

In witness whereof I Samuel S. Wilks the  
said testator have to this my will set my  
hand and seal this 14 day of November 1871.

Attest: S. S. Wilks (S)

W. W. Dockett.

J. R. Young.

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court March Term 1870.

The last Will and testament of Samuel S. Wilks was produced in open Court on the 15 day of Oct 1870 for probate and was duly proven by the oath of W. W. Dockett one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and also appeared G. W. C. Griffin and F. P. Goldwell who after being sworn state that they were well acquainted with J. R. Young that said J. R. Young is dead and that they are well acquainted with his hand writing and that signature of J. R. Young signed as a witness to the Will of S. S. Wilks dated 14 Nov 1871 is the genuine signature of the said J. R. Young and in his own proper hand write. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said Will be recorded. J. A. McMechen and S. M. Wilks the executors named in the Will appear in open Court and accepted the execution of the same. Thereupon said J. A. McMechen and S. M. Wilks together with their securities E. A. McMechen and W. T. Sanders appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of four thousand dollars conditioned as the Court directs and said J. A. McMechen and S. M. Wilks were duly qualified. No

costs or expenses incurred.

Copy - attest.

June Cage Clerk.

Know all men by these presents, that I Robert Belote being very old and in feeble health and believing that I will not live very long make this my last will and testament.

I direct after my death that my burial expenses and all of my just debts be paid out my effects or estate that may be left.

2nd. I give to my beloved wife Sally Belote all of my personal and real estate and for her sole benefit and to control as her own and transfer if she should wish to do so with as much right as if I was doing it myself.

3rd. I am one half acre of land in lot No 12 which I purchased from Samuel Duke in the year of 1865. Known as part of lot No 1 which lot being bounded on the East by the town creek on the South by Mack Robb on the West by the land dividing my lot from the lot of John Gorley on the North by the land Richard Stotler. I give the above lot or parcel land and all my house hold furniture and any and other property I may have at my death to my wife Sally Belote and no other person to have any control of it.

4th. I constitute and appoint Constantine Belote my executor in California with my wife Sally Belote and bearing Care and in them it will not be required of them to give any bond or security to carry out the directions

of my will, this date on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December  
1873 and subscribed to in the presence of and  
requested them to witness to this my last will  
and revoking all other wills the witnesses being  
Dodd and Prudie Tavares being present and  
requested by me to witness my will.

Robert Belote

This will was witnessed  
in our presence  
William Dodd,  
Prudie <sup>wife</sup> Tavares.

State of Tennessee  
Union County Court March Four 1875.

The last Will and Testament  
of Robert Belote was this day pronounced in  
open Court after probate and was duly  
proved by the oaths of William Dodd and  
Prudie Tavares subscriber witness thereto  
which is recorded by the Court and ordered  
to be recorded.

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I Ezekiel Harper being of sound  
mind and feeling conscious of the uncertainty  
of life and the certainty of death do make this  
my last will and testament hereby revoking  
all others heretofore made by me.

First: I desire that my funeral expenses and all  
my just debts be paid out of my personal  
effects.

Secondly: For the purpose of insuring ample provi-  
sions for the maintenance of my wife  
Sarah Harper I give and bequeath to  
her (my wife) my entire real estate in

one all of my landed property to possess  
and hold during her natural life or  
widowhood upon her death or marriage  
then I desire my lands to be divided as  
follows, between my daughter America  
Wilson and my son Ellis Harper, viz: I  
desire my daughter America Wilson and  
to her bodily heirs have my farm tract  
of One hundred and thirteen acres successively  
and my son Ellis Harper the Isaac  
Ellis farm of three hundred and fifteen  
acres provided by my son Ellis Harper  
pay at the proper time certain monies  
yet unpaid on said Isaac Ellis farm  
My entire personal property and money  
left after paying expenses and debts as  
above mentioned. I likewise give to my  
wife Sarah Harper during her natural  
life or widowhood after which whatever  
of said effects are still remaining I desire  
shall be divided between my two children  
Ellis Harper and America Wilson and her  
body giving Ellis my son, one hundred  
dollars more of the same than my daughter  
America in consequence of a difference  
in value of the lands which I herein be-  
queath to them.

Lastly: I appoint or nominate Ellis Har-  
per executor to this my last will and  
testament.

Given under my hand and seal this 6<sup>th</sup>  
day of March 1875.

E. Harper

Signed in our presence  
R. Faullin  
R. W. Durhau,

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court April Term 1875.

The last will statement  
of E. Harper dead was this day produced in  
open Court and duly proved by the subscribing  
witnesses thereunto R. Paulin: the legalis and  
the will appearing and Cursing. Then upon  
Ellis Harper who produced the will for  
probate and who was appointed Executor  
of the same by the Testator appeared in  
open Court with Sarah and America McGlothlin  
his servants and they together entered into  
and acknowledged their bond to the State  
of Tennessee in the sum of eight hundred  
Dollars conditioned according to law and  
said Ellis Harper was duly qualified as  
Executor.

Copy attest.

Dear Sage Clerk.

I James Brown of the County of  
Sumner & State of Tennessee do make  
this my last will and testament.

In the first place I wish all my just  
debts to be paid. Secondly, I will and  
bequeath to my beloved wife, Susan  
Brown, the tract of land wherein I  
now live containing fifty three & three  
quarters acres. also all of my personal  
estate of every description, all of the  
above property both real and personal  
I give to my wife during her natural life  
and at her death I will the same to  
my adopted daughter Martha Sadler wife  
of Richard Sadler to her & her heirs  
forever, the same not to be subject to  
the payment of the said Richard Sadler

debts, or subject to his control unless by  
Court of the said wife. It is also my  
will that my said wife allow Henry  
Wiersman and his family to remain  
on the farm where he now lives during  
her life provided he & his family behave  
themselves in a proper manner. Lastly, I  
hereby appoint my wife Executrix of this  
my last will and testament signed,  
sealed and delivered in the presence  
of the witnesses this 2<sup>d</sup> day of December  
1874

James Brown  
David P. Bullock  
Melia Schleiter

James Brown

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court April Term 1875.

The last will and testa-  
ment of James Brown dead was  
this day produced in open Court for  
probate and was duly proven by  
the oaths of David P. Bullock and  
Melia Schleiter, subscribing witnesses  
thereto, which is received by the Court  
and ordered to be recorded. And  
Susan E. Brown the Executrix named  
in the will, appeared in open Court  
and accepted the execution of the same,  
thereupon she, together with her servants,  
M. Schleiter & David P. Bullock, appeared  
in open Court and entered into and  
acknowledged their bond to the State  
of Tennessee in the sum of One  
Hundred Dollars, conditioned as the  
law directs, and said Susan E. Brown  
was duly qualified.

Copy attest

Dear Sage Clerk

Know all men. That I Robert Megee do hereby make, declare and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament and hereby revoke and declare null and void any and all wills made by me before this.

I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible out of my estate,

To my wife Susan Megee. I loan during her natural life the residue of my estate both real and personal after paying my debts at her death to be disposed of as follows viz:

To my son John H. Megee I give all the personal property that may be in hand at the death of my wife Susan Megee also one half the lands to include the house in which I now live with the other improvements which are not to be valued in the division of my land to have and to hold the same forever. To my daughter Catherine Hiller I give the other half of my land to have and to hold the same forever. I hereby appoint my wife Susan Megee Executrix to this my last will and testament.

The testimony of which I affix my signature this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1875.

Robert Megee

Attest:

A. J. Swainey,  
W. F. Robertson.

Seal of Pennepp  
Sumner County Court May Term 1875.

The last will statement  
of Robert Megee dead was this day presented

in open Court for probate and duly proven by the oaths of A. J. Swainey and W. F. Robertson subscribing witnesses thereto which is recited by the Court and ordered to be recorded. Mrs Susan Megee the Executrix named in the will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same; thereupon the said Susan Megee together with her relatives John H. Megee and Thomas Barry appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of one thousand dollars conditioned according to law and said Susan Megee was duly qualified.

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Dan Cage Clerk.

I Mary McMurry of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others wills by me at any time made.

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

I give and bequeath to Daniel W. Learn first the plantation on which I now live comprising all the lands I own lying on the West fork of Dry Fork. Consisting of two hundred and twenty acres of land more or less.

I give and bequeath to Daniel W. Learn the Day tract of land consisting of thirty three acres more or less, less the portion I sold

to Elvis Doleman to whom I gave a deed to the small tract or portion consisting of twenty four acres more or less.

**Ninety:** I give and bequeath to Daniel W. Lear twenty three acres of land more or less known as the school land which parcel of land lies adjacent to the Day tract and belongs to that tract.

**Fiftieth:** I do hereby instruct my executors to sell to the highest bidder forty one acres of land more or less which lies west of and adjacent to my home tract said tract I bought of H. & R. G. Dobbins as Administrators of my Father's estate I direct that the proceeds of said tract be divided as follows. That is equally among Anna Dobbins, Miss Dobbins wife & her heirs, Robt Dobbins, and his heirs. Henry Dobbins heirs only then herein named shall have a share (to wit) Stacey, Seal, Ann Warren, Caroline Beard, John Dobbins and Alice Dobbins.

**Sixtieth:** I direct that the tract of land lying south of the real tract which was described in the foregoing section this tract I bought of John B. Seal & W. P. Justice and direct that it be disposed of finally in the same manner as the in section Fifth.

**Seventy:** I direct that the money shall be collected on all promissory notes and all moneys the I may die possessed of shall be divided as has been set forth and apportioned in the Eighth and ninth section.

**Eighth:** I give and bequeath to Stacey Lear all the kitchen furniture also the clothes alse the laundry & its furniture clothing.

**Ninety:** I give and bequeath to Daniel W. Lear my bed that I sleep upon with all its clothing.

**Eighty:** I give and bequeath to my brother Robt Dobbins

one feather bed, 1 sheet, 1 blanket, 1 under bed and one quilt.

I give and bequeath to Mary Wright and Ann Warren, Caroline Beard, Martha Dobbins and Julia Doleman each 1 one counter pan and Table cloth.

I give and bequeath to Ann Dobbins one bieruary and one coverlet.

I give and bequeath to Stacey Lear 1 bedroom and small dining table.

I give and bequeath to Anna Dobbins one candle stand and one small dressing table.

I give and bequeath to Charity W. Lear one fence or side board.

I give and bequeath to Stacey Lear my large clock and cupboard and also all my table furniture including crock & cans.

I do give and bequeath Priscilla McMurry col one sugar chest.

I do give and bequeath to Daniel W. Lear my small clock.

It is my express request that Mike & his wife shall remain in this house and be entitled to sufficient land to cultivate for their subsistence as long as they shall live but none of their heirs are to live there on this place.

This is to certify that Daniel W. Lear was to have the use and control of all of my lands so long as I might live in consideration of which he is to take care of & administer to several wants and necessities as long as I may live and the said Daniel W. Lear is not to charged with any other rents for the use of said land than those herein mentioned.

I intend and direct that all the bequests

that I have made to each all herein named shall be their and at their disposal.  
 I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas Dobbin and Robert D. Dobbin my executors.  
 In witness whereof I do this my will set my hand and seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1871.

Mary McMurtry (seal)

Signed sealed & published  
 in our presence and  
 we have subscribed  
 our names hereto in the  
 presence of the testator  
 this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1871.

Robert P. Bush.  
 John McMurtry.

State of Pennsylvania

Summer County Court May Term 1871:

The last Will & Testament of Mary McMurtry dead was this day pronounced in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of Robert P. Bush and John McMurtry subscribing witness thereto who is named by the Court and ordered to be recorded. Thomas L. Dobbin & Ross D. Dobbin the executors named in the will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same. Thereupon said Thos L. Dobbin and Ross D. Dobbin together with their securities R. D. Dobbin and Simon Elliott appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Pennsylvania in penal sum of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and said T. L. Dobbin and R. D. Dobbin were duly qualified.

Copy attested:

James Cage Clerk.

In the name of God Amen. I Wmfield S. Gop of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland being in perfect health of body and of mind and disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time hereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral charges are paid I devise and bequeath as follows.

Item All of my Estate real personal and mixed to my wife Eliza Waters Gop of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland. And Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Eliza Waters Gop to be sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and seventy one.

W. S. Gop (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by Wmfield S. Gop as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request are present and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

David Ardin  
 W. Durkee  
 Mr. H. Haywood.

Baltimore City, Md.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1872  
came Eliza W. Goff and made oath on the Holy  
Evangel of Almighty God that she doth not know  
of any Will or Codicil of Winfield S. Goff late  
of said city deceased, other than the above instrument  
of Writing and that she received the same  
from the Testator at the time of its execution and  
has since retained possession of it. That the  
Testator departed this life on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of  
February 1873.

Swear to in open Court.

Not.

J. Hanan Braun  
Register of Wills  
Baltimore City.

Baltimore City, Md.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1872  
came David Ordin and William H. Haywood  
and also the subscribing witnesses to the aforesaid last  
Will and Testament of Winfield S. Goff late  
of said City, deceased and made oath on the Holy  
Evangel of Almighty God, that they did see  
the Testator sign and seal this will; that they  
heard him publish, pronounce and declare  
the same to be his last Will and Testament  
that at the time of his so doing he was to the  
best of their apprehension of sound and disposing  
mind, memory and understanding; and that  
they together with W. Weston the other aforesaid  
witness then subscribed their names  
as witnesses to this will in his presence and  
by his request and in the presence of each other.

Swear to in open Court.

Not.

J. Hanan Braun  
Register of Wills

Baltimore City, Md.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1872  
came David Ordin and made oath on the  
Holy Evangel of Almighty God that he was  
present and saw W. Weston one of the sub-  
scribing witnesses to the aforesaid last Will  
and Testament of Winfield S. Goff late  
of said City deceased sign this will as a wit-  
ness and that the said W. Weston was a  
stranger in the City of Baltimore and he does  
not know where he is to be found.

Swear to in open Court

Not J. Hanan Braun  
Reg of Wills for Baltimore City.

In Baltimore City - Orphans Court.

The Court after having carefully re-  
viewed the above last Will and Testament  
of Winfield S. Goff late Baltimore City, Deed,  
and also the evidence adduced as to its  
validity, Orders and Decrees, this sixth day  
of March 1872, that the same be admitted  
in this Court as the true and genuine last  
will and Testament of the said Winfield  
S. Goff deceased.

Bolivar D. Daniels,  
Geo. Town Bishop.  
G. W. Scinday

In testimony that the aforesaid is a true  
copy from Wills & Liben J. H. Bk 38 folio  
141 one of the records of the office of the  
Register of Wills for Baltimore City

I herein subscribe my  
name and affix the seal  
of my said office on  
this 15 day of March

Baltimore City, Md.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1872  
came Eliza W. Goff and made oath on the Holy  
Evangel of Almighty God, that she doth not know  
of any Will or Codicil of Winfield S. Goff late  
of said city deceased, other than the above instrument  
of Writing and that she recollects the same  
from the Testator at the time of its execution and  
has since retained possession of it. That the  
Testator departed his life on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
February 1872.

Swear to in open Court.

Test.

J. Hannan Brown  
Register of Wills  
Baltimore City.

Baltimore City, Md.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1872  
came David Ordin and William H. Hayes and two  
of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last  
Will and Testament of Winfield S. Goff late of  
said City, deceased and made oath on the Holy  
Evangel of Almighty God, that they did see  
the Testator sign and seal this will; that they  
heard him publish, pronounce and declare  
the same to be his last Will and Testament  
that at the time of his so doing he was to the  
best of their apprehension of sound and disposing  
mind, memory and understanding; and that  
they together with W. Weston the other subscrib-  
ing witness thereunto subscribed their names  
as witnesses to this Will in his presence and  
his request, and in the presence of each other.

Swear to in open Court

Testy.  
J. Hannan Brown  
Register of Wills

Baltimore City, Md.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1872  
came David Ordin and made oath on the  
Holy Evangel of Almighty God that he was  
present and saw W. Weston one of the sub-  
scribing witnesses to the aforesaid last Will  
and Testament of Winfield S. Scott late of  
said City deceased sign this will as a wit-  
ness and that the said W. Weston was a  
stranger in the City of Baltimore and he does  
not know where he is to be found.

Swear to in open Court

Dick D. Hanan Brown  
Reg of Wills for Baltimore City

In Baltimore City-Orphans Court.

The Court after having carefully re-  
viewed the above last Will and Testament  
of Winfield S. Goff late Baltimore City decd.  
and also the evidence adduced as to its  
validity, Orders and Decrees, this sixth day  
of March 1872, that the same be admitted  
in this Court as the true and genuine last  
will and Testament of the said Winfield  
S. Goff deceased.

Bolivar D. Daniels,  
Geo. Wm. Bishop.  
G. W. Lindsay

I, witness, that the aforesaid is a true  
copy from Wills Libn J. H. Bldg 38 folio  
141 one of the records of the office of the  
Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

I herein subscribe my  
name and affix the seal  
of my said office on  
this 15 day of March

Seal Office

in the year of our Lord  
1875.

Robt. D. Hamman Brown  
Reg'r Wills for Baltimore City

Maryland, Sch.

I John A. Duglis Presiding Judge  
of the Orphans Court for Baltimore City in the  
State aforesaid, do certify that the aforesaid  
Attestation of D. Hamman Brown Register of  
Wills for said City is in due form and by  
the proper officer.

Given under my hand at the City of Baltimore  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our  
Lord One thousand eight hundred and  
seventy five.

John A. Duglis.

State of Maryland-Baltimore City-Sch.

I hereby certify that the Honorable  
John A. Duglis by whom the above certificate  
was given and who hath thereto subscribed  
his name was at the time of so doing, Chief  
Judge of the Orphans Court for Baltimore  
City duly elected, commissioned and qualified  
for testimony whereof I have  
hereunder set my name and  
affix the seal of the said  
Court this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1875.

Seal Box

Robt.

D. Hamman Brown  
Reg'r Wills Baltimore City

I Nelson B. Turner being of sound  
mind and disposing memory and knowing  
the uncertainty of life do make and publish  
this as my last will and testament and hereby  
revoke all others made by me.

I direct that my executor shall first pay  
all my just debts and funeral expenses.  
And he shall also have a good stone wall  
placed around my grave yard and shall  
also have suitable grave stones placed  
over myself and children.

I give to my son Robt. D. Turner one tract of  
land of three hundred acres bounded South  
by my house place & W. Gillespie West by  
Blades creek and by Nunn & Harris North  
by James Senter and East by James Senter &  
W. Gillespie. Also one tract of land of seven  
and one hundred & twenty acres in Bushy Park  
of Blades Creek S by J. W. Head & by said  
Head North by A. Hunter and West by the  
John McCal lands. I also will to him all  
rents and profits of land that he owes  
me of every kind the same not to be made  
a charge against him.

I give to my son R. W. Turner one tract of land  
of same three hundred and fifty seven acres  
bounded S by James Senter East by James  
Senter & W. Key North by Jonathan Durham  
and West by the Hannah & Woodson lands.  
I also will to him all rents and profits of  
land that he owes me of every kind the  
same not to be made a charge against  
him.

I give to my daughter Mrs Elizabeth Phillips  
and Mrs Phoebe Alice Carter to their sole  
& separate use to be disposed of by them  
by deed or will as they desire. The remainder

A quantity of my written wills here  
of sum two hundred acres and a  
part of land

Fifth:  
of my lands of same forty acres held by grant  
I also give to my said two daughters Mrs.  
Phillips and Mrs. Carter all my personal estate  
of every character and description including  
money note accounts or evidences of in-  
debtedness to me and the same is given to  
them to their sole and separate use and benefit  
and not to be disposed of except as they may  
direct but their individual receipts to my  
executor will be a good voucher. I also  
will and direct that if my son D. D. Tuner  
shall be bound to pay and security remain  
that he is now bound an for D. T. Carter or  
said Carter shall fail to pay said son D. D.  
a note he now holds against him then the  
amount herein upon willd Mrs. Carter is hereby  
charged with said sum liabilities and my  
executor is directed to discharge said account  
smaller and note out of what I have willed  
her.

Sixth:  
I also will to my daughter Mrs. Phillips to her  
sole and separate use all the notes I hold  
against her husband D. W. Phillips and I  
also will to my daughter Mrs. Carter all the  
notes I hold against her husband D. T. Carter  
to be held to her sole and separate use and  
benefit.

Seventh:  
I will all my household and kitchen furni-  
ture to my four children so D. J. W. Mrs. Carter  
and Mrs. Phillips to be equally divided between them

Eighth:  
I will my stock in the S. & A. R. R. Company to  
my grandson D. Tuner so and he is also to  
have a corn house already given him.

Ninth:  
Having heretofore advanced my son D. D.  
Tuner all I desire him to have he is to  
have nothing from my estate

Tenth:  
I hereby nominate and appoint D. D.

Dinner as the executor of this my last will  
and testament.

In witness whereof I have this set my hand  
May 30 1874.

Alecan B. Dinner.

Signed in our presence  
and witnessed at the  
request of the testator  
James O. Harris  
W. A. Carter  
James D. Tuner.

I hereby make the following Codicil to my  
last Will and testament made and executed  
May 30<sup>th</sup> 1874. viz:

If my son D. D. Tuner lives  
longer than his present wife then the devise  
to him by me of real estate is absolute and  
unconditional but if his said wife should  
survive him then I give and devise the land  
herefore devised to him for life and remain-  
der to his children or legal representatives  
Witness my hand August 1, 1874.

Alecan B. Dinner

Signed and acknowledged  
in our presence  
D. D. Tuner  
B. F. Allen.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court June 1875.

The last Will and Testament  
and codicil of Alecan B. Dinner deed was this  
day produced in open Court for probate  
and was duly proven by the oaths of W. A. Carter  
James D. Tuner and B. F. Allen subscribing with-  
ness thereto which is recorded by the Court

and ordered to be recorded. Do Dummer his Executor named in the Will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same, thereupon said Do. D. Dummer together with his securities John T. Carter, D. W. Phillips and John W. Dummer appeared in open court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of New Jersey in the sum of Twenty Seven hundred Dollars conditioned as the law directs and said Do. Dummer was duly qualified.

*Copy - Test.*

Done Oage Clerk.

I Eliza S. Allen of the County of Mercer am Slave of New Jersey Do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament.

First: I wish all my just debts and funeral expenses paid by my Executor.

Second: I hold a note on my son Richard Allen dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 1857 for six thousand dollars due one day after date given in recital of three notes of 2000 each dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 1853 I give the sum thus due me to my daughter-in-law Rose Allen for and during the term of her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the same equally to her child by my son Richard and to their heirs. the heirs and representatives of any one dying taking the share of the deceased parent.

Third: I loaned Mrs M. Allen as Adm'r of Richard Allen the sum of about eight hundred dollars. This fund, with the intent that I may not use or dispose of before my death, I give and bequeath equally to the children of my son Richard Allen to them and their heirs the direction if

a deceased child taking the share of such child.

I wish my copy of Clarks Caimucatans rebound and I give the same to P. W. Watkins the husband of my grand daughter Mary E. Allen.

I wish my Bible rebound and I give it to my grandson Richard Allen son of Richard Allen.

I give my stock in the Harrodsburg Turnpike Company being two shares also my household furniture and carpet to my granddaughter Mary E. Watkins.

I nominate and appoint P. W. Watkins my Executor to carry out this my will April 28 1871.

Eliza S. Allen

We have witnessed the above will at the request of the said Eliza S. Allen having signed the same in her presence at her request. this 28 April 1871.

E. J. Gray  
R. M. Ireland

State of New Jersey  
Mercer County Court August 2nd 1871.

The last will and Testament of Eliza S. Allen deceased was this day produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of R. M. Ireland one of the subscribing witnesses the other subscribing witness E. J. Gray being dead but whose signature was proven by the oath of Do. Huley he being familiar with the hand writing of said E. J. Gray which last will and testament is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

*Copy attested.*

Done Oage Clerk,

and ordered to be recorded. Do Dummer the Executor named in the Will appears in open Court and accepted the execution of the same, whereupon said Do Dummer together with his securities John T. Carter, G. W. Phillips and John W. Turner appears in open court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs and said Do Dummer was duly qualified.

Copy - Test.

Dear Judge Clerk.

I Eliza S. Allen of the County of Sumner in State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

First: I wish all my just debts and funeral expenses paid by my Executor.

Second: I hold a note on my son Richard Allen dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 1857 for six thousand dollars due one day after date given in renewal of three notes of \$2000 each dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1852 I give the sum thus due me to my daughter law Rosa Allen for and during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the same equally to her child by my son Richard and to their heirs their heirs and representatives of any one dying take the share of the deceased parent.

Third: I loaned Mrs M. Allen as Adm'r of Richard Allen the sum of about eight hundred dollars. This fund with the interest that may not rise or decrease of before my death I give and bequeath equally the dividend of my son Richard Allen to him and their heirs the dividend

of a deceased child taking the share of such child.

I wish my copy of Clark's Commissioners reward and I give the same to P. W. Watkins the husband of my grand daughter Mary E. Allen.

I wish my Bible or bound and I give it to my grandson Richard Allen son of Richard Allen.

I give my stock in the Harricksville Turnpike Company being two shares also my household furniture and carpet to my grand daughter Mary E. Watkins.

I nominate and appoint P. W. Watkins my Executor to carry out this my will April 28<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Eliza S. Allen

We have witnessed this our will at the request of the said Eliza S. Allen having signed the same in her presence at her residence this 28 April 1871.

B. J. Gray

R. M. Ireland

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court August Term 1875.

The last will and Testament of Eliza S. Allen dead was this day produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of R. M. Ireland one of the subscribing witnesses the other subscribing witness B. J. Gray being dead but whose signature was proven by the oaths of Do Whaley he being familiar with the hand writing of said B. J. Gray which last will and Testament is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Copy attested

Dear Judge Clerk,

I James W. Garrett do make and publish as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First: I direct funeral expenses and all just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mrs. Garrett my ~~husband's~~ farm together with twenty acres of hill land to keep and to hold the same for and during her natural life for her to control and use the proceeds of said farm for her benefit and the benefit of my children and I further empower my beloved wife Martha Garrett to sell and make a good title to my tract of land owned by me in civil district number 11 known as part of the Garrett tract of land in Sumner County. Said land to be sold soon as it can be done conveniently for something near its value to be sold for one half of the purchase money to be paid cash at the time of sale and the other half of the purchase money to be paid at the expiration of twelve months and purchase money when collected together with all of my personal property after the payment of all of my just debts I give and bequeath the whole of said personal and purchase money for said land to my said wife to use control and manage the same as she may think best for the benefit of herself and of my children for and during her natural life.

Thirdly: I direct as soon as convenient after the death of my said wife that my ~~husband's~~ and hill tract

of land be divided to my five children namely James E. Garrett, Henry C. Garrett, Thomas B. Garrett, Sallie A. Garrett and Rachael E. Garrett each one of my said children or their legal heirs as the case may be to share and share alike according to the legal grade of heirs and the laws of distribution and of said land cannot be conveniently divided by the amount of a majority of my said children or their legal representatives then said land is to be sold to the highest bidder the purchase money for the same to be secured by security and lies on said land and said purchase money together with all personal property remaining on hand to be divided to my above named children or their lawful representatives as the case may be each one to share and share alike according to their grade of heirs and the laws of distribution.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Martha Garrett my Executor.

Testament before signed  
In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1875.

James W. Garrett  
Signed sealed and published  
in our presence and we have  
subscribed our names hereto  
in the presence of the testator  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 1875.

A. G. Bragance  
Robert Birmingham

State of Pennsylvania  
Sumner County Court August Term 1875.  
The last will and testament  
of James W. Garrett deceased this day produced

in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of A. G. Brigance and Robert Cummings two subscribing witnesses unto which is sworn by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Martha Garrett the Executrix named in the Will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same and she together with her securities A. Lawrence and D. T. Beale appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of twenty five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs and said Martha Garrett was duly qualified.

Copy - attest.

James Cage Clerk

In the name of God Amen.

I Granville Moore of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to my last will and testament. That is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged and my children Mary W. George B. Anna M. Granville P. and Sally educated the residue of my estate real or personal I give bequeath and dispose as follows to wit: I will at my death that my son Atchelus B. Moore take share and full control of my farm and everything thereon contained reserving as much of the stock and farming utensils as may be necessary to carry on a farm and that the remainder of

the stock and farming implements be sold at either private or public sale I will that my real estate containing six hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts retaining the lands of Hatch. Cantrell Valley Dr. Jaynes's remain undivided until my youngest child Sally becomes of age or in case either of my children marrying or becoming of age wish his or her interest in the real and personal estate that his or hers be set apart for them to be divided into seven equal shares.

To my wife Mary one share  
to my son Atchelus B. one share  
to my daughter Mary W. one share  
to my son George B. one share  
to my daughter Anna M. one share  
to my son Granville P. one share and  
to my daughter Sally one share. Share and share alike. But should either of my daughters die leaving no bodily heirs then in that case the real estate drawn by them shall then revert back to my then living children or their bodily heirs. I will that my son Atchelus B. be allowed a liberal compensation for services rendered the estate. Likewise I make Constitution and appoint my son Atchelus B. to be sole Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my seal the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & seventy-five.

Granville Moore Seal

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Granville Moon in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

Daniel H. Daymer  
Wm H. Draper  
A. S. Moore.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Oct Term 1875.

The last will and testament of Granville Moon deceased was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of Daniel H. Daymer and A. S. Moore subscribers thereto which is recited by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

A. B. Moon the Executor named in the will appeared in open Court and accepted the probate of the same and thereupon he together with his securities Daniel H. Daymer and A. S. Moore appeared in open Court aforesaid and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs and said A. B. Moon aforesaid duly qualified.

Copy attested.  
Damage clerk.

State of Tennessee - Sumner County.

In the name of God Almein I Eliza Morgan of the above County and State knowing the uncertainty of human life do make this my last Will and Testament herein revoking and declaring utterly void all wills previously made by me. To Almighty God I commit my spirit assured that He will deal mercifully and justly with it.

I constitute and appoint R. L. Ellis of the County and State aforesaid Executor to this will and require upon him to carry out my wishes as is herein set forth and in the exact order in which they are mentioned in this will.

I will that the said R. L. Ellis pay all my just debts out of any money I may have or have or may be due me by any person at my death.

I will to Eliza Haublen wife of J. C. Haublen one bed bedstead and necessary bed clothing for the same my buggy and one hundred dollars in cash.

To Malibet Ellis daughter of R. L. Ellis I will one bed bedstead necessary bed clothing and fifty dollars in cash.

To Laura Ellis daughter of R. L. Ellis I will twenty-five dollars in cash and to Eddy and John Ellis sons of said R. L. Ellis I will fifteen dollars each in cash.

To John Sloan my nephew and his sister Martha Marsey both now residing in the state of Indiana I will one hundred and fifty dollars each to be paid in cash. This the 15 day of January 1875.

James Campbell  
A. T. Peeler

Eliza Morgan Seal

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Granville Moon in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses here to and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

James H. Daymer  
Wm H. Draper  
A. S. Moore.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Oct Term 1875.

The last will and testament of Granville Moon deceased this day produced in open court for probate and was duly proved by the oaths of James H. Daymer and A. S. Moore read: subscribing witnesses thereto which is sworn by the court and ordered to be recorded.

A. B. Moon the executor named in the will appeared in open court and accepted the same: execution of the same and thereupon he together with his securities James H. Daymer and A. S. Moore appeared in open court aforesaid and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs and said A. B. Moon with duly qualified.

Copy attest.  
Jenage Clark.

State of Tennessee - Sumner County.

In the name of God Almein; I Eliza Morgan of the above County and State knowing the uncertainty of human life do make this my last Will and Testament herein revoking and declaring hereby void all wills previously made by me. To Almighty God I commit my spirit assured that He will deal mercifully and justly with it.

I constitute and appoint R. C. Ellis of the County and State aforesaid Executor to this will and charge upon him to carry out my wishes as is herein set forth and in the exact order in which they are mentioned in this will.

I will that the said R. C. Ellis pay all my just debts out of any money I may have or hand or may be due me by any person at my death.

I will to Eliza Haubler wife of J. C. Haubler one bed bedstead and necessary bed clothing for the same my buggy and one hundred dollars in cash.

To Malibet Ellis daughter of R. C. Ellis I will one bed bedstead necessary bed clothing and fifty dollars in cash.

To Laura Ellis daughter of R. C. Ellis I will twenty-five dollars in cash and to Eddy and John Ellis sons of said R. C. Ellis I will fifteen dollars each in cash.

To John Sloan my nephew and his sister Martha Massey both now residing in the State of Indiana I will one hundred and fifty dollars each to be paid in cash. This the 15 day of January 1875.

James Campbell  
J. T. Peeler

Eliza Morgan (Seal)

upon said J. W. Sweet executed his bond  
as sole Executor in the sum of two hundred  
and fifty dollars conditioned as the law directs  
and said J. W. Sweet was duly qualified to  
execute being required under the will he was  
assisted from giving any.

Copy attest  
Desire Lagede Clerk.

Last Will of R. H. Wood.

In the name of God. Amen,  
I R. H. Wood of the County of Washington and  
State of Texas being in good bodily health and  
of sound mind knowing the frailty and un-  
certainty of life and being desirous of settling my  
worldly affairs and directing how the estate in it  
which it has pleased God to bless me shall be  
disposed of after my decease, while I have yet  
strength and capacity so to do, do make and  
publish this my last will revoking all other wills  
by me hitherto made.

I direct that all my just debts and general  
charges shall by my Executrix hereinafter named  
be paid out of my estate as soon after my  
decease as shall by her be found convenient.  
I give and bequeath to my honored Mother Ann  
Wood a support and maintenance to be furnished  
her by my said Executrix during her life.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary  
E. Wood all the residue of my estate both  
real, personal and choses in action and all  
rights whatever, as long as she shall remain  
unmarried or until her death subject  
to the restrictions hereinafter contained  
to wit; that my son John A. Wood at  
maturity shall use occupancy and at

urate any of my farm without cash or charge  
to him.

I give and bequeath to my son John A. Wood  
the portion of my estate herein bequeathed to my  
beloved wife Mary E. Wood farm and after her  
marriage or decease to have and to hold the  
same unto him the said John A. Wood his  
heirs and assigns forever.

I give to my daughter Minnie Bridges one  
Dollars to be paid her by my Executrix having  
previously given my said daughter Minnie  
Bridges and made advances to be equal  
in amount to the above bequest to my  
said son John A. Wood.

I nominate and appoint my beloved wife  
Mary E. Wood Executrix of this will, and direct  
that no Bond and security shall be required  
of her as Executrix.

It is my will that no other action shall  
be had in the District Court in the  
Administration of my estate than to prove  
and record this will and to return an  
Inventory and appraisement of my estate  
and I authorize and empower my said  
Executrix to sell and dispose of any part  
of my estate real or personal at public or  
private sale and in the manner that  
may seem to her best for the purpose of  
paying my just debts and the legacies  
herein bequeathed.

In witness whereof I hereunto sign my name  
and seal using a scroll this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
June 1873, in the presence of E. B. Robbins,  
and G. J. Thompson who attest the same  
at my request.

A. H. Wood 

The above instrument was now been subscribed by A. H. Wood the Testator in our presence and at his request and in his presence sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses

E. B. Robbins.  
G. J. Thomas.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1875 This day came on to be heard the application of M. E. Wood to Probate the Will of A. H. Wood deceased and it appears to the Court that the Notice of said application has been made in accordance with law and E. B. Robbins one of the subscribing witnesses to said Will appearing in open court and made the affidavit required by law establishing said will. It is therefore ordered adjudged and decreed by the Court that said will be Probated and the same together with the affidavit of the said E. B. Robbins be recorded and that the direction contained in said will to the said Executrix be and they are hereby confirmed by the Court and that Letters Testamentary issue to M. E. Wood Executrix named in said will upon her qualifying as the law requires by taking the oath of Office the will releasing her from giving any bond.

The State of Texas  
Washington County

I Mary E. Wood do solemnly swear, that the writing which has been offered for probate is the last Will of Augustus H. Wood dec'd. so far as I know or believe and that I will well and truly perform all the duties of Executrix under said Will to help me God.

Mary E. Wood

Sworn to & subscribed before me  
this 14 October 1875.

R. A. Harris Clerk D.C. W. Co  
per W. H. Shucker Subt.

Estate of A. H. Wood dec'd. Oct 14 1875.  
Mary E. Wood Executrix

Be it remembered that this day Mary E. Wood Executrix of A. H. Wood dec'd. having filed the oath required by law it is ordered that Letters testamentary issue to her in the form presented by law.

The State of Texas  
County Washington

I D. R. A. Harris Clerk of the District Court for the State and County aforesaid do hereby certify that the aforesaid foregoing 4 page Court a true and correct copy of the last Will and Testament of Augustus H. Wood dec'd. of the order of Court probating said will of the oath of the Executrix and of the order of Court granting Letters Testamentary as appears from the Minutes of said Court and the papers on file in my office

Given under my hand and  
the seal of said Court at office  
in the City of Breckham this  
the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct A. D. 1875.

R. A. Harris Clerk

The State of Texas  
Washington County

I J. B. McFarland Judge  
of the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of said State hereby certify that R. A. Harris whose signature

signature is attached to the foregoing certify  
that is the Clerk of the District Court of said  
County duly elected. Commissioned and qualified  
and that his official acts are to be held to credit  
as such and that said attestation is in due  
form.

Witness my hand and the seal of the  
District Court of said County  
this the 15 day of Oct A.D. 1875.

J. B. McFarland Judge  
29 Judicial Dis-

The State of Texas  
County of Washington

I R. A. Hannin Clerk of the  
District Court of said County do hereby certify  
that J. B. McFarland whose genuine signature  
appears above is Judge of the 29<sup>th</sup> Judicial Dis-  
trict of the State of Texas duly appointed Com-  
missioned and Commissioned and that all his  
official acts are entitled to full faith &  
credit.

Witness my hand and the seal of  
said Court at office in the City  
of Breman this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of O.  
A.D. 1875.

R. A. Hannin Clerk

I John D. Wherry of the County of  
Summer and State of Pennsylvania seriously con-  
sidering the uncertainty of life at best and  
more particularly in my present state of  
health do make this my last will and  
testament revoking all others.

I desire that all of my just debts should  
be paid as soon as possible and after  
that I give to my wife Jane E. Wherry  
all of the property that I may be possessed  
of either real personal or mixed and she  
to distribute it between our children equally  
at such times as she may think most ad-  
vantageous to them. Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1875.

John D. Wherry Seal

Test,

J. M. Shute,  
Doro F. Mills.

State of Pennsylvania  
Summer County Court December Four 1875.

The last will and testament  
of John D. Wherry decd. was this day produced in  
open Court for probate and was duly proven  
by the oaths of J. M. Shute and Doro F. Mills  
subscribing witnesses thereto which is recited  
by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Copy - attst

Deere George Clerk.

I George S. Jackson of Gallatin  
Sumner County Tennessee do hereby bequeath to  
my son Eugene L. Jackson a policy in the  
Continental Life Insurance Company of New  
York for two thousand dollars also all my  
financial property and my interest in the  
undivided portion of my Father's estate. Also  
the following real estate in Putnam County  
Florida. The undivided half of the North half  
of the west half of the North West quarter  
of section twelve (12) in township ten (10) land  
of Range twenty six (26) East. It is my will  
and request that my brother William R.  
Jackson act as executor of my will and  
Guardian for Eugene and it is my will  
that he act without giving the usual  
bond required in such cases and he is  
hereby authorized to dispose of the personal  
property as he may think best and to use  
so much of the estate as he may think  
necessary to improve the above described  
real estate. And it is hereby provided that  
should Eugene at the age of twenty one (21)  
years be dissatisfied from the use of intoxicating  
liquors or gambling or from any  
cause because of a worthless character so  
that he would squander the estate, then it  
is my will that the estate shall not be  
delivered to him until such cause shall  
have been removed and steady habits formed.  
And it is further provided that should Eugene  
die before he arrives at the age of twenty  
one (21) years or the delivery of the estate  
to him that the estate shall be equally  
divided between my brother and sister  
or their heirs. And provided further  
that any of the said ~~heirs~~

-beholden from the use of intoxicating liquors  
then they shall not be entitled to any  
share of the estate, but it shall go to his  
children should he have any, if not then  
that portion shall be divided with the  
balance of the estate among the other  
brothers and sister.

Witness my hand and seal this second  
day of November eighteen hundred and  
seventy five. Done at Gallatin Tennessee.

Witnesses: George S. Jackson Seal  
Das E. Jackson.

Wm Clark.

W. G. Montgomery.

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court Feb Term 1876.

The last Will and Testament  
of George S. Jackson dead was produced in open  
Court for probate and was duly proven by  
the oaths of Wm Clark and W. G. Montgomery  
subscribing witnesses thereto which is received  
by the Clerk and ordered to be recorded.

Copy attest

Deneage Clerk.

In the name of God. Amen. I  
Dickenson D. Austin being far advanced in  
age and near my death do make this my  
last will and testament revoking all other  
wills by me at any time made. In the  
first place I desire that all my just debts  
and funeral expenses be paid out of  
any money on hand or that shall  
first fall or come into the hands of  
my executors.

2<sup>nd</sup> by to my wife Emily D. Austin I give all of  
my perishable property after my debts  
are satisfied out of it. I also give her E.  
D. Austin sixty acres of land running  
across my tract on the East end includ-  
ing the Mansion House to have during  
her natural life. Then to be equally divided  
between my children.

3<sup>rd</sup> by I bequeath and give to my daughter Sally  
Audensson fifty six and  $\frac{2}{3}$  acres ( $56\frac{2}{3}$ ) and  
to John Audensson her husband ten acres  
for which he has paid me the two parcels  
making sixty six and two thirds acres lying  
on the West boundary line but to run  
from the North West corner on the  
branch East only so far as to include  
a sufficiency of stock water & since South  
six poles three East and South for comple-  
ment so as to make sixty six and two thirds  
The ten acres to John Audensson as above  
named he holds my title band for.

4<sup>th</sup> by I bequeath and give to my daughter  
Lucy Jane Payne fifty six and two thirds  
acres of land lying East of the canal  
given to Sally Audensson and East of  
John Austin's land on the North of the  
branch running across my whole tract

5<sup>th</sup> by

including his former residence and East  
so as to include and make fifty six and  
two thirds acres.

I give to my daughter Mary Elizabeth Payne  
and to the heirs of her body at her death  
fifty six and two thirds acres of land lying  
East of the land given to Lucy Jane running  
across the whole tract also and East so as  
to make the fifty six and two thirds acres.  
The land containing fifty six and two thirds  
acres that I give to Sally Audensson I value  
at \$12.00, twelve dollars per acre and the  
same amount to Lucy Jane Payne at  
twelve dollars (\$12.00) per acre and the  
same amount to Mary Elizabeth Payne  
at ten dollars \$10.00 per acre. Now my  
desire and will is that they whose land  
is worth the most pay over in money  
to the other so that all will be equal  
Signed sealed and acknowledged this 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1871 in the presence  
of witness

J. D. Harris  
W. T. Harris

Dickenson D. Austin

I appoint James D. Austin  
Executor this February 11<sup>th</sup> 1871.  
D. D. Austin,

State of Minnesota  
Sibley County - Court March 1<sup>st</sup> 1876.

The last Will and  
Testament also the codicil or the  
attached above affidavit of James  
D. Austin as Executor of Dickenson D.  
Austin dead was this day produced  
in open Court for probate and was  
duly proven by the oaths of J. D. Harris

and W. T. Harris subscribing witnesses and witness depositions which is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded. James P. Austin the Executor named in the Deceased paper or Codeil appeared in open Court and accepted the receipt of the same. Thereupon said Jas P. Austin together with his securities J. D. Harris and W. T. Harris appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of Seven Thousand & Fifty Dollars conditioned as the law directs and said J. P. Austin was duly qualified.

Copy - Attest

Dear Lodge Clerk

I John McNeill of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee for ever by occupation make this my last Will revoking all former Wills. I give devise and bequeath my estate and property real and personal as follows. That is to say

To my wife Henrietta B. McNeill all that part of my land North East of the Dry Fork Creek and appurtenances thereto; one half the timber on the grass lot land West of the above Creek for fire wood; one half of the tract of land on the Ridge & oaks and Pinewood; one half the horses Cattle, hogs and other stock on the farm; one half the farming utensils and providers on the farm at my decease; one half of all moneys

Cash notes after all my just debts have been paid. The whole of household and Kitchen furniture to use and to hold for her support and maintenance during her life and at her death to be divided equally between our three (3) children.

The remainder of my estate and property real and personal to my three children to be shared equally between them at my death. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at my home in the County of Sumner State of Tennessee on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. One thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

John McNeill *(Signature)*

The said John McNeill at his home as above named on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1876 signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for his last will. And we at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribers.

James Campbell.

John M. Ramsey.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court June Term 1876.

The last Will and Testament of John McNeill decd. was this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of

James Campbell and John M. Ramsey sub  
renting witness unto which is recd by  
the Court and ordered to be recorded.  
The executor being named in the will  
it is ordered by the Court that E. A. Ramsey  
be appointed Administrator with the Will  
Annexed of John McNeill dec'd. Thereupon  
said E. A. Ramsey together with his securities  
John Barr, James Campbell, J. B. McNeill and  
B. H. Hargrave appeared in open Court  
and entered into and acknowledged their  
bonds to the State of Niagara in the  
sum of three thousand dollars  
conditioned as the law directs, and said E.  
A. Ramsey was duly qualified.

Copy - attest

George Clark.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1875.  
Know all men by these presents that I  
W. B. Hobdy knowing the certainty of death  
and the uncertainty of life do make this  
my last will and testament.  
First after my death I will my soul to God  
he gave it. Second all my just debts  
all to be payed. Third I wish my daughter  
Eliza Mayes to have the tract of land lying  
East of my home house known as the Bush  
place containing about 65 acres the six shares  
that I own and I wish my wife to have  
all the same tract for the purpose of raising  
and educating the five children unless she  
should marry and if she should marry  
then she is to have fifty acres of land in-  
cluding the mansion and out buildings  
to be laid off so as to not injure the bal-  
lance of the tract and I wish the balance  
of the tract of land to be equally divided  
between my four children namely William  
Hobdy & Moon Hobdy & Nancy Hobdy & Har-  
riet Hobdy and the fifty acres named  
above to be for my youngest son  
Mountain Hobdy and I wish the land I  
gave to my daughter Eliza Mayes to be  
for her her lifetime and at her death  
to her bodily heirs and I wish my horses  
and mule stock all sold but since  
heard that may be chosen by my  
wife for farm purposes and the funds  
to be laid out at interest for the benefit  
of my wife and the five youngest chil-  
dren and all my notes and accounts to be  
collected and laid out at interest for the  
benefit of William Hobdy & Moon Hobdy &  
Nancy Hobdy & Harriet Hobdy and the

remainder of all the stock and furniture  
to be kept on the farm for the use of  
my wife in raising the children and all the  
house hold & kitchen furniture to be by my  
wife for the purpose of raising my children  
and I appoint my brother D. B. Hobdy my  
Executor to carry out my wishes in all of the  
above, signed in the presence of the subsisting  
witnesses.

Attest.

W. D. Hobdy

D. B. Hobdy  
doe J. D. Martin  
witness

State of Pennsylvania  
Somerset County Court Recd. Recd. 1876.

The last will and testament  
of W. D. Hobdy was this day produced in open  
Court for probate and was duly proven by the  
oath of James D. Martin one of the subsisting  
witnesses thereto which is record by the Court  
and ordered to be recorded. D. B. Hobdy  
the Executor named in the will appeared  
in open Court and accepted the execution  
of the same. Thompson said D. B. Hobdy together  
with his security J. D. Martin appeared in open  
Court and entered into and acknowledged  
their bond to the State of Pennsylvania in the  
sum of Two Thousand Dollars and  
discharged as the law directs.

Copy attested  
Dear Cage Clerk.

This day and date I make the following  
disposition of my property viz: provided I die  
or never get back as I am now going to  
the war as a volunteer in the Southern Army  
I do hereby give and bequeath to my be-  
loved Mother Eliza Jordan the following  
pieces of property as follows to have and to  
hold during her natural life provided I don't  
come back or die as stated above the prop-  
erty consists of two head of horses nine  
head of hogs and one Milch Cow which  
she is to hold as above stated during  
her natural life and then I will and be-  
queath to the said property if there should  
be any left at my mothers death to my  
beloved sister Frances Ann Jordan to have  
and to hold as her property do with as  
she pleases. Now the above will and testament  
is to be null and void if I return home  
from the war. this will is last will and  
testament made this day in the year of our  
Lord eighteen hundred and Sixty-one.  
July 14 1861.

William Jordan

Witness:

J. W. Harrison  
G. E. Lrett.

State of Pennsylvania  
Somerset County Court March Recd. 1877.

The last Will and Testament of William  
Jordan as it was this day produced in open Court for  
probate and was duly proven by the oaths of J. W. Harrison  
G. E. Lrett subsisting witnesses thereto which is record  
by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Copy attested  
Dear Cage Clerk.

State of Pinneope  
Sumner County

Be it remembered that a Circuit Court was begun and held in and for the County aforesaid at the Court House in the town of Wallatin on the the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven it being the fourth Monday in the month and the day fixed by law for holding said Court there was present and presiding the Hon. Dr. C. Guild by law Judge of said Court where the following proceedings were had and entered of record to wit:

Brown & Alexander Esqrs v. Wm Franklin decd  
vs Contested Will. Feb 27 1877  
J. W. Bailey and wife Bettie

I, James H. King Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and perfect transcript of the judgment of said Court pronounced at its February Term 1877 in the case of Brown & Alexander Esqrs v. Wm Franklin decd vs J. W. Bailey and wife Bettie as the same appears of record in my office.

In testimony whereof I have herein signed to set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at my office in Wallatin this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March A. D. 1877.

J. W. Bailey and wife Bettie

Build upon the question of the costs in this cause and the value of the lands for 1876 willed to Mrs Bailey and the compensation in the cause and having heard proof upon the same the Court ordered and adjudged that James Alexander former Guardian and now Executor of William Franklin died will pay to J. W. Bailey and wife Bettie \$43.39 for the account of rents due for 1876 on the 341 acres willed to her after deducting taxes and improvements for 1876.

State of Pinneope  
Sumner County

J. W. Bailey and wife Bettie

I, James H. King Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true and perfect transcript of the judgment of said Court pronounced at its February Term 1877 in the case of Brown & Alexander Esqrs v. Wm Franklin decd vs J. W. Bailey and wife Bettie as the same appears of record in my office.

In testimony whereof I have herein signed to set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at my office in Wallatin this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March A. D. 1877.

J. W. Bailey and wife Bettie

The last Will and Testament of William Franklin Esq.

I William Franklin Esq. of the County of Sumner and State of Pinneope being sound in mind and memory do make and publish the following as my

last Will and Testament viz:

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my wish that my just debts be paid at the first sale which may come to the hand of my Executor hereinafter named.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I give and devise to my daughter Margaret Elliott wife of W. R. Elliott during her natural life for her sole and separate use free from the debts and dispositions of her present or any future husband my tract of land lying in the County of Sumner State of Tennessee

immediately on the East side of Rush Station<sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup> Camp, long the known as the tracts which I purchased of Dr James Franklin and Isaac

Franklin containing by survey four hundred<sup>7<sup>th</sup></sup> and eighty five acres be the same more or less

At the death of the said Margaret Elliott I will and direct that said tract of land be equally divided between her surviving children, share and share alike excluding the representation of each of her children as she shall direct previous to the death of the said Margaret Elliott to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I will and direct that two hundred and eight acres of my home tract of land be surveyed off

lawn and so as to embrace my present improvements and sold by my Executors

for one sixth cash and the rest upon a rate of one, two, three, four and five years. The sum of this rate I direct to be equally divided bet-

all the children of my daughter Margaret Elliott when the youngest becomes of full age to them and their heirs forever. In making this sale I wish my Executors to take the notes with interest from date.

Item 4<sup>d</sup> I give and bequeath to my grandson William F. Elliott my gold watch

Line 5<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my grand daughter Bettie Rooney daughter of my deceased daughter Bettie Rooney the balance of my home tract<sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup> of land containing about three hundred and forty acre acres be the same more or less being the balance of my home tract after taking off the two hundred and eight acres mentioned in the 3<sup>d</sup> clause of my will. This tract is left to her and her bodily heirs forever.

I bequeath to my grand daughter Bettie Rooney two thousand dollars of my Davidson County bonds to her and her heirs forever.

I will and direct that the balance of my estate after paying the above bequests be equally divided between the children of my daughter Margaret Elliott to them share and share alike the said property will be delivered or paid over to a regular guardian of said children appointed by the County Court and required to give good security Each child to receive his or her part of said property on becoming of age. It is also my request that James Alexander be appointed said guardian.

I nominate Robert N. Brown and James Alexander my Executors said Executors not required to give security. I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made publishing this as my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I subscribe my name this the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1874.

William Franklin,

Signed and published in our presence by the testator and we at his request

and in his presence and  
in the presence of each other  
have subscribed our names  
as witness this the 19 Aug 1874.

R. E. Douglass.

A. D. Brown

O. B. Duckins

Charlie Clark.

I John Matthews being in sound mind  
do make and publish this as my last Will  
and Testament hereby revoking and making  
void all others by me at any time made.

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

Secondly: I give and bequeath to Sarah my wife all  
my real and personal estate of every kind  
whatever for her use and benefit during her  
natural life at her death I hereby bequeath  
and give to my daughter Angelina my house  
and twenty acres of land immediately surrounding  
the house I now live in during her natural life and at her death to her  
nearest bodily heirs.

Thirdly: I hereby give and bequeath to my two sons  
John D. and James A. Matthews the remainder  
of the tract of land I now live upon  
at the death of my wife Sarah to be equally  
divided between.

At the death of my wife Sarah I hereby

give and bequeath to my daughter Angelina  
and says John D. and James A. Matthews  
my piece of tract of land situated on the  
head waters of Dry Fork Creek said to contain  
14 Acres 2 Rods 31 Poles to equally divided  
among the three.

I direct that at the death of my wife  
Sarah that all my personal property  
shall equally divided between my three  
children Angelina, John D. and James A.  
Matthews.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my  
wife Sarah my Executor.

In witness whereof I do this my will set  
my hand this day 20<sup>th</sup> 1871.

John Matthews.

Signed and published in  
our presence and we have  
subscribed our names  
hence in the presence of  
the testator this day 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of June 1871.

W. H. Bennett.

W. R. Packins.

#### State of Pennsylvania

Summer County Court April Term 1871.

The last Will and Testa-  
ment of John Matthews having been produced  
in open Court at a former term and  
duly proven by the oath of W. R. Packins  
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto which  
is received by the Court and ordered to be  
recorded. Whereupon this day came will-  
Court Sarah Matthews the Executive named  
in the Will and accepted the execution of  
the same and said Sarah Matthews to-

and in his presence and  
in the presence of each other  
have subscribed our names  
as witnesses this the 19 Aug 1874.

R. E. Daugler

A. D. Brown

O. B. Dickins

Charlie Clark.

**First:** I John Matthews being in sound mind do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others by me at any time made.

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

**Secondly:** I give and bequeath to Sarah my wife all my real and personal estate of every kind whatever for her use and benefit during her natural life and at her death I hereby bequeath and give to my daughter Angelina my house and twenty acres of land immediately surrounding the house I now live in during her natural life and at her death to her nearest bodily heirs.

**Thirdly:** I hereby give and bequeath to my two sons John D. and James A. Matthews the remainder portion of the tract of land I now live upon at the death of my wife Sarah to be equally divided between them.

At the death of my wife Sarah I hereby

Fifth.

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give and bequeath to my daughter Angelina and sons John D. and James A. Matthews my piece of tract of land situated on the head waters of Dry Fork Creek said to contain 14 Acres 2 Rards 31 Poles to equally divide among the three.

I direct that at the death of my wife Sarah that all my personal property shall equally divided between my three children Angelina, John D. and James A. Matthews.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Sarah my Executor.

In witness whereof I do this my will set my hand this June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1874.

John Matthews

Signed and published in  
our presence and we have  
subscribed our names  
hereto in the presence of  
the testator this the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
day of June 1874.

W. H. Bennett,

W. R. Packius.

State of Pennsylvania

Sumner County Court April Term 1877.

The last Will and Testament of John Matthews having been produced in open Court at a former term and duly proven by the oaths of W. R. Packius one of the subscribing witnesses thereto which is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded. Whereupon this day came into Court Sarah Matthews the Executor named in the Will and accepted the execution of the same and said Sarah Matthews to-

gather with her securities Angelina Matthews John D. Matthews and James A. Matthews appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Wisconsin in the sum of five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs and said Sarah Matthews was duly qualified as said Executrix.

Copy attest.

Desse Laze Clerk.

In the fear of God,

I D. W. Hayes being weak in body but strong in mind make this my last will and testament as follows.  
I will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

I wish my interest in my mother's home not to be sold but to come to my estate and all other lands that I may inherit in any other way.

I give and bequeath my gold watch to my son William Erskine.

I want Seventy five dollars to be set aside to buy a gold watch for my son Estelle when he becomes eighteen years old.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Kennedy Seventy five dollars to be given her at eighteen years old.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Maria Seventy five dollars to be paid her when she becomes eighteen years old.

I will and bequeath to my wife Mary all my lands and all I may hereafter inherit to have and to hold until she sees proper to divide it equally

between my children.

I will and desire that my wife Mary have carry out this my will without security this April 14<sup>th</sup> 1877.

James W. Hayes.

Witnesses.

J. W. Harrison

W. C. Hayes.

State of Wisconsin

Summer County Court June 1<sup>st</sup> 1877.

The last Will and Testament of James W. Hayes deed was produced in open Court and duly proven by the oaths of J. W. Harrison and W. C. Hayes subscribing witnesses who which is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

Copy attest.

Desse Laze Clerk.

I Samuel Sickleson do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any time made.

I direct that as soon after my death as possible all my just debts and burial expenses be paid out of the first money that shall come into the hands of those whom I may hereafter appoint to execute this my will.

I will and desire to my beloved wife S. Sickleson for and during her natural life or widowhood all of my estate both real personal and mixed wherever the same may be all of the same being in this