

On the name of God Amen I William M. Blackmore being of sound  
and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my Last Will  
and Testament fully setting all former Wills by me made -

First & in First place said in the party of the first part

I give to my beloved wife Catherine Ophelia Blackmore my  
dear wife, with her in the name of God & the grace of the same to witness this my last will  
which I hope will be neare by living person by her sonnes & daughters and her  
child or children carriage being made by William & Co to the best of my  
power to my wife at my decease to be my Executor.

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Catherine Blackmore several  
real estate and money to the value of £1000.

Item 4th to my wife Catherine & shall be £1000 to be given to my  
dear wife said Child shall be towards equal worth my poor son by birth or adoption  
from the Estate herein named to my wife and my son James P. Black  
that is to say Contingent according to the value of the Estate so given to  
him - & if my Will and desire that if my dear girls deceased  
then a sum of £1000 of my Child of Sally shall arise at the age of 16  
years that my Executors shall pay over same to her - and I hereby give  
to my wife the sum of £1000 to be laid out at interest to her at her arrival  
at age of 16 years, that said sum with the accumulating interest shall  
be applied to her maintenance and my balance shall be paid to her  
dear wife so that she is properly provided for until her arrival  
at the age of 16 years. I do hereby appoint my brother James M. Blackmore  
to be Trustee & David Barry my Executor to this Will and Guardian of my  
son James, in myself whereof I have executed set my Hand and Seal  
this 20th July 1853.

W. M. Blackmore

God and I do further give to my wife Catherine Ophelia my wages  
or as Child one hundred dollars at each Month till my decease  
Signed the 25th July 1853

W. M. Blackmore

Notary Public

County Court December Term 1853

This day the undersigned Will of M. Blackmore, Mr. Blackmore  
was pronounced to be of sound mind and reason. Appearances to the Court  
showed Mr. Blackmore to be living legally married, appears to be the husband  
of the wife of whom he himself is the deceased they remained the sole of the  
deceased and there found his large pocket book which contained a great  
number of papers, two in which they found the will the day preceding his death  
it is they are well acquainted with the handwriting of the deceased and the  
whole of said will has signatures on certifying the handwriting of the  
same writing of the deceased and also appeared Simon L. Smith and  
J. D. Gray who living legally known to the Court that they are well acquainted  
with the handwriting of the deceased and the whole of the will and signature  
as in the proper handwriting of the deceased. In this case admitted  
said will is properly formed and is intended to be executed and then as  
such has & will be a witness to the Blackmore Executors and he is  
mentioned in the will appears to be qualified to take and make

upon themselves the duty for executing this will having first exhibited it to  
Henry W. & Henry and Scott & Parsons in the Principal Town of Shady Hill  
& Hillsborough (as the Law directs) and took the Oath of  
Execution prescribed by Law.

Copy Test.

John D. Gray Esq.

In the name of God Amen I Am Blackmore Esq. of  
Peninsular being sick in bed, strength failing, hand and mind failing,  
the uncertainty of this life & another knowing that I am much afflicted  
& dependent on them my friends and connection Oliver Black and  
his wife Eliza Bush for their assistance to defend me which I am not able to do for  
my self now for a good consideration & the love I bear for them & also for their having  
been assistance & help to them after my death till my property & to take care of my  
estate & effects I have of £1000 & £1000 of Sally the wife of the late Mr. Blackmore  
household & kitchen furniture & my part of the estate of Mr. Bush deceased  
estate to be left by my hand & seal this the day of January 1854  
for service of 19

Eliza Bush (Seal)

A. H. Knobell

James P. Barker

State of Georgia

Union County County February 3rd 1854

It is this day presented to Union County for probate and was duly proven by the  
Oaths of Joseph H. Knobell and James P. Barker before us Notaries Publicly authorized  
and sworn to be true. It is therefore certified by the County that Oliver Black together  
with his wife Eliza Bush and James P. Barker appeared in Open Court and declared unto us  
as Notaries Public their hand to the seal of Georgia in the principal town of Shady Hill  
duly delivered by the said Oliver Black and took the Oath of Office of Notary Public before us  
the 9th day of Feb 1854

Copy Test.

I, John F. Clegg of the County of Union and State of Georgia  
the County of Union and State of Georgia by my hand and seal  
hereby prove all the wills by me at any time made  
and of record that the general effecting and my last will by said  
Clegg of the first writing coming into the hands of my Executor  
James D. Gray and bequeath to my friend James Rogers as  
Executor a will by me purposed both said and record of every description  
to hold the same from the day and hour of my last will to his  
hands, the said James Rogers to continue his property in my  
place of residence, he shall be and forever to him and his heirs  
an all free and property to my children Samuel Clegg and  
and M. Clegg to the dying will the said and the said  
Samuel the said to be held to my children or their descendants  
the property during their natural life or goes  
from his life to the first child born of any

in case of any Child dying leaving Children & a Child should die before his Grand Children and portion of said property shall descend to the said Grand Children and portion of said property shall descend to the said wife during her life above named shall Child be property during his life for the sole use and benefit of my Sons above named.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1854 that all my property be equally divided up among my Sons above named of any Son dying leaving a Child or Children the Child or Children shall be entitled to his Father's portion in it.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath my Wife full power to sell any or all of my Personal Property in any way she thinks suitable & convenient to sell a team of Horses I have leaving the Cows of Mr. Bill, and Dolly and William and Barkman and Robert Donnell by a boat thru St. Louis North of St. Louis and makes a sale for the sum of the pecuniary of the lands to be applied to the payment of a debt due the estate of Andrew McElroy and my other debts I may be owing she and the trustees are to live in 1000 of the City of St. Louis of said property.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> My Son Daniel has chosen a widow named Mrs. Betty de la Rue of my Estate he should receive for this bequeathing twenty five dollars per month from other Sons.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary my Executor to execute this my last will and testament as witness my hand seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1854.

Legend of the Testators in our presence

and the attestation of the same in the presence and Blaugh Coffey  
in the presence of each other

Henry A. Miller  
James (Loring)

State of Iowa  
Sumner County May 1<sup>st</sup> 1854.

The last 11<sup>th</sup> and attorney of Blaugh Coffey Esq.  
Was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved  
by the witness of George C. Weller and Francis Linnish to be  
true. Whereupon the court directed to record, and thereupon  
Mary Loring the Executor named in said last will and testam-  
ent a copy of Michael Coffey and Blaugh Coffey her attorneys  
appeared in Open Court and entering into and sealing up  
this bond to the State of Iowa for in the usual sum of  
Twenty Thousand and 00 Dollars to be delivered at the law Courts  
and take the Oath of Probating given before by Law

Copy P. S.

Johns B. Coffey Esq.

I William Read of the County of Sumner State of Iowa  
Being in reasonably health and sound mind, knowing that it is appropriate  
for all men to die, and in contemplation of that event, I do hereby make and publish  
this my last Will and Testament touching my estate hereby revoking all Wills  
by me previously made.

Clay 1<sup>st</sup> I make that at any just debt be paid out of what cash there may be  
on hand or what may be due me at my death, and from the sale of such property  
as my wife below named Polly Read may designate for that purpose  
Claim 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my well beloved wife Polly Read, forever to be at  
her absolute Control and disposal, the following negroes to wit, Mulphy, Nick,  
Mary, Jacob, Jim, Billy and Rose and stick and their increase, in like manner to my  
said wife Polly Read, all my household and Kitchen furniture, and as many of my  
farming tools as she may think proper to take and as many of horses cattle sheep  
and hogs as she may think necessary for her use and benefit and likewise my wagons  
and guns and all the necessary and proper in the form for the use of herself & family  
And in like manner all my blacksmith tools, all of which to be at the Control and absolute  
disposal of my said wife Polly Read.

Claim 3<sup>rd</sup> I desire to my beloved wife Polly Read for and during the term of her natural  
life Five hundred and fifty acres of my tract of land lying in Sumner County the State  
of Iowa I divide to be taken off the Western end of it to each by a division line  
running North West so as to include the plantation house and of said line will not  
include the family spring the same with a right of way whereby thought to be appropriated.

Claim 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Read during her natural life  
Billard, a Negro boy and at her death my Executor shall hold him in trust for the exclusive  
benefit of my son Boyd Read in case of his death to his, the 1<sup>st</sup> Boyd this day and for  
the want of Children to my heirs. And I give and bequeath to my beloved wife  
Polly Read Negro boy Billard during her natural life and at her death my said  
Executor shall hold them in trust for my son Boyd Read, and his Children in the same  
manner as Billard is disposed off.

Claim 5<sup>th</sup> I desire to my Executor in trust for the benefit of daughter Cornelia  
Baffey to be turned over with Michael Coffey, that portion of my tract of land  
where I now reside, known to my wife Polly Read, during her life, subject to the life estate of  
my said wife Polly Read, and from the Controls disposal or sale of her husband, wholly  
or for a longer time for her life and her Children, at her death, in case she shall have no  
children, she shall have the power to dispose of the same by last will and Testament, in  
disparte though the same shall be divided equally among my heirs.

Claim 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my Executor in trust for my said daughter Cornelia Coffey the following  
 negroes and their increase to wit, Boston, Slave, Mother & Slave infant Runtine, baby girl and daughter  
Cornelia in equal parts with the same rights, power and limitations as are specified in this clause  
of this my will.

Claim 7<sup>th</sup> I desire that the balance of my tract of land, not disposed of in the previous  
clauses of this will shall be sold by my Executor upon a tract of one & one-half acres - either  
of them or two good securities being given for the payment of the purchase money.  
This will is to remain in the land for its payment and out of said land for a stipulated sum  
I agree with my son William Read for three thousand dollars to my daughter Martha Regan  
Eight hundred dollars to my son Michael Coffey, Eight hundred dollars to my son Boston, Eight hundred dollars  
and to a thousand dollars to my son Runtine, One hundred dollars of the same or however of said  
land Children of Polly Read, One hundred dollars, &c. &c.

more than the expense of the above again, the expenses shall be divided between the legatees proportioned to their respective shares given to each, and if less than four shall be divided in the same proportion.

Clause 9<sup>th</sup> I will not be greater to my Grand Children this Division Recd & Chld of the late S. D. Long Recd a sum for \$20, to be held in trust by the Testator for the sole benefit during her life & then to be distributed in equal parts among Children & heirs, to whom my wife Polly Read shall pay, how to divide or how to divide in the form of a sum of \$100, the sum to be so used as here that if half paid by year of the said sum for \$20, to the may, thank for services. And if the same I give to my daughter Jessie's Husband & then out of the fund to be paid off from the sale of any purchasable property which my wife Polly Read will be equal to be sold for that purpose.

Clause 10<sup>th</sup> I give one & bequeath to my Grand Children through my executors who are to hold as trustees to my wife, Barbara Abbott, a negro girl slave, to Catherine, Lucy, Josie, Harris, & to Martha Abby girl etc, how to them for life & remainder to their Children respectively & either should die leaving no child or children to their executors or successors.

Clause 11<sup>th</sup> I give one & bequeath to my following named Children the following negroes them of my executors who are to hold as trustees, to Mr. & Mrs. Martha Rogers wife of H. C. Rogers, a negro man Hudson, to Charles Stevens wife of Joseph Stevens, a negro woman named Henrietta, and her Children Rachela & Frank & their descendants, Mary & John & a future business, to my son John Henry, Harry Hill, wife of H. B. Hill, John a negro owned and they having sold Roberta, girl with the property known as Newell's Hill, Harry, John, the said Harry, John and Newell's Hill, the wife of Roberta & Harry, his wife, as aforesaid, with them in care to the said Harry Hill, to them the said Martha Rogers, Charles Stevens & Mary Hill, dividing their lives respectively, and remain to their Children respectively.

Clause 12<sup>th</sup> I give one & bequeath to my son William Read & wife Maggie, and Lucy, testy, & by appointment and constable, Mrs. M. J. Polly Read, trustee, being a friend - W. H. Baker, and I to build my executors and executors of this my last Will and Testament and as witness for the sum for her use before or either of them, I hereby declare that not be required for my signature. In testimony of all which I have here set my name and seal to this my last Will and Testament this February 5<sup>th</sup> 1849.

Argued and sealed in our presence  
by the Testator and we at the request of  
the Testator and in his presence have  
subscribed our names as witnesses.

M. H. Patterson

Alia King

John Gandy pro

Wm. Lauderdale pro

John Wilks pro

State of Georgia

Savannah County, Oconee, June 9<sup>th</sup> 1844

The last Will and Testament of Williamson Read  
A. D. was this day read and sworn to in Court for probate Read  
or as duly proved by the Clerks of Probate Court A. D. in due order

David John Wilks Subscribing Testifying where he is bound to be  
Recorded

Copy Date

John T. Biggs Esq.

In the name of God Amen I Isaac Baker senior being desirous of making some disposition of the balance of my property not mentioned given to my Children in my Constitution and make this my last Will and Testament having nothing left and being all other Bills by me heretofore made Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give to my beloved wife Mary Baker the one half of the tract of land Savanah river in bearing all of the improvements taken in the first part of all my live stock I having through Household and Kitchen furniture the all of the furniture of my Bed room and Galleries road Stock except an hundred and fourteen rods which has been transferred to Edmund Gaines much also to much of the fore ends of said road as would be enough to enable my son Leonidas & Isaac Baker to leave said road free of debt provided they leave equally with them mother in shaping up said road I do give to my beloved wife the following negroes, Lucy, Isaac, Danny, Lou, Ransom, Harry, Ann, Maria, Fanny, Henderson, Millie, Poly, Amanda during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided among all of my living Children share and share alike Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my daughter Fanny W. D. of a negro girl Abby which has in her possession during her life and the life of her husband and at her death to descend to the Children. Also give to her husband and fifty dollars in Cash or Cash worth. Also give to her the land which they own however not specifying whether she made a deed for the same or not also giving to all the property she has now or may have had in possession Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my daughter Rettina Weller all of the property they have in possession either slave or negro. Also give her a negro girl Charity and her daughter Lucy, also to my son Leonidas Baker his wife, Anna, and their children, all of whom have been given to her negro boy, I. D. John & Malvina also and which should be different, I. Dennis for his hundred and fifty dollars all of which she has received Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Jack to Baker a tract of land containing about One hundred and thirty two acres out of the south east corner of the Shelly tract bounded as follows by the middle folk of Station Camp Creek on the west by the land of Anna Baker, Anna on the east by the lands of Leonidas Baker on the south by his old old wife, also give a negro boy, Sam which she has received also a negro man Bob which has been received together with all other property that she has sent to her from him. Also give him my house with stock in it, kitchen and Ridge Road commencing at the Conk & Running north to a branch of south boundary. Also give him my cattle headed walling cane Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give to my son in law Daniel Safford my cattle from his lands Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Franklin Baker all that land of land called the Bishop tract except the part given by said to Daniel long to help to them on the all of the property I have before given him now in his possession also sheep & one Cow worth Item 7<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Jack to Baker a tract of land for the east land bounded by my son Anna Baker's land a tract of land lying in the north west corner of the Shelly tract bounded by the Creek on the west by the kitchen and Ridge road on the north on the east by a line that is in and between him and Leonidas to a rock under a low stone and to the Conk & running gate in the south of the property of Daniel Safford

to give my Son John Baker & his wife and minor daughter Isabella Baker  
 to him and enjoy the benefits of said property during his life time and during  
 his widowhood of his wife Mary Baker then & after his death I give & bequeath  
 to his oldest son John Baker the sum of \$100 to my daughter Mary Howard with the  
 property which she has left her to his possession also a part of his land about  
 one fifty dollars in Howard & Jefferson County which has been received. Item No. 1 give  
 to my Son Isidor Baker all the land that I own in the City of New Albany  
 so equal to two hundred and thirty two acres. Also give him the following negroes his  
 slaves fully freed as follows. Nathan to go with all other property which he has had in  
 his possession Item No. 2 give to my Son John Baker the one half of the tract of land I now  
 own in and the portion of the land as the tract of land in Marion Indiana given him the following  
 negroes (viz) Mourning Eliza Edward Sophia Webster Item No. 3 give to my Grand Daughter  
 Anna Baker land about one hundred dollars in each. Item No. 4  
 It is my will and desire that all of my property not named in this will be sold over  
 in City of Marion in such way as my negroes may be removed and remain in the family  
 to the executors of this will to have be divided equally between all of my children then  
 living. Lastly I hereby name and appoint my son Jack Baker son of  
 Baker John Baker & my Son in Law Benjamin R. Howard my executors to execute this  
 my last will and testament. Who so ever shall be appointed by me to execute my last will and testament  
 of this my seal No. 10 July 1850. I do further set my hand and affix my  
 seal this first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty four  
 on 1<sup>st</sup> page of this from the top in black ink of quill pen laid and delivered  
 in the presence and on the day it bears date  
 In Marion Indiana before signed  
 Isaac B. K. and  
 Isak

Be it known per  
 I. B. K. and his wife  
 I. B. K. and his wife  
 Be it known per  
 I. B. K. and his wife  
 I. B. K. and his wife

Cordially to my last will. In item No. 4 of my last will I have  
 given to my son John Baker all of my house tract of land after the death of his Mother, now 1<sup>st</sup>,  
 my desire to change said item by setting off One hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts  
 beginning on the bank of the Ohio River from when the Old Water Mill formerly stood standing  
 cut up the hollow to the ridge, leaving so as to include a farm of one hundred and  
 hundred and fifty acres. Said tract to be divided to him all of my children then living  
 and the portion that shall fall to my son Isidor Baker to be placed in the hands  
 of my son Jack in trust for the use & benefit of my son Isidor & his wife & their son John  
 the firstborn. It is my desire that this Codicil be attached to & constitute a part of my  
 will to all intents & purposes this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1850.

Witnessed & subscribed before signed  
 Isaac B. K. and  
 H. S. C. Douglass per

Second Codicil to my last will I. B. K. and his wife  
 I. B. K. and his wife made on the Nineteenth day of July 1850 to the my last will  
 which I give One hundred and fifty acres of land on the north of my house tract shall  
 now be divided out of my estate. It is my desire & wish that all my house tract  
 of land shall go to my son John Baker after the death of his Mother as mentioned in  
 Item No. 4 in the body of my will being for John Baker shall receive his notes for three  
 hundred dollars each to be paid to my Son Isidor & daughter Anna Howard Douglass

After my death, in Item 1<sup>st</sup> in my will I leave given to my wife all of my Real Estate &  
 Chattel & Stock. It except in hundred & one dollars. It is my desire that this Codicil  
 shall Stock be given to my Daughter Mary Howard. It is my desire that this Codicil  
 be attached to & count as part of my will to all intents & purposes this 1<sup>st</sup>  
 day of November 1850.

I. B. K. and his wife  
 H. S. C. Douglass per

H. S. C. Douglass per

State of Indiana

Stimmons County Court, July Term 1854

In the 1<sup>st</sup> place this day present in open Court for probate cause the  
 above styled personnam Nam to get the with this Court to witness and to attested and duly  
 proved by the Oaths of George S. Douglass and Thomas C. Douglass  
 Subscribing witness, witness and is to be recorded and therfore  
 pronounced R. Howard deceased Baker General John Baker  
 the Executor named in said will appears in open Court and took upon  
 themselves the execution of the same and are duly qualified.

Copy Set

J. W. B. C. C. K.

I Isaac B. K. and his wife and my children & grandchildren  
 myself (including myself & my wife) all others will by the above named made  
 my will. I declare that my formal affidavits and my debts be paid as soon as possible  
 by death as far as the value of my property that I may discharge my debts  
 to the best of my knowledge & memory. Secondly I claim that my tract  
 of land which I now reside containing one hundred acres shall be  
 one acre for me and the balance of my property as otherwise  
 appointed & follow a tract of two or more acres and the same as before  
 bounded as known after the first division. First I give and bequeath to my  
 Daughter Mary Right forty two dollars & the having bond & damages of fifty  
 eight dollars & so much of my estate as may belong to my Daughter Elizabeth  
 Douglass & forty dollars, the having bond & damages twenty dollars  
 Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Douglass & my  
 May husband and my wife a little children fifty dollars each, Fourthly  
 the balance of the same shall be entailed to give and bequeath to my  
 Son John Douglass, James Howard and Martin Douglass to be  
 equally divided among them. Fifthly to my sons son James, James  
 and Charles Martin Douglass. I have already accounted to them and friends  
 accordingly to make them equal with the balance of my estate, probably I  
 for the give one hundred to my son George Douglass, son of James and  
 Martha who shall all of my house Gold and Watch given to her  
 to be equally divided among them. And if there is not enough to manag  
 among all the above beneficiaries to satisfy their single daughters  
 and their children & such I desire that each one of the two & each  
 single children & children's each. I desire that each one of the two & each  
 single child shall pay them the amount out of their portion to be settled  
 on one hundred & one dollars each. Lastly of the tens by two millions

I Elizabeth Barnes widow of John Barnes Esq<sup>r</sup> of Lawrence County in the State of Pennsylvania do make this as my last Will & Testament in manner and form as follows to wit) In the 4<sup>th</sup> instant I will that all my debts be paid out of the property which I have not herein disposed of by name. I will to my friend David P. Bullock for the use and benefit of my Grand son James Gregory, the following property to be held by said Bullock until my Grand son arrives to the age of 18 years and to be used and applied to the Education of said Henry as to P. Bullock may in his property as follows I give P. Bullock Gregory as above in trust one Negroe boy school aged about 8 or 9 years One Negroe girl Sarah the Bed Bed clothes & Bedstead also all the money which may have in hand at the time of my death.

I give to my son Richd. Barnes one large Dining Table & two Chairs  
I give to my daughter Anna Gregory wife of Mr. Gregory Dyerland and for I give to my Son the Deinrich John Barnes & to my daughter Henrietta Egus, Roberta Beasley Ellen Patterson to each of the above mentioned dollars to be paid out of that portion of my estate not herein specially disposed of I give to my son James Barnes one old style Beacon my C. Beard 1 day plate two bushels also I will that Negroe woman Sarah remain with my said son James until he arrives and so soon as he marries I will to the said woman to my daughter Elizabeth Bullock I will to my son Daniel Barnes Mary Blattimore my daughter King of Spain Mansake Child as to remain with her and supported by the income of Barnes until it arrives to the age of 10 years If there shall be any property remaining after satisfying all the foregoing bequests I will the same to my son of my Son the Deinrich Roberta Beasley Constance Constance and if any property David P. Bullock Lessorer of this my last Will and Testament to be left of my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1854

Witness

Harriet Brown pro

David P. Bullock

Solo of Deinrich

Lawrence County Court August 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

The last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Barnes Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Was this day produced into open Court in probate and was duly proved by the oaths  
of Harriet Brown & David P. Bullock Subscribers thereto to be true & correct  
to be record.

July

John T. Tracy Clerk

I John Patterson senior being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (viz) I wish them all present sealed and subscribed to the following Notes and property - One Note of hand on Henry P. Miller for Sixty dollars each due 1<sup>st</sup> January last the other due 1<sup>st</sup> January 1848 One Note on Robert G. Day & Co. Robison for One hundred dollars due 26<sup>th</sup> January 1848 One Note on C. B. Malcom for Thirty five dollars due 24<sup>th</sup> September 1847 One Note on Henry H. Patterson for Forty one dollars due 24<sup>th</sup> November 1847 One Note on John Patterson Junr for One hundred and two dollars due 24<sup>th</sup> November 1847 I have also three Negroe Isaac Anthony & Am<sup>d</sup> and two head of hogs - Now I will and Order that at my death my Negroe and hams shall be sold at the shortest time thereafter & the money without loss or injury to those interested in a credit of twelve months and that the proceeds of the above mentioned Park Notes as well as the proceeds of the sale of the Hogs and hams or any part thereof together with any other Notes, Cash or property that may be on hand at my death shall be divided by my Executor into Seven equal parts to be distributed amongst my representatives as follows To my daughter Elizabeth T. Madding and Elizabeth M. Gladding of living, if not to their heirs am. & worth part each - Also to my Sons Henry H. John and Dawson Patterson of living, if not to their heirs am. & worth part each, and to the heirs of William Patterson and Margarette B. Martinhead Esq<sup>r</sup> One Seventh part each I do hereby appoint my beloved Son John Patterson first Executor of this my last Will and Testament here by revoking all former Wills by me made -

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1854

John Patterson

I signed, sealed, and declared by the above named John Patterson senior to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator

J. Rich. Donahue

J. C. Barr

State of Pennsylvania

Lawrence County Court August 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

We Cast Mill and Testament of John Patterson Senr We the day preceding Open Court for probate and appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that J. Rich. Donahue & J. C. Barr the Subscribing Witnesses to said Will are not within the State of Pennsylvania and beyond the Jurisdiction of this County then having written a whereupon proved by the oaths of Henry H. Tracy Patterson who being first sworn State that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said J. Rich. Donahue and J. C. Barr Having seen them both often wrote and that they truly believe the signature purporting to be theirs genuine Said Mill & Testament therefore to be recorded

July

John T. Tracy Clerk

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County  
D. of the County & State affirmed Reciting the uncertainty  
of his & being of sound mind & disposing memory to make this my last Will and  
Testament by that my funeral expenses and debts be paid and the balance  
whatever it should be to my Father Mr. Crockett & Sister Sarah Keg and I  
appoint John M. Wilson my Executor of the my last Will & Testament witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1854  
Signed sealed and witnessed by  
John M. Wilson  
Witnesses  
William Crockett

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County Court August 2nd 1854  
The last Will and Testament of William Crockett Jr. Esq.  
Was this day read and sworn in Open Court for probate and was so approved  
by the Oaths of John M. Wilson and the Clerk & Subscribing W. T. Tuggs  
whose Wishes is Ordained to be readed

Test.

John D. Bagg, Esq.

I do hereby declare and say that this my last Will and  
Testament made by me this day in my being of sound mind & disposing  
memory at any time made, First I direct that my funeral expenses  
and my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible and  
say this I may die before or many years past come into the  
hands of my Executor, secondly I desire that they touch of hand upon  
which I now possess containing One Thousand Dollars be held on one  
and two years credit to me the balance of my property not otherwise  
afforded for to hold on a credit of twelve months and the sum  
aforesaid to be given after my death, First I give and bequeath  
to my daughter Lucy Ricks forty two dollars the having her due on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of July eight o'clock am. Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Anna L. Austin eighty dollars the having her due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July  
last I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Elizabeth Isaac  
Stephens One Hundred and Fifty Dollars each. Thirdly  
the balance of what may be wanting I give and bequeath to my three  
single daughters Sarah, Susan, Ann. Martha M. & Mary Elizabeth  
dividing among them. I. Finally to my three sons James Henry and Jacob Martin  
each I have already advanced to them a sum sufficient to their known equal  
with the balance of my funds, Lastly I further give and bequeath to my three  
single daughters Sarah, Henry and Martha each One Hundred  
Dollars and with the sum to be equally divided among them  
one of whom is not enough money remaining after the above bequeathing to  
divide among them the sum of One hundred dollars each. I desire that each of the  
three people may get that, shall give them an amount of other property to make  
them One hundred dollars each. Lastly I do not make or confess any bequests in my  
Testator, in writing whereof the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1854 and died the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1854.  
Test.  
Sylvester Wilson and  
Joshua White

Signed, Sealed  
Date

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County Court September 2nd 1854  
The last Will and Testament of James H. Smith of the  
County of Lancaster in the State of Pennsylvania and Joshua White  
Subscribing witness to the same this day of September Thirtieth was Ordained to be Probated  
And thenceforward the said Testator to remain in said County until  
so long as the probate of the same may be pending and Joshua White the present  
witness in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged by the said  
to the State of Pennsylvania in the usual form of Five Thousand Dollars  
Constituted as the law directs and took the Oath of Probate  
as prescribed by law  
Test.  
John C. Bagg, Esq.

I James H. Smith doth declare in the County of Lancaster of Pennsylvania abiding in the  
County of Lancaster in some State being of sound mind and memory and being conscious  
of the great uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last Will & Testament  
hereby testifying and making this all other Myle by me at anytime made  
First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts shall be paid as  
expended as soon after my death as possibly out of my money & that  
they payed or may be paid come into the hands of my Executor  
Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved son Jacob J. Smith  
one thousand dollars the sum of three hundred dollars equally divided between  
them

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Anna B. Crockett in  
Locks all the balance of the money property real or personal which I  
may die possessed of or may die possessed come into my hands before  
otherwise to be separately named and ought to be by inheritance and my said  
and disposed of as the same shall be left to the disposition of her hands  
in any way she sees fit.

Fourthly I also make and bequeath Anna B. Crockett in  
Locks all the money of the County of Lancaster real or personal which I  
may die possessed of or may die possessed come into my hands and die before  
otherwise to be separately named and ought to be by inheritance and my said  
and disposed of as the same shall be left to the disposition of her hands  
in any way she sees fit.

Fifthly I also make and bequeath Anna B. Crockett in  
Locks all the money of the County of Lancaster real or personal which I  
may die possessed of or may die possessed come into my hands and die before  
otherwise to be separately named and ought to be by inheritance and my said  
and disposed of as the same shall be left to the disposition of her hands  
in any way she sees fit.

Sixthly I also make and bequeath Anna B. Crockett in  
Locks all the money of the County of Lancaster real or personal which I  
may die possessed of or may die possessed come into my hands and die before  
otherwise to be separately named and ought to be by inheritance and my said  
and disposed of as the same shall be left to the disposition of her hands  
in any way she sees fit.

Seventhly I also make and bequeath Anna B. Crockett in  
Locks all the money of the County of Lancaster real or personal which I  
may die possessed of or may die possessed come into my hands and die before  
otherwise to be separately named and ought to be by inheritance and my said  
and disposed of as the same shall be left to the disposition of her hands  
in any way she sees fit.

Test.  
John C. Bagg, Esq.

In the Name of God Am I

I Joseph Stevens being taken before the  
Court of Oyer and Terminer the 24 day of October in the  
Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty five in the  
County of Orange and State of New Jersey do make and publish my last Will and Testament in the  
following words to wit: "I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Stevens  
in her lifetime and I give and bequeath unto my son Richard G. Bunnell  
in his lifetime and I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Stevens  
in her lifetime and I give and bequeath unto all of my widow's  
goods and chattels to her use and disposition. I give and bequeath  
all my estate and possessions above mentioned which all may  
hereafter be sold at some future time conveniently found and the two to be agreed upon  
as a suitable price to my wife Mary and my daughter and that all of the proceeds go to  
my beloved wife Mary Stevens. And I give and bequeath my daughter  
Mary Stevens to her use and only Mr. G. Smith and one  
sheet of paper, the written will of Joseph Stevens set my hand and  
seal this 24th of October 1854.

In presence of  
John Connelly  
John Connelly  
John Connelly

*Joseph Stevens*

State of New Jersey

County of Orange Nov 2d 1854

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Stevens made  
to us this day presented in Open Court for probate and accordingly  
performed by the attorney of John Connelly and Andrew Sofen to be aforesaid  
Witnesses thereto and Clerk to the Probate, witness whereof Joseph Stevens  
the testator named in said Affidavit in Open Court together with Wm N. Johnson  
his attorney and on his behalf and before me the Clerk of Orange  
in the County Court of Justice G. D. and L. Morris Commissioners on the said date  
and take the Oath of Competency pronounced by Law.

*Cly R. G.*

*John G. Bunnell Clark*

August 24<sup>th</sup> 1849

I John Bunnell No male heir or black slave having last Will and Testament  
made by my father and mother and all other debts by me as any law made  
dictates I think that my funeral expenses and attorney debts be paid out of the  
money the other people left of my means that I may die peacefully as my friends  
have intended in case of my death.  
Secondly I say my wish that my son David P. Bunnell take care of me and my wife as  
long as we live and pay all my just debts and fees for that consideration. I give and  
bequeath the tract of land that I now live on containing one hundred and thirty  
acres also the tract of property long bounded by 6d Harmons Land East Brooks  
Station and south and a Bay Creek.  
Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Stevens my eight day old  
daughter I give and bequeath unto my son Richard G. Bunnell and Mary Stevens  
my daughter all my stock, horses, hogs and other furniture that I may have property  
of equally divided between S. Richard and Mary gentle wife I declare the before my  
wife died in such case there shall be a sufficient part of the stock horses hogs and  
horses for each to be a part for his support and if necessary to be sold as the same  
time I trust by I do hereby nominate and appoint David P. Bunnell to be my  
Guardian of my estate.  
An writing whereof I do sign my hand with my hand and seal this day and  
date above written  
Witness

*John Bunnell Clark*

*John G. Bunnell Clark*

I do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby  
mentioning first of my father and all other debts by me as any law made  
dictates I think that my funeral expenses and attorney debts be paid out of my means  
that I may have on hand at my death or that may just come into the hands of my  
heirs after my death

Second I give and bequeath to my son Sarah H. Stottles fifteen hundred dollars  
in money like I send to her during her natural life time the following negroes with  
their increase (2nd) 1. B. boy & his children & then Nat Sally Henry and John  
at her death I give and bequeath to the heirs of her body the above mentioned  
 negroes and their increase (2nd) 1. B. boy fifteen Nat Sally Henry and John  
 third I give and bequeath to my wife Anna H. Connerdale fifteen hundred dollars  
in money like the following negroes with their increase (2nd) 1. B. boy and his  
children & then his wife

Fourth I give and bequeath to my son William Hart fifteen hundred dollars in money  
like all of my sons he dying watch his I send to my brother William Hart eleven  
acres of land to which he is entitling including both sides of the road going from  
Hartington to Hartscroft. At his death I give and bequeath the eleven acre tract of land  
and every thing thereunto belonging to the children of my brother William Hart (2nd) William  
Hart Martha Hart John H. Hart and Sally Hart

Fifth I give and bequeath to the children of my brother William Hart (2nd) William  
Hart Martha Hart John H. Hart and Sally Hart the following negroes with their increase  
(2nd) 1. A. boy, old John, Bob, Brother Jim, May, Mary, Peter and his children  
Nat and Betsy, Young Henry and his children poor, along with them, Mary, Anna, Agnes

John, Betty, Abby, Jim, Catherine, Edmund, Lucy and Nancy  
Sixth. I give and bequeath to the children of my brother William Hark (deceased)  
William Hark Mar the late John Hark and Sally Hark wife of the foregoing  
My by Note at my death not otherwise disposed of in this Will -  
Seventh. I give and my brother Charles Hark Executor of this my last Will and  
Testament, also Guardian for his children -

Eighth. In last it is my wish that the Court do not give security of my brother  
Wm Hark either as Executor or Guardian -

In testimony whereof I have signed this my hand and seal -

This the twentieth day of August eighteen hundred and fifty four

Witness

John Hark (seal)

Copy of testaments

P. Hark done for

R. H. Hark for

State of Minnesota

Iron County Court December First 1854

The last Will and Testament of George Hark deceased  
Was this day presented in Open Court for probate on a copy thereof found by the Oaths  
of R. H. Hark and R. Hark Subscribing Testifying thereto that it is so ordered by the  
Court to be recorded. And thereupon was sworn before the Justice of Peace in said Court  
Appeared in Court and entered into said will acknowledged by David P. Bryn of the State  
of Minnesota in the presence of one hundred hours and twenty four days bound  
to the same and did take the Oath of Testimony prescribed by Law

Copy of

John S. Bryn Clerk

August 24<sup>th</sup> 1849

I John Bryn do make and publish this my last Will and Testament  
humbly reciting and making void all other Wills by me at any time made,  
First. I declare that my funeral expenses and attorney fees to be paid as soon after  
my death as possible out of my savings that I may the sooner defer my coming  
first into the hands of my executors -

Second. It is my wish that my son David P. Bryn take care of the land my  
wife belonging as we live, and pay all my Just debts and fees that consideration  
I give and bequeath the tract of land that I now live in containing one  
hundred and thirty acres, the one tract of which is here bounded by  
68th Street and East Woods Blvd land south, and Bay Dr.  
Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Orlow my right day clock  
Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my son Richard J. Bryn land Mary  
Orlow's my daughter to the west of the Household and Kitchen furniture  
that I may the property of equally divided between S. Richard and C  
Mary wife & she shall live before my wife and in such case there shall  
be a sufficient part of the stock household Kitchen furniture left apart  
for her support until she marries all belonging as she may live.

Fifthly I do hereby nominate and appoint David P. Bryn and John M.  
Elliott as my executors -

In witness whereof I do this my last Will

Set my hand and seal this day and date above written  
Witness

John Bryn Seal

State of Minnesota

Iron County Court December First 1854

This day the Will of John Bryn was produced in Open  
Court and thereon Geo. J. Brown & Son & A. Watson Esqrs and in Open Court  
had after being legally sworn deposed & sayeth that they were witnesses and  
with the said John Bryn did witness his hand writing and that further say  
that died upon his premises in the County of Sumner on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November  
1854 and that the signature to said Will is the proper hand writing of said  
John Bryn and that said Will was found among his valuable papers when  
he died upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> day after his death and that the signature of said  
Will was of sound mind the said Will being legally proved. It is ordered by the  
Court that the same be admitted of record and thereon David P. Bryn one of  
the executors named in said Will together with G. J. Brown and John Patterson  
his securities appeared in Open Court and acknowledged their  
Read to the State of Minnesota in the sum of One thousand and forty one dollars  
to the law clerks and was duly acknowledged as executor

Copy of

John S. Bryn Clerk

In the name of God Amen. Being full in body health and sound in mind  
I make this my last Will and Testament, hereby testifying all & other Item. I do make  
give & bequeath unto my son James A. Patterson all my property and effects both of personal  
and real. Item. of the said James A. Patterson this day before coming of lawful age and without  
hurting him than my property both personal and real is to be equally divided between my  
Brother & Sister or their heirs hereafter born to be held for less than twenty dollars  
per acre. I also give to my son David P. Bryn my Executive and Guardian with my  
House. Item. to my son James A. Patterson as sole owner my son James A. Patterson for  
under the control & guidance of my father and mother belong as they may choose to receive  
the sum over of for him. Given under my hand & seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day in the year of our  
Lord eighteen hundred fifty four

Six

J. A. Patterson

J. Patterson

C. H. Patterson

J. H. Patterson (2)

A Cedula to the above Item. I give & bequeath to my sister J. A. Patterson &  
the Stella and Maria Darling children to my sister Mary & Katherine Patterson my Hark  
man. Lastly - Item. to my brothers I give & bequeath my Negroes Newman & Minerva during  
their natural life. this pecuniary the Item of the Cedula to my last Will & Testament is made  
forthwith the first anniversary of my son J. A. Patterson. Given under my hand & seal this 19<sup>th</sup>  
of December A. D. eighteen hundred fifty four

Seal

J. A. Patterson

J. Patterson

C. H. Patterson

J. H. Patterson (2)

State of Minnesota

Iron County Court December First 1855

The Last Will and Testimony of William Patterson was then duly produced in Open Court, for probate and was duly proved by the Oaths of S. C. Patterson & G. Patterson to whom the said Testimony was read and sworn to be true and Thompson John Patterson the Testator named in said W. C. appeared in Open Court together with S. C. Patterson & G. R. Adams his Co-Executor to the said W. C. and their Bond to the State of Pennsylvania in the sum of One thousand dollars Execution to the same which was duly granted.

John C. Patterson Esq.

Knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life,  
and desiring to be the duty of all persons to do what would  
serve most benefit of the King & interests of his soul after death  
I make this my last will and testament leaving all others  
of my estate paying all my just debts & bills and legacies unto  
my beloved wife Mrs. all of my property both personal & real  
to have and to hold and to dispose of as she may see proper  
herein and dying the 25th day of October 1846 in  
presence of

W. C. Patterson  
John D. Donnan  
John Hunter Jr.  
John H. Patterson  
James H. Patterson  
John L. Patterson  
County Court, February Term 1846.

The last W. C. and Testament of John Patterson  
was this day produced into Open Court for probate and was duly  
proved by the Oaths of H. C. Donnan & John Patterson  
In his hearing Mr. Lewis the Clerk is ordered to be recorded

John C. Patterson Esq.

In the Name of God Amen  
I, Henry Blair of the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania do on this  
Seventeenth day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight  
hundred and Forty nine, make and publish this my last Will and Testament  
humbly reciting and making void all other Wills by me made at any time  
hitherto made in the words following (viz.)

1. I direct all my debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of any money I may die  
possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor  
2. I direct the land on which I now live, and my house, barn, logs and sheep to be sold  
in a Credit of Six hundred dollars and the money arising from the sale with the money and  
wells on hand, to be disposed of as herein after directed

3. I give and bequeath my part of the undivided tract of land in which Uncle  
Hugh Blair lived, and my farming tools of every description to my brothers  
Henry Blair and Samuel Blair to them and their heirs forever to be equally divided  
between them

4. I give my household and kitchen furniture to my brothers Henry Blair, Samuel  
and sister Mary Blair to be equally divided between them

I also give and bequeath to my slaves named George, Elliott John, Ann Benjamin,  
Eliza and Sarah their freedom from Slavery, and they are to be sent to the Republic of  
Gibria upon the Coast of Africa to get or the purpose of enabling them to work that  
Country and for them to remain there. I give each of them One hundred and Fifty dollars  
to be paid to them severally upon their embarkation from the United States, out of which  
the expenses of their transportation to Gibria shall be paid. And the remainder goes to them  
severally by my Executors to be paid out of money and notes left in hand at my death  
or that arising from the sale of the property above directed to be held by my Executors

I further direct, that should any negroes apprehended, be detained in this Country for any cause  
that they are not to be considered free, but are to be under the Control and Care of my Executors  
during the time they remain in Virginia, that they are to be hired out from time to time by my  
Executors and the hire is to be kept for their use and paid over to them upon their embarka-  
tion after deducting reasonable compensation for their trouble

5. I give and bequeath to Captain Peter and his children, Mrs. S. C. Patterson, Peter  
Jen. Settler, to William J. Barr one dollar, to Sarah J. Barr one dollar, to Mary E. Barr  
One hundred dollars, to Barbara Barr One dollar,

6. I give and bequeath to my Executors One Hundred dollars, a sum as compensation to  
each of my wife

7. I direct the remainder of my estate being from the above left and the money and notes  
which I have divided into four equal shares of which I give and bequeath to my wife Mary  
one share, to her Husband Hugh Blair, to John C. and James J. Blair jointly one share and to  
Henry Blair and Samuel Blair jointly one share also given to my brothers Henry Blair and  
Samuel Blair every thing I may die possessed of that is not mentioned in the above W. C.  
Death I appoint my brothers Henry Blair and Samuel Blair to execute the my last  
W. C. and Testament, witness whereof I do this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1849, in my hand and affix my seal the day  
and year above written

Henry Blair Esq.

I give and bequeath my property  
land and house, barn, logs, sheep, etc.  
to the person of the Testator, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
January 1849

W. C. Patterson Esq.  
H. C. Patterson

Since the above day with some variation there have been some changes my boy John has died and  
Eliza has had a child in consequence of which I direct hereby to make the following  
alterations & additions viz. Instead of one hundred and fifty dollars, each to my negroes before named  
there out of it to Gibria shall have two hundred dollars, Eliza One hundred dollars

Reyman Two hundred dollars, Eliz. One hundred dollars, Sarah One hundred dollars, George One hundred  
and fifty dollars for that purpose. Also with the child to receive that fifty dollars to be paid in  
Henry Blair. It is also my will that if any of my negroes are not willing to go  
to Gibria, that such an one be sold and the proceeds kept in the general stock which I  
have directed to be divided into four equal shares. I also wish to make some alterations in my negroes  
to have the Barr and his children, viz. M. C. and Emily Blair instead of ten dollars, to have 150  
dollar and to have J. Barr one hundred dollars instead of ten and to have P. Barr one dollar instead of  
one and to have E. Barr three hundred and fifty dollars instead of one hundred dollars and to  
Barbara Barr fifty dollars instead of one. I have also wished, which I do here, to let my hand  
and affix my seal the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1849, to this instrument this 1<sup>st</sup> day

Signed Sealed and published  
In my presence the subscriber Subscribed  
Our names being to the present of the Testators  
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1855  
Henry M. Barron  
John H. Miller  
State of Minnesota  
Dakota County Court March Term 1855

The last Will and Testament of Henry Barron the same  
this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by  
the Oaths of John H. Miller and Standard and J. H. Miller jointly certifying  
writing and subscribed by the Court to be Recorded - And thereupon Henry  
Barron and John Barron the Executors named in said Will together with John  
H. Miller and J. H. Miller their Sureties appeared in Open Court and  
swore to acknowledge their Bond to the State of Minnesota in the sum  
of thirty three and dollars conditioned as the Law directs and took  
the Oath of Executors prescribed by Law.

Sub.

John C. Bixby Clerk

October the 25<sup>th</sup> 1854

I, Moses Pidam do make and publish this my last Will and Testament  
by Proving and Making Good all other Wills at any time made by me  
first I direct that my funeral Expenses and all my just debts be paid  
by my Executor or trustee to my beloved wife Mahaly Pidam my home place  
with all the Appurtenances thereto with all my tools and stock during her life time  
or State of my widow with the exception of half the Wool factory which largely belongs  
to my son William P. Pidam  
the other half to go to my son William P. Pidam the tract of land on which Andrew  
Lives with all the Appurtenances thereto  
I will that at my death or marriage that all the remains of my body be held  
and buried in a vault among all my family where my son William P. Pidam deceased  
He shall have a Myrtle Tree set over his grave to stand in the family Cemetery and  
erect over my wife Mahaly Pidam my Executive Trustee of half of the Wool factory of J. C. Bixby's name and  
let her be witness

Subst.

John C. Bixby

Katherine Pidam

State of Minnesota

Dakota County Court March Term 1855

The last Will and Testament of Moses Pidam was this day produced  
in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the Oaths of John H. Miller and Standard  
Subscribing Witness thereto and is ordered to be Recorded - And thereupon Mahaly Pidam the  
Executor named in said Will together with J. H. Miller and John H. Miller her Sureties  
appeared in Open Court and acknowledged their Bond to the State of Minnesota in the sum of three hundred dollars conditioned as the Law  
directs and took the Oath of Executor prescribed by Law.

Sub.

John C. Bixby Clerk

In the name of God Amen - I, Henry L. Willis having made my bed  
and obtaining my right mind and having a disposition to the care of the little  
property that I have at the time of it in this my last Will and Testament  
which follows in manner Big S. W. I first that when I die that any money as  
expenses shall be paid - I do hereby I will and I give the living Brother Daniel Willis  
all my black clothes I now have the day - Will and I give to my Sister Anna Willis all  
my Household and Kitchen furniture and her Cow and our Calves have and the other  
left during her natural life and at her death Will and I give to the same  
to my Brother Daniel S. Willis In testimony whereof I have written this my hand  
and affixed my seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1846

Henry L. Willis Seal  
Mark

Sarah N. Moore

Loring Standing

State of Minnesota

Dakota County Court March Term 1855

The last Will and Testament of Henry L. Willis was  
this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the Oaths  
of Sarah N. Moore and Loring Standing Subscribing Witness thereto and is ordered by  
the Court to be Recorded

Copy Sub.

John C. Bixby Clerk

Be it known by these presents that I Pidam Harrison of the County of Ramsey  
and State of Minnesota do make this my last Will and Testament which  
contains such articles and devices as I may find out of what I  
now own or may have or come to me I make my Executors to sell all my property  
as I shall be pleased after regard on a twelve months credit and the money  
so collected let it be invested during the life of my wife Anna Harrison and  
the interest to consist to her use and benefit Pidam will only be left to her husband  
out at private sale and I wish my son Andrew Pidam at private sale yearly  
during the lifetime of my wife Anna Pidam my wife to have all the rent and  
Interest arising from my Estate or a sufficient sum to meet her wants and at her death  
the balance of the money equally divided between my four daughters Elizabeth McPherson  
Mrs. James, Mary McPherson and Sabella Mrs. McPherson and the death of my wife Anna  
Harrison that they McPherson and Sabella McPherson should have all of the tract of land  
on which I now live I will let them for their use and during their life and at their death  
to the heirs of their body Mary McPherson to have all that part of the Stewart that I now  
own of the Creek land north of the Creek the same all the way up  
through my land and east salt the McPherson all that part of the Stewart tract that I  
own west of said line with twenty acres lying that I bought of Timothy Sappier and  
located on land granted me by the State of Minnesota at my death Will to  
Elizabeth McPherson one hundred acres of land on the head waters of Mississippi Creek in the  
said 44<sup>th</sup> adjoining lands of John H. Brown and Alfred Moon granted to me by  
the State of Minnesota on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1853 along death I will to Sarah Simpson  
a two hundred acre tract of land lying in Dakota County on the head waters of  
Mississippi Creek in District 21<sup>st</sup> a adjoining land of Charles Simpson and others  
granted to John Galt, etc by the State of Minnesota the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 1853  
and at my death I will to Mary McPherson and Sabella McPherson all of  
land of the hundred and twenty five acres lying on the head waters of

Manitou Park in Aransas Co & adjoining lands of Samuel Miller and  
John & Marion and others granted to them by the State of Texas on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September  
1851. I have I declare them to deserve equally I award my property to my wife and  
children in any other proportion the party make during her life I also will to  
Bella Harrison daughter of John Harrison deceased one hundred and twenty dollars  
and one hundred and fifty dollars and thirty two dollars given up to her when she married a sum  
at the age of twenty one I wish Bella Harrison to be Executrix for my family  
of my children Daniel or Lavinia I make this my last Will and Testament  
leaving all other property with my wife in trust for her to manage till my death  
Signed I do this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1852.

Just

Richard Harrison seal

Bella Harrison

Witnessed for me  
Mark

R. J. Gilchrist

R. T. Gilchrist Jr.

Salv. DeLenger

San Saba County Court - April 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

I do herewith acknowledge the last Will and Testament of Richard Harrison made  
this day preceding in Open Court for publication and was duly proved by the both  
of Marry DeLenger and R. T. Gilchrist Subscribing witness thereto and on record  
to be his or hers.

Copy last

John L. Pease Clerk

I do declare by virtue of the laws of Texas & vicinity of Somers being  
one of sound mind and memory to make and declare this my last  
Will and Testament providing all other what so ever  
I do. In the first place of all my Just debts most to be made to known as soon  
as naming in full for me.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Ann Battinck one  
hundred and fifty dollars to be paid at her hundred dollars  
to my daughter Anna Battinck for a negro girl named Anna  
to be paid at her hundred dollars to each of the two daughters I  
desire shall be given a piece of land for a future.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I have given to my children who have hitherto received the following  
portions of land to my daughter Martha May I have given a negro girl  
Mary Noland at her hundred dollars to my son George Battinck whom  
I have at different times given him hundred and fifty dollars in Cash to  
my daughter Anna I have given a negro girl named Anna with two hundred and  
dollars to George Battinck I have given a boy worth two hundred and fifty dollars.

to my son John Battinck I have given two hundred dollars in Cash to my son  
John Battinck I have given him hundred and fifty dollars in Cash to  
my son George Battinck I have given one hundred dollars in money  
the balance of my estate that will fall to them I desire shall go to my  
children that shall be by me in a widow. And if the child should  
die to return to his father the said John C. Battinck.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I have given to my son John Battinck and his  
wife a hundred and fifty dollars in the division of my estate at my death.

I bind in the presence of my wife that on my death to leave to my wife at  
my death half of the house I have built by my self Prof. William Brewster  
and Harriet also Brewster.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I have given to my wife William Brewster his hundred dollars  
in Cash which he omitted to count from the division of my estate after my death  
Item 5<sup>th</sup> I pay to A. H. Gilchrist one hundred dollars for my execution of this my last Will  
and Testament. In witness whereof I have set my name this 25<sup>th</sup> April 1855

Richard Harrison seal

A. H. Gilchrist Jr.

Pelt Harper

S. P. Dunnings

State of Texas  
Comanche County Court April 1<sup>st</sup> 1855

The last Will and Testament of Daniel Battinck Esq.  
Was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by  
the Oaths of R. T. Gilchrist and Dr. S. Dunnings Subscribing Ministers thereto  
and is ordered to be admitted. And being so admitted the same to remain  
in said Will appear in Open Court together with Abbott G. Dunn  
and William Noland Subscribers and subscriber unto and acknowledge  
their Bond to the State of Texas on the several sum of One thousand  
dollar conditioned at the law office and took the Oath of Executor appointed  
there

Copy last

John L. Pease Clerk

I do declare I am able and publish this my last Will and  
Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me at any time made  
I do say my Will and desire is that my Personal and General property  
stand all of my wife before first take of any money that I may die possessed  
of or may have come into the hands of my Executor previously I give  
her and her heirs to my son Richard Battinck 100 Acres of Land purchased  
of William Kirkpatrick also all the lands North of above Beginning on  
a corner of the William Kirkpatrick land or otherwise the boundaries  
East to the upper end of the lane that runs by my house then North to  
about 29<sup>th</sup> line on highway from our old house to the old house  
I give to my daughter Cecilia Battinck and her heirs of her body fifty  
Acres of Land where she now lies a negro girl Cecilia Battinck I give to  
my son Edward Battinck the remainder of my  
home tract of Land that is not herefore disposed of together with some fields  
& Kitchen garden land stock of all kinds I also give my daughter in law  
Elizabeth Battinck the full use and benefit of the lands given to my two grandsons  
to live on and while she remains a widow or until the two boys may come of age  
to care for them as I wish them kept for them. I do hereby nominate and appoint  
my worthy friend Abbott G. Dunn to execute this my last Will and Testament  
the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1855.

John L. Pease Clerk and publisher  
in Comanche City and date  
Joseph Battinck son  
Signed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1855

John L. Pease  
Mark

State of Minnesota  
Trumbull County Court July 1<sup>st</sup> 1855.

My Last Will and Testament

of Jacob Holstine Esq<sup>r</sup> to my this day produced in Open Court for probate and  
Was duly proved by the Oaths of Joseph Matteson and James W<sup>m</sup> Chapman  
Subscribed witness to me and by the Court I do hereby make and declare  
I give to the Executor named in said will appointed in Open Court and back upon  
Him to the execution of said will to do all the said will shall beget to together  
with Jacob Matteson and Asa P. Brown my heirs to make out and to know and do  
this Rite to the State of Minnesota in the sum of One thousand dollars and no cents and  
to the same directs and took the Oath of Executor prescribed by Law

Sac

John D. Pegg Clerk

I Jacob Holstine do make and publish this my last Will and Testament  
Giving and bequeathing to my wife Martha all other Wills by me at any time made  
such. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after  
my death as possible out of any money I may die possessed of or of there should  
not be money enough on hand my Will is that my executors sell enough of such  
property as I may think proper to pay off all that I may owe.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife fifty dollars and  
thousand of my land including the improvements when so given her and a negro  
girl named Matilda Ann Palmer & Charity and a large colored George during his  
life had freedom and at his death over to my son Thomas Holstine  
Whom I give to my wife on behalf of my household and Holstine for a widow  
and half of my farming tools and utensils and two of my best horses her  
choice.

Thirdly I hereby direct my Executor here after named to pay annually for four  
years to Henry Holstine twenty five dollars to be appropriated to the use  
of my wife & children the children of my deceased son Alfred Holstine  
which I consider to be the full portion of my Estate including what I have  
already given to my son Alfred Holstine and to his children from my death  
And further I give and bequeath the whole balance of my Estate both real  
personal and personal to my son Thomas Holstine out of which all my debts are  
to be paid and the remainder in the preceding item to be disposed  
by my son Thomas Holstine my sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament  
and I direct that on Scarsdale be recorded.

In witness whereof I have signed my hand and sealed this 2d day  
of August A.D. 1848.

In the presence of us, who

are called us witnesses

C. M. Holstine for

for Holstine for

State of Minnesota

Minnesota County Court J. L. by Decr 1855

The last Will and Testament of Solomon Shunking the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of this month in Open Court for probate and was duly proved  
proved by the Oaths of John D. Pegg and Jas. Moran Substitutes  
Witnesses thereto signed or acknowledged. And that all is done

In Testimony whereof I seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three the testator of said Will then being the twenty second year of his age  
by the testator

Copy Test

John D. Pegg Clerk

I Robert Holstine do make and publish this my last Will and  
Testimony whereby leaving land walking said all other Wills by me  
at any time made I do hereby direct that my funeral expenses and all  
my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money  
I may die possessed of or may come into the hands of my executors and give  
and sell a month to my wife Martha Holstine the lands I live on said  
latter land also a house siting on it and let the executors  
half stand to her wife in an stock her living and other money  
proceedings and all the household and kitchen furniture left him  
and at the death of my wife Martha my executors shall take all from  
I give to my wife Charlotte Brown my house and land thereon  
Brown has had the house six some years.

At the death of my wife Martha I direct my land to be sold and distributed  
as follows to Hiram Holstine then say fifty dollars of said  
I. Holstine & Brown fifty dollars and the balance to be equally divided  
between John A. Holstine & Alfred Holstine, Wm. Holstine and  
Wathorne Pegg. Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint David T. Pegg  
my Executor to manage and take care of this my Will and my land and sell  
the 25<sup>th</sup> Augt 1849

State of Minnesota

Trumbull County Court April Term 1856

My Last Will and Testament of Robert Holstine Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved  
by the Oaths of Abel Pegg and C. M. Holstine Substitutes thereto  
and acknowledged to be Recorded

Copy Test J. L. by Decr 1

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I Henry Offutt of the County of Lawrence and State of Pennsylvania, make this my last Will and Testament. In the first place I direct that my Land in two tracts (all my Land) in Pennsylvania, and all my Personal property be sold, and my debts paid, my dear Charley I also direct to be sold, as soon as convenient, in the County of Lawrence. The rest of my servants to be divided as follows. India and Robin I give to my wife. My other servants, Sam, Harry and Isabella, I give to my two children to be equally divided between them. When my son Davis becomes of age. — Should any of said servants, or their children become unworthy or difficult to manage, my executors may use a discretion whether to sell them or not. — The balance of my estate after my debts are paid, I direct to be equally divided between my wife, and my two children, and if either of my children should die without children or without a wife (of age) or tender age. I direct that their part of my estate be equally divided, between my wife and the surviving child, what I give to my wife, I give to her absolutely to be free from the debts of any future husband. I appoint my Brother James Offutt and my wife Executrix and Administratrix of this my Will. And I appoint my said Brother James their Guardian of my children.

Signed Sealed Acknowledged & Witnessed my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1858  
to be his last will and testament

before us

Henry Offutt Test.

A. M. Offutt Esq. At a County Court begun and held, for Shelby County, at the Court house in the town of Shelbyville Kentucky, on Monday August 13<sup>th</sup> 1858. When the following, among other proceedings was had, to wit A writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Henry Offutt deceased, was produced to the Court and proven by the Oaths of Joseph H. Wilson and Alexander H. Offutt, the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon said will is ordered to be recorded, and a copy of this Order of Court is directed to be made by the Clerk of this Court, and certified to sumner County, Pennsylvania to be there recorded.

A Copy attest

Hector A. Chinn Clerk  
Shelby County, Court

Witness all men by these presents

That Sarah Jane Offutt, and Margaret Offutt, have been appointed and have qualified as Executrix and Administratrix of Henry Offutt deceased. And Mr. James H. Offutt and Margaret Offutt, Principals and Alexander H. Offutt & Henry C. Offutt Sureties do hereby consent to and with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, that the said James H. Offutt, and Margaret Offutt, will well and truly administer according to law, the goods, Chattels, credits and effects, that may come to their hands, and the proceeds of any sale, and the rents and profits of any estate, which may come to their hands, or may be given to them by order of their officers, which the will requires them to sell, and will make a just and true account of all their actions and damage therin; and will further will and truly pay and deliver all the legacies specified in said will as far as the goods, Chattels, credits and other effects will extend, and in further remand that they will make a proper distribution of any surplus effects to the persons entitled thereto.

Given under our hands this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 1858. James H. Offutt Test.  
Hector A. Chinn Clerk

A Copy attest

Hector A. Chinn Clerk Shelby County Court

Montgomery County, Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

An Motion of Margaret Offutt, the Executrix, and James H. Offutt, the testator, named in the last will and testament of Henry Offutt deceased and they having taken the Oath required by Law, and entered into bond with A. M. Offutt and Henry C. Offutt, their Sureties, conditioned as the law directs. Probate of said will is granted done in due form of Law.

A Copy attest

Hector A. Chinn Clerk  
Shelby County Court

State of Kentucky

Shelby County, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>

I Hector A. Chinn Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do Certify that the foregoing record contains a true and perfect copy of the will of Henry Offutt deceased, a copy of the Order of Court admitting said will to record a copy of the Bond Executed by the Executrix and Sureties, and their Sureties and copy of the Order of said Court granting to said Margaret Offutt Executrix and James H. Offutt Executrix Probate on said will. In testimony whereof I have signed and affixed the seal of said Court at Shelbyville Kentucky this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 1858 and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight.



Hector A. Chinn Clerk  
Shelby County Court

State of Kentucky

Shelby County, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

I Joseph P. Force Presiding Judge of the Shelby County Court do hereby Certify that Hector A. Chinn, whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing Certificate is and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of the County Court in & for the County of Shelby, State of Kentucky, duly legally & Constitutionally elected & qualified, and that the Probate of said will & the Certificate of the said Clerk is in due form of law, that all the official acts of the said Clerk as such is and of right should be entitled to full faith and Credit in accordance therewith. Given under my hand & private seal having an official seal this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1858.

J. P. Force Presiding  
Judge of the Shelby County Court

State of Pennsylvania

Sumner County Court October term 1858

In appearing to the Court that the last will and testament of Henry Offutt deceased on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1858 at the County Court in the town of Shelbyville, Shelby County, Kentucky, has admitted to probate and that James H. Offutt, and Margaret Offutt, the Executrix and Administratrix thereto named had thereto entered into bond with Sureties, and had taken the Oath of Executress required by law and the said James and Margaret Offutt, now consenting to the Court a duly authenticated copy of said will the same is ordered to be filed and recorded in this Court, and therefore the said James H. Offutt, and Margaret Offutt, said Executrix & Administratrix named appeared in open Court together with A. M. Offutt who for himself, and as an attorney, in fact for Alexander H. Offutt, and Henry C. Offutt entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Pennsylvania in the several sum of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, and the said James H. Offutt and Margaret Offutt, took the Oath of Executress prescribed by law, the power of attorney of the said Alexander H. Offutt and Henry C. Offutt to the said A. M. Offutt is ordered to file with the bond and made part of the record in the case.

Copy test

John D. Bassett Clerk

I John Boyer do make and Publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and Making Void all other wills by me made at any time made, first I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible, out of any money that I may dispossess of, or may first come into the hands of my executors, Secondly to my Brother in Law Alexander Banks, I give and bequeath my Negro man Charles, to him and his heirs forever, Thirdly to my Brother in Law Bartholomew Moore, I give and bequeath my Negro woman Daniel Remond, and all of her children, that she may have at the time of my death to live as long as he lives, and after his death it is my wish and desire that they be equally divided among his children, that he now has, Fourthly to my Brother and Sister in Law Robert M. Boyer & Elizabeth Boyer I give and bequeath my Negro Domini Purchaser, and her children of the said S. L. Any day, to them during their lives, and after their death it is my wish and desire that they be equally divided among their children, Fifthly to the children of my Brother in Law James Banks deceased, I give and bequeath Five hundred dollars, to be equally divided among them, Sixthly to the children of my Brother in Law Hardy M. Banks deceased, I give and bequeath Five hundred dollars to be equally among them, Seventhly to the children of Hardy M. Boyer deceased, I give and bequeath Thirty dollars, to be equally divided among them, the annual due me from the Estate of their Father Hardy M. Boyer, I believe and ascertain from the Payment thereon, Eighthly All the rest and residue of my estate real and personal, not disposed of in manner aforesaid in whatever Consisting, Wherever lying, and Wherever found, consisting of Lands & Wages, & all Money, Goods, Merchandise, Stephen, George, Fillian, Eliza, & Mary & their Encouragement, Money, Tools & Equipment, Kitchen Furniture, Stocks of all kinds, Farming Utensils, Corps of all kinds, To be divided into five equal parts, among my Sisters and Sisters children, Eleventh I give and bequeath to my Sister Eliza both Warren, one fifth part during her life and after her death to be equally divided among her children, to them and their heirs forever, Eleventh I give and bequeath to my Sister Martha Foster, one fifth part during her life, and after her death to be equally divided among her children, to them and their heirs forever, Twelfth I give and bequeath, one fifth part to the children of my Sister Lucrecia Barnes, divided to be equally divided among them, to them and their heirs forever, Thirteenth It is my wish and desire that my Executors sell my Lands, an Acre and two Years Credit and the balance of the Property as One Year Credit, And that my heirs divide the Revenue among themselves, Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Stephen Richard Thompson and my Brother in Law Robert M. Boyer as Executors, In witness whereof I do to this my last will at my hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1855.

Robert M. Thompson  
Vance T. Collier's Esq State of Sumpter

John Boyer Esq

Sumpter County Court October Term 1855

This day the last will and testament of John Boyer deceased was brought into open Court by one of the executors of said will, and the same was duly proved by the oath of Robert C. Bradley, one of the subscribers, and Vance T. Collier the other subscriber, Bradley being in another County, it is ordered by the Court that his testimony with regard to said will be taken at a subsequent time of the Court, But because said will is not contested the Court ordered said will to be recorded. At the same time Robert M. Boyer one of the executors mentioned in said will appeared in open Court and acknowledged his trusteeship and refused to take upon

himself the Executor of said will, the other Executor Richard J. Thompson having appeared in open Court and tendered into bond according to Law.

John E. Rugg Clerk

Proven before Will of William Ramsey deceased  
I declare that his wife Diana Ramsey should have All My Property  
During Her Widewhood and at her death, to equally divided amongst  
all her Children in this State when he 1855

Attest

W. Nelson Bradley pro  
Robert C. Rugg pro

State of Sumter

Sumpter County Court November Term 1855

Be it remembered that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1855, I, John  
Nelson, purporting to be the Administrator of William Ramsey Esq. Who died  
in Sumpter County, in October 1855. With William Bradley & Robert C. Rugg Subscribing  
Witnesses, did this day appear before me to satisfy of the Testimony  
that he said paper writing is the Will of the said William Ramsey Esq.  
It is therefore ordered that the same be admitted to probate in this Court, for so long  
as may be given to him in law to contest, & if thereupon John H. Ramsey being the  
next of kin of the said William Ramsey, upon Notice, appointed Administrator  
with the Will Unsealed of the original Writing and Oaths of the said W. Ramsey  
Anno 1855, and then upon the said John H. Ramsey to pay a sum intended to be paid  
to the William Bradley and Robert C. Rugg, his executors in the sum of One thousand  
and fifty dollars, and to record to the same, and to take the Oath of Testimony before  
a Notary Public.

John D. Pugh Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Morris being sick in the  
weak & body but of strong mind and memory being desirous to dispose  
of all my worldly Estate that has & stand best to help me with in the  
following manner that let it say -  
I give and bequeath unto my dear daughter Martha and my son Henry two further body  
and the first time belonging to them which was formerly the property of this Mother also  
they are to have an equal portion of all the balance of my property after my just debts are  
paid and the property which claim to me by my former wife is to be for her own children  
benefit I mean by the above that my first wife children are to have all the property that  
came by this Mother & then mean that my last wife children are to have all the property  
which came to me by this Mother I mean that my dear wife Elizabeth shall have half of my  
property which remains after my just debts being paid and the other half I give to my  
sons & daughters and son in law mentioned during her widowhood and then at the separation of  
that time all the property that came by this wife to be equally divided amongst the even children  
and the balance of my property is to be equally divided amongst them and then older sister and  
Brother Martha and James Caithlye & his wife and his son the elderly beloved Brother  
and Brother in law John Morris and John Rider Esquire to this my last will and testament  
Signed sealed and witnessed in the presence of us this fifth day of January Anno Domini  
Eight hundred and thirty six

Sick

Samuel Morris (Seal)

Mr. Cely &  
J. S. Gilman  
State of Virginia  
Fauquier County Clerk December 1835

The last Will and Testament of Samuel Morris deceased this day  
produced in Open Court for Probate and was duly proved by the Oaths of William  
Cely and J. S. Gilman Subscribing witness thereto and is ordered by the Clerk to be  
witnessed

Clerk's seal

John S. Cely Clerk

In the name of God Amen I John Mills of the County of Fauquier State of  
Virginia being of sound mind & memory & according to the uncertainty of my final testament  
I give therefore to wife Elizabeth & declare this to be my last Will & Testament that is to  
say & that after all my lawful debts be paid & discharged & the testator of my Estate  
real & personal I give her equal & disposing of my following items of my son James  
J. Mills I having at different times given to him in his life time property both real &  
personal as much in all good conscience as I can then to have I therefore will that when  
James have nothing more of my Estate - my daughter Sarah the wife of Martin Britton  
I give her and her worth unto her two hundred dollars My daughter Elizabeth the wife  
of James of Deafield Ann & her two children Maria & Elizabeth each the  
sum of two hundred dollars each to be paid to them on their arriving to the age of  
21 years or to the girl Ann & when she arrives shall that next term before she arrives  
to the age of 21 years should both or either of them die before becoming of age then I desire  
this property to be distributed to my executors to be disposed of as other property in their hands -  
To my son and heir William Mills the son of my daughter Mary Mills I give the sum of two  
hundred dollars with interest thereon from two years after my death until he shall come  
of age but in case he should die before he becomes 21 years old I then think they  
ought to revert back to my executors to be disposed of as other property in their hands -  
To James a poor Child supposed to be the son of my son Samuel & Mills I give him the  
sum of three hundred dollars when he becomes 21 years of age but in case he  
should die before becoming of age then the amount revert back to my executors  
to be disposed of as other property in their hands - My son and children Martha  
Sarah & Elizabeth & their son John Duncan & grandchild Susan Hall  
Sarah Hall & wife Maria & William Duncan the children  
of my daughter Elizabeth shall be for me a ample provision for them in  
that property - I then for this & desire that they have nothing  
more of the Estate - to my daughter Elizabeth the wife of William R. Stander  
two thousand dollars - to my son James G. Mills one half of land & reversion to me  
one half after death by him for three hundred dollars In trust & to be exacted  
on said estate to my son William R. Mills  
the dollar - I further will and direct & order my executors to soon after my  
decease to they do my best to fit right to a widow & her family  
a house & the rest of property consisting of Slaves & property good  
& chattels household & kitchen furniture stock &c of which I may die  
possessed of with the exception of my two old faithful slaves namely  
Mollie & Sally I wish my executors to permit them to live with whomsoever  
one of my children that may choose the same to be an  
order of direction from the executors of which shall be appropriated  
to the payment of the following debts or legacy & shall in gender  
to be equally divided between my grandsons Benjamin W. Mills & Lewis P.  
Mills & my daughter Sarah the wife of William R. Stander & her  
children & I make Constitution & appoint my friends Eliz Cely &  
& James H. Stander & also to executors of this my last Will & Testament  
giving & reserving all former Wills by me made in witness whereof I  
have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal the twenty  
Eighth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eighty  
four & of fifty three the second day of property was intimated  
before signed - John Mills (Seal)

He also said he was & I. testified by the said John W. Mills my presence  
acknowledged by him to each of us & that the same was published & declared the  
above instrument to be subscribed to be his last Will & Testament & the Testators  
against him wherein have signed our names -

By his lawyer

P. H. Moore

W. G. Vose

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court March 1888

The Last Will and Testament of John Mills, the foregoing being Certified  
from the Circuit Court of Sumner County to this Court, to the last Will and Testament  
of said Mills, having been established to such a degree in this Court for probated  
the same is ordered to be probated

Copy Test

John L. Brigg Clerk

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County 3<sup>rd</sup> Recd. A. M. Wm. C. Clark that at a Circuit Court, he gave  
and held at the Court house in the Town of Gallatin in the State of Tennessee.  
I being the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight  
hundred and fifty five, and of the Independence of the United States the 80<sup>th</sup>  
Year, present the Hon. Nathaniel Hartman of the Judiciary of the First Circuit  
Court of the State of Tennessee and agreed to hold the Courts of the South Judicial Circuit  
in said State, John L. Brigg, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Sumner  
whereas he claimed the Court and according to agreement when the following  
preceding him had clerks

Henry Hagan & others

G. W. Brigg

William H. Read & others

This day came Robert J. Bennett whom of our Court to witness before  
him to sign & acknowledge of the defendant for him the cause and thereon came the parties  
to this meeting to a copy of good and lawful instrument for all  
Hector, Harry Shannon, James Hagan, W. S. Mills, Robert C. Ellis, Alexander Hagan  
James P. Dyer, John Bragg, C. H. Miller, Samuel Stanley, Miles Knapp, Johnson  
W. H. Read, Robert L. Bragg, John Bragg, the plaintiff  
signed before the parties before the day they had the same in form of the Plaintiff  
that the paper was bearing to be the Plaintiff's will, Read & his last  
will and Testament to the Plaintiff in declaring that it is acknowledged. And therefore  
concerned by the Court that the said Plaintiff to give him with the Plaintiff  
to sign & bear to the County Court of Sumner County that they may  
grant administration upon signed to the Plaintiff & he is further concerned  
by the Court that the Plaintiff be one of the Defendants land Robert J. Bennett  
(John Bennett) & the Court that has issued in the cause which if you  
will do so (Court) to the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff, Augt 1888, in the County of Sumner  
County. The following persons are present: W. G. Vose & others

Bragg, R. J. on 15<sup>th</sup> William H. Read & others. Certified mills.

This day the Plaintiff James Hagan & others filed the original instrument  
of the Superior Court of Tennessee affixing the seal of and Judgment of this Court

In all things upon the finding of the Jury establishing the paper writing mentioned in the  
Plaintiff's to the Plaintiff, W. H. Read & others

Ordered by the Court

That the  
paper writing  
will stand the  
same & others

and others

of the Plaintiff  
and others

1888

To my Son Lewis G. Mills one Note of hand executed to me one day  
after date by him for Three hundred dollars interest not to be  
enacted on Said Note and One ~~thousand~~ Thousand dollars  
To my Son Benjamin W. Mills ten dollars - I further Will and  
Direct & order my Executor as soon after my decease as they may  
think proper & right to ~~execute~~ Advertise & Sell at publick  
auction all the real & personal property consisting of Land,  
Negros, good & chattel household & Kitchen furniture Stock &c  
or which I may die possessed of with the Exception of my two  
old faithful Servants namely Nancy & Sandy I wish my Executor  
to permit them to live with whomsoever of my Children the  
said Negro may choose The Sale to be on a Credit of Twelve

months The proceeds of which shall be appropriated to the pay-  
ment of the foregoing bequest or legacies & the remainder so  
want to wife and children to be equally divided between my said Sons Benjamin W. Mills &  
Leroy G. Mills & my daughter Nancy the wife of William R. Sanders  
Share & Share alike, Likewise I make Constitute & appoint my  
friends Elish Oglesby & James W. Lauderdale to Executor of this  
last will & Testament hereby revoking all former wills by  
me made in witness whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name  
& affixed my Seal the Twenty Eighth day of March in the Year  
of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty three - The

Words (to my) property was interlined before assigned

John Mills Seal

The above Instrument was Subscribed by the Said John W. Mills  
in our presence & acknowledged by him to each of us & at  
the same time published & declared the above Instrument  
So Subscribed to be his last Will & Testament & We the Testators  
Inquest & in his presence have assigned our names

as witnesses

P. S. Harry

W. G. Vance

Silber County Court March Term 1886

The last will and Testament of John Mills dec having been

Certified from the Circuit Court of Sumner County to this Court

as the last will & Testament of Said Mills having been established

as said by a *judge* in that court for probate the Same is Ordered

to be probated

John L. Brigg Clerk

Copy Test

Received & filed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1887

John L. Brigg Clerk

In the County of Martin Andrew Mills was Subscribed by the Seal of John H. Mills my Procurer  
Witnessed & Acknowledged at the Court House in the County of Sumner the 1st day of June 1856 and the  
Seal of the said Court affixed thereto.

In the name of God Amen I John Mills of the County of Sumner  
and State of Tennessee being of Sound mind & memory & considering  
the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore  
make ordain publish & declare ~~this~~ to my last will & testament

That is to say First after all my lawful debts are paid & dis-  
charged the rest & residue of my Estate real & personal I give  
bequeath & depose of as follow towit <sup>this</sup> The sum of my son  
James L. Mills I having at different times given to him in his  
life time property both real & personal as much in all good  
conscience as I desire then to have I therefore will that  
said James have nothing more of my Estate - My daughter Sarah  
the wife of Marvin N. Peden I ~~now~~ now give and bequeath unto  
her Five hundred dollars My daughter Caroline the wife of James  
S. Douglass ~~now~~ To their Two Children Stainia & Annette Douglass the  
Sum of Two hundred dollars each to be paid to them on their arriving  
to the age of 21 years, or to the girl ~~Annette~~ when she marries  
should that ~~ever~~ occur before she arrives to the age of  
21 years Should both or either of them die before becoming of  
age then I desire this bequeath to revert back to my Executor  
to be ~~paid to them~~ disposed of ~~as~~ as other  
money in their hands.

To my Grandson William Motes the son of my (Daughter Mary Motes)  
I give the Sum of Five hundred dollars with interest thereon  
from two years after my death until he becomes 21 years of age  
but in case he should die before he becomes 21 years old I  
desire then this bequest to revert back to my Executor to be  
deposited of as other monies in their hands.

To James a boy child supposed to be the son of My Son Samuel  
H. Mills I give him the sum of Two hundred dollars ~~when~~ when  
he becomes 21 years of age but in case he should die before  
becoming of age then the amount revert back to my Executor  
to be deposited of as other monies in their hands. My Grand children  
Randle Rufus Caroline Austin John Duncan Tandy. P. Duncan  
Susan Hall Nancy Hall Artinia Benjamin James & William Duncan  
the Children of my daughter Elizabeth I have before made ample  
provision for them in Land Negros & Money. I therefore will &  
desire that they have nothing more of my Estate To my daughter  
Nancy the wife of William R. Sanders Two thousand dollars -

Sons of  
John  
the late  
C. C. Mills  
He  
Survived  
and is  
in  
good  
health  
Year  
of the  
in the  
Upper  
place  
Tennessee  
William

Grand  
children  
of the  
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John  
H. Mills  
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good  
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place  
Tennessee  
John

County of the following proceedings were had thereto  
Witnessed & Acknowledged at the Court House in the County of Sumner the 1st day of June 1856 and the  
Seal of the said Court affixed thereto.

In all things upon the return of the Jury establishing the paper writing mentioned in the  
Proceedings with the signature of John H. Mills it is agreed by the Court  
Adjudged by this Court in pursuance of the Judgment of the Superior Court that the  
Ch. R. of this Court City the Record to be Judgement to a Law paper bearing  
to the County Court of Sumner County for the probate of said will and the  
Granting of Administration. It further is ordered that the Plaintiff William H.  
Peden attorney for the Test of this Seal, and if you will

Identify that the above is a true and faithful Copy of the original  
Instrument of the Court in the above named hands by hand at office  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 1856

C. H. Marshall

The instrument of John H. Mills made of his property on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1854  
is as follows, & with the same fully left me by the W. W. of my Husband to my  
son R. L. Motes, and the other two daughters, Mrs. Martha Rogers, Mrs. A.  
Mills, and Caroline Buff, & the same is acknowledged and signed by the above named  
Test.

John H. Mills  
March

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1854

John H. Mills

I do make and publish this as my last Will Testament. In my presence  
and in the presence of the following Testators my Will by me at and time made this I direct that  
my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as  
has been done out of any Michael that I may die the expense of carrying first  
Come into the hands of my Executor. And I have and begin to be my Testator  
P. B. Braggs in for the tract of land on which I now live, for and enclosing  
the same to half the cost of my Estate property or as much as the  
Testator for his services and care of my children that may stay with  
and inherit themselves to live on during the natural life of the Testator. And the rest of  
my lands and such of my other property as my Testator gives up to be sold  
and equally divided between my 3 children as mentioned hereafter  
Apparel to the value of one hundred dollars. A Bed and bedding to the value of one hundred  
Dollars. A Clock, a Watch, a Box, a Bag, a Case, a Box, a Bag, a Case, a Box, a Bag, a Case, a Box,  
I Had yes 3 Picture in Glass. One Box, a Bag, a Case, a Box, a Bag, a Case, a Box, a Bag, a Case, a Box,  
Nancy M., Robert G. Gentry, & John D. Long, S. M. May  
L. H. Ladd, & J. Joseph B. Braggs nothing. If enough to  
make the same equalized at the death of my wife the remainder to be sold and  
equally divided between the above named children after giving to my  
Egyptian & B. B. Braggs Books and Libr. it being all I intend for her  
having given full power and command to my Testator and sufficient  
James H. Braggs my Executor, by virtue whereof I do to this will set my  
hand & seal at the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 1856

John H. Braggs and Test.

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State of Pennsylvania County of Franklin May Term 1856  
 Summons County Court May Term 1856  
 A. G. Parker Notary public for the County Court of Franklin and  
 Testimony of John B. Brindley and John Brindley, produced to the  
 Court and sworn to have been signed by the Oath of Jeremiah C. Brown and  
 the said John B. Brindley and every part thereof to witness with the  
 signature attached thereto was signed by the Oath of Jeremiah C.  
 Brown A.P. Brindley H.P. Brindley and John Brindley all of which  
 persons to be the proper hand writing of the said John B. Brindley and  
 his wife Louisa Stark that the hand writing a genuine writing  
 by the aforesigned names, it is further declared by the Court that said  
 will shall stand to provide in further order by the Court that  
 Henry Brindley of the County of Franklin be appointed  
 Agent of said John B. Brindley and he to act from this time  
 and henceforth that he aforesaid Agent be an alderman and  
 that James A. Brindley the County Warden said will app-  
 eared in Open Court and pronounced the summons of the same, and  
 thereupon furnished Brown copy of the said John B. Brindley and a copy of  
 Open Court together with Henry Brindley and James A. Brindley  
 his son and on trial into said action alleged this will to the  
 State of Pennsylvania in the name of James Brindley attorney  
 and counsel in the law courts and took the Oath of Agent  
 Procurer by Law  
 Date

John S. Brindley

I Henry H. Brindley do make and publish this my last Will and  
 Testament hereby making and declaring which abides this will  
 by me at this time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and  
 all my debts be paid as soon after my death as per my last will and  
 testament dated the 1st day of April 1857. to my friends into the hands of  
 my Executor being my good friend George and my good friend  
 Mrs. Mary (H. J.) Brindley, Martha, Theby Smith and Margaret Morris  
 the Executors of my money and notes. I do also that the sum of  
 money & notes above and in the hands of my Executor and that he  
 will pay for it to the benefit of the above named friends and any other  
 friend of mine and my wife as he may think best for the benefit of  
 the children. I do also give my daughter Mary Brindley and  
 my son John Brindley and also my wife Mary Brindley  
 my thank and ready Bed Furniture. I will that after my death  
 all my money & gold and silver shall be divided among  
 my children, the principal dividing land with  
 this work done to me. I do also that my friends have the sum of  
 \$1000.00 and James H. Brindley also a house on Green Court  
 Mason County furnished well and in work done and a decent house & lot  
 given to my friends and the same to my other friends. Also the same to  
 Mary V. Brindley and the expenses paid out of the sale  
 of my property.

Will that the balance of the proceeds of my property be divided  
 among my four sons and their descendants or their heirs (viz.)  
 David C. Brindley, Robert H. Brindley, Joseph H. Brindley, John  
 J. Brindley, Elizabeth Sharpe and Louisa Sharpe in the following  
 manner: David H. Brindley an equal portion, Robert H. Brindley one third  
 and Henry G. Brindley - more than one equal portion for each to have  
 an equal portion. John H. Brindley an equal portion, Elizabeth Sharpe  
 Robert H. Brindley an equal portion and Louisa Sharpe to have one hundred and  
 twenty d. mrs. off their equal share - Lastly Henry  
 Brindley and himself John H. Brindley my Executor in Mr. T. P.  
 Morris of Philadelphia my solicitor hand and seal this 28th day of June 1849  
 Henry H. Brindley

Copy sealed and published in Conformed and we have an executed copy  
 witness wherein this day this 28th day of June 1849.

Geo. A. Barr pro  
 Ann Landis date pro

State of Pennsylvania

Franklin County Court May Term 1856

The last Will and Testament of Henry  
 H. Brindley this day was produced into Open Court for publication  
 and was duly proved by One subscriber to this Court Mr. John Morris  
 and him and Francis Rogers and John C. Barr found that James Barr  
 the other subscriber thereto as true, and that the foregoing  
 is proved by said Barr and Rogers Rogers in Open Court did  
 swear to be true, and John H. Brindley the Executor named  
 in said will appeared in Open Court together with Mr. Morris  
 Mr. Morris and Francis Rogers his son were ordered into Court and  
 were directed here to the State of Pennsylvania in the usual  
 form of step horses and the like and so remained as the law directs  
 and took the Oath of Openly proved by law

Date

John S. Brindley

Augt 1<sup>st</sup> County & Court May Term 1856  
Summ. County & Court May Term 1856

After giving full warning for publishing to be done last Wk and  
Testament of John B. Brugdine etc. etc. this day presented to the  
Court and proved to have been signed by the Testator John B.  
Brugdine and his wife Mary and the same was proved by the wife of James A.  
Brugdine C.P. Brugdine and his son John W. Brugdine  
Proving to be the proper and true writing of the said John B. Brugdine  
and his wife Mary and the said writing is generally known  
by the acquaintance. It is further ordered by the Court that said  
Will be admitted to probate. It is further ordered by the Court that  
Henry Davis who is at the last time of his death being appointed  
Administrator of John B. Brugdine and his wife Mary and his son  
James A. Brugdine the Executor to said Will be app-  
pointed to administer and manage the operations of the same, and  
thereupon James A. Brugdine was appointed Admin. with the  
W.C. of the said John B. Brugdine and a copy of the  
Open Court together with Henry Davis and James A. Brugdine  
his Successor and Cestrel into and acknowledged their books to the  
State of Tennessee in the presence of Four Thousand dollars  
and bonds as the law directs and took the Oath of Admin.  
prescribed by Law.

Pet.

John S. Brugdine

I Henry H. C. H. H. I make and publish this as my last will and  
Testament hereby making and declaring this to be my will  
by me at this time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and  
all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible. Next I desire  
Money I may have left unpaid to be my gift given to the benefit of  
my grandsons secondly I give and bequeath unto James Brugdine  
my son by my first marriage with James Brugdine (J. J.)  
Levi, Martha, Phoebe and Mary Brugdine  
the Bill of Sale of my Money and Notes, I. M. H. that the former and  
Mary, I. M. H. and in the hands of my grandsons and that he  
will pay and settle it to the benefit of the above named Grandchildren  
in such times and ways as he may think best for the benefit of  
the children. I also will leave Jonathan my Brother and  
My wife Bela Brugdine and also Will. Martin Jonathan  
his wife and small Bela Brugdine, I direct that after my death  
all my money he shall at public sale to the highest bidder on a  
day set by Mr. H. C. H. D. on this 6<sup>th</sup> the purchasing of every land with  
the same and furniture, of Mr. H. C. H. D. that my grandsons have the Grandland  
that Mr. H. C. H. D. and James H. C. H. D. is located on Goodland  
Marion County Tennessee Walled in with stone and a double head & foot  
stone to my grandsons and the same to my other children, Also the same to  
Mary V. Brugdine Jonathan grandsons the expenses paid out of the sale  
of my property —

It will that the balance of the proceeds of my negroes be divided  
among my four sons and two daughters or their heirs (D. & J.)  
David C. Hobbs Robert Hobbs Joseph F. Hobbs the John  
J. Hobbs Elizabeth Sharp and Louisa Sharp in the following  
Manner David Hobbs to have equal portion Robert Hobbs one half  
and Henry Hobbs — others to have an equal portion for each to have  
an equal portion John Hobbs to have an equal portion Elizabeth Sharp  
Robert and equal portion for Louisa Sharp to have one hundred  
and twenty dollars up from an equal share — Lastly Henry  
Marion and Alfred John Hobbs my Executors in the name of  
Hobbs I do to this day Will setting hand and seal this 28th June 1849

Henry Hobbs

Signed Sealed and published in Open Court and acknowledged on this day  
Wednesday the 28th day of June 1849

Pet. — Amy Brugdine pro  
Mr. H. C. H. D. pro

State of Tennessee

Summ. County Court May Term 1856

The last Will and Testament of Henry  
H. C. H. D. this day was produced into Open Court for probated  
and was duly proved by One subscriber witness Mr. H. C. H. D.  
and him and James Brugdine his son prove that James Brugdine  
the Other subscriber witness is dead, and that his signature  
is proved by Sam'l Brugdine and James Brugdine of Open Court  
and to be witnessed, And John H. C. H. D. the Executor named  
in said Will appeared in Open Court together with Mr. H. C. H. D.  
Mr. H. C. H. D. and James Brugdine his son and entered into and took  
from the court the Bill of Sale of the estate of Henry H. C. H. D. in the usual  
form of step hearing and the same acknowledged as the true documents  
and took the Oath of Executor prescribed by Law

Pet.

John S. Brugdine

I, Maria Peden of the County of Sumner and State of Kansas being of sound mind and memory but Considering the uncertainty of my earthly Existence I do make and declare this my last Will and Testament in the following manner First, I give and bequeath my beloved Wife Sarah Peden my Executive to execute this my last Will and Testament and that she doth sign and seal the same in my presence.

Second, I give a portion of my personal Property consisting as follows One Thousand pounds of Bonds and Debts due, approximately to be sold at my death and the proceeds together with all my Cash Notes and the remainder of my personal and Real Estate all belonging to me to hold and Reserve it to the use of my three children, Maria, John and Charles, during their lifetime and of the said Real Estate and Notes except Fifty dollars which belong to my Son John M. Peden.

Third, I bequeath my wife the entirety of all my just debts and the remainder of my Property to be divided and equally divided between all my surviving Children and their heirs, viz., James M. Peden, Barbara, John M. Peden, Sarah Catharine, Estella, Maria A. Peden, Susanna P. Peden, Stephen E. Peden, Elizabeth A. Peden, Elbert C. Peden, George S. Peden, I also wish the heirs of my late Daughters Mary J. Clegg and Martha A. Hufhams to receive their just portions of the Estate by dividing the same in the proportion of

Mary J. Clegg, 1/2

Elbert C. Peden, 1/4

Susanna Peden, 1/4

Martha A. Hufhams, 1/4

Maria Peden Ex  
August the 16th 1856.

Sumner County Court October Term 1856

The last Will and Testament of Maria Peden was read and proved in the Court of Probate and was duly proved by the witness  
A. L. Edwards and John Peden Subscribing their hands and  
Signed to be executed, and Thompson Sarah Peden the executrix named in said Will did prove in Court and execute the Guardianship of said Will and was duly sworn before the Court and signed by the Will.  
R. Clegg Notary Public

John D. Bragg, Clerk

Sumner County, Kansas September the 2d 1856  
The W. & C. of Charles W. Dixon. My wife is a widow Son and  
Reside with me, taking with her my movable effects. My  
Son is to be well educated, and has a good enough property  
from a former time of age my property is to be divided by  
me to have the rest of all my personal property that on hand at  
all my Real Estates, of my wife's property is to be left to my  
property is to be divided by wife taking one half of all my personal  
Property and the other half of all my Real Estates, to her Son  
John before the age of 18, the rest of my personal property is to be  
divided of which Mrs. Sarah Peden who have one fourth

The remainder of my personal property and the whole of my real  
Estate to be equally divided between my wife and my Sister, and  
between my brother in Law Ed. James & George W. Ransas and  
John W. Clark of Smith Co. Kansas for my Administrators  
I appear before James & George the executors of my Son, this is my  
last Will and Testament which witness my hand and seal,见证我的  
All others  
Mary Stoney  
Ed Simple  
J. S. Bushaw

Date of Testimony  
Sumner County Court October Term 1856

The last Will and Testament of Charles W. Dixon  
Was this day produced into this Court for probate and was duly proved  
by the witness A. L. Edwards and Thompson Sarah Peden, who were  
both witnesses to and admitted to be valid, and thereupon John  
W. Clark, one of the Administrators named in said will, signed in open  
Court together with John Chambers and John W. Stoney his Seal was entered  
into the record, acknowledging the same to be the true copy in the usual  
sense of Four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and  
to be duly acknowledged.

A. Clegg Notary Public

John D. Bragg, Clerk

I, Sam. McMillen do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament  
having considered and made my mind willing by me at a long time past  
First, I direct my Executors to pay all my just debts out of my money I  
leave, and if I happen to die first leave me no children

Second, I give and bequeath to my daughter Betty Smith, all the slaves I will so far as  
give her, to my son-in-law named Sarah, one named Maria and one  
named Anna, together with all the increase of said women all of which she  
has now, in this proportion, I also give and bequeath unto my son Thomas by a  
girl named Anna, and woman Anna and the three youngest children  
of said Maria, the names of the others are not known, all of which are now in  
the possession of my said daughter.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath unto my Son W. Clegg, all the slaves  
which he has had before record upon him, also my trained Canary a  
woman named Ned, his two children a boy Bob and his girl named Louisa  
and the increase of said Ned, leaving them now in his possession  
privately. I give and bequeath unto my Son James W. McMillen the following real  
slaves, Ned, a boy, and Anna, a woman, Anna and her children Tom, for Joe and  
Anna and the increase all of said Ned and the future increase of said slaves they  
leaving them given off to the said James McMillen Executors, I leave to my  
son Son Maria, Ned & William from time of marriage until his death  
said Son Maria held & retained from time of marriage until his death such as  
she gave off to any of his children.

Fifthly, I leave to my Granddaughter Maria Catherine McMillen the sum  
of One hundred and fifteen dollars John, formerly recorded, for her during her marriage with  
her natural life and during death to each child born to her and the increase of  
her children.

Family to my three children William, Robert, and James to them and their heirs forever; my executors have to take said land or part for my said son and daughter during her life, the tenth and one half of which was to come to said son & his heirs, my son John McMurray in the last will was testamente by his will to my self, certain property therein mentioned to be held in trust for the use of myself and to be given over to the whole. She became widow the 2nd of July, 1856 and to be given over to the whole. She became widow the 2nd of July, 1856 and to be given over to the whole. She became widow the 2nd of July, 1856 and to be given over to the whole. I now at my will, the said executors shall have all of said property be named above and a reasonable price of said property to the best advantage for the benefit of appreciating the proceeds in the buying and advertising of the same. Mary G. if she dies before arriving at the age of thirty two years, or during her life, leaving her husband, that such wife leave the property and means owned in the name of my said son John. I should she die before attaining the age of thirty two years, leaving her husband, then I give all of said property and increase to my three children, Betty, William and James. And they three persons. It is my will and desire that my executors have the custody and control of the said Mary G. until she arrives to the age of thirty two years and until her death; they are to keep safe the property to go to them and to divide it among them three children and increase in the manner of dividing said land and property I wish them equally among them, and not held in trust. And accounts shall be rendered by executors by Laws, and they will give and account unto my son James McMurray all my lands the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the year two thousand and eleven, in money of £1000 to be equally divided between them in Ireland. And my son John is to have the half of the lands, holding off as to include the town of Limerick, houses and town houses only in County Limerick of which he is to pay to my son James one hundred dollars over and above the one half of the land in Ireland and the town houses and improvements there to be estimated in County Limerick of the lands, severally, all the lands of the family from the eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen years to the tenth of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, I give and agree with myself and my three children, Betty, William and James to be equally divided between them. And by the tenth of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, I give and agree with myself and my three children, Betty, William and James to be equally divided between them. And by the tenth of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, I give and agree with myself and my three children, Betty, William and James to be equally divided between them. And by the tenth of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, I give and agree with myself and my three children, Betty, William and James to be equally divided between them. And by the tenth of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, I give and agree with myself and my three children, Betty, William and James to be equally divided between them.

David Johnson  
John St. Rollox

State of New York

Suffolk County Court, October, 1856

The last will and testament of James C. McMurray died on the day mentioned in open court for probate and was duly proved by the Oath of David Johnson and John St. Rollox before me this day and ordered to be recorded. And James C. McMurray and

William McMurray the executors named in said will appeared in open court together with John St. Rollox and John St. Rollox their associates on behalf and each acknowledged their bond to the State of Connecticut in the sum of \$50,000. Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Copy Recd.

John D. Bigg, Clerk

In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Ryan of the County of Ulster and State of New York being of sound mind and memory in view of the certainty of death and uncertainty of life this last will and Testament being my last will and Testament. And my spirit shall be with my body and my soul shall rest with my God. And desirous that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors David Ryan and John St. Rollox my household and kitchen furniture with my stock of every description during his natural life also the land my sons William and Joseph Ryan to whom I give and bequeath the land and property their Mother in the same manner as during my life and at the death of their Mother and all the personal property that remains at her death to be equally divided between my two daughters Elizabeth Day and Anna White and the land to be divided between my two sons William & Joseph Ryan by the Commissioners of Probate to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between them. I do not say sold. William and Joseph Ryan executors as witness my hand and seal the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 1856.

Joseph Ryan  
Foster Ryan  
State of New York  
Suffolk County Court, November, 1856.

I do remember that on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, 1856 I signed my Will in open Court in the Will of Joseph Ryan which was duly proved by the Oaths of Foster Ryan and John St. Rollox and written by me myself, and I do make that the other subscribers thereto, had and had then no interest in the said writing and had no signature of the said Joseph C. Ryan & subscriber thereto to said Will in presence and the said Foster Ryan avowed that he was bound and that the said Joseph C. Ryan had subscribed his name to a copy of the said Will in the Court Room before said Will to be recorded first on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, the month of October, 1856. Ryan and Joseph Ryan appeared and was graciously received under the will and took into possession of Brown Bank about forty thousand dollars and ten shillings and was duly qualified.

Copy recd.

John D. Bigg, Clerk

I Will & Leteine As much land & Dwellings this day I do Will  
and Testament Hereby Directing all for me my self & upon death  
I do desire that my funeral expenses and all my debts left me there should  
be paid by said Executrix or by her Executor or as soon as it can be collected.  
And I do leave this residence & all the effects of it which are now provided  
in one or more houses with Godevins, Thomas Petifer, John Potemps,  
Sarah & Esther Williams, William Potemps, Ann Bennett, Abigail  
Fitch, Hirst & their children, & Mary Hirst to the death of my wife Elizabeth  
should she survive me. She is to have my plantation & the house & property standing  
therein if my sons Abraham & William agree to they will to have the  
plantation divided between them as Executrix & myself receive it  
at what ever place it is or the part of it they shall want of then it may be  
sold publicly or privately at the discretion of my Executrix by consulting with  
her to my slaves of my plantation can again I think them all then worth of they  
cannot stand here then they are to be sold to the highest bidder unless they are  
bought by me and then my executors shall have a right to buy them  
to reward for services to me & also to be distributed among them of what does not  
belong to my executors to my wife & to my children & my executors who are  
to be the executors of my plantation & to be held in trust for my wife & my  
sons to be paid by my executors to them my executors or a copy of which I do hereby set  
forth & publish in the name of John & William Potemps Oct 28th 1856

A. J. Cushing  
Witness A. Hart, Jr.

John P. Clark

Sumner County Court December 1856

The last Will and Testament of Daniel Potemps Esq. my day presented  
in the Court for Probate and was duly proved by the City of Boston and Henry  
A. Hunt Librarian of Longfellow & a Friend to the Poor & the Homeless Potemps the Executrix  
named in said Will is bound in this Court for Probate by his Executorship And Anna Williams  
Wife of him & son of Sumner Administrator with the Will annexed together with James  
S. Cushing and Daniel Potemps his Executors to be heard in this Court and after due cause had  
to hear which the sum of one hundred dollars in the sum of One thousand dollars  
to be distributed and so will be divided as may be justly & fairly apportioned

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John P. Clark

The last Will and Testament of John Clark of the County of Sumner & Province  
of Boston & dated this 2d day of October A.D. 1856 where it is my will and desire that all  
my just debts to be paid & my son Oliver & Clark my daughter who he present  
to be sole & sole Executor & Give to my daughter Sarah Jane Clark my said wife with a saddle  
and Purse that has to be purchased by my Executor like the old and old and best Clothing  
of my wife and then the remainder of my property to equally divided with among Children first  
to himself & next to son John Clark & to son Sarah Clark & apportion the said John & Sarah  
my Executor to my wife & myself hand and seal this day above written —

John Clark  
the Testator

John Clark

State of Maine

Sumner County Court December 1856

In last Will and Testament of John Clark A. J. Cushing his attorney presented to the  
Court for probate and was duly proved by the City of Boston & Abigail and Anna Williams  
Librarians of the Poor & the Homeless Potemps Executorship proved in open Court and  
introduced into and so acknowledged this Court took State of Maine in the final sum of One thousand dollars  
as directed in the same which was duly acknowledged

Copy set

John P. Clark

I Clark Esq. of the County of Sumner in the State of Maine having old and left behind though of  
sound mind and full time and nothing to bind the uncertainty of age to make and publish  
this my last Will and Testament hereby directing and making known to all by me at any time  
or in the first place I do that my funeral expenses and all my just debts to paid out of my money  
I may be in possession of or may give to the hands of my Executor directly to my Grand Daughter  
A. E. Maday of me and his wife the sum of Fifty dollars in money and also a Box containing my Bedclothes  
and the small Chest whereby to pay her Druffin & Son and his wife all of my other property  
and effects including mine Cleary Chorus. In witness that same to be after saying the above legacies were  
legacies — And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint Joseph Druffin Executor to this my last Will and  
Testament this 2d day of December 1856

Set

Abigail Maday  
John P. Clark  
William K. Thompson

State of Maine

Sumner County Court December 1856

The last Will and Testament of Clark Druffin Esq. his attorney presented a copy  
of said Will and was duly proved by the City of Boston & Abigail and Anna Williams  
Librarians of the Poor & the Homeless Potemps Executorship proved in open Court and  
introduced into and so acknowledged the execution of the same. And then upon the said Clark Druffin by the  
will of John Clark Esq. proved in open Court and introduced into and so acknowledged this Court to the State of  
Maine to the final sum of One hundred dollars. Contingent as the same might be justly apportioned

Copy set

John P. Clark

I now call upon my dear parent that I William Hale of Sumner County  
and State of Pennsylvania of sound mind and disposing memory, doth  
knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, and wishing to make  
such disposition of my property which in a proper State of mind may play down  
and Hale aforesaid to prevent the happening of injury to my Children and my Grand  
Children, I make this my last will and Testament.

It is my desire that my last will include my funeral expenses be paid  
paid out of the first money which may come into the hands of my executors.  
I give to my wife Mrs. Hale the whole of my household and Kitchen furniture  
also an equal share or child's part of my estate including Land, Negroes, Stock &c  
Also direct that after the negroes belonging to my estate are sold that my wife  
Select such as she may think proper from the rest of them, not to exceed the  
portion in negroes, to which she may be entitled  
With the rest of my son Richard Hale should he have any living at the time  
of his death I give an equal portion of my property including land, Negroes,  
Stock &c but should

My son Richard have no living Child or Children at the time of his death,  
Her living wife at his death then the property to go to and be equally divided  
between his brothers and Sisters or their Children (should any of them be living  
then) shall and share alike but should my son Richard leave a widow at  
his death in that case in half of the estate hereby given her Children including  
any increase of slaves to go to the widow of my son Richard and the other  
half to his brothers & Sisters as herein before provided - And furthermore there is  
no deduction to be made upon my son Richard's portion for any money  
or property which I may have advanced him in a sum which is unable to be known  
or a sufficient sum to cover the same -

Should my beloved wife Mrs. John A Hale wish to leave charge of the property  
which I have given to the children of my son Richard should he have any  
at the time of his death and in that case he should have no living Child at his death  
to go to his brothers & Sisters or their Children or in part to them and his widow (should  
he leave any) as above provided, and my said wife is to manage and controulle  
the property and money so devised as heronate, passing to my son Richard annually  
or otherwise should he think better the sum of the heir of the negroes and the  
interest in the money which may come into his hands through my son Richard by time  
had at his death the same to his son or sons by said wife or his nephews to the  
children of my son Richard should he have any living at his death and if he  
should have no child or children at his death the said property of the money to be  
decreed to said S<sup>r</sup> Richard's brother & Sisters or their Children - or one half to  
his brother's widow and the other half to the widow of the said Richard should he  
have any widow provided for -

To my sons William and John I give an equal portion of my property including  
Land, Negroes, Stock &c dividing from my son John A Hale for the amount  
obtained here in property and money, the account of which will be attached  
to this will to my signature - but no deduction is to be made upon my son Williams  
portion of money or property advanced him - to the money paid for him -  
With the children of my daughter Mrs. Hale of Sumner County should she have any at the  
time of her death I give an equal share or portion of property both real and  
personal, to the proceeds of the same, but Reserve the use and benefit of the same to

my daughter Martha during her natural life, and should she die without  
having any living Child at her death or without leaving any husband then  
the property and money to be equally divided between her Brothers & Sisters or their  
Children should any of them be living Children - But should my daughter  
Martha die the testator having any living Children, but leave a  
husband then land in that case the property and money to be equally divided  
between her husband and brothers & Sisters or their Children in Case of the death of  
any of her brothers & Sisters leaving a Child or Children, the amount of the property  
so divided my daughter Martha shall be divided from her portion the amount  
of which is here unto annexed -

To the children of my daughter Mrs. B Hazard I give an equal portion of my  
property both real and personal to the proceeds of the same according to the amounts  
of property left behind my daughter Mrs. Hazard to his executors hereunto annexed.

And I hereby appoint my son William A Hale Trustee to take charge of the property  
and money hereby given the children of my daughter Mrs. B Hazard and her or  
heirs of the property to be may think best and leave the money and apply the property  
of the heirs of the property given by my daughter Mrs. Hazard to the executors  
but trust left by the property in the hands of the widow for the use and  
benefit of my son the Rev. Mr. Hazard his natural life and at his death divide  
the same amongst his children which may be living at the time of his death, then  
and thereafter.

To my daughter Martha Ann Sharp for her Children I give an equal share or child's  
part of my estate including the proceeds of my Land, Negroes, Stock &c

And I hereby give of the children in proportion they are in of age than the property and  
money to be equally divided between the surviving Child or Children then and  
thereafter - The property mentioned is contained prop. to my daughter Martha the estate  
first deducted from her share or portion. The negro and money then given the children of  
my daughter Martha the estate handed over to his father Rev. Mr. Sharp for their  
benefit only -

My testator further directs his wife to bequeath the land and divided to each of the whole  
of my heirs that other property (except the negroes household & Kitchen furniture) as a  
land or for each to manumit to them but for the interest of my testator the lands to be  
divided and sold in lots as the whole together as they may think best -

And my executors are further commanded to value them as  
nearly as may be at the price which I have charged my children for such as I have given  
them hitherto which price may be sum by reference to the interest which I have made  
out against my children for property he has given them which is heretofore annexed -  
And the said executors & friends my children is to govern my executors in this settlement  
with my children and friends Children to which there is to be no addition or deduction whatever  
nor no charge against any other of my children nor them charged -

Lastly I do hereby appoint my son William A Hale and my friend David Burford  
of Smith County my executors to carry out and execute this my last will and Testament and should  
any disputes occur as to either of the trustees appointed herein my said executors or  
either of them or his/her attorney legal and money or services by me appointed  
dispute - Nor is my executors, his/her attorney required to give bond and security as  
required by law but to settle with the County Court on the final closing of their duties  
as executors - After which land and property left in legacies

John H. Hall in California  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1854.

John Wilkinson, his attorney for

A. Burford & Co., his

An Enclosed in the present my H. C. I demand a part of my children and by  
which my husband, to whom I am the legitimate wife of my child, on the day of his death  
distributing to me and the children his wife charge them.

Mary S. Atwater

For the Child 14 <sup>th</sup> Old	\$ 900.00
Emoluments 10 <sup>th</sup> Old	500.00
One Horse	125.00
	<u>\$ 1525.00</u>

Martha Ann Hale

Wm. W. Hale 18 years old	\$ 600.00
Wm. C. Hale 18 do	600.00
Wm. G. Hale about 16 do	600.00
One Horse	125.00
	<u>\$ 1825.00</u>

Frank & Ann Hale

Wm. W. Hale 18 years old	\$ 500.00
and his 3 children (by George) Martha, Victoria & Agnes Hale 18 years old	1500.00
One Horse	100.00
	<u>\$ 2100.00</u>

John H. Hall

Agnes Wm. John 21 years old	\$ 750.00
Agnes & Hamet 19 <sup>th</sup> Old	600.00
Agnes & Ann 12 <sup>th</sup> Old	500.00
Cash furnished her	500.00
Way on land her home	300.00
	<u>\$ 2250.00</u>

The within sum go against my daughter.

Mary S. Atwater amounting to \$ 1525.00

And against my daughter

Martha Ann Hale amounting to \$ 1825.00

And against my daughter

Ann Septima Hale

Amounting to the sum of \$ 2500.00

And the charges & expenses etc.

John H. Hall amounting to \$ 2650.00

Are to be deducted from each of their share or portions or from the portion or share of  
their children respectively when the property of given by me in any will to my grand children  
comes to be the trustee for and govern my executors in carrying out my will.

Dated my hand day 10<sup>th</sup> August 1854.

John H. Hall

A. B. G. Bickerton

H. Hall

State of Oregon

Oregon County Court December 1854

The first Will and Testament of Mr. Robert H. Hall the aforesaid  
in open Court for probate was drawn up by the attorney of Mr. & Mrs. Wilkinson and  
John Wilkes Jr. Esq. being witnesses thereto and a Notary Public appointed and John H. Hall  
and Edward Biggs and the Executor named in said Will appeared in open Court and  
swore the execution of the same there being no cause alleged by the Will  
test.

John D. Biggs Clerk

I Robert Kirk of the County of Clatsop and State of Oregon do make and  
publish this my last Will and Testament hereby testifying all other Wills by me at any  
other time made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I Will and bequeath that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid  
out of my estate.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I Will and bequeath to my beloved Sister Sarah Francis Kirk my tract of  
land of about 16 acres lying in Clatsop County on the water of Station Camp Creek  
adjoining the lands of said Kirk the lands of the heirs of Benjamin Kirk the late  
Charles Johnson and Joseph Asmus it being my part of my father's original tract of land  
beginning at the fence between both in said tract of land to gable on the side appertaining  
to my above named Sister and her heirs forever by which my hand undersigned the 2<sup>d</sup> day  
of November 1854 I hereby nominate and appoint my son-in-law Thomas B. Bering my executor to  
execute and carry out this my last Will and Testament.

Robert H. Kirk

for me and as his agent he signed said  
Will in his presence testifying the person of each other

William H. Stevenson

John Kirk Kirk

His Relative

State of Oregon

Oregon County Court December 1854

The first Will and Testament of Robert Kirk No. 2<sup>d</sup> this day published in  
open Court for probate and duly sworn by the oaths of William H. Stevenson and Michael  
Kirk Esq. being witnesses thereto and a Notary Public appointed

test.

John D. Biggs Clerk

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I now afform by this present that I Harry Stubbfield being incorporated with the great uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being desirous to the bettering of my temporal affairs so that after my death no contention may arise between me & the other heirs of my estate I do make and declare this to be my last will and testament leaving my estate to my wife Mary and my son John holding her & him full and undivided property making her & him full and undivided title to my estate.

I also afform that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid out of my money that I may die quiet in the hands of my executors after my death leaving the rest of my estate to my daughter Anna C. D. Sanders my health & mind being to my satisfaction given to her.

Also I do bequeath to my two grandsons C. W. & C. L. and Thomas Elmdon's property given to them & I do give to my wife Mary, John Stubbfield & Harry Stubbfield consisting in the town of New Haven Connecticut the sum of one hundred dollars to be divided among them. Also I do give to my wife Mary, John Stubbfield & Harry Stubbfield consisting in the town of New Haven Connecticut the sum of one hundred dollars to be divided among them.

Also I do bequeath my son Stubbfield & his wife Mary to have my last will and testament & to bequeath it to my wife Mary, John Stubbfield & Harry Stubbfield.

Edmund Davis Jr.  
John Stubbfield

State of Connecticut

This 20th County of January 1853 In the last and final Will of John Stubbfield made the day and year above written for his last Will and Testament being signed by himself and John Stubbfield subscribing witness thereunder.

John C. Bragg Clerk

1853 I William Hobdy for a good consideration I have sold and assigned to R. Hobdy one of my pieces of land bounded to the North part beginning at a rock stake nearly North of R Hobdy house to come up to the top of R. Hobdy's running thence South to a small black oak tree on the South side of the Canoe Creek running down the brook running along a small creek to the right thereof to a branch thence to the bottom of a small valley rising up the hill back to the rock stake in the same direction said land to be sold to R. Hobdy for a sum of \$1000.00.

I further assign the use of the ground for the purpose of the laying down of the water for my distilling and distillery the title is not written in my power to dispose of the same till after my decease.

State of Connecticut

Superior Court January 1853

R. Hobdy presented in open Court to prove writing purporting to be

the Will of William Hobdy deceased and appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Person was found among the valuable papers of the said deceased, and that the date of writing of the same was generally known by his neighbors. Thereon came further affidavit by the testimony of the deposing persons before, Weston & Moore, John C. Bragg, John S. Clark that the said Probate Court for Superior Court thereof on the basis of writing of the said William Hobdy as is therupon avowed by the Court that the same was recorded.

Date

John C. Bragg Clerk

In the name of God, Amen. I do hereby make and declare this my last will and testament giving to my wife Mary, John Stubbfield & Harry Stubbfield to my two grandsons C. W. & C. L. and Thomas Elmdon's property given to them & I do give to my wife Mary, John Stubbfield & Harry Stubbfield consisting in the town of New Haven Connecticut the sum of one hundred dollars to be divided among them.

Also I do give to my son William Rogers which he already had an establishment in land which he had a few years ago of my real estate. Only gave an equal portion of such personal property as my number at his Mother's death to be distributed among my children except Rogers which one went to him for the girls or their living only.

Also I do give my son John Rogers and Henry Rogers, jointly, I give and bequeath the tenth of all the land held by both of them jointly bought from Joseph Morris and Edgerton the lands of John D. Griffin whose land next of kin to both John Rogers and William Rogers being about one hundred acres more or less.

Also I do give two Sons, Edward Rogers and Nathan B. Rogers jointly I give and bequeath the entire tract of land now occupied by them and adjoining the lands of Joseph Morris, the District School and Orange Street to go to the two sons of the same Rogers jointly bought by the same Morris or his executors jointly or severally say to each of them separately Harriet J. A. Morris, wife of Nathan Rogers & L. B. Brightly, wife of Edward Rogers, brother to R. Hobdy, Catherine Rogers and Lucy Rogers, the two daughters.

My final bequest to be paid to them jointly within the first year after the date of my death or to the next oldest in case of non payment to them and then to the next oldest shall bequeath to them.

Also I give and bequeath to my son Amos, Harriet J. A. Morris, wife of Nathan Rogers, Alice Brown, wife of John C. Bragg, wife of John Rogers, wife of Nathan Rogers, wife of Edward Rogers, wife of Catherine Rogers & others living and to the children of my deceased daughter Mary Johnson, wife of John Rogers that may be born and the children of my deceased son John Rogers who died on or before the same.

Also I do give and bequeath to the poor persons equal to the amount of \$1000.00 yearly to my other slaves, I do give and bequeath that the slaves out of my personal property a good horse, saddle, bridle, whip, gun, clothing and household furniture belonging to a slave, the same to be disposed of.

In witness whereof I have set my hand to this day of January eight hundred and forty seven.

William Hobdy

Recd in our possession this 13<sup>rd</sup> January 1857

By you H. D. Pitt Jr.

I will sufficient &c.

State of Indiana

From his Excellency Joseph Brown, Esq. from 1857

The last will and Testament of Nathan Rogers. This was the day first named in Open Court for Probate and was duly probated by the Clerk of Probate and I, George H. Griffen, Subscribing witness thereto and ordered by the Court to be recorded.

Copy 1st

John T. Rogers A.M.A.

In the name of God Amen  
I give all my property by this my Last Will and Testament of Nathan Rogers of the County of Marion and State of Indiana being of sound & disposing mind & knowing the certainty of death. Desirous that my soul shall be delivered in innocence and from all wrong to await First Death, so be it done, that far as I am able my body to decent burial.

Second. I give all my just debts and funeral expenses paid  
Third. I leave my wife Harriet Peetee during her natural life or widowhood the sum of land containing by estimation One Hundred and Sixty acres, my wife had nothing and all that she needs to support her herself & her furniture, Bed and furniture, All that she is leaving to her is given to her as her own. I also leave to her two negro girls named Martha & Sally during her natural life or widowhood.

Fourth. As to the death or Marriage of my wife Harriet, Sarah Whiting goes Martha & Sally with their services rendered among my children of which she has done the most equally.

Fifth. At my death I give my son Hyatt Peetee, Son of Harriet the following tract of land in C.R. District No. 16. Beginning on a point White Oak Branch Corner running N. 49° E. 60 rods to a Rock Creek, then down the Branch with it according to Rock Creek Corner there N. 55° E. 30 rods to a Gun, thence East with Gun 112 rods to a Stake called Survey Corner, thence North 130 rods to a Rock Creek, thence East 60 rods to a first Oak by a Bend, N. 30° W. 140 rods thence South 50 rods to a Black Oak on the south side of the road called the Salt Creek Road, thence North 56 rods to a Stake with frontier. thence North 10 rods to a small stream with high Cut off, then North 45 rods to a Rock Creek with frontier. thence North 16 rods to the Beginning. Containing by estimation 100 acres.

Sixth. I leave my son Joshua J. Peetee the following tract of land given in said District beginning on a Rock Branch, Corner to N. 30° W. 140 rods to a Rock Creek with the corner running N. 60 rods to a Rock Creek, Corner, thence East 100 rods to a Rock Creek on the head of a Hollow to the N.E. Branch, thence North 10 rods to the corner of said hollow to the N.E. Branch, thence down the Branch, thence down the Branch with the corner running to the Beginning. Containing by estimation 100 acres.

Seventh. I give to my daughter Jessie Brown the following tract of land. Beginning on two small Black Oaks, Peetee's Corner, N. 30° W. 100 rods to a Rock Creek, thence North 45° E. 40 rods to a small rock, Peetee's Corner, thence South 45° E. 20 rods to a Rock Creek, thence North with Rock Creek 90 rods to a White Oak and thence to the N.E. Corner, thence North with said creek 132 rods to the Creek on a Branch of Rock Creek, thence East 66 rods to the Beginning. Containing by estimation 100 acres.

Eighth. I give my son Frederick M. Peetee the following described tract of land in the District beginning in a small White Oak on Hyatt's Peetee's Corner, N. 30° W. 130 rods to a Black Oak on the south side of a dog, Peetee's Corner, thence East 100 rods to Peetee's Corner, thence East 60 rods to a Rock Creek, thence North 10 rods to a Rock Creek, thence East to the Beginning containing by estimation 100 acres.

Ninth. I give to Joseph Benjamin Peetee (my son) the following described tract of land in said District beginning on William McFadden's N.W. corner, thence South 115 rods to a Black Oak on the south side of a dog, thence East 140 rods to a Stake in Peetee's East Boundary line. thence North with said line 115 rods to a Rock Creek, thence East 140 rods to the beginning. Containing by estimation 100 acres.

Tenth. I give to my daughter Mary C. Peetee the following described tract of land in District beginning on a Black Oak on the south side of a dog, thence South 115 rods to a Black Oak, thence South 15 rods to a Rock Creek, thence East 140 rods to a Stake in the middle of the line, thence North 10 rods to a Rock Creek, thence East 16 rods to a Stake in Peetee's Corner, thence East 66 rods to a Stake in Peetee's East Boundary line. thence North 140 rods to the Beginning containing by estimation 100 acres.

Eleventh. I give to my daughter Jessie Brown the following described tract of land in said District beginning on a Black Oak on the south side of a dog, thence South 115 rods to a Black Oak, thence South 15 rods to a Rock Creek, thence East 140 rods to a Stake in Peetee's Corner, thence East 66 rods to a Stake in Peetee's Corner, thence North 140 rods to a Stake in Peetee's Corner, thence North 10 rods to a Rock Creek, thence East 16 rods to a Stake in Peetee's Corner, thence East 66 rods to a Stake in Peetee's Corner, thence North 140 rods to the Beginning containing by estimation 100 acres.

Twelfth. I give to my wife, girl & little child to my daughter Jessie Brown the sum of \$100.00 in cash to them and their heirs for ever.

Thirteenth. I leave to my wife, girl & little child to my daughter Jessie Brown the sum of \$100.00 in cash to them and their heirs for ever.

\$22.00  
2.00  
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Making the sum

\$500.00	
200.00	
20.00	
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\$10,60.00	

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48.00	
22.00	
100.00	
\$574.00	

Making the sum

\$200.00	
100.00	
100.00	
\$400.00	
72.00	

Making the sum



to me  
Martha D. Fletcher et al.

v.s.

the said Parks et al.

Consolidated

This day came the parties to Attorney and their attorney  
and Goods and Lof of John (Henry) Irving & wife, Thomas Fletcher, S. W. Light, George C. Tracy,  
W. H. and C. C. Davis, Charles Pennington, James McLean, P. D. Hale and William D. Pease  
Esq. Justices, Dennis Henry, Eliza & Joseph D. D. Esq. and the County Sheriff to take and serve  
the tenth to Spec. R. upon the above named to the parties of record by Conveyance to  
an attorney or otherwise. Martha D. Fletcher and wife, Charles Sampson, and  
wife, Nancy Smith Sampson, and wife Margaret Sampson, Mary, Sebastian  
John, Daniel, Fletcher, and Margaret Sampson by themselves bound, Plaintiff

v.s.

Plaintiffs, vs. William Fletcher, John Fletcher, Alexander Fletcher, Thomas  
and Daniel Fletcher, Colman Fletcher, Charles Fletcher and Sarah, Anna and others

This day came again the parties, by their attorney and also the Jury  
foreperson in this Court on a former day of this Term who upon their Oaths do say  
that they find the issue in favor of the Plaintiff and that the Plaintiff having  
sued on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1853, signed by Thornton Fletcher and Wm. D. Esq.  
to Robert Aspin and John J. Wherry, Esq. the last will and Testament of Thornton  
Fletcher Esq. It is therefore considered by the Court that said Plaintiff may be  
entitled to the last Will and Testament of Thornton Fletcher Esq. and that the  
Court of the Jury and Judgment of the Court, do certify and agree to the the  
original Will, to be admitted to the County Court of Common Pleas, that proper  
Proceedings may be had thereon. It is further considered by the Court the Plaintiff  
ought to have the Plaintiff pay all the Cost that has accrued in this Case  
for which he is liable.

I, E. Stark Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, certify  
that the foregoing is a full and perfect transcript of the record and proceeding in the  
Court of Common Pleas at Jefferson the 2<sup>d</sup> day of March 1857.

Copied by

E. Stark Clerk

Attest, I am a Free State! I health, but to my purpose mind do make  
this my last Will and Testament first I demand that all my just debts be  
paid as soon after my death as possible I am first I will and bequeath to my  
wife Sarah C. Payne the whole of my estate I am stock farming tools household  
and Kitchen furniture But if she should marry again then in that case my  
removable property to be equally divided amongst my children after making my  
daughter Martha equal with her other Sisters then being Son Robert one hundred Dollars  
and Thirty and six my wife's brother Marriage Expenses and Equal to my three  
Sons Wm. T. Payne James C. Payne & Robert D. Payne In witness whereof I have this  
2<sup>d</sup> day of May in the year 1857 set my hand and seal to the property of the  
Subscribing Testimony

P. D. Baker appointed my wife Sarah to S. W. T. Payne as my Executor to my Will this  
day and date above mentioned written

Test.

Wm. Stanton pro

Stevens Austin pro

State of Indiana

Franklin County Circuit Court March Term 1857

The last Will and Testament of Robert Payne citizen of  
was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the Testimony  
of W. S. Stanton and Stevens Austin the Testifying Testimony their and Ordained to be  
acknowledged by the Court. Sarah C. Payne one of the Executrix named in said Will  
appeared in Open Court and acknowledged the Execution of the same and Wm. T. Payne  
the Executor named and acknowledged the Execution of the same and thereupon the  
said W. S. Payne together with Bush Johnson and Stein Austin his Committee appeared  
in Open Court and acknowledged their Bond to the State of  
Indiana in the sum of One thousand dollars conditioned to the said  
Heirs and heirs of the said deceased

Copied by

John T. Baggs Clerk