

Jonathan Sattum of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, hereby declaring all former Wills heretofore at any time by me made, first, my will and desire is that all my just debts should be paid by my executors. - Second, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Betsey Sattum all the tract of land whereon we live on together with all the property of every description of which I may possess at my death, to have and enjoy during her life, and at my wife's death I will and bequeath the tract of land to my son Jacob Sattum, I also give and bequeath to my son Jacob Sattum my big Little in Shandy; I will and bequeath to my daughter Betsey Ann after my wife's death all my household and kitchen furniture and one bed and furniture and one chest, which I give to my beloved wife to dispose of as she may think proper, my will and desire is that my son Jacob Sattum should receive thirty dollars in property or money, at my wife's death, provided there should be enough left, but otherwise disposed of in this order, being as I do that I have given to my son Jacob Sattum more than I like, I have no will to leave any thing, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Jacob Sattum and my friend Abner Matthews Executors to this my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one

At Franklin
A. Matthews
A. Morris

Jonathan Sattum
mark

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court January Term 1846

The last will and Testament of Jonathan Sattum dead was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of A. Matthews and A. Morris two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is now before Court to be recorded

Copy Test M. S. Munday Clerk

In the name of God, Amen. I Asahel N. Reese being weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament. viz. It is my earnest that all my just debts be paid out of my estate. Also that my will and desire to make any disposition of my property other than what the Law will make I ought that it is, my will that all my perishable property, stock of all kinds together with all my repairs shall remain upon my farm in the hands and possession of my family and that they raise a crop and feed and keep all the stock in good order and that the sale of said stock and other perishable property take place about the first day of September next or at such other time as my executor shall think best. After said sale my share to be laid out or divided amongst my heirs as may be most to their advantage.

I do hereby appoint my friend A. N. Blackmore my executor to this my last will. - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of March 1845

At R. A. Thompson
Stephen Williams

A. N. Reese

State of Tennessee Sumner County Court Jan'y Term 1846

The last will and Testament of A. N. Reese dead was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of R. A. Thompson and Stephen Williams

one of the subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered by the Court to be recorded
Copy Test M. S. Munday Clerk

I Mary Small do make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby declaring any making void all other Wills by me at any time 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 money that I may die possessed of, or my just come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly - I give and bequeath unto each of my beloved Sons Simeon & Theron the sum of Twenty five Dollars in Money to be paid as soon after my death as possible. Thirdly - I give and bequeath unto my Son Simeon the sum of Fifty Dollars - Fourthly - I give and bequeath to my niece Mary, daughter of the sum of Fifty Dollars -

Fifthly - I give and bequeath to my Grandchildren James W. Coyer, Thomas C. Coyer, Elizabeth C. Coyer, Priscilla W. Coyer, Edward W. Coyer, Martha Ann, Betsey, Abner C. Coyer, Mary Coyer and John S. Coyer, Children of my Son James W. Coyer the whole of my estate both real and personal, after the payment of the above bequests, Reserving to my son James W. Coyer the privilege of residing on my tract of land on which I now live, until the said John S. Coyer shall attain the age of Seventy one year free of Rent - After which time it is my will and desire that said land be sold by my Executor, and the proceeds after paying charges be equally divided among my above named Grandchildren, share and share alike. Lastly - I do hereby nominate and appoint A. N. Coyer, James Coyer, Thomas Coyer my Executors, and testimony of which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of July 1844

First - It is my will and desire that my five Granddaughters have each one Bed and furniture & clover to have first choice

Then - I give and bequeath to my Son Simeon in addition to what I have already given him one bed and furniture -

Then - I give my share of clover in addition to what I have given him in this Will. - Lastly - I do hereby again appoint Executors to this Will James W. Coyer, Thomas Coyer and James Coyer this fifth day of July 1844

Test Elmore Douglas
Willie S. Douglas

Mary Small
mark

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court February Term 1846

The last Will and Testament of Mary Small dead was produced in open Court for Probate and was duly proved by the oaths of Elmore Douglas and Willie S. Douglas two of the subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered by the Court to be recorded

Copy Test M. S. Munday Clerk

In the name of God. Amen. I John A. Martin being afflicted in body, yet sound in mind and memory. Taking into consideration the certainty of life and the certainty of death, do make this my last will and testament hereby making all former Wills null and void. I first it is my will that my just debt be paid. Second to my Brother Thomas A. Martin, Silver and bequest, my overcoat, Casimire pants, boots, shoes, thin shirts and twenty five Dollars in money. Third my other clothes except my Black coat, gown and flannel shirts, may be divided between my Brothers Robt. William and James A. Martin, to Robert I give also my saddle - Fourth to my Brother Peter A. Martin Senior I give Ten Dollars. Fifth to my sister Anne A. Martin I give my trunk, beads, Martingale and Twenty five Dollars. Sixth to my Dear Mother I give my house and Twenty five Dollars. Seventh to the following named Brothers and Sisters to wit, James A. Martin, David B. Martin, Mrs. A. Martin, Martha C. Martin and Matilda A. Martin, I give five Dollars and the balance of my estate of every description I will and bequest to my father Peter A. Martin Senior, Committing to him the execution of this my last Will and Testament. Witness, that I have signed this will, with my own hand this sixth day of February 1846, in presence of

Subscribing Witnesses John A. Martin (Sd) Wm. H. Holt John Martin State of Tennessee Summer County Court March Term 1846 The last Will and Testament of John A. Martin Decd. was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of Robt. Wm. A. Holt and John Martin Subscribing Witnesses there to Which is ordered by the Court to be recorded Copy Test Wm. H. Holt (Clk)

State of Tennessee Summer County I Hugh Mager do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby making and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. - first I direct that any funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may first come to the hands of my Executor. - secondly - I give and bequest to my beloved wife Rachael Ann Mager all my lands, stock of every description, my household and kitchen furniture and every description of property that I may be possessed of having first given all my children their portion - Lastly - I do nominate and appoint Thomas C. Douglass to be my Executor in all things whereof I have any land and office my last this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three

Hugh X. Mager Signed sealed and published in our presence with the presence of the Testator this day and date above written. Attest John L. Osborn State of Tennessee Summer County Court March Term 1846 The last Will and Testament of Hugh Mager Decd. was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of John L. Osborn and Jas. Douglass Subscribing Witnesses there to Which is ordered by the Court to be recorded Copy Test John L. Osborn (Clk)

This is to certify that I Ebenezer Parker of Sumner County and State of Tennessee being in good health but of sound mind and a discriminating judgment do make this my last will and testament. Item 1st It is my wish, will, and desire that each of my daughters be paid Five Hundred Dollars out of my estate in order to make them equal with my sons, who have already received in lands and other property one thousand and sixty dollars. My daughter Elizabeth Thompson has already received the following amount or more to be deducted from her share Five Hundred Dollars (viz) one hundred Dollars which I paid to my brother John Parker and Elizabeth Thompson. Also a note of hand on Ebenezer Thompson for one hundred and sixty Dollars to be given up to the S. Thompson after my decease.

My daughter, Malvina Walsh has already received Seven hundred Dollars for her share of her husband Ebenezer Walsh. This said Seven hundred Dollars must be deducted from Malvina Walsh's share of Five Hundred Dollars after my decease, and this note given up to her husband Peter Walsh; the balance Two Hundred Dollars; I will then my daughter Malvina Walsh, her and her heirs forever, shall be subject to this John Walsh's debt in any case whatever.

Item 2nd I will and bequest to my wife Agnes Parker during her natural lifetime the land plantation on which I now live containing something like Two Hundred acres for her individual use and benefit. After her decease my will is that the plantation containing the above named two Hundred acres of land be sold on a credit of twelve months, and the proceeds of the sale be equally divided between my lawful sons and daughters except Peter Walsh. In order to secure to my daughter Malvina Walsh an equal share with the balance of my children I will and bequest to her and her heirs the one seventh part of the amount which the land being brought not being subject to her husband John Walsh's debt.

Item 3rd I will to my wife Agnes Parker during her natural life time my Mares and Cows and the following horses and Mules, namely my Gray horse Tom and my sorrel horse I named and my two work mules Timmy and Jack.

Item 4th I will to my wife Agnes Parker for the best ploughs of four bright and four hoes and three axes during her lifetime. Item 5th I will to my wife Agnes Parker fifteen head of killing hogs four good hens and pigs in order to make her meat for the second year, Three head of the first choice, fifteen head of sheep four choice during her life time.

Item 6th I wish my wife Agnes Parker to have the use and benefit of the following Negroes during her natural life time - namely a Negro boy Charles, a Negro boy Levi, a Negro Girl Sally, a Negro Girl Rosa and her child also a Negro Girl Eliza. Item 7th I will and bequest to my wife Agnes Parker four Hundred Dollars in Cash, money on hands for the purpose of buying such necessary articles of clothing and Groceries she may require.

Item 8th I will and bequest to my wife during her lifetime two beds & their furniture also the cooking utensils which are now on hands. Item 9th It is my will and desire that all the stock, horses, hogs, cattle, and sheep, mules, farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture, money land and Negroes return back to the estate at the decease of my wife Agnes Parker, and be sold and the proceeds be equally divided amongst my sons and daughters with this condition that after the property and money were turned in the 9th item has been sold and the amount ascertained that the one seventh part shall go to Malvina Walsh her heirs and assigns forever.

Item 10th I have four hundred and thirty two acres of land lying in the Western District of Sumner County Tenn. which I wish to be sold on a credit of two

In the name of God Amen

Indorse

As it is understood that William

Fraser of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being frail of body, but of perfect mind and memory do hereby make and solemn the my last will and testament these be my bequeathments all former wills heretofore by me made.

I leave to my eldest son John Fraser the use of the place taken when he now lives bounded as follows Beginning and running with the fence Northwesterly (that now divides his farm from mine) to the big road, thence with said road westerly to a Sugar in my line thence due west to my original Corn or supposed to contain fifty acres - Also leave him the use of forty acres of the west end of the tract where I now live. Also leave him the use and possession of my Negro Boy Dick in all the above named property, real and personal, until his use and occupation is bound to the said John during his natural life at his death to be equally divided among all my living children and the heirs of those who may be dead at that time, but should said John have a child or children, then the above property to go to them at his death.

Secondly I leave to my daughter Mary the use of One hundred acres of land of my Home tract to be laid off and beginning the forty acres bound to John Fraser above. Also the use and possession of my Negro Man Henry and Negro Woman Martha and Negro Girl Florie, also two feather Beds and furniture, four head of Horses, two Milk Cows, the use of all said property above named real and personal, and increase is bound to said Mary during her natural life, at her death to go to her children and she have any, if she leaves no children the same property to go to my remaining children, or grand children as she may direct.

Thirdly I leave to my eldest daughter Sarah the use and possession of One hundred and twenty acres of land of my Home tract to be laid off and beginning Henry's past and containing my Mansion House - Also the use and possession of the following Furniture, a Horse, a Mare, and her three Mares, a Cow, a Heifer and a Sheep, two feather Beds and furniture, seven head of Horses, two Milk Cows - all the above property real and personal with all increase my daughter Sarah to have and her heirs and possession of during her natural life, at her death to be equally divided among my heirs, as she may direct - Also leave my two daughters, Sarah and Mary the use and interest of all my house hold and kitchen furniture, during their lives, at their death to go as they may direct.

I leave unto my daughter Ann Latham my negro wife

Kelly and her two children named David and Thomas. Also the use and possession of One hundred acres of land that she has from the forty acres of land out of my Home tract, to be laid out as follows to begin at Sarah Fraser's North East Corner, to run North with Sarah's line as far as by survey due East to my original Boundary - thence North with said East boundary as far as to include forty acres, by leaving sufficiency of the North East Corner of my Home tract, to make up the tract when on Thomas Fraser now lives, eighty acres, North to Corn South of the road going around my home plantation. My grandson John Latham to the use of twenty acres of the said forty bound to his Mother so long as he chooses. I also leave said Ann Latham the use of the following property, now in her possession One Bed and furniture, One Bedstead and Cupboard, One Table. All the above property to be used and personal with the increase my daughter Ann to have the use during her natural life, from the Central of her husband's death at her death the whole to be equally divided among her children and their children should any of her have any.

I leave to my daughter John Hamilton the entire use of my Negro tract of land containing two hundred and fifty acres or more during her natural life, at her death to be equally divided between her children - Also give to her three negroes heretofore bequeathed to her by gift.

I leave to my daughter Elizabeth Cunningham my Negro woman Happy and her four children, My Daughter, John and Minnie during her natural life, at her death said Negro with all increase to be equally divided among her children and grand children - Also leave to my daughter Eliza with the use of the remaining part of my Home tract of land thirteen acres more or less, to be in the North East Corner of my Home tract, with the proceeds of said timber from the forty acres given to her children to keep as far as at her death to go equally to her children.

Fourthly I leave to my daughter Mary Ann Cunningham the use of my Negro woman and her three children, Kelly, Mary and Happy - Also the use of One hundred and fifty acres of land on which she and her husband now live called the Nitroing place - the above property real and personal I leave with all increase to my daughter Mary Ann during her natural life at her death to be equally divided among her children.

I leave to my son Thomas Fraser the use of my Negro man called at the West of land where he now lives, to contain Eighty Acres by the addition before mentioned - said property real and personal with all increase the use thereof I leave to the said Thomas during his natural life at his death his daughter Mary to have forty acres of the above named eight to include the House and Spring at her death to go to her children, the remaining part of the eighty acres at said Thomas' death together with

properly loaned to Thomas to be equally divided between his
Children James, William, Jane, Elizabeth, John, William
and on others - Jane to have no more land.

Finally To my Children George, Elizabeth, Catherine, Margaret
Abraham, Thomas, George and Jane Whitehead I give
the following Negroes jointly, Amy, Bill, David, Mabel, Hannah
and Mary to be retained in the family, but to divide the
each of the above named Children to have an equal share
said Negroes not to be sold out of my family - things
falling to Thomas, George in an equal division the use
of which I lend to said Thomas his life time at his death
to go equally to the above named Children of Thomas, George
namely all notes and accounts which I now have against any of
my Children or grand Children to be null and void at my death
all my other notes and accounts and money that may be or
have at my death to gather with the proceeds of the property
not given away in this will to be sold by my Executors to
be divided into eleven equal parts, John George, Sarah
George, and Mary George each to have two shares, the
balance of my Children each to have one share.

I do hereby appoint John George and John Whitehead
my sole Executors to this my last will and Testament and
said Executors are not held nor bound to give I demand
to the Court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this seventeenth day of February in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six

Test. ^{Wm. J. George}
Seymour McLean
John A. Taylor

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court. July Term 1846
The last will and Testament of
William George died was this day produced in open
Court for probate and was duly proved by the Oaths
of John McLean and John A. Taylor Testaments to the
Court which is ordered by the Court to be recorded
Copy Test. Wm. J. McLean, Clerk

I, Sefie Sage of the County Sumner County and State of
Tennessee being of perfect Sound Mind and Memory do make
and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and
form following (to wit)

First I will that my last debt be Paid as Speedily as Possible

I will to my son William J. Sage Eliza Ann, John, Harriet, Clinton & wife
Mary, Old Lucy, Del, Lu, Marshall and the one half of Jeff, a Blacksmith and
Tools, and also that my Executors, Purchase for him a Sable young Negro
Woman out of any money that may be due my estate, and that my
Executors Pay for the Plantation bought by said William of the
Executors of J. B. Franklin, the being Paid me two thousand
Eight hundred and twenty four dollars which said
- bond to be Paid by my Executors in addition to the two
thousand eight hundred and twenty four dollars

I will to my son John H. Sage three Hundred Acres of land I live on
including my dwelling and Out Houses, to be laid off by a line from
east to West across the tract to the Latimer Place, also the following
Negroes (to wit) Bill and his wife Margaret and their four children,
Yellow George, Yellow Bill, and the other half of Jeff and his tools
that belong to William J. Sage, and that he have my Ward held
and Kitchen furniture and farming utensils, by saying, William
Moses and Caroline each hundred dollars, each,

I will to my daughter Maria Louisa Franklin the following Negroes in addition
to Mary, Rebecca, Margaret and Mamie already given her, Nancy
Harrison, Grandy, Ellen, Matt, Harry, Kate, Big Charles, Add, Little
George, John, Mary and Jack also George, and two white Horses, and
after giving off to J. H. Sage three Hundred Acres of land, three white
about two hundred and fifty Acres left, which I wish equally
divided between Maria and Caroline

I will to my daughter Harriet Caroline Gilchrist, in addition to
a young girl named Matilda already given her, the following
Negroes John and his wife Ellen and their three children, Rebecca and
his wife Cynthia and their three children (to wit) Sam, Ben, & an infant
Phil and his wife Sarah, Ravi and his wife Ethelinda, Big Jack
Dodge, Hubbard, Big Mary and 9 children John and an infant and
Saddie Horse Jack, Plowing and also the interest in two hundred
and fifty acres of land as mentioned above. With Maria's

I will that Robert H. Gilchrist have my Rifle Gun and
be exempt from the Payment of any Blacksmiths accounts
that may be due my estate against him

I will that my Executors sell my stock either at Public sale as they
may think best
By the last Will and Testament of Sefie Sage I was
placed in my hands, five hundred dollars the interest of which was
to be Paid yearly to his sister Nancy Harry during his life
and at his death, to go to myself and children I have before
said the interest to the first day of January last I therefore will
that the five Hundred dollars be placed by my Executors in the
hands of my son W. J. Sage for the purpose of putting the same
to Nancy Harry as aforesaid, which I gave on him to the profit
and at the death of said Nancy Harry I will that William
have two hundred dollars of the money, and that John Maria
and Caroline have each one hundred dollars

Item 9th After Paying my debt and the Legacies mentioned ⁱⁿ many that may remain not otherwise appropriated I have equally divided between my four children, William, Jack, Maria and Caroline

Item 10th It is my Will and desire that my daughter Maria have the Care and Management of my Grand Daughter Jane Franklin and that the Negroes, W^m H^o to the use of Jane by her Father also go with her -

Item 11th I desire it manifest to have any thing to this will or every word is in my own hand Writing and that is well known

Item 12th I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons William by name John by name and my son in Law James Abraham my true and lawful Executors to this my last Will and Testament

In Witn^{ess} Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 30th November 1841

John C. Cope Esq

State of Tennessee

Memorandum Given September 1846

Wm C Cope this day produced in open Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of John Cope and Anna Thomas came in open Court & swore to and swore to the contents of the said paper writing and being sworn depose and say that some days after the death of John Cope they were at the house of the deceased and the Will of the date of the 30th November 1841 was found having the valuable papers of the dead, that the Witness Isaac C. Dargatz broke the Seal and the will was read - Each of said Witnesses as well as Elizabeth Rodden, who was legally sworn proved that the whole of said will and signature of John Cope to the same is in the proper hand writing of the deceased - that each of the said Witnesses were well acquainted with the hand writing of the said John Cope. And they have not only seen him write frequently but have seen much of his writing that they know to be his and that they have no doubt of the fact that the whole of said Will and signature is in the hand writing of the deceased John Cope - It is therefore ordered by the Court that said will be recorded the same being well proved

Test. Wm J. Monday Clerk

The last Will and Testament of Abram Martin of the County of Sumner State of Tennessee made and ordained this 5th day of July A.D. 1845

As to the worldly goods and effects with which I have pleased God to bless me my Will and desire is that the same be disposed of after my death as follows To wit

Item 1st I charge my whole estate Real & Personal with the Payment of my Just debts & necessary funeral expenses

Item 2nd I give devise & bequeath to my beloved wife Jane O'Martin all my estate Real Personal and Mixed and all my debts in Action during her natural life

Item 3rd After the death of my wife my Will & desire is that an equal division of my Estate be made among my surviving children To wit Thomas, Abram, Betty, Blann, Peter W. & George M. Martin & the children of my dear son Samuel & my second daughter Nancy that is the children of my daughter Nancy, Julia Cook & Thomas M. Cook to represent their mother & receive one eighth of my estate & my grand sons, Abraham & John Martin sons of my son Samuel and my great grand son Saml. Welch and seventh equally to her divide among these three

Item 4th As to the Portion of my estate hereby given to my daughter Betty my Will and desire is that the same be delivered to my Executor to her & her husband George Blinn after my death & the death of my wife, but I hereby expressly declare my intention that she and she to her that the Legacies hereby given her shall come to her separate use & the same shall not be subject to the debt of her Parent or any other husband she may have nor shall her husband have any Power to dispose of said Property in any manner whatever, but my daughter Betty shall have Power to dispose of the same by last Will and Testament as she may think fit but in case she shall make no last Will & Testament then upon her death my Will is that the Portion of my estate hereby given her shall pass and go to her legal heirs & distributees

Item 5th As to making a division of my Estate my Will and desire is that all my share be divided and divided among my five surviving children before named but I desire that my old man I wish be Permitted to choose for himself to which of my children he will belong I such choice to take him at his election

Item 6th I charge my estate with the support of my Supernatural Slave Minny in such manner as may seem best to my Executors

Item 7th As to the Portion of my Estate hereby given my great grand son Samuel Welch I hereby direct the same to remain in Trust in the hands of my Executor until he shall arrive at the age of Twenty One year, or my Executor may Compound the same in giving him an education if they think it best so to do but in case of the death of my great grand son Samuel Welch before he arrives at the age of Twenty One & without lawful issue living at the time of his death then and in that case I desire that his Portion be paid over to my grand sons Abraham & John Martin

Item 8th For the Purpose of raising funds to make any grand children and great grand children Portion hereby given them I hereby authorize my Executor to sell my land and all other estate remaining at the death of my wife and out of the Proceeds of such sale to raise a Portion

equal to two tenths of whole estate to be paid over to my grand child as hereafter directed

Item 9th As to the portion hereby given to my grand sons Julius & Thomas back in title and then is that my executor exercise this over direction & if there is the survivor of them think it best to do so they are his sole authorities & I would be glad or the whole thereof in the education & advancement of my said grand sons but should either of my grand sons Julius or Thomas die before coming at the age of twenty two & without lawful issue living at the time of his death there any unappointed portion of the legacy hereby given them shall go to the survivor or should both of my said grand sons children die before the legacy hereby given them shall have been paid over or expended for them hereafter then my executors are hereby directed to dispose of the same for the benefit of said needy & worthy members of my family at their discretion & for this purpose I hereby write and direct said executor to my executor in title

Item 10th Should my old man ever not be dishonored of according to the 5th Item of my will or become bankrupt my will is that he be supported out of my estate at the discretion of my executors

Item 11th Should my slaves at Redemption amount to more than five hundred of my estate my desire is that my surviving children hereafter specified pay to my grand children & great grand son herein before mentioned an amount which will make three portions equal to two tenths of my whole estate

Item 12th I hereby nominate and appoint my sons Thomas Martin & M. A. Martin executors of this my last will & testament hereby binding all others by me hereafter made.

Witness my hand & seal this 1st day of March 1846
 I, William King
 James C. Cooper
 John Albright
 Jacob Beeson
 Eliza H. Howe

Wm Martin Seal

State of Georgia
 Superior Court October Term 1846

The last will and testament of Abram Martin died at as this day produced in open court for Probate and was duly proved by the Oath of Meredith Lambuth & Jacob Beeson subscribers witnesses thereto which is ordered by the court to be recorded

Test Wm S. Monday Clerk

I William King of the County of Sumter State of Georgia do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby directing all former wills by me made. First I wish my funeral expenses and my just debts paid out of any moneys I may die seized or possessed of, or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Second I give and bequeath to my wife Rebecca King the following named negroes that she now has in possession as her full portion of my estate equal to an Article of agreement made and entered into the first week day of January 1846 by the said Rebecca Williams King and her wife Rebecca King, a woman named Henry and her seven children viz Henry, Samuel, Rachel, Francis, Sarah, George, and Charles one parcel fifty, one bar, three, and four hundred one bowl calf to dispose of as she may think proper. Item 3rd I give my son Isaac M. King a negro girl named Mary. Item 4th I give to my son Charles B. King a negro girl named Harriet. Also the two of land whereon I now live supposed to contain about two hundred and twenty acres to the same tract or lots - by the said Charles B. King paying to my daughter Caroline S. Harriet five hundred dollars in two annual payments of two hundred and fifty dollars each. Item 5th I give to my daughter Caroline S. Harriet five hundred dollars that she is to receive from Charles B. King viz one third her portion of the plantation where I now live - Also the following negroes viz Caroline and her two children Harriet and Charles to my said daughter Caroline S. Harriet and the use of her body for their support her maintenance and benefit.

Item 6th I give to my three grandchildren the children of my daughter Caroline S. Harriet one hundred dollars each. Item 7th I give to my four grand children the children of my son William H. King one hundred dollars each. Lastly my will and desire is that the remainder of my property not otherwise disposed of to be equally divided between my children (viz) John A. King, Isaac H. King, Charles B. King and my daughter Caroline S. Harriet. Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of July 1846.

I constitute and appoint
 Charles B. King Executor to
 this my last will & testament.

Signed in the presence of us and witnessed in presence of the testator and each of us this 1st day of July 1846.

Witnesses
 James Beeson
 Josiah Walton

State of Georgia
 Superior Court November Term 1846

The last will and testament of William King deceased his and her son Isaac M. King open court for Probate and was duly proved by the Oath of Josiah Walton and Josiah Walton subscribers witnesses thereto which is ordered by the court to be a record.

W. S. Monday

In the name of Ad. Amer.

In the presence of John Adams
 Chief Justice of the State of Massachusetts, I have been living
 of sound mind and disposing mind and knowing the contents of this will have
 signed and published my last will and testament

thought proper to make such
 I am Sir I trust that all my great debts be paid out of my efforts I may be pro-
 vided at

April 21.
 I have not been well to the school kept by Martha Parker the following Negroes
 viz. John, Anderson, Margaret, Rachel, Ann, Henry, Julia and the Sumpter
 youngest child, Ann were male, one hundred and fifty dollars in money to
 furnish myself with the necessities of life, and as much of the I then
 live on as the way think proper to contribute, one bid, bidstead & furniture
 the above names property to be equally divided between all my children
 at the death, except Elizabeth Brown.

I have then bequeathed to my daughter Mary a negro girl named Hannah
 also seventy five acres of land lying on the north boundary of the
 Lewis tract of land.

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my son John the farm I now live on containing
my one hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less and
one Negro Girl Emily
The Remainder of the

Jan. 3rd One Mega Red Embly.
I give and bequeath to my son William the remainder of the
Estate that lies on the west side of the line.

Item 6th I find and bequeath to my son George the following negroes
Bryan & Jack.

Item 7th I am now liable to my Grandson Thomas Elliot Esq. Major Genl.
 Parker which his Father Cascoed off for a Mower - Also I buy Man-
 ual the remainder of the divided between all my Children, except
 Elizabeth & Susan - also forty dollars to be paid to Robert de Rogers
 to discharge a debt contracted by Samuel Parker. I hereby Create and
 appoint my Son John C. Parker my Executor to this my last will Testament
 In testimony whereof I have set my hand and Affixed my Seal. This the seven-
 twentieth day of April 1841. Hundred and forty &c
 Jos^{ph} C. Parker Seal

1 July 24
Spring Lake, Mich.
his Father's Seal

St. Matthews
Florence Matthews

Gift of Harper

Shirley Thompson
Shirley County Court, G. Court, case 1846.

The last Will and Testament of Stingbat was
proved in open Court for probate and was duly
admitted to probate by the Court and George H. Adams, Intervener, being
called to the stand by the Court to be examined.

Copy First Mrs. S. W. Monday

I Thomas J. Seawell, do make and publish this, as my last will and Testament hereby testifying that I being sick and weak, and of legal age, do hereby make, give and bequeath unto my dear wife, my dear as possible, out of any money that I may be possessed of, as my just & lawful share and the share of my children. Truly I give and bequeath to my Sister Martha J. Seawell a negro Girl named Clara aged about 15 years and now in the State of Missouri in the possession of Nathan B. Seawell. I do give and bequeath to my Sister Margaret B. Seawell my Day Garden House. Truly I demand my share to the full of the balance of my property both real and personal the proceeds of which is to be applied first to the payment of my debts and the balance to be equally divided between my Brothers William Seawell and my Sister, Lavinia J. Andrews. If the property be divided to be paid is not sufficient to pay my debts, I demand that the House above spoken of be sold with another, than the Negro. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John W. Hoad my Executor of the writing whereof I do this, my will set my hand and seal this the 28th day of May 1845. J. T. Seawell.

Separate Seal and publish it
in our presence and in the
presence of our Name, made in
the presence of the Parties. This the
28th day of May 1846.

R. M. P. M.
George Bond

Serge Bond

State of Tennessee
Sumner County, Dec. 20. 1847.
The last will and Testament of Thomas
A. Sumner, dec'd, in this day proved by N. M. Patis, one of
the Subscribing Witnesses, that the Same having been
proved at a previous Term of this Court by the oath of
George Bond the Same is therefore confirmed by the Court
to be a valid and legal will.

Capt. Trest. Wm. S. Munday Clerk

In the name of God Amen:

Then all men by these presents that I Richard Martin of the County of Somerset and State of Hampshire among the Mortality of death and the uncertainty of life have thought proper to make and publish my last Will and Testament and by these presents do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit I Give my Soul to God who gave it And my body to a devout Christian Burial.

I wish all my next death and funeral it please, pain.

is called my home part of land including what is called the denip
and the two acres of pasture, my house and garden, and the
outings, and a log house and barn, and the household and kitchen furniture
as much as my stock of all kinds as the Mary Chase to keep all my
German household, and on the two wheat fields under me wheat, which
I may be seized of at my decease, with the distribution hereafter
provided.

4th I wish my negro boy, Abscond, sold as kind and as may be
thought best by my wife & children.

5th I wish all the rest of my estate sold and the money equally divi-
ded between my children Frank Mary Martin, Solomon Martin,
Elizabeth & her sister Fanny, Hannah Martin, Agnes Martin, Susan
Richard Martin, Sarah J. Martin, and Lewis Martin or their heirs,
none of either of them should be dead, it is however to be understood
that my intention is to hold the money part until they be come of age.

6th I wish my wife to partition off the younger children as they shall
see need, as much as she can with those older ones which have
been partitioned off, out of the household & stock.

7th After the death or marriage of my wife Sally Martin I wish all my
estate real and personal sold on a credit of 12 months and
the money divided among my children according to the provision
in the 8th item in this instrument.

8th Whereas it is uncertain when my son Solomon Martin is or when
he is living at all therefore I wish my executor to take hold
his parts both of the first and last sales, say the glory of he
should not sooner hear from him or his proper representatives
in or representatives for his estate, him or if not, I wish
his parts be sold to the rest of my children in equal motion, except
say the 10th item it is my wish for good cause sufficient reason
that the same value can be out of his part taking good
security with refusing, obligations to refund the same to
the said Solomon Martin or his heirs, if they should
ever apply for the same.

9th I wish, appoint Abscond, my executor of this my last
will and Testament.

10th I wish to be all former wills by me heretofore made voiding
and confirming this my last will and Testament in writing, which
I have signed at my house and affixed my seal, the 11th
day of May 1846.

Signed and acknowledged Richard Martin Seal
in our presence and
witnessed by us at the request
of the testator in his
presence.
J. H. Coats,
J. H. Coats,
J. H. Coats.

State of New Jersey
Sumner County Court December Term 1846
The last will and Testament of Richard Martin
deceased, was this day produced in open Court for probate, and was
duly proved by the oath of A. H. Coats, and James E. Reddick
Subscribing witnesses thereto, which is ordered by the Court to be re-
corded.

Clerk Test M. S. Monday Cherry

I Mary J. Wyllie of the County of Sumner and State of New Jersey being of sound
mind and lawful age do hereby make this my last will and Testament
as follows: I give unto my daughter Mary Hugh Allen two Rods, one
blackberry tree and one Negro Girl called Ellen to her and
her legal heirs. I give unto my son and son George Edward Wyllie the same
Negro boy called John do. William Wallace one set of blackberry trees
(standing trees) the silver cup and one set of the above mentioned things
& Wyllie before the age of twenty one years and the same Negro boy, son
William Wallace shall remain with George. I give & my Wyllie his
wife for the purpose of supporting the children of the same. I give
unto my grand son Hugh Wyllie one Rod, one Clock, one Silver Watch
and one Negro man called Seymour but if the above mentioned things
die before he comes at the age of twenty one, or dies without lawful
issue then in that case I give the above named property to the children
of George J. Wyllie. I give unto my grand daughter Jane Golden Wyllie
my Red and Red Stand, the China Dish. I give unto my grand son Charles
William Wyllie one little Negro Girl called Ellen, the daughter of Helen
but if the above named Charles J. Wyllie dies before the age of
twenty one years leaving no lawful issue then the above named Ellen
is to remain with Geo. J. and E. M. Wyllie his wife for the support
of the children of the same. It is my wish and desire that my old
yellow woman called Mary remain with either of my children
or grand children that she may select and I do trust that
she may be well taken care of both in sickness and in health.
Should there be any other property not heretofore disposed of I
leave to the family of my son George J. Wyllie. I give unto
my son Allen J. Wyllie the silver saddle.

I appoint my son George J. Wyllie my lawful executor
and trustee without giving any security provided the prop-
erty among my grand children and daughter mentioned
above and that the said George J. Wyllie is to act as trustee
for my grand children.

Signed Sealed and
acknowledged in the presence
of this 11th day of September 1846.
Test Robert H. Peyton
J. P. Coats

Mary J. Wyllie Seal

Elizabeth Neom and Ann Cantrell be in no way liable for the debt of their husbands, or any one else.
 Fifthly, It is my will and desire that I may be buried in my present place about the Center of the Garden that a sufficient Stone Wall enclosing twenty feet square be erected around the Grave, and three deep. A Porter keep my work hands here on the place long enough previous to the Sale of the same, also to invite with the attendance of a mason the above named Stone Work.

Sixthly, It is my will and desire that I be buried without Secuity, as Executor to this my last will and Testament which I have made, according with other wills by me heretofore made - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this the 1st day of May. 1847

Signed, sealed and delivered
 in the presence of us
 James W. Cole
 John C. Roper
 William B. Powell

I James W. Baker do hereby certify that this my last will and Testament hereby in relation to the provisions made in my will for my Negro Woman Sarah, I wish her to have my black M^o a Cow and Calf, a Hog and Pigs, also all the fowls belonging with the tools and her furniture, her wearing apparel I wish set my hand and seal, this 25th day of May 1847.
 Signed, sealed and delivered
 in presence of James W. Cole.

State of Tennessee

Shannon County Court June Term 1847.

The last will and Testament of James W. Baker deceased is this day produced in open Court for probate and is duly proven by the oath of Jos. H. Cole and William B. Powell the subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered by the Court to be recorded. It is so ordered.

Some Requested no viewing of the body

Copy Sent W. H. Munday of Bristol
 By J. Munday & Co.

I Samuel W. Sandeale do make and for Seal this, my last will and Testament hereby, writing and making this all substantial by me at any time made. First, I bequeath that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid out of my money that I may die possessed of, or may just come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I bequeath and legueth to my loved beloved Brother James W. Sandeale all my interest in the proceeds of the tract of land on which he now resides, and which was sold by order of Court my interest consisting of one sixth of said proceeds of the Sale. Thirdly, I give and legueth to my Brother-in-law Thomas Stalker all my interest in the proceeds of the Sale of the land on which he now lives, said land having been sold by a decree of Court the 1st instant corner of one third of the proceeds of the Sale of said land. Fourthly, I give and legueth to my beloved Sister Sarah W. Stalker one Negro man named William, a white about twenty four years old - One also called named Mary about fifteen years old during her natural life - After he or she is the kind of the day and if she die, I give and legueth to my Nephew William D. Stalker one Negro boy named Oliver about thirteen years old for his life. Fifthly, I give and legueth to my Sister Sarah W. Stalker my Brother James W. Sandeale and my two half Brothers John and Cyrus Sandeale all the balance of my property (real or personal of which I may die possessed of, or remainder or otherwise) after the payment of my debts as above specified to be equally divided between them. Lastly, I nominate and appoint James W. Sandeale my Executor.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 30th day of May 1847.
 S. W. Sandeale
 J. R. Croenshaw
 S. W. Sandeale

State of Tennessee
 Shannon County Court July Term 1847

The last will and Testament of Samuel W. Sandeale deceased was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oath of J. R. Croenshaw and S. W. Sandeale subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered by the Court to be recorded.

State of Tennessee

Shannon County Court July Term 1847

The last will and Testament of Samuel W. Sandeale deceased was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oath of J. R. Croenshaw and S. W. Sandeale subscribing witnesses thereto which is ordered by the Court to be recorded.

Copy sent W. H. Munday of Bristol

In the name of God Amen; I William Cage of the County of
State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory do make this
my last will and Testament hereby declaring all others by me heretofore
made void.

Item 1st As I be loved I owe no debt I give to my beloved wife Jane W
Cage One thousand dollars in life of her dower in my land
estate both here and elsewhere to be paid in three annual
instalments, or as soon as the money can be raised by
the sale of the tract of land whomever or whenever
without expense as she may make charge of this sum
in place of dower in my land estate. I also give her
the following negroes to wit: Esther and Sarah her wife and
her increase from this date, also the boy Charles about
twelve years of age and a girl named Melinda. I also
give her a Red and grey mare at home with two others
at Mr. Goldsmith Donohoe's with stock of my own
hold and Kitchen furniture, stock and farming
tools, as she and my Executors may think she
may require reasonably need. If she should
stand keep house she shall have, down and
charity and a liberal allowance for each year
superior - and also keep possession of the tract
of land whomever we now live twelve months after
my death if she thinks proper to live thereon.

Item 2nd I give to my son Jerry W. Cage a Negro boy named Benjamin
and all the notes I hold on him, together with a Book account
I have on him for three thousand one hundred and twenty three dollars
and my Squirell Horse & other.

Item 3rd I give to my son Polhem W. Cage a Negro man named
Sed and a boy. I hold with a note I have on him and
a Book account I have on him for three thousand
and eighty dollars.

Item 4th I give to my son John A. Cage the tract of land with it
appertaining containing three hundred and sixty five acres
more or less whomever he now lives in Wilson County on Condition
that he pay to my Executors the sum of fifteen hundred
dollars in three equal and annual payments, but
should he fail to make any of these payments punctually
then my Executors are authorized and empowered to
sell and convey said tract of land either at public or
private sale payable in one, two and three years, being
bond with good security and a lien thereon and after
receiving the fifteen hundred dollars aforesaid pay
over to the said John A. Cage his heirs or assigns the
residue for which he sold said land. I give him also the note
I hold on him and a Book account for about thirty
nine hundred and six, five dollars.

Item 5th I give to the heirs of my daughter Elizabeth Bradley

Twice Wilson, Mary, Helen, Laura, Elizabeth, Martha and Charles
a tract of land I have in the Magazine lot, in the
County, containing about one thousand and forty acres, Section
9 Town 36S and Range West to be divided jointly be-
tween them when the youngest Child Martha becomes seven
years of age. Also I bequeath to them a Book account
I have on them for twenty eight hundred and sev-
enty one dollars - and at judgment I have against
them in Smith County Circuit Court amount not
agreed to.

Item 6th I give to my daughter Parilla Bradley a Negro woman
named Wally also a note I hold on her husband John
val Bradley for four hundred dollars and a Book
account I have on him for twenty six hundred and
fifty three dollars and seventy five Cts.

Item 7th I give to my daughter Maria D. Reed and her to be made
liable, or in any ways accountable for the debt of her
husband Mr. E. Reed, or to be subject to his debt or
responsibility in any way or tract of land granted to me by
the State of Tennessee in Chetty County containing 15
acres and a negro woman Sarah and her Child Sam and
also a note I hold on her husband Mr. E. Reed for one
thousand dollars loaned money - I likewise bequeath to
her all the money I owe for him in Bank after clearing
one hundred and twenty five dollars therefrom, which he
paid John Bradley for redemption of himself - also
a Book account for fifteen hundred and five dollars.

Item 8th I give to my daughter Mary Reed a Negro boy named
Solomon also a Book account I have on her husband
Philip H. Reed for thirty one hundred dollars.

Item 9th I give to the heirs of my son William A. Cage namely - William A. Cage,
Jerry W. Cage, and Valerius Cage the following property to wit:
I give to William A. Cage and Jerry W. Cage jointly a tract of
land in Wilson County near McConnells whomever stands a house
there built by R. C. C. Siding containing six hundred and
six acres more or less I give to my son Valerius
Valerius Cage a tract of land in Willetts County on or
near the Kentucky line containing four hundred and
more or less acres belonging to them a Book account for
seventeen hundred and twenty four dollars - also a feather
Bed and furniture for each of them in possession of their
father, and should either of them die before twenty one years
of age or not having an heir of their body then part to go to their
surviving Brother or sister.

Item 10th I give to my son Henry A. Cage a Negro man Squirell and a girl
Caroline which are now in his possession, and he account of
paid John A. Cage to him for two thousand dollars and
about the note I hold on him, and a Book account

seven hundred and eight five dollars also that part of my Orion tract of land on the east side of poor creek and north of John, and east and west line beginning 80 poles from the South East corner of same tract and north and west to the South East corner of same hundred and twenty five acres more or less and joining the tract I heretofore conveyed to him on the East. I also give him one feather Bed and furniture and a half dozen Tea and Table Spoons each.

Item 11th I give to my son Gustavus Adolphus Williamsons large Negro Boy, Miller and Sam Whitham now in his possession. I also give him a Negro man Willard, a Boy Allen and a Boy Henry and a Girl Corrinna also one hundred and thirty three and one third acres of land granted to me in Adams County near Colwell - also a feather Bed and furniture half a dozen Tea & Table Spoons each also a Book account for three hundred and eighty ^{two} dollars.

Item 12th I give to my son Nelson a tract of land lying in Adams County, Whom he now lives among the residents of Adams County tract which I have not heretofore conveyed to him or will lying on both sides of the Creek - also one hundred acres more or less in Adams County on the tract lying along a creek, also the following Negroes, to wit: Eliza from Jacob Brown in his possession also a Negro Girl named Mary, a boy William and a Girl now in his possession named Harriet, also a feather Bed and furniture.

Item 13th I give to my niece Henry S. Case a Negro Girl named as a House Servant - also a feather Bed and furniture and five hundred dollars in Cash - also one half dozen Tea and Table Spoons each.

Item 14th My Executors are hereby authorized to sell and convey either at private or public sale any lands I have in the State of Tennessee, Mississippi or Missouri but it is to be distinctly understood that each decedent is to be paid only as it can be done without sacrificing my property.

Item 15th My wish and desire is that the balance of my estate be paid and personal or the proceeds thereof be equally divided between my children Ann Henry and those that are deceased ^{children} & without their parents parts.

Item 16th I appoint my son Leroy H. Case, James Douglas son of James Douglas Junr. and George N. Douglas my Executors and direct that they be not bound to give security - Witness my hand and seal, this 23rd April 1847.

Witness
William S. Douglas
William Henry
C. H. Case

Wilson Case

State of Tennessee & I Wilson Case of said County and Adams County & State being of sound mind and disposing memory and having heretofore made my last will and Testament in which I bequeathed to my youngest daughter Harriet Boy of Adams County of property I now hereby revoke that clause of my will and give the same property to Henry S. Case in trust for the use and benefit of my daughter Harriet Boy as given under my hand and seal this 15th June 1847.
Witness
William S. Douglas
C. H. Case

Wilson Case

State of Tennessee
Adams County Court July Term 1847.
The last will and Testament and last of Wilson Case, together with the Codicil thereto were this day produced in open Court for perusal, the will being read according to law by the Clerk of the Court J. Douglas, William Henry and C. H. Case in Subscribing witnesses thereto - the Codicil was likewise proven by the said William J. Douglas one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, the same is therefore ordered by the Court to be recorded.
Clerk J. W. S. Monday Clerk

I do hereby certify that I have read the last will and Testament of the said Wilson Case and the same is in conformity with the law and the same is hereby recorded.

My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid by my Executors as soon after my death as possible out of the proceeds of the estate of the said Wilson Case, which can be best ascertained.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Cecelia S. Dodge the use of all my personal estate after the payment of my debts, including all my household and household furniture my stock of all kinds, farming utensils with all my personal estate after my debts are paid also the following Negroes - viz: Eliza, Harriet, Horace, Philip, Mary, Maria & Mary, I lend unto my said wife during her life for her own support and to enable her to raise her children from birth and to educate them. I also lend unto my said wife the use of all the land I hold by deed from William C. Anderson having date 25th January 1840. Containing by survey about six acres, one mol and thirty nine poles, in the same more or less, which adjoins the home tract on the east. appurtenances hereto made to said land for the specific boundaries this tract of 63 acres & more, 149 poles together with all my personal estate of every kind and description not needed to pay my just debts.

and unto my said wife for to maintain to raise and educate
our Children till it be born with us for and during the term of
her natural life. Should any power be desired now at home with us
before the death of my said wife in this case she may and
shall the use of such of the property within her last space.

She & I have advanced my daughter Mary Ann Mitchell, and my daughter
Marion B. son in some personal property including Negroes and
they have a right as heirs of their mother and to my home place at
my death. Therefore it is my will desire that at the death of my
said wife all my other Children viz John B. Hodge, Julia C.
Hodge, Joseph B. Hodge, and Robert Hodge be made equal to
my said daughter Mary Ann and Marion B. against them the value of my home place which they receive in right
of their mother and as well as the personal property which they have
received from me after my younger Children above named
shall be made equal in property remaining on hand at the death
of my said wife among both of the male and female issue then the
remainder if any is to be equally divided among all my Children
Share and Share alike so as to make all my Children as
nearly equal as practicable. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the 10th day of July 1857
Witness my hand and seal this 10th day of July 1857
Signed and published in our
presence and to which we subscribe
our names as witnesses at the request
of the said John B. Hodge and in his presence and
in the presence of each other.

J. B. Baldridge
Jas. Holt

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court August Term 1857
The last will and Testament of Robert H.
Hodge deceased produced and sworn to by the testators and was duly
proved by the Oaths of J. B. Baldridge and Joseph Holt testators
and being taken of record which was ordered by the Court to be recorded
Test. William S. McCreary Clerk.

The said John B. Hodge I Remains Parish Judge May 7th A.D. 1858
In the name of God Amen.

I John B. Hodge of Sumner County State of Tennessee son of James and Mary
Hodge who are both deceased a citizen of the United States of America and
residing for the present in my estate in the Parish of West Feliciana and
State of Louisiana, do make and declare this Instrument which
I have caused to be written from my own dictation and which I subscribe with
my proper name and signature in the presence of four witnesses residing
in said Parish of West Feliciana to be my last will and Testament
known by the Laws of Louisiana as the New Testament Testament and under full
free Signature, fully revoking all others
all my just debts are to be speedily and promptly paid. And the Legacies
mentioned and to be paid herein after mentioned are to be discharged and paid
by my Executors at the time and in the manner directed and as to my
circumstances will admit.
It my dear beloved wife Adeline Hodge the daughter of Oliver B. and
Sarah C. Hodge of Davidson County State of Tennessee I give and bequeath
all the property of whatever kind or nature together with the increase of the
same which has been or may hereafter be given to, or inherited by her
from the said Mr. Adeline Hodge I Remains Parish Judge May 7th A.D. 1858
the said Adeline Hodge I Remains Parish Judge May 7th A.D. 1858
My father Oliver B. Hodge is her or her heirs forever. I also give
and bequeath to my said wife my home hold and the lot her
ten of my sort and kind in my estate in Sumner County State of
Tennessee known as my plantation with the stock of Legacies
provisions and provisions which may be on hand at that date or then
taken at the time of my decease to be used and disposed of as she
may think proper. And I further give devise and bequeath to my
said wife out of the income of my plantation in Louisiana and
Tennessee and the dividend of my Black Stock and other interests coming
to me, such sum or sums of money annually as may be found
necessary to support her and my child or children by my marriage
with my said wife in the best style and also to educate my said child
or children in such manner as she may deem proper during and for
the full term of time that she shall remain my widow. It is my desire
and wish that during the widowhood of my said wife that she and
my said child or children shall remain and reside upon
my said plantation in the Parish of Sumner and State of Tennessee
apart and for that purpose I hereby give her and them the use
and profit and full enjoyment of that estate including the dwelling
house out house buildings fixtures, Gardens Land, and improvements
Slaves, cattle, Horses, Mules, and other Stock personal property &c &c
And in case my said wife should marry again before my said
child or children or any other children that I may have by her
by my marriage aforesaid should arrive at the full age of my
only or lawfully marry then it is my desire that my Executors take
possession of my said estate or Plantation in Sumner County
Tennessee the said John B. Hodge I Remains Parish Judge May 7th A.D. 1858
The said John B. Hodge I Remains Parish Judge May 7th A.D. 1858

Stock, and such ^{money} ^{of the debt} ^{as may remain} after the
payment of the ^{debt} ^{and legal and necessary} ^{expenses} ^{incurred}
and satisfaction of my said Plantations in Louisiana and
other ^{as may} ^{be} ^{incurred} by the ^{well} ^{together} ^{with} ^{the} ^{rest} ^{of} ^{the} ^{same}
owing from my Plantations in Tennessee, and other property
in Tennessee and Mississippi, and other ^{any} ^{other} ^{estate} ^{property}
with the ^{debt} ^{of} ^{the} ^{same} ^{and} ^{interest} ^{on}
money and debt due me; and the ^{business} ^{of} ^{the} ^{same} ^{third},
any-half, or less third, of all my property situated in the State of
Louisiana, as the case may be, by the birth of children of my
own marriage, after the payment of said several debts
and legacies, and expenses, in case and satisfaction
of said Plantations in Louisiana it to be laid out in building
proper and suitable edifices, on my said various Plantations
in the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee, for an Academy,
or Seminary, the furnishing the same with fixtures and furniture
and the employment and support of such Teachers and
Pupils, Male and Female, as may be considered necessary
by my said Governor, for the education, board and clothing of
the children of my said brother and sister, and their descendants,
as well as my own children and their descendants, in
the best and most suitable and proper manner for their
education, having a particular regard to a substantial
and good English Education, and such other higher and
or scientific branches as the aforesaid revenues it will
enable my said Governor to accomplish; and if the revenues
it should be sufficient therefor, I also wish, ^{that} ^{the} ^{good} ^{children}
in said County of Sumner, of undoubted character, and
such as my said Governor may select, should be ^{to} ^{be} ^{educated} ^{and} ^{supported},
during the time, at the ^{same} ^{time} ^{and} ^{place} ^{as} ^{the} ^{other} ^{children}
and also the death of my aforesaid brother it is my
the said Governor, Parish Judge May 7th 1846
the said Governor, Parish Judge May 7th 1846
and we desire that the aforesaid debt, to be continued and
paid over from the heirs of my said brother, to pay the debt
and the Mortgage of the County Court of said County of
Sumner and State of Tennessee and the said express in Office
to pay the said several debts and expenses of the aforesaid
children, &c. that they may be fully carried into effect
and that the said several debts and expenses of my said brother and
also the death of my said brother, of the City of Alexandria, and
Residence at Columbia, the husband of Miss Martha R. Franklin
and the said last and said testament, and hereby
give to them and the survivors of them full power
and authority and design of all my estate to execute and
deliver the property of the same wherever situated, and
the same to keep and administer under the provisions of

this will under their administration, should be carried into full
(complete) effect, and without the intervention of any law, except for
the purpose of taking an inventory of the property, and effects
of the estate, after my decease, and the said will and execution of the
will, making them executors of the property of my estate, and cloth-
ing them with the necessary authority to carry out the direction
of the will.

In Witness of all and each of the things herein contained I have
promised this will, containing four laws. The said Governor, Parish Judge
May 7th 1846. pages, to the five witnesses underwritten, who each
and all of them reside in the Parish of West Feliciana, and State
of Louisiana, where this will is made, and each of them signed their
names thereto, and I do bind to said witnesses that the paper con-
taining said fourteen pages, contains my last will and
that the same was read by one of the witnesses to the rest of
the witnesses, in the presence of my said Governor and the
Whole of said witnesses, upon which said will was signed
by me, and witnessed by all of said witnesses, the one after
the other, without turning aside to any other matter or thing,
Completing the same at once then, this twenty-fourth day
of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-one
at the Parish of West Feliciana, and State of Louisiana, France
aid, in the Country.

I. P. The interlineation of the words "in lieu" in the 15th line
3rd page, and the erasure of the word "and" in the 15th line, 8th page, done
before signing or execution. Also, the interlineation of the words,
"the payment of said any hundred thousand dollars," in the 18th
line 3rd page, and the word "or" in the last line 8th page, done before this
will was signed or executed.

Witness present
Lewis Sterling,
Jas. L. Sterling,
Lewis Sterling, Jr.
W. B. Chamberlain,
John L. Tisdell.

Isaac Franklin

The said Governor, Parish Judge May 7th 1846
Recorded in Probate record Book 1st pages 340, 341, 342, 343, 344,
345 & 346, May 23rd 1846.

Ordered: Last will and Testament of Mr. Isaac Franklin made in
the Parish of West Feliciana State of Louisiana 24th May 1841.
Filed May 7th 1846. Jas. L. Warrs, Parish Judge

State of Louisiana
Parish of West Feliciana
Court of Probate

Be it remembered that on the seventh day of
May 1846, at the House of the J. M. of that day, Pursuant to
an order of the Court of Probate of the Parish aforesaid

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Sara Isaac (Franklin) died in the Madison State to wit: And
at the time then stated, Lewis Monday 27th April 1846
John S. Lobbell

Sworn to and subscribed before

me this 27th day of May 1846

James S. Wynn Parish Judge

Filed May 27th 1846 James S. Wynn Parish Judge

State of Louisiana - Court of Probate

Be it remembered that
on the 27th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and forty six, before me James S. Wynn Parish Judge
of said Parish, and ~~in~~ ^{off} ~~is~~ ^{as} Judge of the Court of Probate, in
and for the same, personally came and appeared Lewis
Sterling and James Sterling of the said Parish and State
and John S. Lobbell of the Parish of West Baton Rouge
and State of Louisiana State witnesses, Over and are the
27th day of May 1846 over the age of being one year, after
having been first duly sworn according to law, depose
and say that they recognize the paper presented to them
purporting to be the last will and Testament of Sara
Franklin late of Madison County State of Tennessee deceased
as being the paper which the said Sara Franklin during
her life caused to be written by John S. Lobbell, one of the
above named deponents, that said paper purporting
to be the said last will and Testament of Sara Franklin
Franklin deceased, was presented to them, deponents, and
Lewis Sterling, John S. Lobbell, by the said
Sara Franklin and which in the said Sara Franklin died
and to contain her last will and Testament, that said
paper, will and Testament was made by said
John S. Lobbell one of said witnesses of said will at the
request of said Sara Franklin the Testator, in his presence
and in the presence of all the other witnesses to said paper
as last will and Testament, namely Lewis Sterling, John
S. Lobbell, James S. Sterling, Lewis Sterling Jr. and William
R. Chamberlain, that they recognize their own signatures
and that of the Testator Sara Franklin at the foot of, and
attributed to said Testament; and also the signatures of
Lewis Sterling Jr. and William R. Chamberlain who also
signed as witnesses with these deponents, to said last
will and Testament, but who are not now present, that
said will was read and acknowledged as above stated on
the 27th day of May, A.D. 1846, at which time the said Sara
Franklin was of sound mind disposing mind, and sound
standing, that said last will was made and executed at
the House of Mr Lewis Sterling in the County in this Parish
In Testimony Whereof, the said deponents, J. S. Wynn the

day and date above written - Lewis Sterling, John S. Lobbell
James S. Sterling
On this 27th day of May, A.D. 1846
Filed May 27th 1846 James S. Wynn Parish Judge
James S. Wynn Parish Judge

Is the Clerk of the Probate Court in and for the Parish of
West Louisiana and State of Louisiana - The Petition of John S. Lobbell
late of the City of Alexandria and District of Columbia, but now residing
in the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana of record, respectfully
shews: That Sara Franklin lately residing within this State de-
ceased this life on Monday the 27th day of April 1846, (a few days ago)
an one of the Planters in this Parish, where he possessed prop-
erty is situated - that previous to his death to wit: on the twenty-seventh
day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty
one said Franklin caused to be made in the County, in and
form of law in this Parish his Testamentary Disposition under
Private Signatures - that in and by said will said Franklin
designated, constituted and appointed his Father-in-law
Lewis R. Hayes and his brother William Chamberlain of the State
of Tennessee with this petitioner Co-executors of said will, and
thence gave to his said Executors, and the Survivors of
them full power and authority, ^{in the name} of all his estate
to leave and return the property, immovable, and the same
to keep and administer, until the provisions of the will under
their administration should be carried into full and complete
effect, and without the intervention of Justice, except for the
purpose of taking an Inventory of the property, and
affairs of his estate after his decease, and the probate and execu-
tion of the will, making his said Executors, Attorneys of the
property of his estate, and clothing them with the necessary
authority to carry out the intentions of the will - all which are
fully and at large appears by said will hereunto annexed - which
petitioner presents for Register and recording but also that letters
Testamentary may be delivered to the Petitioner who agrees to accept
the appointment of Co-executor under said will, and that letters
Testamentary may also be delivered to the Co-executors above.
R. Hayes and William Chamberlain of the State of Tennessee, if they
should agree to accept said appointment of said Co-executors
And petitioner shews that Lewis Sterling, James S. Sterling, Lewis
Sterling Jr., William R. Chamberlain and John S. Lobbell were the
witnesses to the execution of the said will - that in and by said
will said ~~Franklin~~ ^{deceased} gave and ~~devoted~~ ^{donated} to his wife Adeline
Hayes the daughter of Oliver R. and Sarah L. Hayes of Madison
County State of Tennessee, large sums of money and movables
charged upon the revenues of his property in this State, as
well as the revenues of other property - that said Franklin
has two children born of the marriage with his said wife

Since the execution of said will, to wit of said Isaac and Emma and
that he has devised and bequeathed to his daughter Victoria born
before the execution of said will, and to his daughter Adeline and
Emma born since the execution of said will, the undivided two-thirds
part of all his estate (being and being within the State of Louisiana) to be
divided by them when the youngest of said children shall become
of age ~~three~~ ^{three} years, share and share alike in equal portions; that
said Isaac Franklin Parier, Isaac Franklin Cantelero, Isaac Franklin
Gard, Louis Franklin and William Franklin all of Sumner
County, State of Tennessee, and Isaac Franklin Wood of the State
Tennessee are legally provided for under said will — the said
Reverend of the Louisiana property, with the other business being char-
gable with the payment of said debts, after the improvements
have been completed, and made on the property in this Parish
as directed by said will, and that James and William James
Min of Sumner County, State of Tennessee are appointed trustees
under said will to establish a Seminary for education on
the estate of said Isaac Franklin in Sumner County State of
Tennessee, which is also charged upon the one-third part
of said Isaac Franklin's estate situated in the State of Louisiana
inasmuch as proving that to make the inventory of the prop-
erty of said Isaac Franklin, situated in this Parish more formal
and complete it will be necessary to have some disinterested
persons attorneys ad hoc appointed to represent each of said
separate interest and also any interest to be present at the taking
of said inventory in the Parish and to sign the same in behalf
of said the said persons. Solicitously represented by an Attorney at Law
under the intent of said children and others after to represent
said the interest of said absent legatee and an Attorney to
represent the interest of said James & William's Association
that the proper and legal demand said heirs of said Isaac Franklin
at his own house and on his various estate and plantation
in said County of Sumner State of Tennessee where the proper
proceedings will be had by the Petitioner and such others of his
estate as may hereafter qualify and accept the executor-
ship to take in said and said State Secretary of all the property
and estate of said Isaac Franklin, not only situated in said
Sumner County State of Tennessee but of all other property
chests and chests, Money, Bank Stock, Notes, Mortgages, bonds,
deeds of trust, Chances of action, lands real and personal estate, immovables
otherwise movable, belonging to his estate wherever situated and
situated in the inventory need be taken of his estate in this
State than what is situated in this Parish, consisting of lands and
the taking situated nearly opposite the mouth of Red
River together with buildings and fixtures things, and
the slaves and movable property attached and belonging
thereunto — and in order to make and complete said inventory
it will be necessary to have disinterested and proper witnesses

and witnesses summoned to assist in taking the same. Wherefore
your Petitioner prays your Honor to require the proof of the death
of the said Isaac Franklin, that said will be executed and said
witnesses duly summoned to prove the due execution of said
will, that dispositions in writing be taken according to law
that after ^{the} proof of the same that said will be read in conformity with
said will and demand to be in regular form — that said will be reading
to be read and duly recorded — that the original thereof
be deposited in the Office of your Honor and signed by said
by your Honor at the beginning and end of each of page — that
your Honor prepare the proper verbal declaration by law, and
furnish the petitioner with a legal copy of said will, with a copy
of said process verbal, and other proceedings under the proper
Certification and seal to be used in the proper Court in said County
of Sumner and State of Tennessee for the full completion
of the inventory of the property of the estate of the said Isaac
Franklin in said State of Tennessee and all other places where
situated, including his effects, debts, and debts — And your
Petitioner further prays that your Honor order and decree that
an inventory of the property of the deceased of the said Isaac
Franklin situated in this Parish be made in conformity
with law, and in accordance with the instructions and direction
in said will; that Attorney at Law of said Mrs. Franklin's said
children and heirs, and said Legatee and said Trustees be
appointed to represent their respective interest at the taking of
said inventory and that they and each of them be certified to
be present — that proper and disinterested persons for appraisers
in said Parish be also certified to be present at the taking
of said inventory and that said Petitioner are behalf appointed
and his other Co-executors, if they should hereafter accept
said Co-executorship, be placed in possession of said
property of the said estate of the said Isaac Franklin as
herein set out in this Parish for the purpose of carrying out the pro-
visions and trust of the will and in conformity with the pro-
visions of the will — That the Petitioner be duly qualified as an
Executor of said will — and that Letter Testamentary be deliv-
ered to him, and also to his ^{own} Co-executors where they shall accept
the executorship and qualify themselves in conformity with
law — And Petitioner prays that a duly authenticated copy
of said will with the probate thereof, and other proceedings
be given to the Petitioner, to be presented to the proper
Court of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee
the Court having jurisdiction of the proper demand of said
Franklin for the purposes of making an inventory of the
property situated in said County and State, together
with the effects and debts, Money, Bank Stock, Notes,
Mortgages, Bonds, Deeds of Trust &c. belonging to his suc-
cession and the movable and immovable personal and real

in that and other States of this Union including the Appraisals
in and out of the Parish of his property situated here, that a
full and complete inventory and estimate may be made
of all the property of said deceased, and of the nature, or character
situated of his real estate, to wit: of his lands, of his
plantations and other real estate, to be held and owned by
his said children, for the use, purpose and benefit of said
said children and heirs — And further prays for such
further aid, in the premises, as the nature
and circumstances of the case require and as shall be in con-
formity of Law and justice.

Done May 7th 1846
Jas. I. Wynn, Parish Judge. J. I. Peltier

That the judges of said Court be granted let witnesses be summoned
before me as witnesses, in the Court of St. Francisville and
thence to the City of New Orleans, to wit: at 10 o'clock A.M. to prove the
death of Isaac Isaac Isaac Isaac, let said will be read and
the same, and witnesses, to wit: John L. Shuling, James
Shuling, to William L. Chambliss, and John L. Shuling be sworn
and to be sworn before me before me on said 7th day of May
at 10 o'clock A.M. to prove the due execution of said will — let
their depositions be taken in conformity with Law
Jas. I. Wynn, Parish Judge

May 7th 1846

And the witnesses aforesaid being, then summoned to appear
before me on said 7th day of May, 1846, and appear and take
oath before me satisfactorily to the death of Isaac Isaac Isaac — and
the witnesses Shuling, James L. Shuling, and John L. Shuling
being appeared and made their depositions in writing in
conformity with Law, fully proving the due execution of said will
and the same is in the form of Law as a Municipality
will under private signature, made in the Country. It is further
ordered that said will be read in conformity with Law, the
same being found to be in the form of Law — that the
original be given to the said Isaac Isaac Isaac according to Law and
Signed by the Judge of this Court, at the
beginning and end of each page — that the proper
Assignation by Law be made — that duly Certified Copies
of said will, said Probate, Process, and other pro-
ceedings be made out and given to the executors of said
will, to be used in the Courts of the State of Louisiana
for the purpose of making a full and complete In-
ventory of all the property, of the deceased Isaac Isaac Isaac — that County being his home and
Legal domicile — that an inventory of the property of

the deceased of said Isaac Isaac Isaac in the Parish
be made in conformity with Law as the premises and Statutes
then said Isaac Isaac Isaac was the March of the same concerning
on the 25th day of May instant, and on coming from day to day and
the whole shall be completed — that Shuling and Shuling also at Law of the
Parish be and they are hereby appointed Attorneys at Law for the Parish
of said Isaac Isaac Isaac to wit: Isaac Isaac Isaac and Isaac Isaac Isaac to be
present and represent their interests at the taking of said inventory — that
Abel George Beale of the Parish of East Baton Rouge be and he is hereby
appointed Attorney at Law for Isaac Isaac Isaac the wife of Isaac Isaac Isaac
to be present and represent her interests at the taking of said Inven-
tory — that Isaac Isaac Isaac of the Parish of West Baton Rouge be and
he is hereby appointed Attorney at Law for the absent Legation named
in said will to be present and represent their interests at the
taking of said Inventory — that Richard Smith of the Parish
of East Baton Rouge be and he is hereby appointed Attorney
at Law for Isaac Isaac Isaac and Isaac Isaac Isaac under said
will to be present and to represent their interests at the taking of
said Inventory — that Lewis Shuling and Mr. William Shuling
be appointed Executors and Appraisers of said property, who
are hereby notified to be present for that purpose — that James
Shuling and Thomas Shuling be and are hereby appointed
two witnesses to be present at the taking of said Inventory —
that the Petitioner John Chambliss be recognized and granted
as one of the executors of said will and that Isaac Isaac Isaac
Inventory be granted to Isaac Isaac Isaac and Isaac Isaac Isaac to
whom they shall hereafter qualify — that Isaac Isaac Isaac be
placed in possession of said property in said Parish of
West Baton Rouge in conformity with the direction of said will
in behalf of himself and the other Co-Executors.

Jas. I. Wynn, Parish Judge
May 7th 1846

State of Louisiana = Court of Probates
Parish of West Baton Rouge
Abel George Beale Attorney at Law for Mrs
Isabella Shuling, the widow of Isaac Isaac Isaac deceased and
Isaac Isaac Isaac Attorney at Law for the absent Legation under
the will of said deceased appointed for that purpose
by the Court, on May 7th 1846, failing to attend at the taking
the Inventory of Isaac Isaac Isaac deceased — It is ordered
that Henry M. Shuling be appointed Attorney at Law for Mrs
Isabella Shuling and John M. Shuling Attorney at Law for
for the absent Legation May 25th 1846.

Jas. I. Wynn, Parish Judge

State of Louisiana = In all cases to whom these presents
shall come greeting: Thomas, John Chambliss has been duly

and legally appointed on the day of the date hereof by the Judge of
the Court of Probates of the said Parish Testamentary Executor
of the Estate of Isaac Franklin deceased and has taken the oath
required by Law. And has presented and to make it known
that the said John Benfield is authorized and empowered
to act as Testamentary Executor of the Estate of Isaac Franklin
deceased and to do and perform as such Testamentary
Executor provided and for the values of said estate all
the duties imposed upon him by Law.

Given under my Signature and Seal Official
this 7th day of May A.D. 1806

John Benfield

State of Louisiana
Parish of West Feliciana
I John Benfield having been
legally appointed on the day of the date hereof by the Judge of
the Court of Probates of said Parish Testamentary Executor
of the Estate of Isaac Franklin deceased and have taken oath that
I will and lawfully perform and discharge all and singular
the duties incumbent on me in my said capacity to
the best of my abilities and understanding. To help me
God

Given and Subscribed before
me this 7th day of May 1806.

John Benfield

State of Louisiana
Parish of West Feliciana
To all men to whom these shall
come Greeting: Whereas John B. Hays has been duly
and legally appointed on the day of the date hereof by
the Judge of the Court of Probates of said Parish Testa-
mentary Executor of the Estate of Isaac Franklin deceased
and has taken the oath required by Law.

And now presents and to make it known that the
said John B. Hays is authorized and empowered to
act as Executor of the Estate of Isaac Franklin deceased
and to do and perform as such Testamentary Executor according and con-
form to all the duties imposed upon him by Law.
Given under my Signature and Seal
Official, this 10th day of May A.D. 1806.

John B. Hays

State of Louisiana
Parish of West Feliciana
I John B. Hays, having been
legally appointed on the day of the date hereof by the
Judge of the Court of Probates of said Parish Testamentary
Executor of the Estate of Isaac Franklin deceased, and have
taken oath that I will and lawfully perform and
discharge all and singular the duties incumbent on me

in my said capacity to the best of my abilities and understanding.
To help me God.
Given and Subscribed before me
this 10th day of May 1806.

John B. Hays

State of Louisiana
Parish of West Feliciana
Seventh Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of
West Feliciana Clerk's Office.

I Charles B. Collins Clerk of said Court do hereby certify that the foregoing
Twenty five Pages contain full, true and complete Copies of the original record
of Record filed in my Office.

In Testimony of all which I have hereunto set my hand
Officially affixed the Seal of said Court, this
Twenty second day of August A.D. 1806.

Charles B. Collins

State of Louisiana
Parish of West Feliciana
Seventh Judicial District Court
I William A. Boyle Judge of the Seventh
Judicial District Court, do hereby certify that Charles B.
Collins whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate is,
now and at the time of signing the same Clerk of the Dis-
trict Court of the Seventh Judicial District in and for the
Parish of West Feliciana, and that said Certificate is in due
form of Law.

In Testimony of all which I have hereunto
affixed my Signature, this 22nd day of August A.D. 1806.

William A. Boyle
Judge of Judicial District
State of Louisiana

State of Louisiana

Seventh Judicial District Court September Term 1807.

This day William Franklin the Executor and Charles
Mendham in the case of Isaac Franklin deceased, dated 26th May
1801, and according to process are the 7th of May 1806, in the Seventh
Judicial District Court, in and for the Parish of West Feliciana
and Louisiana are then appeared, and a complete Copy
of which is ordered by this Court to be filed and recorded.
The said William Franklin came in person before this
Court and proved that the other Parties James Franklin deceased
deceased in the will has departed this life, and therefore
appears that the said William Franklin remained guar-
anteeing and acting as the Executor of Isaac Franklin deceased
under the will excepted the office of Executor as specified in
said will, and took on himself the duties of Executor as
there directed - all which by order of the Court is
entered of record. And Thompson County clerk before
Court John B. Hays, and John Benfield the other two
Executors mentioned in the said last will and Testament

of the Saracoean Franklin, and agreed to take upon themselves
the execution of the same, and took the oath of Exoner-
ation, as presented by said H. giving the opinion of the Court that
by the true construction of the Will of the Saracoe Isaac Franklin
the Executor has proved that said said Security should not
be required of his Exor.

Copy sent William S. Munday Clerk
of Common Council Court.

During my time in the life as uncertain and long distances to repair
of my paper and parchment by my Negro, now while I am in good
health and of good mind and memory among my children
and grand children I do hereby make and addin the
following to be my last will and Testament.

I give ~~Samuel~~ ^{James} Douglass &c my friend - said James Douglass
the fourth of my Negroes to wit Coates, Polhemus, Christine,
Marion, Thomas, Mary, Jane, Charles, John Jackson and
an infant boy Alice which includes his part my
son-in-law Edmund Bridges part and my son
Theodore's share. I give James Douglass three shares
because he at my request gave my daughter Polly Bridges
wife of said Edmund Bridges a negro boy named Hanson
about ten years of age at the time given, which boy she pre-
ferred to receive in lieu of her part of my Negroes at my death
and did not wish to separate my family of Negroes during
my life, and he also at my request sent by a Special
Contract between him and said Theodore's Widow paid
to said Widow in Cash five hundred Dollars, which is my
for the consideration for giving to my said son James
James Douglass my said son Theodore's share in said
Negroes.

to give and bequeath to my grand Children, the Children of my Nephew George Bridges the accompanying one fourth part of the remaining negroes to be equally divided amongst three of them that may be living at the time of my decease and should there be any increase of the said negroes above mentioned my will and desire is that such increase be divided amongst the same persons, and in the same proportion as before named and expressed.

[illegible]

May not be Saled or Separated and on James Laughlin paying
my said former Children their Shares in money as above stated the value
of the Negroes and their increase shall belong to him and his heirs or as-
signs forevermore in case all or any two of the above Named Valuers
shall be dead Remov'd away or refuse to act my wife or third parties per-
sons be appointed by the County Court of Sumner County to Value the
Negroes in the said one should any one of ~~those~~ Valuers be dead re-
mov'd away or refuse to act at the time of my deceased my will is
that the other two appoint a third person to assist them in making
the valuations Signed Sealed and published on the 31st day
of December A.D. 1858 North^{West} Hunte.

Martha ^{Wm} Hunt Esq
Marth

In presence of us
Ape Kagi

Mary Leiston

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court September Term 1849.

The Last Will and Testament of Nathaniel Hunt died was this day
produced in open Court for probate and was duly ^{according to law} proved
the oath of Henry Le Abston one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto
is having been made to appear to the Court that Sepulchre
the other Subscribing witness thereto has departed this life
his house uniting is therefore proven as the Statute direct by the
oaths of Eli Odum and John H. Case the same is therefore order
ed by the Court to be Recorded

A Copy Test, Prof. Murray Lib.

In the name of God Amen

D. Mitty clearly of the family of Thomas and
Kate of Memphis, being noted in Italy, but of Edward Mitty and dis-
posing property, and calling to mind the kindness of Tom, and the
certainty of death, have thought proper to make and publish
the my last will and testament, in form following this
is to say.

I wish all my just title and financial expenses finally paid.
 Second. I give and bequeath to the children of John Johnson that
 he has or may have by his present wife Willy Five hundred
 dollars and two beds, one furniture and bed steady. One
 Bureau and six chairs and one woman's saddle.
 The above named property I wish sold by my executor
 and the money arising from said sale, and the
 above named two hundred dollars to be equally
 divided between the children above named.
 Thirdly I give and bequeath in like manner to the
 five daughters of my Sister Elizabeth Phillips
 fifty dollars each. Making two hundred
 fifty dollars to the above named children.
 And I wish Benjamin Johnson to be paid for

