

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court March Term 1865.

The last will and testament of Saml. J. Blythe dec'd.
was this day produced in open court for probate, and it appearing to the court from
the testimony of Wm. W. Allen and Thos. J. Barry that John J. White one of the sub-
scribing witnesses to said will is dead, and that William J. Munday the other
subscribing witness is beyond the limits of the state, and Wm. W. Allen and Thos.
Barry further swearing that they are well acquainted with the handwrit-
ing of John J. White and William J. Munday the subscribing witnesses to said
will and that the signatures are in the proper handwriting of the said John
J. White and Wm. J. Munday. It is therefore ordered by the court that
said will be admitted to probate, and thereupon J. M. A. Brinkins one of the
executors named in said will (Thomas Moring otherwise being dead)
appeared in open court and together with J. M. Brinkins and Wm. W. Allen
his securities and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the
State of Tennessee in the of six thousand dollars conditional as the law
directs and was duly qualified as executor.

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John L. Bugg, Clerk

Callisto April 28th 1859.

I am about to start to Memphis Tenn. wishing to leave a will
or statement of what I wish done with my property, I want my contract
on the Rail Road finished, then I want all the negroes working on
the road sold at twelve months credit. I want my land sold as
in separate times, I want Martha Douglass to have her
dividend and her three children, I want all the other negroes at home sold
but to pick their homes so as not to sacrifice them too much, I want
Judy to pick her home, and she is not to be sold and will be treated. I
want Mary and her children to be set free and not let suffer for anything.
They may found, I want Wick Douglass to get five thousand dollars, I
want the same amt. Dr. Wm. M. Blythe fifteen hundred dollars.
I want all of the balance of my effects after paying my debts which are large
to be given to little Fanny Blythe the little girl who is living with me.
She is my child. except five thousand dollars to be given to a little boy of
Marry who is at Mrs. Mc Smiths near Mt. Sterling Ky. I want three
indicated out of the above money (as much as will be necessary) the little
boy's name is Matthew. If any of our relations object to or reject this
my will, they are not to get any of my effects of any kind. I request J. M.
Blythe and J. M. Blythe to carry out my will in every particular.
I may well should not stand as far as Henry and Matthew are concerned.
Then I want it all to go to J. M. Blythe, he will do without eight, I want
everything, none of the bequest mentioned as respects my sister children
or Dr. Blythe to stand, but all to J. M. Blythe he will do with the poor
unfortunate little children Fanny and Matthew ought.

S. M. Blythe (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court March Term 1865.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of
Saml. M. Blythe was this day produced in open court for probate and there
being no witness to the same Rayles Peyton, Geo. W. Allen, and A. B. Mynne
being duly sworn state that they are personally and well acquainted with
the hand writing of Saml. M. Blythe they believe and that the same is gener-
ally known to his acquaintances and that the paper writing is all in the hand
writing of the said S. M. Blythe both the body and signature and the said B.
Peyton and Geo. W. Allen further state that said paper was found by them a
few days after the death of the said S. M. Blythe amongst his valuable papers
and said paper writing is therefore ordered by the court to be admitted to probate
as the last will and testament of S. M. Blythe and thereupon J. M. Blythe and
J. M. Blythe the executors named in said will together with A. B. Mynne
and A. B. Mynson their securities appeared in open court and entered
into and acknowledged their bond to the state of Tennessee in the personal
sum of three thousand dollars conditional as the law directs and was
duly qualified.

List

John L. Bugg, Clerk

Douglas

I Sarah Douglas do make and publish this my last will and testament.
1st It is my will that all my debts be paid out of my estate both real and
personal, and in consideration that all the debts which are outstanding against
my son William C. Douglas, either in his own name, or in his name and my son
do joint debtors with him, or as security for him, were contracted for the bene-
fit of my estate, and with my approval, direction and consent it is my will
that all of said debts of whatever kind or degree they may be, be paid out of
my real and personal estate. 2^d I give and bequeath to my son William C.
Douglas my negro man Virgil to him and his heirs forever. 3^d I give and be-
queath to my grand daughter Henrietta S. Douglass five hundred dollars to be paid
to her when she marries or arrives at the age of twenty one, and if she die
before either event happens, then said five hundred dollars is to go back and
form part of my estate. 4th It is my will that all the balance of my estate, both
real and personal, including all the undivided real and personal estate in
Sumner County, of my husband William H. Douglas, be equally divided between
my five children, to wit, William C. Douglas, Geo. W. Douglas, Elizabeth
H. Mitchell and Sarah C. Blythe share and share alike. 5th It is my will that
all the property, which under the above clause I have given to my son Robert
B. Douglas, be paid over by my executor to Elizabeth H. Mitchell, in trust for her
receiving the same, interest and profits, but in no event controlling the princi-
pal. 6th It is my will that if any of my children, or my grand child Henrietta
S. Douglas prosecute by suit, or otherwise any claim or demand in any right
whatsoever, against any of the real or personal estate herein devised or bequeathed
or in any manner prosecute, or attempt to prevent to the full execution of any of
the provisions of this my will, then the bequest or devise herein before given
to such child or grand child, is to be utterly void and of none effect as to him,
her or them and is immediately to vest in equal shares to any such child or
grand child who shall not break said trust and conditions. 7th It is my will

that my Executors have full power to sell all the real and personal estate
then before mentioned upon such terms and conditions as he shall think
best, whenever he shall think it necessary to do so for the payment of any of
before mentioned debts and all of said real and personal estate hereby
assigned and bequeathed to him for that purpose 8th I hereby constitute and
appoint

Executor to this my last will and testament and
my said Executor shall in no wise be required to give security for the per-
formance of his duties as Executor, In testimony whereof I have set my hand
and seal this 31st day of July 1852.

In presence of
William Elliott
Booney
E. R. Hedley

Sarah Douglass (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court April Term 1865.

The last will and testament of Sarah Douglass do
was this day produced in open Court for probate and her handwriting was
duly proved by the oath of J. L. Douglass & R. M. Boyer and the subscribing
witnesses to said will, to wit, Wm. Elliott, J. Booney and E. R. Hedley an absent
and beyond the jurisdiction of the Court, therefore this handwriting was proved
by Alex. T. Pearce, Wm. Hedley and David Hancock, It is ordered said will be
admitted to probate

John L. Perry Clerk

November 5th 1858.

Crenshaw This my last will is as follows to it I want all my just debts
paid, my wife Caroline A. Crenshaw shall have my place known as the
little brick house place & the following slaves Mary, Sec & Healey two
horses & bails two places & working utensils my buggy & buggy horse
as one of the two horses & fifty dollars in money for my young person
during her life then it to go to her four children Alexander William Dan-
iel & Susan & Bonduant and my three youngest children James Mary &
Thomas Crenshaw to be made even with my four oldest children
David, John, William Crenshaw & Susan Moore in the following
way my Executors to give to each of them the younger children two
negroes with the help of the children by putting James one negro man
one boy to Mary one negro woman one girl to Thomas one negro man
& boy or girl as near the same value as they all to gether can judge
to make them equal this done by all of the children, Also to the same
Mary & Thomas the tract of land on which I now live or three hundred
acres of said land including the house all household & kitchen furni-
ture wares & vessels & then consider my seven children all equal then I
wish a l^y my children jointly to divide all the rest of my property
negroes land stock &c or if they all think best to sell them all then
and divide all the means equal among them selves I appoint

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C. Crenshaw & Anne Leach Moore my Executors by the assistance
of as many of my children as may be convenient my wish is that they
give no security nor never go into Court in any sale or division but for
them all to join or as many as convenient can and do the business & may
go into Court only to have their records and if any thing is ordered for
them jointly to have it made right & if any thing should occur & they think
my wife should be better compensated they are authorized to do so one of the
negroes a girl in Louisiana named Phragena her share to W. B. Crenshaw
oldest daughter Harriet I have one tract of land in Buivant Texas one
in Ellis Texas I have fifteen hundred dollars in the hand of John S. Siden in
Texas all to be paid back to me at the expiration of ten years from my part-
nership without interest together with half of which he makes he has now
but with our profits one tract of land in Ellis county Texas through which
the rail road runs & the lands mostly in Ellis County also one tract of
land of 2 or three hundred acres North of where I live this done on the day
of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred & fifty eight

J. L. Crenshaw

Also besides what is named above a negro boy Sam girl Terry and one
thousand dollars to the sd. Caroline Crenshaw to have & to hold during the time
of her being my widow or until his death & at his intermarriage with a
nother man or at his death the same to be given back to my estate &
divided out equal day and date first written

J. L. Crenshaw

This tract of land but by Siden in Ellis County was sold by Siden and he
used the money, Caroline Crenshaw being dead my land contracts is not
land you find them in my pocket book I wish my wife at my death
to have all her property back that I got by her, I wish her to have the place I
live running a North line with a fence to my North boundary all East
house & household & kitchen furniture two bull two horses & buggy &c & five
hundred dollars of each money as on hand and one negro girl Terry and
at her death or intermarriage with another man for all to come back to
children above named also ten acres of land on the river to cultivate
where it may best suit her

of October 1862

J. L. Crenshaw

Proven by Wm. Luster, P. Bennett, R. A. Bennett.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court May Term 1865

The last will and testament of J. L. Crenshaw was
this day produced in open Court for probate and there being no subscribing
witnesses to the same, the handwriting of the testator was duly proved
by the oath of Wm. Luster, P. Bennett and R. A. Bennett there being no
bonds required by the will the same is ordered to be recorded,
Sub

John L. Perry Clerk

Conwell

What my estate consists in

Land where I live 240 1/2 acres, Land in the Long Hill
and half of 160 acres. 1/3 Lot in Goodlettsville Henry & Isaac Conwell
A Lot where the Blacksmith shop is.

floor in the Long Hill place, 1/2 in the C. F. Valentine & R.
15 Acres purchased of J. C. Wiley (the Hall place) (Isaac paid in
part \$250 for the Hall place)

All of my negro property I have give bills of sale to my children with
the exception of Bob Travis & Allen which has to be divided between
Laura & Dickey. Due on the steel horse books. Due on sheep
books.

Notes —
One half of Iron and Shaver J. H. C. My books and Home-
hold furniture not to be sold, but divided between the children. I want
Dickey & Laura to have the home place and if sold the proceeds of it
for Isaac part I wish all the notes and account that I have to come
out of his part

J. P. Cantrell

Decr 20, 1860

Proven by J. P. Cantrell, J. P. Bannoy, J. C. Cantrell

State of Tennessee

Summer County Court May Term 1865

This day the last will and testament of J. P. Cantrell were
produced in open Court and shown to J. C. Cantrell, Isaac Cantrell and
J. P. Bannoy appeared in open Court and after being duly sworn depose
and sayeth that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of
J. P. Cantrell that he died on the 15th day of April 1860 in Summer
County and that the paper of the date of December 2, 1860 is in the gen-
uine hand writing of the said J. P. Cantrell is generally known in
his neighborhood the said witnesses J. C. Cantrell & J. P. Bannoy
further made oath that the said will above proved was the last
morning after his death found among his valuable papers in his desk.
It is therefore ordered by the Court that the said paper writing is prop-
erly and legally proved as his last will and testament and the same
is ordered to be recorded and shown J. C. Cantrell appeared in open
Court and was duly qualified and appointed as the administrator of the
estate of J. P. Cantrell dec. with the will annexed and after giving bond
in the penal sum of Five thousand dollars with J. P. Bannoy and
Isaac Cantrell his securities which was a charge laid in open Court and
qualified. It is ordered that letters issue to him as Adminr of J. P. Cantrell
dec. with the will annexed. And thus the said J. C. Cantrell sug-
gested the insolvency of the estate which is ordered to be entered on
record.

Test

John A. Bagg, Clerk

Stule

Summer County Tenn Oct 26 1864

I, Selina Stule of the State and County aforesaid being sound in
mind but in feeble health do make and ordain this my last will and
testament for the disposition of my worldly goods. 1st It is my will
that Martha and her children be forever free even though the laws of
Tenn be revised and enforced and they thereby be forced to leave the State
While Martha lives - if she wishes they can have the cabin to live in,
and have the use of one acre of ground surrounding it.

2^d I give to my nephew J. H. Henderson and to my niece E. H. Vin-
cent, they 50 they owe me - 500 on my own account and 250 on my
sister's. I also give to my niece my silver and dequently put my col-
ored silk dress and crape shawl - my bed with its furniture of sheets,
blanket and quilt and cruetpane, pillow, gold pencil and brass fan.
Also, I wish the money accruing from the sale of the Stearns and
the glass handles, the best love bedstead, the six green chairs and
smallest andersons, be kept for E. H. Vincent being left to him (at my
death) by his last son, 3^d Of the 17 1/2 acres of this farm, 16 belong
to me on account of 2 1/2 acres lots which my father in his will left
to Emma and to me - next town on the south side of the road, 18 is my
will that thus 16 acres be sold, when John P. Stule and James Alexander
(Whom I appoint my Executors) think it can be done advantageously.

I give 1/2 of each of my step sons - Balie P. Stule and John B. Stule
if they live till the farm is sold and the money for the same, I give to
John P. Stule his brother, hat, and boots, and a shawl. Also to keep in charge
for Balie and John, their fathers trunk, watch, knife, and 2 or 3 small
my sticks. If they never come back, to belong to himself. Also to J. C. my
grand fathers chair. 4th I give to Eliza May Steele, my watch and chain.
I give to Maria Nickelson my 6 cane bottomed chairs, a framed picture
(Front of Washington) red work blanket and small table on which it
sits. I give to Thomas Nickelson my log chair, 5th I give to Louisa Ma-
Allen my black lounge (or walnut one as she prefers) and 2 lounge
quilt. Also the rag carpet in my room, and the large gilt framed picture
Buggy & harness, red comfort. 6th I give to Mrs J. C. Borchman my
window, curtains, clock, and large looking glass, and maps. I give to
Capt. Borchman Cane chair, one pair of black iron, Shovel and Tongs.
7th I give to Minnie Stule my cloth mantle, stove front, trunk
with its contents, I give to Nancy Nelson the cane bottomed chair
Carpet bag, Cane shells, clay & Webster bust. I give to Mrs C. S. Hunt
my small cane bottomed chair. Also my extra buggy harness, 8th I
give to J. P. Stule a set of iron buggy wheels, any or all of my books.
I give my portraits, in charge to Maria Nickelson for the Steales,
I give to Martha a hair trunk with its contents, also 2 old bed-
blankets, 2 comforts, and 2 quilts. I give to Mary Martin a small
table with a drawn in it. I give to Laura Cagle my water table. I
wish Capt. Borchman or J. Alexander to attend to having a stone and
put around the grave yard, so as to include all the graves - or an iron
railing, as he thinks best. To have it thoroughly sprinkled and covered
in the grass. To be paid for by the same money as above.

sale of property, &c. I wish all my household furniture (not herein disposed of) building, kitchen furniture, farming implements to be sold to pay debts and funeral expenses, &c. After all expenses are paid I wish the balance of the money accruing from the sale of the land and other things, to be divided into 7 equal parts to be given to my niece Elizabeth, Minerva Steele, D. S. Steele and James Alexander and Rebecca Douglass. If David S. and John S. Steele should never return to claim what I have willed them, I wish the 6 or 9 parts, and above named fund and instead of 7 parts let them be 9 parts, and Elizabeth Vincent and Narcissa B. West be included as legatees.

I give to Narcissa B. West my Calmora, 12 yards of domestic cotton 9 spears cloth, thread, Crochet, Darning, and Flap. I give my large Iron Kettle (or pot) to Anne Nordavants. I give to Isabella Stale a small Corded Counterspane, a pair of Grace sheets, I give to M. R. West my gold button, two old Shawls. If David and John should return then I wish the three to have four of them to their much we have. My large Schluter overpass on the colt he bought - has paid \$20.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my name and seal, this 17th day of November, 1864.

Attest
D. S. Bonham
Narcissa B. West
Geo. M. Allen pro
W. S. House pro

Selmon Steele (Seal)

State of Tennessee
Sumner County, Court May Term 1865.

The last will and testament of Selmon Steele dec. was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of Geo. M. Allen and W. S. House the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and James Alexander one of the Executors named in said will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same, and the other Executor John S. Steele named in the will, renouncing the execution of the same. And thereupon the said James Alexander together with John S. Bugg and Geo. M. Allen his securities appeared in open Court and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test

J. L. Bugg Act

Sumner County
State of Tennessee

In the name of God, I James M. King of sound mind and memory do constitute this my last will and testament.

First. I will and direct that after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, all the remainder of my real and personal property be divided equally according to the law of the State of Tennessee in such cases between my wife and children.

Second. And as regards my land I will that the title after the division be made to my children and to their children after them. And if any of the present heirs should decrease without children I will and direct that the title of their portion of the land shall revert to the remaining heirs and their children.

Third. I will and appoint my wife Lucinda my first executrix and I also appoint my son Dr. William C. King second Executor in conjunction with my wife to this my will. This I say 30th Nov. 1863.

Witness James M. King pro.
Witness R. C. Parker pro.

James M. King (Seal)

State of Tennessee
Sumner County, Court May Term 1865.

The last will and testament of James M. King was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of R. C. Parker and J. L. Bugg, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Lucinda King and W. C. King the Executors named in said will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same, and thereupon the said Lucinda King and W. C. King & J. L. Bugg their securities appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test

John L. Bugg Act

I, Jesse McGee, having enlisted in the service of my country as a common soldier, and being fully aware of the casualties of such service, do make and ordain this as my will in reference to the disposition of my realty & goods. My father Robert McGee has this day received to me his note for two hundred and five dollars for money advanced to him, and secured the same by a mortgage on a slave named Aggy by an instrument bearing date with this present.

Now if I should fall in the service, it is my will that my Mother Susan McGee shall have and own in her own right, free from the debts and liabilities of her husband the said Robert, and for her own exclusive use and benefit, all the property I possess of every description, including the mortgage claim above mentioned, to her and heirs forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of May, 1861.

Test. John A. Parker, Clerk.
Geo. W. Winchester.

State of Tennessee
Summer County Court July Term, 1865.
The last will and testament of Jesse McGee was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of John A. Parker, Clerk, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and was ordered to be recorded.
Test John L. Pigg Clerk.

Knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, have thought proper to make this my last will, revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made. I will my body to a decent burial, and my soul to God who gave it. I desire that all my property, both real and personal to remain in the hands of my wife Elizabeth, with the exception of such loose property as she may not want to keep during her widowhood, or until the youngest child reaches of age, at which time I desire it sold or divided between me & wife and my two children Sarah E. McGee & V. M. McGee, equally - to them and their heirs. I do appoint Rodman Pauline my executor to this my last will and testament, given from under my hand and seal this 2nd August 1861.
Thomas Bradley

Acknowledged in our presence this day and date above written.
C. P. Butler for
D. R. Bradley for

State of Tennessee
Summer County Court April Term 1865.
The last will and testament of The Bradley dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of C. P. Butler and D. R. Bradley subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and thereupon the said Rodman Pauline appeared in Open Court & accepted the execution of the same & thereon the said D. Pauline together with C. P. Butler & D. R. Bradley his securities appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, conditioned as the law directs, and was duly qualified.
John L. Pigg Clerk

Shipman I Joseph Shipman being weak and sick but of sound mind and perfect memory and knowing the uncertainty of human life think proper to make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows: First, revoking & making void all wills by me at any time made. In the first place I will that all my joint debts together with my funeral expenses be paid out of any money that I may die seized of or that may first come into the hands of my executor. In the second place I will that balance of my property both real and personal be equally divided between my two children. I further give to my executor power to act as Guardian & Executor to sell all of my perishable property which he may deem it more for the interest of my children to keep some portion of my house furniture for the domestic use of my children to rent my farm or any part thereof in such manner as he may think most conducive to the interest of my children holding him bound to report to Court as soon as some as they are ordered to the County and give bond according to law. Lastly I nominate and appoint J. D. Pauline my executor to this my last will and testament this 4th day of May 1865.

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Signed and sealed in
the presence of
Robert Collier pro
R. S. Greenham pro.

State of Tennessee
Summer County June Term 1865.

The last will and testament of
J. Chipman do^d was produced in Open Court for probate
and was duly proved by the oaths of Robert Collier and
R. S. Greenham, the subscribing witnesses, and was ordered
to be recorded.

John L. Bugg Clerk,

David In the name of God Amen, I Samuel Barr of the
County of Summer and State of Tennessee do on this the
22^d day of June 1864 make and publish this my last
will and testament to wit:

1st I leave I to Barr and James A. Barr fifty dollars
each,

2^d I will the body here of Hugh Barr fifty dollars each

3^d I will William T. Barr five thousand dollars in
money

4th I will Barnace B. Barr five thousand dollars
in money the above sum of money willed to each
here is to be in the currency of the Country

5th I will my undivided interest in the home tract of
land to my brother and sister Hagekiah and Mary
Barr. I also will my interest in the stock of the
farm of my description, for my wife household and
kitchen furniture to the said Hagekiah and Mary Barr.

6th I will my undivided interest in the tract of land
formerly known as the Hugh Barr tract of land
on which B. Barr and D. M. Wright now live to my
brother Hagekiah Barr

7th I will my slave Hiram and my undivided interest
in the slaves owned by me and my brother Hagekiah to
my brother Hagekiah. I hereby nominate & appoint
Barnace B. Barr and D. M. Wright my Executors to
carry out this my last will and testament. In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
seal this the 22^d day of June in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four (64)

Test
D. M. Wright pro
D. M. Johnson pro

Samuel Barr (Seal)

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State of Tennessee
Summer County Court May Term 1865.

The last will and testament of
Samuel Barr do^d was this day produced in Open Court
for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of D. M.
Johnson, one of the subscribing witnesses, Thoms and D. M.
Wright. The other witness being dead his hand-writing
was duly proved by the oaths of Ephraim Sims and
Barnace B. Barr, one of the Executors named in said
will appeared in Open Court and accepted the execution
of the same and thereupon said D. M. Barr together
with Thoms and James W. Bryson his securities
appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged
their bond to the State of Tennessee in the
penal sum of Twenty Thousand and no other
the law directs and was duly qualified.

John L. Bugg Clerk,

Barr.

I Hagekiah Barr do make and publish this
as my last will and testament hereby revoking and
making void all other wills by me at any time made.
First I direct that all my just debts be paid out
of any money that I may be possessed of, or may first
come into the hands of my Executors.
Second, I bequeath to my wife John & Mary
Barr ten dollars each.
Third, I bequeath to the children of my brother Hugh
Barr deceased ten dollars each.

Fourth, My slaves Isaac and Hiram have been
faithful and trusty, and I direct that they be
emancipated, and a reasonable provision be made
for them, if it can be done by the laws of this state.
If this cannot be done, I direct my Executors
to take charge of them and make such arrange-
ments as they in their discretion may deem best for
their comfort and welfare of said slaves.

Fifth, I give and bequeath all the remainder of my slaves
and their increase, and all undivided interest in
slaves together with the interest in slaves that I may
have under the will of my brother Samuel Barr deceased
to my beloved sister Mary Barr, to her and her heirs forever.
Sixth, I give and bequeath all the remainder of the
property I may own at my death real personal and
mixed to my sister Mary Barr, for and during the
term of her natural life.

Seventh, At the death of my sister Mary Barr I give
and bequeath the property mentioned in clause sixth
above to her for life to my nephew William T. Barr

and B. B. Barr, to them and their heirs forever.
 Eighth, Should my sister die before me, and the age of her lapses and I fail to change or revoke this will, by another then I will all the property to her, to my said nephews, William and Barnum B. Barr, to them and their heirs forever.
 Ninth, I nominate and appoint my nephews my nephews William and B. B. Barr, Executors to this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand and seal this the 2^d day of July 1864. *Nehemiah Barr*

We have at the request of the above testator N. Barr, signed our names as witnesses in his presence and he acknowledged the execution of the will in the day it bore date.

This the 4th day of July 1864.

Wm. H. Murray for.

Jas. H. Head for

Levin H. Johnson for.

State of Tennessee
 Sumner County Court May Term 1864.
 The last will and testament of Nehemiah Barr was this day produced in said Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of James Head, Wm. H. Murray & Lewis H. Johnson our subscribing witnesses thereto, and is ordered to be recorded. And Barnum B. Barr, one of the Executors named in said will appeared in Open Court together with W. H. Hale and James M. Pryor and entered into & acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of Twenty Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

John P. Buzz Clerk.

I John Chaubon do make and publish this as my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.
 First I direct all my just debts paid out of any moneys I may die possessed of or may just come into the hands of my Executor.
 Second, I leave to my wife Mary H. the tract of land on which I now live, containing about 390 acres and the use of all my stock household and kitchen furniture and other articles until my youngest child Walter

arrives at the age of 21 years at that time my wife Mary H. if living is to select such of the stock household and kitchen furniture & farming utensils as may be necessary for her comfort which I give to her absolutely, and the balance of said stock &c. is to be sold on a credit of twelve months my Executor is also to sell said land, at that time or the death of my wife on a credit of one and two years. The proceeds of said land & other property is to be disposed of as hereafter provided among my wife and children. I also leave to my wife Mary H. my negroes, Ned Dick, Ben Sucky, Lucy, Rose and infant child and Matilda during her natural life, and at her death said slaves and increase are to be disposed of as hereafter provided. My wife is to furnish my children Martha Mary, Sarah, & Walter a saddle horse each free of charge as they arrive at age or marry. She is also to complete the education free of charge of each of my children as have not finished their education at my death.

Third, I leave to my daughter Ann, &c. Doss on my slave Loretta & child Peggy and a boy William, to my daughter Rebecca Child, I have given a negro girl, Worthy four mules, one mare and 750 acres of land in Texas & some other property. I leave to my daughter Martha & my negroes Harriet & child her dress and Fry pot. I leave to my daughter Mary & my slave George, Henry, and Alice. I leave to my daughter Sarah my slave Wade, Mary Ann, & Henry. I also leave to each of my said daughters an interest with my own & wife in the proceeds of the land & other property mentioned in clause second, and a like interest in all other of which I may die possessed, for and during their natural lives, to be for the sole and separate use of each of them, free from the contracts and liabilities of the respective husbands and at the death of my said daughters then bequeathed to them, I give and bequeath to their respective children and their heirs the issue of any child representing said child. Should any one or more of my daughters die without issue at the death of such then the property herein given to such daughters I give to their surviving brothers and sisters.

Fourth, I give to my son John H. Chaubon my slaves Sally & Alice and to my son Walter R. Chaubon my slaves Reuben & Adeline & Poma I also give to my sons an equal and equal interest each in the land and other property mentioned in clause second and also

die possessed of to them & their heirs
 Fifth, Should my wife be living at the time my son
 Walter H. arrives at age then I give and bequeath to her
 an equal interest with my sons and daughters in the pro-
 ceeds of my land ordered to be sold to be here absolutely
 Should she die before that time, then the land is to be sold
 and divided as herein provided.
 Sixth, I nominate and appoint John W. Head my
 executor to this my will. The words "in the death of my
 wife" in second clause, and "each" in the 4th intended
 before signed, from under my hand, and seal this
 the day of January¹⁰ 1857. Here the words & infant
 child in 1st clause.

Test

J. Boyce for.
 W. Dodd for

John Chambers (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court June Term 1855

The last will and Testament of John
 Chambers dec'd was this day produced in Open Court
 for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of J. Boyce
 and William Dodd the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered
 to be recorded, And John W. Head, the Executor named
 in said will appeared in Open Court and renounced the
 execution of the same. And Thompson H. W. Austin appeared
 in Court and executed his bond as Administrator with the will
 annexed, with Mary Chambers his security in the sum
 of Twenty Thousand dollars conditioned as the
 law directs and was duly qualified.

John L. Bugg Clerk,

Write. I John D. White of Sumner County Tennessee think proper in the
 present distracted state of the country, and uncertainty as to
 the value of property, to dispose of my estate by this will as
 follows, hereby working and making void all others by me
 heretofore made.

First, I direct the payment of my debts which I estimate
 at about seven thousand dollars as follows. I direct a
 debt of twelve hundred dollars which I owe to the Tennessee
 Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Nashville, to be paid
 out of the accruing dividends of said Company, if such shall
 be declared, for a period of twelve months after my decease. If
 so much shall be necessary, I am owing the Union and
 Planters Bank of Tennessee about fourteen thousand
 dollars, which I direct to be paid out of accruing
 dividends from said bank if such shall be declared, for
 a period of twelve months after my decease. I am

shall be necessary. The balance of my debt to be paid first
 out of any moneys which may be due me including the
 amount which is still owing to me upon the sale of my
 Water Creek turn-pike stock of about two hundred and
 fifty dollars - and second, from the sale of such por-
 tions of my Union and Planters Bank stock, my stock
 in the Tennessee and Marine and Fire Insurance
 Company of Nashville, my Sumner County Bonds, or
 from either of these sources at the discretion of my Exe-
 cutors. If there shall be a failure from the dividends
 to pay my debt to the insurance office and Union
 and Planters Banks as first mentioned in this
 clause, then such residue to be paid from the sale of
 such portions of the before mentioned stocks and bonds
 as may be necessary at the discretion of my Executors.
 Second, I give to my beloved wife, my household and
 kitchen furniture, my carriage, my watch, and family
 portraits to be her property absolutely and forever.

I likewise give and bequeath to my wife for life
 six of my slaves to wit: David and his five children
 to wit: Seneca, Ligeia, Henrietta commonly called Minnie,
 Jack and Arthur with their increase, and after her
 death to my adopted daughter Catharine McThompson
 and her heirs forever. I give to my wife my slaves
 John to her and her heirs forever.

Third, I give fifty dollars annually for three years after
 my decease for the support of a minister in the town
 of Gallatin of that branch of the Methodist Church of
 which I am at present and an officer. This fund
 I leave in the hands of my wife as trustee to be applied
 in that way.

Fourth, I give my law library to the Clerk of the
 Chancery Court of Sumner and his successors in
 office, in trust however for the use of the bar of said
 County and the attorneys who practice in the County of
 said County.

Fifth, I give and bequeath my wife for life my house and
 lot in the town of Gallatin in which I live, likewise
 my slave-hire and stable lot and after her death to
 my adopted daughter Catharine McThompson and
 her heirs forever.

Sixth, I am the owner of twelve thousand one hundred
 dollars of stock in the Union and Planters Bank of Tennessee
 five thousand dollars of stock in the Tennessee Marine
 and Fire Insurance Company of Nashville and three
 thousand dollars in Sumner County Bonds. After
 the payment of my debts as mentioned in the first
 clause of my will, and saving out of any

and fifty dollars to meet the third item of my will. I give to my wife one half of said stocks in the Union and Planted Banks, and Tennessee Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Nashville and two of my Summer County Bonds, to her and her heirs forever.

Seventh, In addition to the property, which I have before given to my adopted daughter, by deed or otherwise, I give her after the payment of debts as before mentioned, and the payment of the amount as directed in the third clause of this will, the remaining one half of said stocks in the Union and Planted Banks, and Tennessee Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Nashville and one of my Summer County Bonds, to her and her heirs forever.

Eighth, Any other property that I may own which has not been before specifically devised, I give to my wife and her heirs forever.

Ninth, I wish my remains deposited in some suitable part of the new Cemetery laid off for the town of Gallatin. I appoint my wife Catherine Ann, White Executor and my son in law Charles A. Thompson and my friend Joseph H. Roth Executors to my will requiring in security to be given. I do to this my will set my hand and seal, this twenty first day of February 1862.

John D. White Seal

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Notary this 21st February 1862

Ray E. Allen for
James Alexander for
Geo. Thompson

State of Tennessee
Summer County Court July Term 1862.

The last will and testament of John D. White dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate & was duly proved by the oaths of R. E. Allen and James Alexander sworn being witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded. And Catherine Ann White and Charles A. R. Thompson the Executors named in said will appeared in Open Court, Geo. H. Roth the other Executor named in said will renouncing the execution of the same, and accepting the execution of the same and then being duly sworn to by the will they were duly qualified. It is ordered by the Court that said testamentary instrument

In the name of God Amen

Edmund Smith of the State of Tennessee and County of Sumner being of perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me made.

1st My will and desire is that Funeral Expenses and all my just debts shall be paid out of what effects I may die possessed of.

2^d I will and desire that to my wife Sarah B. Smith all of my entire estate during her natural life or widowhood and if she remains a widow until death my will is that she shall make what disposition of the property she may think proper among my children, but if she my wife Sarah B. Smith should marry my will is that my Executors shall make sale of all my property or divide the same equally taking in consideration the amount I have already given any of them. I appoint my son Samuel D. Smith and James B. Brunk sole Executors of this my last will and testament by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of us this 8th day of October 1861.

Edmund Smith, Seal

Test J. W. Morris for
Test Wm. H. Dwyer for

State of Tennessee
Summer County Court June Term 1862.

The last will and testament of Edmund Smith was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of J. W. Morris and Wm. H. Dwyer subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered by the Court to be recorded. And Samuel D. Smith one of the Executors named in said will being dead the other Executor James B. Brunk appeared in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same and thereupon the said James B. Brunk together with John A. Clendinning and James Davis his account appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their Oath to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of Three Thousand Dollars conditional on the law of the State and was duly qualified.

Test

John L. Bugg Clerk,

I Hugh Kirkpatrick of Sumner County State of Tennessee do make this my last will and testament hereby declaring all others by me at any time made 1st it is my desire to be buried by the side of my wife Sabella at the Branch Church Cemetery - And that it should be so visited over my remains, similar to the one I have had placed over her - And that my funeral expenses and all of my debts be paid as soon as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or that may come into the hands of my Executors, &c. It is my will that fifteen hundred dollars be paid to the six children of my daughter Elizabeth Kirkpatrick dec'd. Also that fifteen hundred be paid to the two children of my daughter Sabella Smith dec'd. - Also that fifteen hundred dollars be paid to my grand daughter Sabella Wicks & her children. What amounts are intended to make them equal with my other children they having received that amount in land. &c. It is my will that my son Hugh I. have the strip of land on the same side of the pits with his residence, running with the pits to Catherine line, thence with a line to Hugh to line surveyed to be ten acres, &c. It is my will that the balance of my estate both real and personal be equally divided amongst all of my heirs - &c. I will that a note I hold of four hundred and forty nine dollars & seventy cents against Samuel Kirkpatrick individually & due May the fourth eighteen hundred and sixty shall be deducted from that portion of my estate which I have willed to be paid over to Hugh Kirkpatrick his father in law for the benefit of the sd Samuel & wife & children. Also half of a note for four hundred dollars due July third eighteen hundred and fifty six with a credit of twenty six dollars which I hold against the sd Samuel Kirkpatrick & Wm C. Guthrie shall be deducted from the same portion which I have willed to Hugh Kirkpatrick for sd Samuel's wife and children. It is also my will that the following notes held by me shall be deducted from that portion of my estate which I have willed to William Kirkpatrick to be held in trust for the benefit of his daughter Catherine the wife of William L. Price. To wit one note on Wm L. Price and Wm Kirkpatrick for two hundred dollars due Jan'y first eighteen hundred and sixty two. Also one note on Wm L. Price for seventy five dollars & fifty cents due May first eighteen hundred and sixty one with a credit of fifty dollars also one on Wm L. Price and William Kirkpatrick for two hundred dollars due Jan'y first eighteen hundred and sixty three. It is also my will that the following notes shall be deducted from that portion of my estate which I have willed to Siggie F. Siggard for the use and benefit of his son Hugh to wit one note for two hundred dollars which I

hold against the sd Siggie F. Siggard due Jan'y the third eighteen hundred and sixty two and one note on the same for four hundred dollars due December the twenty first eighteen hundred and sixty one & one note on John Wm Siggard for one hundred & fifty dollars due July the seventeenth eighteen hundred and sixty two. I also will that half of a note which I hold on William C. Guthrie and Samuel Kirkpatrick for four hundred dollars due July the third eighteen hundred and fifty six with a credit of twenty six dollars shall be deducted from that portion of my estate which I have willed to be paid over into the hands of his brother J. R. Guthrie for the benefit of the sd Wm C. wife and children. I will that that portion of my estate that may be coming to Samuel shall be paid over to his father in law Hugh Kirkpatrick to be held in trust for the sole benefit of the sd Samuel & children. That portion coming to Sam & Catherine Price I direct to be paid over to their father Wm Kirkpatrick to be held in trust for the sole use and benefit of the sd Sam & Catherine & their children. Also that portion of my estate that may fall to my grand daughter Siggie F. Siggard shall be for her use and benefit & then to the heirs of her body. - Also that portion that may fall to Wm C. Guthrie to be paid into the hands of his brother John R. for the benefit of the sd Wm C. wife and children. Also that portion that may come to Hugh K. Guthrie to be paid to J. R. Guthrie to be held in trust for his wife and children. Also that portion that may come to my grand daughter Sabella Wicks to be paid over to my grand son J. R. Kirkpatrick to be held in trust for the sole use & benefit of the sd Sabella Wicks & her children, And furthermore I will that the note which I hold on J. R. Wicks for seven hundred & nineteen dollars & seventy seven cents due Sept fifth eighteen hundred and fifty nine shall be deducted from that portion of my estate which I have willed to be paid over to J. R. Kirkpatrick to be held in trust for his wife & children for the benefit of Sabella Wicks and her children. I will to Hugh Kirkpatrick residing near the Branch Church one hundred dollars to be held in trust by him & his successors the interest to be paid annually to the sd Hugh for the support of the gospel in & congregation the sd congregation to what sd trustee and his heirs when ever it may become necessary. I also give to my son Hugh I. my fine walking staff my library books & clothing & household furniture to be divided among my heirs. It is my will and desire & do hereby appoint my nephew Joseph Kirkpatrick and my grand son J. R. Kirkpatrick my Executors. In witness whereof I do this my last will and testament set my hand and

seal This August the twelfth Eighteen hundred and
fifty three

Hugh Kirkpatrick Seal

Test
J. R. Heath
J. C. Heathens for.

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court April Term 1865

The last will & Testament of Hugh Kirkpatrick dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate & was duly proved by the oath of J. C. Heathens and ^{subscribing witnesses thereof} which is ordered by the Court to be recorded and J. R. Kirkpatrick one of the Executors of said will appeared in Open Court & accepted the execution of the same, and the other Executors named in said will J. R. Kirkpatrick appeared in Court & recurred, and therefore the said J. R. Kirkpatrick together with J. C. Heathens, Hugh A. Kirkpatrick and J. W. Fitzgerald his securities appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of Fifty Three and dollars and no cents as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test
John G. Rugg Clerk.

In the name of God Amen

This being my last will and Testament I now give and bequeath to my children namely Harriet B. Strall I give and bequeath to him all the money and all other property I am to him hereafter by me shall remain his forever and he is not to account hereafter for any of his brothers and sisters. I now give to Robert S. Strall and bequeath to him all money and other property give to him hereafter by me and he shall not account for any part to his brothers or sisters. I now give to my son Wesley H. Strall all money and other property give to him hereafter and he shall not account hereafter to any of his brothers or sisters. I now give to son Alfred S. Strall in the like manner. I now come to my daughter I give and bequeath to my daughter Adeline Cartwright all money and a negro girl named Cady and all other property give to her hereafter and she is not to account hereafter to her brothers or sisters. I come to my daughter Maria Solon. I give and bequeath to her all money and other property and she is to keep it in like manner. I give to my daughter Emily Henry in like manner.

I now come to my daughter Susanna Strall I give and bequeath to her a negro girl named Margaret a horse and saddle bed and furniture, a barrel and cow and calf and other necessary things for table should she need them, now be it fairly understood, after the death of my beloved wife Elizabeth Strall and my self I do give my two sons James M. Strall and Albert S. Strall all the tract of land that I now live on District No. 14, which is about three hundred acres, to the same more or less to be equal divided between them, my son James is to have the farm and house where I now live, the life between shall commence on my death line at Robert Haly line on the road running a South East direction with the main road to the Salisbury road then down the branch to Dickman line or as to give my son A. G. Strall the spring on the South side of my dwelling or as to give him road to build a house should he need it, now be it understood that this gift is to be clear and above all other gifts and they shall not account to any of their brothers or sisters for any part of it. At my death I give to my two daughters Maria a Solon and Emily Henry ninety seven acres of land lying on the waters of Second Creek known by the name of James Stralls former tract, this land is to be sold and money equally divided between the two girls above named, now be it fairly understood by all, should my beloved wife Elizabeth Strall be left a widow, she shall have full possession of all my tract of land where I now live, and all the negroes, and all the stock, farming tools in a word all on the farm to do with for her benefit and my son James and family to live with his mother and carry on the work that should be needed for her benefit and after the death of the longest liver of us or wife, then my negroes is to be equally divided with all of my children except Adeline Cartwright, she has had her full share of the negroes and after James and Albert Strall take such stock as they may need and farming tools, the balance of the stock of all kinds farming tools shall be sold and equally divided with all of my children, now if my wife should be left a widow and should marry hereafter she shall only have a child part during her life. I now close by appointing my son James M. Strall and my wife Elizabeth Strall my Executors and Administrators to my last will. Witness my hand and seal this 2^d day of October 1864. It is understood that James M. Strall and

Elizabeth Stovall shall not be bound to give security for their Executorship. Signed and sealed in presence of these witnesses this 2^d day of October 1862.

S. H. Rickman for
Samuel Bently

William T. Stovall Seal

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Saml Stovall 1862

The last will and Testament of W. T. Stovall was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of S. H. Rickman and subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. And James M. Stovall and Elizabeth Stovall Executors named in said will appeared in Open Court and Mrs. Elizabeth Stovall declined receiving one of the Executors and further stated that she should dissent from the said will of W. T. Stovall her late husband and asked that Dower may be assigned to her of all the lands of her deceased husband, and that James M. Stovall one of the Executors named in the will accepted the execution of the same, and thereupon the said James M. Stovall entered into Bond (without security as specified in the will) and acknowledged the same to the State of Tennessee in the penal sum of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, and was duly qualified.

Test John B. Bugg Clerk

In the name of God Amen.

I Silas Fulgum speak in God but of sound mind and memory as you may say this considering the uncertainty of life and certainty of death I make and publish this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. It is my wish and desire that my beloved wife Jane Fulgum have the land and plantation wherein she now lives after my death during her life but she is not to dispose of it in any way and after her death it is my wish and desire that my son Elias Fulgum shall have the said land and plantation as he ought to possess it is further my wish and desire that my son Elias Fulgum shall live on the said land & plantation & carry on the same to the best advantage both for himself and his

Heir upon condition that he Elias Fulgum shall support & maintain his mother Jane Fulgum decently. It is further my wish & desire that my son Elias Fulgum have all of the stock of horses, cattle, sheep & hogs that remain on the plantation after my decease also all of the household & kitchen furniture it is further my wish and desire that my son William Fulgum and Henry Fulgum and my daughter Martha King after my decease take into their possession my three slaves to wit: John, Malinda and Seim and their increase and equally divide them or their proceeds between themselves that is between William Fulgum, Henry Fulgum and Martha King. I further express and appoint my son Henry Fulgum and my son-in-law Anderson King my Executors to carry into effect my wishes. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal, this 16th day of May in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty (1860).

Silas Fulgum Seal

Signed and acknowledged
in the presence of
R. C. Brizendine for
Elias King

I Silas Fulgum do make the following addition or addendum to my foregoing last will. That my beloved wife Jane Fulgum shall have for her own use, all of the beds, bedsteads and bed-furniture, during her natural lifetime and after her death it my wish and request that the said beds, bedsteads, bed-covers, bed-quilts, counter-panses, & sheets be equally divided between her four children William Fulgum, Henry Fulgum, Martha King & Elias Fulgum. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this first day of June 1860.

Witness
R. C. Brizendine for
Elias King

Silas Fulgum Seal

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Saml Stovall 1862

The last will and Testament of Silas Fulgum last was produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by R. C. Brizendine, one of the sub-

scribing, intestate to the same. The other subscribing
intestate Elias King being dead, his handwriting was
duly proved by the oaths of Samuel H. King, and Silas King,
who state that the handwriting of the said Elias King
is generally known in the neighborhood in which he
lives, and that the signatures attached to the will and
Codicil thereto are in the proper handwriting of the
said Elias King. Thereupon said will was ordered to
be recorded. And it appearing to the Court from proof
that Anderson King one of the Executors named in
said will is dead, the other Executors named in said
will Henry Sulgrave having in writing addressed to
the Court, renounced the execution of the same.
The Court appointed Elias Sulgrave Administra-
tor, with the will annexed of the said Elias Sulgrave,
and thereupon the said Elias Sulgrave, together with
Silas King his security appeared in Open Court
and entered into and acknowledged their bond
to the State of Tennessee, in the penal sum of One
Thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs
and was duly qualified.

Test

John L. Bugg Clerk,

I John Mitchell do make and publish this as my last
will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all
former wills by me at any time made. First I direct that
my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon
after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may
be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my
Executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Fran-
ces all of my property of every kind both real and personal
during her natural life to have the full use and benefit
of to enjoy as she may think proper. Secondly after the death
of my wife Frances I give to my two daughters Sallie Mitchell
and Caroline Mitchell the plantation where I now live
and a negro man Dempsey as long as they may remain single
or should either of them marry, then the land and negro
man to remain in the possession of the one that may remain
single to use as long as she may remain single or live to use
as she may think best, and after the death of my wife
I wish all the property of every kind that is not disposed of
to be sold by my executor and divided as hereafter directed.
Thirdly I wish the money arising from the sale of the prop-
erty after the death of my wife to be equally divided be-

tween my children herein named, except Sallie and Caroline each to
have a home worth sixty dollars, and the balance to be equally
divided between Major H. Mitchell, James Mitchell, John Mitchell,
Nancy Sadler, Mary Strother, Sallie Mitchell and Caroline Mitchell
after taking into consideration what they have heretofore received.
I have given to Mary H. Mitchell one hundred and forty eight dol-
lars, James Mitchell has received ninety nine dollars, John Mitchell
has received ninety nine dollars, Nancy Sadler has received seventy
dollars, Mary Strother has received seventy five dollars. Fourthly,
after the marriage or death of my daughter Sallie Mitchell and
Caroline Mitchell, I wish the plantation and negro man
Dempsey sold by my Executors on twelve months credit and
the proceeds of the sale divided as hereafter directed. I give
to the children of my daughter Elizabeth Dempsey one
dollar in addition to what she has heretofore received,
and not to be entitled to anything more. I give to my
daughter Patey Dempsey one dollar and fifty cents
in full of her part of my estate in every way whatever.
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Major H. Mitch-
ell and James Mitchell my Executors. In witness whereof
I do this my will set my hand and seal this the 11th
day of November 1853.

John Mitchell Test.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator.
This 11th day of November 1853.

Tyne H. Bell
Josiah Walton.

State of Tennessee? Sumner County. The last Will and Testament of
John Mitchell dec^d was this day produced in Open
Court for probate, and the subscribing witnesses, Thos.
H. Bell, and Josiah Walton, being ^{being sworn} ~~sworn~~ their re-
spective signatures were duly proven by the oaths of Thos.
C. Douglass and James House Sons to be genuine, and the
will ordered to be recorded. And thereupon Major H. Mitch-
ell one of the Executors named in said will, appeared in
Open Court and accepted the execution of the same - the
other Executors named in said Will being dead. Whereupon
said Major H. Mitchell and his securities, John Mitchell
and George H. Strother appeared in Open Court and entered
into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennes-
see in the penalty of Six Thousand dollars, conditioned
as the law directs and was duly qualified.

John L. Bugg, Clk.

I E. P. Coyer in view of the fact that I have joined a volunteer Company to defend Southern rights and expect to be mustered into service in a few days, and may fall in defence of my Country, do this day make and publish this my last Will and Testament. In consideration of the high admiration I have for R. C. Sanders, and the services he has rendered me gratuitously as preceptor, I give and bequeath to him all my Law Books, and all the rest of my plunder and chattels that I leave in the town of Hardinville. I desire the said R. C. Sanders to take possession of the same immediately upon my departure and use the same as he may deem see fit. I have five sisters namely Elvira E. Anthony, Rachel E. Coyer, Martha E. Anglen, Elizabeth E. Anthony and Mary E. Coyer. I have one brother James H. Coyer, two nephews the children of my deceased brother Thos. E. Coyer, namely Chesley Coyer and Hardy H. Coyer. I give and bequeath to each and all of my sisters brother and nephews all the balance of the books belonging to me, I make this bequest to them in consideration of the great love and affection I have for them. All the balance of the property belonging to me of every kind and character I give and bequeath to my sister Rachel E. Coyer, I make this bequest to her in consideration of the great love and affection I have for her. I hereby make R. C. Sanders my executor, and desire that he execute this my last will upon my death. April 24th 1861.

E. P. Coyer

Signed, Sealed and delivered
in our presence this April 24th 1861.
Test

H. H. Newcome
James Dehon.

State of Tennessee?
Sumner County. The last Will and Testament of E. P. Coyer deceased was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of James Dehon, subscribing witness thereto, and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon R. C. Sanders, the Executor named in said Will, appeared in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same, and together with his securities James Cowgair and H. C. Huffman, entered into and acknowledged his bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Eight Hundred dollars, Conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified. This 7th day of August 1865.

John L. Buzz Clerk.

I John Gourley of Sumner County and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made. First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors hereinafter named.

Secondly, my will is that my plantation on which I now live shall be sold by my executors either privately or at public auction at such time as they may think best for the interest of my children also all of my stock of every description with the exception some of my children not having been made equal with the balance in stock must first receive an equal quantity in value also my household and kitchen furniture and my farming tools be sold in like manner by my said Executors. My will is that the proceeds arising from the sale of the above named property, together with all debts due me at the time of my death be equally divided between my children (viz) Samuel Gourley, Hannah Whithorn wife of Biron Whithorn, Jno. P. Gourley, Sarah Jane Stone, wife of Howard Stone, and Peter Gourley. Having made advancements to my children and the amount being charged to each on a book kept by me for that purpose I wish them to settle by said book those having received smaller amounts are to be made equal with the one that has received the largest amount, then I wish the remainder of my estate to be equally divided between the above named children.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons Samuel Gourley and John P. Gourley as my Executors. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and Testament. This the 27th day of June, 1865.
Signed, Sealed and delivered
in presence of

Daniel Eccles
Benjamin C. Bond,

U. S. Inter. Rec.
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State of Tennessee?
Sumner County. The last Will and Testament of John Gourley dec^d was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of Daniel Eccles and Benjamin C. Bond, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And thereupon Samuel Gourley and John P. Gourley, the Executors named in said Will, appeared in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same, whereupon said Samuel Gourley and John P. Gourley and their securities H. C. Stone and Peter Gourley appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Thirty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and were duly qualified. This the 7th day of August 1865.

John L. Buzz, Clerk.

I, Malinda Walton do make and publish this as my
 Last Will and Testament.
 Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary C. Cooke for and
 during her natural life free from the debts, contracts or liabilities of
 her present or any future husband my negroes Malinda and Ellen
 and their increase to her sole and separate use.
 Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my daughter Amanda H. Moody
 my negroes Harriet and Amy and their increase.
 Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac B. Walton my negroes
 Harry, Mariak and Jennie and their increase.
 Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my grand son Alex H. Summers and to
 my grand daughter Emma H. Summers the land which I pur-
 chased of my son Isaac B. Walton, said land being his entire
 interest in the same upon which I now live, containing by esti-
 mation twenty five acres be the same more or less. I do hereby
 appoint my son Isaac B. Walton trustee for the said Alex and
 Emma H. Summers, who shall at my death sell the said land
 and divide the proceeds equally between the said Alex and
 Emma H. Summers. It is also my desire that if the said
 Alex and Emma H. Summers should die before they become
 of age leaving no children that the proceeds of said land
 shall return to my estate and be equally divided between my
 children Mary C. Cooke, Amanda H. Moody and Isaac B.
 Walton or their representatives.
 Item 5th I will that all the money and notes that I may die possessed
 of after paying all of my contracts shall be equally divided
 between my daughters Mary C. Cooke, Amanda H. Moody and my
 daughter in law Hariah L. Walton to have for their own use and
 benefit. It is also my desire that the balance of my estate con-
 sisting of house hold and kitchen furniture be equally divided
 between the said Mary C. Cooke, Amanda H. Moody and my
 daughter in law Hariah L. Walton.
 I hereby appoint my son Isaac B. Walton my Executor who
 will wind up my estate.
 Signed and acknowledged in
 our presence Jan 8th 1861
 Test James House Senr.
 H. H. House.

U.S. Dist. Ct.
 S. C. B.
 Aug 7th 1865
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State of Tennessee }
 Sumner County } The last Will and Testament of Malinda
 Walton deceased was this day produced in Open Court for probate and
 was proved by the oaths of James House Senr. & H. H. House subscribing
 witnesses thereto. (H. H. House being dead his signature was proven by James
 House, J. C. Douglass and J. L. Buzz) and ordered to be recorded.
 Whereupon Isaac B. Walton, the Executor named in said Will, appeared
 in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same, and together
 with his securities James House Senr. and James House Junr. entered
 into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee

in the penalty of Five Thousand dollars conditioned as the law
 direct and was duly qualified. This 7th day of August 1865.
 Test
 John L. Buzz, Clerk.

I, Elizabeth Coats being sick but of sound mind and
 disposing memory do hereby make and publish this as my last
 will and Testament her by revoking any other made by me at
 any time.
 1st I do hereby will and bequeath unto my sister Lemima
 Hall, on account of my love and affection for her, and her
 care and attention to myself and late husband, all of my
 property of every description both real, personal and mixed
 to her and heirs forever.
 2nd I do hereby appoint my sister Lemima Hall the Execu-
 trix to this my last will and Testament and she is not to be
 required to give bond or security for the execution of the
 same.
 Signed and acknowledged in
 our presence this Aug. 7th 1865.
 E. R. Daughton
 L. J. Brandon.
 her mark
 Mrs. Elizabeth Coats
 U.S. Dist. Ct.
 S. C. B.
 Aug 18, 1865

State of Tennessee }
 Sumner County } The last Will and Testament of Eliza-
 beth Coats dec^d was this day produced in Open Court for
 probate and was duly proved by the oaths of E. R. Daughton
 and L. J. Brandon, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to
 be recorded, there being no bond or security required by said
 will.
 Test
 John L. Buzz, Clerk
 J. F. Prousdale D.C.

Knowing the uncertainty of life, I, Madison Martin,
 make this my last Will. That my wife Mildred Ann have
 the place containing about One hundred and Seventy acres
 of land and all the servants and as much of the perish-
 able property as she sees proper to keep, during her life or
 widowhood. She out of the proceeds of the farm and labor
 of the servants to pay my debts (at this time April the 25th
 1859 about One thousand dollars) After the debts are paid
 apply the proceed to raising and educating our children Sam-
 uel Alexander to be taught & qualified for a profession Law, Medicine
 or Divinity. If in case my wife Mildred Ann should marry again
 the servants and all the perishable property to be divided & equal

ly, between her and our children, by three disinterested freeholders and judges of the relative value of servants and the land to belong to the children, she retaining a life time interest in it and live on the place, clear of charge provided she board the children free of charge. but if the children are charged board she is to pay rent less one fourth and the proceeds to be divided equally between the children. In case she desires to leave the place I leave it to the judgment of her and our executors whether to sell or rent the place till our youngest child becomes of age. If sold the proceeds to be equally divided between our children. This minimum price thirty dollars per acre. It is my request that H. Sanders, Martin Shelton act as my Executors and my wife Mildred Ann as Executrix with them. Given under my hand. This the 25th April, 1859.

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No. 85
Aug 15 1860

Madison Martin L.S.

State of Tenn. }
Sumner County. } The last will and Testament of Madison Martin deceased was this day produced in Open Court for probate and there being no subscribing witnesses to said will, the handwriting of the testator was duly proved by the oaths of H. Sanders, Benjamin S. Rutherford, Wm. Hinkham and J. J. Turner and ordered to be recorded. And the Executors named in said will, to wit, H. Sanders and Martin Shelton renouncing the execution of it, the executrix named in said will M. E. Martin accepted the execution of it and thereupon the said M. E. Martin and her securities H. Sanders and George E. Desmottes appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Ten thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test.
John L. Bugg Clerk
by J. A. Brown Dale S. C.

I Hugh Elliott do make and publish this as my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any former time made. First, I direct, my funeral expenses 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 first come into the hands of my executors. Secondly, I direct that my wife and her three children

have my home plantation until my youngest child becomes of age. Then I direct that my wife and her three children have all that part of my plantation south of the road leading from my house to George Elliotts. Thirdly that my wife and her three children have all my household and kitchen furniture together with all my farming implements and wagon and gear and stock of all kinds. Fourthly, I give to my wife and three children my negro girl Mary and her increase. Fifthly, out of my stock and property I direct that my wife pay all my just debts. Then I direct that all my land and negroes not above named be sold in twelve months time and be equally divided between all my legal heirs at law not named above. Lastly I appoint my friends Joseph Wallace my Executor. In witness whereof I do this my last will set my hand and seal. This January the 27th 1860.
Hugh Elliott Test.

Signed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names here to in presence of the testator, This January the 27th 1860.

Robert H. Donnell }
Wm. Dodd }

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court, Sept. Term, 1865.

The last will and testament of Hugh Elliott dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of Wm. Donnell and Wm. Dodd, subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. The Executor named in said will Joseph Wallace appeared in Open Court and renounced the execution of the same; and thereupon it was ordered by the Court that Elizabeth Elliott be appointed Administratrix with the will annexed of said Hugh Elliott dec'd, and she together with her securities H. Sanders and Wm. Dodd appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Ten thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test.
John L. Bugg Clerk
by J. A. Brown Dale S. C.

State of Tennessee, Sumner County.

I J. G. Perry do this day make and publish this my last will and testament viz; 1st After all my just debts are paid out of any moneys that may come into the hands of my executors.

2^d I will that my two daughters Elizabeth A. Perry
 Martha Ann Perry two negroes viz, Martin & Sindy
 the said negroes to be equally divided between them when
 they are of age. I do hereby nominate and appoint Ab-
 ner S. Shaw Guardian for the said Elizabeth A. Perry and
 Martha Ann Perry as regards the two negroes Martin &
 Sindy, said negroes and their increase to belong to the
 said Elizabeth A. Perry & Martha Ann Perry and their
 children forever.

3^d I will that the remaining negroes belonging
 to my estate viz, Ewing, Dave, Shull & Chas to be hired out
 until all my just debts are paid, then to be kept at home
 or hired as my Executor may think best for the benefit of my
 wife Mary Perry & all my children viz, Elizabeth A.
 Perry Martha Ann Perry Eliza C. Perry Marietta Perry
 & Margaret A. Perry.

4th All my lands is to be used by my wife Mary Perry for
 the benefit of herself and all my children during her natu-
 ral life or widowhood to me then to be equally divided
 between my wife Mary Perry and all my children Eliza-
 beth A. Perry Martha Ann Perry Eliza C. Perry Marietta
 Perry & Margaret A. Perry.

5th I will that all my property both real & personal
 after complying with the first & second clause of this will
 to be used by my wife Mary Perry for the benefit of herself
 and all my children during her natural life or widowhood
 then to be equally divided between herself Mary Perry Eliza
 beth A. Perry Martha Ann Perry Eliza C. Perry Marietta Perry
 and Margaret Perry.

6th I do hereby nominate and appoint Abner S. Shaw
 & Hardy H. Perry Executors to this my last will and
 testament Signed, sealed and

delivered in presence of,

James H. Joyner
 Alex. Hogan

W. S. Ingle Rev.
 \$1.50
 J. C. Perry

J. C. Perry (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court, September Term, 1865.

The last will and Testament of James C.
 Perry deceased was this day produced in Open Court for
 probate and was duly proved by the oaths of James H.
 Joyner and Alex. Hogan subscribing witnesses thereto and
 was ordered to be recorded. And thereupon A. S. Shaw and
 H. H. Perry, the Executors named in said will, appeared
 in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same and
 together with their securities Alex. Hogan and J. H. Joyner
 entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of

dollars

Tennessee in the penalty of
 conditioned as the law directs and were duly qualified.

Test
 John L. Sugg, Clerk
 by J. A. Goudale L.C.

I Samuel Austin being in good health and sound mind in view
 of the uncertainty of life, do this the 22nd day of October in the year of
 our Lord 1861, make this my last will and testament. First of all
 my burial expenses I wish to be paid out of any moneys on hand or
 which may first be collected by my executor. 2nd That all my
 just debts be paid. 3rd I bequeath to my dear wife Mary Ange-
 line all of my then remaining property both real and personal during
 her widowhood, though in case she should marry I wish her to have
 a choice negro of each belong to my estate, that is the negro that she
 may choose to take, and at her death, the negro chosen by her (in
 case she marry) to go to my children with its increase if any provided
 she does not marry I wish her to have the entire right to and control
 of all my property to give off to the children as she may think proper
 that is to say to loan it during her natural life, at her death I wish
 all of my property to be divided equally between all of my children,
 my desire is that my sons have all of the lands if there is sufficient
 property to make my daughters equal in value with the boys, in
 case there is not enough a part of the land I wish to be sold for
 cash so that all may be made equal. I furthermore wish my
 children to divide the negroes among themselves and not sell them
 so that they may be kept in the family. I appoint and name
 Isaac H. Short Executor to this my last will. In testimony
 whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date
 first above written.

In the presence of
 subscribing witnesses.

Sam. H. White
 Drury Short
 Robert Grainger

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court, Sept Term, 1865

The last will and Testament of Samuel
 Austin deceased was this day produced in Open Court for pro-
 bate and was duly proved by the oaths of Sam. H. White and
 Drury Short subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be
 recorded. And the Executor named in said will Isaac
 H. Short appeared in Open Court and accepted the execution
 of the same and together with his securities Mary A. Austin and
 Drury Short, entered into and acknowledged their bond to the

W. S. Ingle Rev.
 \$1.50
 J. C. Perry

State of Tennessee in the penalty of Fifteen Hundred dollars
 conditioned by the law directs and was duly qualified.
 Test John L. Pugh Clerk
 by J. A. Stroudale S.C.

I Robert Boyd do make and publish this as my
 last will and Testament. First I direct my funeral
 expenses and all my debts to be paid as soon after my death
 as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of
 or may come into the hands of my executor. Secondly I
 give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Boyd my Tracts
 of land I am now living on containing One Hundred and
 Twenty acres also Thirty acres I bought of George W. Servey.
 My negro woman named Chang, my wife's life of the negro
 woman Chang should outlive her mistress Margaret Boyd.
 She is to be free & my son William Boyd is to support her as
 long as she lives. I also give unto my wife all the stock I may
 die possessed of of every description & my household and
 kitchen furniture. Thirdly after my wife's death my son
 William Boyd is to have the two Tracts of land above
 named & all the property that my wife may die possessed
 of by William Boyd paying to my two grand daughters
 Margaret & Mary Gibson One Hundred dollars each &
 for their bid and furniture to each. I do hereby appoint
 my son William Boyd my executor and Guardian to my
 two grand daughters. In witness whereof I set my
 hand and seal this May 1851.

Robert Boyd (Sd)

Signed, sealed and published in our presence & we have
 subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the
 Testator this May 1851

James Mathews

Cyrus Boyd

{ W. S. Shiloh
 81. 2. 13. }

State of Tennessee
 Summer County Court, Sept. Term, 1865

The last will and Testament of Robert Boyd
 dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was
 duly proven by the oaths of James Mathews and Cyrus Boyd
 subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And
 Thompson William H. Boyd, the Executor named in said
 will, appeared in Open Court and accepted the execution of the
 same, and together with his securities J. W. McClinton, Esq. and
 Alexander Mathews entered into and acknowledged their bond to
 the State of Tennessee in the penalty of
 dollars conditioned as the law directs & was
 duly qualified. Test John L. Pugh Clerk
 by J. A. Stroudale S.C.

I Joseph G. Anthony do make and publish this as my last
 will and Testament.

1st After the payment of my just debts give my entire estate both
 real and personal to my son Louis Anthony.
 2nd I appoint my children H. P. Anthony and C. H. Moore executors
 of this my will, and give my said Executors full power to dispose
 of and convey by deed any or all of my lands both in Sumner
 County Tennessee and Allen County Kentucky. My said Executors
 are directed to sell such parts of my land as may be necessary
 for the payment of debts and such other parts as they may think
 to be interest of my son to sell.

3rd I direct my Executors to pay off the balance of the purchase
 money on the house and lot in Gallatin which I bought from
 John Hughes. They have power to sell said house and lot if
 they think best but if they conclude not to sell the same then
 when the purchase money is paid I direct that the title be
 made to my son Louis.

4th I direct and request that the above named C. H. Moore
 continue my wood contract with the Cotton Factory in
 Gallatin for so long as he shall be allowed.

5th I hereby by appoint C. H. Moore guardian of my son
 Louis Anthony and direct him if he should think it
 best to have my whole estate sold and invest the proceeds
 in United States Bonds for the benefit of my said son.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
 this the 13th of September, 1865.

J. G. Anthony (Sd)

Signed, sealed & published in our
 presence and we have hereunto Sub-
 scribed our names in the presence of
 the Testator. Jan. the 13th of Sept 1865.

J. R. Eubank,

T. H. Boyers

{ W. S. Shiloh
 81. 2. 13. }

State of Tennessee
 Summer County Court, September Term, 1865

The last Will and Testament of J. G. Antho-
 ny dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate duly
 proved by J. R. Eubank & T. H. Boyers subscribing witnesses
 thereto and ordered to be recorded. H. P. Anthony & C. H. Moore
 the Executors named in said will, accepted the execution
 of the same, and together with their securities J. B. Pascoe
 and J. R. Eubank, appeared in Open Court and entered into
 and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in
 the penalty of Six Thousand dollars, conditioned as the law
 directs and were duly qualified.

Test

John L. Pugh Clerk
 by J. A. Stroudale S.C.

My last will and testament April 6th 1863.

I James Hyatt do make and publish this as my last will and 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 be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I want my beloved wife to have all the property she brought here and all that she has bought since she came here and a child's part of all the property that I am possessed of besides one Year's provision & one bed and furniture, knives and forks, Cupboard ware, a little desk and table, one Sewing Machine called Pinnings. Thirdly I have given John N. Hyatt that the mother had which was two hundred fifty dollars. Fourth That Andrew Hudroe have an equal share of the land that I bought with the Mother's money.

Fifth Elizabeth Hyatt to have equal share of the same.

6th John N. Hudroe to an equal share with next.

7th Sarah Hyatt to have equal with next.

8th David C. Hyatt my son to have the land that I have given him Margaret Benson Mary

Smith I will that my daughter Fyler have an equal portion of each of all my property.

Ninth I William Hyatt my son to have the land that I have given him.

Tenth I will that Sancy my daughter to have an equal part of all the proceeds of all my estate and of chess any thing more coming to J. N. Hyatt. I want it put into the hands of my guardian for his children.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint David C. Hyatt my Executor. I do to this will, set my hand and seal this 6th day of April 1863.

James Hyatt

Signed, Sealed in the presence of us

John S. Sart

A. B. Denning

U.S. Dist. Ct.
S. D. B.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Oct. Term, 1865.

The last will and testament of James Hyatt dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was proven by J. S. Sart one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. The other subscribing witness thereto, A. B. Denning, being absent his handwriting was duly proved by the Oath of J. S. Sart and W. T. Hyatt and the will ordered to be recorded. And therefore David C. Hyatt, the Executor named in said will appeared in

Open Court and accepted the execution of the same and together with his co-counsel Hyatt, Pridem and Thomas R. due entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Twenty five hundred dollars, conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Sub

John J. Buzz Clerk
by J. A. House date 20th

Last Will and Testament of
Carson Dobbins

In the name of God Amen.

I Carson Dobbins, Farmer, at present a resident of Sumner County, Tennessee being of sound body and mind, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time made, previously forth them.

As regards my worldly estate it has pleased God to entrust me with. I dispose of the same as follows. I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible out of any money I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Second Item.

I direct that all my property, both real and personal, be placed in the hands of my beloved wife Minerva E. Dobbins, to be used at her discretion for her own maintenance, and for the educating and raising of my children until they all arrive at age, as would have been done were I living. I further more direct that as my children arrive at age, the Executor herein after named, may give to such children such part or parts of my estate as she in her judgment may think best; and that a strict and just account must be kept of such gifts; and also that at the time such gifts are made they are to be valued by two or three disinterested persons.

I further more direct that my beloved wife always retains enough of my property (except such part or parts as may have been given to the children when they arrive at age) for her own maintenance during her life; and that at her decease the property be divided among all my children share and share alike, deducting from each what may have been given by valuation. In the event of my wife again marrying I direct that at such time she receive a child's part according to valuation by disinterested persons; and that in case of such event the remaining property is to be equally divided among the children when the youngest comes of age; but that in all other respects, she carries out my intentions mentioned above in the Second Item.

Third Item.

And I do hereby ordain and appoint the above
said Lewis & B. Robbins my beloved wife the sole Execu-
tors of my estate and this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I Carson Dobbins, have to this
my last will and testament, At my hand and seal, this Sixth
day of September, in the year of our Lord, One thousand
eight hundred and fifty two.

Carson Dobbins Seal

Witness
R. H. Rogers
C. Foster Williams.

State of Tennessee.

Sumner County Court, October Term, 1865.

The last will and testament of Carson
Dobbins dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for
probate and was duly proved by the oath of R. H. Rogers,
subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Minerva E. Dobbins, the Executrix named in said will, ap-
peared in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same
and together with her Securities G. B. Dobbins and R. N.
Such, entered into and acknowledged her bond to the State
of Tennessee in the penalty of Four Thousand dollars, con-
ditioned as the law directs and pay duly qualified.

John L. Gugg, Clerk
By J. A. Trausdall D.C.

I John Shepherd, do make and publish this as my
last will and testament, hereby revoking all others by me at
any time made and the same are to be held void.

Item 1st. It is my will that all my debts funeral ex-
penses &c be paid by my Executor hereinafter named, mention-
ed of any money, notes or accounts that I may have on hand
at the time of my death, and if not a sufficiency to pay the
same, I desire my Executors to sell such personal property,
negroes excepted, as my wife shall designate for that purpose,
and that thus all my debts be paid.

Item 2nd. I give to my wife Martha Shepherd during
her natural life all my personal property of every descrip-
tion, after the payment of debts, consisting of stock, house-
hold furniture, crops and negroes Chas. & Cash notes, also all
of my real estate consisting of a tract of land in Sumner
County, Tennessee containing about 230 acres the same upon
which I now reside. She is to have the exclusive use and en-
joyment of the same during her life. At her death it is my will
that all of said property both real and personal be equally divided
among my four children to wit, Debra Knight who is married

with Wm. Knight and Martha Pegg, who is married to Edward Pegg
and Catharine Pegg, who is married to John D. Pegg and James
Shepherd. At the death of my wife all of said property is to be equally
divided between the children named and if any of them shall
die with children, the portion of such child to go to my grand children
such grand children are to take their father's part, and in the
event James Shepherd should die before my wife without issue his
portion is to be equally divided among all my surviving children.
It is further my will that in the division among my 4 children
that no account of advancements shall be taken or made.

Item 3rd. I give to my son Wm. Shepherd one hundred dollars
to be paid by my Executors out of any means on hand. I feel this
same affection for William that I do for the balance but I have
done a better part by him and think this just that he should
have but one hundred dollars more of my estate.

Item 4th. All property that my children now have in pos-
session, whether they have deeds for the same or not, they are to
hold.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Joseph H. Robb
my Executor of this my last will and testament and should he
not qualify as such, the County Court with the consent of my
wife, shall appoint an executor. In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this as my
last Will and Testament.

John Shepherd Seal

Signed by making the mark, sealed,
& acknowledged in our presence
& we are called on to witness this
at the last will of the Testator
John Shepherd this 14th of July,
1857.

Wm. H. Solomon
David Johnson
J. D. Platenberg

26.50 lbs
1900
J. D. B.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court, October Term, 1865.

The last will and testament of John Shep-
herd deceased was this day produced in Open Court for probate
and was duly proved by the oath of David Johnson & J. D. Platen-
berg and ordered to be recorded. Joseph H. Robb the
Executor named in said will having renounced the execution of
the same, it was ordered by the Court that W. C. Knight be ap-
pointed Administrator with the will annexed, of all and
singular the goods & chattels, rights and credits of the estate
of the said John Shepherd deceased, and thereupon the said W. C.
Knight and his Securities J. R. C. Perkins and H. P. Field
appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged

their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Four thousand dollars conditioned as the law direct and was duly qualified.

John L. Sugg, Clerk
By J. H. Frousdale, D.C.

I, Richard J. Thompson of the County of Sumner, State of Tennessee, do make and publish this my last will and testament: And first, I give and bequeath all my property, real or personal to my wife Mary Ann Thompson during her lifetime. At the death of my wife I direct that all that part of my property which came by myself, be given to my sister Mary Ann Thomson and her children. I also direct that whatever property may have come by my wife Mary Ann Thomson, be left entirely and exclusively at her own disposal to do as she please with after her death. I do hereby make, ordain and appoint Robert K. Brown the executor, and my wife Mary Ann the executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I, Richard J. Thompson, the said testator, have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal, this the eleven th day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

Richard J. Thompson (Seal)

Signed, Sealed and published in the presence of us, who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and of each other.

Yaselda Dunn
Jesse Darns
N. L. Darns

U.S. Dist. Ct.
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S.E. 13.
Aug. 1865

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court, Oct. Term, 1865

The last will and testament of Richard J. Thompson dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was proved by Jas Darns one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Robert K. Brown, one of the Executors named in said will, having renounced the execution of the same, the other Executor, Mary A. Thompson named, appeared in Open Court and accepted the execution of it and together with her securities H. H. Stratton and C. Love appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Four thousand dollars conditioned as the

law direct and was duly qualified.

John L. Sugg, Clerk
By J. H. Frousdale, D.C.

I am this morning a going to start to Springfield Ill. mois and if I should not return I leave all of my property both real and personal to my wife Jane during her natural life or widowhood to dispose of as she may think best for the purpose of supporting of our children.

Josephus Williams

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court, Oct. Term, 1865.

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Josephus Williams dec'd was this day produced in Open Court for probate. And it appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court from proof adduced that the said paper writing, being without subscribing witnesses, was found after the death of the said Josephus Williams among his valuable papers, and thereupon came into Court James E. Ledbetter, James H. Higdon and G. H. Sparks, three credible witnesses, who after being sworn state that they were well acquainted with Josephus Williams in his life time, as well as with his hand writing, having seen him write frequently, and which is generally known by his acquaintances and that they verily believe the paper writing now to them shown and every part thereof is in his own handwriting. It is therefore considered by the Court that said will is well proven, and will therefore be recorded.

Copy Test

John L. Sugg, Clerk
By J. H. Frousdale, D.C.

Callaway, Tennessee, July 1st 1863.

Know all men by these presents that I Christiana May of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee do this day and date above mentioned make this my first and last will of, testifying and desirous to secure my part of property to my only grand daughter Eliza Caroline Crump. I hereby give with and convey the following property, Eliza Caroline Crump my negro boy named Jeff, aged about two years, also Four hundred dollars out of the note that I hold against Wm. C. Lanes Estate the remainder of my property which consist in one negro man Andrew one negro woman named Mary the remainder of the note on H. C. Lanes Estate of

Six hundred dollars more or less. I will the negroes sold
 to the highest bidder and the proceeds of the Sale of the
 two negroes and the remainder of Said Davis note of Six
 hundred dollars be equally divided between my five
 grand children viz, Wm. S. Crump, John S. Crump,
 Walter S. Crump, Jas. S. Crump and Eliza Caroline Crump
 that the said Eliza Caroline Crump shall have choice
 of a bed and bed clothing. My household and kitchen
 furniture to be divided between my five children named
 above mentioned all that they may want of it. The re-
 mainder be sold and proceeds divided. I hereby appoint
 E. S. Wallace and H. J. Lucas Commissioners to divide
 the household and kitchen furniture. I claim and
 hereby hold the said property all of which until my death at
 which time the will shall be set up.

It is my last wish and will that the family grave
 yard in the Gallatin Cemetery be strong and well paved
 in and painted white with black border and that a
 neat plain head and foot stone be placed at my
 grave the cost of the above and my funeral expenses
 to be paid out of any of my property herein mentioned
 or not mentioned except the negro boy and the Four
 hundred dollars which I conveyed to Eliza Caroline
 Crump.

Given under my hand as on day and date
 above mentioned.

Christiana May Seal

S. B. Hale

E. S. Wallace

State of Tennessee
 Sumner County Court October Term 1865

The last will and testament of Chris-
 tiana May, deceased was this day produced in Court
 for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of S. B.
 Hale and E. S. Wallace, subscribing witnesses thereto and
 ordered to be recorded. There being no Executor or
 Executrix named in Said Will, it was ordered by the
 Court that H. J. Lucas be appointed Administrator
 with the will annexed of Said Christiana May dec'd,
 and thereupon the said H. J. Lucas with his securities
 Wm. S. Crump and Charles W. Moore appeared in Open
 Court and entered into and acknowledged his bond
 to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Two Thou-
 sand dollars, conditioned as the Law directs, and
 was duly qualified.

Test

John S. Buggs Clerk
 by John S. Buggs

I, Lucius A. Baker of the County of Sumner
 & State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will
 and testament in manner as follows: First I give
 & bequeath to my wife Susanna E. Baker all the tract of land
 whereon we now reside, containing two hundred and forty
 acres more or less situated on the Louisville & Nashville
 F.V. road in the 3rd District of said County of Sumner,
 with all appurtenances thereto. I also give & bequeath to her
 all of my negroes, which I now possess & their natural increase
 together with all my stock of horses, cattle and all other live
 stock I possess and all other personal property I have including
 all debt by note or account coming to me or my estate here-
 after. All of the above above specified property however I
 hereby give and bequeath to my said wife in case and con-
 dition that she never marries again during her life;
 If however she marries again then & in that case I give and
 bequeath to her my said wife the half of all my property and
 effects of every kind, as above specified to be her own & the
 remainder of said property I give & bequeath to my two sis-
 ters, Edmund E. Cole and Elizabeth A. Stuart to be equally
 divided between them. In witness whereof I hereunto set
 my hand and seal, this 20th Sept 1862.

James H. Cole
 S. D. Sanders.

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State of Tennessee
 Sumner County Court October Term 1865.
 Appeared writing purporting to be the
 last will and testament of L. A. Baker, deceased was
 this day produced in Court for probate duly proved
 by the oaths of James H. Cole and S. D. Sanders, sub-
 scribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
 Ordered by the Court that Wm. H. Draper be appointed
 Administrator of all and singular the goods and chat-
 tels, rights and credits of the estate of L. A. Baker, Jr.,
 deceased; and thereupon the said Wm. H. Draper and
 his securities L. A. Baker, Sr. and H. E. Dunn appeared
 in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their
 bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of Two Thou-
 sand dollars, conditioned as the Law directs and
 was duly qualified.

Test John S. Buggs Clerk
 by John S. Buggs

The last will and Testament of Josiah Bush considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I wish I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Catherine all of my property both real personal and mixed to have and to hold use during her natural life and at her death to be sold to the best advantage and divided amongst my children equally with this exception to viz John W. Bush Mary Catherine Sarah Elizabeth and George A Bush to receive one hundred dollars apiece more than the following named children Samuel, Letha, Henry & Edward. I hereby appoint C. N. Dural executor of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 3^d day of June 1862.

Josiah Bush Seal

Attesting Witnesses
Thomas Teoly
Thomas Barnard
Sanford Barnard

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State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1865

The last will and Testament of Josiah Bush deceased was this day produced in Open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oath of Thomas Barnard and Sanford Barnard.

Subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And thereupon C. N. Dural, the executor appointed in said will appeared in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same & together with J. H. Jordan and J. C. Hermann his securities appeared in Open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the penalty of One thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified.

Test

John L. Dugg Clerk
by J. A. Spensdale D.C.

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Robb of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being at present blessed with my usual exercise of mind and memory, knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, believe it to be my duty to make the following arrangements relative to my temporal concerns.

Item 1st It is my wish that my mortal remains be interred in a neat plain coffin in a grave by the side of the mortal remains of her who was partner with me through the care and trials of life from youth to advanced years, hoping that through the atonements of the Saviour of sinful men my soul will be received by God who gave it.

Item 2nd It is my will that my funeral expenses with all my just debts be paid.

Item 3rd It is my will that my son William H. Robb have the tract of land deeded to me by Eli Odum together with a five acre tract of land deeded to me by Abner Sykes. I furthermore give my son William H. Robb a negro man named Carroll. But the property which I have devised to my son W. H. Robb being more (from the best estimate I can make of the value of my property) than an equal share I believe it just for me, and I do hereby require my son William H. Robb to pay to the executor of this my last will the sum of fourteen hundred dollars within two years after my death, when payment is to be made in two equal annual installments.

Item 4th It is my will that the tract of land whereon I live the boundaries of which can be seen by referring to the plat made when foreclosed, to be sold on a credit at the discretion of my executors to the highest bidder.

Item 5th It is my will that a tract of land on the ridge containing about eighty five acres be kept for the use of any of my legacies who may wish to get timber there, when no longer wanted by any one of them for that purpose to be sold the proceeds thereof divided equally amongst all my legacies.

Item 6th It is my will that every description of live stock, all household and kitchen furniture, wagons, all farming utensils and a few shares of Tennessee Stock be all sold upon a credit of twelve months.

Item 7th It is my will that all my negroes which I hold as property except a girl named Adaline whom I have by positive promise given to my daughter Martha J. McButcheron which negro girl Adaline my daughter W. D. McButcheron is to have at cash valuation the amount of which valuation is to be charged to her account, all the other negroes except Carroll who has already been devised to be valued the amount of which valuation together with the amount of all sale made by my executors including what my son William H. Robb has to pay my executors, and every debt due my estate and the amount of each of my childrens accounts or charged for property heretofore received to be all added together from which aggregate amount I wish fourteen hundred dollars first to be given to my son Julius H. Robb, the whole of the remainder to be equally divided share and share alike be-

between my daughter Eliza H. Watkins, my daughter Sarah A. Gage, my son J. H. Robb, my son Alfred Robb, my son Edward Robb, my son George C. Robb, my daughter Martha J. H. Cutler, my son James Robb and my son Julius V. Robb. Item 8th If it should become necessary & the division of the negroes for any sale or sales to be made to equalize the divisions, I hereby authorize my executors to make sale, but positively prohibit them from separating man and wife, mother and small child. Item 9th It is my will that my son Edward Robb have my Encyclopedia my other books to be equally divided amongst all my other children giving my son Julius V. Robb my old family Bible. Item 9th It is my will and desire that my son J. H. Robb and my son Alfred Robb be the executors of this my last will and testament.

In testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 13th of Jan^y 1849.

Test
G. S. Gray
J. A. H. Tomkins

Received of my son William H. Robb fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400⁰⁰) as devised in my within will Item 3rd received by me this the 6th day of December 1855.

Test James Robb

Jos. Robb

Received of my father Joseph Robb One thousand dollars (\$1000⁰⁰) of the fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400⁰⁰) as devised in his within will Item 7th to be paid me by his executors, received by me this the 6th day of December 1855.

Test James Robb

Julius V. Robb

Received of my father Joseph Robb four hundred dollars the balance of the fourteen hundred as devised in Item 7th in the within will this 1st December 1860.

Test Joseph H. Robb

Julius V. Robb

I Joseph Robb do hereby make and publish this as a Codicil to my will. My son W. H. Robb has paid me the fourteen hundred dollars that I directed in my will to be paid by him; I now will that he have to himself his heirs and assigns forever without incumbrance the whole of the Eden & Abner Spruce tracts of land and that he be not charged rent for any time that he has had or may have said lands in possession.

2nd I have given to my son Julius V. Robb One thousand dollars, I direct that my executors pay him four

hundred dollars instead of the fourteen hundred dollars devised in the will.

3rd I have charged my daughter Martha Jane with the negro Adeline as an advancement and I direct that she have that negro at the price charged in my book.

4th The negroes that I may not have disposed of before my death and which may at that time belong to me, I wish valued by 3 disinterested persons to be chosen by my executors or executor and then the negroes with the net monies belonging to my estate arising from the sale of real or personal property and from all other sources, shall after paying the special legacies, be equally divided between my children Eliza H., Sarah A., Joseph H., Alfred, Edward C., George C., Martha Jane, James and Julius V. The negroes are to be received at the rates fixed by the 3 valuers. The particular shares that each one shall receive shall be determined by lot. Each of my children (except William & Julius) shall in the division & settlement of my estate be first charged with the advancements that they may have received respectively from me in my life time, an account of which is in my book of advancements, it being my will that all my children shall be made equal in the division of my estate, except William & Julius, for whom I have thought it my duty to do more than for my other children.

5th Having in the 2nd Item of my will directed my executors to sell the tract of land on which I now live, I modify that item so far as to direct my executors or executor to sell to my son Julius V. Robb the whole of said tract of land for the sum of Seven thousand and four hundred dollars on one or two years time, and I give to my son Julius V. Robb the privilege of taking the said tract of land at that price, but if Julius should not buy the said land at that price, then my executors or executor shall sell the same to the highest bidder on such time as they may think best for the interest of my legatee and appropriate the proceeds of the sale as heretofore directed.

6 I wish my executors for their services as such to have each One hundred dollars and I will that they or either of them may qualify as such without being required to give any security. In testimony of all which I have this the 19th day of June 1856 set my hand & seal.

Test

G. S. Gray pro
J. A. H. Tomkins pro

Jos. Robb Seal

Additional Codicil. I have given to my son Julius V. Robb my negro boy Harry, & my negro girl Louisa and their increase forever & I do now will that he shall have them & that he shall be charged in the settlement

ment of my estate with said negroes at the price of \$1500.
as an advancement. In the distribution each of my children
shall be charged with the amounts that I have or may
hereafter charge against them respectively in my books of
accounts or advancements. This, the 27th day of May 1857.
Joseph Robb *and*

J. R. A. Tomkins *pro*
G. S. Gray *pro*

Int. Dec.
\$12.50 Dollars
J. R. A.
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State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court December Term 1865

The last will and testament of Joseph Robb deceased
was this day produced in Open Court for probate, duly
proved by the oaths of G. S. Gray and J. R. A. Tomkins
subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
Joseph R. Robb one of the executors named in said will -
the other executor named Alfred Robb being dead - appeared
in Open Court and accepted the execution of the same and
was duly qualified without being required to give bond,
according to a provision in the will.

Test

John L. Buzz Clerk
by J. A. Frousdale D.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Francis Vourice
of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being of
sound ~~mind~~ 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.

1st Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Margaret Vourice all the lands that I own in and adjoining
the town of Gallatin, being the lands I purchased of Charles
E. Smith and Franklin D. Wilson, and his sisters con-
taining two hundred and sixty one acre & one half
to be her own to dispose of as she may think best at
her death.

2nd Item. I also give and bequeath to my wife Mar-
garet Vourice the following slaves and their more or
less. One man Sances woman Peggy and woman
Jane, Micaella and Clarissa to be hers absolutely with
the full power to dispose of as she pleases. I also
give to my wife Margaret Vourice the following
horses to wit two Colts one out of Helen mare by

Jim House and the other out of a black mare by Pacific -
one one year old and the other now sucking and a bay mare
four years old Bardsman horse and also sufficient mules
& work horses to carry on the farm.

I have given her also all my stock of Cattle & sheep now on
the farm or that may be there at my death. Also all my house-
hold and kitchen furniture & farming utensils to be hers abso-
lutely. I also give to my wife Margaret Vourice the sum of
three hundred & fifty dollars in money to be paid out of
any funds or assets on hand at my death.

3rd Item I will and bequeath to my grand children, the
two daughters of my de^d son James R. Vourice the planta-
tion I purchased of Hon. Allen H. Wilson, containing by
estimation one hundred & thirty three acres, and also to them
a portion of the tract I purchased of William Stark
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 be-
tween my other children or their heirs share and share alike.
I also give and bequeath to my said two grand daughters
the sum of One thousand dollars for the purpose of educating
them.

4th Item I lend unto my son Alexander S. Vourice my
tract of land lying in the County of Sumner that I purchased
of David Wilson containing about two hundred and sixty
five acres, during his natural life and after his death to
the lawful heirs of his body, begotten in wedlock or in 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 S. Vourice the following slaves to wit Tony
and 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 S. Vourice the
sum of Four thousand dollars to be paid him by my Ex-
ecutors out of any money or assets after my death.

5th Item I lend to my son Patrick E. Vourice the following
lands to wit the brick house I purchased of John L. Sora-
ney in the town of Cairo also one hundred acres of land
I purchased of the Steamboat Company adjoining Cairo.
Also one hundred and 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 150 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. Vourice