

I, Jeremiah Bently, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament
 Verifying and Making Void all former Wills by me made. My Will and
 desire that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid, I give to my wife
 Nancy Bently all of my property both real and personal during her natural
 life or widowhood for the support of my children and schooling, my
 children should my wife survive then last in that order, My Will that
 she shall have one third of my estate during her natural life and at her death to my
 children that all of my property be divided amongst my children my daughter
 practice to go to three children of this name if they should have no children
 then by my Will that they share at her death be divided amongst them
 Brothers and Sisters that may be living I mean by the personal property to include
 my wife and money. She shall have power to appoint my wife Nancy Bently
 my sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament. My Will and desire that my
 wife advance to my children that is now being with us when they marry or leave her
 each a horse, bridle and saddle with one hundred twenty dollars unless I shall
 be dead & first then last & survive to make them equal with the ad advance made
 to my daughter Mary Young. Given under my hand & seal this 15th 1866

Jeremiah Bently

Jeremiah Bently (Dad)

State of Tennessee
 Hamilton County Court April Term 1867

The last Will and Testament of Jeremiah Bently the
 was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by
 by the Oaths of J. D. H. and W. D. H. Martin Jurors. The Court
 and is ordered by the Court to be recorded and Mary Bently the Executor
 named in said Will appeared in open Court together with J. D. H. and
 Williams on Motion her Executors and entered into Bond to the State of Tennessee
 conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.
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John T. Bury Clerk

I Robert M. Hark of the County of Hamilton and State of Tennessee do make and publish
 this to my last Will and Testament hereby Verifying and Making Void all other Wills
 by me at any time made -
 I do direct that my Surviving wife and all my children by me during her paid or soon
 after my death as possible out of my means that I may the profit of or my first
 born into my the hands of my Executor - I give and bequeath to William I. Hark and
 by being two thirds of my estate to take - Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter
 E. Hark and the Heirs of her Body one third of my estate - I give to William I. Hark
 to have my whole interest in the Plantation of R. H. Hark in the Town of
 Harkville Tennessee at Cash which was purchased and sold as a certain Person named Joseph
 at Cash I give to the Executor of my estate as above named to my sister E. Hark and
 the Heirs to be paid over as soon as my Executor has a final adjustment of all my affairs
 Last by I hereby name and appoint my Brother William I. Hark my Executor - In Witness
 Whereof I do this my Will and seal this 8 day of February 1867

Robert M. Hark

State of Tennessee
 Hamilton County Court April Term 1867

The last Will and Testament of R. M. Hark the was this day produced
 to the Court for probate and was duly proved by the Oaths of J. D. H. and W. D. H. Martin
 Jurors. The Court and is ordered by the Court to be recorded and Mary Bently the Executor
 named in said Will appeared in open Court together with J. D. H. and Williams on Motion
 her Executors and entered into Bond to the State of Tennessee conditioned as the law directs
 and was duly qualified.

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John T. Bury Clerk

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 I Stephen R. Williams of the County of Sumner and State of
 Tennessee do make, declare, publish and declare this to be my last,
 Will and Testament, that is to say, after all my lawful debts are paid
 and discharged, the order of my estate and personal goods, which
 and disposal of my estate, to wit:
 1st To my beloved wife Mary R. Williams I give all my property, real
 and personal during her natural life -
 2nd Then come to David R. Williams, trustee for all of the property which I
 intend for them -

3rd At the death of my wife Mary R. Williams I give all my lands to William
 R. Williams and all the above mentioned William R. Williams must
 within two years after the decease of my wife give to Mary R. Williams
 one hundred to the said Mary R. Williams portion of my estate -

4th At the death of my wife I desire all my personal property, horses,
 sheep, cattle, hogs, &c. to be sold and the proceeds thereof to be given to the said Mary R. Williams and all
 the money which I may have must be divided equally between my two
 daughters Mary R. Williams and Martha R. Williams -

5th I hereby appoint my son Mary R. Williams to be Executor of this my
 last Will and Testament, to wit: Whereof I have made this my hand
 and seal this third day of April 1857.

Stephen R. Williams

Andrew Anderson & Son

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court, Nov. Term 1857
 The last Will and Testament of Stephen R.
 Williams late of this county deceased in Open Court for probate
 and was duly proved to the satisfaction of the Court and Andrew
 Anderson Subscribing Witness, thereby and was ordered by the Court to be
 recorded and Mary R. Williams the Executor named in said Will
 appeared in Open Court and accepted the Execution of the same -
 and thereupon the said Mary R. Williams gave two with standing witnesses
 who solemnly appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged
 their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of two hundred and twenty
 five dollars as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Clyde Vint John T. Bugg Clerk

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 I, William B. Bantley do make, declare, publish to this my last Will and Testament
 everything and in writing, and all other debts, to wit: I give to my wife and desire
 that my general expenses and all of my debts be first paid, out of my money, that I
 may be satisfied in the fact that my debts be to the hands of my Executors, I give to
 my daughter Maria B. Bantley the good and good land and farm, I give to my son
 James B. Bantley the good and good land and farm, I give to my son
 and daughter, I give to my son Andrew B. Bantley a good horse and a good
 horse that is more than five years old, and a good horse and a good
 I give to my son John B. Bantley a good horse and a good horse and a good
 and then five years old, and I give to my son and daughter, I give to my
 three sons William B. Bantley a good horse and a good horse and a good horse, I give to my
 my Executors furnish the above debts, out of my of them that I may be as
 as determined as they think proper, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Bantley
 all of the balance of my property, of real estate, personal and including
 my money, to be paid during my natural life, and at the death of my wife and desire
 that the said property be equally divided between my children, share and share alike
 I have advanced to my son John B. Bantley four hundred and twenty five dollars as part
 of his portion of my estate, and to my son James B. Bantley four hundred and twenty five
 dollars as a part of his portion of my estate, I will that my wife Mary Bantley have
 power and right to dispose of her property, either with any of my children or of such a
 portion, of the said property as she shall see fit, and becomes the property of my children that she
 shall be disappointed, out of my estate and I leave myself to my will and
 desire of all my children any of my property, that I leave to them that they can be managed by
 my property, I desire that the debt by my Executors to the highest bidder for land or estate, to
 be the best of my property, and the same to be paid out of my money, to the money paid out
 at interest as they may see fit, and I desire that my wife Mary Bantley have power to live with them
 nothing shall be paid, that portion of my estate I have advanced to my daughter Maria
 B. Bantley I give to her during her lifetime, and at the death of her husband I have
 named and appointed my son John B. Bantley James B. Bantley and James B. Bantley
 Bantley my Executors to this my last Will and Testament and I give to my wife Mary Bantley
 as the law directs, given under my hand and seal, September 20th 1856

William B. Bantley
 D. C. Bantley
 Samuel C. Bantley
 State of Tennessee
 Sumner County Court, Jan. Term 1857

The last Will and Testament of William B. Bantley late of this county
 deceased in Open Court for probate and was duly proved to the satisfaction of the Court of David
 and John B. Bantley Subscribing Witnesses, thereby and was ordered by the Court to be
 recorded and James B. Bantley the Executor named in said Will appeared in Open Court
 and accepted the Execution of the same - and thereupon the said James B. Bantley
 gave two with standing witnesses who solemnly appeared in Open Court and entered into
 and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of twenty
 five dollars as the law directs and was duly qualified.

John C. Bugg Clerk

In the Name of God Amen, I the said Thomas being of sound mind and disposing
Memory do hereby make of body to think that my last Will and Testament and hereby
Conceding all other Wills at any last made by and from Me that all
my just debts be paid, and as my Executors shall think proper to the heirs of my
Estate (except as afterwards mentioned) and the payment of any accounts or
debts, I may owe or be the owner of, the sum of Eight thousand one hundred
Twenty five Dollars, as I do think that my wife and any of my heirs
and as much as I have given and do give, and I should be liable to pay, all
my property, together with the payment of my debts, I do hereby give, that my
wife Anna, to have, have my real Estate, Consisting of the tract of land
upon which I now reside about 99 Acres, and also all my personal
property, Consisting of 6 Negroes, four David, George, Catherine &
Dolly, George, George, Mary, Dolly, a Child of Catherine and George
a black Farming chaise and harness and 4 Dutchmen, and
together with my Book of debts, disbursements and notes & accounts, and
claims of every nature that I have, all of which it is my will & desire
that my wife shall have during her natural life to use & Control
as she may see proper, the said shall remain under the Control &
use of my wife but it not to be sold I desire that she may have power
of so long having as she may see proper the personal property, & if the
Negroes and in case any of them shall become so decrepit as to
be unable to perform for his master then they may free, and the proceeds
in such cases, to be paid to her for life as to my intention she
shall hold them, after the death of my wife it is my will that all my
Estate, real or personal together with the income of the Negroes, shall
be equally divided between my Children, three and three parts
It is my desire that the Negroes shall be divided between my Children, three and three parts
It is my will that all of my Children be educated and supported of
the same and so on of the property conveyed to my wife, and I have
implied Confirmed in the provisions my second last Will, and the same
shall be immediately entered as any of my property, but give full lifetime
to my wife and all the then interest to be conveyed, I do hereby
give and appoint my wife Anna to have sole Executor of this my last Will
& Testament in this County, Maryland and that this 10th day of July 1857

Teste
John Bull & Sons.

Harold Brown

State of Georgia Sumner County County August Term 1887.

The last Will and testament of the S. Hoosier was brought in and
Open Court for debate and was duly proved by the Oathes of John Willkies and James
L. L. being the only attests and as was recorded, and James L. being the Executor
of said Will appeared in Open Court, and acknowledged the Execution of the same
and thereupon the said James L. joined together with Oliver J. Johnson, who was
in Open Court and in bond and as recorded, then he de to the State of Georgia in the sum
of Twenty thousand dollars and was duly paid and

I have Mr. Johnson of the County of Sumner State of Tennessee being in
feeling that and a high state of mind I have made public this my last
will and testament hereby making void all former wills by me at any time
made for my mind and first I direct that my body be decently buried in the family
grave yard where I now live in said County no inquirer shall be troubled
in life and as to such worldly estate as I have died to inherit my wife (the
of the same as follows first I direct that all my real and personal effects be
paid as soon after my decease as possible to my wife and her heirs or be
or may first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of said
Real or personal I give and bequeath to my children viz no minor all the prop-
erty belongs to me with the exception of my wife and Paulina, Sally, Maria
= child of Halbert James, children Martha Jane Hamilton all my children to
have an equal share but my wife and I have to Martha my second daughter
have him enough to buy a house I also have given to Robert my son
provided that he be able I want my will to have been to show his daughter
I want that at my death I want to be divided equally with my children with
exception of William I give all my estate to my wife Sally to do as she thinks
proper, my wife and her heirs to be paid and house of living, I don't leave
Martha an equal share with my children after her father, yet one hundred
do I leave them to have the balance left. The hundred do I leave above mentioned
to my wife to have for the same I have paid to my wife Martha my daughter
my daughter to my first wife and her heirs in this world viz to the one thousand
eight hundred and fifty dollars

The last will and testament of Jane Hutchison was this day produced for probate whereon Mr Shaw and Justice Cunningham and Henry Buchanan solemnly swore and examined witnesses in Court and before and said that they found the will of the said Jane Hutchison bearing date July 18th 1847, in his pocket book in a trunk the deceased and among her valuable papers and of fact that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the dec^d and such hand writing is generally known to her acquaintances that said paper writing and every part thereof the name of the testatrix being marked in the body of the said will in the hand writing of the said Jane Hutchison It is therefore ruled by the Court that said paper writing be admitted to probate as the last will and testament of Jane Hutchison and that the same be recorded, thereupon Assty J. Hamilton one of the Executors named aforesaid in open Court and presented the Executors of the same, and then as Taylor appeared in Court and entered into bond in the penal sum of four thousand dollars with Assty Hamilton and Mr Shaw his Security Conditioned as the Law directs and lawfully qualified as a Celler Testamentary ordered to appear to him

Copy Part

John S. Bazzant

In the Name of God. I now know all men by these presents that I Simon Byrson of
 the County of Connecticut State of Danvers Wavering, the Certainty of death, have thought
 proper to make and publish my last Will and Testament. And do by these presents
 with the last publish this my last Will and Testament in in an undissolved following Words
 1st I wish tell my last debts and funeral in power paid—
 2^d I leave to my wife Maria Byrson during her natural life or hereafter my old and
 and purchaseable consisting of Land, housewain, Wain, Siller, her Stock, Household and
 Kitchen furniture, Farming utensils, mowens, dairy, and demands, with the following
 exception, One Bed and furniture to each of my daughters, viz. Abigail Jew, Catharine
 Keeshin, Bethany Byrson and Prudence Dunsen, to them and their heirs forever—
 3^d I leave George Dunsen intitled with my daughter Mary Byrson and she having
 deceased, I leave the said George Dunsen to have all the property that he now has, in
 possession, to hold to him, to keep, to hold and enjoy the same him and his heirs
 forever and nothing more of my Estate—
 4th If it be as aforesaid to my wife, it is my Will that my son John Byrson, should continue
 with her in the house where he now lives and have the use of one half of the property
 and furniture to be for from and—
 5th At the death or marriage of my wife Maria then I give my son John Byrson
 the half of my back of Land including the house where he now lives, all my personal
 tools, and one half of all the house hold and Kitchen furniture to him and his
 heirs forever. He also one half of the live Stock—
 And give the use of the other half of my Land, Household and Kitchen furniture
 and live Stock to my daughter Bethany Byrson during her life or hereafter
 After which my wife Maria Siller to jointly serve John Byrson and Bethany
 Byrson during the joint life of the said Bethany. And at the death or marriage of
 the said Bethany I give the other half of my Land & my wife Siller to my son
 John Byrson and his heirs forever. My daughter Bethany Byrson should receive

from the 1st of Aug. the half of the stock and horses sold and with them five mules
belonging to the land and more to John Bryant who is to pay me twenty five dollars
the said John Bryant within two weeks after the death or marriage of my wife
Shirley & for the said my children is following against the sum of twenty five dollars
less back Bryant. With the sum I want Bryant to have George John Bryant and
William Bryant to him and their wife. With the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents
each to John Bryant Bryant and George William Bryant for the said Bryant and
John Bryant my wife Shirley Bryant and my son John Bryant my Executive and
executors to have my last will and testament & and debent to have all personal
effects belonging and concerning this my last will and testament to be paid to me
I have made at my hand and before my wife the 24th day of April in the year one thousand
1849

Signed and acknowledged in our
presence & attested by us at the request of the Testator

Simon Stylus (bal)

Wm. W. Nichols, Jr.

State of Minnesota.

Shannon County Court Decem^r 1857

The last Will and Testament of Simon Bryan Esq^r Was this day
produced in open Court for perusal And was duly proved by the Oaths of
J^r K. Neely and William Mc. Intosh Esq^r Subscribing witnesses thereto And is ordered
by the Court to be recorded. And John Bryan the Executor aforesaid stood Will
Appointed in open Court And accepted the Executorship the Oath and thereupon the
Court gave Bryan to gather with George Orr his security Appointed in open Court
and ordered into bond and recognizance three Bonds to the State of Virginia in the
penal sum of ten thousand dollars Conditioned as the Law directs And was
thats fastened.

Just

John T. Buzz Clark

1st In June 4, God allowed I. William Stark to make and publish this
as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other
Wills, at any other time by me made. And I Will my sole and last that goes it
unto my Heirs to be buried in a decent Christian like manner, surely
I trust that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid by them
whom I make to be possible out of any money that I may die possessed
by or may just come to the hands of my Executors.

I & down that in winter have plowed white the head and feet a my grave
and the glory of my dry land another brick to them head and feet stone
4th A five and be earth to my son a brick Eighty dollar in cash to be placed
in the hands of J. & M. Hubbs as trustee of the said to son & and to be kept
for his personal comfort and in case that he would be go to my five grand
children living of William Lusk down at his death

2^d I give and begeth to my son Jacob Twelfth Equal Share of the
Princemould of my Estate

to you and to each to my son David Ink a equal share of the
Remainder of my Estate -

2^a I give and bequeath to my Son, Sir Fitzwilliam Martin a Equal Share
of the 1st fund of my Estate -

5. I give and bequeath to my daughter F. H. Lake, an equal share of the remainder of my estate
6. I give and bequeath to my daughter Leah, 1/3 of a equal share of the remainder of my estate
7. I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine, 1/3 of an equal share of the remainder of my estate
8. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah, 1/3 of an equal share of the remainder of my estate
9. I give and bequeath to my son and children being in term and the namely Mary Columbus
George Saylor, Sarah and Victoria an equal share in their share of my estate
10. I give and bequeath to my two grand children being my daughter Margaret Wilson
a equal share of the remainder of my estate namely Thomas Lyngren
Lastly I do hereby recommend and appoint S. B. Robt. as my executor in which I do this
my Will and my hand and seal this 23 day of November A.D. 1866

1st
Prof. Penney
John H. Shriver

William Clark (Lab)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Decmber Term 1853

The last Will and Testament of William Dyer Senr was this day produced in
Circuit Court, as per bill and was duly proved by the Oaths of Say Henry and John H. Moore
Scribers being witnesses thereto and entered by the Clerk to be recorded. And Ed Roberts named
the Executor named in said Will appeared in Circuit Court and took the Oath of office of the
same and thereupon the said George & Roberts together with Say Henry and John H. Moore his
Scribers, appeared in Circuit Court and entered into bond to the Clerk of the said Court to the
effect of foregoing in the sum of Eight hundred dollars Court fees at the Law
thence and so forth Gratified.

Int

John T. Buzg, Clerk

State of Tennessee
Sumner County

August 18th 1857

I, H. D. Kidditt, be in perfect Mind, and moderate Health, and
being desirous of settling my Property to whom I please, I Will thus - And after my Death, I
Wish to be Intersed Accurately, and my Sonal Incomings all paid off, I Wish all my
Liables Well paid off out of what Property I may have left, and that by the help of
of my Executors, with the help of the said Kidditt, during his natural life, and last, at his
Marriage, if such should be the case, that my Son, I Wish all my Children be even on equal share
of the Property left at his Death or Marriage. This is my last Will and Testament.
Wit

David Sedgwick p.

H. S. Riddick

V. Hensley

State of Tennessee

Thomson County, Ga. Dec. 1854

The last Will and Testament of H. R. Ridditt dec. Yesterday produced in open Court for perusal and was duly proved by the Oath of Sarah Ridditt and V. Lerby Subscribing Witnesses thereto and is ordered by the Court to be recorded and Sarah Ridditt the Executrix to be sworn in open Court and to execute the intention of the said decd. And thereupon the said Sarah Ridditt together with David Ridditt and Edward T. Tugan her witnesses appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their Oath to the State of Tennessee in the presence of fifteen hundred dollars and delivered to the said decd. and was duly acknowledged.

2. That the several make & publish the my last Will & Testament, thereby
revoking & making void all other Wills or Testaments by me at any other time made.
And I direct that my funeral expenses be paid with all just debts before paid
or to be paid after my death as proper or out of the first money that may come into
the hands of my executor.

[illegible]

Induly I give & bequeath to Mrs. Sarah Russell the wife of Mr. Sarah. One And One
My dear Children, to my Sister Elizabeth & her is one share but all my property & nothing
from this I wish to be in property not mentioned in the above bequest to be sold and
the proceeds equally divided between my Sister Elizabeth & my Sister Richard.
I write My dear first born part out of the same.

Truly & kindly Remembrance & Affection thy Sister Richard & we are thy Everlast of thy
thy last letter & Remembrance to thyself & mine I have written at thy hand & had the
same H^{on} as above. 1835

the prison of
St. Malthe

H. M. S. L.

Arthur L. Surr, W. Hart
Mark.

William C. Lincoln having been previously in debt for his share of my bill to Mrs. Susan
this my Co. debt amounts to \$100 in the 2^d of June of my bill when I gave my Sister
M. L. L. \$200, a portion of my money I now think proper to change as I do not
desire to pay my money in silver and hence all of my said money to my Sister
Richard Abbott upon his giving and paying to Mr. Richard L. L. \$100
in round dollars and paying all my said debt to the said five hundred dollars
to be paid to a Justice or his or his agent and not to be paid to the debt, or
liability of her husband or any other person or thing, things I have heretofore my
bill and paid against my debt this 10th of November 4th 1857

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Robt X H. King, Jr.

1 June 84 A. H. Jones

Wm. S. Van Ness

Green County, East Lumber from 1857

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Ind

John D. Bury C. M.

In view of the uncertainty of life & having a desire to direct the disposition of my property after my death & to bury, make & establish my will & testamentary I have signed, made & affixed for all my children but in consideration of their condition & what has been done for some of them my will & desire is that my property be disposed of as follows -

[illegible]

Second I give my negro woman Pety to my hand daughter Rachal & Bonson to her son
and separate her -

Should I give to my particular friend, Rebecca Kellerman in compensation for great kindness
and assistance to me One thousand dollars to be received out of my estate —

Now the title the ballance of Mary & other property of Mary dispoition, I give to my dear
Grand Children, Mary, Sam^l Jun^r, Emily, Jun^r, John, Babal, Emily Babal, James
Babal, Sime Babal, John Bie Babal, Sam^l & John Alk. that which may go to the females
to be held by them to their sole and separate use.

Steph. H. made a deed in the year 1836 to my son Daniel a tract of land left to me in my father's will, lying on the west side of Drake's Creek in Sumner County District of Ky. supposed to be 380 acres which was intended to be a gift, but I desire the title to be made secure to him against all my heirs or those of my deceased husband Henry Henders. Now either I consider that I have a good title to said land yet not yet been made a question by some whether I could or have made a good title. It is my will that my whole estate shall be conveyed for the same, but it is my will that the property when so created shall be bound to my said son Daniel for any debt he may owe to me or in consequence of any debt that may be brought against him by any of my heirs or those of my deceased husband or that incant and also any recovery by or any of them may obtain against me on account of said land.

I appoint my son John I. Donahoe my Executor without giving security
 Dated
 Philadelphia
 November 28th 1855

Robt. J. Kersey.

A. J. Donahoe

B. V. G. G.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court

The last Bill & Supplement of Mary Stacey etc. Was this day produced in Capin Court for perusal and read & was duly passed by the Court of J. J. Denslow One of the subscribing Members thereto had Ordered to be Printed On And Thompson Read & Denslow the Encliter moved in said Bill appeared in Capin Court and was duly passed by Court.

Out

John L. Bazzell

The Last Will and Testament of the said William Paine of the County of Sumner and State of Minnesota of sound mind and memory but of weak and feeble body do make, ordain and publish this is my last Will and Testament -

Item 1st It is my Will and desire that my just debts and funeral expences be paid out of the money that shall first Come to the hands of my Executors hereafter to be mentioned

Item I do hereby give and bequeath to my beloved Wife, Thera Finner, during her natural life or widowhood, my house and lot, situated in the Town of Gallatin in the North East Territory, together with all my household and kitchen furniture to go with the same, with my stock of every description and the following slaves, to wit, Thera, Harriette, Wesley, Sam, Aid, Bet, Bob, Mary, Willie, Josiah and Harriet and their poster forever and also all debt which may be due me at my death or which is all owing on hand, subject however to the payment of all debts which I may owe, and the legacy taxes after mentioned.

Item^d My wife Eliza during her widowhood to have the absolute control, management and disposition of any or all of said property of my said son for the support of himself and the raising, educating and clothing of my three daughters, to wit, Susan, H. Susan Caroline Prime and L. a both. I reserve in said man and Eliza as shall in her discretion best expedient and proper to be as to the said Eliza the money her and remain necessary

Shirley At the death of my dear, should she remain my widow I desire and so will not doubt that the wish of said Paul and personal property he equally demanded he knew any there daughter Susan St. Pierre, Franklin Pierre and Elizabeth Pierre to them and their heirs forever. In the event my wife having again then by my will that she have in fourth of said property real and personal a fourth, the remaining three fourths, one fourth said to the said Susan St. Pierre and Elizabeth Pierre to them and their heirs forever.

Am^{rs} To each of my children, Mary R. Putnam, Catherine C. Allen, Nathaniel Pierson
and Thomas Pierson I give and bequeath the sum of Five dollars to be paid them or any of

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Eliza Primmer my sole executor, requiring of her
 no bond or security. This 20th day of October 1856.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in Presence of Mr. James Chalmers

in our presence by the

Mr. Taylor, kind at his request

And in his program and in the program of each other

We have subscribed our names as witnesses the day and date above

John B. Hy. pro

36th March 18

Mr. S. Monday pro

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court January Term 1839

The last Will and Testament of W^m Pennth dec^d Within days
presented in Court for probate and was duly proved by the Oaths of John B. Esq^r
and W^m A. Monday Esq^r of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded
And Thos^o & Pennth The Executors named in the last Will and Testament of W^m Pennth dec^d
this day appeared in Court and accepted the Execution of the same and was duly
qualified there being no Bond required by the Will

Inst

John E. Buzzell

I have a much to say, being of sound mind & feeling sound & capable and
publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills by me
heretofore made -

thing I had had to go with into my life. I cannot believe all of my state
 both real and personal to be by me used and enjoyed as the man think but you
 and divine his natural life

Item 2nd That the children of this marriage be and are, to have that all of my
estate both real and personal be sold and evenly divided amongst all my
children or their representatives that shall come to my daughter, to them and their heirs
from the date of death or disability of their husbands.

I have a horse which I shall be very sorry to let go, for as the payment of debt, my
 horse enters here, after it is sold, such for debt, for as the horse is sold, but that
 the horse is the power and is hereby, the horse and I shall do to return all the property
 to what is a full and full.

Him - I think & regard my wife & daughter - I am certain in this my last will
 and testament that I think much more to hand over to her than she deserves my gold &
 watch having received it from me some time ago - and my said daughter-in-law by married to
 little of my goods as she can say - still hoping and supposing that she will not be called upon
 for what I am indebted to my son Henry and son in Law B. B. Black and brother in Law
 James Stratton - And further that she can be not retained to her service - Witness
 my hand this 3^d day of January 1848.

Signed by the Dictator in due

promoted by his request

Adapted by us in my presence

ask him three 4th day of January 1858

P. A. Island

Geo. H. Allen pro

Robert H. Beane, M.D.

Stat. of Iowa.

Thomson County North Carolina 1858

the last letter and williment of Song to England. It was
they provided in April 1841, for the last time, by the death of Geo.
S. Allen and Robert S. Russell, who were both of the same
to be recorded.

John G. Ruggs

W^m Albert Gifford, do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, Truly Trusting and making Good all other Wills by me at any time made Good. I direct that all my debts be paid as soon as for my death as possible out of my Monies that may Come in the hands of my Executors or that I may be satisfied with - I accordingly direct that my Home and Out be appropriated for and to the support of my Wife and Children and for the Education also of my Children - I direct that if my Wife should wish to Sell it and I understand a Willing that it may be sold and the Sale be appropriated to the support of my Wife & Children I appoint & assign as I do direct to gather with my Wife to settle upon my Executors -

In the Name of God Amen
I, John A. Smith, of the County of Sumner
and State of Tennessee, knowing the uncertainty of life, and the
certainty of death, being of sound and disposing mind and memory
have thought proper to make and publish this my last Will and
Testament (to wit) Now 1st I wish my funeral expenses and all
of my Just debts paid as soon after my death as possible out
of my monies I may thus possess, or that may first come
into the hands of my Executor or Executors; Now 2nd I give and bequeath
unto my cousin Joseph Sadtch Smith my tract of land whereon I
have built containing three hundred Acres, and adjoining the lands
of John Stillwell, James Suttles, James S. McFarland, Brothers, it being
the lands divided to me by John Moritz and Jo. J. Spangler and Page
Stalings and at the death or decease of my Widow, the aforesaid
tract of land containing three hundred Acres, I give to my Son
John A. Smith, having made to him a deed of gift to said land and put
in him a good receipt to the said parcel of property at my death or
decease of my Widow, I also give unto my wife my three share duly
ascertained and then having said that with all my Personal Estate
Consisting of my Cattle, Hacks, Horses, Tools, Kitchen furniture with
all Claims that may be owing to me, and all monies now and after
paying my Just bills for my care and benefit, through the interest
of my Executors, at the end of a third year, I wish all of the
property the lands of aforesaid, that she may have sold and
the money arising from such sale to, and by her to be equally paid
my daughter Sally Ann 1/3 and part, Anne Jane 1/3 part, Martha
Rebecca 1/3 part, Elizabeth 1/3 part, William 1/3 part, James
R. Smith 1/3 part, Mary 1/3 part, John 1/3 part, Mary 1/3 part, John 1/3 part,
I give to my son Jo. A. Smith my tract of land whereon he now
lives adjoining the lands of James, Michael, Hardy, Columbus, James
Holmes and others containing one hundred & forty Acres, which I
have conveyed to him by deed of gift to have full possession at my
death, I give my two boys my land as divided for their part or
portions of my Estate, in case the title or right should fail
to be good and they have their claim to said land in that tract
they must come in for an equal part with the other legatees
I have said a tract of land on the basis of land lying on the
north end of the land that I have given to my son Jo. A. Smith
Smith and of the said land and of a good title to
I give the said 40 Acres land to my son James R. Smith's share,
the money and land that I have said to my daughter Sally
1/3 and Anne Jane 1/3 part, having with me having three
boys and daughters I give to each of them
and John A. Smith having four and a fifth for himself
and have the same to be paid to the heirs and money I have
given my property or with my heirs and money I have

to have a change in any way I Eat them off with one dollar
which I have then added full, share or portion of my
Estate. If there should be any thing brought for any property
I have given away in the case go against them the Court
before is out of my Estate, It is my wish and desire that the
Court of Claims or the State of Tennessee will confirm and
establish this to my last W. L. and Testament, which I have
written with my own hand and pen, I depose my wife
Isabella Smith my whole and sole executrix of this my last will
and Testament, I then by books all others that I have made
by me, (with foregoing) Confirming this my last will and Testament
I release my wife from giving security for her performance
as executrix to this my last W. L. being willing to hold my
property in her hands without security, I have therefore set
my hand and affixed my seal this the 1st day of Feb^y 1808
Signed and sealed in presence of

Joseph Smith, Pres

in the presence of
Witness by
Me William May
Henry L Thompson

Again I wish my wife Lucretia Smith to give
unto her daughter Sally Ann and Amelia Davis each
a choir of the same hymns and both of them have with
her five of these looking to they have songs as much to continue
with this. I further wish her to leave to each and give to the
James Jordan and one to James Roberts. All four of the
same conveniently they to thank my singing to the self that
bound only in case she wishes to do this. My hand this is
day of July 1858.

Post-
Mr. Oliver May
Mung & Thompson

J. S. Smith

State of Tennessee Sumner County Court September Term 1888.
The last Will and Testament of J. S. Smith test. was this day
produced in Open Court for perusal and was duly approved by the
Court, of William Henry Johnson Subscribing Witness thereto
one is ordered by the Court to be recorded, and J. S. Smith the Executor
named in said Will appeared in Open Court and accepted the
Execution of the same and thereupon the J. S. Smith test. appeared
in Court and declared that said Will of the State of Tennessee in the name
of J. S. Smith and the said Court hereby as the law then is
there was no pecuniary bequest by the Will.
A Copy Put J. S. Smith

A Copy. True.

John L. Bagg Duke

I Lewis Shilley do make and publish this as my last will and testament, saying, (writing and making) void all other wills by me at any time made. I do declare that my general expenses and all my debts be paid at once, after my death as far as the Outgoing money that I may be possessed of, or my first come into the hands of my Executor that I give to my wife Sally Shilley, during that she survives, she survives my Estate both real and personal, & that after the death of my wife, I give to the children of my said wife, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary (the eldest) a negro girl named Phillis to her self and her heirs forever from the control and habitation of her husband, but she give the girl Phillis to my daughter Isabella in the manner, a bond certificate for her life only, and at the death of said daughter and her heirs I give to the children of my said daughter Isabella the girl Phillis to be Valued to my daughter Isabella in the division of my Estate, then after the death of my said daughter Isabella, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sophia and my daughter Mary, to their heirs forever from the control and habitation of my husband, the my money to my son named George, and my child George, they are to be Valued to my daughter Mary, then after the division of my Estate then after the death of said Isabella I give my wife forever, if she survives me, I give at any time during her life to sell all my real and personal property to my daughter Mary and with the proceeds of the sale to buy slaves or Slaves in their stead which shall be sold and go equally as the Slaves or Slaves that were before, I give my wife forever to give up the care of the life to the daughter or either the Slaves or Slaves bequeathed them the slave or slaves to be Valued by what they were worth at the time they were given up, I give and bequeath the original tract of land whereon I now live to my son George (son of my daughter Isabella) and my daughter Mary, I give and bequeath to my son George and my daughter Mary, to be equally divided among them, the share of each to be Valued to them, this I give and bequeath at the death of my wife, & I declare my Executor to be all the children of my property including negroes and the proceeds of my wife's will, and the proceeds to be equally divided among my children (viz) Isabella, Sophia, John, George, Mary and George. I declare that my said children shall be divided equally to the above disposition of my property and the said will to each shall be Valued, and if the part of any one be given by them the others the share of each to be Valued to the others equally. I do give to my son the land of my daughter Mary, Isabella as the entire and full in my Estate, & I intend nothing in this will to interfere with the last Estate of my wife in all my property real and personal, and all my debts and legacies thereon and directions are to be taken off at my wife's death, I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. George Shilley my Executor and I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. George Shilley my Executor and I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. George Shilley my Executor.

In the presence of me to this my will, I do hereby declare that this the 5th day of December 1855.

Lewis Shilley
Signed & sealed
Lewis Shilley

State of Tennessee
County of Davidson, Sept 10th Term 1858.
The last will and testament of Lewis Shilley died was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of John Shilley and George Shilley for subscribing witnesses there to and is ordered to be recorded and Mr. George Shilley the Executor named in said will appeared in Open Court and accepted the probate of the same and thereupon the said Mr. George Shilley appeared in Open Court and entered into bond in the sum of Five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs there being no security required by the will.

A Copy For
John C. Bugg Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Lewis Shilley being weak in body but sound in mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, First my will is that my general expenses and all my debts be paid, Second my will is that my land whereon I now live shall be equally divided between my daughter Sophia & my daughter Mary, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sophia & my daughter Mary, to be equally divided among them, the share of each to be Valued to them, this I give and bequeath at the death of my wife, & I declare my Executor to be all the children of my property including negroes and the proceeds of my wife's will, and the proceeds to be equally divided among my children (viz) Isabella, Sophia, John, George, Mary and George. I declare that my said children shall be divided equally to the above disposition of my property and the said will to each shall be Valued, and if the part of any one be given by them the others the share of each to be Valued to the others equally. I do give to my son the land of my daughter Mary, Isabella as the entire and full in my Estate, & I intend nothing in this will to interfere with the last Estate of my wife in all my property real and personal, and all my debts and legacies thereon and directions are to be taken off at my wife's death, I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. George Shilley my Executor and I do hereby nominate and appoint Mr. George Shilley my Executor.

In the Name of God Amen, I, Fleming Ryan being weak and
 body, but sound in mind and memory do make and publish
 this as my last Will and Testament, I leave the 1st I give and
 bequeath to my then children to wit: John Ryan, Thomas, and
 George, Four hundred dollars to be equally divided between them
 the money on the above amounts, I wish to be given to my wife
 during her widowhood, the balance of my Estate I give
 and bequeath to my beloved wife during her natural life
 to the above named lastly, I appoint my friend William B. Boggell
 Esq. to be the my last Will and Testament, Witness my hand
 and seal this 26th of August, 1857.

Witnessed and taken in test of
 in our presence,
 Wm B. Boggell
 R. A. Hays
 State of Tennessee
 Sumner County Court, October Term 1858.
 The last Will and Testament of Fleming
 Ryan was this day produced in open Court for probate
 and was duly proved by the oath of Wm B. Boggell & R. A. Hays
 the subscribing Witnesses, and was duly admitted and
 then for Wm B. Boggell the Executor named in said
 Will appeared in open Court and together with J. M. Stone
 his Secretary and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the
 State in the sum of Eight hundred dollars and was duly qualified.
 Wm B. Boggell
 John L. Boggell Clerk

I John M. Henley do make and publish this my last will
 and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other
 wills by me at any time made.

- First. I direct that my debts be paid out of any moneys I may
 die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my
 executors.
- Second. I direct my executors to sell all the real and personal estate
 of which I may die possessed in this or any other state upon
 such terms as they may think best, giving them a dis-
 cretion as to the postponement of the sale of my lands
 in Texas to such time as they may deem best for the
 interest of my children the proceeds of said sales and
 the money on hand I will and bequeath equally to my
 children Dorothea Henley, Elizabeth, John, Martha,
 Julia and James Henley, to them and their heirs
 subject to the limitations hereafter made.
- Third. Should either of my children above named die without
 issue capable of taking by inheritance, then and in that
 event I give and bequeath the amount given to such
 child or children to their remaining brothers and sisters.
- Fourth. In the division of my property under the second clause
 of my will I wish my executors to require each one of
 my children to account for any advancements hereafter
 made or such as may hereafter be made by me to them
 so as to make them all equal in the enjoyment of my
 estate.
- Fifth. I nominate appoint Nelson B. Turner and John W. Heath
 executors to this my will empowering either of them should
 the fail or refuse to act full power to execute the same.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and
 seal this 26th Jan'y. A. D. 1857. John M. Henley Esq.
 signed, sealed and subscribed in our presence and we
 have witnessed the same in presence of the testator and
 at his request Jan'y 26th 1857.

Test
 D. P. Hart
 J. B. Turner
 I John M. Henley do make and publish this as a codicil
 to my will made 26th Jan'y. 1857. That portion of my
 property that will be going to my son John M. Henley
 under said will I give and bequeath to Nelson B. Tur-
 ner in Trust for the use and benefit of my said son
 to be controlled and managed to the best advantage
 for him, but said property is not to be sold or disposed
 of without the consent of said Turner, nor is it to be
 liable to be taken for the debts contracted by said son with-
 out the consent of the Trustee. It is in all respects to be
 subject to the control & management of the Trustee. This

Ginge - daughter of my son Nelson Carr (decd) One hundred dollars
 9th I will and bequeath to John S. Carr son of Nelson Carr (decd)
 One hundred dollars. 10th I will and bequeath to William
 Carr son of Nelson Carr (decd) One hundred dollars. 11th I
 will and bequeath to my grandson William S. Carr One
 hundred dollars. 12th I will and bequeath to my daughter
 Sarah Wallace my negro woman Patsy. 13th I will and
 bequeath to my son Price M. Carr Patsy two negro boys and
 Robert. I require of Sarah Wallace and Price M. Carr when
 they come to take possession of the above slaves to procure the
 husband and father of this woman and children to go with
 them - if they cannot do this to make a sale of them to Char.
 Bodie, the master of her husband - but in event they cannot
 sell them to Mr. Bodie at a fair value, I direct that they shall
 be sold to some good master, in the manner of Mr. Bodie so
 that they may not be separated. And if either should desire
 to go with Sarah regardless of her husband, the master has the
 privilege to go - and Price M. Carr is then to take the boy
 with him. 14th I will and bequeath to my son John S. Carr
 the tract of land on which I now live and all the interest
 that I have in the tract of land purchased from Mrs. West
 the said J. S. Carr to pay to my estate the sum of Fourteen
 hundred and Eighty dollars. I also will and bequeath to
 my son John S. Carr my negro man Coley after he has re-
 mained one year as before mentioned on my negroes
 farm. Coley is not to be debarr'd from coming on my
 farm as he now does in my life time. 15 I will and bequeath to
 my grandson John S. Carr, son of my son Jesse S. Carr
 One hundred dollars. 16th I direct the amount willed and
 bequeathed to my daughter Annie Allen to be placed in the
 hands of Price M. Carr as trustee to be handed over to her
 as she may need it for her support and comfort.

I appoint my son John S. Carr and Lewis M. Woodson
 as my executors to this my last will and testament.

In Testimony I hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th
 day of October 1858.

Test John G. Rags
 John S. Carr.

Codicil appended to my last will and testament
 which was made and executed by me John Carr Oct. 6th
 1858.

- 1 I desire to reduce the amount bequeathed to my daughter
 Anna Allen from eight hundred to five hundred dollars.
- 2nd I will and bequeath to my son Jesse S. Carr five hun-
 dred dollars.
- 3rd If there should be any funds left in the hands of my
 executors after paying off the bequest mentioned in my will

and this codicil I direct that fifty dollars be paid to Price
 M. Carr and fifty to Sarah Wallace to defray their expenses
 in making this testament.
 If there should be any funds left, I direct that one hun-
 dred be given to Samantha Whitesides and also one hundred
 to Maria Hickman my grand daughters.
 In Testimony I hereunto set my hand & seal this 16th
 November 1858.
 John Carr Seal.
 W. S. Hickman
 William S. Albright

State of Tennessee

Shenandoah County Court, January Term 1859.

The last will and testament of John Carr decd was this day pro-
 duced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the
 oaths of John S. Hickman and John S. Carr subscribing wit-
 nesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And John S. Carr and
 Lewis M. Woodson the executors named in said will appeared
 in open court and took upon themselves the execution of the
 same; and thereupon the said John S. Carr and Lewis M. Woodson
 together with R. B. Parker and R. B. Harris their securities and
 entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee
 in the penal sum of Ten thousand dollars conditioned
 as the last will and was duly qualified.

Test

John S. Bugg Clerk.

I, Noah Bottoms do make and publish this as my last will &
 testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills
 by me 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 moneys that I may die possessed of, or
 may first come into the hands of my executors. - Secondly,
 I give to my son John M. Cotton the plantation he now lives
 on, known as the Donoho tract. Thirdly, I give to my son James
 L. Cotton for the support of his mother the plantation I now
 live on, together with all the household and kitchen furniture
 farming tools of every description, all the corn, wheat and
 bacon that may be on hand at my death, together with all the
 stock of every description viz. horses, cattle, hogs and sheep, and
 the following named slaves, to wit: Jacob, Sally, Mary Hardy &
 Henry and at his mother's death, the above named land, stock
 and negroes, with the increase if any to be equally divided be-
 tween James L. Cotton and Thomas A. Cotton. The balance of
 my negroes & the Arkansas land, to be sold by my executors
 and a credit of Twelve months and the money divided as

follows: One thousand dollars to Gerelda Nuckolls, one thousand dollars to Polly Daniel, two hundred dollars to Mary Gass & ten dollars to Elizabeth Nely. The balance of any, to be equally divided between John M. Cotton, Jas. L. Cotton, Thomas J. Cotton, Gerelda Nuckolls, Polly Daniel, Fountain P. Gossy and John A. Gossy. Lastly, I do nominate and appoint John M. Cotton, Thos. J. Daniel, J. M. Harris, Jas. L. Cotton and William Nuckolls my executors. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand & seal, this 16th day of January 1858.

Noah L. Cotton (Seal)
mark

signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the testator. The day & date above mentioned.

Witness

J. M. Harris

Albert Chrisman

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court January Term 1859.

The last will and testament of Noah Cotton dec'd was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of J. M. Harris and Albert Chrisman subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered by the Court to be recorded; and Isaac W. Harris one of the executors herein named appeared in open Court and agreed to take upon himself the execution of the same and thereupon the said Isaac W. Harris together with Mrs. S. Munday and Mrs. F. Holder his securities appeared in open Court entered into and acknowledged their bond to the state of Tennessee in the sum of thirteen thousand dollars conditioned as the said will directs and was duly qualified.

Test

John P. Bugg, Clerk.

In the name of God Amen. Know all men by these presents that I Jared Owen Sample of the County of Jackson & State of Alabama, being of sound mind and in good bodily health at this time, yet feeling that advanced in years and impressed with a sense of the uncertainty of life and being moreover desirous of making such disposition of my worldly estate as is authorized by the laws of the land and consistent with my own sense of justice and propriety do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

Item 1st It is my desire that my body be decently

interred by the side of such members of my family as repose in the burial ground at Huntsville.

Item 2nd That all my just debts be honorably discharged.

Item 3rd That all monies advanced for the interest of my estate by my son William L. Sample and Thomas B. Sample be refunded to them in full.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my son William L. Sample my servant boy Charles (about 12 years old at this time).

Item 5th I give and bequeath to my son Thomas B. Sample my servant boy John (about 14 years old at this time).

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan L. Williams (formerly Susan Ann Sample) my servant girl Malinda (about 16 years old at this time) & her issue.

Item 7th The rest of my property of every kind real and personal I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy Ann Sample in the event that she survives me to be used by her in her own discretion for comfortable maintenance and support during her natural life and to remain afterwards or so much of it as there may be at her decease, to be divided into three equal parts, one of which shall be distributed to each of my three children aforesaid or their heirs if there be such. Or in case of the decease of either with out heirs then to be divided into two equal portions and to be distributed to the other two or their heirs. Or in case there be but a single survivor then such estate shall go in full to such said survivor or the heir or heirs of such.

Item 8th I hereby appoint my wife Nancy Ann Sample Executrix of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th day of November 1856.

Witness John S. Morrison

Jared Owen Sample.

W. L. Shelton

The State of Alabama

Jackson County

The 30th day of August in the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, I have this day proceeded to take the Depositions of Richard McCrany, Moses Jones and William L. Shelton witnesses at Callisfont in said County and State to be read as evidence in probating the last will and testament of Jared S. Sample in the County Court of Sumner County in the State of Tennessee on which Probate in said Court Nancy Ann Sample and William L. Sample, Thomas B. Sample and John Williams and wife Susan Ann Elizabeth Williams (formerly Susan Ann Elizabeth Sample) an interested party. Answers the said Richard McCrany after being legally sworn to speak the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth deposes as follows

Interrogatory 1st Are you acquainted with John S. Morrison or did you ever know a man of that name a witness of

Jackson County, Alabama? He now tells where you know him
and how long and if he is yet living or dead.
Interrog. 1st He saith that he knew John A. Morrison in his life time. Knew him some twelve or fourteen
years before his death in Bellefonte Jackson County, Alabama.
Interrog. 2nd Where, where did he die? In answer to Interrog. 2nd

He saith that said Morrison died in Bellefonte in said county
about the last of the winter or 1st of the Spring in the year 1857.

Interrog. 3rd Are you acquainted with the hand write of the
said Morrison and if so look at the paper writing herewith
shown marked Exhibit C, and purporting to be the last
will and testament of Jared S. Sample and say whether the
name purporting to be the signature of John A. Morrison
is genuine as signed at the bottom of said paper writing.

To the 3rd Interrogatory He saith that he is acquainted
with the hand write of said Morrison and that he has examin-
ed the paper writing marked as Exhibit C and the signature
purporting to be that of John A. Morrison and that he believes
it to be said Morrison's genuine signature.

R. H. McBrayer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August
1858.

P. Ragland
Justice of the Peace.

Moses Jones one of the witnesses named in the preceding caption
being legally sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth and noth-
ing but the truth depose and say as follows.

Interrog. 1st Are you or were you ever acquainted with John
A. Morrison?

To 1st Interrog. He saith, I was acquainted with John A. Morrison
Interrog. 2nd Where and how long did you know him?

To 2nd Interrog. He saith, I knew him about eighteen or twenty years
in Jackson County, Alabama.

Interrog. 3rd Is he now living and if not when and where did
he die?

To 3rd Interrog. He saith, He is dead. He died in Bellefonte Jackson
County Ala. about the last of the Winter or 1st of the Spring in the
year 1857.

Interrog. 4th Were you acquainted with his hand write and if so
look at the paper writing herewith shown marked Exhibit C, and
purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jared S. Sample
and examine the signature at the bottom of said paper pur-
porting to be the signature of said Morrison and say whether
it be genuine or not.

To 4th Interrog. He saith, He has examined the paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of Jared S. Sam-
ple and marked as exhibit C, and the signature purporting

to be the signature of said Morrison and pronounce said
signature to be genuine.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August
1858.

P. Ragland
Justice of the Peace.

William L. Shelton the identical witness named in the preceding
caption being legally sworn to speak the truth, the whole truth
and nothing but the truth depose and say as follows.

Interrogatory 1st Were you acquainted with Jared S. Sample?
To 1st Interrog. He saith, He was.

Interrogatory 2nd Were you present when Jared S. Sample
made his will?

To Interrog. 2nd He saith, he was not present when Jared S.
Sample made his will.

Interrog. 3rd Did you see him sign said will. If not did he
acknowledge it as his signature in your presence?

To Interrog. 3rd He saith, That Jared S. Sample came into his
counting room and acknowledged it as his signature and his
will in my presence.

Interrog. 4th Was he of sound mind and disposing memory
at the time he executed said Will?

To Interrog. 4th He saith, I think, he was.

Interrog. 5th Did you sign said Will in the presence of said Jared
S. Sample, and is your signature to said will genuine marked
C, and attached to this Deposition?

To Interrog. 5th He saith, he has examined the paper writing
marked as Exhibit C, and that his signature on the same is
genuine.

Interrog. 6th Did the said Jared S. Sample request you to sign
your name as a witness to said will marked Exhibit C?

To 6th Interrog. He saith, he did.

W. L. Shelton.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of August
1858.

P. Ragland
Justice of the Peace.

The State of Alabama }
Jackson County, } I P. Ragland an acting Justice
of the Peace in and for said County and State hereby certify
that I called and caused to come before me on the day
and date above described the witnesses described in the fore-
going caption and to me personally known as the identical
witnesses therein described and citizens residing in said County,
& State and that they were sworn to and, and subscribed
their respective Depositions by me and in my presence.

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