



In the name of God amen. I Frances Duffey of Todd County and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament, revoking all others heretofore made by me, to wit:

1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath to my wife Caroline Duffey the farm formerly owned and occupied by Elijah Atkins in Todd County Kentucky with all the improvements thereon. Containing one hundred and sixty two acres. Also the twenty eight acres of land bought of the heirs of Jesse Smith deceased, situated in Todd County Kentucky. Also the entire lands purchased of George Grant in all containing about eighty three or four acres with all the improvements thereon. This land is composed of three separate tracts, one of about fifty six and a half acres, the one George Grant lived on. Also one of nineteen acres and one of eight and one half acres. The thirty two acres formerly owned by Thomas Parker dec'd and sold by his Executors and purchased by John Branham and myself; afterwards I purchased of John Branham's interest. Also ten acres timbered land adjoining the lands of Mrs. E. P. Salmon's with all the improvements thereon, to have and to hold during her lifetime. There is to be a brick house built at some convenient place on these lands during either the years 1857 or 1858, the bricks for which is now made and paid for. I also desire that two thousand dollars be expended in cash in the completion of the house and other buildings on the place convenient to the dwelling house all of which is to be owned by my wife during her lifetime. Also two wagons and gear; also eight work mules and two mares and one horse five cows and calves, all my sheep, eight hogs and geese, also five thousand pounds of pork, two bay steers or one five hundred bushels of wheat, three hundred and fifty barrels of corn, six good stacks of oats, thirty bushels of rye, all my potatoes turnips and all other vegetables on my plantation, four feather beds & chairs and all the clothing necessary for these beds; all my table and parlor furniture and as much of my household and kitchen furniture as my wife may wish, also my carriage and gear; also one buggy and gear, all my silver ware all the pottery on my plantation, all and everything herein specified both real and personal is to be owned and used by my wife Caroline Duffey and after her death the real estate is to revert to my children. Now I wish it distinctly understood that I reserve one room in the building occupied by my wife for the use exclusively for my son Michael, and his boarding washing lodging &c. all free from charge during the lifetime of my wife Caroline and after the death of Caroline my son Michael may if he desires it have all the lands therein specified of what they cost me. The thirty two acres and the ten acres cost seven or eight dollars per acre each no interest to be paid, neither is the chargeable with any of the cost of building the dwelling or other houses. It is to be chargeable on the settlement of estate

with the original costs of the lands. Michael is also to have all the stock horses, cows, mules, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, crop on hand, hogs &c. all without any charge. Should he die without any family then all this property is to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided among my children share and share alike. I also give my wife during her lifetime my negro man Jerry Heaton and his wife Clarie and her children Emanuel, John and the infant now only a few days, also my negro boy Moses, also my negro boy Euseb. These negroes and their increase is to return to my estate after the death of my wife. I also give to my wife fifteen hundred dollars in cash notes to dispose of as she pleases.

2<sup>nd</sup> I bequeath to my son Francis M. Duffey my negro man Jingo valued at twelve hundred and fifty dollars, also my negro girl Maria valued at five hundred and fifty dollars, also my negro boy Alfred valued at seven hundred dollars, he is also to account for five hundred dollars for land in Nelson County Texas, he is also to account for the lands that I deeded to him in Sumner and Wilson Counties Tennessee, as the lands are valued by me in the deeds made to him then he is to be an equal sharer with all of my other children in the final settlement of my estate.

3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Paulina Maria Winston wife of Doctor Thomas C. Winston, and her heirs my negro boy Callie Jerry valued at thirteen hundred dollars, also my negro girl Martha valued at six hundred dollars, she is also to account for Catharine at five hundred dollars, also my negro boy Jim valued at seven hundred dollars, she is also to account for the lands deeded to her in Sumner County at the same rate that they are specified in the deeds, then she is to be an equal sharer in with all my other children on the final settlement of my estate.

4<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to my son Sabeck C. Duffey and her heirs my negro woman Harri valued at eight hundred dollars, also my negro boy George valued at seven hundred dollars, also my negro girl Nancy valued at four hundred and fifty dollars, he is also to account for the lands deeded to him to me in Sumner (see C continued) as they are valued in the deeds, he is also to have an equal share with all my other children on the final settlement of my estate.

5<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to my son Michael E. Duffey and her heirs my negro girl Harriett valued at eight hundred and fifty dollars, also my negro boy Traveler valued at eight hundred dollars, also my negro girl China valued at six hundred and seventy five dollars, also my gold watch without charge, he is also to have his education, board and clothing all free from charge until he is of the age of twenty one years, he is also to account for the lands deeded to him in Sumner County Tenn. at the same rate they are valued at in the deeds. Then he is to be an equal sharer with all my children (Michael continued) share and share alike in the winding up of all my estate real and personal.



6<sup>th</sup> All the residue of my negroes, I wish to be divided amongst my children after being valued by persons appointed by my Executors. Then if my Children cannot agree about the lots they are to be drawn for by tickets put into a hat and as drawn the decision is to be final.

7<sup>th</sup> I wish that of my estate real and personal not otherwise disposed of, to be sold and the proceeds equally divided amongst my children. After paying to my Bro Patrick Duffey six hundred and sixty six dollars, also to my Bro Michael Duffey six hundred and sixty six dollars & 66 cents, also six hundred and sixty six dollars & 66 cents to be paid to my Sister Mary Reed, or her heirs out of the proceeds of the sales of my real estate. Also three hundred dollars to be handed over to the Catholic Bishop residing at Nashville, Tennessee for the use of the Orphan under the care of the Catholic Clergy at that place. Also three hundred to be paid over to my cousin John Duffey should he be alive.

8<sup>th</sup> My Children are to account to each other for nothing only what I have valued to them, and that at my valuation then on the final settlement they are all to be equal as to amounts after my wish herein charged are complied with.

9<sup>th</sup> And last I do hereby appoint William M. Terry, Miles Taylor and Francis M. Duffey to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I Francis Duffey have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26 day of September A.D. 1857.

Francis Duffey (Real)

February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1858.

I give also with the other lands left to my wife Caroline Duffey during her lifetime the South two and a half acres of land I purchased of the Cucha Haywood estate in December 1857.

Witness  
John Reach  
Richard Hollen

State of Kentucky

Todd County Court Clerk's Office

I, Ben J. Perkins Clerk of said County do certify that at a County Court began and held for Todd County Commonwealth of Kentucky at the Court House in Elkton on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1858 the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Francis Duffey deceased was produced in open Court and was proved by the oaths of Dr. J. E. Lee and W. H. Reed to be in the hand writing of said Duffey deceased and was also proven by the Oaths of John Reach and Richard Hollen who were subscribing witnesses to the Codicil of said will that said Duffey signed and acknowledged said Codicil in their presence, and that he declared said Codicil together

with the whole body of the will to be his last will and testament and ordered to be recorded.

Whereupon I have truly recorded the same together with this Certificate in my Office.

Ben J. Perkins Clerk.

Copy attested

Ben J. Perkins Clerk.

July 25<sup>th</sup> 1858

On motion of Francis M. Duffey and Miles Taylor who made oath according to law before the Commissioners and granted them in due form of law upon the goods and chattles belonging to the estate of Francis Duffey deceased.

Thereupon the said Francis M. Duffey and Miles Taylor entered into and acknowledged bond to the Commonwealth of Kentucky conditioned according to law with Dr. J. E. Lee and W. H. Reed their securities.

4 Copy attested

Ben J. Perkins Clerk

State of Kentucky

Todd County Court Clerk's Office

I, Ben J. Perkins Clerk of said County Court do certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of Francis Duffey deceased and also a true copy of the order granting letters testamentary to F. M. Duffey and Miles Taylor upon said decedent's estate as appears of record in said office.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of said County Court this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 1857. Done at office in Elkton.

Ben J. Perkins Clerk.

State of Kentucky

I, J. J. Hollingsworth presiding judge of County of Todd do certify that Ben J. Perkins whose name appears to the foregoing Certificate is and was at the time of signing the same Clerk of the Todd County Court duly elected and qualified as such, and that all his official acts are entitled to full faith & credit & that his signature thereto is genuine. Given under my hand & private seal there being no public seal to my office. This the 26<sup>th</sup> of Sept 1858.

J. J. Hollingsworth J. C. C. Clerk

State of Tennessee, I County Clerk, Term 1858 I do certify that Francis Duffey made a last will and testament which embraced real estate in this County which was proven & probated according to law in the County Court of Todd County Ky. that being admitted on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1858 and that the petitioners Miles Taylor were appointed & qualified Administrators of said estate, and that a copy of said will & testament has this day been presented by petitioners before this Court duly authenticated according to law. It is therefore ordered by the Court that the copy of said will & testament be admitted to probate in this Court. The same by file recorded.

A. L. Kellie, Jr.  
H. B. Blackmore, Jr.

John Fallon

Sumner County Court October Term 1859

The last W. & D. Testament of John Patton  
No. 3 produced in Open Court for perusal at the last Term of  
this Court and was being perused by the Court at C. & M. Church  
and A. J. Buchanan was the only one sitting. Mr. J. H. Smith and several English  
residents and J. G. Myers and Saml. E. Patton the Executors named  
in said Will this day appeared in Open Court and presented the  
Members of the same and themselves the Saml. E. G. Myers  
of Saml. E. Patton together with J. H. Smith & Wm. H. Knapp  
then directing a paper read in Open Court and entered into  
the Court and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in  
the final bond of John Patton and others conditioned as the  
said Court and is as fully qualified.

Post

John L. Rugg, Clerk

In the Name of God Amen  
I, T. P. White of the County of Sumner and State of Virginia being of  
sound mind and memory do hereby declare the contents of these Articles  
and publish the same as my last Will and Testament, and by these things  
I do hereby give all the title by me at any time owned or I do think  
that all my debts be paid as soon as they may be paid as follows  
Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Sally P. White all my  
Real and Personal Estate during her natural life, though should  
any of my Estate become unmanageable they may be disposed of to the  
best advantage by my Executors and also further my Wife I give  
that after the death of my beloved wife Sally P. that my Daughters  
Mrs. John Halloway and my Son Henry White my daughter Mary  
and my Son John John White and my daughter Elizabeth and  
Charles and my daughter Mary and my daughter Elizabeth and  
my daughter Amanda my daughter Elizabeth and my daughter  
and my son John White my daughter Mary Jane Davis I give and  
bequeath five hundred dollars (500) five hundred dollars in giving the  
half to each in a good service and to be paid to each child  
and further all my children have received five hundred dollars  
from my son John P. White shall share equally with them the  
the full amount of my Estate, and for this I appoint my Son  
John P. White my Executor of this my last Will and Testament  
in which I have set this my last Will and Testament  
the day of September 1857  
Signed in my presence and we have  
Signed our names and in the presence of the Testator they  
the day of September 1857

*The last Will and Testament of Henry White the Sr. in the  
County of Sumner Tennessee*

John S. Ring, Clerk



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acknowledged in one person And obtained by in the person of the Contractor at  
his request this 11. day September 1889

Geo. W. Allen  
James J. Garrison  
John C. Briggs

State of New York  
 Sullivan County Court December Term 1889

The last Will and Testament of Henry Thomas Stone was then  
 duly produced in open Court for perusal and was duly proved by the Oaths of Geo. W.  
 Allen and John P. Hays two of the judges of the Circuit Court and ordered to be read  
 and thereupon the Court doth appoint John C. Stone Administrator with the Will annexed  
 and of the said Henry Thomas Stone who together with A. H. Stone his executor appeared in  
 open Court and returned into and acknowledged their Bond to the State of Virginia to the  
 Perpetual sum of Five thousand and no more Dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified  
 Test

John T. Bigg Chief

[illegible]

John L. Ellis

Sam<sup>l</sup> X Palmdale Calif  
mark

State of New York, Seneca County, Sept 1866  
The Court and testimony of Henry Walbridge Esq was this day  
produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved  
by the Oath of D. Elliston & A. M. Scott the Subscribing Witnesses  
thereof and ordered to be recorded and thereupon being read the  
Exposition Unanimously read with Mr. Walbridge the County  
Clerk and in open Court and entered into and recorded and  
then bound to the State of New York in the Penal sum of \$100  
Remitted the Mary Conkling and as the law directs and was  
duly qualified.

John L. Bazzant







In the name of God Amen. Know all men by these presents that I William Grainger of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee knowing the contents of such have thought proper to make and publish this my last will and testament and by these presents do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

1<sup>st</sup> I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to a decent burial.  
2<sup>nd</sup> I will my just debts and funeral expenses paid.  
3<sup>rd</sup> I give to my wife Catharine Grainger one bed with linen and bed clothing and bed dress one chair and one pair of cupboards. (Fourth) I wish my estate both real and personal all sold in a twelve months credit the money arising therefrom together with what money I may be possessed with I wish equally divided between my wife Catharine Grainger & all my children to wit: The lawful heirs of Henry Grainger to wit: Jeremiah Grainger Anderson Grainger Alfred Grainger James Milam Mary Komer and Margaret Wister so that my wife Catharine have one eight part the heirs of Henry Grainger do have one eight part and the others one eight part each.

4<sup>th</sup> I appoint Martha Hogan my executrix of this my last will and testament.  
5<sup>th</sup> I hereby do hereby certify that my last will and testament is in writing and signed by me at my hand and affixed my seal. I did the twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord 1863. Signed sealed and acknowledged by the Testator in our presence and tested by us at the request of the Testator.

C. P. Butler, Sec.  
E. H. C. Server, Sec.

William Grainger (Test)

I acknowledge myself indebted to Robert Wist for two cows and one buckhead which he left with me in the sum of nineteen dollars & fifty cents this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1863.

Test  
State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court July Term 1860

The last will and testament of Wm Grainger Decd was this day produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of C. P. Butler and E. H. C. Server the subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be correct. And Martha Hogan the executrix named in said will appeared in open court and accepted the execution of the same. And thereupon the said Martha Hogan together with E. H. C. Server his security appeared in open court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

John L. Buzz, Clerk

I Martha C. Hogan do hereby make & publish this my last will & testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any other time made.

1<sup>st</sup> I give to my two children Ann Eliza and Maza H. Hogan the proceeds of a note for eight hundred dollars executed by my husband Alex Hogan to me for the benefit of said children to be paid out of his estate after his death or before at his direction, to be equally divided between the said Ann Eliza & Maza H.  
2<sup>nd</sup> I leave with my husband Alex Hogan my bed with a canopy of bedding during his life time then to go my daughter Ann Eliza. I leave with my sister Julia Jones the balance of bed clothing & trunk to her to give George G. Barnes one white counterpane & Maza H. one white counterpane the balance together with my trunk to Ann Eliza Hogan. I do hereby nominate & appoint Richard Jones my executor to this my last will this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1860.

Julia C. Jones Test  
Martha C. Hogan (Test)  
Harford R. Hogan & James G. Perry

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court September Term 1860

The last will and testament of Martha C. Hogan Decd was this day produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of Harford R. Hogan & James G. Perry the subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be correct. And Richard Jones the executor named in said will appeared in open court and accepted the execution of the same and thereupon the said Richard Jones together with Alex Hogan & James Perry his securities appeared in open court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of six hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test

John L. Buzz, Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> I Cyrus Stewart of the County of Wilson & State of Tennessee being sound in body and mind but knowing that I must die do make this my last Will & Testament.

I will and bequeath to my wife Martha Stewart the following negroes to wit: Anna, Betsy, Sally, Frank, Hannah, and Jerry; also two head of horses to wit: Martha & Bell mules, four head of cattle her choice, three beds & bedsteads with their clothing one cupboard, one handstand, one large chest one Loom one Looking Glass one clock together with all other household & kitchen furniture not mentioned in this Will that she bought with her own or were injured to her own or sold as her own property forever.

2<sup>nd</sup> I also will and bequeath to my wife Martha Stewart two hundred & fifty dollars out of my estate forever.

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that the balance of my estate be equally divided either by selling or division as my Executors may think best between all my children to wit: Eliza S. Benson, Samuel A. Stewart, Sarah Ann Jenkins, James Hamilton & Robert, A. J. & Gideon L. Stewart.

I also appoint Lewis Connell & James Stewart Executors to this will. In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1860.

Attest

Mary A. Foster  
James Fleming

Cyrus Stewart (Test)



State of Tennessee  
Summer County Court, September Term 1860.

The last will and testament of James Stewart Dees was this day produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of Mrs. A. Baxter one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered by the court to be recorded and James Stewart one of the executors named in said will appeared in open court and accepted the execution of the same and thereupon the said James Stewart together with Robert A. Stewart, J. A. Stewart, Mason Jenkins and J. L. Stewart his securities appeared in open court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of fourteen thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test

John L. Bugg Clerk

Parish

I Benjamin Parish 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 money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Polly all my effects that God has blessed me with consisting of horses, waggon, cows, calves, household and kitchen furniture together with my house and land, her natural life. Thirdly at her death to be the property of James Stewart husband of Jane Pettit whom I raised from an infant. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint James Stewart my Executor. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal. This 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1860.

Benjamin Parish (Seal)

Signed, tested and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator.

Test. R. G. Gillespie &  
G. M. Gillespie

State of Tennessee  
Summer County Court, October Term 1860.

The last will and testament of Benjamin Parish Dees was this day produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of R. G. Gillespie and G. M. Gillespie subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered by the court to be recorded. And James Stewart the Executor named in said will appeared in open court and accepted the execution of the same. And thereupon the said James Stewart together with R. G. Gillespie his security appeared in open court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test

John L. Bugg Clerk

I do hereby make and publish this as my last will and testament.

I will and devise all that I may die seized or possessed of or that I may be entitled to from the estate of my husband Joel Parish, to my brother Thomas C. Douglass, in trust for the following purposes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> For the payments of all of my debts.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Out of the proceeds of my estate to hold and pay over to my son Henry C. Cook, one thousand dollars, as he the said Henry shall deem his necessities and interest requires. Said thousand dollars to be paid alone upon the receipt of my said son, and to be in no way liable for any debt or demand that is now or may be against my said son.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Out of the proceeds of my estate to receive and hold for the benefit of my grand daughter, Mattie Lou Farmer the sum of six hundred dollars to be used in the education and support of my said grand daughter, and in such other way as my said trustee, or her regular guardian, shall she have any shall deem most to the interest of my said grand daughter.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The balance of the proceeds of my estate my said trustee is directed to divide equally between my son Marcus Cook and my daughter Catherine Walker, paying over that portion going to my daughter Catherine upon her receipt alone.
- 5<sup>th</sup> In order to enable the said trustee Thomas C. Douglass, who is hereby likewise appointed Executor, to carry out the provisions of this will, full power is hereby given to him to sell any and all the property I may die seized and possessed of either publically or at private sale either for cash or on a credit.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> September 1860.

Matilda C. Parish

(Seal)

Signed in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of the Testatrix. This 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1860.

Geo. H. Allen

R. A. Parrish

State of Tennessee  
Summer County Court, October Term 1860.

The last will and testament of Matilda Parish Dees was this day produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of Geo. H. Allen and R. A. Parrish, the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test

John L. Bugg Clerk

I, Samuel B. Timely of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this as my last will & testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any means that I may be possessed of, or may come into the hands of my executors.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any means that I may die possessed of, or may come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my well beloved children, Samuel R. & George H. Finley the following Slaves to wit: Sally, aged about thirty two, boy Calvin, aged about twenty three, Jim, aged about sixteen, Ann, aged about fourteen, Riley, aged ten, Margaret, aged about eight, Charlotte, aged five and a boy, Albert, aged about two years, to have and to hold until my oldest child Samuel R. Finley becomes of age, then said negroes & their increase to be equally divided between them.

Thirdly. I desire that all of my real and personal estate of which I may be disposed shall be sold, except such as has been mentioned, or will be.

Fourthly It is my will & desire that in the event that either of my above children shall die previous to their becoming of age, that my nephew, Owen P. Timely shall be paid in cash the sum of \$500, five hundred dollars, to aid in his business.

Rightly I give and bequeath to my son Samuel P. Tinsley my family bible in which are recorded their names and ages, also my gold watch & gold shirt buttons.

It is my wish and desire that Sayfajeth and Martha Andrews at my death take my two children into their care and keeping and that they keep them so long as the guardian hereafter to be mentioned and they shall think it to their interest

I do hereby nominate and appoint James A. Andrews my suc-  
cessor with full power to sell all my real & personal property according  
to the provisions of this my will & testament.

I also desire & I pray to become the guardian of my children.  
In witness whereof I do hereby set my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of May, 1860

In presence of  
Thos Stalker  
R. Everett

S. B. Finsley Seal

Whereas, J. S. B. Tinsley of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, have made my last will and testament, bearing date the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1869, in and by which I have given and bequeathed all of my property to my two children, Samuel B. and George H. Tinsley, upon the terms &c as expressed in said will. Having made no disposition of my property in the event that both my children should die before they arrive to the age of 21 years, and wishing to make a disposition of the same upon the hap-

pening of such an event:

Now therefore I do, by this writing, which I hereby declare to be a codicil to my said last will and Testament, and to be taken as a part thereof, order and declare that my will is: That, in the event both of my children should die before they are 21 years old, I want all the children that are living of my sister Elizabeth Adams to have one hundred dollars each in cash.

I want all the children that are living of my sister Jane Har-  
per to have three hundred dollars each in cash.

I want all the children that are living of my sister Nancy Harper to have three hundred dollars each in cash.

I want the daughter of my sister Millie Letton if living to have three hundred dollars in cash, if she, the daughter of my sister Millie Letton is not living, but has children living, I want them to have three hundred dollars (in all) in cash.

I want all the balance of my property, negroes included to be divided equally between my Brothers George & Tinsley, Alfred M. Tinsley and my nephew Green P. Tinsley, except that I want my Brother George C. Tinsley, to have five hundred dollars more than the others. Should the event upon which this codicil is made happen, that is should both my children die before they are 21 years old, then my nephew Green R. Tinsley is not to have the five hundred dollars given him in the fourth bequest of my last will and testament.

I will that my executor or the guardian of my children sell my boy Calvin without an order of court, if he Calvin should become ungovernable.

It is my desire that this Codicil be annexed to and made part of my last will and testament, as aforesaid, to all intents and purposes.

In witness whereof I have herunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

S. B. Tinsley (Seal)

The above written instrument was subscribed by said L. H. Tinsley in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be subscribed to be a codicil to his last will and testament bearing date 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1880 and we at the testator's request, and in his presence, have signed our names as witnesses first and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

J. L. W. Tinsley, New Sumner County Court, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1880

Root Persley & Co. Charles Hill and the town of St. Louis by which they procured  
 N. Collinsworth Esq. Chief Justice and strongly favored by the Courts of St. Louis & some  
 judges being threats, and the Chief Justice was also duly persuaded by the Acts of Root Persley one of the judges here  
 who for him to be of which is he desired to better order and for a distance the 8<sup>th</sup> of June in 1841 appeared in open Court  
 accepted the deposition of the same, then the same for the 1<sup>st</sup> of June and together with the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 4<sup>th</sup> of June 1841 was off  
 in Court, then a date and acknowledged this bond to the State of Missouri in the sum of three hundred and dollars  
 Root Persley and the law Clerk and the said Judge gave

J. H. P. Bond Clerk

John L. B. 1897 Clerk



I, Hiram Love, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any other time.

First

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible by any claims that may be coming to me from the proceeds of sale of my property. After that is exhausted, I direct that land on the West end of my tract be sold to pay the debts. I wish my wife to have any or all my household & kitchen furniture she may want with farming utensils and wagons. I give to my wife two mares (a bay and sorrel) cows and calves with a stock of hogs with a sufficiency of wheat, corn, oats, hay & fodder for one year's provision.

I give to my son Perry a sorrel mare and sorrel filly.

I give to my son Charles a bay colt, mounting.

In case my wife marries, I wish an equal division between my wife and two sons, or when my youngest son becomes of age.

Lastly

I do appoint my wife and brother Solomon Love my executors. In witness whereof I do to this my last will, set my hand and seal. This 9th day of August, 1860.

H. Love (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in presence of the testator. This 9 day of August, 1860.

Joseph Wallace  
William Edwards

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1860

The last will and testament of Hiram Love last seen this day produced in Open Court for probate and is as duly proved by the Oath of Joseph Wallace and William Edwards the subscribers thereto and as doved to be recorded.

Sub

In the name of God Amen

John L. Bugg Clerk

I, John L. Bugg, of Sumner County, and Clerk of Tennessee, being of sound mind and able in law, do hereby certify that the within and last will and testament of Hiram Love is as duly proved by the Oath of Joseph Wallace and William Edwards the subscribers thereto and as doved to be recorded.

I, John L. Bugg, do hereby certify that all my last will be paid out of my income that I may have a thing to say, for that all my remaining property belonging to me or to my wife, coming to me or to my wife, divided between my wife Mary A. Love, and my son, John William A. Love, and in case of the death of either of my sons, Perry, Edwin, or my son, John William A. Love, then the property shall be divided between my wife and my son, John William A. Love.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will, set my hand and seal in the presence of these witnesses this 9th day of August, 1860.

John L. Bugg (Seal)

J. L. Bugg for  
John L. Bugg

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1860

The last will and testament of John A. Love, do this day produced in Open Court for probate and is as duly proved by the Oath of J. B. Bugg, and J. L. Bugg, the subscribers thereto and as doved to be recorded. And James A. Edwards the subscriber thereto and as doved to be recorded in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same thereupon the same James A. Edwards the subscriber thereto and J. B. Bugg, John A. Love, and James A. Edwards, by their Oath, appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their Oath to the State of Tennessee in the presence of J. B. Bugg, and J. L. Bugg, and as doved to be recorded.

Sub

John L. Bugg (Seal)

I, Elizabeth A. Love, do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. First, my will and desire is that all my just debts be paid out of my money or income that I may the Lord and I and be satisfied. Second, my will and desire is that my son, Edwin Pitt shall have after the payment of my debts all my estate of every kind and description, and during his natural life, to have and enjoy as the money he possesses, and at his death to pass over to my three nephews, John Henry Love, and William George Love, and their heirs forever, to have and enjoy as they shall think fit.

Signed in our presence and witnessed by us in the presence of the testator on the 28th day of June 1860.

John A. Love  
Benjamin F. Love

Elizabeth A. Love

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1860

The last will and testament of Elizabeth A. Love was this day produced in Open Court and is as duly proved by the Oath of John A. Love and Benjamin F. Love the subscribers thereto and as doved to be recorded.

Sub

John L. Bugg Clerk

Abner Saunders his wife and children the my last will and testament  
 due by Beaching and Making void all other wills by him at any time  
 made. I have not had the health and general expenses of said last of  
 my wife and I may the property of to which may first come the hands  
 of my Executors. Finally I give and bequeath to my son John Saunders  
 the sum of five dollars with what I have here before given him  
 Secondly I give and bequeath to my son William Saunders the sum of five  
 dollars with what I have here before given him. Finally I give and  
 bequeath to my son David Saunders the sum of five dollars with what  
 I have here before given him. I give and bequeath to my son James  
 Saunders the sum of five dollars with what I have here before given him  
 Finally I give and bequeath to my son George Saunders the sum of five  
 dollars with what I have here before given him. Finally I give and  
 bequeath to my daughter Mary Wallace the sum of five  
 dollars with what I have here before given her. Finally I give and  
 bequeath to my daughter Polly Wallace the sum of five dollars  
 with what I have here before given her. Finally I give and bequeath  
 that all the rest and residue proper to be paid personal and real estate  
 I except in bequeath to my three equal shares One of said equal share  
 I give and bequeath to my wife Letitia Saunders for her life and  
 hold the my her natural life and at her death I say my will  
 that the said share to be bequeathed to be equally divided  
 between my two sons David and William and their first and  
 next of kin. I give and bequeath to my son Richard Saunders one of the  
 above named equal shares. Finally I give and bequeath to my son  
 James C. Saunders one of the above named equal shares  
 Lastly I appoint Richard C. Saunders my executor to this my  
 last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and seal in the presence of witnesses this 10th day  
 of October 1850.

Given and sealed in presence  
 J. R. Davis  
 J. M. Newby  
 James Saunders

State of Georgia  
 Superior Court of Law and Equity  
 Term 1861  
 The last will and testament of James Saunders A.S. was this  
 day produced in open Court for probate and to be legally proved by the Oath of  
 J. R. Davis and J. M. Newby the subscribing witnesses thereto and on view  
 of the record and the evidence taken the Court ordered and decreed that  
 the said will be admitted to probate and the Executors named therein  
 be and they are authorized to execute the same and to do all things therein  
 contained in full force and effect and to do all things therein contained in full  
 force and effect in the name of the said James Saunders and the said  
 Richard C. Saunders his heirs and assigns equal five and six parts  
 of the said

John C. Buzze Clark

In the name of God Amen after Consulting my debt to the Almighty God who gives it and  
 my duty to seek from whom it came I make this my last will and testament, receding all others  
 with or without writing from this to take effect.  
 First I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Wallace my negro man Simon and Letitia a woman  
 and Anderson a boy to have said slaves and them on during his natural life and then to divide  
 to my faithful boy John for his share of being a negro man and Letitia and son John of Anne  
 and my son David to have the horse and kitchen furniture or as much thereof as the slaves need to  
 have the sum of Eight hundred dollars in cash and of my of my effects and I also give to my wife the  
 whole tract of land on a part of my of my property on a line about two hundred acres adjoining on the  
 land where John and then running North north east thirty degrees line all sort of said line for me  
 to have during my natural life and then at his death for the said land to go to my daughter  
 Letitia and her heirs forever and I desire for my wife to have a third of my property for her  
 for her living or as much thereof as she may see fit to take by her executor  
 Second I will and bequeath to my daughter Ann and Letitia the sum of Eight hundred dollars  
 out of my of my effects that I may divide and possess of. I have given a negro man and some  
 money to make it equal with other negroes that I have given to some of my other children but the said  
 that I want to my daughter Ann and Letitia the said the death of my wife to be divided by them  
 into two equal parts and for me to take it as the said Letitia and the effects to be equally divided  
 between my faithful boy  
 Third I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Brown the sum of Eight hundred dollars  
 to be paid to be out of my of my effects that I may divide and possess of  
 Fourth I have already given to my daughter Letitia Brown the sum of Eight hundred  
 and dollars and my wife Letitia and Edward have both the half of which is equal to the Eight hundred  
 dollars that I give to the half of my children John and Letitia and Letitia and Edward have a half of my effects  
 that I have on the place and I know that my grand son Eddy Brown have an equal share  
 out of all of my estate hereafter to be depend of and that I expect and that the Morris  
 Stewart his executor to be within the law of my law and that if the said Eddy Brown should be  
 before he comes at the age of twenty one years then for each of all of my estate that may go into  
 the hands of the said Stewart to be paid out of the said effects then be equally divided between  
 my three daughters Ann and Mary Ann and Letitia and for the equal property of the said Letitia  
 with the said Letitia and bequeath to my daughter Letitia a certain the sum of Eight hundred dollars to  
 be paid to her by my executor out of my effects that I may divide and possess of and do  
 that I have the same for said that I have given to Letitia and that she have all of her share  
 of property that she claims about the same and also I give to her a negro girl named Letitia and her  
 child and make be equal with the children of my children  
 I also desire that my executor to make it all my things that I have and have on my land and  
 give away the plantation where I have on with a part of white tract attached to the school of Letitia  
 off the tract of land that I have from my wife Polly Wallace  
 I do appoint to be my executor and to do all that my faithful executor to this my will in writing whereof  
 I set my hand and seal this 17 day of October 1850.

Attest  
 Richard Johnson Jr  
 J. R. Davis  
 J. M. Newby  
 James C. Buzze Clark  
 William County Court  
 February Term 1861.

The said will was presented of Abraham Martin and was this day  
 produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the Oath of Richard Johnson and  
 J. R. Davis the subscribing witnesses thereto and decreed to be admitted and to be proved



William M. Allen and the Executors of said dead Will appeared in open Court and  
 recited the contents of the same and thereupon the said Court ordered that the said Allen and  
 the other said Executors, and J. D. Harris their attorneys, appeared in open Court and entered  
 into bond to acknowledge their Oath to the State of Oregon in the sum of Fifty thousand dollars  
 conditioned as the Law directs, and were duly qualified.

J. C. B. D. K.

John E. Bugg, Clerk

I, Elinton have de made and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

I give and bequeath all the property that I may die  
seised and possessed of of whatever kind and description  
whether personal, real or mixed to me, Executor herein of the  
named in trust for the following uses and purposes:

First for the payment of all of my debts after which to hold the same, permitting my wife Betsey to occupy, use and enjoy the same in whatever manner my said Executor shall deem most to the interest of my said wife; next after the death of my said wife to emancipate my son Joel whom he is directed to keep with my wife until she dies requiring him to be dutiful and obedient to her.

It is further my will and desire that at the death of my wife Ketty and after the ~~matrimonial~~ emancipation of my son Joel that my executor sell all of my said property of every kind and with the proceeds purchase if the same could be done my wife's niece, by name Lisa, a little girl who now lives with us, and emancipate her.

It is my will and desire that in case Aisa dies before my wife or in case my Executor shall be unable to procure her emancipation, then in either event I direct my said Executor to pay over and deliver to my son Joel, he having been first emancipated, whatever there may be on hand belonging to my estate. But should he be able to procure the emancipation of Aisa at the time and as above directed, then my will is that all that is in the hands of my said Executor shall be equally divided between my son Joel and the said Aisa.

It is further my will and desire that my said Executor shall have power and authority, and the same is hereby given to him, at any time to sell and dispose of any or all of my said property and to reinvest the means or proceeds in what ever way he may think most to the interest of my said wife.

It is further my will and desire and full authority hereby given to my said Executor, that if from any cause it should become necessary that my wife should be regu-

unimpeded, he is directed to do the same and he is hereby clothed with full power and authority to take any and every step necessary to secure to my wife Betsey and son Joel their freedom and likewise such as above directed and secure them the ease and enjoyment of my property as heretofore directed.

Lastly, I do nominate and appoint John E. Case, of  
Sumner County, Tennessee, Executor to this my last will  
and testament.

and testament  
 Signed, sealed and published in  
 our presence and we have subscribed  
 our names hereto in the presence of Testator.  
 This 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1854.

Geo. A. Allen  
O. B. Williams

State of Tennessee

Summer County Court April Term 1861.

The last will and testament of Eleonora Case, dec'd  
was this day produced in a Sen Court for probate and was  
duly proved by the oaths of Geo. N. Allen and C. W. Williams,  
subscribers witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

John T. Dugg Clerk.

In the name of God Amen, I William C. Moore of the  
County of Sevier and State of Tennessee, being of sound  
mind and disposing memory, do make and publish this  
my last will and testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I wish all of my just debts to be paid.  
Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I wish my beloved wife Frances A. Moore to have and to keep the property as much together for our use of herself and children after my debts are all paid so long as she may live a widow and if she should wish to marry again with her then to take one third so long as she may live and after her death to be equally divided between my children as may call the names and specifics below.

Margaret Brown the older I have given and do charge her the amount of one thousand dollars and it is my wish and desire that my young children shall all have a graduating education and that there be no charge against them in my estate as I have given all the older children the same offer. I want so much money set apart for that purpose and if I have not left money or notes and means to pay the tuition of my younger children Margaret, Eliza, Martha, Emily and Walter and if my wife can make some money to assist in their education for it to be discretionary with her to do the best she can as I know she will and further I wish my two sons





In the name of God Amen I Francis Youree of the County of Sumner & State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all other Wills or Codicils by me heretofore made

1<sup>st</sup> Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Margaret Youree all the lands that I own, in, and adjoining the Town of Gallatin, being the lands I purchased of Charles E. Smith & Franklin D. Wilson and his sisters. Containing two hundred & sixty one acres & one half to be hers in fee, to dispose of as she may think best at her death.

2<sup>nd</sup> Item I also give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Youree the following slaves and their increase to wit: One man Janco, woman Peggy, and woman Jane, Pisciella & Clarissa to be hers absolutely, with the full power to dispose of as she pleases. I also give to my wife Margaret Youree the following horses to wit two colts, one out of Helen mare, by Jim Horse and the other out of a black mare, by Pacific. One, one year old, & the other now sucking, and a Bay mare four years old Roadman's horse, and also sufficient Mules & work horses to carry on the farm I have given her all my stock of cattle & hogs, now on the farm or that may be there at my death. Also all my household and Kitchen furniture & farming utensils to be hers absolutely. I also give to my wife Margaret Youree the sum of Three hundred & fifty dollars in money, to be paid out of any funds or assets, on hand at my death.

3<sup>rd</sup> Item I will bequeath to my Grand Children, the two daughters of my de<sup>d</sup> Son James R. Youree the plantation I purchased of Montillion H. Wilson, containing by estimation one hundred & thirty three acres, and also to them a portion of the tract I purchased of William Beard sufficient to make the whole to them two hundred acres and if either of said children should die without issue, then the whole to go to the survivor, and if both of them shall die without issue, then said land shall be divided equally between my other children or their heirs, share & share alike. I also give & bequeath, to my said two Grand daughters, the sum of One thousand dollars for the purpose of raising and educating them.

4<sup>th</sup> Item I lend unto my son Alexander P. Youree my tract of land lying in the County of Sumner, that I purchased of David Wilson containing about two hundred & sixty five acres, during his natural life and after his death to the lawful heirs of his body, begotten in wedlock, in fee, share and share alike, if any there be, if not to be equally divided among my other children or their heirs. I also lend to my son Alexander P. Youree the following slaves to wit Tony & Washington, during his natural life & after his death to the lawful heirs of his body, if any, if not to be equally divided

among my other children or their heirs. I also give and bequeath unto my son Alexander P. Youree, the sum of Four thousand dollars to be paid him by my Executor, out of any money or assets after my death.

5<sup>th</sup> Item I lend to my son Patrick E. Youree the following lands to wit The brick house I purchased of John E. Swaney in the town of Cairo also one hundred acres of land I purchased of the Steam Boat Company, adjoining Cairo. Also one hundred & fifty acres of land I purchased of George Brown, adjoining the said one hundred acre tract, also seventy five acres of land I purchased of John Bentley, adjoining the said 100 acre tract. All during his natural life & after his death to the lawful heirs of his body, if any there be, if not, to be equally divided among my other children or their heirs. I also lend to my son Patrick E. Youree the following negro slaves to wit, Sam, Melvin & Mary, & their increase, all during his natural life, and after his death to the lawful heirs of his body, if there be any, if not, to be equally divided among my other children or their heirs.

6<sup>th</sup> Item I lend to my son William C. Youree my tract of land that I purchased of Ezekiel Canuthers, containing 120 acres. I also lend to him my tract of land I purchased of William Bradshaw, lying on Cumberland river opposite the timbered Island, containing from 160 to 200 acres. I also lend him the balance of the tract of land I purchased of W<sup>m</sup> Beard, that I have not heretofore disposed of in this Will, and also my interest in the Mills on Shiden's Creek, known as Dickerson's Mills. All during his natural life & after his death, to the lawful heirs of his body if there be any, if not to be equally divided among my other children or their heirs. I also lend to my son William C. Youree the following slaves to wit David Amos & Ann & their increase all during his natural life, and after his death to the lawful heirs of his body if there be any, if not to be equally divided among my other children or their heirs.

7<sup>th</sup> Item I give and bequeath to my grand Children, the children of my Daughter Mary Patterson, those that she now has, and any other children, that she may have the following property to wit, the tract of land I purchased of Moses Wilson containing 160 acres, and also the tract of land known by the name of the Mormon tract, being the tract given to my wife Margaret, by her father. I give to them share & share alike to be divided as they shall severally arrive at the age of twenty one years. I also give to my said Grand Children, the following slaves & their increase to wit Emma, Betsey, Moses, Caroline, Lewis & Johnson, to be divided as above share & share alike. It is my Will that the above devised property shall not

be taken out of the possession of my said daughter Mary Patterson, until the children shall arrive at age as above.

8<sup>th</sup> Item I will and bequeath to my grand son Francis Bourne Patterson my tract of land containing 47 acres, that I purchased of John Harrison, who purchased of Catharine Bledsoe, lying on Cumberland River, adjoining the lands of the Widow Hale, & the heirs of Reddick to him & his heirs in fee.

9<sup>th</sup> Item - It is my Will and desire, that all the balance of my Estate of whatever kind or description I own, or remaining after the payment of all my just debts, funeral expences &c and all the bequests in this Will contained shall be divided into five equal shares, One share I give to my Grand Children, the children of my die Son James R. Bourne, One share to my Grand Children, the children of my daughter Mary Patterson One share to my son Alexander P. Bourne, One share to my son Patrick E. Bourne, & One share to my son William C. Bourne to them & their heirs.

Lastly, I do hereby appoint my son Alexander P. Bourne & William M. Blackmore, Executors to this my last Will & testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 1842.

Sign'd Sealed & acknowledged Francis Bourne (Seal)

in the presence of us & we have subscribed our names as Witnesses at the Request of the Testator in his presence & in the presence of each other.

S. F. Schell

Geo. F. Crockett

J. Bruce

Wm. S. Munday

I Francis Bourne, do hereby make this as a codicil to my last will and testament which was executed upon the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1842.

Since that date my wife Peggy Bourne has departed this life and the Legacy given her has lapsed. Farther since that time I have trained and educated my grand daughter Margaret E. and Martha J. the said Margaret has departed this life without issue and Martha I has married Peter Averett. And I have given the following negroes to sd. Grand daughters, Martha George Washington Melvill Sarah Mary Ann William besides monies &c. And since the date of said will in 1842 there has been many deaths of negroes therein given and I have made some sales - therefore I make this as a codicil to my last Will.

1<sup>st</sup> The property willed my said wife Peggy and my two grand

children the children of James R. Bourne mentioned in the will of 1842 I now will to the children of Alexander P. Bourne - Wm C. Bourne, Patrick Bourne, and Mrs. Polly Patterson. The children of my said four children to receive and as a class to draw equal shares. And the 9<sup>th</sup> clause of said will shall be modified so as to divide said property therein specified into four instead of five parts, giving said property to the children of Alexander P. Bourne The children of Wm C. Bourne The children of Patrick Bourne and the children of Mrs. Polly Patterson, intending the balance of my estate for them.

2<sup>nd</sup> Whenever the lawful heirs of his or her body occurs in said Will I mean the children of such party, who shall have the estate after the death of the parent.

3<sup>rd</sup> Since the date of my said Will in 1842, my son, Alexander P. Bourne has departed this life leaving his widow Mary A. Bourne and children. Now said children of Alexander P. Bourne shall come in and receive his share of said estate willed and the widow and their mother Mary Ann shall live upon said tract of land willed them whereon she and children now reside, and carry on the farm for her and children support during her life and shall enjoy a sufficient support out of said estate willed her children.

I hereby republish said will of 1842, with the alterations herein expressed, and do hereby appoint my friends James A. Blackmore and So C. Gould my executors to this my last will and testament not requiring them to give security. This May 5<sup>th</sup> 1857.

signed and acknowledged in our presence and we were requested to subscribe our names as witnesses which we did do in the presence of the Testator and of each other

Joseph M. Rabb

Saml. M. Blythe

J. A. Blackmore

Francis Bourne (Seal)

I Francis Bourne having made my will in 1842, and also a codicil thereto in 1857, and now being desirous to make a further alteration in the same do make and publish this as a codicil thereto. It is my will and desire that such personal property as I have heretofore devised to my Grand children the children of Mary Patterson in the will and codicil thereto, at my death be given to my daughter Mary Patterson for life, and to such of her children as she may devise the same, and she is to hold said property during life free from the debts and control of her husband and in the event she shall die intestate the property to go to her children, share & share alike. Witness my hand and seal this the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 1858.









I, Adam Thompson do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby bequeathing and making good all other Wills by me at any time made. I desire that in general in sum and all my just debts and taxes after my death be paid to the best advantage that I can the residue of my personal estate into the hands of my executor -

Secondly I do give bequeath to my Wife and affectionate Wife Mary Ann Thompson all of my personal and agent both personal and real of every kind and estate to her with the income and benefit thereof for her and her heirs and assigns and her natural heirs and under her and at her death to make such lawful devise or distribution of the whole to my said Children in the manner the most advisable and best. But in the event she should marry again that she shall take her legal portion of the estate and that the balance be equally divided among my said Children. Lastly I do hereby bequeath and appoint my Wife and affectionate Wife Mary Ann Thompson my Executor and I desire that she shall not be bound to give Bond and Receipt or Acknowledgment in writing having full authority in her integrity and capacity to manage and to take the same without the usual additional expenses and for my in such Cases - In witness whereof I do this my Will set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1864

Adam Thompson (initial)  
 Wm. H. Bates (initial)  
 Alfred Greaves (initial)

Seen and sealed and published in our presence and before Subscribed & sworn to in the presence of the Subscribers this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 1864

State of Virginia  
 Sumner County Court June Term 1864

The last Will and Testament of Adam Thompson this 26<sup>th</sup> day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the Oath of Wm. H. Bates and Alfred Greaves the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and to find him deceased and Thompson Mary Ann Thompson the Executor named in said Will appeared in open Court and entered into Bond without Surety in accordance with the Will to the sum of One thousand dollars and every duty required.

John B. Buzz (initial)

I John H. Donnell President of the County of Sumner and State of Virginia being of Sound Mind and Memory, and considering the uncertainty of life, and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs have thought and capacity to do so. I do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby bequeathing and making good all former Wills by me made. And first and principally I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried as my Executors hereinafter named shall direct and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bestow on me. I desire to be paid of as follows - It is my Will and desire that as soon as after my decease I am dead my body be forthwith all just debts and outstanding against me shall be paid by my Executors and whatever shall remain to my Estate after the payment of all just debts and debts I do Will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary Ann Donnell all my Estate of property both real personal and mixed with bonds bills and obligations to have and to hold the same during her natural life or so long as she lives. But in case the said Mary Ann Donnell should fail to manage & be able to do so then my Executors shall my property shall be equally divided between my Wife and my Children. I do hereby bequeath and appoint my Wife Mary Ann Donnell and my Valued friend Paul Desmarchais both of the County and State aforesaid to execute the provisions of the said last Will and Testament, and to that end I do hereby waive all legal process and claims of Administration and the same with my hand and all Security and the part of my said Executors, and that they be approved and execute this Will the same that I could do were I alive. In testimony whereof I have signed set my hand and seal this June 21<sup>st</sup> 1864.

John H. Donnell (initial)  
 Chas. C. Hants (initial)  
 Wm. H. Bonds

State of Virginia Sumner County Court August Term 1864  
 The last Will and Testament of John H. Donnell this 21<sup>st</sup> day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the Oath of Chas. C. Hants and Wm. H. Bonds the Subscribing Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded the Executor John H. Donnell and the Executor Paul Desmarchais is not required to give bond.

John B. Buzz (initial)

In the Name of God Amen

I John Watson though weak in body sound in mind do make  
and declare this my last Will and Testament, That I  
Commit my body to the dust and my soul to God who gave it  
So far as he has blessed me with his worldly estate and goods  
First I wish that my just debts be paid burial expenses and  
waiting on me during my sickness be paid first out of my  
Estate Second I give the sum of fifty pounds to my  
beloved Son William Watson Thirdly I order and bequeath  
my dear beloved and grand daughter Georgeanna to execute this  
my last Will March 19th 1861

Signed and sealed  
in the presence of  
Joseph Harper  
George W. Waller  
James Watson Clerk

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court August Term 1861

The last Will and Testament of John Watson  
as was this day produced in Open Court for probate and  
was duly proved by the Oath of Joseph Harper & George W. Waller  
the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and  
thereupon the Georgeanna Watson the executrix named in  
said Will appeared in Open Court and received the Grant  
of the same; And thereupon Joseph Harper was appointed Adm-  
istrator with the Will annexed and together with William  
Watson the County Clerk entered into and acknowledged their bond  
to the State in the sum of fifty hundred dollars and was  
duly qualified.

Not

John S. Bugg Clerk

In the Name of God Amen

I now call upon by these presents That I John Mayes of the County of Sumner  
and State of Tennessee being of the sound mind and memory do hereby make and  
publish my last Will and Testament And by these presents do make and publish my last Will and Testament  
in manner and form following That I do hereby bequeath to my dear  
grandson and my body to a decent Christian burial Secondly I wish  
all my just debts and funeral expenses paid Thirdly I give to  
my children Pleasant Mayes John C. Mayes the son of Mayes  
and Elizabeth Pearson the sum of one dollar each to them and  
their heirs forever Fourthly I give to my wife Nancy Mayes  
all my Estate Real and Personal to be paid to my two children Pleasant  
the Mayes and Elizabeth Mayes when they come twenty two years old  
provided the same be a Widow be single but if she should be married then I  
give the same to my two daughters Children Pleasant and Elizabeth

and their heirs forever And in the event one of the said youngest  
children should die then I give the part allotted to it both to the other one  
And if my wife Nancy should remain a Widow until the said separation  
comes of age say twenty one years then I give her one fourth of all the  
personal property and the other three fourths of all the personal  
property to be paid to the said Nancy Mayes forever Fifthly I bequeath to my wife  
Nancy Mayes my sole property to the last Will and Testament  
And I hereby make all former Wills of me void and testamentary  
and confirming the last Will and Testament In Witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and seal the third day of  
November in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
sixty one

Witnessed in my presence  
and attested by at the Court  
of the Testator

W. Rodgers

J. M. Mayes

John S. Bugg

M. W. Mayes Secy

State of Tennessee County Court Dec Term 1861

The last Will and Testament of John Watson as was  
this day produced in Open Court for probate and was  
duly proved by the Oath of Joseph Harper and George W. Waller  
the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and  
thereupon the Georgeanna Watson the executrix named in said Will  
appeared in Open Court and accepted the Grant of the same and  
thereupon the said Nancy Mayes together with John C. Mayes  
her security appeared in Court and entered into and  
acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the  
sum of one hundred and fifty dollars conditioned as the  
law directs and was duly qualified

Not

John S. Bugg Clerk



I Catharine Malone Widow of William Malone Decd.  
 I do make and publish as my last will and testament  
 hereby making and making void all other wills by me  
 at any time made. First I bequeath that my funeral expenses  
 and all my debts be paid as soon as after my death as  
 possible out of any money that I may have proper of or  
 may yet come in to the hands of my Executors. 2<sup>d</sup> I give and  
 bequeath to my son Chas B Malone all my Slaves, Paul, Aaron  
 Richard, Ely. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Catharine  
 Ely my bed & furniture, 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my  
 grand daughter Susan C Malone daughter of James M  
 Malone one bed & furniture 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath  
 to my grand daughter Ely abt. Malone daughter of Chas  
 B Malone one hundred bed & furniture, 6<sup>th</sup> I give and  
 bequeath to my daughter of Sally Mosper fifty doll.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Money I give I bequeath all the remainder of my  
 Estate to my sons Mr. & James, William, Solly, I do  
 hereby nominate and appoint Chas B Malone my Executor  
 in & to whom I do to this my Will but my hand and seal  
 this 5<sup>th</sup> of July 1856

Witness  
 Geo. S. Brown  
 J. B. Brown

Catharine Malone  
 her mark

State of Tennessee  
 Sumner County Court July Term 1856  
 The last Will and testament of Catharine  
 Malone Decd. as this day produced in open Court for  
 Probate and was duly proved by the oath of Geo S Brown  
 one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered  
 to be recorded. And Chas B Malone the Executor  
 named in said Will, appeared in open Court and  
 accepted the execution of the same, and thereupon  
 the said Chas B Malone together with Geo S Brown  
 his security appeared in Court and entered into and  
 acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee  
 in the sum of twenty five hundred dollars conditioned  
 as the law directs and was duly qualified  
 Just

John S. Ruggs Clerk

I Andrew Moore of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee  
 being of sound mind, do make this my last and testament hereby  
 making and making void any other will here before made by me  
 Article 1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath my body be lawfully interred in the family  
 burying ground on the place I now live. Article 2<sup>d</sup> I bequeath  
 my 1/2 the bequest as speedily as possible by my Executors here of the  
 bequest which I will to my Grand son Jacob H. Moore  
 and his wife Sarah my household and personal furniture farming  
 utensils to tools and accounts stock of every description and also  
 the tract of land on which I now live. Article 3<sup>rd</sup> in consideration  
 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> clause I will to my wife and to support and take  
 care of my wife Mary Moore during her life. Article 4<sup>th</sup>  
 I hereby constitute and appoint Jacob H. Moore Executor to this  
 my last will and testament, given under my hand and seal  
 this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1856.

Witness made in the  
 presence of  
 (Signed) Geo. S. Brown  
 Geo. S. Brown  
 John S. Ruggs

Andrew Moore  
 his mark

State of Tennessee  
 Sumner County Court July Term 1856  
 The last Will and testament of Andrew Moore  
 Decd. as this day produced in open Court for Probate  
 and was duly proved by the Oath of Geo. S. Brown  
 and John S. Ruggs the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered  
 to be recorded. And Jacob H. Moore the Executor named  
 in said Will appeared in open Court and accepted the  
 execution of the same, and thereupon the said Jacob H. Moore  
 together with John S. Ruggs his security appeared in Court and  
 entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee  
 in the sum of ten thousand dollars conditioned as the  
 law directs and was duly qualified  
 Just

John S. Ruggs Clerk

I, R. R. Franklin the maker and publisher this my last will and Testament (writing and word) all other things to be done at the time of my death. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible. Out of my money that I may dispose of as my first and last will and testament I direct my Executor, Second, I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Franklin the tract of land I owned on containing two hundred and fifty six acres, also a riding crop and a riding whip. I give and bequeath the tract of land to my daughter Sarah Franklin. I also give them the bond I Read stark and bequeath sufficient for the bond. One to my son and daughter Mary Franklin the following property as long as long as she lives a black man named Saml. Carby, a girl named Sally and a horse and his child Mary. And also my household and kitchen furniture and I give her two horses two cows & calves such as she may choose and as much provision as will do her the year long as she lives. Corn wheat bacon &c. for her and her children. Some stock such as hogs as Mr. W. C. C. has 10 sheep and also give her fifty dollars to do as she pleases with it. I give and bequeath unto Mary Franklin my clothing in and out of the house after the death of my wife the black stock she may have in the house divided and the quantity that can be divided. All to be divided and the balance will be paid. And at my death the black people that I have with me will be divided between my children which I shall name. Mention I my two grandsons in Kentucky, John Franklin and John C. Franklin. Eliza Lett. Rebecca Mary and Caroline. Martha Jane and Susan. I give and bequeath to have the amount of his two notes called for and interest up to his note of 200, 00 to be paid to Franklin and Mr. W. C. Franklin they are to have their share of what these bonds are worth, and a part that is much and to be paid. I give and bequeath that the tract of land which I purchased of David Thompson containing forty six acres of land and 200 acres will be sold and divided as above mentioned. I wish I do hereby make and appoint John Franklin John W. C. Franklin my Executors to be my heirs and I do hereby seal this my last will and testament. 18th day March 1862

All test

B. L. Martin  
R. B. L. Spence

Richard Franklin

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court March Term 1862

The last will and Testament of the said John Franklin was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was the same proved by the Oath of B. L. Martin and R. B. L. Spence the Executors mentioned therein and declared to be correct. And John Franklin & John C. Franklin the Executors named in said will appeared in Open Court and accepted the position of the same

And therefore the said John Franklin and John C. Franklin to get the said B. L. Martin and R. B. L. Spence their Executors appointed in Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of Twenty thousand dollars conditioned as the law made and was duly qualified.

John C. Rugg

I give to my beloved wife Nancy Harvey all my property of any and every kind and description of which I may be seised and possessed of without reserve, after my last debts are paid. I leave my wife Nancy Harvey sole executrix without having given my consent, 18th April 1862.

All test  
John C. Rugg

Nancy Harvey



In the name of God amen, I William R. Lane being in full health  
 of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last  
 will and testament.

First: I wish and direct, that all my just and lawful  
 debts shall be paid.

Secondly, I give and bequeath all my property of any  
 description whatever, to my Dear wife Sarah C. Lane and my  
 children to wit: my son Zachariah R. Lane, and my daughters  
 Susan Elizabeth Lane, Martha W. Lane, Sarah Braid Lane, and  
 William Anna Lane.

It is further my will and desire that all my said  
 property, together with its increase of any shall be kept together  
 and remain in the hands, and under the control and management  
 of my executors herein after named, for the purpose of the main-  
 tenance and support of my said wife and children, and for the education  
 of the latter until my said children arrive at lawful age or marry.

It is further my will and desire, that in the event of the  
 marriage of my said wife, that then she shall have and receive  
 a child's part, or one sixth of my said estate with its increase  
 or decrease if any at that time, or her legal share of the same  
 as she may elect.

It is further my will and desire, that the equal  
 share or portion of my said estate shall be set apart and  
 given to each one of my said children on his or her arriving  
 at lawful age or being married, unless my said wife shall  
 be of opinion that it would be to the interest of the legatee of  
 the estate that the same should longer remain undivided  
 and it is my wish and desire that she shall control and  
 determine at any time during her widowhood, when the said  
 distribution shall take place so that the same is not post-  
 poned later than the marriage or arrival at lawful age  
 of my youngest child.

It is further my will and desire that the  
 debts due me shall be collected and the money arising there-  
 from shall be applied or so much, ~~therefrom~~ as shall be necessary  
 to the payment of my debts.

I hereby appoint my wife Sarah C. Lane  
 and my father Becket Lane, Joint Executors to this my last  
 will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills. This Jan'y  
 27<sup>th</sup> 1863.

Signed sealed and executed in the presence of  
 attest  
 Balie Peyton  
 Robt. Williamson

State of Tennessee  
 Sumner County March Term 1865,

The last will and testament of Wm R. Lane doct was  
 this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly  
 sworn by the oaths of Balie Peyton and Robt. Williamson  
 subscribing witnesses, Thence and ordered to be recorded,  
 and Sarah C. Lane one of the Executors of the same in  
 said will appeared in Open Court and accepted the exe-  
 cution of the same and the other Executor named in said  
 will being dead, and therefore the said Sarah C. Lane  
 appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged  
 her to the State of Tennessee in the sum of Ten  
 thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs and  
 was duly qualified.

Test

John L. Bugg Clerk

I Elmore Douglass of the County of Sumner and State  
 of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and  
 testament revoking all others heretofore made by me.

I desire after the payment of all my just debts  
 all of my property of every kind to be equally divided  
 between my two daughters Martha now the wife of  
 Dr Haggard and Susan Miller Douglass. My home  
 and lot in the town of Gallatin also my land situate  
 three miles west of Gallatin estimated to contain  
 forty six acres also twenty five acres of land on the  
 Red River Ridge by and to the gap of the ridge  
 all my negroes, all my notes, bonds and accounts to share  
 and the heirs of their bodies. If Susan should not live to  
 years of maturity then to her sister Martha.  
 Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 1863

Elmore Douglass

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court March Term 1865.

A paper writing purporting to be the last  
 will and testament of Elmore Douglass, was this day  
 produced in Open Court for probate, there being no  
 subscribing witnesses to said paper writing, personally  
 appeared in Open Court J. H. Douglass, Balie Peyton,  
 James Alexander and C. C. Boddie after being duly  
 sworn state the hand writing of Elmore Douglass is well  
 known to them and to his acquaintances generally and  
 that they only believe the writing produced and every part  
 thereof to be in his the said Elmore Douglass  
 handwriting and the said Chas. C. Boddie and James Alex-  
 ander further avowing that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October  
 1863, after the death of the said Elmore Douglass  
 that found said paper writing among the lateral  
 papers of the said Elmore Douglass said paper

writing is ordered by the Court to be recorded as the last will and testament of the said Elmore Douglass and thereupon W. L. Haggard was appointed Administrator of the said Elmore Douglass with the will annexed and together with E. S. Buddie and J. B. O. Franklin appeared in said Court and entered and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of Five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified,

Test: John L. Bugg Clerk,

*Jyle.* Joshua V. Jyle of the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory, but of feeble health, do make, explain and publish the following as my last will and testament, to wit:

Item 1. It is my will and desire, and I do direct, that all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter to be named out of any means which I may possess at my death, as soon as the same can be done, without injury to my estate.

Item 2. Whereas, Leithard Gordon, the grand mother of my wife Mary B. Jyle, did on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1834 by deed of that date give and convey to said Mary B. Jyle, a certain negro girl named Mary Jane, then aged about eight years, And whereas the said Mary Jane has now surviving the following issue, to wit, James aged about sixteen years, Ann aged about fourteen years, George aged about twelve years, Jack aged about nine years, Laura aged about six years and Betty aged about three years, all of whom are now in my possession, And whereas it was the intention of the said Leithard Gordon to settle said girl Mary Jane and her increase upon the said Mary B. Jyle, to her sole and separate use, freed from the debts and liabilities of my self so that they would not be subject in anywise to my marital rights, And whereas doubt is entertained which I have recently learned, as to the effect of said deed of gift - that said slaves might by the legal construction of said instrument vest in me, Now in order to remove such doubt, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, the said Mary B. Jyle, all the interest, right or title which I have or am to said slaves and their increase to her and her heirs forever, to be disposed of as she may desire.

Item 3. I give and devise to my beloved wife, Mary B. Jyle for and during her natural life, with remainder over to my grand children, to wit, Edw. W. Thompson and Ann E. Thompson, to them and their heirs in equal moieties, the whole of my real estate consisting of two town lots, a dwelling and other buildings thereon, situate in the town of Gallatin.

Item 4. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Mary B. Jyle, all my personal property of every description whatever, consisting of horses, cattle, hogs, and hens, household and kitchen furniture, money, notes, accounts and other evidence of indebtedness and my mechanical

tools &c. to her absolutely to be disposed of as she may deem proper and right.

Item 5. I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife, Mary B. Jyle, my sole Executor of this my last will and testament, directing that the Court require neither bond nor security of her for the execution of the same, hereby discharging all former wills and testaments by me made and void.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1861.

Joshua V. Jyle (Test)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence, and we at the request of the Testator, and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1861.

D. J. Hart  
W. S. Handley.

State of Tennessee  
Sevier County Court March Term 1861.

The last will and testament of Joshua V. Jyle deceased was this day presented in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of Doctor J. Hart one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the hand writing of William S. Handley the other subscribing witness who is proved to the Court is beyond the limits of the State and is duly proved to the Court by the oath of Geo. W. Allen and John L. Bugg said will is ordered to be recorded.

Test John L. Bugg Clerk



Garrison, I, Wade Garrison of the County of Sumner and State of Mississippi do hereby certify, this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills by me made,

I desire, after my funeral expenses be paid, and all my just debts also be paid, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane all of my household furniture, 3 cows and calves, 3 head horses or mules as she may desire, I want her to have the proceeds of all my land to help to support and school my children.

2<sup>nd</sup> Secondly, I want my Executor to pay \$1000. I hereby give the money to pay me and make the good back for my children. All my other effects to be sold, not named, I want all my land to be equally divided between my son John Garrison and Sarah Rhoda Garrison after my wife Jane gets her support from said land, or she remains a widow.

3<sup>rd</sup> I desire that all my money may be equally divided between my wife Jane and my son John Garrison & my daughter Sarah Rhoda Garrison that I may die satisfied of.

Lastly - I nominate and appoint John Cleveland my Executor to manage and carry out my will, Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of

February 4<sup>th</sup> 1865

Witness Charles J. Cleveland  
A. L. Marshall  
W. A. Taylor

Wade Garrison  
mark

State of Sumner

Sumner County Court March Term 1865

The last will and testament of Wade Garrison deceased, was produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of Charles Cleveland and James A. Taylor, the subscribers, witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and John Cleveland the Executor named in said will, appeared in open court and accepted the execution of the same and thereupon the said John Cleveland was sworn with said James A. Taylor his security as executor and entered in and acknowledged their bond to the State of Mississippi in the sum of Three thousand dollars conditionally, in the law directed and was duly qualified.

Sub

John S. Bayley Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I William Savley of the County of Sumner and State of Mississippi being of Sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this world and trusting left do therefore make public and declare this to be my last will and testament. That is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows to wit, To my beloved wife Eliza with Savley formerly Elizabeth Jones all the lands she possessed and my share of in the land sold by the Sumner and Sumner Co. The Co. land on which is situated my dwelling house which land together with the appurtenances thereto belonging I give to my said wife Eliza with Savley as she may see fit as long as she lives after my death this land I give to my said wife Eliza with Savley in fee simple, I also give her all my household and kitchen furniture together with all the holding and furniture that I own at present of. I also give her two cows, many apples which I now own and one barrel more with all my farming utensils together with all my cattle and hogs. I also give to my son William Savley one hundred acres of land known as the Oak and Blackhawk place and adjoining the lands of J. H. Davis and J. P. Adams on the north side I give to my son William thirty three acres and thirty two and a half poles adjoining the said one hundred acres which I gave him from Hugh Jones which Hugh Jones by reference to which Hugh Jones to William Savley one hundred and eighty eight (88) poles and fifty eight (58) poles of which land is situated on the north of the Louisville and Nashville River Road. All the balance of my lands I wish to be sold and equally divided between my daughters to wit, Martha Everett formerly Martha Savley, Angeline Chapin formerly Angeline Savley, Sarah Hall formerly Sarah Savley, Elizabeth Taylor formerly Elizabeth Savley, Rebecca Roberts formerly Rebecca Savley, Minnie Mackey formerly Minnie Savley, and Annetta Savley formerly Annetta Savley. I give bequeath and devise all the rest of my estate both real and personal to be disposed equally divided between my daughters as before named or their heirs who may be living at my death should none share alike. I desired James Cleveland and a justice of my said son William Savley to be Executor of this my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal & the date of my death in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four (1864)

William Savley (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and delivered in my presence this day and date above written

Witnesses  
Robert H. Davis  
Hugh Jones  
Martha Savley  
W. H. Davis

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court April Term 1865.

The last will and testament of William Barclay dec. was this day produced in open Court for perusal and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the subscribers with the said testator are related by blood to the said decedent and the Executor William Barclay named in said will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the said will and thereupon the said William Barclay together with William Barclay and Annis Crain his securities appeared in open Court and entered on record acknowledgment that said will is that of the said decedent in the personal estate of six thousand dollars Creditors as the law directs and was duly qualified.

John L. Pugh Clerk

Reads

I Mary H. Banks do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby Revoked and mending void all other wills by me at any time made. First - I direct that my personal estate and all my debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of money that I may see proper to pay, or may find come to the hands of my Executors.

Secondly - If my daughter Sarah Ann H. Banks shall survive me, I give and bequeath to her during her natural life, all my estate of any kind both real and personal to be used and enjoyed by her for her comfort, support and maintenance, and she is not to be disturbed in the use and possession thereof by my Executors or any one else during her life, and after her death to be disposed of as she may think directed.

Thirdly - Having long and laborious and religiously scrupled as from the subject of Slavery, and the slaves I ever being formerly domestic and faithful and obedient, I will that immediately after my death, or after the death of my sister Ann if she shall survive me, but not before, the whole of my slaves to which Virginia and her two children Gordon and Annie Mary, Raleigh, Richmond, John, Jamesfield, Aaron Spivey, and William Barlow, and any increase they may have shall be set free and transported to the Republic of Liberia on the West Coast of Africa.

Fourthly - I give as a special legacy to one of my said mentioned slaves, Virginia, in addition to an equal portion with my other slaves, my bed and the personal furniture for a bed, to be delivered over to her by my Executors upon her embarkation for Liberia.

Fifthly - I give and bequeath all the net and residue of my estate both real and personal, including money on hand, or money due me at my death, bank stock &c, as follows, I direct my real and personal estate immediately after my death, or after the death of my sister Ann, if she shall survive me, but not before, to be sold by my Executors, or surviving Executors if either should have died before the execution of my will, to the best advantage - I likewise give money that may be on hand or due me at my death to be collected as soon as possible the proceeds of the sale of my real and personal estate and said money on hand and due and owing me, to be paid as follows, After the death of my sister Ann who is to have the sum of five hundred dollars, in payment of the whole of the proceeds of my said property by this clause directed to be sold.

after my death or after the death of my sister Ann if she shall survive me as before mentioned, and money on hand and owing to me, to be paid over by my Executors to my before mentioned servants, Virginia and her two children Raleigh and Annie Mary, Raleigh, Richmond, John, Jamesfield, Aaron Spivey, and William Barlow, and any increase they may have living at the time of my death, or at the death of my sister Ann, if she shall survive me - or to such of them as may be living at said time in equal proportions to be paid over to those by my Executors upon their embarkation from the United States to the Republic of Liberia, with the exception of as much of the said fund as may be necessary to said Republic of Liberia and to support them for six months thereafter which my Executors will properly apply to that purpose - the amount coming to Raleigh and Annie Mary, the two infant children of Virginia and likewise to her brother Jamesfield, Aaron Spivey, and William Barlow to be paid over to the said Virginia by the Executors upon their embarkation to Africa, to hold the same in trust for their benefit until they shall respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years - and if the said Virginia should have any future increase before the fund shall arrive for their embarkation to Africa, under my will, the amount coming to such child or children shall be paid over by the same way to her for their benefit. It is my further will that until said embarkation of said slaves for Liberia, my Executors shall provide for them or to pay them such a reasonable amount out of my estate as may be necessary for their comfort and support - and I constitute my said Executors trustees for my said slaves until they shall carry out the provisions of my will, nothing - I nominate and appoint my friends J. H. S. Sordines and Judge Thomas M. Breckens of this my last will, And I do most earnestly request them to see the same carried into effect in every particular, but more especially in regard to the freedom of my slaves and guarantee their rights as I have that object more at heart than any other and they are requested to see them safe to the place of embarkation, in witness whereof I set to this my will at my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1858, signed, sealed and published in presence of me and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1858.

John L. White  
William S. Munday

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court March Term 1865.

The last will and testament of Mary H. Banks dec. was this day produced in open Court for perusal and it appearing to the Court from the testimony of J. H. S. Sordines and the fact that the subscribers with John L. White is dead and that the other subscribers with John L. Munday is beyond the limits of the state and the said John L. White and John L. Munday further swearing that the signatures of the said John L. White and John L. Munday are genuine and in their proper handwriting of the said John L. White and John L. Munday, and therefore the said will is admitted to probate, and thereupon J. H. S. Sordines one of the Executors named in said will (the other Executors named in said will, John L. Munday being dead) together with J. H. Sordines and W. H. Munday his securities appeared in open Court and entered in to and acknowledged that said will is that of the said decedent in the personal estate of six



thousand dollars conditional as the law directs and was duly qualified,  
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John L. Tappin, Clerk

Reads, I Ann J. Bonds do make and publish, this as my last will and testament  
fully regarding and making void all other wills by me at any time made,  
First, I direct that my funeral expence and all my debts be paid as soon after  
my death as possible, out of any moneys that I may be possessed of or may just  
come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly, If my beloved sister Mary H. Bonds shall survive me I give and  
bequeath to her during her natural life all my estate of every kind, both real  
and personal, to be used and enjoyed by her for her comfort, support, and  
maintenance, and she is not to be disturbed in the use and possession thereof  
by my Executors, or any one else during her life, and after her death to be disposed  
of as hereinafter directed.

Thirdly, Having long entertained conscientious and religious scruples upon  
the subject of slavery, and the slaves I own being formerly servants and faithful  
and industrious, will, that immediately after my death, or the death of my  
sister Mary, if she shall survive me, but not before, the whole of my slaves, to wit,  
Peggy, Desdemona, and her two children, Maudie and Volunisia and Cornelius,  
and any increase they may have shall be set free and transported to the Repu-  
blic of Liberia on the Western coast of Africa.

Fourthly, I give as a special legacy to my said mentioned slaves, to wit,  
Peggy, Desdemona and Cornelius. To Desdemona my bed and the proper furniture  
thereof, and to the said Cornelius and Peggy, each a bed with its proper furniture,  
which is not to be sold by my Executors as such, this property is directed to be hereafter,  
and which is to be divided over to them by my Executors upon their embarkation  
for Liberia, this is in addition to an equal portion with my other negroes,  
Fifthly, I give to my Executors in trust the sum, not exceeding one thousand  
dollars, but that amount of money for the purpose of purchasing a negro man  
named Squire, whom we have hired for many years, who has been faithful to me,  
and giving him his freedom, and in the event of his purchase by my Executors  
I direct him to be set free, and transported to the Republic of Liberia on the West-  
ern coast of Africa.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my estate both real and  
personal, including moneys on hand, or money due me at my death, bank stock &c.  
as follows, I direct my real and personal estate immediately after my death, or  
after the death of my sister Mary, if she shall survive me, but not before, to be  
sold by my Executors, or surviving Executor, if either should have died before  
the execution of my will, to the best advantage, likewise any moneys that may  
be on hand or due me at my death to be collected as soon as possible and the  
proceeds of the sale of my real and personal estate and said moneys on hand  
and due and owing me be applied as follows. After the death of my sister Mary,  
who is to have the uninterrupted use and enjoyment of the same during her life  
as directed by the second clause of my will, in the event of the purchase  
of Squire as heretofore directed, I direct such an amount to be paid out of  
my estate as will be sufficient to transport him to Liberia, and for his  
support six months thereafter, which my Executors will properly apply to

that purpose, I also give the said Squire the sum of fifty dollars to be paid  
to him by my Executors upon his embarkation to the Republic of Liberia, which  
is all that he is to receive out of my estate. And my Executors are likewise to  
pay out of said fund the said sum of one thousand dollars, if necessary for the  
purpose of purchasing Squire - the balance of the proceeds of my said property,  
by this clause directed to be sold after my death, or after the death of my sister  
Mary, if she shall survive me, as before mentioned, and moneys on hand  
and owing to me, to be paid over by my Executors to my before mentioned  
servants, Peggy, Desdemona, and her two children, Maudie and Volunisia  
and Cornelius and any increase they may have living at the time of my death,  
or at the death of my sister Mary, if she should survive me - or to such of them  
as may be living at said time in equal proportions - to be paid over to them  
by my Executors upon their embarkation from the United States to the  
Republic of Liberia, with the exception of so much of the said fund as may  
be necessary to transport them to said Republic of Liberia and to support them  
for six months thereafter which my Executors will properly apply to that purpose,  
the amount coming to Maudie and Volunisia the two infant children of  
Desdemona to be paid over to the said Desdemona by the Executors upon their  
embarkation to Africa to hold the same in trust for their benefit, until they  
shall respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years - the amount coming to  
Cornelius to be paid over to her mother Peggy by the Executors on their embarkation  
to Africa and to hold the same in trust for his benefit until she shall arrive to  
the age of twenty one year, and if my said slaves should have any future  
increase before the period shall arrive of their embarkation to Africa under  
my will the amount coming to such child or children shall be paid over in the  
same way to their mothers for their benefit. In the event that my Executors are  
not able to effect the purchase of Squire then said amount which is here directed  
to be applied to that purpose and likewise the amount directed to be paid him  
upon his embarkation to Africa is likewise to be divided among my slaves  
in the same way and to each of them as directed in the preceding part of  
this clause, It is my further will that until said embarkation of said slaves  
for Liberia, my Executors are to provide for them or to pay them such a  
reasonable amount out of my estate as may be necessary for their comfort  
and support, and I constitute my said Executors trustees for my said  
slaves until they shall carry out the provisions of my will.

Seventhly, I nominate and appoint my friends Dr. J. Perkins and Judge  
Thomas Henry Executors to this my last will; and I do most earnestly intend  
them to see the same carried into effect in every particular, but more especially  
by in the regard to the freedom of my slaves and guarding their rights, as  
I have that object more at heart than any other, and they are requested  
to see them safe to the place of embarkation.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this  
5th day of August 1858.

Ann J. Bonds (Real)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence  
and we have subscribed our names hereto in the  
presence of the Testator, this 5th day of August 1858.

John J. White  
William J. Manning