

the oath of Dally Adams, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded thereupon Robert H. Stanford the Esquire to whom thereon appeared in Court & together with James H. Date & Humphrey Date his securities entered into & acknowledged their bond to the Governor in sum of Five Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the oath of Executor prescribed by Law. A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee In the Name of God Amen:  
Sumner County & I, Calman Parden of the County of Sumner &  
State of Tennessee living in low State of health but of sound mind  
of memory, & judgment, doth be to God for his merciful gifts done  
to me the my last Will & Testament in the following manner: First,  
I command my soul to the god that giveth it existence not doubting in the  
last but he is able to preserve it in any way or manner which is most  
agreeable to his service will desire that my body may be buried in  
a decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named  
and as touching my worldly fortune as it hath pleased God to bless me  
within this life I Will & Direct & Dispose of in the following manner & as  
In the first place I Will & Direct that all my just debts be paid & funeral expen-  
ses paid, Next, I Will my beloved wife Mallie Parker do have possession of my  
land left to me by my father deceased at my mother's death of all my personal property  
during her natural life & at her death to fall to my son Thomas J. Parker &  
lastly I constitute my beloved wife Mallie Parker as Executrix of this my  
last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed  
my seal. This 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 1826, in the presence of William H. East  
William H. East  
Edmund Bryant

Calman Parden Seal

State of Tennessee Sumner County Court November Term 1826  
The last Will & Testament of Calman Parker Esq. was  
substituted in open Court for probate & duly proved by the oath of William  
H. East Edmund Bryant subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to  
be recorded & thereupon Nelly Parker the executrix therein named  
appeared in Court & together with William Mathes and William H. East  
his securities entered into & acknowledged their bond to the  
Governor in the sum of Five Thousand dollars conditioned as the  
law directs & took the oath of Executor prescribed by law.  
A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee In the Name of God Amen:  
Sumner County & I, Isham Hodges junior of the County of  
Sumner & State of Tennessee, being weak in body but of sound mind &  
memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same do make & publish this  
my last Will & Testament on manner & form following this is to  
say, First, I hereby constitute & appoint Meredith Hodges 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 Hodges & my  
seven children whose names are, Daniel, Atchis Hodges &  
Samuel, Methodist Hodges & Millicay L. Hodges, Marques A.

Hodges, Mrs Harriett L. Hodges, their son P. Hodges, & Clericus Hodges  
in common among them all, A slave held persons & slaves, the slaves and all my  
children slaves of age & to act for themselves, therefore 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 mode  
in witness whereof I subscribe set my hand & Seal. The first day of  
September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & one, Day  
Isham Hodges Seal

Signed Seal published &订阅 by the above named Isham Hodges  
this last will & testament in the presence of us who have hereunto  
subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of the testator  
John Hodges

Ronald T. Hodges State of Tennessee  
William H. Bushwick Sumner County Court November Term 1826  
The last Will & Testament of Isham Hodges Esq.  
was exhibited in Court for probate & duly proved by the oath of John  
Hodges & Ronald Hodges subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be  
recorded. Whereupon Meredith Hodges the Executor thereto named  
appeared in Court & together with Isham Hodges & Samuel Cockran  
his securities entered into & acknowledged their bond to the Governor  
in the sum of One Hundred Dollars conditioned as the law  
directs & took the oath of Executor prescribed by law.  
The same time returned unto Court an Inventory of said  
decedent's Estate which is ordered to be recorded.  
A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee In the Name of God Amen:  
Sumner County & I, William H. East of the County of Sumner &  
State of Tennessee, being at this time in sound memory, and  
understanding, do make this my last Will & Testament. First, I  
order that my just debts be paid after which, that my wife Lydia G.  
Hodges have the whole of my estate, including, Lands, negroes,  
Stock, tools, out standing debts & every description of property  
both real & personal during her life time that she have the absolute  
use & enjoyment of as she pleases, the lands  
which I derive from my father estate. My wife is authorized to dispose  
of my part of my decesable property, negroes excepted & if she needs  
find it necessary to sell a part of my negro property for the dis-  
charge of my just debts, she is in such case authorized to  
make a sale of such part as 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 of as follows viz. First, I will 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 East have the  
other two thirds. Likewise at the death of my wife that my brother  
Cyrus East have the tract of land & plantation on which I now  
live including Mill & Cotton Gin, house, barn, property & every other thing  
pertaining thereto. Lastly, I will that my sister Polly Lander sell  
One dollar & I request her so done a sum not to exceed of brother

long & quiet, but on account of the will of my brother Samuel Hart, I provide also for the decent maintenance usage of Common English Education while given to William H. Goodall & the sum of One Hundred Dollars out of my estate.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal  
This 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of October in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Six in the presence of these witnesses  
William H. Sarge William Hart Seal

William H. Alexander

J. Donohoe State of Tennessee

John Braaten Summer County Court Term 1826

The last Will & Testament of William H. Hart  
Court recd was exhibited in Court for probate and duly proved  
according to law by the oath of J. Donohoe one of the subscribing  
witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded there being no Executor  
named in said last Will it is ordered by the Court that Lucy &  
Hart, Solomon Donohoe & Cyrus Bent be appointed Administrators & Administratrix with the full amount of the Estate of  
the said William Hart decd. That upon the said Lucy, Hart, Solomon  
Donohoe & Cyrus Bent with William Landreth & J. Jones  
Walton their securities entered into & acknowledged this day  
to the Governor the sum of Three Thousand Dollars conditioned  
as the law directs & took the oath of Executor prescribed by Law  
A Copy Recd. A. Douglass Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen, I, William Haynie of the  
County of Sumner & State of Tennessee, being weak in body  
but perfectly sound in mind and memory and knowing the  
certainty of living and the certainty of death do hereby make  
and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner and  
form following, to wit:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret H. Haynie my  
Negro woman Jenny and her increase and my Negro girl  
Gunda two pieces of furniture & Chest, one Trunk, one stool  
more and a Court and a woman saddle and bridle.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Elizabeth Haynie my  
Negro man Reuben & one set of furniture and the rest of all that my  
Executor shall sell said negro man Reuben on a credit of twelve  
months & the money arising from the sale of said negro, &  
allow to be paid to interest Leslie my said daughter annoe to  
larger age, & then the principal & interest of said money shall be given her.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> In my Will that all the Property that I have hitherto given to my  
wife & daughter, shall be valued by those respectfull men and  
all the balance of my property of every description whatever  
shall be sold by my Executor on a credit of twelve  
months & the money arising from the sale thereof after all my  
first debts are paid, & allow to be divided between my wife  
& daughter in such proportion as to make each of them  
shares equal when it is added to the amount of the valuation  
of the property left to them by me as heretofore named

Item 4<sup>th</sup>

It is my will that if my daughter Mary Elizabeth should die before she arrives  
to plenful age that all the property that I have willed to her shall bequeath to  
her mother Margaret H. Haynie, except the said Mary Elizabeth, shall marry  
and have herself of her own body and then in that case, shall her property  
be bequeathed to her husband & surely appoint my father Jesse Haynie Executor  
to this my last Will & Testament & surely revoking all former will or  
wills by me made. In witness whereof I have executed at this  
place this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1826  
Signed sealed and acknowledged

William Haynie Seal

State of Tennessee

James Haynie Summer County Court Term 1826

A copy writing purporting to be the last Will  
and Testament of William Haynie decd was exhibited in Court recd  
appearing that the Subscribing witnesses there being absent from  
the Court it is therefore ordered by the Court that the handwriting of  
the testator may be proven which is done by the oath of James  
Harrison & Jesse Haynie Junr who each made oath that they  
were well acquainted with the handwriting of said decedent and  
that the signature to said copy is in the said handwriting of  
the said William Haynie and therefore Jesse Haynie the Executor  
named in said last Will appeared in Court recd together with  
James Harrison & Jesse Haynie Jr his securities entered  
into Court & acknowledged their test to the Governor in the sum  
of Two Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs & took the  
oath of Executor prescribed by law & at the same time  
returned into Court an inventory of said decedent which  
is ordered to be recorded. A. Douglass, Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee

In the name of God Amen, I,  
William Haynie of the County of Sumner  
State of Tennessee, being in a weak & low station of body  
but in my perfect mind & memory, knowing that it is appointed  
for mankind to commit my soul into the hands of God & my  
body to be buried at the discretion of my friends And as  
touching the Property which God has blessed me with in  
this world I do dispose of in the following manner vizt  
Kenny Dugay my beloved wife is to be put in free & full Possession of the  
Plantation whereupon I now live together with all the Goods & Chattels  
& now possess for her own use & for the benefit & necessarie Ex-  
penditure of my surviving family until each of them comes  
to come of age. State that if my wife should marry then  
the plantation is to be in the care of Jacob Bohun and  
John L. Doss or from Jordan to be the sole Executrix of my Estate  
from to put it from year to year to the best advantage until  
the time comes of age, at which time the land is to be equally  
divided amongst my sons, & as touching Goods & Chattels  
that may be found in my wife's possession when she  
marries, it is to be sold according to the law & the money  
arising therefrom to be equally divided amongst my girls

when they come of age, & I do hereby revoke all other former Wills & Testaments, & do ordain this to be my last Will & Testament.

Given under my hand & seal, the day & date above written in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

Attest:

William Dugay Esq<sup>r</sup>

Jonathan Williams State of Tennessee  
James Malins Sumner County The last  
Will and Testament of William Dugay as witness in Court for Probate, & was duly proved agreeable to law  
by the oath of Jonathan Williams, one of the subscribing  
witnesses thereto, & ordered to be recorded. This day of Joshua  
Dugay, one of the Executors thereon named appears in  
Court, and together with Elizab<sup>t</sup> Butcher & Donald Robetson  
his securities entered into & acknowledged their bond  
to the Governor, in the sum of One Hundred and Fifty  
Dollars, conditioned as the law directs, & took the Oath  
of Executor prescribed by Law. Jacob Peacock the  
other Executor therein named, having refused to  
qualify & renounce as such. A. C. S. J. S.  
A. N. Dugay his Chm<sup>r</sup> of Ct

In the name of God Amer<sup>r</sup> I Stephen Cantrell of the County of  
Sumner & State of Tennessee of sound mind & memory desired to make

This my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following to wit:

I give & bequeath to my wife Mary Cantrell during her natural life the use  
of my house hold & Kitchen furniture except such as shall remain after giving  
my name with the use & interest of one half of my home plantation with the  
dwelling house & other necessary buildings to be used at the discretion of my Executors namely,  
Stephen Cantrell Jr., William Cantrell, William Edwards, son of Nathan  
Edwards, & yeoman Cantrell, also giving her the use of eight negroes to wait  
upon her, & her wife & by her daughter Dennis, Jack, Tom, & Eas<sup>r</sup> also  
Nelly, & her child Frauncy also two work horses & a certain black mare known to be  
her riding creature ten Comod calves one or cast & a very large furniture  
with farming utensils necessary to carry on the plantation two yokes of  
oxen two Sons & pigs, one dozen sheep two beef steers also an equal proportion with  
the other Legacies which will be particularly mentioned of other property to be  
disposed of at sale together with the notes & accounts remain to be collected  
at my decease, also the cash on hand likewise the bank stock &c &c  
the whole to be under the direction of my Executors for her & for the  
surprise aforesaid, it is tales me will that should my  
wife contrary to my expectation appear to dissipate or make an  
improper use of the property & bequeathed her that in that case  
it shall be in the power of my Executors of said to take the property  
into their possession & make of it a reserving to her a  
reasonable support during her natural life & the more  
arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided at her  
decease among the whole of the Legatees.

I give & bequeath to my son Stephen Cantrell & his heirs  
assigns forever, two certain tracts of land lying in Wilson  
County on Cumberland River each containing One Hundred & Ten  
acres, & valuable to the tracts boundaries specified in Deed  
No<sup>r</sup> 4307 & 11368 also one third part of lot No<sup>r</sup> 143 in the town

of Nashville Davidson County, also an equal proportion with my  
other Legatees of all my other property directed to be sold at my  
decease, Cash on hand, account note Bank Stock & provided  
in price no less than dollars in specie or an obligation given  
me by himself or her & together with the balance of said obligation  
if unpaid before my decease.

I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Willis wife of Caleb Willis  
her, heirs & issues of her body & assigns forever One Hundred & fifty acres  
of land part of a tract & situated to William Bowen lying on the  
North side of Cumberland River in Sumner County, adjoining  
Jewell Garrett a agreeable to the tracts boundaries of a deed of  
Transfer made by the heirs of David Hanson & adjoining a  
tract I have hitherto conveyed to the said Sarah Willis on the  
West of Main R<sup>r</sup> on the Tract I also give her a certain negro  
boy named John, also an Equal proportion with my other  
Legatees of all the other property directed to be sold at my  
decease, with the Cash or Land accounts obligations, bank  
stock &c. It is also my Will that the whole of the property so bequeathed  
to the said Sarah Willis, be kept in the possession of my said  
Executors & no part thereof to be surrendered either but on applica  
tion by her to the aforesaid Executors & should any suit in  
Law or Equity be hereafter commenced by her husband Caleb Willis  
relative to this Will, it shall then be the duty of my said Executors  
to sell the aforesaid property & the proceeds of said sale, to her  
then kept & arranged to her only on her personal application  
in case of her death to be equally divided between her  
children when they shall arrive at Lawful age.

I give & bequeath to the Children of my son the Cantrell &  
thus leave or assigns forever, a certain tract of land  
containing two hundred & sixty four acres lying on the East  
fork of Stones River on a branch of the East side of the East  
fork, commonly known by the name of Andrews branch in  
Rutherford County, Beginning at a Hickory, and ash running  
East One hundred & four & eight poles to an ash, North  
two hundred & ninety six rods to a stake, West one hundred &  
forty eight poles to a stake, South two hundred & ninety six poles  
to the beginning, also an equal proportion with the other  
Legatees of all my other property herein directed to be  
sold at my decease with the Cash on hand accounts  
obligations, Bank Stock &c the whole to be kept in the  
possession of said son for during his natural life.

I give & bequeath to my son William Cantrell his heirs  
assigns forever in addition to what I have heretofore  
divided him all that part of Hillman's tract of land that  
lies West of South of Station Camp Creek in Sumner County  
if not sold before my decease also one half of a tract the  
town of Gallatin in Sumner County, known by the Lot  
No<sup>r</sup> 9 in the North West square of said town also an  
equal proportion with the other Legatees of all my other  
property herein directed to be sold at my decease also  
the Cash on hand accounts obligations, Bank Stock &c

I give & bequeath to my son yeoman Cantrell his heirs

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assigns forever an equal division with his brother Jacob M. Gantrell of Four Hundred Sixty four acres of land in five different tracts lying on the North side of Cumberland River opposite the mouth of Oby River in Jackson County, also one third part of Lot No 73 in the Town of Nashville Davidson County, also an equal proportion with the other Legatees of all my other property lying in Davidson County, also an equal proportion with the other Legatees of all my other property, likewise directed to be sold at my decease, also Cash or Hand Accounts, Obligations, Bank Stock &c also a Cow & Calf a feather bedstead and furniture.

Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Edwards wife of William Edwards, daughter of Nathan Edwards, her heirs and assigns, forever in addition to what I have hitherto given her, the half of Lot No 7 in the North west square of the town of Gallatin Sumner County, also one equal proportion with the other Legatees of all my other property herein directed to be sold at my decease, also the Cash on hand, Accounts, Obligations, Bank Stock &c provided that the said William shall abide by a verbal agreement hereof made between the said William & myself to wit: That should the said Mary survive him the said William & she should be no issue, that he the said William shall surrender the whole of the of my aforesaid property &c to her bequeath to the said Will & otherwise. It is further my will that the said William keep in his possession a certain tract of land in the Forks of State Camp on which he first settled viz. he is fully satisfied from the rents thereof for the labour & expenses he was at in improving said place I give and bequeath to my son Kirby M. Gantrell his heirs & assigns forever an equal division with his brother Nathan Gantrell of Four Hundred & seventy four acres of land in five different tracts lying on the North side of Cumberland River opposite the mouth of Oby River in Jackson County, also one third part of Lot No 73 in the Town of Nashville Davidson County, also an equal proportion of all the other property with the other Legatees herein directed to be sold at my decease, also Cash on hand, Accounts, Obligations, Bank Stock &c also one Cow & Calf a feather bed, bedsted, & furniture.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son James Madison Monroe Gantrell his heirs & assigns forever from hundred & eleven acres of land more or less, lying in Rutherford County on Stewarts Creek being the balance of a preterm of a six hundred & forty acre tract granted me by the State of North Carolina, being the plan whereto my son the now lives, also a certain negro boy named Tommy, one cow & Calf, one feather bed and other furniture with an equal proportion with the other Legatees of the property herein directed to be sold at my decease Cash on hand, Accounts, Obligations, Bank Stock &c.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son George Clinton Jefferson Gantrell his heirs and assigns forever the one half of the same plantation of Madison Creek Sumner County containing by estimation one hundred & six acres to be sold at my decease the said half to be cut out for the use of him the said George & at the decease of his mother the other half of

the said plantation or tract of land, also a certain negro boy named Jerry one feather bed, bedsted & furniture, one young horse one Cow & Calf also an equal proportion of the other property with the other Legatees, likewise directed to be sold at my decease Accounts, obligations, Cash on hand, Bank Stock, &c. It shall moreover be the duty of my said Executors to keep in their possession the property abovesaid given & bequeath to my two sons James Madison Monroe Gantrell & George Clinton Jefferson Gantrell still the aforesaid James & George, shall arrive at lawful age. His marriage my wife shall bequeath all my other property both real & personal not herein before particularly specified shall at my decease be exposed to public sale by my said Executors at a credit of twelve months, the purchaser giving bonds with approved security.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal This fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty Three the Forty Eighth year of American Independence

Signed sealed & acknowledged

Stephen Gantrell Seal

in presence of these witnesses

Patrick Dye

Henry C. Griggs

Elijah A. Black

Western Scruggs

Testimony

In addition of this Will & Testament. It is my Will that the balance of the obligation I hold on Stephen Gantrell Jr., Nancy, Otney &c if not paid before my decease be left to my son-in-law William Edwards & my son Nathan Gantrell for the term of four years from the time it is collected free from interest, they giving their obligation payable in like money as specified in the obligation.

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

This 26<sup>th</sup> of August 1824

Test

Stephen Gantrell Seal

Witnessed Attest

Stephen Gantrell

Attest

of a tract herefore bequeathed to my daughter Sarah Willis including the house & improvements whereon Matthew Rice lived the last year to be sold by my said Executors at a credit of one, two, three or four years, taking ten shillings sufficient security provided they can sell it for £ 2000 the money when collected to be surrendered to her the said Sarah or her heirs or of her body, or her or their personal application. Should the said Sarah prefront taking the land & place it here on William Edwards formerly held in the forks of Station Camp as a full compensation for the aforesaid tract of one hundred & fifty acres, a tract of land mentioned other the said Rice land, then in that case the said Sarah shall surrender up to the aforesaid tract of 150 acres to my said Executors to be sold & equally divided amongst all my Legatees, such for me named.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty six.

Signed sealed Stephen Gantrell (Seal)

Acknowledged in presence of us  
Witnesses the several interlocutors

(Erasures being also acknowledged)

Benjamin Taylor

Samuel Kirkpatrick

David Elliott

David Aye

Patrick Aye

The addition to this will my testament from events which have lately taken place, I do hereby insert the following: As there is a suit at law commenced against my wife Mary A. Bowen & Samuel A. Bowen, in the Circuit Court of Sumner County, also a suit commenced & one against David A. Willis in the above Court. Now in case of my decease before the termination of the said suits it is my will that my executors named legally & attorney atty attend to the said suits & in case of my decease before the suits against said David A. Willis shall be decided, that my said Executors shall review the suit & prosecute it to effect till decided by due course of law or compromised for any trouble or expense that my said Executors may be subjected to in consequence of said suits then they be amply satisfied from my estate & that each of the said Executors who may be cause to act be entitled to the sum of Twenty Five dollars.

In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand & seal this Sixth day of April 1826.

Signed sealed  
in presence of  
Patrick Aye  
David Aye  
Sarah Aye

Stephen Gantrell (Seal)

Codicil To addition to this my Will & Testament. It is moreover my Will that \$1000 which I have heretofore bequeathed to William Edwards shall consist of any interest or use for the term of four years from the day of the date of his obligation due to be paid to my estate. I likewise bequeath to my wife Mary Gantrell in addition to what has hitherto been allowed her a certain negro boy named Ned a son of Sam also eighth a brother of said Evans during his natural life or marriage at his decease to revert to my other Legatee. It is my request that the negroes left to my wife when I died not shall not be hindrance of the State. It is further my Will that the tract of land situated in the forks of Station Camp which I have allowed to William Edwards to retain till he was fully satisfied for the improvements he made thereon, that the said land be surrendered up to my Executors on the first day of January 1828 provided my daughter Sarah Willis should not make choice of the said tract of land for her share, but should she prefer the land hitherto denied her, then the said tract in the forks of Station Camp as aforesaid shall be sold for the benefit of my Legatees aforesaid as there are several easements & interlocutions additional I have this day made a careful examination of every part thereof do hereby ratify & confirm the same as may pass thereby in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal. This Eleventh day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty six.

Signed sealed & acknowledged Stephen Gantrell (Seal)

in the presence of

Patrick Aye

Samuel Hood

Mossera Willis

Edmund Smith

State of Tennessee

Sumner County, Tennessee, June 1827  
The within paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Stephen Gantrell died Codicils thereto annexed was exhibited in open Court for probate & was duly proved agreeable to Law to be the last Will & Testament of the sd Gantrell by the oath of Stephen Aye & Edmund Smith two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded & thereupon, William Gantrell, Nathan Gantrell, William Edwards & Stephen Gantrell Jr, the Executors named in said last Will & Testament appeared in Court and agreed to take upon themselves the burden of the Execution thereof, together with James Anglin, A. H. Rease & Son Knott their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond to the Governor, in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs, & took the oaths of Executor prescribed by Law.

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N. N. Douglass Clerk  
of said County

I William Jarvis of the County of Surrey Gentleman  
being in a low state of health, but of sound disposing mind doth  
make the following my last Will & Testament revoking all  
others in the name of God Amur. First of all I will  
order that all my just debts be paid.

Item 1st give unto my beloved son Esphiel Givium one piece of land lying  
outh of the box fort containing sixty acres more or less, also  
a negro boy by the name of Tom & a small negro girl  
by the name of Anna.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> by the name of Dr. Mr.  
I give unto my beloved daughter Elizabeth Hillwood  
one piece of land where she now lives, containing forty  
acres, more or less, also one negro girl named Abby,<sup>and</sup>  
one negro boy named Andrew.

Item 8<sup>o</sup> one negro boy named Anderson  
I give unto my beloved son James Givins one piece of land  
where he now lives, containing one hundred acres also  
one negroe girl named Betty C. or my boy by the name of Nancy  
Item 10<sup>o</sup> Give unto my grand daughter Elizabeth Ann and one  
young girl the sum of \$1000.00

Item 10 one negroe girl named Betty (one boy by the name of Harry  
I give unto my grand daughter Elizabeth, Sonius one  
negroe girl by the name of Rachelle, also one piece  
of land on the north side of the day fork, joining  
John McShells farm, Containing forty acres more or less

Item 88. Dine with my beloved wife Hannah. Beginning on next  
Saturday, the name Lydia, also the house (at) the following  
part of the Cleveland land. On the four, a house now  
live, during her life, to eat. Beginning at the same  
card (at) running the side of the house.

and running north & south. Beginning at the point  
where I running thence South to the creek, thence  
to East down the creek, opposite the South East corner  
of my farm, thence North to James' line, thence West  
to the beginning also all the woodland settle-  
ments of also choice of Cows <sup>as</sup> the more by the  
name of Hill.  
I give unto my Grand Daughter Elizabeth <sup>my</sup>  
one Gray mare <sup>as</sup> second choice of Cows <sup>as</sup>  
also Red Chest.

I give unto my beloved son William Lewis one tract of land  
lying on the Ridge on the road that leads from  
Cairo to Brackins by Johnson's Gap, containing all hundred  
of fifty acres. I give unto my three sons to wit, James,  
William <sup>and</sup> Ezekiel Grimes & my son Ben Braxton  
Hillson, my saw mill equally between them with the  
old Negro woman Charney & her child by the name of  
Jane equally between them. I give unto my wife Hannah  
my grained daughter Elizabeth, all my hogs & sheep  
and all my plows <sup>and</sup> grass <sup>and</sup> a few small <sup>and</sup> other articles  
wagon, wagon box, ten horses, <sup>and</sup> some <sup>and</sup> gear, one horse <sup>and</sup>  
fifth chain, he sold to pay my debts & also to pay  
furniture <sup>and</sup> stock indisposed of to pay my debts & the  
remainder to give to my son William. Also will  
ordain that my wife Hannah <sup>and</sup> my grand daughter  
Jane have all the money arising to me after paying my  
debts. I give unto my wife Hannah Grimes one lot  
<sup>and</sup> furniture <sup>and</sup> also kitchen furniture also  
will <sup>and</sup> ordain, that one lot of a acre <sup>and</sup> th-

to my wife I also give with my two sons James (my) & George McGuire & my son-in-law Benjamin Williamson, one hundred & twenty five acres joining my hundred & fifty, tract, on the Ridge, equally between them, I also give my wife Emma, one year's pensioning out of the present crop & that the remainder, shall be held, & be left by Constituted, now & I appoint my son James McGuire & George McGuire Executives of this my last will & Testament, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal. This 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1827.

June 1  Mr. Gwinet Recd.

John McNeill

John Saunders, Marquise of Tennessee

In the last Will & Testament of William Grimes deceased was exhibited  
in Court for probate, it was duly proved agreeable to Law by  
the Act of Feb: 28th Rurville John McHill, and Sanders  
Moncrief subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be  
recorded, whereupon James Grimes & George W. Grimes the  
executors thereon bound as prescribed in Court, did agreed to  
take upon themselves the burthen of the execution  
thereof and intend unto both with Jacob Van der Dale  
and James Stewart, this securities in the sum of  
Fifteen Thousand Dollars, conditioned as the law directs  
they took the oath of Executors prescribed by Law  
1 copy first.

By the name of God Amee: I John Russell of the County of  
Summers State of Summers being of a great age & infirm of body  
but retaining my mental faculties so as to have a sound & discerning mind  
do now make & publish this my last Will & Testament  
First of all I command my soul to God who gave it & my body to the dust  
from whence it was taken to be buried in a decent manner as my Executors  
hereby named may think proper, my property I dispose of in the  
following manner to wit:

First I give <sup>(3)</sup> bequests unto my son Tom Russell my negro man named  
Jenica. Secondly I give <sup>(3)</sup> bequests unto my son Fred Russell my  
negro man named Mary <sup>(3)</sup> who was owned by me until I gave him to Tom  
Hornington my daughter <sup>(3)</sup> Lucy <sup>(3)</sup> bequests my negro girl named  
Lucy, and I give <sup>(3)</sup> bequests to my son-in-law William King my negro  
boy named Allow also one hundred dollars in Cash to be paid him out  
of my property or the money arising therefrom which is not  
otherwise settled by bequests of <sup>(3)</sup> I give <sup>(3)</sup> bequests unto my  
daughter Orphan Gardner my negro boy named Jordan, I also give  
<sup>(3)</sup> bequests unto my son Tom Russell in addition to what is  
before named my negro woman Lucy to my self <sup>(3)</sup> I attend as  
my mother Anne Russell at the death of his mother I may is to  
be his property all of which property as having before named  
bequeath to him <sup>(3)</sup> this being former. It also my Will that my stock of horses  
both sheep <sup>(3)</sup> hogs <sup>(3)</sup> and household furniture be sold, my Executors to be  
responsible for same. I give <sup>(3)</sup> bequests to Tom Hornington  
William King <sup>(3)</sup> Myself <sup>(3)</sup> Mrs. Anne after paying William King One hundred

dollars which I have here in before witness, I hereby do make & declare my last Will & Testament to be made by me I hereby constitute & appoint Asa Hassell & William Tracy Executors to this my last Will & Testament by Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & Thirty five signed & published & declared in open Court: John Hassell, Seal  
Test:  
William Edwards  
Solomon Shadburn  
Abby Standfield

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court House, Town 1827

The last will & Testament of John Hassell  
died as exhibited in Court for probate, was fully agreed upon  
to law by the oath William Edwards, Solomon Shadburn  
subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & upon  
Asa Hassell & William Tracy Executors thereto named  
appeared in Court & entered into bond with William Crockett  
& Thomas Kite, their securities to the Governor & his suc-  
cessors in Office in the sum of Four Thousand dollars conditioned as  
the law directs & took the oath of Executors prescribed by law  
A Copy Test: P. H. Langlass Clerk

In the name of God Amen: I James Sanders being this day in sound  
mind & memory & calling to mind that man has only to make & to  
ordain this my last Will & Testament as manner & form following:  
First I recommend my soul to God who gave it to me & my body to be decently  
buried & as to the little goods or property that God has given to me as  
that I possess. I wish after my death to be disposed of in manner & form  
following: First my wish is that my wife Lucy Sanders keep every  
thing carefully in her hands to raise my children & for her care & comfort  
while the first child is married than what seems reasonable to give out  
of said property my wish for her to live that much & so on with the  
rest as they may marry leaving a competency for herself during life  
If she remains a widow that long but if my should marry on  
that day she marries my wish is that she has nothing more to do  
with the property, but the Court shall, if I have no wish appoint  
one or two of my sons Guardians for the rest. If this should not be  
of not able & prudent person of their choosing, to manage  
while my son William James Sanders shall come of proper age &  
my is that they shall then manage for themselves either  
brothers, & the aid equal division take place in my property  
with real & personal between my six children that have  
had by <sup>the</sup> living namely Mary, Anna, Judith, Maria  
William Brown, James Tracy, John Neely & Samuel Adams  
Sanders my children by my first wife, I leave out of this Will  
altogether & should my wife never marry at her death with  
property bound or that remained in her possession is to be  
equally divided between my two daughters & four sons as  
named & if my wife marries I wish her to live with a  
child part during her life

Test: James Sanders, Seal  
Test: William Edwards, Seal  
Test: Richard Morris, Seal  
Seal: Walter, Richard Morris

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The last Will & Testament of William Ayres is made & proved to be made in open Court by the oath of Lewis Neely one of the subscribing witnesses thereto.

I Charles Latimer of Sumner County being now in bodily & of sound mind &  
memory do make & declare this my last Will & Testament at the same time  
naming, reciting all former Wills made by me after all my just debts includ-  
ing my funeral charges is paid, & my bequeath to my beloved wife Mary  
Latimer, the one-fifth part of all my land, including my dwelling house  
thereon & bequeath to my children Nicholas Latimer sixty acres of  
land, fourteen acres of which is to out of my sixty acres land,  
the balance out of the tract in which he Nicholas now lies to be  
left by himself & also include the small tract corner of said tract.  
I give & bequeath all the residue of my land to my two sons Edwin & Oliver  
Latimer & Oliver Latimer in condition that Edwin & Oliver  
spare to my wife Mary Latimer & her heirs within three  
years after my decease, I also give & bequeath to my two sons Edwin  
& Oliver all my farming implements judiciously of my Smith's  
tug together with all my stock of sheep & hogs Cattle &c.  
I give & bequeath to my daughter Harriett Latimer two feather  
beds & furniture, the residue of my house bed & Kitchen furniture  
I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Latimer during her life  
at the death of my wife, my will & desire is that the furni-  
ture should be equally divided between my three children  
Edwin Oliver & Harriett at the same time reserving to my  
wife the right of giving to my daughter Harriett so much of the  
furniture as she may think proper. Also, give & bequeath  
to my wife Mary, one by name, a girl & bequeath to my three  
unmarried daughters Catharine Donley, Sarah McWhorter &  
Elizabeth Josephine, each One Dollar to be paid by my executors  
within twelve months after my decease. Also, give & bequeath to my  
daughter Harriett Choice of two Cotts. Also give & my son Oliver  
One Cott at the death of my wife. My will & desire is that the  
land wills to her shall be equally divided between my two sons Edwin & Oliver  
& Oliver provide thy jointly provide for & take Care of my beloved wife  
during her life & last note all the rest, my Specifying machine  
including & every description of Goods Chattels & Books to be  
equally divided between my two sons Edwin & Oliver, at the same  
time I do hereby appoint my son Edwin Latimer my sole Executor of  
this my last Will & Testament. The nineteenth day of February One  
Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty seven. In witness whereof I  
here subscribe set my hand & seal.

Signed sealed & witnessed & dated in the presence of  
Charles Mathews State of Tennessee  
Johnathan G. Latimer Sumner County Court  
May 20th 1827

The last Will & Testament of Charles Latimer was exhibited in Court for probate  
was duly proved agreed to & made the oath of Charles Mathews & Johnathan G. Latimer subscribing  
witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & filed upon Edwin Latimer the testator  
therein named, sealed in Court & together with Johnathan G. Latimer & Lewis Neely  
for executors appointed & recorded May 20th this bond to the Governor in the sum of Two  
hundred dollars and ten cents as the court costs & expenses provided to be  
paid by the testator

P. H. Langlass Clerk

In the name of God amen I Henry Belote of the County of Sussex  
State of New Jersey being in a low state of health, but of sound disposing  
mind & memory & knowing that God has appointed first all men to die  
die do make this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking any other  
will or Wills, hitherto made by me in manner following (viz)  
All my just debts shall be punctually paid as soon as my executors can  
do so out of any money or goods or debts due me.

Item. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Harriett Belote, one-third part of  
the tract of land where and now lying to be laid off as follows viz Beginning  
on the east boundary line of said tract & running thence due West to the  
West boundary line of said tract so as to include the main house  
& other adjacent buildings, also barns, negroes namely Gabriel, Esther,  
Eliza, Alfred, Austin, William & Harry Ann, three best beds & furniture,  
our home, her own choice out of my stock, two Cows & Calves, five and &  
lambs, to be selected by herself. One Indian Chair, one carpet, also an  
equal part of all the balance of my household furniture, except four  
beds & furniture all which property I will to her the said Harriett  
her heirs & assigns forever, except the land above named which is only  
to belong to her during her natural life & afterwards to be the joint  
property of my two grand sons James McSwain & Henry P. Belote.  
Item. I bequeath to my four grand children the wife of Jeremiah Belote  
John Belote, Sally Smith, Clarissa Belote, children of my  
deceased son Jeremiah Belote as follows. To Sally Smith Five dollars  
& to each of the others, last born & named, their Grandchildren  
Jeremiah Belote, John Belote & Clarissa Belote, Fifty dollars  
each to be paid by my Executors for their board & schooling.  
I give & bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth P. Brown  
Five Dollars to be paid her on application of my Executors.  
It is my will that my negro man Cesar & his wife Anna shall at my  
& after my decease be free & that the children of John Belote  
deceased the children of John L. Swain shall at all times be  
bound to keep them, the said Cesar & Anna from becoming a  
County charge.

The residue of all my negroes, I will to be divided by the disinter-  
ested respectable men, into two equal halves, one half for  
the children of John Belote deceased & the other half for the  
children of John L. Swain, (namely) James McSwain,  
Caroline McSwain, Maria E. Swain, Henry P. Swain,  
Harry H. Swain & Peter P. Swain. It is further my will that if  
any of the abovementioned children, should die without issue the  
property thus divided, such child shall return to the next nearest  
blood relation. It is further my will, that should Nancy Belote  
daughter of John Belote die before George P. Blackmore that  
the thirteenth share is only to receive from my executors the  
sum of Five Dollars instead of her equal dividend in the  
 negroes above bequeathed, to the children of John Belote  
& John L. Swain.

Item. I give & bequeath to my daughter Ann Swain, wife of  
John L. Swain the sum of Five dollars to be paid by my  
executors on application.

Item. I give & bequeath to my two grandsons James McSwain  
& Harry A. Belote jointly all the balance of the tract

of land where and now lying after the one-third above bequeathed to my  
wife Harriett, including the Ferry known by the name of Belote Ferry  
& eighteen acres of land on the south side of Cinnabon Run together  
with all the implements belonging to my distilling.

I give & bequeath to my grandson Harry B. Swain all the lands belonging  
to me in Sussex County not hitherto sold or given away.

Item. All the balance of my perishable property not herein before  
named be sold by my Executors at their discretion & the proceeds so  
disposed of together with all money & effects now in hand or due me  
in, may whatever be equally divided between my wife Harriett  
the children of John Belote deceased & the six last named children  
of John S. Swain.

Item. It is further my will that should any dissatisfaction arise among  
the legatees, that any one or all of them together with my Executors  
shall exchange my property or all my property, made any agree-  
ment or settlement amongst themselves to suit such & every  
party concerned which shall be as binding as tho' it was before the  
Supreme Court of the United States & although to all the Ferry  
above named is given & bequeathed it is my will that the family of  
John S. Swain, Peter Belote, John Ward & my wife Harriett shall  
meet at said Ferry without any charge of Passage. I wish to be  
interred in Masonic Lodge at the West of the Ferry & at  
the expense of my estate. Lastly I have appointed John  
Swain, William Cage & Lucille Swain to my executors  
to this my last Will & Testament, without requiring any  
security from them for the execution thereof.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed  
my seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1827  
Signed seal & Acknowledged Harry Belote Esq<sup>r</sup>

As interlineation to one erasure made before signed

John Brown  
John Dickeson  
William Dodd  
William Belote

Witness to the above Will made  
12<sup>th</sup> of March 1827.

Attest it is  
Moses Wilson expressed in Item 10 that the proceeds of  
the perishable property, together with all moneys either  
now or hereafter due me in any way whatever to be equally  
divided between my wife Harriett Belote the widow of  
John Belote deceased & the six last named children of  
John L. Swain, the true intent & meaning now is that now  
is that part of my estate shall be divided into three equal  
parts, that my wife Harriett Belote, have one third the  
children of John Belote deceased, one third of the last six above  
named children of John L. Swain, one third.

Narratives my hand & seal  
Harry Belote Esq<sup>r</sup>  
John Brown  
Moses Wilson  
William Dodd  
John Dickeson

## State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1827.

The last Will & Testament of Henry Belote deceased was exhibited in Court for probate & was duly proved agreeable to Law as also the Codicil thereto annexed by the oath of John Brown & witness.

Nelson & of the subscribing witnesses thereunto ordered to be recorded thereupon John L. Snively & Lucilius Winchester two of the Executors therein named appeared in Court & took the oath of Executor prescribed by Law & it being expressly directed in said Will that no security be required of said Executors.

A copy Test

A N Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen: I William Henry Jr of the County of Sumner State of Tennessee, knowing there is a time apportioned for all men to die & considering the uncertainty of this mortal life & being of sound mind & memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do make & publish this my last Will & Testament in manner & form as follows, this is to day I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Bonville one negro woman named Bet.

Secondly I give & bequeath unto my daughter Anna Bays, one negro woman named Sarah & one negro boy named James.

Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my son Nelson Henry Four hundred Dollars to be paid to him by my Executors in two equal payments viz: in two & three years after the proving of this Will.

Fourthly I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Simon Bass Two hundred dollars to be paid to him in four years after proving this Will.

Fifthly Lastly: In the love & affection which I have & do bear towards my Grandson John J. Henry son of William T. Henry I give & bequeath unto him the summing named & described property viz: The plantation where I now live, containing one hundred & twenty six acres of land, more or less, also one negro man named Tom & his wife named Chuck, one negro woman named Bobbi, one negro man named Ben, one negro boy named Sam, one negro boy named George & one negro girl named Mary.

One round fifty celled house, three beds & furniture two half round tables, one small desk, one axe, one saw, one beam saw, & one high post bedstead, one low post ditto, one sugar chest, & I do hereby nominate & appoint William T. Henry Guardian for his son John J. Henry & to take & keep the said above named property in his possession & do the best he can for the benefit of his son John J. Henry, but should the said William T. Henry, a quin morri & have children it is my intention that the aforesaid property & its increase should be equally divided between his children, whenever the said William T. Henry shall think proper so to do. As to the余物 of my property I wish it to be sold & appropriated towards paying the negroes I have bequeathed unto Simon Henry & Son Bass & I do hereby appoint William T. Henry & Zechanial Nelson, executors of

this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills made by me. I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal.

This 18<sup>th</sup> of November 1823

I am William Henry Jr Esq<sup>d</sup>  
Signed sealed published & declared by me  
William Henry Jr, to be my last Will & Testament in presence of  
us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.  
Test.

James T. Wilson  
Nelson Wilson

Montgomery Wilson In the name of God Amen: I William Henry Jr of the County of Sumner State of Tennessee, knowing there is a time appointed for all men to die & considering the uncertainty of this life & being of sound mind & memory blessed be the Almighty God for the same, do make & publish this Codicil to my Will made & published on 13<sup>th</sup> Novr 1823, to be considered & taken as a part of the same, whereas I appointed my son William T. Henry & his wife & his son John J. Henry & the said William T. Henry & Zechanial Nelson sole Executors of my Will, now it is my will & desire that my son William T. Henry shall exercise & discharge the duties enjoined on him as Guardian aforesaid without giving security for the same & that my said son William T. Henry may said Executors Wilson shall act as sole & Executrix of my said Will without giving security for the discharge of said duties, & also ratifying & approving of my said Will dated 13<sup>th</sup> November 1823 changing it in no respect further than the Codicil a part of said will may change it. I庄严ly of which have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal.

The 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 1826.

Signed sealed published by me William Henry Jr Esq<sup>d</sup>  
William Henry Senior to be a Codicil to my said last Will & Testament at 13<sup>th</sup> of month 1823, in the presence of us who have subscribed names in the presence of each other & the signatures of William Henry Jr in his presence.

James T. Wilson

Nelson Wilson

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1827

The last Will & Testament of William Henry dead together with the Codicil thereto annexed was proven in open Court by the oath of James T. Wilson & Montgomery Wilson subscribing witnesses to each & ordered to be recorded thereupon William T. Henry one of the Executors therein named appeared in Court & took the oath of Executor prescribed by law it being directed that no security be required of said Executors.

A copy Test:

A N Douglass Clerk

June the 8<sup>th</sup> 1824.

In the name of God Amen:

I. Mary H. Brown of the County of Sumner State of Tennessee, being now in sound mind memory but with declining of life & knowing the certainty of death do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament

68 Item: I will bequeath unto my two sons William R. Bowen & Samuel A. Bowen One hundred acres of land to be laid off at the West end of my Survey beginning at the corner of Bowen formerly DeBriks corner running to Caunters line so as to make the equality above named land. My two sons are to keep a trust for my daughter Louisa Saunders during of her natural life than to the heirs of her body forever but it is to be expressly understood that should my son in law in right of his wife or my daughter Louisa Saunders, or any person under them bring suit to recover any thing, or damages of money from the estate of my deceased John H. Bowen for the maim or ague of his father's estate in that case I leave the above named land to be sold to pay said demands or so much thereof as will be sufficient for the same & my two sons William R. Bowen & Samuel A. Bowen may have any execution the said Saunders wife may have against the heirs of my son John H. Bowen laid on said land & sold which sale shall be as if being on one as if the title to said land was in the heirs of my said son John H. Bowen.

Item #2 I will unto my two sons William R. & Samuel A. Bowen above named One hundred acres of land to be laid off on the North end of my Survey a beginning of the lands of Stephen Cantrell on the line running East & West for my daughter Celia W. Stone during of her natural life & then to the natural heirs of her body forever but if my said daughter Celia W. Stone with the consent of sons William R. & Samuel A. Bowen think best to sell said land they can do so & apply the proceeds to the use of my daughter Celia W. Stone during of her natural life & then to the heirs of her body forever.

Item #3 I give & bequeath unto sons William R. Bowen & Samuel A. Bowen & my three Grand Children, Mary H. Bowen, William Grant Bowen, & John H. Bowen in part sum of my son John H. Bowen the residue of my land in Sumner County to be equally divided in three lots, my son William R. one lot, my son Samuel A. one lot, & my three grand children one lot between them & the lot that may fall to my grandchildren shall be valued by three or four respectable men & my sons may lay the same land at the valuation of 300 & respectable men of the wish it to pay the same or their proportion to each grand child when they arrive at the age of twenty one years or more, generally with legal interest on the same from the time of valuation or if they should choose to pay it before, to be put out to interest for their use.

Item #4 I will & bequeath unto my two sons William R. & Samuel A. Bowen, in trust to my daughter Celia W. Stone, two negroes named, Hampton & Nancy, during of her natural life with their increase & their heirs of her body forever.

I will that at my death all my estate both real & personal not before named be equally divided between my five children & their Grand Children (to wit) Louisa Saunders, Catherine Campbell & William R. Bowen, Samuel A. Bowen, Celia W. Stone & my Grand Children, Mary H. Bowen, William Grant Bowen, & John H.

69 Item: Bowen, equal share, & my three Grand Children, collectively, one share & one that all my estate both real & personal, the may come into the hands of my executors for the benefit of my daughters Louisa Saunders, Catherine Campbell & Celia W. Stone, remain in the hands of my executors in trust for my said daughters during of their natural lives & then to the heirs of this bodies forever.

Item #5 I will that my land estate in Kentucky may either be sold or divided as my executors may think proper for the benefit of my children & grandchildren to be divided in the same manner & proportion as the rest of the estate, already disposed of. It is my will that my four all negro children Labor, Lucy, Sarah, & Micajah who have been faithful & obedient & assisted in raising my family, are to be at perfect liberty to live with any of my children that they may chose, my sons W. R. & Samuel Bowen to see that they are kindly treated & to have permission to visit their children at reasonable times & to see them well taken care of.

8<sup>th</sup> Item: I constitute my two sons William R. Bowen & Samuel A. Bowen & sons of this my last Will & Testament, black people all former residents testifying whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the year & date above written witness,

Mary H. Bowen Seal

Horland Sanders

Eliza Sanders

H. Russell

C. B. It is my wish that Labor & Sarah live with my son W. R. Bowen & that Lucy & Micajah live with Samuel Bowen, or with Celia or with any of them they wish.

Mary H. Bowen Seal

In pursuance of my last Will & Testament it is my will desiring that my young negroes already divided by will be divided as follows viz: To my daughter Celia Stone, Child of her body, negro girl Lucy.

Item: To my daughter Louisa Saunders, her heirs, negro girl Lucy.

Item: To my Grand Children, Mary Bowen, Joann Bowen, & John Bowen heirs of John H. Bowen dec'd. Negro girl named Celia, one share.

Item: To my daughter Catherine Campbell, negro girl named Madaline.

Item: To my son William Bowen negro boy named Harry.

Item: The residue of my young negroes hence fore divided to be equally divided among the above named heirs with the exception that my daughter Tabitha Moore have negro girl Narcissa or a house saddle & bedding together with a bed & furniture equal to said negro girl at her option. In conclusion it is my desire that none of the aforesaid negroes shall remain in possession of my son William Bowen agreeable to agreement entered into between him & myself until all my just debts are paid & so soon thereafter as may be expedient to be divided as herein specified.

By Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal.

This 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred & Twenty Seven

in the presence of

Mary H. Bowen, Eliza

Eliza Sanders

James H. May

Wm. H. May

Attentions in Mrs. Bonner's Will:

I will to my daughter Rebekah Bonner  
have one of my young negroes, or a horse & my saddle with my bed & furniture also from Family Bills. I will that my son William P. Bonner  
have three Cows & Calves, one steer, 10 hds of sheep, twenty head of hog,  
one bed & furniture, I will that my son John P. Bonner's children have  
two cows & calves, ten head of sheep; I will to my daughter Ella McStone  
sheep, one goat of others, & a cow or heifer. I will that my brother  
Hudson Russell, have one bed & bed clothes, & one of my mares & colts next  
spring, if they have a rig on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1820. I will that all this be done  
before division takes place. I also will that my heirs entitled, all claim to  
the above mentioned four negroes before said division.

Just  
James E. Bonner  
H. Russell

State of Tennessee

Sumner County, 3 May Term 1827

The last Will & Testament of Henry H. Bonner deceased  
was exhibited in Court for probate was duly proved agreed to law  
by the both Notary Publics, Chas. C. Shadburn, Chas. C. Shadburn, H. Young Russell,  
subscribing witnesses, there to be ordered to be recorded.

A Copy First.

A. H. Douglass Clerk of  
Said Court

State of Tennessee, The last Will & Testament of Alanson  
Sumner County, Chas. C. Shadburn, from the authority of God's word  
connects with the experience of all ages it is appointed for all men  
once to die, from the delicate state of my system I am about nine  
my dissolution is not far distant & that all my worldly business  
may be settled according to my pleasure of being at this time of  
my mind & disposing memory made & ordain this my last  
Will & Testament & do dispose of all my property both real &  
personal in the following manner.

Item 10<sup>th</sup>  
It is my wish & desire that all the property I have after demise  
to my minor children remain in the possession of my beloved wife  
Lucy, at her entire control to make use of the profits forth  
support & education of our children in the manner we have done  
while I was living.

Item 11<sup>th</sup>  
The bequestment I have already made to my son John Tripp of  
money & other property is all intended him to have from my estate when  
I am no longer at this time.

Item 12<sup>th</sup>  
To my son William I have also given & bequeathed all intend  
him to have from my estate either real or personal etc bequestment

Item 13<sup>th</sup>  
To explain the following bequestment to my son Alanson I have  
agreed to put in stock for Alanson with his brother William  
three Thousand dollars, William being bound to furnish the same  
amount of money & they are to have a mutual interest in all  
the property purchased by said stock of six Thousand  
dollars, I also give & bequeath to Alanson Eleven Thousand &  
Eight hundred dollars more, it being the balance of the three  
Thousand dollars apportioned before as soon as the money can  
be conveniently collected by my Executors from the debts owing

to my estate. I also give him, a young & roan one & his colt & a sorrell  
fully with all the property I have before given him.

Item 14<sup>th</sup>  
I give & bequeath to my daughter Sally, Silvy & her child William Elliston  
Twenty, Six & Tress with their increase, also the one fourth of the  
discreted tracts of land to be divided between her & her three sisters  
according to equality, also one horse worth one hundred dollars saddle  
& furniture which she is to receive when she marries or becomes of age.  
I give & bequeath to my daughter Nancy, negroes of equal value with those  
bequeathed to my daughter Sally, also the one fourth of the following tracts of land  
to be divided between her & her three sisters according to equality, also a  
horse saddle, bed & furniture is above bequeathed to my daughter Sally -

Item 15<sup>th</sup>  
I give & bequeath to my daughter Lucy Jane, negroes of equal value with those  
bequeathed to my daughter Sally & Nancy, also land, horse saddle, bed & furniture  
as above bequeathed to Sally & Nancy.

Item 8<sup>th</sup>  
I give & bequeath to my daughter Sally negroes of equal value with those bequeathed  
to my daughters Sally, Nancy & Lucy Jane, also land, horse saddle, bed & furniture  
as above bequeathed to Sally, Nancy & Lucy Jane the tracts of land which are  
to be equally divided between my four above named daughters, Contain about  
Ninety hundred & ninety seven acres, two hundred acres on the river in  
Sumner County in Eagle Bend, Six hundred & forty acres in Wilson County  
on Salt Creek & one hundred & fifty seven acres on the waters of Stones  
River Warren County.

Item 9<sup>th</sup>  
I give & bequeath to my son James, about three hundred acres on Stoner's  
Creek Wilson County, also three hundred & forty acres in Madison  
County, my John's Creek which is the land bought of my son William Tripp  
also a young negro man slaves horse saddle, bed & furniture as  
above bequeathed to my daughters.

Item 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
I give & bequeath to my sons John & Stephen, five hundred & forty acres of land  
in Barton's Creek & six hundred & forty acres of land on Spring Creek both  
in Wilson County to be equally by divided between them according to equality  
also a young negro negro man slave each, a horse saddle bed &  
furniture as above bequeathed to my son James.

Item 12<sup>th</sup>  
I give & bequeath to my son Alexander at the death of my beloved wife Lucy  
the plantation on which I now live containing all the land formerly  
belonging to my father's plantation & that which I purchased from Col  
George Smith along a young negro man Dave, horse bed & furniture  
as above bequeathed to his other brothers.

Item 13<sup>th</sup>  
I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy all the residue of my property which  
is not before bequeathed to my children during her natural life or intended  
should my wife Lucy Tripp marry after my death. It is my will that she  
shall have her choice of four of my negroes during her natural life with  
such house hold furniture, horse & so fourth, and has bequeathed to my  
children at the death or marriage of my beloved wife Lucy the plantation  
on which she is to go to my son Alexander should my wife Lucy  
die before my youngest child in Sumner one of age, all the property  
which it has bequeathed to her or which she may have in her possession  
at time is to remain in the hands of my Executrix for the emp  
tire education of my children until they are all of age, at which  
time it is to be equally divided amongst all my living children & the  
heirs of any of my children which may be dead.

It is also my desire that James Shadburn my wife Lucy Tripp my son  
William Tripp & Alanson Tripp be the Executors of this my last will

Testament & they are not required to give security as the law directs.  
I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal.  
This 5<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1826.

In presence of:  
J. H. Blythe  
John Trigg  
J. C. Hargrove Jr.

Alanson Trigg Seal

November 8<sup>th</sup> 1826. I the day made the following alterations  
in my former will which I made of the 5<sup>th</sup> of September A.D. 1826.  
In this I revoke the former division of the negroes I gave to my  
daughter Sally & her specifically the negroes I intend my daughter Anna  
Chenault to have. I give & bequeath to my daughter Sally Trigg & her children  
William & Ann & her three children Ben, Rock, & Lazarus, one or  
pregnant if any misfortune shall happen to her or the child, Sally is  
to have one hundred & fifty dollars in money & give & bequeath  
to my daughter Anna Chenault, Lucy & her child Clarence Elleanor  
Dick Trigg & Nancy instead of giving her a horse my daughter  
Chenault is to have one hundred dollars in money. It is further my  
will that my son in law Silas J. Chenault shall sell all the two hundred acres  
of land in Sumner County in Oregon Bend it being a part of the land before  
divided to my four daughters, the two hundred acres was estimated  
by me in making my will in Sept' 1826 at fifteen hundred dollars when  
my son in law S. J. Chenault sells said land he is to receive five  
hundred & fifty dollars out of the first payment on the other six  
hundred & fifty dollars is to be equally divided between my other  
three daughters Sally, Anna, Jane & Sally when all the land which I  
desired to my four daughters in my will in Sept' 1826 is sold value or  
divided amongst my four daughters each one is only to account for the  
amount they may have received out of the sale of the two hundred acres  
which may be sold by my son in law S. J. Chenault living in Oregon Bend  
Given under my hand & seal This 8<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1826

Acknowledged in presence of: Alanson Trigg - Seal

J. H. Blythe  
J. C. Sanders

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1827

The last will & Testament of Alanson Trigg dec'd was exhibited in Court for  
probate & the will was duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of  
Samuel Blythe a subscriber witness thereto & the Codicil  
was proved in like manner by the oath of James Sanders, Samuel  
& Blythe, Charles Sanders subscribing witness thereto  
ordered to be recorded & thereupon Lucy Trigg Executing this in  
named appeared in Court & took the oath of Executor prescribed by  
law, no bond or security being required by said will.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk

May 31<sup>st</sup> 1827

Memoir of the will & desire of Charlotte Starks who died  
on the 26<sup>th</sup> of the present month of the ensuing year may be right  
her property divided amongst her brother & sisters after death  
some about six years ago she applied to be left Charlotte Starks

to build her a house near his for her & a younger sister & live in it to take care  
of her whilst she lived which he did & at the same time put a negro boy in  
his possession with the understanding then at the death of the said  
Charlotte the said negro boy was to belong to the said Alexander Starks  
which she has often since, before her death stated in the presence of  
her sister Charlotte Starks to be her maid & slave in the presence  
of the said Alexander, that she wished her sister Charlotte to have  
her house &c that the balance of her property to be equally  
divided amongst her other brothers & sisters. Signed in my presence  
the date above.

Charlotte Starks.

J. Sanders Seal of Sumner.

Sumner County, August Term 1827  
The non-capitive will of Producer Starks died, as produced in  
Court & duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of Charlotte  
Starks, Alexander Starks subscribing witness, the same  
as drawn up & ordered to be recorded. A Copy Test  
A. H. Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen. This Twenty sixth day of Oct. in the Year  
of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & Sixty: I James Duffee, of  
Sumner County State of Tennessee, being sick of body but of perfect  
mind & memory, thanks be given to Almighty God, therefore calling  
to mind the mortality of my body, & knowing that is appointed for  
all men once to die do make & ordain this to be my last Will & Testa-  
ment & this is to say principally & first of all, I give & recommend  
my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, & as  
thatching such mortal estate as it has pleased God to bless me with,  
I give & devise of the same in following manner & form:  
I give unto my beloved wife Sophie Duffee all my tract or parcel of  
land wherein I now live to her & her proper use for during her  
natural life, together with all my stock & crop thereon & my formerly  
utensils, my wagon, & gears, cattle & tubs, also my household &  
kitchen furniture, except what I may require in the full dispose of  
I give & bequeath unto my son Asahel Duffee to be paid over to him by my  
testators hereafter named the sum of Fifty dollars to be paid him out of such  
property of my estate as can best be spared. I also give & bequeath  
unto my daughter Elizabeth the wife of Charles Tracy the sum of  
One dollar & twenty five cents. I give & bequeath unto my son  
James Duffee a decent support to be from my estate during his  
natural life. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca  
Duffee, a decent support of food & raiment for during the  
time she may remain a single woman & also one feather bed & furniture  
which his & furniture I hereby give to her & her heirs forever.  
I give & bequeath unto my son John Duffee One dollar & twenty five cents.  
I give & bequeath unto my daughter Hannah the wife of David Stark the  
sum of One dollar & twenty five cents. I give & bequeath unto my son  
Samuel Duffee the sum of One dollar & twenty five cents.  
I give & bequeath unto my son Henry Duffee the sum of Forty dollars to  
be paid out of my estate in such property as can be best spared.  
I give & bequeath unto my daughter Anna the wife of Edward Williams  
One dollar & twenty five cents.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anna, the wife of James Smith, one  
hundred & twenty five acres. I give & bequeath unto my son Riddif Dufus  
all that piece or parcel of land wherein Edward Williams now lies  
or beginning at at back the petition line between Emma & Williams  
myself marked I.D.S. running across the other part of Block 10  
out to a sugar tree also marked I.D.F. and so in a direct line  
to my North South line between Matthew Wilson & myself.  
I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Dufus the balance of the  
above described tract of land being the tract of land described  
to them & their heirs forever. It is also my express will and  
desire that at the death of my beloved wife Sophia Dufus the  
property & estate of every kind herein left to her may be equally  
divided between my two sons & they, Riddif Dufus & Joseph Dufus.  
I do fully constitute & appoint my wife Sophia Dufus & my  
friend William Weston Executor to the my last  
will & Testament as & singular my wife by them & I do  
fully utterly revoke, disannull & disclaim all & every other  
former will or wills, legacies, bequeathed or given by me in any  
way named before this time, intituled & bequeathed certified that  
conformed this no other to be my last will & Testament. I  
Witness whereof I have set my hand & seal. This day & date  
affixed above written.

Signed sealed published &宣佈  
declared by the said Jacob Dufus

Jacob Dufus Seal

as his last will & Testament in  
presence of,

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court August Term 1827

James Morris The last will & Testament of Jacob Dufus was  
exhibited in Court for probate & was duly proved agreeable to  
law by the oath of William Smith a subscribing witness thereto  
and ordered to be recorded.

A copy test  
A. N. Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I William Patton of Sumner County State of  
Tennessee being weak of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory  
blessed be Almighty God for the same, knowing that it is appointed  
once for all men to die, do make & publish this my last Will &  
Testament in manner & form following (First Section)  
the earth from whence it came this mortal body & am about to  
Almighty God from whom I had it, & the manner of my burial  
in the form & prescribed to one of my Executors first after my  
death I desire that there be so much of my personal estate as  
paid at a twelve months credit as will pay all my just debts &  
my funeral expenses. I give & bequeath unto my blood  
wife Anna Patton all my estate of land on which I now live  
including thirty purchased of Robert Cattell but not in  
possession until his the said Robert death anterior to his  
one hundred & fifty acres more or less, with all the profits  
& improvements arising therefrom also all my negroes consisting  
of the negro woman Mary Ottawash purchased from  
Salem Easter Young Shaha & finally all my stock of horses  
Cattle & sheep & all farm house held for pasture & kitchen furniture

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formalities, all monies, debts, or dues which may be owing or  
coming to me for during the term of her widowhood, should she not  
marry during her natural life, to possess & enjoy the whole with all  
the increase subject only to the receiver herein of the bequeathal.  
At the death of my wife or at any time should she marry, I will bequeath  
that the plantation herein before mentioned shall be equally divided  
between my two sons Nelson & Napoleon should they not have arrived at age  
the rents & profits arising therefrom, to equally divided among all my  
children living & parts until the boys do arrive at age at the discretion  
of my Executors for their education & on the death of either of the  
boys the other to heir all the land.

I will bequeath that all the balance of my estate shall be  
equally divided amongst my beloved children in their several portions  
at age, the girls to have a negro girl apiece more than the boys  
that my Executors will as they become of age allot to each Person  
Child his or her equal part, reserving in the division all additions  
such portion or part of estate to my wife as her situation or  
circumstances may require so that the amount shall never  
exceed one third more less than a child's part.  
I do hereby appoint Joseph Kirkpatrick of Wilson County & Elijah  
Boddie of Sumner County both of State of Oregon Executors to this  
my last will & Testament & do pronounce & proclaim & declare  
that this my last will & Testament. Resolving all other wills  
herefore by me made.

In presence of us, this first  
day of Sept 1826.

John T. Hale

Philip Chapman

Samuel Cole

W. T. Patton Seal

Subscribing Witness

State of Tennessee Court

Sumner County August Term 1827

The last will & Testament of William Patton did  
me exhibited in Court for probate & was duly proved agreeable to law  
by the oath of Philip Chapman & Samuel Cole subscribing wit-  
ness thereto & ordered to be recorded & there upon Joseph  
Kirkpatrick one of the Executors named in said will appeared in  
Court & agreed to take upon himself the execution thereof & together with  
Robert Patton & Hugh Kirkpatrick his securities indentured  
acknowledged the sum to the Governor in the sum of Two  
Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs & took the oath  
of office prescribed by Elijah Boddie the other Executor having  
appeared in Court & refused to act as such & removed, & at  
the same time Anna Patton the widow of said decedent appeared  
in Court & disengaged from said will. A copy test  
A. N. Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I Peter Fish being to mind the  
certainty of death & uncertainty of life make this my last Will  
& Testament. First I give my soul to God who gave it. And my body to  
be buried in a Christian like manner.

Secondly I did my negro alay him this freedom & a right to live

my tract of land fifteen years, also there is to be laid off  
out of my present crop one year support, there is to be  
laid off a sufficient quantity of horses, cows, hogs, & farming

utuals for them to make a support to be provided by general  
appointed by Court if any of my negro withdraw from the land  
if he has no right any further to do anything with the land but  
his share, agrees to rest until the time allowed them on the  
land expires. Third; all my property not disposed of after paying  
my debts is to be equally divided between my brothers & sisters  
William, Fourth, My land at the time when my negroes  
is to give possession estates to be divided between my brothers  
William, Eli, John, George, and the names of my negroes goes from  
Patrick, Lewis, Andrew, Washington, George, and Eddie  
Henry, Eliza, Elly, Alice, Lucy, negro woman & girls.  
Fifth; I give to my negroes Ten Dollars out of the money  
arising from my Peanut Crop. I have Peter Brown, John  
Patterson Jr, as Executors to this my last Will & Testament  
for witnesses whereof I have set my hand & seal.  
This 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1827.

Test.

Peter Fisher Seal

William Stewart  
John Bryan  
Hose C. Wilson  
William Brown

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County, Court August Term 1827

The last will & Testament of Peter  
Fisher died was exhibited in Court for probate & was ad-  
mitted agreeable to law by the oath of John Bryan, William  
C. Wilson, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto ordered to be  
recorded & thereupon Peter Bryan, John Patterson the Executor  
named in said will appeared in Court refused to come and was  
excommunicated, whereupon on motion it is ordered by the Court that  
Jernimish Fisher be appointed Administrator of the Goods &  
Chattels rights & credits with the will annexed of said dec-  
ed and thereupon said Jernimish Fisher, Robert Deale, John  
Patterson, John Shan, George & Blockhouse his executors  
entered into & acknowledged their bond to the sum of  
in the sum of Five Thousand dollars conditioned as the law  
directs & took the oath of Administrator prescribed by law.

A Copy Test.

A. H. Douglass Clerk

State of Tennessee, On the year of our Lord one thousand  
Sumner County, Eight hundred & twenty six in January  
the 20<sup>th</sup> 1826. In the name of God Amen: Being under  
the decline of natural life but of sound memory & calling to mind the  
mortality of the body do hereby constitute & ordain this my last  
Will & Testament in this manner & form as follows & first  
after all my just debts is paid, I also lay down behind life  
Merry thought all my estate to the real & personal during  
my life or widowhood & at his decease or marriage on his  
& desire is that my three youngest sons, namely, Wilson,  
Wood, & Ely Wood, Willie Wood having all my land first free  
Gideon Wood forty nine acres of land & mill, & Ely to have thirty  
fire acres on the west end of the tract & Willie to have thirty five acres  
on the last end of the tract, the begin on a Spanish bay with

the path their lands to all in the Survey, running North across the tract  
each of them is to throw in to their mother five barrels of corn &  
sixty bushels of corn a year. Gideon Wood is to pay to Jacob Gregory two  
dollars in trade for his part & to James Henry two dollars in trade & to  
Charles Wood two dollars in trade & to Abner Wood two dollars in trade,  
& to Eli Hemmings two dollars in trade, to Jonathan Gregory two  
dollars in trade, & to William Chapman wife & child two dollars in trade,  
Oak Hill Farmer has had his part of the estate & my will is that all  
my household & Kitchen furniture & my cattle & my sheep be  
equally divided between the three youngest sons, namely  
Gideon Wood all & Eli Wood & Willie Wood & this is my last  
will & Testament.

Test. Gideon Wood & wife Turner  
Satt. Wood Amer.

Summer County Court August Term 1827  
A paper purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Satt. Wood  
dead was exhibited in Court for probate & was duly proved  
in Court by the oath of Gideon Wood a subscribing witness  
thereby ordered to be recorded.

A. H. Douglass Clerk

State of Tennessee

Summer County, Court August Term 1827.

William A. Brown one of  
the executors of Henry A. Brown, deceased in Court & took the oath of  
Exors proacted by him & together with John T. Dimmick &  
Robert Neppen his securities entered into & acknowledged their  
bond to the sum of Twelve Hundred  
conditions as the law directs.

A. H. Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen: I, William Edwards, as Clerk of the  
County of Sumner in the State of Tennessee, being low in body but of  
sound & disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this  
my last Will & Testament hereby recording all other wills by me  
herefore made. So. Brown. It is my Will & desire that my just  
debts be paid by my executors but after appointed as soon as  
may be conveniently done without regard to time allowed by law  
for that purpose.

Henceforth I give & bequeath the following negroes to wit:

Miss, Big Dint, Dick &amp; Jimmy

Himself: I give & bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Mitchell the  
following negroes to wit: Big Bob, Nancy, and Hannah.Himself: I give & bequeath unto my Grand son Dreday Hassell my  
 negro man Portman.

Himself: I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Charlotte  
to bear the following negroes to wit: Daniel, Stephen & Big Mom a  
boy and bequeath unto Harriet Enney my negro girl Priscilla  
Himself: I give and bequeath unto my four grand children the children  
of my deceased son William Edwards as follows to wit: To  
Charlotte, Richard and William my tract of land on  
Older Creek to be equally divided between them Enny

Directors to them and their heirs forever. I also give to my said Grandson Jonathan Edwards ten negroes man and wife to my said Grandson Richard Edwards two negroes Black Charles and Little Bob, and to my Grandson William Edwards, I give also two negroes America, and Barnett and to my Grand daughter Malvina Edwards, I give three negroes to my Andrew, Sally, and her Youngest Child Bill, a horse worth twenty dollars a cow and calf, one of my desks and one feather bed and furniture and I also give unto my Grand sons Richard, and William, before mentioned in this Item, each a work horse worth Fifty dollars and if either of my Grand sons before mentioned in this Item, should die before he arrives at full age or marries, it is my will that his part of the land be equally divided between his surviving brothers and for Malvina to have the negroes of such deceased brother.

My youngest daughter Sally Douglas has had the charge of my family for some time past and will probably continue so long as I shall live to superintend and direct my household and pay those filial attentions to my personal comforts which are particularly necessary to an advanced old age. I therefore give and bequeath to my said daughter Sally Douglas the tract of land whereon I now live together with all other lands I possess not heretofore devised or divided. I further give and bequeath to my said daughter Sally Douglas the following negroes to wit: Will George, Gipper, Jack, Little Tom, Ellis, Wilson, Peter, Rachit, Shelly, Betty, and Sydah, I further give and bequeath to my said daughter Sally Douglas the entire residue of my property of whatsoever description not herein before devised consisting of all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, household and Kitchen furniture, wagons, carts, work oven, farming and all other tools, lands, notes, accounts, money, and the cash growing or made on all my lands of every description. And I hereby appoint my two sons-in-law, Reuben Douglas and William H. Douglass, Executors of this my last Will and Testament with directions to my last named Executor, William H. Douglass, to pay off and discharge all the debts that may, over at the time of my decease in manner hereinafter directed out of that portion of my Estate heretofore bequeathed to his wife Sally Douglas and that he will as soon after my decease as the same can be conveniently done cause a handsome stone Hall, twenty feet square or larger, if he shall deem it necessary to be raised enclosing my family grave, and that he cause to be erected suitable tomb stones or slabs with appropriate engravings. And it is for the my wife and I desire, that my last named Executor William H. Douglass retain in his possession all the Legacies herein before devised until the 1st day of February next after my decease to enable him to gather in and examine the crop that may be growing at the time of my decease and then to pay it. On the 1st day of February after my decease my Executor shall pay over the Legacies herein devised.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1827.

Witnesses:

Elijah Bodie  
Elisha Bodie  
E. L. Douglass

William Edwards Seal

State of Tennessee County  
Sumner County, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1827.

The last will and testament of William Edwards did now exhibit in Court for probate, and was duly proved in open Court agreeable to law, by the oath of Elijah Bodie, Edward L. Douglass and several Douglasses subscribing witness thereto and sworn to be recorded. And thereupon William H. Douglass, one of the Executors therein named appeared in Court and agreed to take upon himself the burden of the Execution thereof and together with several Douglasses, Harry Mayson and Robert M. Bowes, his securities interred 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. Reuben Douglas the other Executor named therein having appeared in Court and renounced.

A Copy Test  
H. H. Douglass Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen: I, Jesse Daniel of Sumner County and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, blessed be Almighty God for the same. I 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 Ann Daniel and my daughter Mary, I, Daniel, all my land and negroes, to them and their heirs forever, after paying all my just debts, to be equally divided between them at my death also the increase of my negroes to be divided between them equally. Also I give unto my wife and daughter all my stock, of every description and all my household furniture and farming utensils to be equally divided between my wife Ann Daniel and my daughter Mary Daniel to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever.

I hereby appoint John Cotton, and Sarah Cotton, my Executors to this my last Will and Testament fully revoking all former wills by me made. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1826.

John Cotton  
Sarah Cotton

Jesse Daniel Seal

Alexander Cotton, I, Jesse Daniel do not require any security from my Executors John Cotton and Sarah Cotton to this my last Will and Testament. April the 5<sup>th</sup> day 1826.

Jesse Daniel Seal

James Pitt Seal  
Alexander Cotton Seal  
State of Tennessee - Sumner  
Sumner County Court, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1827  
The last Will and Testament of  
Jesse Daniel deceased was exhibited in Court for probate

and was duly signed agreeable to law by the oath of Marbotton,  
James Pitt, and Alexander Cotton, subscribing witnesses  
thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and at the same time  
an Inventory of the estate of said deceased was returned unto  
Court by John Cotton, & Sarah Cotton, the Executrix named in  
said last Will and Testament which is ordered to be recorded.  
A copy set

A H Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen: I Caleb Willis late of the County of Clinton  
and State of Tennessee at present failing body but of sound mind and  
memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner  
and form following viz:

My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be first paid  
out of my personal estate.

Sicndly I bequeath to my wife Sarah Willis the whole of my real and per-  
sonal estate to use occupy and enjoy during her natural life, that  
is to say, all my property in Sumner County.

I give and bequeath to my son Richard Hardy Willis his heirs  
forever, after the decease of his mother, One hundred and fifty  
dollars in property to be valued by persons disinterested in addition  
to what I have heretofore given him.

Thirdly It is my will and pleasure that at the decease of my wife the  
whole of the property except the part given my son Richard H.  
as above mentioned be equally divided between my sons Caleb,  
Daniel, Malick and my daughters Anna, Sarah and Lucy  
and the heirs of my son Caleb deceased, they being all  
four, but in the aforesaid division it is my will that the part  
of the land that may fall to my son Daniel shall include his  
the said Daniels improvement, also the part that may fall to  
the heirs of my son Moses shall be laid off to adjoin the said  
heirs sons land.

Fouthly I nominate my son Caleb,  
and Daniel Willis Executors of this my last Will and Testa-  
ment, requiring no other security for the performance than  
their own integrity, hereby revoking all other and former will  
or Wills. In Testimony whereof I have signed below and  
and seal. This 1<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1827  
Signed sealed and acknowledged

Caleb Willis Esq

in the presence of: Set

Elisha Gibson.

Harry Shannon

Henry R. Dc

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court  
November Term 1827.

The last Will and Testament of Caleb Willis  
did record in Court for probate and was duly proved  
agreeable to law by the oath of Elisha Gibson and Harry  
Shannon one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to  
be recorded, and thereupon Caleb Willis and Daniel Willis the  
Exes named in said Will appear in Court and took the oath of  
Exes prescribed by law it being required in said will that said  
Exes shall not give security for the execution thereof  
A copy set.

A H Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen: I Lewis Crane being weak in body but  
in my right mind, think it proper to make this my last Will and Testament and  
commend my soul to God who gave it my body to be buried in a  
Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors.

My will is that the sum of William Crane does have fifty acres of  
land upon or Henry Wright now interest that the said Henry Wright  
and his wife Susannah have the use of said land during his  
natural life, or so long as they shall dispose to live on it and  
make use of it, at his death or removal the land to be sold and  
the money equally divided among said heirs as afores.

The said land to be sold by my Executors.

My will is that my son Caleb Crane have the land and plantation  
whereon he now lives.

My will is that my two nieces, Lucy, Billie, and Lucy, Billie  
have each of them one bed and furniture.

My will is that the balance of my property be sold at the discretion  
of my Executors to pay my just debts. I constitute and appoint  
Elijah Crane, William Crane, and Caleb Crane Executors to this  
my last Will and Testament. This Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1827.

Signed sealed and acknowledged

Lewis Crane Esq

in presence of:

Thomas Hunt

Burtis St. Gervill

Fiddling Gunnsley

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court  
November Term 1827.

The last Will and Testament of  
Lewis Crane did record in Court for probate and  
was duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of Thomas Hunt  
and Fiddling Gunnsley two of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
and ordered to be recorded, whereupon Lewis Crane one of the  
Executors named in said will appeared in Court and agreed  
to take upon himself the execution thereof and together  
with Thomas Hunt, and Fiddling Gunnsley his securities  
entered into and acknowledged their bond to the  
Governor and his successors in Office in the sum of  
Fifteen Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs  
and took the oath of Executor prescribed by law.

A copy set.

A H Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen: I Richard Bradley of the  
County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, being old, blind  
and infirm, knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die  
my will I recommend to the Author of its existence and bid  
to its Master Rest I now wish to make my last Will and Testam-  
ent in the manner following viz:

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catharine  
Bradley my black horse, bridle and saddle, one Cow, one  
bed and furniture said all of the house hold and kitchen  
furniture to be her own and to be disposed of at her own  
discretion, the house and plantation wherein I now live  
which contains of my land on the West side of Drakes  
Creek, without the appurtenances thereupon belonging, given  
to my wife during her natural lifetime and at her death to

belong to my daughter Catharine Staudley with all the appurtenances therunto belonging; the part of my land that lies on the East side of the Drakes Creek. I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Bradley with all the appurtenances thereto belonging, my wagon and yoke and stock and the money arising from said sale to be equally divided between my sons to wit: David Bradley, William Bradley, Abram Bradley, Isaac Bradley, and the heirs of my son Richard Bradley Jr. My debts and funeral expenses I wish to be all punctually paid. I wish Richard Cope, William Lamb, and Abram Bradley, Executors of this my last Will and Testament. I hereby disannul all former wills and Testaments, namely one bearing date sixth day of October 1821. Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us. This fourth day of August 1827.

Witness present  
William Lambeth Son  
James Henry son  
David Bradley

Richard D Bradley

 State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Term 1827

The last Will and Testament of Richard D. Bradley was exhibited in Court for probate and was duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of William Lambeth, and David Bradley, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and thereupon Abram Bradley and William Lambeth, two of the executors named in said will appeared in Court and together with David Bradley, their security entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Sheriff in the sum of One Hundred dollars conditioned as the lay clerks and took the oath of testators prescribed by law.

A copy Sept.

A H Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I, William Stubblefield being weak and infirm of body, but yet perfectly composed of mind and in the full exercise of my reason and mental powers do hereby offer this as my last Will and Testament. I commit my soul to God, who gave it, and my body to the dust whence it came. As to my worldly Goods and Chattels & dispose of them in the following manner. I affectionately and finally bequeath and give to my beloved Sister Francis and my niece Sarah S. Sullivan as equal shares, my plantation together with my Crop and farming utensils. I also give said Sister Francis and niece Sarah my house hold furniture, and all the stock, goods and Chattels which I possess, with the following exceptions.

First. I give my youngest Cott to my Sister Francis alone, who hereby obligates herself that Sally Martin shall have the benefit of said Cott, and secondly, by consequence of an obligation for James A. Glasgow, held by Mr. Alexander Eng. against me, I hereby give said Glasgow my two year old folly, provided he release me from the aforementioned obligation, otherwise this will respecting him shall be void and of no effect. Respecting Sally S. Sullivan, I fully nominate and appoint my brother

John Stubblefield and Harris Walton as guardians for her so far as to prevent my person but herself from the use and benefit of the property which I leave, here given her, this being my last Will and Testament. I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven.

In the presence of  
Daniel Carney  
Harris Walton

William Stubblefield Esq

 State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Term 1827  
The last will and Testament of William Stubblefield Esq was exhibited in Court for probate and was duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of Daniel Carney and Harris Walton, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be record id.

A copy First

A. H. Douglass Clerk

In the name of God Amen. The third day of December One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Six. I, Isaac Grimm of Sumner County, State of Tennessee at the weak in body, and of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, at the same time and by revoking all former Wills made by me after a day first debts are paid.

Will and desire is that all my property both real and personal shall remain and be kept together on the plantation for the joint use and benefit of wife and my three children, until my son Alexander shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years, at which time I will and begin both to my wife Sarah Grimm the one third part of all my household furniture also one house Clock, also the one third part of all my property, excepting mulatto woman named Mary during her life, at my wife's death, I will and bequeath to my daughter Margaret E. Grimm, the above named Clock, and when Margaret arrive at the age of eighteen years, I will and bequeath to her the above named Negro woman Mary, together with the increase from that time forth only proper use of her the said Margaret need the care of her body forever, but in case she should die, without issue, then to revert to my son or their heirs.

I will and bequeath to Alexander D. Grimm and Charles D. Grimm, each one writing desk, and when my son Alexander D. Grimm arrives at the age of twenty one years, my will and desire is, that he shall have the one third part of the residue of all my property, both real and personal and the balance of my property, I wish to be equally divided between my other two children Charles D. Grimm and Margaret E. Grimm, at the death of my wife, Sarah Grimm, my will and desire is, that all the property will to her during life shall be equally divided between my three children if Grimm, Charles D. Grimm, Margaret E. Grimm, if any of the negroes should become bodily, and become unmanageable

to be judged of by my Executors, then and in that case will and desire is that my Executors sell each negro and lay out the proceeds in other negro property to the best advantage for my heirs, my will and desire is, that my three children shall each have a complete English education to be paid for out of the profits arising from the farm, if any thing should be made over and above what will be necessary for the support of my family, in a comfortable manner. My will and desire is, that my Executors would attend to the sale of such surplus, and appropriate it to the best advantage, for the use of my heirs.

At the same time I do appoint Daniel Montgomery, and Willie Douglass, of Sumner County, joint Executors of this my last Will and Testament. My will and desire is that my Executors should receive full compensation for their trouble, in executing this my last Will which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This the Third day of December, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six.

Signed sealed and acknowledged - Isaac Grimm  
in the presence of  
Charles Watkins State of Tennessee  
John Soper Sumner County Court  
R. Douglass February Term 1828.

The last Will and Testament of Isaac Grimm died, was exhibited in Court for probate and was duly proved agreeable to law by the oaths of John Soper and Reuben Douglass, subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded, and thereupon Willie R. Douglass, one of the Executors therein named appeared in Court, and agreed to take upon himself the execution thereof, and together with Reuben Douglass and Horace Douglass, his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond, to the Governor, in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars, conditioned as the law directs. Daniel Montgomery, the other Executor named in said last Will and Testament, having appeared in open Court and renounced.

A copy first.  
A. H. Douglass Clerk.

In the name of God Amens. I Robert Boyle of the County of Sumner in the State of Tennessee, being weak in body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be Almighty God for the same considering the uncertainty of his mortal life, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say:  
I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Boyle, one third of my Land and other property and a set of bed curtains for use during her natural life and then to be returned to my heirs. I give and bequeath to my son James R. Boyle one hundred acres of land including my house and to

be the next end of the tract. Also one third of my movable property my trade apparel etc. I give to my daughter Nancy Bradford forty acres of land and on the East end of my tract and to begin at the back side of my garden, to her and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten forever. I hereby make void all and every will by me heretofore by me made, and I do hereby appoint my son Samuel R. Boyle my sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal. This Sixteenth day of Augt, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen.

Signed sealed and acknowledged to be the last Will and Testament in presence of Robert Boyle

Joseph Clark William Jones Stk of Tennessee  
William Jones Sumner County Court Day Term 1828

Boyle's will was exhibited in Court for probate and was duly proved agreeable to law by the oaths of Joseph Clark and William Jones, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

A copy first  
A. H. Douglass Clerk.

I James Rankin of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, being in a weak state of health, but perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Hannah Rankin one third of the tract of land whereon I now live and as many farming tools which shall be left to her choice, her third of the land shall be the dwelling house and lands, also the wheat which I have just now sown, when it comes to perfection, also as much of my house furniture as she may choose to keep with her feather beds and furniture and the kitchen furniture as much as she may want, the good wool horses at her choice, four cows and calves and a calf at her choice, six head of sheep, twelve head of hogs, at her choice, with all property and gear, with the slaves of hers, also one year provision to be laid off by the good man. I give and bequeath to my wife Annually, three negro slaves Jacob, Cheval and Eliza; also a bond on Major Morehead of the State of Kentucky, for One Hundred dollars principal, the one half of the bond principal and interest to her collected shall be at her disposal, the other half to the use of my estate.

Also I have before given to my daughter Anne Boyle a negro woman Sally, one hundred and fifty dollars and to one girl named Eliza, worth One hundred and Fifty dollars. To William Rankin Cash one hundred and ten dollars. To John Blalorne one negro girl named Nancy, two hundred and fifty dollars. To James Rankin one girl named Edney, one hundred and fifty dollars. To Lige Hale, a girl named Dilphy, worth two hundred and fifty dollars. To Dice Rankin one negro girl named Mary, worth two hundred and fifty dollars. my other Children are, Lucy, Robert, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Weston, David Palmer, Susanna Long, I wish for them five last mentioned slaves to which there is no charge against them to make equal with them, the same to be done after the payment

of my just debts, then all shall draw an equal part of my estate. The property which I have given to my wife Susanna Rankin at her decease shall be equally divided among my children, before named. My wife Susanna shall keep possession of his own side saddle and his bow. I give and bequeath the tract of land whereon I now live, consisting of forty hundred and eighty acres to James Williams, and Susanna Rankin. It is also my will that Hannah a negro slave shall have her freedom at my decease. I do appoint my wife Susanna Rankin Executor and my son John Rankin Executor to this my last will and Testament. I do hereby disclaim of all other wills, legacies &c, ratifying this to be my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have signed it in my hand and seal. This the Twenty Fifth day of October, an in the year of our Lord, One Thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Signed, sealed and declared to be  
the last will and testament in  
presence of

Henry M. Alder State of Tennessee  
See L. Blakemore Sumner County Court  
Isaac Cooper February Seven 1828.

The last will and testament of James Rankin dec'd was exhibited in Court for probate, and was duly proved in open Court agreeable to law by the oath of Henry M. Alder, See L. Blakemore, and Isaac Cooper, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon the Exec and Executing named therein appear in Court and refused to qualify as such. Thereupon Jonathan Boggs and John D. Blakemore, were appointed Administrators with the will annexed of the said James Rankin dec'd, and together with James Rankin, Thos. Blakemore, Isaac Hale, and Elijah Rutledge their executors entered into and acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the sum of Three Thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs, and took the oath of Administrators prescribed by law.

First  
A. N. Douglass Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I John Gardner of Sumner County and Tennessee State, being in a low state bodily health, but in perfect mind and memory, thanks be to the Almighty God for his blessing bestowed on me, calling to mind the immortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I make and ordain this instrument of setting my last Will and Testament, that is to say:

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mourning Gardner, all the land and plantation whereon I now live including the mansion house and all other necessary houses thereon belonging, built and bounded as followeth viz: Beginning at the Creek, with a divided fence, thence north and east fence, running east and west one from, for her my said wife

to use, during his natural lifetime, the whole of said tract consisting of three hundred and forty one acres by estimation; after my wife's death I give unto my son Cullen Gardner and Sally, his wife and their heirs forever, to be divided in the following manner, that is to say: The said divided tract shall be equally divided in quantity of acres by a due North and South line between my two said Children Cullen Gardner and Sally, his wife, so as my said daughter Sally, his wife shall have the East end of said tract, including the house & lot, wherein I now live, the remaining part my son Cullen is to have being the West end of said tract, including wherein he now lives each of them my said children and their heirs to enjoy forever. And further I give unto my wife Mourning Gardner, Sarah Wiley and her children and increase and Peter & Austin Cray and her increase for her my said wife to enjoy her forever with four horses & four Cows & Calves all to be chosen by her my said wife out of my stock of the said cause so to do a wagon & thirty head of George the Head of sheep & as many of the foregoing animals as may be considered sufficient for the said wife to tend a crop an easel farm and the balance of my property consisting of negroes stock of all kinds, farming utensils and household and Kitchen furniture is at my death to be divided equally between my son Cullen Gardner & Sally Haun & their lawful heirs, the said negroes is known by the following names, Old Sally, big Stephen, Early & her child Little Stephen, Lucy, Peggy, Patsy and increase and her increase Haun and her children and increase Nancy and her increase Botman George Black and Pegg the old woman Sarah is to live with who ever she may choose that is to say Cullen Gardner or Sally Haun and further I here nominate & appoint my friends Elijah Boddy & Josiah Howell to be my executors to this my last Will & Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1828.

John Gardner Seal

Reddick Bridges.

James Garrison

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court February Seven 1828.

The last Will & Testament of John Gardner, dec'd was exhibited in Court for probate & was duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of Reddick Bridges & James Garrison, subscribers whereunto they to & ordend to be recorded & thereupon Elijah Boddy & Josiah Howell the executors named in said last Will appeared in open Court & acknowledged whereupon William Haun & Cullen Gardner and appointed Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of said deceased & together with James Stratton, David R. Parrot & King Parker their securities entered into & acknowledged this bond to the Governor in the sum of Four Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs & took the oath of Administrator foregathered by law A copy recd. J. H. Douglass Clerk.

By the name of God Omnipotent I John Thurmond of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, being sick in body, but of sound mind and of disposing memory, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and yet its appointed for all men once to die, but considering the uncertainty of the time, therefore I do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following:

That is to say First and principally I commit my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to be buried decently after the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching such worldly property and estate, as has pleased God to bless me with, in the world, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Stancy Thurmond all my tract and parcel of land wherein I am now living containing one hundred and forty six acres with there more or less. Also I give and bequeath unto her my negroes Moses, Jude, Rose, Little Moses, Lucy, Eddy, Pharoah, and Lucinda, and these future increase; I do also give and bequeath unto her all the balance of my estate, both real and personal, that I may die possessed of, except such part thereof I may be disposed of by this will to others, and it is my will and desire, that my wife Stancy Thurmond may receive, have hold and usage for and during her natural life, all the above property, willed or intended to be willed, on the following terms, that is to say I will bequeath and give unto my daughter by my said wife named Mary Jane Thurmond, the one half of the estate willed above to my wife, to be received by my daughter Mary Jane Thurmond, when she arrives to lawful age or marrys, and it is further my will and desire, that at the death of my wife the other half of my property which my wife is to retain during her life shall be the property of my said daughter Mary Jane Thurmond, and the property herein willed to my aforesaid daughter I give and bequeath unto her, and her heirs forever, and also the future increase of said property. Item I give and bequeath unto Mrs. Mary George for and during her natural life as a loan, for her, ad the tract or parcel of land wherein she now lives, and after her death I give and bequeath the aforesaid tract or parcel of land to my daughter Mary Jane Thurmond to her and her heirs forever. Now Considering that I have made liberal donations and a advancements to each of my children, by my first wife, I give and bequeath unto them, after my decease following, viz: To my daughter Polly Bailey, to my grand children the children of Anna Mills, died and former wife of John Mills to my son James G. Thurmond and to my son Dr. M. Thurmond I give the sum of One thousand dollars to be equally divided between them and their heirs.

and also the former donations and advancements, which I may have made to and for them, but further I do hereby constitute and appoint, my friends Thomas Bradens and Thomas White, and Mrs. McMurphy, to be my Executors to this my last Will and Testament, all and singular my estate by three, and I do utterly disavow, revoke and disclaim, all and every other former wills legacies, and Testaments in any ways by me made before.

Only reserving and confining this, and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have countersigned my hand and affixed my seal. This the Twenty ninth day of July, Eighteen hundred and twenty five.

John Thurmond Test<sup>d</sup>  
Signed sealed and delivered by  
John Thurmond to be his last  
Will and Testament in the  
presence of us both, Smith, John Morris

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court  
May Term 1825

The last will and Testament of John Thurmond exhibited in Court for probate and was duly signed by the test of William Smith, a subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded, Thomas White, one of the Executors of John Thurmond did appear in Court and agreed to take upon himself the execution of the last Will and Testament of said decedent and together with Realy Difus, and Willis Orms his associates witness, etc and acted in regard this bond to the Governor in the sum of One Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the oath of Executor prescribed by law, and at the same time returned into Court an inventory of said chattel, which is ordered to be recorded. A Copy Test  
A Noting less than of said Court

W<sup>m</sup> Elizabeth He Young and Nicholas Hale, and William Mc Young, witnesses to this the Non-Caputitive will of Joseph Young dec'd, State that he died on the evening of the 8<sup>th</sup> May d<sup>r</sup> 1828, that he first answered to us that he was not long for this world, and wished to state how he wanted his property disposed of, which was in substance, in the following way to wit: -

I want all my personal property sold and the proceeds appropriated to the use of my heirs next of degree, my lands sold, in one and one year's credit, and the money put to interest for the mutual benefit of my children and that James Hale and William Young should sell his land, and settle his business of every description. The above statement was made in our presence and just before he expired, and was in his perfect senses, when the above Statement was made. The said Joseph Young, died at his last place of residence in the County of Sumner. Nicholas Hale, attests that a true statement to be Compt, with

the exception of the credit to be given on the sale of  
the land which he did not have.

Nicholas Hale  
Elizabeth A. Young  
William W. Young

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1828.

The non-captive will of Joseph Young  
died was produced in open Court, and was duly  
proved according to law by the oath of Nicholas Hale  
Elizabeth A. Young, and William W. Young, subscribing  
in presence thirty and ordered to be recorded.  
Whereupon Wm. W. Young and James Hale who the said  
decedent requested should sue the executors of his  
estate, appeared in Court, and on motion it is ordered  
by the Court, that said James Hale and Wm. W. Young  
be appointed Administrators of the estate of said  
decedent, with said non-captive will annexed  
and together with Nicholas Hale and William Dally  
certified into and acknowledged their bond to  
the Governor, in the sum of Fourteen Thousand  
dollars, conditioned as the law directs, and at  
the same time returned into Court an inventory  
of said decedent, which is ordered to be recorded.

A Copy First.

A H Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1829.

James Sanders one of the executors named  
in the last Will and Testament of Alanson Trigg died  
appearing in open Court and agreed to take upon himself  
with Lucy Trigg an executrix also named therein and  
qualified as such at August Term last of this Court,  
the burden of the execution thereof and took the oath  
of Executor prescribed by law as security being required  
of said Executrix.

A H Douglass Clerk of said Court

State of Tennessee by the name of God Amens I William Sanders  
Sumner County of the County and State aforesaid being ready  
to die out 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 follows that is to say in the  
first place soon after my decease it is my desire that all my just  
debts be paid by my executors herein after named.

In the second place I give and bequeath to my three sons  
Edwin William and Francis all my land except four lots  
in Gallatin which I give my three daughters my loving wife to  
be maintained by my three sons of the land and two year  
next place I give them these sons all my working tools in the  
ten yard and back mill equally alike and fast and high  
on hand I give to my daughter Harriet Matilda

to my daughter Anna John Octavia Mitchell, to my three sons  
Edwin William and Francis, Pleasant to be sold or swapped of my  
executors things proper, and another put in her place and have  
a right for her, Francis; if any of my daughter should die before  
they are married, or have no children then the negroes returned  
to the rest of the brothers and sisters, at their death, if they have  
children lawfully begotten, then I give the said negroes to them  
and their heirs after me. Next place all my household furni-  
ture and all my books, and stock of hogs and cattle to be  
divided equally alike, excepting work bees, and out and  
wagon, and farming utensiles then I leave for the benefit of the  
plantation. I leave my carriage to my three daughters when my  
daughters marry my sons must pay them one hundred dollars  
each, and a horse. That Rockdale fifty of the trees, & allow to  
me within a horse apiece, and settled along to any one particular  
My desire is that they all live together until otherwise provided  
In the first place I do constitute and appoint my sons  
Edwin, & William Sanders, to carry into effect this my  
last will by me made and Testament. I hereby revoking all  
former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and seal This 30 day of October  
1828.

Signed and cheaped to be  William Sanders   
the act of the above  William Sanders in the State of Tennessee  
executor of me:  John Gilbert  
 John W. Moody February Term 1829.

The last will and Testament of  
William Sanders died, was exhibited in Court for  
probate, and was duly proved agreeable to law  
by the oath of John Gilbert, one of the subscribing  
Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and  
whereupon Edwin Sanders and William Sanders  
the Executors named in said will appeared  
in Court, and together with Hugh Elliott,  
Cassius Collins, and John Carruthers executors  
certified into and acknowledged their bond to  
the Governor, and his successors in office in the  
sum of Eight Thousand dollars conditioned as  
the law directs, and took the oath of Oaths pre-  
scribed by law.

A Copy First

A H Douglass Clerk

In the name of the Lord my God I James Franklin Son of  
the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being weak in  
body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory Considering  
the uncertainty of this mortal life I do make and pub-  
lish this my last will and Testament in the manner and  
form to-wit First I give and unto my son John  
Franklin the sum of One hundred dollars  
I also give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Franklin

A certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in the County and State aforesaid. On the North side of the West Bank of Station Creek, beginning at said land where my North boundary line of plantation begins? extends down said Creek a certain distance to a straight line to James Franklin Jr., next corner will bear the Spring line poles to North of said line from thence with my North boundary line of plantation to the beginning.  
I also give and bequeath unto my son James Franklin all the rest of my land lying on the North side of said Creek adjoining the tract of land where he now lies.  
I also give and bequeath unto my son William Franklin two certain negroes my only the name of Jacob and the other by the name of Moses.

I also give and bequeath unto my two daughters Ann Hood and Betty Franklin, respectively to be valued to the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to each.

I also give and bequeath unto my Grand-daughter Polly Davis, sum of Fifty Dollars.

I also give and bequeath unto my Grand-son, James Davis, Fifty Dollars.

I also make this my last Will and Testament that all the rest of my negro and all my property of every description shall be divided into five equal parts and ~~one~~ of those parts I give and bequeath unto each one of my daughters, namely: Jane Morph, Ann Hood, Polly Davis and Betty Franklin, and the other part I give and bequeath unto my son Albert C. Franklin and my grand-son Isaac Davis to be equally divided between them. It is also my will and request that none of my negro shall be sold but to be divided between them according to valuation and those negroes and their increase which have full and sole care of my daughters I give unto them during their natural life and then the ~~one~~ negro and their increase is to go to their children and if my daughter Polly should die in this life without issue the part of my estate is to be divided between my other daughters.

I also do hereby appoint my son James Franklin and my son-in-law John Morph, the Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. An witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal This 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 1828. In the year of our Lord.

By Thomas Eight Hundred and Twenty Eight  
Signed, Sealed, published and witnessed by the above named

James Franklin Jr. to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of the Testator.

James Franklin  
John C. Scales  
John C. Franklin

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County July Term 1829.

The last Will and Testament of James Franklin Jr. it was exhibited in Court for probate and was duly proved agreeable to law by the oath of Lewis Green and John Franklin as certifying witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Thereupon James Franklin and John Hood the executors named in said will appeared in Court and agreed to take upon themselves the burden of the execution thereof, and together with William Franklin thus security entered into and acknowledged their bond to the Governor and his successors in office in the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars, conditioned as the law directs, and took the oath of Oaths prescribed by law, and at the same time rendered into Court an Inventory of the estate of said decedent which is ordered to be recorded. A copy of it.

A. McDouglas Clerk

In the name of God Amen. I, Richard Bligh, of Sumner County, and State of Tennessee, being a low state of health, fit of Conscience and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz:

I have with my Executors discretionary power to sell so much and such a part of my personal property (negro excepted) as they may, deem necessary and convenient of the negroes of which, I allow my just debts to be repaid, I wish however and allow so much of the stock, forming tools to husbandry and kitchen furniture to be removed from the farm as my Executors may, deem proper for the support and maintenance of my four sons Elbridge, Richard R. William and Samuel who are now residing there and also for the support of my negroes which I allow to be kept at work on the farm provided my Executors should be of opinion. My four sons before mentioned can thus be gently raised, supported and educated according to their rank. Should however my Executors be of opinion after a fair experiment, that my sons aforesaid cannot in this manner be gently raised, educated and supported as before said them and in that case I wish and allow my Executors at their discretion to procure other gentle and suitable homes for each of my four sons before mentioned and sell the balance of the stock, tools, furniture &c that may hereafter remain for their maintenance under a former Clause of this will, and if upon mature deliberation my Executors should be of opinion that it will best the interest of my children to sell the plantation on which I now live, I allow and hereby give them full power and authority to sell all the land where I live, upon such terms, as they may think will best comfort with the interest of my children. Should my land be sold, I allow my Executors to be heirs ~~to~~ from time to time until my children come of age or a division become necessary, and my Executors should be of opinion that it would be better to sell on negroes, should this be the case, I hereby give them full power and authority at their discretion to sell them, due regard being paid to humanity, and their own wishes. All the money arising from the sale of my property, I wish to be put out at interest and my executors at the incuriosity of my children may demand, until a division becomes necessary, and I direct the division to be made in such a way, that all my children shall be made as nearly equal in point of property as practicable. My will and meanings, that upon a division of my property as aforesaid to be made, show cause of my children here property of any kind that they obtained by gift or

inheritance from their grand mother Elizabeth Blythe that the value of such property be taken into Consideration and that such Husband or Children so claiming shall only be entitled to and receive of me much of my estate in addition to what they may here receive from this Grand Mother apportioned at such rate their whole share equal to a share of each of my other Children and that in this way all and each of my Children viz James Ebenezer Richard A. William A. Samuel Elizabeth H. Andrew and David Blythe be made as nearly equal as possible share and share shall in all my property, and the property of this Grand mother apportioned by her to nominate and appoint my brothers Andrew Blythe, and Samuel Blythe, my Father in law William Anderson, and my friends Richard King and Thomas Anderson Esqrs, to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness where of I have set my hand and seal.

This 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1828.

Signed sealed and acknowledged *Richard Blythe*  
in presence of us:

John Anderson *Seal of Tennessee*  
A. P. Blythe  
Richard King

August Term 1828.

The last Will and Testament of Richard B.  
Blythe died was exhibited in for probate and duly probated  
agreed to law, by the oaths of Thomas Anderson, and Samuel  
H. Blythe, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered  
to be recorded, and thereupon Andrew Blythe, Samuel H.  
Blythe, Richard King and Thomas Anderson, Executors  
therein named, appeared in open Court and together with  
Joseph Robt their attorney entered into and acknowledged  
their bond to the Governor in the sum of Eight Thousand  
Dollars, conditioned as the law directs, and took the oath  
of Executors prescribed by law. A copy first  
*A. N. Douglass Clerk*

In the name of God Amen. I John Kirkpatrick of the County  
of Sumner and State of Tennessee being sick but of sound  
mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed for all  
men once to die and being desirous to settle my temporal  
affairs. I do now make my last Will and Testament in the following manner from  
Item 1<sup>st</sup> My soul to God, and my body to be buried at the  
descretion of my Executors.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> It is my will that my just debts be paid.

Item 3<sup>o</sup> It is my will that my Esqrs Bill on horses, that will not be  
absolutely necessary for my family, and any other surplus  
property that he may think unnecessary for them to keep.

Item 1<sup>o</sup> It is my will that my beloved wife Sarah and my two children  
Sarah Martha Jones, and John Rufus enjoy all my land and  
negoties, with all my other property, to live and subsist on until  
my wife may marry, then I wish my personal property to be  
equally divided with my wife and children giving to each  
by an equal share of my negroes personally property  
I will that my wife have the one third of all my land during

her natural life, and when it is to go to my two children but I wish to state  
clearly understand that my land is to be divided, to give my wife and children  
an equal interest in the property land, that my children may have an equal  
share to live on when they come of age.

Item 1<sup>o</sup> It is my will that after my wife may marry take possession of my children, negroes  
and contract for them, without forcing them out penitently, and do not wish  
them armed.

Item 1<sup>o</sup> It is my will that Peter Kitching be my sole Executor.

Witness my hand and seal, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1828.

John Kirkpatrick *Seal* John Kirkpatrick *Seal*  
Hugh Kirkpatrick *Seal*

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1828.

A plain writing purporting to be the last Will and Testate  
of John Kirkpatrick deceased was exhibited in Court for  
probate and was duly proved by the oaths of James Kirkpatrick <sup>his son</sup>  
Hugh Kirkpatrick <sup>his son</sup> Not certifying witnesses thereto and ordered to  
be recorded. Thereupon Peter Kitching, the Executor named in the  
said will appeared in Court together with James Kirkpatrick  
and Hugh Kirkpatrick & his executors certified into and  
acknowledged the Bond to the Governor in the sum of Six  
Thousand dollars, conditioned as the same is and  
took the oath of Executor prescribed by Law.

A copy first: *A. N. Douglass Clerk*

In the name of God Amen. I John Kirkpatrick a citizen of the  
State of Tennessee and Sumner County do make order and declare  
this Instrument to be my last Will and Testament setting all others  
impaired. First. I recommend my soul to God who gave it me.  
All my just debts to be paid, specifically and specially paid.  
Second and especially to my beloved wife Elizabeth the love and of the trust of  
God abiding in me, from the time said marriage until my death  
giving the improvements thereunto belonging for and during her  
life time there to be equally divided between my children share  
and share alike, also I give to her four negroes sermons  
Alexander, George, Lucy, and Angelina, two head of horses  
two cows and furniture and the household and kitchen furniture,  
three cases and calicoes, three sons and pigs, six head of sheep one  
pork, ten hatching hens, one whole year provision, one set of gear, which  
she hath been using during her life time to store, together with all the pottery.  
I give and bequeath unto my son-in-law Andrew McElroy and  
wife Elizabeth five dollars in hand of their legacy from my wife at  
my death, or at the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth, and don't  
mean giving her and him any more of my property but  
mean that five dollars shall be all that they are entitled  
to of my estate.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly, Stromish,  
John, David, Lucy, Caroline, Samuel and Maria, & Betsy  
one red daughter of mine, one good bed and furniture apiece  
extra, they having not had any before to bed.

I give to my sons David and James *if one horse apiece and to*  
*James if my saddle they having had none before to bed.*

86 Item 8 My will is that my Executors and my plantation the upper part until the death of my wife and then I will that the whole tract be equally divided between my children except my daughter Elizabeth Blakemore.

Item 9 I will that my execs hold all my negro property together and not to sell them, if it can be avoided until the death of my beloved daughter Elizabeth, at which time I will that a division take place of all my property, both real and personal, and I hereby give to my execs in trust for the benefit of my daughter Elizabeth Blakemore one third part of my estate, which my execs can use for the benefit of my said daughter during her life time, then I will, that my execs equally divide the part given to them in trust for the benefit of my daughter Elizabeth between my grand children sons and daughters of my daughter Elizabeth Blakemore, giving them as much as I give any other one of my own children and I mean that all of them have one part equal to one of my execs. I will that all my stock not given away, is to be sold with the description of my execs, and the property so sold is to be divided by before named, also I hereby appoint my execs the guardians for all my children under age as I don't wish them to gain security.

Item 10 I hereby constitute and appoint my dear, beloved wife Elizabeth Buttry and William Buttry, my Executrix and Executor of this my will and Testament not requiring them to give security for their executors. In witness of all and of each of the things herein contained I have set my hand and seal.

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1828.  
Witness present: James Buttry, Esq.

Joe Smalley  
Benjamin Buttry  
Jonathan Badgett  
State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court July 1829  
In the last Will and Testament of James Buttry deceased was exhibited in Court for probate and duly proved by the oath of Benjamin Buttry, Joseph Smalley and Jonathan Badgett and ordered to be recorded, and thereupon William Buttry, one of the executors named, appeared in Court and took the oath of executors prescribed by law, the Testator having directed that no bond or security should be required of his executors.

A Copy Cert A H Douglass Clerk

Item 11 In the name of God Amen. I Joseph Walbrum of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being sound in body mind and memory but fearing the uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Amy Walbrum my dwelling house and other out buildings and one third of the tract of land, I now live on and one hundred feet from the river and a hundred feet of the balance of my other property during his natural life and at his death the tract of land building and other property left by me to my said wife Amy

Joint to my daughter Patsy Walbrum, and to my wife the my said daughter Patsy Walbrum shall be in the house with her mother Amy Walbrum during the life of her said mother to take care of her while she lives.

Item 12 I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Walbrum one equal share part of all my personal and chattel property.

Item 13 I give and bequeath to my son William Walbrum one equal share part of all my personal and chattel property.

Item 14 I give and bequeath to my son John Walbrum one dollar & he is not to have any more.

Item 15 I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Sherman one dollar & he is not to have any more.

Item 16 I give and bequeath to my son Littleton Walbrum's children one equal share part of all my personal and chattel property.

Item 17 I give and bequeath to my daughter Abby Eastby one equal share part of all my personal and chattel property.

Item 18 I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Walbrum one equal share part of all my personal and chattel property.

Item 19 I give and bequeath to my daughter Patsy Walbrum the whole of the tract of land, that I now live on, lying on the head waters of Franklin Creek after the death of her mother and in my death.

Patsy is to have the possession of all the good tract of land & that the third part will be left to my mother. I also give to my said daughter Patsy one equal share part of all personal and chattel property.

Item 20 I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Walbrum's children one equal share part of all my personal and chattel property.

Item 21 I give and bequeath to my daughter Patsy Walbrum the whole of the tract of land, that I now live on, lying on the head waters of Franklin Creek after the death of her mother and in my death.

Patsy is to have the possession of all the good tract of land & that the third part will be left to my mother. I also give to my said daughter Patsy one equal share part of all personal and chattel property.

Item 22 I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Walbrum, my said daughter Patsy to live in the house with her mother and Patsy during the life of her mother and she is to be supported in common with her mother and Patsy, out of the proceeds of the plantation as long as her mother lives and at the death of her mother, said Patsy is to live in the house with Patsy, during the life of she should not marry but if she marries Patsy is not bound to live with her.

I appoint my friend Samuel Davis Esqr. Exon to this my last Will and Testament freely serving as former wills by me made. On Testimony whereof I have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal. This 15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1825.

Joseph Walbrum Esqr. Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of me:

John Hall State of Tennessee

Isaac Badgett Sumner County Court February Term 1829

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Walbrum deceased was exhibited in Court for probate and duly proved by the test of William Hall and Badgett with two subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be record.

A Copy Cert A H Douglass Clerk

Item 12 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 13 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 14 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 15 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 16 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 17 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 18 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 19 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 20 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 21 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 22 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 23 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 24 I give to my beloved son Charles Carter four hundred dollars.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my grandson John Horne a negro boy named Lucy.  
 Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give my grand daughter Mary Davis, a negro girl named Caroline.  
 Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my grand daughter Melinda Davis a negro girl named Sarah.  
 Item 6<sup>th</sup> I will that my household and kitchen furniture together with any stock of horses, that is such of property as have not already disposed of be equally divided between my two children, Esther Sanders and Sally Ryan. I hereby nominate and appoint my son Esther Sanders and my son in law William Horne Davis to be my last Will and Testate.  
 In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal  
 This 27 day of June 1821.

Witnesses  
 Redick Bridges State of Tennessee  
 Lawyer & attorney Summer County Court August 1<sup>st</sup> 1828

The last Will and Testament of Messing Gordon  
 may be exhibited in Court for probate and was duly proved agreeable to  
 Law by the will of Redick Bridges and Lydia Lazear, subscribing  
 witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and at the same time Esther  
 Gardner and William Horne Davis their children named aforesaid in  
 Court and remunerated.

A copy of it  
 Attest George Clark

At Agnes House of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee the day I move  
 my last Will, finding myself in execrable state of mind, I make  
 this will in preference to all other wills of record under this my will and  
 Testament, in the name of God the great Seignior of the universe, that  
 I discharge my soul to him and my body to its master Rest and may the  
 my last Will and Testament be done.

I pray, that is First, I leave all of my cattle and hogs, and what land  
 Barley, and corn, all pork and some other property to pay my  
 just debts, dues and demands to have on them

2<sup>nd</sup> I give to George A. Sanders one Cow and all my Farming tools.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give unto Mary Sanders, one busian, one bed and all my bed  
 clothes, one wheel and cover, two pots, one oven, one table.

4<sup>th</sup> I give unto Robert Ball a desk, one chair, one easel near  
 Agnes and Jane Ball, one cupboard.

5<sup>th</sup> I give unto Neddy Ball one looking glass and towel.

6<sup>th</sup> I give unto Champine Ball one arm chair

7<sup>th</sup> I give unto Francis House one dollar

8<sup>th</sup> I give unto George F. House one dollar. Ninth. I give

unto Champine House one dollar. 10<sup>th</sup> I give unto

Sophia Smith one dollar. 11<sup>th</sup> I give unto Patric

Smith one dollar. 12<sup>th</sup> I give unto Rody Mc Knight

one dollar. 13<sup>th</sup> I give unto Agnes Loring one dollar

14<sup>th</sup> I give unto Robert Sanders one dollar. 15<sup>th</sup>

I give unto Anna Dunn one dollar. This is my will given

to my Cousin and I appoint George W. Sanders and James

Ball my Administrators for which, meet on hands

an equal. This the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1829.

C. H. Shuckley  
 A. H. Mills  
 Date 28th Shuckley

Agnes X House  
 George W. Sanders  
 James C. Edwards

### State of Tennessee

Summer County Court May Term 1829

The last Will and Testament of Agnes House did was exhibited in open Court  
 for probate, and was duly proved by the oath of Andrew R. Mills one of the  
 subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and thereupon James  
 Ball one of the executors therein named appeared in Court and agreed to take  
 upon himself the burden of the execution thereof, and together with  
 Andrew R. Mills his security entered into and acknowledged this bond  
 to the Governor and his successors in office, in the sum of Five  
 hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the oath of  
 Oyer prescribed by law, and at the same time rendered into Court  
 an account of said, or a part of the debts of said decedent which  
 is ordered to be recorded.

A Copy of it

A. H. Mills Clerk

### A Will

In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and State of Tennessee, being  
 desirous of settling my temporal affairs do make and ordain the following my last  
 Will and Testament: First, in place: I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter,  
 Elizabeth Elston, my negro woman Cate and her increase. Secondly, I give and  
 bequeath unto my three Grand-sons Jordan Elston, James Garrison, and Bird Garrison,  
 all my land where their father Benjamin Garrison now lies, on the east side of Dashes  
 Creek, containing One hundred acres more or less, with the express condition that  
 their mother Cate Garrison shall possess and enjoy said land and the profits arising  
 therefrom during life. Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my Grand-daughter,  
 Lydia Garrison, my negro girl named Stephen, and her increase, provided she  
 my daughter Sally Garrison, before named, shall have the use and labor of said  
 negro Stephen so long as my said daughter shall live. Fourthly, I give and bequeath  
 to my son Messelton, my negro fellow named Frank, and my negro girl named Bell  
 Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Elliott one negro girl named  
 Hepzibah, and one other negro girl named Bell. Sixthly, I give and bequeath  
 to my Grand-daughter Billy Elliott, a negro girl named West. Seventhly:  
 I give and bequeath to my sons Eli Odow the remainder of my land on Dashes  
 Creek, lying on the west side of said Creek containing six hundred  
 thousand acres more or less, also an negro man named May and one  
 negro girl named Phoebe. Eighthly, I give and bequeath unto my youngest son  
 Henry Odow the tract of land aforesaid now lies, containing ten thousand  
 and nine acres, also my negro man named Moisie, and negro woman  
 named Black Dark, likewise the negro boy named Anthony, and Jimmy.  
 Furthermore and desirous is the yellow Dark, formerly called Dark, before  
 my other negro woman left in the hands of my son Eli Odow and son-in-law  
 George Elliott in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Sally Garrison.

Ninthly, I appoint my son Eli Odow and my son-in-law George Elliott executors

of this my last Will and Testament, surely recording and accounting all  
 former wills and testaments made before this, and confirming this as no  
 other to be my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal. This instant  
 day of February in the year One thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Signed, sealed, published, presented and

deposited by me James Oldham to his last will and testament in the presence  
 of my wife, his spouse and in the presence of A. H. Shuckley  
 of each other have hereunto subscribed our names

Habat Aisha  
 Hill Edwards

## State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1829.

The last Will and Testament of James Adams did now exhibit in open Court for probate and on motion made by the oath of Robert Deas and William Edwards two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Attest:

Chas. Douglass Clerk

By the name of God Amen: I, Hardy Hunt, being on a low state of health but (thank God) of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, disbanding and disannulling all former wills by me made, first and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors, and touching my worldly estate I dispose of in the following manner and form, forth you free of paying any debt which I may owe. I will pay out of the monies left on hand, or from sales of other property, as the case at that time may require. Item: I wish to remain as long as my wife Sarah <sup>deceased</sup> during her natural life, any quantity of bedding, a feather bed, and furniture, and such other property as she or my executors may think necessary, for her support. Item: I give and bequeath to Ward, Wm. Scamell Fifty dollars taking into consideration thirty already advanced. Item: I give and bequeath to Martha Jane Allen, and Walter Allen Five dollars each. Item: I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Page, Scamell, Fifty dollars, taking into consideration Thirty already advanced. Item: I give and bequeath unto Sally Rorlings, Fifty dollars. Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Mitchell, Two Hundred Dollars taking into consideration one hundred and fifty advanced. Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Alice Hobbs, two hundred dollars, taking into consideration one hundred and fifty dollars already advanced. Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Leonora Stoen, One hundred dollars, my bay mare, a cow and calf, one, and lamb, feather bed and furniture. Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Penelope Grimes, one hundred dollars, taking into consideration one hundred and four dollars advanced. Item: My daughter Sabina White died, had two hundred dollars in advance. Item: I give and bequeath Fifty of North Carolina one hundred dollars, as soon as may be practicable after my decease. I, the whole of my property of every kind except that, leaving my wife, to be sold at public sale, or otherwise, credit by my executors and the amount of proceeds, to be together with any other monies remaining on hand, applied to the bequests, herefore stated, and any surplus thereto, may remain to be equally divided among all my daughters, ~~whether~~ that may be living, or the heirs of them deceased, to divide the same distin-~~ct~~utive shares, in equal proportion, as also the property, leaving my wife to be sold in like manner, after the death ~~and~~ the funeral expenses deducted. I nominate and appoint my sons Silas Hunt and Thomas Hunt executors to this my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal. This 25 March 1821

Hardy Hunt

Signed sealed, acknowledged and pronounced his last will and testament in presence of

James Douglass

Linen cutts

State of Tennessee

Sumner County

Witness my hand

It is remembered that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818/9, at the residence of Hardy Hunt Sr in said County in the undersigned were called on by said Hardy Hunt to bear witness to his then request, as being his last Will and Testament of the following property (to wit) His negro man Matt and his wife Silia, which said negroes he then had called in, and also calling on his daughter Lucy, <sup>the</sup> <sup>deceased</sup> <sup>now</sup> <sup>living</sup> <sup>daughter</sup> of Hardy Hunt, that he gave those negroes his part & proportion of his estate, directed the negroes leave his house to him (as no infidel) in token of a delivery and an acceptance on her part, further stating that he did it in fear that the negroes should not be sold or otherwise harassed. He then also called on Fulling Grimes - and told him he gave him a note, or the amount of a note held by Thomas Hunt against him, and which may be there's further explained. Hardy Hunt held Grimes' note, for something the sum of one hundred dollars and which by his transfer was now in Thomas Hunt's hands, as Guardian of Thomas Stoen the amount of this note, he wishes, as oftentimes expressed to be paid to Thomas Hunt by his executors, and for Grimes to have the amount as a gift and as his wife's part of his estate.

Given under our hands at March 20<sup>th</sup> 1829. Attest:Thos H. Harris  
Silas A. Hunt  
David Escue

## State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1829.

The last Will and Testament of Hardy Hunt died together with a codicil thereto annexed was exhibited in Court for probate and the will only, signed by the oath of James Douglass, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the codicil or record to the great sum referred to which was reduced to writing, after the death of the testator, was duly proven by the oath of Thomas H. Harris, and Silas Hunt, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, both of which are ordered to be recorded, and the copy of Silas Hunt, and Thomas Hunt the execs named in said will and Testament appears in Court and together with Isaac C. Douglass their security entered into and acknowledged this day and the Governor or his successors in office, in the sum of ten thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

A. C. pro Test:

A. H. Douglass Clerk

Whereas it may concern, be it known that I Elisha M. Gray now being in a low state of health, yet of sound disposing mind and knowing that life is uncertain and that death is certain I do make this my last Will and Testament. My will and hope is that my soul may be received by God, who gave it. Next, my will is that all my debts be paid, as soon as collection can be made out of my accounts or notes. Next, my will is, that the residue of my effects be equally divided among my brothers, and sisters, and for the sake of an even division, I will that my property be sold at auction or let my executors find a buyer, either for private or public sale, and lastly, I hereby appoint my friends E. Tomlin, Bill, and William G. McRae to execute this my last will and Testament. See page 102.