proceeds of said farm then and ever after and at the decease of my Wife the said tract of land to be equally divided between David Hunter and my youngest daughter Gilly P. Hunter to belong to them and their lawful heirs forever, or the same amount in money or lands as shall be in Case my Executors should deem it expedient to dispose of this tract of land which they are authorized to do at their discretion the balance of my money on hand to remain in the hands of my Executors for the support of my Wife and education of my three youngest legatees I do hereby appoint my Wife Gilly Hunter and son Layton Hunter my sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke all former Wills by me herebefore made.

Signed sealed

Adam Hunter (Test)

and delivered in the presence of us the undersigned this 6th day of May One thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

Charles Watkins

Isaiah Walton

State of Tennessee

Sumner County, Court August Term 1824

The last Will and Testament of Adam Hunter deceased was exhibited in Open Court for probate and duly proved by the oath of Charles Watkins and Isaiah Walton subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon Layton Hunter an Executor named in said last Will appeared in Court and took the oath of Executor prescribed by law and together with Josiah Walton, Isaac Grinn and Charles Watkins his securities entered into and acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the sum of Sixty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

A Copy Test
A. H. Douglass Clerk

Will

In the name of GOD Amen:

I Thomas Joyner of Sumner County and State of Tennessee being weak in body, but sound in mind and memory, calling to mind that it is appointed for all men to die, do make this my last Will and Testament and dispose of my Estate as followeth. Item: I give to my son Littleton Joyner one negro man named Philip to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give to my son Thomas Joyner my land adjoining Reuben Talley and bounded as followeth: Beginning at said Talley's line along line of marked trees to a corner near my fence thence to a branch and down the branch as it meanders to Tom's South East Corner, thence West to said Tom's other corner, thence with said Tom's line to Watkins' line and with Watkins' line to Bruce's South West Corner, thence with Bruce's line to Talley's line to the beginning to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give another tract or parcel of land to be equally divided between my son Thomas Joyner and my son Absalom Joyner bounded as followeth. Beginning at Duggins and Taylors corner thence East to Talley's line bounded between Talley's and Taylors lines to them and their heirs forever. Item: I give to my son Thomas Joyner one negro boy named Jordan to him and his heirs forever. Item: I give to my son Absalom Joyner all the rest of my land including the plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever. Also one negro man named Anthony to him and his heirs forever. Item: I bequeath to my beloved Wife Milley Joyner four negroes namely: Harry, Sam, Kate and Charlotte during her natural life and after her decease, I give to my son Thomas Joyner and my son Absalom Joyner the negro woman named Charlotte and her increase to them and their heirs forever and to my three daughters (viz) Sally, White, Elizabeth Foster, and Minnie's Absalom, I give to be equally divided after the death of their mother, Milley Joyner three negroes (viz) Harry, Sam, and Kate to them and their heirs forever. Item: I give all my house hold and kitchen furniture and all my stock of all kinds, all my

Plantation tools of every description together with all my
estate not heretofore mentioned to be equally divided between my son
Thomas Joyner and Abolam Joyner to them and their heirs forever
I appoint my beloved wife Chella Joyner my son Thomas
Joyner and my brother Jesse Joyner my Executors to this my
last Will and Testament, discharging all debts heretofore
made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this fourth day of March One thousand
Eight hundred and twenty four.

Signed sealed and
acknowledged in presence of
William Bruce
Littleton Bruce
Jefferson Bruce

Thomas Joyner (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court August Term 1824.
The last Will and Testament of Thomas Joyner dec'd
was exhibited in open Court for probate and was duly proved
by the oaths of William Bruce, Littleton Bruce and Jefferson Bruce
subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and
thereupon Thomas Joyner for one of the Executors named in said
last Will appeared in Court and returned with said Will
Joyner and William Bruce his securities in the sum of
One thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and
took the oath of Executor prescribed by law.

A Copy Test

Thomas Joyner sworn as Executor

A. H. Douglass Clerk

Will

In the name of God Amen.

I Elizabeth Dickins of the County of Sumner
and State of Tennessee being in sound mind and memory
but in a bad state of health both thought proper to make
and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament to
dispose of the estate that it hath been pleased God
to bless me with in the following manner to wit:
First my will and desire is that all just claims
against me shall be paid Secondly I give and
bequeath to my grandson Josiah Perry One hundred
dollars that he has borrowed from me long to him and
his heirs forever Thirdly I give and bequeath to my grand-
son Isaac Perry Forty dollars that he has borrowed from
me I say to him and his heirs forever Fourthly I give
and bequeath to my grand daughter Ann Baker
One feather bed and stand of curtains including the
balance of furniture belonging to it I say to her
and her heirs forever Fifthly My Will and desire is
that the two notes of hand that I have on my son in law
John Perry should be given up to him without his paying

anything for them One for One hundred and seventy one dollars
given in April 11 1814 and the other one hundred and two dollars
given in August 12 1818 Sixthly I give and bequeath to my
daughter Charity Perry all my clothing and all my
house hold furniture of every description that is not
heretofore named Seventhly I give and bequeath to my
son Isaac Baker and Ridg Eaton my grandson and my
grand son Leonard Perry all the balance of my estate to be
equally divided between them say to them and their heirs forever
Lastly I do nominate and appoint Isaac Nalley my Executor
to this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke
disannul all Wills and Parts of Wills and this my do
& Claim to be my last Will and Testament in Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of
June 1824. No security is required of the Executor.

Seals

Elizabeth Dickins (Seal)

Isaac Nalley
Caswell Smith

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1824.
The last Will and Testament of Elizabeth
Dickinson dec'd was exhibited in open Court for
probate and duly proved by the Oath of Isaac
Nalley and Caswell Smith the subscribing Witnesses
thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon
Isaac Nalley the Executor therein named being present
took the oath of Executor prescribed by law it
being stipulated in said Will that no security
be required of said Executor.
A Copy Test

A. H. Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I William Hammon
of Sumner County and State of Tennessee being
of a sound and disposing mind and memory do
make and Ordain this to be my last Will and
Testament in manner and form following (that
is to say) First I will and desire that all my
lawful debts be paid and my body I recommend
to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian
Manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter men-
tioned and as touching such worldly estate whome with it hath
pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life I give
devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner
and form (viz) I give and bequeath to my Well beloved Wife
Jane Hammon two beds and furniture, also a small
trunk, one large Kettle, one large pot, one dutch oven, one
small pot and a Skillet with a lid to it, four Chairs and table
together with all the other part of my household furniture
not here mentioned, also my Coffin and tools, and shoe-
makers tools, my plow and gear, the and axe, my line and reel

Marling, but a man's saddle and one side saddle ten cows and a
 high, five hds of sheep one cow and seven shotes in the hands of
 John Moor together with all my wearing apparel one note lately
 declare on Jonathan Paines due the 4th day of April 1814 also a
 bond account on Jonathan Paines of twenty seven dollars thirty
 seven and one half cents due the 28th day of December 1805, also
 a note of \$ on John McMurtry due the 1st day of February 1814
 a note of five barrels of corn on William Bond due the 5th day
 of January 1816, lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my
 Wife Jane Hammond and John McMurtry to be sole Executors
 of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other
 Wills and Testaments In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed my seal this 1st day of February 1816.
 Done at Racine
 Joseph Clark
 Nancy Clark

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1824
 The last Will and Testament of William Hammond
 died was exhibited in open Court for probate and duly
 proved by the oath of Nancy Clark and Joseph Clark
 subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be
 recorded. Thurgood Jane Hammond the executrix
 therein named appeared in Court and returned into
 bond with John Garret and John M. McMurtry her
 securities in the sum of One hundred Dollars con-
 ditioned as the law directs and took the oath of
 Executor prescribed by law.

A Copy Not.

A. H. Douglass Clerk of Court

In the name of GOD Amen. I Thomas Starks of the County of
 Sumner and State of Tennessee last perfect in mind and
 memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testa-
 ment. I give and bequeath unto my Wife Celia Starks
 the plantation whereon I am now living with all the appur-
 tenances thereunto belonging with all the stock of every
 description as the working utensils, crop of every description
 household and kitchen furniture together with three negroes
 namely, Sucky, Meriah, and James with their future
 increase during her natural life and after her
 death to be equally divided among my now surviving
 children. It is my Will that all my just debts should
 be paid as soon as possible and my children raised
 and educated. The negroes are to remain in my
 Wife's possession and not to be sold provided there is
 property sufficient to pay the debts aforesaid. I do
 also nominate and appoint my Wife Celia Starks
 and my oldest son John Starks to be my Executors and
 Agents of this my last Will and Testament of record signed
 sealed and delivered this 26th day of August 1824.

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Thomas. Starks Esq.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1824.
 The last Will and Testament of Thomas Starks died
 was exhibited in open Court for probate and duly
 proved by the Oaths of Andrew Hooper and Alexander Starks
 subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
 Celia Starks the executrix therein named appeared in
 open Court and together with Alexander Starks, James
 Whitworth and Robert Harper her securities returned into
 and acknowledged their bond for her in the sum of
 Three Hundred Dollars conditioned as the law directs
 and took the oath of Executor prescribed by law.

A Copy Not.

A. H. Douglass Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I William White of the
 County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being now sick
 of sound mind and memory and also knowing
 the Certainty of death do by the presents made and
 published the following viz last Will and Testament
 Item: I wish my Executors herein after appointed
 to sell all my stock of every description together with
 all my personal property my negroes excepted on
 such credits as they may think proper. Item: I give
 my son Alexander A. White my negro woman Harty with
 such of her children as she may have with her. Item: I give
 my two sons William and Lewis a tract of land on Rich-
 land Creek in Humphreys County containing 480 acres
 to be equally divided between them. Item: It is my Will
 and desire that my Executors bind out my two sons
 William and Lewis to some respectable Mechanics
 for such time as they may think proper and to whomsoever
 and that my Executors also bind out or provide my
 daughter Elizabeth to be kept and raised in some respectable
 family until she arrives at the age of Eighteen and
 educated in such a manner as they may think proper.
 Item: I will that my Executors hereafter appointed should
 all my lands and hire out all my negroes to the best
 advantage and the money arising from such
 sales and hire to be loaned out at interest until
 my daughter Elizabeth arrives at the age of Eighteen
 after which time I wish my Executors to give all
 my property not otherwise disposed of both land
 and negroes on credit of twelve months and to

And the whole proceeds of my estate (Not Divided) between my four Children (viz) Alexander H. White, William White Lewis White and Elizabeth White, and where as Elizabeth White a woman and not living with me has been kind and attentive to me in my sickness I wish my Executors to pay her for her services in any way they may think proper. Item: My books & give to my sons William and Lewis. Item: I leave my beloved son Alexander H. White, and my worthy friends Edmund Green and John Wallace my Executors fully revoking and annulling all other Wills, as Witness my hand and seal this 8th August 1847

William White Deed

Witnesses:
William Edwards
Jas. W. Gray
Wm. A. Douglas
William C. Turner
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State of Tennessee Sumner County Court for Term Next
The last Will and Testament of William White Deed was exhibited in open Court for probate and duly proven as required by law, by the oath of William A. Douglas and James W. Gray two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and then in John Wallace one of the executors named therein appeared in open Court and qualified as such and together with James Wallace and Robert Neuhard his securities entered into and acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the penalty of Eight Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs Edmund Green who was also executor named in said last Will appeared in Court and read and his appointment as such.

A Copy Test.

A. A. Douglas Clerk

In the name of God Amen. This twenty fourth day of April last I being right hundred and twenty four. I, William Hubert of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being in perfect health and sound mind and memory, thank be to Almighty God for his mercies and calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of Death do make, ordain, constitute and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, revoking and annulling all former Wills and Testaments or Testament and first of all I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as for the Distribution of my worldly goods which it has pleased God to bless me with I do hereby give and dispose of it in manner and form following. (viz) First, my Will is that all my just debts be paid together with all my funeral expenses. Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Hubert ten Negroes

(viz) Willey a mulatto woman and Milpha, a black woman and all their future increase and one Bay mare her choice of two Cows and Calves or Cows with Calves two Sows and Pigs or Sows with Pigs two ewes and lambs or two with lambs and all the free Stock, one large walnut chest, one large trunk, one large dining table, her choice of one bed and furniture, one axe and hoe, and one plow, also all the household and kitchen furniture that has been accumulated since my marriage with the said Sarah Hubert the above named negroes and other property above mentioned I give to my wife Sarah Hubert to be at her disposal. Item: I give to my said wife Sarah Hubert the north part of the tract of land upon which I now live running North to the second dividing fence, thence with said fence West or a West or a West or a West to the West boundary line during her widowhood. Item: It is my Will that my wife Sarah Hubert shall have one year's provisions allowing her. Item: I give to my daughter, Sally Clear the Cattle and mares. Item: I give to my four grand children (viz) Elizabeth Clear, Hubert Clear, Calvin Clear, and William Clear two Negroes (viz) Nagar and her youngest child by the name of Allen and also one fifth part of my stock and house hold and kitchen furniture not here before disposed of and three negroes (viz) Simon, Dick and John together with all my personal property not here before disposed of I give and bequeath to my four children (viz) Elizabeth Little, Benjamin Hubert, John Hubert, and David Hubert, to be equally divided between them which said property is to be sold at a credit of twelve months by the purchaser giving bond and sufficient security. Item: The part of my tract of land bequeathed to my wife I give to my four children (viz) Elizabeth Little, Benjamin Hubert, John Hubert and David Hubert to be sold at the marriage or death of my said wife and equally divided amongst them. Item: I leave the Negroes given to my grand children in trust to my daughter Sally Clear, for the purpose of raising and supporting my said grand children. Item: I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my two sons John Hubert and David Hubert, whole and sole Executors to this my last Will and Testament as Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Date first herein written Signed and acknowledged

William Hubert

in the presence of us

Henry Head

Pascal Head

Raymond Head

State of Tennessee Sumner County Court for Term Next
The last Will and Testament of William Hubert Deed was read in open Court for probate, and then upon due proof as the law directs by the oath of Pascal Head and

New Head lvs of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and John Hubert and David Hubert the Executors named therein, appeared in Court and agreed to take upon themselves execution thereof and together with, Jacob, W. Cooke and John Dickerson their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the sum of Six Thousand Dollars, conditioned as the law directs and took the Oath of Executors prescribed by law.

A Copy Sent,

A. A. Douglass to ex

In the name of God Amen:

I Call, Detson of the County of
Summer and State of Tennessee being from me in body but of
sound mind and memory to make and ordain This my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following to-wit:
In the first place I give unto my beloved son William
Detson thirty Dollars to come out of the money that is owing by
the estate of Edward Saunders Decd. & I give unto my
beloved son Edward J. Detson thirty Dollars to come from the
above named estate, also my young son Rolland a Del. bedstead
and all furnished with clothing and one third of all the stock
that I may be possessed of excepting of the horses. Fly, I thus
write, my beloved daughter Patsy being of her natural
life or the proceeds of her labour my negro boy Cooper and
thus I give the said negro Parker to the lawful heir of her body
to them and their heirs forever, the said negro boy Parker I
give in the hands of me hereinafter named as trustee but
for her use, they shall the whole control of said negro with
the to land her for the term above named at the price of his
labour as they may judge but: Henry I thus write my daughter
Sophronia, W. Turner, my negro girl Mirabelle being of her
natural life and thus I give the said negro girl Mirabelle to
the lawful heir of her body forever, but if we have she should
die without issue then it is my will that the negro girl with
her future increase be equally divided between my other
sons, children, Nason, Ellis, Paul Turner, David, Sift,
William Detson, Patsy, George, Araline Arnold, and Edward
J. Detson, to them and their heirs forever, thus I give and
bequeath unto my daughter Patsy Detson and Araline
Arnold, a horse and mare apiece with forty pounds
apiece to be value by 20 or 25 kilograms and the residue of
my estate that I may be possessed of after first paying all my
just debts, I give unto my son Edward J. Nason, Ellis,
Paul Turner, George, William Detson, Araline Arnold
and Edward J. Detson, to each an equal share to
them and their heirs forever, and if any of them have
or may hereafter die to me I give it to the above named six
children an equal portion, and in order to have this Will
Carried into effect, I wish every thing sold at 90 or

myself credit, but I wish the negroes purchased for the family. Lastly I constitute and appoint my son-in-law, Raymond B. Lee and my son William Saloon Executors of this my last Will and Testament. This 4th Day of November 1824.

Wm. B. Lee
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The last Will and testament of Capt. Deacon, that was produced in open Court for probate and duly proved as the last Wills of the said of Richard Saunders, and Nathaniel Sully, subscribing witnesses Hunt and Leonard were recorded, and Minors & Messrs. Ellis one of the executors named therein appeared in Court and took the oath prescribed by law. The other Executor having renounced his appointment and together with Enos Warner and Priestly Griffith his securities entered into and acknowledged they were bound to the Executors in the sum of Twenty five hundred & no more Conditional as the law directs and at the same time to be recorded.

A Copy, Sent

A. A. Douglass LK

In the name of God America live, near in 1874 but of
 would not profit at mind and memory or in my say thus
 considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being
 of sound mind, should be Witnessed, God for the world
 do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner
 and form, following, that is to say, I give and bequeath unto
 my Beloved wife the place I now live on during her life and
 at her Death to be sold and equate, divided among my children
 my wish and desire is that there should be as much of the
 property sold as will pay all my last debts, such as can
 be best of and, published and declared by me to be
 my last Will and Testament in the presence
 of Thos. Sugrison Secy.

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State of Tennessee, Sumner County, Court May Term 1890

The last Will and Testament of Helen Ferguson ^{deceased} was exhibited in open Court for probate and was read, probated by the Court of James M'Neil, John J. Neely, subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And there being no Executor named in said last Will it is ordered by the Court that Henry Dyer, Ferguson, with Thomas M'Neil and John J. Neely, the executors named in and acknowledged by him, be and they are the Executor in the Sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars and so to him as the law directs and took the Oath of Administration prescribed by Law.

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Attest Douglas Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen: I Thomas Scamell of the County of
Sullivan and State of Tennessee, revoking all others make this my
last Will and Testament;

I give unto my beloved Wife Mary Howell all my estate of every description, both real as well as personal consisting in the following: Holes and negroes, Abram, a negro boy aged about three years, Isaac's, a negro boy aged seven years, a negro boy Peter aged twelve years, a negro boy Isaac aged seven years, a negro girl named Jerry Brown aged six years a negro Sally Brown aged four years a negro woman named Nancy aged about thirty years, a negro woman Mattie aged about nineteen a negro woman Peggy about sixty years old, a negro woman Riley about fifty, also a negro girl named Riley Brown aged about one year. All my personal property consisting in horse hold and kitchen furniture also hogs, hoes, battle, and all other description of property belonging to my estate except two horses which will be more particularly named hereafter also all debts due me.

I have given to my Daughter Abigail Mr. Seawell the Portion of my estate (viz) one negro boy Abel and one silver mine to her and her heirs forever.

I give unto my son Benjamin, C. Scovell a negro boy named Abraham at the death of his mother to him, his and his heirs.

I give unto my dear John, P. Swannell, a negro boy named
Francis at the birth of his mother to him and his heirs forever
I give unto my dear John and P. Swannell, a negro boy named

I give unto my son Joseph, A. Spurr all my right
Peter at the death of his mother to him and his heirs forever
I give to my son Robert, N. Spurr one share of my right

I give to my son Robert, N. Jewell one negro boy named
Jonas at the Death of his mother, to him and his heirs forever.
I give unto my daughter Martha N. Jewell one negro girl named

I gave unto my daughter Northwell Sturgell one negre girl named
 Jancy Brown, at the death of her mother to her and her heirs forever.
 I gave unto my daughter Elizabeth Sturgell one negre girl named

I have also my daughter Elizabeth Samell one negro girl named Sally Brown at the Death of her mother to her and her heirs forever
In as much as I have left all my Estate to my eldest
Will. Mar. 1. 1796

Wife Mary Sumrell wish him at her death to dispose of
what I have not specially Willed myself among the
Children as she may think fit.

Child as she may think proper.
Should become necessary that any of my estate as Willed
to be sold to pay my Debts I wish the Exr to take

to be sold to pay my debts, I wish my 'Executors to sell
two horses and such other property excepting negroes
having due regard to the value I am able to

marriage due regard to the welfare of my wife Mary
Seahell as they may deem necessary and should
they not sell the ~~above~~ named house I give unto

Edmund P. Jewell, The Cornell house called Ball
and to Robert N. Jewell, The Clay Bank house

And lastly, I leave my Mary Jewell and my son Benjamin C. Jewell, Executors and I Executor to this my last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed in presence of us
Wm. Newman

Wm. Henry

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John Henry

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Daniel Peck was exhibited in open Court for Probate, and was duly presented, by the Clerk of John A. Neum and Eliza Neum deceased, saying, witnesses thereof, and ordered to be read. Do I and they upon Benjamin C. Sewell one of the Executors therein named, appeared in Court and together with Benjamin Sewell and William Harper his securities entered into and acknowledged this bond to the Court and his decessor in Office in the Sum of Six thousand Dollars and Cents as the Law directs and took the Oath of Office as provided by Law and at the same time returned an inventory of the estate of said Decedent.

A Cup of Tea

A. H. Douglass Clerk
of said Court.

In the name of God Amen George Washington W. Townsend
of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, being sick
of the 4th of a sound mind and of a perfect
memory do make this my last Will and Testament
sincerely revoking all other Wills & whatsoever by me heretofore
made:

I give and bequeath to my beloved Steph mother Laura
I insured all the property that I die ceased of during
his natural life as widowhood.

Item 2nd It is my wish and desire that my step mother should leave to my half brother Joseph N. W. Townsend when he becomes of age one negro boy and girl also one horse saddle and bridle one father bed and furniture and likewise my half sister Elizabeth N. Townsend I also wish my step mother to leave to her a negro boy and girl one horse saddle and bridle one father bed and furniture and Peter Townsend Junior is to have the same of either of them at the age of twenty one years of age at the death or marriage of my step mother all the property that is bequeathed to the three children above named is to be brought together and all of the property except the land but all the rest is to be equally divided amongst my two half brothers and sisters by name Joseph N. W. Townsend Elizabeth N. Townsend and Peter Townsend Jr. The land is to remain unsold until Peter Townsend Jr. comes to the age of twenty one year then to be sold and money equally divided amongst the three above named children and it is my wish and desire that my step mother Lucretia Townsend should keep all the property on the premises except what may be bequeathed to the children or that which may be thought advisable Prof. 5.

Item. Lastly I do hereby, appoint Thomas Stone and John Mills Executors to this my last Will and Testament whereof I have

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hence set my hand.
It is my wish that my Executors give bond with approved security for their performance as Executors.

This 12th May 1820

Attest:

J. Adams

George W. Townsend

My dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the last Will and Testament of George W. Townsend was admitted in open Court for probate and the Court proceeded according to law by the oath of William Huxley one of the subscribing witnesses which was ordered to be recorded and John Nickle and Thomas Stone the Executors named in said Will having appeared in Court and refused to take upon themselves the execution thereof whereupon on motion it is ordered by the Court that John Landy, Dale and Lucinda Townsend be appointed Administrators of all and singular the goods and chattles rights of said dead with the Will annexed and with William L. Alexander and John Huxley their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Executors in the sum of six thousand dollars conditioned as the last Will directs and lets the oath of Administrators proceed by Law.

A Copy Test:

A. H. Douglass Clerk of said County

I know all men by the Presidents. That I Thomas Stubblefield of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, being sick and weak but of perfect memory and recollection and knowing the mortality of my body, that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

My Will is that all my just debts be paid as soon as may be. I bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Stubblefield for her use and comfort during her natural life the following property (to wit) all that part of the tract of land on which I now live lying on the North side of the road leading from Old Fort to Hartsville with its improvements and appurtenances together with the free and undisturbed use of the spring which we now use and which is on the South side of said road and also all the furniture belonging by the habit of lodging for many years with our other bed and furniture all the kitchen furniture and of the farming utensils as the many chowls to take my negro woman Mourning and my negro man Charles my boy now called Slap and my boy now Don now and one hundred and fifty dollars worth of cattle hogs and sheep in such proportions as they may choose to take and at his death found property except the negro Mourning and Charles aforesaid to be sold to the best advantage by my Executors hereafter named and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided amongst my children (to wit) Amos Stubblefield, George Stubblefield, Nedraff Stubblefield, Elizabeth Bradshew, Nancy Martin, and Garrison

Stubblefield.

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I give to my son Garrison Stubblefield all that part of the tract of land on which I now live lying on the South side of the road before named, containing about one hundred acres by estimation, be the same more or less, including all that I now own on the South side of said road except a small tract of about twenty or thirty acres on Sycamore Creek reserving at the same time for the free and undisturbed use of the spring which we now use to the benefit of that part of the said tract lying on the North side of said road, my meaning is the use of water only. This property I give to my son Garrison in consideration of services he has rendered me and to settle and for the care and attention he has paid to his mother and myself in our declining age. I leave

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My intention is to divide my estate equally among my said children on as nearly so as may be, except my son Garrison as above remunerated for extra services &c. and having already given to my son Nedraff land to the value of one hundred and fifty dollars, to my son William Land and a still to the value of one hundred and sixty five dollars, and to my daughter Nancy a gold chain to the value of one hundred and fifty five dollars they are therefore to be charged respectively with the above sums in the General Division (to wit) these sums are to be estimated in the common stock and those who have need there respective amounts are in the Division of my said estate to receive respectively by that amount less or more as may be as having received their share out of it. My Will further is that as soon after my death as may be convenient my small tract of land of twenty or thirty acres or thereabouts lying on Sycamore Creek together with all my stock of every kind house and furniture farming utensils &c. &c. that otherwise I have disposed of by this Will be sold to the best advantage by my Executors hereafter named and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided among my children above named observing at the same time to add to the amount total of said sales the debt now due by my son Nedraff and William and my daughter Nancy as above stated and that in said Division they are to be considered as having need the sums with which they are respectively charged.

5th

And do not wish my negroes to go out of my family and without selling they cannot be equally divided therefore to insure an equality among my children and at the same time retain the negroes amongst themselves my Will is that they (the negroes) be valued by disinterested respectable men and that three of my children to whom I name said negroes respectively to take them at said valuation (to wit) I give to my son Amos my negro boy Robin at his valuation. To my son George my negro man Matt at his valuation. To my son Nedraff my negro man Charles at the death of my said wife at his valuation. With the income of the life time estate on land by my said wife to my daughter Nancy my negro boy Slap at his valuation. To my son William my negro boy Lewis at his valuation. To my daughter Elizabeth my negro girl Lucinda at her valuation. To my daughter Nancy my negro woman Mourning at the death of my said wife at her valuation.

and bequeath to the said Amelia N. my grand daughter my article of property for many of my estate which in said Will I had given or bequeathed to my said son Amos and to her and her heirs forever except my negro by Antinab named whom I now give and bequeath to my son Garrison. I settle said in consideration of an understanding to that effect which was between them my two sons Amos and Garrison. To have the said Garrison his heirs and assigns forever. And as since executing the said foregoing Will there has been an increase in my negro family (viz) my negro woman Mourning has had for children and my negro woman Lucinda two, my will is that in the division and valuation of my negro property among my children provided for in the sixth article of the foregoing Will be valued to my two daughters Nancy M. Martin and Eliza Bradshaw (viz) Mourning and her four children to my said daughter Nancy M. and Lucinda and her two children to my said daughter Patsy, provided they may so desire. I desire that the said children in this way if not they may take the mother as provided for in said Will. If the children and in event of their refusing to take the children, they said children be sold to the highest bidder on a reasonable credit among my children no other person to bid that so far as is provided for in this Adiel the said foregoing Will is hereby made void and no farther and that this Adiel is to be considered as far as it gives a part of my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 28th day of May 1825

In presence of Thomas Shuttlesfield
Jm Martin

Merideth Nutton

Jermiah Shuttlesfield, State of Tennessee, County Court Aug. Term 1825

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Shuttlesfield with two Codicils annexed was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of Henry McAden Jermiah Shuttlesfield, Thomas Kingston, Shilton Carby and Merideth Nutton subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon William Hall, William L. Alexander and George Shuttlesfield the Executors named in said Will appeared in Court and renounced as such whereupon on motion it is ordered by the Court that Merideth Nutton be appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of said dead with the Will annexed and the said Nutton with George Shuttlesfield and Merideth Shuttlesfield his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the sum of Six thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the oath of Administration prescribed by law.

A. H. Douglas

A. H. Douglas Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen

I Hector Williams being of sound mind and memory and of the legal age of the moral life, I publish this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say, I give all my land to Benjamin Williams my eldest son from and after the death of his mother or second marriage, I do appoint my wife Jane Williams and Benjamin J. Williams to be my Executors without being bound to securities, that they make use of any money that they should think proper to discharge my just debts that the said Jane Williams is to have liberty to dispose of all my property as she may think proper except all my children of the Negroes should owe to them by kindness for them not to be sold against their will but for them to be disinterested men to be appointed to value them and to equalize said amongst my children at the death of their mother. Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of March 1825 in presence of the subscribing witnesses.

John Martin

Hector Williams

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court August Term 1825

The last Will and Testament of Hector Williams died was exhibited in open Court for probate and was duly proved in open Court by the Oaths of William Madall and Silas Palk subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon said Williams and Benjamin J. Williams the Executor and Agents named therein appeared in Court and took the oath of Execution thereof on them and took the oath of Executors prescribed by Law. No security being required of them by the Court.

A. H. Douglas

A. H. Douglas Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen I Catherine Payne of Sumner County, State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do hereby make this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following (to wit) In the first place I desire that my Executors hereafter named may pay all my just debts and I desire that they should be any. In the first place I give and bequeath unto my daughter Patsy Jeffers all my riding saddle, hoping that she will give it to her daughter Catherine Jeffers.

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I give and bequeath unto my son Mathew Daine all I have to what I have above given him and I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Payne my negro girl Mary with her future increase and also the whole of my estate that I may be bound of to support her heirs forever I constitute and appoint my daughter Nancy Payne my

Lastly

only Executor of this my last Will and Testament and it is my wish that she should not be bound to give security for her Executorship. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal.

This 30th day of January 1821.

Signe said and witnessed

in presence of

Nathaniel Smith

George E. Dismukes

Clarissa Saunders

Catherine Payne

State of Tennessee

Judges Court August Term 1820

The last Will and Testament of Catherine Payne was exhibited in Court for probate and was found by the Court of Nathaniel Smith one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and then upon Nancy Payne the Executrix named in said Will appeared in Court took the oath of Executor presented by her, no security being required of the Executrix by the Testator. W. C. Payne

A. N. Douglass Clerk of said Court

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In the name of God Amen, I Joseph M^cLevett of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, being in sound mind and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (Viz)

I leave unto my wife Elizabeth M^cLevett the use of my plantation during her natural life also the use of my three negroes and their increase also my stock of every kind my household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils after my just debts is paid should any debts be owing at my death my desire is that they should be made out of property that can be best spared.

I give and bequeath unto my son William M^cLevett the land and plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever after the death of his mother also one horse and the value of twenty dollars fine breed of cattle one bed of furniture also five dollars Cash to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son John M^cLevett five dollars in Cash to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my Joseph M^cLevett five dollars Cash to him and his heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that after the death of my wife that all my property not especially given away shall be sold at public sale and the profits arising therefrom be equally divided amongst my five daughters Nancy, Rebecca, Susan, Sally, and Mary Wilson, and Rebecca Alexander and their heirs forever share and share alike.

I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth M^cLevett and my son William M^cLevett my whole and sole executor and executor of this my last Will and Testament as witnesses my hand and seal.

This 20th day of February 1821.

Witness

Rich^d Brown

Joseph M^cLevett

State of Tennessee, Sumner County, Court August Term 1820

The last Will and Testament of Joseph M^cLevett was exhibited in Court for probate and was found according to Law by the Court of Hudson Thompson a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded and then upon William M^cLevett one of the Executors named in said last Will appeared in Court and agreed to take up on himself the execution of said Will and Testament and with John Brown and Stephen Wilson his vicars intended into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the sum of Three Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the oath of Executor presented by Law.

A Copy Test

A. N. Douglass Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen, I, Rich^d Brown of Sumner County and State of Tennessee, Considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, this is to say

First

I give and bequeath unto my only daughter Rebecca Puckett the sum of one dollar in Cash I also give and bequeath unto my son Sally Brown the sum of one dollar in Cash. I also give and bequeath unto my son Abraham Brown the sum of one dollar, which said sum and legacies or sums of money, I will and order shall be paid to the said legatees or legatees within eighteen months after my decease and as to all the rest residue and remainder of personal estate goods and chattels of what kind and nature I own I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Brown during her natural life or widowhood in the following manner (to-wit) my son John Brown whom I have appointed my sole Executor without security to this my last Will and Testament, shall have the whole control and management of the said residue and remainder of my estate &c, and apply it as he may deem right and reasonable in the maintenance of my said wife Elizabeth during her said natural life or widowhood, and after that, after the maintenance of my wife Elizabeth as aforesaid then all the residue and remainder of my personal estate goods and chattels of what kind and nature I own, I give and bequeath the same to my two grand children Lydia Eliza Brown and Samuel B. Brown, son and daughter of my son John Brown to be equally divided between them. Herby revoking all former Wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of October in the year 1820.

In the presence of

Wm. C. Payne

J. M^cLevett

A. N. Douglass

Rich^d Brown

State of Tennessee, Sumner County Court August Term 1820

The last Will and Testament of Richard Brown Deed was exhibited in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of Lucinda Mendenhall and Alfred McDaniel subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon John Brown the Executor named in said Will appeared in Court and agreed to take upon himself the execution thereof and took the oath of Executor prescribed by law no security being required of said Executor by the testator.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Longless Clerk
of said Court

In the name of God Amine: I John Parker of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory and judgment, think me to God for his sustenance of gifts do make and order this my last Will and Testament in the following manner. First I recommend my soul to the God which give it existence not doubting in the least but he is able to preserve it until any form or manner which is most agreeable to His Divine Will. I desire that my body may be buried in a decent grave at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching my worldly fortune as it hath pleased God Bless me with in this life I wish divide and dispose in the following manner (viz) I the first place I will that all my just debts be paid and funeral expenses paid Next I will that my beloved Wife Rody Parker have the possession of the land I now live on and all my personal estate during her life and at her death to be equally divided between my son Road Parker and my son William Parker my son John Parker, my daughter Rody, my son Midway Parker my daughter Susan Parker my daughter Cecily Parker my daughter Eliza Parker, my daughter Matilda Parker and also my grand son Wardman Parker and lastly I constitute my beloved Wife Rody Parker as executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This the 13 day of June 1820 signed and sealed in the presence of

John C. Erwin
Jacobus Norton
Charles S. Parker

John Parker (Seal)

State of Tennessee, Sumner County Court August Term 1820

The last Will and Testament of John Parker Deed was exhibited in open Court for probate and was duly proved according to law by the oath of Jacobus Norton and Charles S. Parker subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, when upon Rhoda Parker the executrix named in said last Will appeared in Court and agreed to take upon herself the execution thereof and together with William L. Alexander, Charles S. Parker and William Parker her securities entered into and acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, conditioned as the same directs and took the oath of an Executor prescribed by law and at the same time returned into Court an inventory of the estate of said deceased. A Copy Test.

A. H. Longless Clerk of said Court

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In the name of God Amine: I Benjamin Rawlings of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory think me to the Almighty God for his name do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament

I will and bequeath that all my property not disposed of by a deed executed by me on the 28th day of August 1820 to Edward S. Rawlings Elmer Howard Margaret Rawlings, Alexander S. Rawlings, L. L. Rawlings, Sumner Rawlings, Rufus King, Rawlings and George Washington Rawlings be paid to the highest bidder by my Executors hereinafter mentioned with the exception of such a part of the stock as should be deemed necessary for the support of my family according to the true intent and meaning of the said bequest the stock so reserved and increased to remain for the purpose aforesaid so long as my wife continues a widow and resides where she now does and keeps my children with her if they are desirous to do so.

2ndly

I will and bequeath that the tract of land conveyed to me by Nicholas Wooten by deed bearing date the 1st day of May 1822 to remain in my own for being security for said Wooten faithful administration of the Estate of Nicholas Wooten deceased be sold by my Executors in the way prescribed by said deed and the proceeds to be applied according to the true intent and meaning of said deed the balance if any be equally divided between all my children except my daughter Hannah.

3rdly

I will and bequeath the proceeds of the sale of said personal property together with whatever money both of Notes, Judgments, and accretions that may be collected by my Executors to be equally divided among all my children except my daughter Hannah after the payment of all my debts.

4thly

I will and desire that my Executors cause to be inclosed twenty feet square of ground where my deceased Wife has laid her grave to be made of rock and to be done in the neatest workmanlike manner the gate to be made of Locust or the most durable wood and painted black and the wall to be five feet high, I also desire that a tomb stone with appropriate inscription be placed over my deceased Wife and myself.

5thly

I constitute my son in law James Howard and Col. Lewis Green Guardians for my son Rufus King Rawlings, my daughter Sumner Rawlings and my son George Washington Rawlings.

Lastly

I constitute and appoint my son in law James Howard and Col. Lewis Green Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 14th day of August 1820

Benjamin Rawlings (Seal)

State of Tennessee, Sumner County Court August Term 1820

The last Will and Testament of Benjamin Rawlings Deed was exhibited in open Court for probate and was duly proved according to law by the oath of Jacobus Norton and Eliza Long subscribing witnesses to said Will and ordered to be recorded and at the same time Mary Rawlings widow of the said Benjamin Rawlings Deed appeared in Court by her Attorney and deposed to said Will after which James Howard and Col. Lewis Green named in said last Will and Testament appeared in Court and together with John Brantley and Joel Parich

lately died and acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the Oath of Executor prescribed by law, Lewis Greene the other Executor named in said Will having previously appeared in Court and refused so such and renounced. Attest
A. N. Douglass Clerk of said Court

George McKee of the State of Tennessee Sumner County, his last Will and Testament (made in the name of God) this fifth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirty five is as follows: Now I give that my Wife shall have and keep all my land and Plantation lying on the South side of the Creek that runs across my land from West to East, through my lane and two negroes known by the names of Daniel Rice, Sam. Gabriel, China which land and negroes she is to keep in during her natural life or widowhood but at her death or marriage all is to be given up to my heirs and should direct, but all other parts of my estate given to my Wife except the land or negroes it is to dispose of in my life and at her death as she pleases which is as follows: all my household and kitchen furniture, one horse, four cows and calves, twenty hogs, ten sheep, all to be such as she makes choice of out of my stock and now owned and given to her, also six, two pigs, one cow, and one goat, one yard of stone over Court and her riding, carriages, one hundred barrels of corn, one hundred pounds of pickled cotton, ten bushels of wheat, and all the money in hand except what will pay my just debts, only with an exception of the acres of land whereon my son George P. Reese now lives on the South side of the Creek. Now I fully give to my daughter Sarah Smith, six negroes, Clam, Sadler, Big Rachel, Ann, Charles Harris and all other property she ever had out of my estate. Now I fully give to my daughter Patience Smith, six negroes, Danny, Siller, Peter, Sam, Hardy, Andy, and all other property she ever had out of my estate. Now I fully give to my daughter Robt McKnight, six negroes, Chapel, Dram, Miam, Harriet, John, Little Bob, and all other property she ever had out of my estate. Now I fully give to my son Thomas Reese six negroes, Parker, Big, Amos, Clock, Mame, Gabriel, China, one horse and saddle and bridle and all other property he ever had out of my estate. Now I fully give to my daughter Agnes Lynn six negroes, Rose, Ben, Isaac, Esther, Nelson, Mill and all other property she ever had out of my estate, and to her son Champ Reese Paul & I give one negro boy, Willie. Now I fully give to my daughter Nance, Nunn, six negroes, Daniel, Mil, Hunt, Sam, Jack, China and all other property she ever had out of my estate. Now I fully give to my son George P. Reese six negroes, Daniel, Buster, Big Bob, Sam, Sam, Stephen, four head of cattle and thirty five acres of land on the South side of my land with a share of what is above mentioned for the use of my Wife during her natural life and all other property she ever had out of my estate. Now I fully give to Robert Saunders for the sale of my daughter Jane Saunders deceased, his former wife one negro girl, Rachel, there has been a long time in his possession one cotton gin, and all other property he ever had out of my estate.

Now to my son Charles Reese I fully give one negro boy and all other property he has in the past of my estate. Now I fully give to my grand-son George Saunders one hundred and thirty five acres of land lying on the North side of my land to be laid off by and East and West line across the whole tract, all my stock of every description (not above mentioned) to be collected and by three disinterested men equally divided amongst David Smith, Patrick Smith, Roddy, McKnight, Agnes Lynn, Abdina Barb, Nance, Nunn, and George P. Reese & empower the executors to this Will to sell my crop of cotton, tobacco, wheat, for cash and divide the money, equally between the seven last mentioned heirs and my crop of corn not above mentioned to be sold on a credit of twelve months and then collected and divided amongst the same and also to my son George P. Reese all my working tools of every description and my gun. Now I make George P. Reese and my son Nunn Executors to my last Will and Testament and signed and sealed in the presence of us—

Attest:

Isaac Smith

J. H. Brumby

Harry A. Richmond



George Reese (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1835
 The last Will and Testament of George Reese deceased exhibited in open Court for probate and was duly found according to the law by the oath of J. H. Brumby and Isaac Smith two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon George P. Reese and William Nunn, the executors named in said Will appeared in Court and with William Malone and Josiah Landers their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the sum of Twenty Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the Oath of Executor prescribed by law.
Attest
A. N. Douglass Clerk of said Court

In the name of almighty God amen, I, Richmond K. Sykes Sumner County and State of Tennessee being, sound in body and of sound mind, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament.

1st I will and ordain that my just debts be paid and
 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife many my negro boy, called Greenwood also my Carriage and Harness to be at her disposal forever.
 3rd I will and ordain that the tract of land on which I now reside be sold as a fair value for the same can be obtained Two Thousand Dollars of the proceeds of which sale I direct to be appropriated to the purchase of a tract of land which may be considered a suitable place for the residence of my Wife and children to be bought to my Wife during her natural life.
 4th The proceeds of the balance of the sale of this my place of residence and all other property or interests real or personal not above named I desire to be divided (viz) I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary the one third part of my estate both real and personal for her natural life the two thousand dollars above mentioned as the fund for her purchase.

a future residence for my wife and children is to be so much of my efforts and are this part I further will and declare that all my other hold me and the moral that above especially I expect of shall be kept together in the same general stock the better to enable my wife to support and educate my children.

When any one of my daughters shall marry or a son or daughter arrive at the age of twenty one years of age, upon she shall be entitled to her or her ratable share of the ~~Prorogation~~ ^{Prorogation}.

It is my Will that my Wife keep for the Comfort of the self and family so much of the household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils stock of my Discretion and my present care as so may be sufficient for their comfort and convenience I wish it understood that the amount of money received by my son William from me and a regular Charles which I now request to him / shall be considered as much of his portion. Should of my Estate it shall be optionary with my son William to take the said boy Charles now and for a reasonable time until he Williams of age or to let Charles remain in the General stock till that Period

I Will the my tract of land & so acres Part of the Robertson being as before mentioned for the faithful performance of this my last Will I hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary Executors jointly with my brother Pleasant Anne executor to fulfill the intentions of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof

all Deal, This twentieth day of August in the year of Our
Lord, One thousand eight hundred and ninety five.
Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us the subscribing witnesses
Richmond Va. Joseph Deal

Alexander McCall

James Wilson

Smith Webb

Seneca White. State of Tennessee

Summit County Court November Term 1820

In case will said Decretment of Richmond to ~~James~~ ^{John} ~~James~~ was
admitted in Open Court for probate and was duly, good & agreeable
law by the oath of Reuben White one of the subscribing witnesses
into and ordered to be recorded ^{and thereupon Pleasant}
gave one of the Executors named in said Will appeared
Court and entered into bond with Rachel W. Rogers and
Andrew Blythe his securities in the sum of Twenty Thousand
dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the oath
of Executor prescribed by law. ^{H. A.} Attest Test.

W. A. Doughlass Off said Court

In the name of God Amen. I Moses Jones of the County of Sumner
State of Tennessee, being in good health and of perfect
mind and considering the Certainty of Death and the uncertainty
of life do make this my last Will and Testament in the
following manner to wit: I Will and bequeath after the
payment of my just debts, all my Estate both real and personal to
my beloved Wife Priscilla I do hereby constitute John Taylor Esquire
this my last Will and Testament, here by revoking all former
Wills. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

This 22nd day of September 1824.

Signed sealed and Delivered in

The Presence of:

Wm. A. A. A. A.

Thomas Hunt State of Tennessee

The last Will and Testament of Abner Jones, Decd. was exhibited in Court and duly proved agreeable to law by The oath of William Hadley One of the subscribing witnesses thereto and Andrew Hunt the other subscribing witnesses thereto, having removed without the limits of this State, the Court permit his handwriting to be proved which is done by William Hadley & James John Omer the Executors there in named appeared in Court and together with Simon Hunt and William M. Elmore his securities entered into and acknowledge this bond to the Governor in the form of Five Hundred Dollars conditioned as the Law directs and took the oath of Executor prescribed by Law. Abner Jones

In the name of God Amen. I Jesse Johnson of the County of DeKalb and
 State of Tennessee being in perfect health sound in mind and memory
 thank be to Almighty God for the same do make and ordain this to be
 my last Will and Testament, and as touching my worldly Estate
 which with it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I will and bequeath
 it in the manner and form here in after named To wit:

hereafter mentioned at the time of his death

I will assign to my daughter Elizabeth P. 1000

and then his ^{1st} assignment - equate Roberts Pure Dutton to him

I will also bequeath my daughter Sally Johnson Three hundred & Annual to be

and Sarah also one feather bed & a few more to her, her kind ones.

Adm. C.

A will and bequest to my daughter Mary Truly Gino Ducland

I will and transmit to you with the \$2.00

Comwell to him, his wife and 1

I will and bequeath to my Daughter, Phyllis Bliss

regrets Judy and Bill to her, her heirs and assigns forever

I will thus bequest to my Daughter Rebecca Blakmore one negro woman

and her child from and their increase from this day and

...a negro man (small) has, her kind and assigns for ever.

atch to him his love and

It is my Will and desire that all my trial and labors

joining the town of Cairo led by Dr. E. B. Smith. P. 18

and Nelson Sur^{rs} late of this County, also three reines & the

Caria, and join together with the balance of Mr. Estate and

which was heretofore disposed of in the foregoing Legacies be sold at the

and description of my accounts for the purpose of paying all just
demand against me - 1. 4

will and beguile to Mr. Gov. Mr. T. V. L.

bediah, Gaines, Fitch, my wife and 200. Exp. 1. 14.

Last Will and testament. And I do hereby, Disavow, revoke & disannul all
 other Wills Legacies & bequests by me made in any other way or ways
 withstanding & Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & testament
 In witness whereof I have signed the same and affixed my seal. This Twelfth
 day of April in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Twenty four
 Signed, Sealed, Pronounced and
 Declared in presence of us  Frederick Johnson (Seal)
 of Michigan.

L. Mischke

State of Tennessee

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The last Will and Testament of free John Bonded was exhibited in Court and duly proved agreeable To and by the Court of Sessions Winchester ^{2d} Wm. A. Hatch subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded, and therefore William Johnson one of the Executors named therein appeared in Court, and with Mrs. Reed Thomas Hale ^{2d} Wm. Cargill his securities entered into ^{2d} acknowledge this Oath to the Governor in the sum of Ten Thousand dollars Conditioned as to the law direct ^{2d} that the said of Executor be recorded by law.

A Copy Test.
J. H. Douglas, Clerk of the Court.

A. Cooper, Secy

at of execution proceeded by law
 A. M. Douglas, Clerk of the Court

In the name of God Amen: I William Braseel of the County and State of Tennessee being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory Considering the Uncertainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when I will be called to settle my worldly affairs I hereby being the better prepared to leave this world when I shall please God to cause one's heirs do these fore make I do Publish this my last Will and Testament in name and form following That is to say First I do hereby Legally Commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and after my debts be paid and charges are paid I devise I bequeath as follows It is my Will I desire That my beloved wife Margaret shall hold and possess the tract of land where we now live with all the improvements thereunto belonging with all the house hold and kitchen furniture also all my stock except those that may hereafter be sold during her natural life It is also my Will That at the decease of my wife Margaret Braseel that the property that she may die seized of may be equally divided between the heirs of Julia Edwards my eldest daughter and Polly Braseel the daughter of Margaret Braseel except the lands which land after the decease of my said wife I give I bequeath to my son William Braseel It is also my Will that the proceeds of the Duck River land supposed to be about one hundred and thirty five dollars shall be equally divided between my two sons Benjamin Braseel and Wiley Braseel It is my Will Henry C. Braseel shall have a small brown horse now in his possession and my rifle gun also I give my son Wiley Braseel and when he becomes twenty one hundred to be furnished with a horse with saddle to be worth fifty dollars It is also my Will I desire that my executor hereafter named be requested to sell such part of the stock as can be best sold and out of the proceeds thereof to purchase for the use of the farm a good Churn of a more worth forty dollars I also it is my Will I desire that all my crop on hand be kept for the use of the family except those should become overplush which ought not be wanted and further more and lost by the committee I appoint

Thomas Wilson my Assistant ^{and} my beloved wife Margaret Brasel my executrix
of this my last Will ^{and} Testament revoking ^{and} annulling all former Wills
by me heretofore made, ratifying ^{and} confirming this ^{and} none other to be my
last Will ^{and} Testament, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
^{and} affixed my seal. This second day of February in the year of Our Lord
One thousand Eight Hundred ^{and} Ninety six. Signed, Sealed, Published
^{and} declared by William Brasel the above named Testator as ^{and} for
his last Will ^{and} Testament, In the presence of us who at his request
in his presence ^{and} in the presence of each other have subscribed
our names as witnesses. Thus testifies

~~James Longless~~

Hugh A. Mithun

Dolly T. Went

Mr. Wm. L. + Grandchild

Mark

State of Tennessee

Summer County Court May Term 1826

At a Court sitting according to be the last will of ^{the} Testator of
William Caswell died was exhibited in Court for Probate ^{and} it was duly
proved by the oath of James Douglas ^{and} Hugh A Withers subscribing wit-
nesses thereto ^{and} ordered to be recorded ^{and} thereupon Thomas Milled
Margaret Caswell the Executor ^{and} Heirs being named in said will appear-
ed in Court ^{and} together with Jane Hallie ^{and} James Douglas their exec-
utive entered into ^{and} acknowledged their bond to the Governor in
the sum of Sixteen Hundred dollars Law defined as the law
directed ^{and} took the of Executor prescribed by Law.

Alamy Trust

A. H. Douglas (Bookkeeper)

In the name of God Amen I Jarret Darnal being in perfect
possession of perfect mind ^{and memory} but feeling 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 in writing. First I give ^{and} be-
recommend my soul to God who give it ^{and} my body I recommend
to the dust to be buried in decent Christian burial at the
discretion of my Executors ^{and} as to my worldly estate I give ^{and}
divide in the following manner. First I give ^{and} bequeath to
my son John Darnal my negroes, George, Kate, Bob, Eliza, and
Harriet, Nancy ^{and} Mary, ^{and} one half of my house hold & kitchen
furniture my stock of horses, cattle, hogs ^{and} sheep my wearing
apparel but that not to be sold ^{and} one half my land I give ^{and}
bequest to my son William Darnal my negroes, Levin, Anna,
Sally, ^{and} Anne ^{and} one half my household & kitchen furniture my
stock of horses, cattle, hogs ^{and} sheep ^{and} wearing apparel ^{and} one half
my land also my remainings ^{and} in property of every description
not herein named to be equally divided between the said John ^{and}
William Darnal after paying my just debts ^{and} settling
other legacies herein after named, I give ^{and} bequeath to my
grandson Francis Darnal one hundred dollars, I also give
unto Sally, Andy, a decent maintenance by my son John ^{and} my
William Darnal, out of the property given them, I also nominate
^{and} appoint my son John Darnal my sole Executor to this my last Will
^{and} Testament. Next, disavowing ^{and} disavowing any former Will
or Wills by me made. In Testimony where of I have hereunto set my
hand ^{and} affixed my seal this 30th day of Feb 1825

J. B.

My Will I desire is that the balance of our negroes undistributed of shall be in the power of my Executors to dispose of as they may think most advisable for the interest of the estate.

My desire is that the Court shall not require any security from my Executors to my heirs, but that my heirs be as an Executor to the Court.

Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of July 1826.

Signed sealed and Delivered in the presence of

J. D. Blackamore

Nelson Cage

J. A. Patterson

J. A. Green

The last Will & Testament of James Winchester Dead was exhibited in Court for probate and duly proved according to law by the oath of Nelson Cage & J. A. Green two of the subscribing witnesses & shewn to be correct.

A. A. Douglas Clerk of said Court.

In the name of God Amen: I, John Tatum of Sumner County, State of Tennessee, being weak of body but of sound mind & memory do make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following to wit: First: I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Tatum all the beds & bed furniture I possess, also one looking glass one trunk and some boxes & all the apparel they contain, one spinning wheel, one pair of Cotton Cards, all the cupboard ware, one Curn of flat iron, one iron & lid, one pair of pot hooks, one half dozen chairs one clay & harness, all the spinning stuffs, all the Cooper ware, also all the ironware on the place, bacon, bird stuffs, all the cotton now growing, & as much of the crop as she may need while she stays on the place, also one bundle three new walk linen, my Will I desire is that my said be sold to the best advantage by my Executors on a credit of one year & six months. Payment well secured by bond & approved security the balance of my estate not otherwise disposed of to be sold on a credit of three months & that my Executors pay all my just debts out of estate after said & further my Will I desire is that my beloved wife be furnished by my Executors occasionally with money sufficient to enable her to pay for educating my children (viz) William Barnett, Alfred Carroll, & Alton Morrison. Second reading writing, & arithmetic, & my daughter Eliza Ann Tatum to read and write well only, more over that my Executors, hereinafter mentioned out of the funds of my estate supply my wife Mary Tatum with money to purchase & children suits & shoes, the balance of the proceeds of my estate should any remain to be divided equally among the aforesaid children & further more my Will I desire is that my Executors after my death come and at the age of fifteen years that they in that case my Executors to put my said & most healthy & strongest of the three to some good humane man for the term of seven years to learn the farming trade & my other one to learn the oddlers trade my Will is that my wife make use of my clothing for the use of my children. I hereby appoint John Tatum, William Barnett, Alfred Carroll, & Alton Morrison my Executors to

This my last Will & Testament being by revoking all former Wills by me made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal.

This 20th day of July 1826.

Signed sealed & Delivered by John Tatum as his last Will & Testament in presence of us the subscribing witnesses

J. A. Green

J. A. Patterson

J. A. Green

The last Will & Testament of John Tatum Dead was exhibited in open Court for probate & was duly proved according to law by the oath of J. A. Green and William Barnett subscribing witnesses & shewn to be correct & according to the laws of the State of Tennessee and the Executors named therein appeared in Court & together with Robert Brown & Jacob Brown their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond to the Court in the sum of four hundred & fifty dollars conditioned as the law directs & took the oath of Executors provided by law.

A. A. Douglas Clerk.

In the name of God Amen: I, James Brown of the County of Sumner State of Tennessee, being sick of body but of sound mind & memory do make and publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following to wit: First: I give & bequeath unto my dear & beloved wife Margaret Brown my land and household furniture during her life the land and appurtenances will belong to my son Samuel Brown at her decease agreeable to a deed I shall execute to him this day & also give her the whole of my estate & personal effects & my Will I desire is that at the death of my wife that my daughter Eliza Brown have one hundred & fifty dollars & raised out of the property I leave my wife, if she live longer than her mother also my Will I desire is that if Eliza Brown live with my son Samuel Brown until he is twenty one years of age, he shall have a horse saddle & bridle, worth one hundred dollars & three months schooling, & a good hat & good suit of clothes.

- Item: I give to my son John Brown one dollar together with the property I have here to fore put in his possession.
- Item: I give to my daughter Margaret Alexander one dollar together with the property here to fore put in her possession.
- Item: I give to my daughter Mary one dollar together with the property I have here to fore put in her possession.
- Item: I give to my daughter Jane Norton one dollar together with the property I have here to fore put in her possession.
- Item: I give to my daughter Rebecca Norton one dollar together with the property I have here to fore put in her possession.
- Item: I give to my daughter Catherine Norton one dollar together with the property I have here to fore put in her possession.
- Item: I give to my son Samuel Brown one dollar together with the property I have here to fore put in his possession.
- Lastly: I nominate & appoint my dear & beloved wife Margaret Brown my son Samuel Brown sole Executors of this my last Will revoking all others by me heretofore made. In testimony whereof I have hereunto

set my hand & seal. This fifteenth day of May. One Thousand Eight Hundred & Ninety six. Signed and published, pronounced, delivered by the said James Brown to be his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who in his presence in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

J. Neal

Michael Hallaway

James Brown (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court

August Term 1826

A proper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of James Brown deceased was exhibited in open Court for probate & was duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of Brooks Neal & Michael Hallaway subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

A Copy Test

A. McDouglas Clerk

State of Tennessee, Sumner County Court August Term 1826

The last Will & Testament of Jacob Larnal deceased was exhibited in open Court for probate & duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of David H. Parrish one of the undersigned witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

A Copy Test

A. McDouglas Clerk

In the name of God Amen: I Joseph M. Bullus Merchant of the Town of Gallatin Sumner County State of Tennessee being fully impressed with a sense of the uncertainty of life, do hereby declare this to be my last Will & Testament. My mother Elizabeth Bullus had a Note against me for \$500. not interest (I presume for more than two years) this debt I wish first settled or secured to her & after paying the balance of my just & honest debts, the balance of the property remaining to be equally divided between my wife & children now born, or that she may have so my wife. I further Will that the store I am now carrying on in Gallatin be continued (if possible) by my friend Mr Edward Stratton under the firm of E. Stratton & Co. The Capital now invested, after paying my said debts, to be at his disposal for the benefit of the new firm, he giving the executors sufficient security for the faithful performance of his duties & safety of the funds upon which conditions I will that he may have one third of the profits arising from said store & my beloved wife Sarah & Bullus to receive the balance of the profits should Mr Stratton accede to this proposition, a partnership must be established for at least three years the establishment of this Partnership must depend upon the Will of my wife whether or not she is willing to enter into it, if not the estate may be wound up immediately, I appoint my friends Alfred H. Douglas & Robert M. Ayres to be the executors to this my last Will & Testament.

Given under my hand & seal, this 18th September A.D. 1825.

Test

Test

Edw. Stratton R. M. Ayres

Joseph M. Bullus (Seal)

Testified to my Will as above:

I Will that the furniture of stock on hand (except negroes) & all the household furniture remain the exclusive property of my wife Sarah, exclusive in the event of her marrying again at which time it must be divided between her & the children.

Witness to Ordinal

Joseph M. Bullus

Edw. Stratton

R. M. Ayres

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1826

The last Will & Testament of Joseph M. Bullus deceased was exhibited in Court for probate & duly proved according to law by the oath of N. D. Noddy, Edward Stratton & Robert M. Ayres subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. Thomas Ayres Robert M. Ayres & Alfred H. Douglas the executors here in named appeared in Court together with Elijah Gordin & Isaac Gage & all these their executors entered into & acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the sum of Twenty Five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs & took the oath of Executors prescribed by Law. A Copy Test

A. McDouglas Clerk of said Court

The last Will & Testament of N. Pittman. Knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die & being at this time very near the end of my life, but of a sound mind & disposing memory make & declare this my last Will as follows:

1st

It is my Will that all my just debts shall be paid & in order that my Administration may be enabled to discharge them it is my Will that the plantation on which I now live, which I purchased from the executors of James Stewart be sold by my Administration either privately or publicly, at his discretion or as he may think best for the interest of my children & my Administration can sell the Will with two acres of land on which it stands the two acres of land to run South & West, or sell it to be removed off or sell it with the plantation as he may deem most advisable.

Item 2^d

I do hereby bequeath to my daughter Betty Moore, Noddy, & her increase

Item 3^d

I do hereby bequeath to my son John B. Pittman a negro boy by the name of

Item 4th

I do hereby bequeath to my son Hutchins China Pittman, a negro boy

Item 5th

by the name of John, which he is to receive when he becomes of age

Item 6th

The heirs of said John is to go to the one part of my minor children with him until he is of age

Item 7th

I do hereby bequeath to my son William F. Pittman a negro boy by

Item 8th

the name of Anthony, which he is to receive when he becomes of

Item 9th

age the heirs of said boy Anthony is to go to the support of my

Item 10th

minor children with him until he is of age

Item 11th

I do hereby bequeath to my four younger children, Mary Jane Pittman,

Item 12th

James Fountain Pittman, Martha A. Pittman & Sarah Susannah Pittman

Item 13th

all the accretions of my property both real & personal which is not before

Item 14th

bequeathed when either of my last named children shall marry, or become of

Item 15th

age the negroes are to be valued by disinterested men & said child is to

Item 16th

receive the one fourth of the value of said last bequeathed property if

Item 17th

either of the last named children should die before they come of age or

Item 18th

marry in that case it is my wish their share of the last

bequeathed property, should be divided between the three remaining. As my sister Hannah Jones wife of Sullivan Jones of Alabama has been very desirous to take my daughter B. Pittman I adopt her as her own child. Now in case Mrs Jones does take Martha B. Pittman I give her property equal to the value of the last bequeathed property where it is divided into three lots then in the case of my daughter Martha B. Pittman is not to receive any of my last bequeathed property, but is to have that which she is to receive from the said Jones in view then of if it be of value equal to that which my other three children last named may have received from my estate, but in case Martha B. Pittman does not receive as much property from her Aunt or Uncle Jones as will be in value equal to that my three last named children has received from me then in that case Martha B. Pittman's property with what she may have received from her Aunt Jones is to be made equal out of my last bequeathed estate with the other three last named children.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal.

This 26th September 1826. It is further my will be taken to Sumner County & be administered on there. It is further my wish that my friend William Glover & my son John B. Pittman be appointed my Administrators.

Signed in the presence of
John Allen
J. B. Blythe
J. M. Mitchell

William Pittman Seal

State of Tennessee
Sumner County

The last Will & Testament of William Pittman deceased was exhibited in open Court for probate and was duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of John Allen & Saml K. Blythe subscribing witnesses thereof & ordered to be recorded & then upon William Glover one of the Executors therein named appeared in Court & together with Joel Parrish & Joseph Rabb his securities entered into a Acknowledgment their bond to the Governor in the sum of Six Thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs & took the oath of Executor prescribed by law. John B. Pittman the other Executor named in said Will appeared in open Court & refused to serve as such & announced.

A Copy Test.

Alfred A. Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee Sumner County

In the name of God Amen. I John Pelote being, aged in body, but in a perfect state of mind & of sound mind & memory, do hereby make the last will & testament of my body, & knowing that all men have once to die & therefore make this my last Will in the manner & form as follows:

First of all, I give my soul to God who gave it me. It is my Will and desire that my just debts be paid of which there are but few. I give & bequeath my beloved Wife Patsy Pelote all the plantation whereon I now live, during her widowhood for the raising & schooling & clothing & boarding of my children until she should marry then & in that case, then I give her the one third of the before plantation. It is also my will and desire that my wife have all my

Item

Item

negroes for the support of my children until they arrive at lawful age, at which time I will that as they come of age they draw a share part of the negroes and all the balance of personal property and money.

I also give to my wife all my stock of horses, hogs, cows & sheep except my stud. Also to one rope of yarn which I wish my Executors hereafter manufactured to sell for the benefit of my wife & children, also I give to my wife all my household & kitchen furniture of all kinds, and I will that my children arrive at lawful age when I wish them to draw an equal share out of the above.

All my farming stock of my land to my wife. I also hereby ordain & appoint my true & lawful friends William Cage & John L. Sherry my lawful Executors of this my last Will, and I give all other Will or Wills by me made in witness whereunto I have hereunto set my hand & offered my seal. This 26th day of August 1826.

Witness present:

John Pelote Seal
Joseph Apperson
John Apperson



State of Tennessee
Sumner County

The last Will & Testament of John Pelote was exhibited in Court for probate & duly proved to the satisfaction of Joseph Apperson & John Apperson subscribing witnesses thereof & ordered to be recorded. Then upon William Cage & John L. Sherry, the Executors therein named appeared in Court & entered into bond with Josias C. Douglas & Joseph C. Smith their securities in the sum of Thirty Thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs and took the oath of Executors prescribed by Law.

A Copy Test.

Alfred A. Douglass Clerk of Court

State of Tennessee In the name of God Amen:

Sumner County I, Anthony B. Reed of Sumner County, State of Tennessee, being in law state of health but of sound mind & memory, thank be to God for all his mercies, do make & ordain, this my last Will and Testament as follows: I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Henrietta Reed, my following negroes named, William, Sarah, Betty and Peter also of my first choice of my stock of horses & one first choice of my cows with all my household property & kitchen furniture to her & her heirs forever. I will that all my stock & other property not named in the first item of this Will be sold on such credits as my Executors may think proper & comply the proceeds thereof together with all my Book Accounts to the payment of my debts & other necessary expeditures. If there should be any money left after all my business is settled, I wish my wife to have it. I hereby appoint my worthy friend Robert A. Sharp my Executor to this my last Will & Testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & offered my seal. This Fifth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty six.

Witnesses
William D. Sharp
Dudley Adams

State of Tennessee
Sumner County

The last Will & Testament of Anthony B. Reed was exhibited in open Court for probate & was duly proved agreeable to Law by

the oath of David, Adams, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded & thereupon Robert A. Sanford the Executor named therein appeared in Court & together with James H. Bates & Humphrey Bates his securities signed and acknowledged their bond to the Governor in Court of Five Thousand dollars Conditional as the law directs and took the oath of Execution prescribed by Law. A Copy Test
A. A. Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee In the name of God Amen:
Sumner County, I Coleman Parker of the County of Sumner
State of Tennessee being in low state of health but of sound mind & memory, do hereby make this my last Will & Testament in the following manner: First, I solemnly wish to the effect that give it evidence not doubting in the least but he is able to perform it in my or manner which is most agreeable to his Christian will I desire that my body may be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named as touching my worldly fortune as it hath pleased God to bless me within this life I will devise & dispose of in the following manner: First, In the first place I will that all my just debts be paid and funeral expenses paid, Next, I will my beloved wife Molly Parker do have possession of my land left to me by my father die at my mother's death & all my personal property during her natural life & at her death to pass to my son Thomas J. Parker & lastly I constitute my beloved wife Molly Parker as executrix of this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 9th day of August 1826, in the presence of William Hays Esq Edmund Bryant Coleman Parker Seal

State of Tennessee Sumner County Court November Term 1826
The last Will & Testament of Coleman Parker dec'd was exhibited in open Court for probate & duly proved by the oath of William Hays Esq Edmund Bryant subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & thereupon Nelly Parker the executrix therein named appeared in Court & together with William Hays Esq & William Hays her securities entered into & acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the sum of Five Thousand dollars Conditional as the law directs & took the oath of Execution prescribed by Law.
A Copy Test
A. A. Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee In the name of God Amen:
Sumner County, I, John Hodge Junior of the County of Sumner
State of Tennessee, being weak in body but of sound mind & memory, do hereby make this my last Will & Testament in the following manner: First, I wish, I hereby constitute & appoint Meredith Hodge my sole executor of this my last Will & Testament. Secondly, I wish all my just debts paid & Thirdly, I give all my estate Real & personal after paying my debts to my beloved wife Sarah Hodge & my seven children whose names are, Daniel, John, Hodge, Samuel, Meredith Hodge & William, I, Hodge, Marquis H.

No 900, of Harriett L. Hodge, daughter of Hodge, & Elizabeth H. Hodge. In common among them all, to have, hold, possess & enjoy, the same unless my children become of age to act for themselves, then for each one to receive their part as they come of age having, due regard to an equal division among my wife & children. I hereby revoke all former Wills by me made to the first of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty six, and signed sealed published & delivered by the above named John Hodge & thereunto this instrument in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of the Testator
John Hodge
Edward J. Hodge
William M. Rushbrooke

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court November Term 1826
The last Will & Testament of John Hodge dec'd was exhibited in Court for probate & duly proved by the oath of John Hodge Esq Edward Hodge subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Meredith Hodge the Executor named therein appeared in Court & together with John Hodge Esq Samuel Cookman his securities entered into & acknowledged their bond to the Governor in the sum of Five Thousand dollars Conditional as the law directs & took the oath of Execution prescribed by Law & the same time returned into Court an Inventory of said decedents Estate which is ordered to be recorded.
A Copy Test
A. A. Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee In the name of God Amen:
Sumner County, I, William Hest of the County of Sumner
State of Tennessee, being at this time in sound mind & memory, and understanding, do hereby make this my last Will & Testament. First, I order that my just debts be paid after which, that my wife Lydia Hest have the whole of my estate including, Lands, Negroes, Stock, Crops and outstanding debts & every description of property both real & personal during her life time that she have the absolute and unconditional right to dispose of as she pleases, the lands which I derived from her father's estate. My wife is authorized to dispose of any part of my depreciable property, negroes excepted & if she thinks it necessary to sell a part of my negro property for the discharge of my just debts, she is in such case authorized to make sale of such part as is necessary for said purpose. I order that at the death of my wife that she have the absolute right of disposal of the one half of my negro property, the balance to be disposed as follows viz. First, I wish that my sister Cynthia Allison at the death of my wife have one third part of my negro property according to the valuation & secondly, that my brother Michael Hest have the other two thirds. Sale price at the death of my wife that my brother Cyrus Hest have the tract of land & plantation on which I now live including, Mills & water race & other property & every other thing appertaining thereto, Lastly I will that my sister Polly Hest in full and sole I bequeath her as much a sum not for want of brother's