

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

State save a one half interest in a farm of  
several hundred and thirty two acres or thereabouts  
in the County of Lauderdale State of Alabama  
my object being in thus conveying all of my  
estate to my wife for life that she may have  
ample means and not be embarrassed in the  
raising and educating our children. It is  
therefore my will and I so direct that so  
much of the rents, profits interest and income  
from my said estate be so applied as may  
be necessary for that purpose; the principle  
therof not to be touched upon for that  
purpose unless absolutely necessary. I further  
desire and it is my will that all of my children  
remain together and live with my wife  
enjoying the benefits of my estate as aforesaid  
until they respectively arrive at mature age  
and marry.

3. Should my beloved wife after my death at any  
time marry again; then it is my will and I  
so direct that all of my estate of every kind  
be divided into eight equal shares and given  
as follows: My wife A. V. Sickleson one share. My  
son R. O. P. Sickleson one share, My son W. R. D. Sickleson  
one share my son S. B. Sickleson one share, my  
daughter L. V. Sickleson one share, My daughter  
Ophelia Sickleson one share my daughter Victoria  
Sickleson one share and my son Edwin P.  
Sickleson one share,

4. Should my wife never marry but remain  
my widow during her life then it is my  
will and I so direct that after her death all  
the remainder of my estate devised herein to my  
wife A. V. Sickleson in clause two for life  
divided in seven equal shares and distributed  
as follows among my children: R. O. P. Sickleson  
one share, W. R. D. Sickleson one share, S. B. Sickleson

one share, L. V. Sickleson one share, Ophelia Sickleson  
one share, Victoria Sickleson and share and Edwin  
P. Sickleson one share. It is my further will  
and I so direct that all the interest herein given  
and bequeathed of my estate to my daughters  
S. V. Ophelia and Victoria respectively be theirs  
to them sole and separate use, each of their  
respective shares free from the debts, contracts  
and liabilities of their husbands should they  
ever marry.

5. I have on hand a lot of Sumner County Money known  
as the Dobbs issue which three shares I  
shall hereafter appoint to receive this will  
are directed to sell and invest the proceeds  
in Sumner County bonds issued to aid in  
aid of the Cumberland & Ohio Rail Road by they  
my said executors to exercise a sound dis-  
cretion in selling said money so as not  
to sacrifice it but realize the most for  
it possible and these bonds when purchased  
to constitute a part of my estate and pass  
to my wife and children under the fore-  
going clauses of this will.

6. I am the owner of a manufacturing es-  
tablishment in the town of Gallatin known  
situate on the Rail Road Avenue known  
as the Gallatin Eagle Woolen Mills that has  
been a large sum of money and is  
now in operation. After death it is my will  
and I so direct that their operation be  
continued by my executors and executrix  
whom I will hereafter appoint the profits  
arising from the operation of the same to  
be used as directed in clause two in  
conjunction with the other incomes or interests  
and profits of my estate to the  
maintenance of my wife and children.

and the education of my younger children,  
my son A.O.P. Nickelson, however to have first out  
of the profits of operating said factory the sum  
of forty dollars per month for his services in the  
management and control of the same by him  
if however at any time the operating cost of  
running of said Mills should cease to be  
a source of revenue and unprofitable and  
likely so to continue then and in that event  
I direct that the said Mills consisting of the  
lot, houses upon the same machinery and  
all fixtures be sold by those whom I shall  
hereafter appoint to execute this will at the  
sum of ten thousand dollars privately and  
make deed to the purchaser for the same and  
if upon a fair trial and reasonable effort  
to sell at that price the same cannot be  
done then they are authorized to sell the same  
for the sum of eight thousand dollars upon  
a sale at either price then there to execute  
this will are directed to invest the proceeds  
in Sumner County bonds issued to the Cumberland  
and Ohio Rail Road Company and if they can  
not be had six bonds other securities equally  
safe and good such investment to constitute  
a part of my estate and pass to my wife and  
children under the foregoing provisions of the  
will.

I nominate and appoint my beloved wife  
A. V. Nickelson and my son A.O.P. Nickelson  
my Executrix and Executor to execute the  
provisions of this my last will and testament  
and having the utmost confidence in them  
I do not require them to give the usual  
bond required by law and the  
Court will not therefore require the sum  
of them when they shall offer this will

for probate all examinations and testification  
made before signing.

In witness whereof I do to this day will set  
my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1877.

Samuel Nickelson

Signed and published in  
our presence and we have  
subscribed our names  
beneath in the presence of  
each other and of the Pro-  
tator and by his request  
this 24<sup>th</sup> of April 1877.

W.B. Conn.

James Haase.

State of Pennsylvania

Sumner County Court June (1877) Penn 1877.

The last will and testament of  
Samuel Nickelson dec'd was this day produced  
in open Court for probate and duly proven by  
the oaths of W.B. Conn and James Haase subscribing  
whereas this is record by the  
Court and ordered to be recorded. Whereas  
Mrs D.V. Nickelson and A.O.P. Nickelson the  
Executrix and Executor named in said  
will appeared in open Court and  
accepted the execution of the same. No  
bond being required the Executrix and  
Executor were duly qualified.

Copy att'd

Dee Coage Clerk.

J. R. L. Bumpus being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me at any time previous to this 1<sup>st</sup> whereas my son James J. Bumpus has received from me four hundred and thirty two dollars my daughter Martha J. Austin has received four hundred and four dollars my daughter Sarah L. Wright four hundred and four dollars and my daughter Willie H. four hundred and one dollars, now it is my will that my three daughters be made equal with my son J. P. Bumpus and that they together with him each receive one hundred dollars in addition to what they have received after being made equal  
 And I bequeath to my wife Mary A. Bumpus all of the residue of my property both real and personal after deducting the above legacies and paying the debts and expenses which may be existing against my estate at the time of my death, for the term of or during her natural life, then to be divided equally between my children J. P. Bumpus, Martha J. Austin, Sarah L. Wright and Willie Harris, 3<sup>rd</sup> I hereby appoint my wife Mary A. Bumpus sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I affix my seal and signature this June 1<sup>st</sup> 1877.

R. L. Bumpus

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named R. L. Bumpus to be his last will and testament in our presence who hereunto affix our names as witnesses the

First

Secondly,

day and date above

W. N. Warren  
May. W. Mitchell

State of Wisconsin  
Ozaukee County Court House June 1877.

The last will and testament of R. L. Bumpus was on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1877 produced in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of Wm. N. Warren and May. W. Mitchell subscribing witnesses thereto which is recorded by the Clerk and ordered to be recorded. The same is entered into the books June

Copy attested  
Done before Clerk

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

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 that may first come into the hands of my executors.

I direct that the notes of hand due me at my death shall be applied to the payment of my debts and if there be not a sufficient amount to satisfy said debts then my executors shall proceed to sell such of my personal effects as my legatees shall select for such purpose and if there be a residue of

said notes after paying said debt then  
it shall go as hereafter directed:

Thirdly: I direct that the balance of my estate both  
real and personal property of every description  
shall remain to my beloved wife Pelicia  
Kirkpatrick during the term of her natural  
life provided however that if she marry  
then said property both real and personal  
shall revert to my heirs at law at the  
death of my wife I direct that my said  
estate shall be sold and divided among  
my heirs at law but nothing in this my  
last will and testament shall be taken to  
mean that those of my children to whom  
I have decided property shall not share  
equally with the others of my children or  
their representatives but it is my will that  
they share and share equally in the remainder  
at the death of my wife.

Fourthly: I direct and desire that my grand son James  
A. Thornhill have a certain ball faced horse  
colt near two years old now but nothing  
herein shall exclude him from his share  
of the remainder of my estate at my wife's  
decease.

I do hereby nominate and appoint F.  
K. Taylor my Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my last will  
set my hand and seal this 25 day of Decr 1877.

Hugh Kirkpatrick 

signed sealed and  
published in our presence  
and we have subscribed  
our names hereto in the  
presence of the Testator this 25 day 1877.

F. K. Taylor

James Montgomery

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court August Term 1877.

The last Will and Testament  
of Hugh Kirkpatrick dead was produced in  
open Court for probate and duly proven by  
the oath of James Montgometry one of the  
subscribing witnesses thereto which is recited  
by the Clerk and ordered to be recorded. F.  
K. Taylor the Executor named in the will  
appeared this day in open Court and  
accepted the execution of the same. There-  
upon the said F. K. Taylor together with his  
securties D. S. Kirkpatrick and W. P. Hulston  
were affirmed in open Court and entered  
into and acknowledged their bond to the  
State of Tennessee in the penal sum of five  
thousand dollars conditioned as the law  
direct and said Taylor was duly qualified  
Copy attested.

Desire Coage Clerk.

I William E. Douglas being of sound mind and memory do make the following as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give bequest and devise to my brother Cullen E. Douglas of the County of Sumner State of Tennessee all my real and personal estate situate and being in the State of Kentucky consisting of all my interest in lands Railroad Stock and notes as well as those which I may hold upon the said Cullen E. Douglas as those upon other persons to him and his heirs forever.

This 21<sup>st</sup> day of Nov 1867.

W. E. Douglas.

Signed sealed & published  
in our presence and are  
at the request of the  
testator and in his presence  
and in the presence of each  
other have subscribed our  
names as witnesses This 21 Nov 1867.

W. S. Munday  
Tom Moore.

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court House (19<sup>th</sup>) Nov 1877.  
The last will & Testament

of William E. Douglas deed was this day made  
in open Court for probate and duly proven  
by the oaths of W. S. Munday and Tom Moore  
subscribing witness thereto which is record  
by the Clerk and ordered to be recorded

Copy attest.

Dan Coop Clerk.

I Frederic Watkins of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament.

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

I direct that each one of my children  
that have not had bed and furniture  
to have one before the sale.

I direct that my land on which I now  
live lying in Dist No 90 and all my  
movable property be sold either public  
ly or privately as my executor may think  
best after consulting with friends.

I direct that my five daughters be paid  
one hundred dollars each.

I direct that the balance of the proceeds  
of my estate be equally divided between  
my eight children Cecilia F. Watkins one  
eight. Louisa D. Colyer one eighth. Julius P. Watkins  
one eighth. Henrietta Elizabeth one eighth.

Sophia A. Bridges one eighth. Orville F. Watkins  
one eighth. Eliza F. Gillispie one eighth Charles  
W. Watkins one eighth. I will to the above  
named heirs their several portions during  
their natural life and at their death  
to their bodily heirs if they have any  
if none to be equally divided between those  
that are living.

I direct that the amount I have charged  
against any of my heirs to be counted  
as part of their distributive share.

I nominate and appoint Frederic F. Watkins  
my executor without security to this my  
last will and testament.

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of December 1870.

Ardene Watkins seal.

State of Tennessee.

Buncombe County Court Dec (1st) Term 1877,

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Ardene Watkins deed was this day produced in open court for probate when Elijah Harris and Reuben Douglass personally appeared and being duly sworn deposed and said they are well acquainted with the signature and hand writing of Ardene Watkins deed and that the aforesaid will and its signature to the same is in the genuine hand writing of said Ardene Watkins deed and C.W. Watkins being sworn say that he found said paper writing among the valuable papers of his deceased father. it is therefore ordered by the Court that said will be recorded.

Copy attest.

Desse Cage Clerk

State of Tennessee.

Buncombe County Court Sept (14) Term 1878. A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Frederick Watkins deed was this day produced in open court for probate when Elijah Harris, Richard E. Douglass and Reuben Douglass personally came and being duly sworn deposed and say that the handwriting of Frederick Watkins is good known to his acquaintances and that they verily believe the writing dated 20<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1870, aent purporting to be the will of Frederick Watkins and every part of it is in the handwriting of Frederick Watkins and is in writing of his own offered and read of that paper writing was found after the death of Frederick Watkins among the valuable papers of said Frederick Watkins. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said will be recorded. Copy Attest

O. H. Foster Clerk

I Adeline D Odam do make and publish this as my last will and testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I own in fee three shares of the land which was allotted to me as dower in the real estate of my late husband Hans Odam being the shares that were conveyed to me by my daughters Mrs People. Mrs Baker and by my son J. P. E. Odam also the park conveyed to me by Mrs Rhoda Baker and Mrs Mary Stevens the said land so owned by me being all of the land owned by me in Buncombe County I give to my son J. P. E. Odam in trust for sole and separate use of Mrs Dennis Odam wife of J. P. E. Odam during the life of said Dennis Odam with remainder in fee to J. P. E. Odam to take effect at the death Dennis Odam. And the said J. P. E. Odam is fully vested with the power at any time and during the life of Mrs Dennis Odam to sell said land his wife giving her consent and joining in the deed. And the said J. P. E. Odam is not required to give bond and security as said trustee owns the estate during the life of my son in law John S. Baker in the land upon which he now lives. I give said life estate to the children of my daughter Hamel Baker.

I direct all the balance of my estate real and personal to be divided into four parts of which I give one part to each of my three daughters. viz: Mrs Dennis Saffron Mrs Mary Dayen

and Mrs. Beaudias Baker and one share  
to the children of Mrs. Harriet Baker my  
deceased daughter - but the children of Mr.  
Baker are to be charged with what I have  
given their mother - and with the life estate  
given them in this will and each of my  
daughters is to be charged with what I  
give them so as to make the four share  
equal after charging all that has been  
received hereafter. The above intimation  
in the first item was made before signing  
this will it being my intention in case  
of my death to subtract all my real estate  
in Summit County except the life estate  
described item 2<sup>nd</sup> of this will.

Given under my hand Day 10<sup>th</sup> 1878.

A. P. Odair.

Witnesses.

Charles E. Broddie.

E. O. Elliott.

State of Ohio

Summit County Court Day (O. 14) Penn 1878.

The last will and testament  
of Adeline P. Odair deceased was this day  
produced in open court for probate -  
was duly proven by the oaths of Charles  
E. Broddie and E. O. Elliott subscribing  
witnesses thereto which is received by the  
Court and ordered to be recorded.

Copy, attest.

Dose legal clerk.

I Margaret Mc Murry do make and  
publish this as my last will and testament  
hereby revoking all former will heretofore  
at any time made. First It is my will  
that all of my debts and funeral expenses  
be paid out of the first money that  
may come into the hands of my executor  
after my death. It is further my will  
that my executor have erected over my  
grave a Tomb such as the one I had  
placed over the grave of my former  
husband John Chapman dec'd.

Secondly It is my will that my executor  
herein after appointed have power to sell  
my tract of land either publicly or  
privately and on such time as he may  
think best and convey the same to the  
purchaser or purchasers and after settling  
up my estate it is my will that my  
niece Margaret Turner shall have Five  
Hundred Dollars to be paid to her by  
my executor.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my  
Brother Frank W. Baldridge all the  
remainder of my estate.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my Neigh-  
bor John Woods Executor to this will  
and exempt him from being required  
by the court to give security for the  
execution of the same. In testimony  
whereof I have set my hand to this my  
last will & testament this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1878  
In presence of

Margaret Mc Murry  
Subscribing witness  
John L. Britton  
Chas B. Rogers.

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court April Term 1878

The last will and  
Testament of Margaret Mc Murry  
produced in open court for probate  
and was duly proven by the oath  
of John L. Britton and Chas. B. Ross  
subscribing witnesses thereto which  
received by the court and ordered  
to be recorded. John Woods the Ex-  
ecutor named in said will ap-  
peared in open court and ac-  
ted the execution of the same  
thereupon entered into and ac-  
nowledged his bond to the State  
of Tennessee in the sum of seven  
thousand dollars condition as  
the law directs and said John  
Woods was duly qualified.

Copy attested  
Jesse Cage

I David P. Bullock of the County of  
Sumner and State of Tennessee do make  
this my will.

In the first place I will and bequeath  
to my wife Alice W. Bullock one half of  
my Estate both real and personal.

I give to my son-in-law J. N. Turner the  
balance or remainder of my personal property.  
I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Pattie W. Turner all the remainder or  
balance of my real estate not herein given  
to my wife.

I give the same to her during her life and  
at her death to be equally divided be-  
tween her children the above gift to  
my daughter is done by the husband

of my son J. N. Turner.

I hereby appoint my wife Executive and  
my son-in-law J. N. Turner Executor of  
this my will.  
Signed Sealed and delivered this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of Sept 1875.

David P. Bullock

The last will and Testament of David  
P. Bullock was this day produced in  
open court and asked to be probated. The  
said paper thus produced as a last will  
and Testament was proved to be in  
the handwriting of said David P. Bullock  
and all and every part of it being  
proved by F. D. Blakemore, Minister Elder  
G. S. Turner and J. N. Turner to be in  
the handwriting of said David P. Bullock.  
The said paper writing is admitted to  
probate as the last Will and Testa-  
ment of said Bullock.

Know all men by these presents that  
James M. Hollis of the County of Sumner  
and State of Tennessee knowing the cer-  
tainty of death and now being of sane  
mind do hereby make and publish this  
my last Will and Testament in manner  
and form following to wit: First. I will  
my soul to God who gave it and my  
body to a decent burial. Second. I wish all  
my just debts and funeral expenses paid.  
Third. I leave all my estate real and per-  
sonal to my wife Orry Hollis dur-  
ing her natural life to be under the  
management of my son John W. Hollis

provided he maintains and supports his mother, or so long as he may maintain and take care of her Fourth, At the death of my wife Orry Hollis I will and bequeath to my daughter Blackburn the sum of Two Hundred Dollars in current money to her or her heirs forever Fifth, I give and bequeath all the rest of my estate at the death of my wife Orry Hollis to my son John W. Hollis consisting of 176 acres of land & all the perishable property, money, debts & effects of every kind to him and his heirs forever Sixth, I appoint my son John W. Hollis sole executor of this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this the eighth day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty nine

*James W. Hollis*  
Signed, sealed and  
acknowledged in our  
presence and witnessed  
by us at the request of  
this Testator in his  
presence.

*W. Hodges*  
*A. G. Brigance*

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Court Aug 1878

The last will and Testament of James W. Hollis decd was this day produced in open Court for probate was duly proven by the oaths of W. Hodges and A.G. Brigance subscribing witnesses

thereto which is received by the Court and ordered to be received. John W. Hollis Jr the executor named in the Will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same therupon said James W. Hollis together with his securities A.G. Brigance and Wm. Hodges appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the state of Tennessee in the penal sum of Five hundred Dollars conditioned as the law directs, and said J.W. Hollis was duly qualified.

Copy att'd

*Jesse Sage Clerk*

J. E. McRae being sound in mind though feeble in body make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills that I have hitherto wry.

I bequeath to my Daughters Susan L. and Anna M. the following person and real property, I give to Susan L. and Anna M. my Daughters the Buggy the Buggy Horse (a grey Horse) and a certain tract or parcel of land bounded and located as follows (viz)

Beginning at a Rock fence two rods below the Elm tree and running thence West to a crop fence thence running in a South westerly direction to the top of a hill to a large White Oak thence West to a Buck tree thence South two rods North of a slim Poplar tree thence West to the back line thence with the old line around to the beginning. Further bequeath to my Two Daughters aforesaid all the household and kitchen

This day came the parties by their attorneys and  
jury of good and lawful men to wit: A. Moore,  
Granville Kirkham, N.H. Stone, H.G. Woodard,  
R.B. Durham, John Henry, S.J. White,  
John S. Baker, E. H. Baker, D.H. Foster, W.  
Henry, and M.J. Hassell, who being elected  
and empannelled, sworn and charged well  
and truly to try the issue joined between the  
parties upon their oaths do say that the paper  
writing dated 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Feby 1875, signed <sup>the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June</sup>  
John J. Swainy and witnessed by R.H. Bassett  
Richard Alexander and H.R. Angica, and in which  
A.J. Swainy is appointed executor of the last will  
and testament of John J. Swainy. It is therefore <sup>the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June</sup>  
considered by the Court that said paper writing  
the last will and testament of John J. Swainy <sup>the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
deed and that the same together with a certified <sup>the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
of this judgment be certified to the County Com- <sup>the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
missioner County to the end that the same be recorded.  
The Executor A.J. Swainy will out of the estate pay  
all the costs in this cause except the cost <sup>the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
adjudged, for which execution will issue.

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County

I Thomas H. King Clerk of the <sup>the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
Court for said County, do hereby certify that  
the foregoing is a full, true, and perfect copy of the <sup>the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
judgment rendered by said Court at its sitting on <sup>the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
1878 in the case of A.J. Swainy ex. et al., as the same <sup>the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
appears of record in my office.

In testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of  
said Court at office in Gallatin this <sup>the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1878.

Thomas H. King Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I John J. Swainy of the  
County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being in a bad  
state of health but of sound mind disposing mind and  
memory and knowing that you has appointed for all  
time to come to do make and sign my last will and  
testament hereby revoking any other will or wills  
heretofore made by me in manner following (viz)

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth  
one dollar and no more of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Caroline one dollar  
and no more of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary one dollar  
and no more of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Garney one  
dollar and no more of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my Daughters Paisley and Maria  
the home place and the Anna Harris place to be equally  
divided between them and no more of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my son A.J. Swainy the tick  
place together with the buildings on it and the Malone  
place and my stock in the Bleachers Creek Turnpike  
company also my stock in the Louisville and Nashville  
Rail Road company.

I give and bequeath to my son B.P. Swainy the Moore  
place and no more of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my son Charles Swainy one  
dollar and no more of my estate.

I give and bequeath to my son A.J. Swainy the  
Boardline place to pay for settling the estate and if  
there is anything left after settling the estate he is to  
have it.

I leave Pollio the ten acres of land which I bought  
of Billie Malone at the same time I bought the  
home place from him and that my Son  
A.J. Swainy see that she is not molested in

in any way. She has not the power to sell or dispose of it without the consent of A. J. Swainey.

16<sup>th</sup> Jan. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Patsy and Maria all of the Household furniture made by my wife Anne and myself.

12<sup>th</sup> Jan. I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Fannie all the household furniture made by myself and Nancy my wife.

13<sup>th</sup> Jan. I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Ora Hamill one half of all my personal property sell for.

14<sup>th</sup> Jan. I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Anna Swainey one half of what all my personal property may sell for.

15<sup>th</sup> Sept. And I appoint A. J. Swainey my executor without giving any security for the execution of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1855.

Signed

J. L. Swainey

Signed sealed & acknowledged  
in presence of us

R. H. Battlebridge  
Richard Alexander  
W. B. Anglea

Copy Test O. H. Foster Clerk

State of Tennessee  
Hammer County 3

Unmindful of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound and disposing mind and memory I Susan Miller Douglass do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any and all wills by me heretofore at any time made.

It is my wish and desire that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid; and after the payments of said debts, if any there should be, and funeral expenses, it is my wish that the remainder of my goods, effects and property consisting in part of a piece of land of some twenty acres, situated in Davidson County Tennessee, being the same conveyed to me by deed by W. D. Haggard, and all other of my assets of whatever kind whether they embrace property real, personal or mixed be divided equally between my Aunt Louisa M. Allen, wife of my Uncle B. F. Allen, and their three daughters Alice M. Valeria S. and Louisa T. Allen share and share alike.

It is further my wish that should either or any of the said parties, to whom I have herein given my effects die before myself, then the survivors among them shall share said effects, equally; and in the event of the death of all of them save one, said survivor is to enjoy all of said effects.

It is my wish that there be neither monument nor tombstone erected over my grave. I hereby nominate and appoint my Uncle B. F. Allen Executor of this my last will and testament, and

wish him to qualify and act as such without being required to give security  
Witness my hand this the third day  
of February 1877.

Susie M. Douglass  
Signed in the presence of the testatrix  
her request, and in the presence of one  
another, and she signed the foregoing  
will and acknowledged the same in my  
presence on the day and date  
above written

Chas W Trousdale  
J. A. Trousdale

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County

January Term 1879-  
The last will and testament  
of Susie Miller Douglass Dec'd was this day  
produced in open Court for probate  
and was duly proven by the oaths of  
Chas W Trousdale and J. A. Trousdale subscribers  
witnesses, thereto which is received by the  
Court and ordered to be recorded.

O. F. Foster clerk

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County

I Lee Shute do make and publish this  
as my last will and testament, and I do  
hereby revoke any former will made by me  
My home place in Sumner County, in which I  
now reside, contains about 750 Acres. Now I direct  
that said tract of land be divided by beginning at  
an elm tree in the south west corner of said tract  
on Black Diamond North boundary line, and running  
thence N 45° E @ line through said tract of land to  
Zachariah Tally's South boundary line, this division  
will throw about 250 acres on the north side of said  
dividing line, and will leave about 500 acres on the  
south side of said line, on which are situated my  
dwelling & improvements. Now I direct and instruct  
my executors to sell said 250 Acres situated on the  
north side of the dividing line as above described,  
and I give the proceeds of the sale of said 250  
Acres to my three children J. M. Shute, W. Shute  
and Archie Walls, to be divided equally among  
them. And I give to my son J. M. Shute the  
500 Acres of land situated on the south side of  
the dividing line as above described on the surface  
given to J. M. Shute are situated my dwelling &  
improvements but out of this 500 acres I reserve  
1/2 Acre of land upon which is situated the  
family burial ground and I direct & request  
that said 1/2 Acre may never be sold.

I give to my son J. M. Shute a tract of land  
in Sumner County, its No 9. Containing about  
130 Acres being the land conveyed to me by  
Esther my wife. I also give to my  
son J. M. Shute my tract of land in Wilson

hectare, which contains about 18 Acres and adjoins  
the lands of Richard Smith & others.

I also give to my son J. W. Shute a lot in the South part of the City of Nashville fronting 34 feet on West Avenue. Said lot was conveyed to me by A G Dunn.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I have heretofore given to my son W. D. Shute a tract of land in Davidson County containing 34 acres of land, and I now give to my son W. D. Shute my Stock in the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad Co. 134 1/4 shares.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to my daughter Annie Mills a tract of land in Sumner County of 394 1/2 acres. And I now give my daughter Annie Mills my horses and lot in Saengererville Sumner County the lot contains about 2 A. 33 Poles and is the same formerly owned by Lee S. Dunn.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I direct and enjoin my executors to sell my lot in the City of Nashville fronting 10 feet on Maple Street which was conveyed to me by A G Dunn. And I give the proceeds of the sale of said lot on Maple Street to my son W. D. Shute and my daughter Annie Mills to be equally divided between them.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> One half of all the live stock now on my home place belongs to my son J. W. Shute and give my interest (which is one half) in said live stock to my son W. D. Shute and my daughter Annie Mills to be equally divided between them.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> Out of the residue of my estate I give two thousand dollars to my son W. D. Shute, and two thousand dollars to my daughter Annie Mills, in order to make them equal to J. W. Shute - and the residue of my estate should not be sufficient to pay to W. D. Shute and Annie Mills each the sum of \$2,000, then I direct that the same shall be paid to them out of the proceeds

of the sale of the 250 acres of land, above directed to be sold.

After the payment of the \$2,000 to W. D. Shute and \$2,000 to Annie Mills - I give all the remainder of my estate to be equally divided among my three children & Mrs. Shute - W. D. Shute and Annie Mills.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my sons J. W. Shute and W. D. Shute executors of this my last will, and direct and request that they not give bond and security for the performance of their duties as said executors.

I give to my son J. W. Shute my Stock in the Nashville and Gallatin Turnpike Company. I also give to J. W. Shute all my interest in the farmland implements and household and kitchen furniture on my home place.

This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of

December, 1870

Lee Shute

Signed and acknowledged and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator.

This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1870

B. F. Allen  
Geo W Allen

Lee Shute do sign and publish this as a codicil to my will dated Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 1870

I will and direct that the dividing line in the 1<sup>st</sup> clause of my said will be changed - and shall run as follows: beginning at a rock in the corner of a plank fence - Miss Felix Tally's south west corner - about 200 yards West of the Rail Road track - running thence westerly so as to strike the North East corner of an old blacksmith shop there with a rail fence westerly to the middle of the

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public road which runs from Hendersonville to  
Rocky Island - thence with the center of the road  
in a Northern direction to Black Diamond's North  
East corner - thence west with Diamond's line to a  
large tree in Black Diamond's boundary line.  
It will contain about 250 Acres on the North side  
of the above described line - I direct and command  
my executors to sell said 250 Acres on the North  
side of said line - The proceeds of said 250 Acre  
are to be distributed as I shall hereafter direct in  
codicil - And I here revoke all that part of my  
will in the 1<sup>st</sup> Clause which disposes of the trust  
of the 250 Acres - and which gives the 300 Acres  
on the South side of the above line to J. M. Shute.

I give the proceeds of the sale of the above mentioned  
250 Acres of land as follows and direct that said  
proceeds be paid at <sup>the</sup> time provided - One third to  
my son to W. D. Shute - One third to my daughter  
Annie Mills to her sole and separate estate  
from the debts and control of her husband -  
And the remaining third in trust to W. D. Shute  
the use and benefit of my son, J. M. Shute during  
the life of said J. M. Shute provided said J. M. Shute  
continues solvent, but if he becomes insolvent or  
bankrupt then I direct said trustee to have  
over the interest on said one third to the wife  
of said J. M. Shute during her life or widowhood  
I direct the remainder of said one third of the  
proceeds - after the death of J. M. Shute - and  
after the death of his wife or her marriage if  
she survive him to be paid to the children of  
J. M. Shute and the heirs of any of said children  
who may be dead leaving issue - The above  
clause is not intended to restrict the trustee  
Shute to the payment of the interest on said  
third to J. M. Shute - but said trustee may  
whenever he deems it expedient or proper pay

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any part or all of said one third part of  
the proceeds of said 250 Acres of land to J. M. Shute  
The dividing line described in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Clause  
of this codicil leaves on the south side of said line  
about 500 Acres of land, on which is situated my  
dwelling house - I give and devise said 500 Acres  
of land on the South side of said line to my  
son J. M. Shute during his life, free from his debts and  
liabilities, and with the proviso that if he becomes  
insolvent or bankrupt then the life estate of said  
John M. Shute in said land shall cease and his  
wife shall hold and have the use and profits of  
said land during her life or widowhood if she  
survive said John M. Shute, but if John M. Shute  
should become insolvent or bankrupt and should  
have no wife living then said John M. Shute shall  
hold and control said land for the remainder of his  
life - for the use and benefit of his children - After  
the death of my son John M. Shute - and the death  
or marriage of his wife, if she survives said John  
M. Shute, I give said 500 Acres of land to the children  
of my son John M. Shute, the children who may be  
deemed to be represented by their legal heirs.  
If any made some sales and gives off to my  
children - enough to make them equal - I here  
revoke and set aside the 7<sup>th</sup> Clause of my original  
will.

I direct and authorize my executors to  
sell my interest in the Brady and tract of land  
which was conveyed to me by deed made by Hinckle  
Shute - And pay the proceeds as follows - One third  
to W. D. Shute - One third to J. M. Shute and one  
third to my daughter Annie Mills to her sole and  
separate estate from the liabilities and control of her  
husband.

I request that my son W. D. Shute act  
as trustee as provided for in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Clause of this codicil.

and direct that he shall not be required to give bond or surety at said trustee - upon the death said W D Shute, I direct that John W Shute in select and appoint another trustee who shall not be required to give bond or surety as trustee. I have made said provisions in the 2nd Item of Codicil just previous from my want of confidence or want of affection for my son John W Shute but for fear that my son in his goodness of heart may become involved as surety for others - and I desire to become secure a home for his family on the farm now occupied by me.

My will dated 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1870 is to remain in full force, except as altered by this codicil.  
This the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1877

Geo. Shute

Signed and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator. This Aug 15. 1877

B F Allen  
Geo. W. Allen

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County

February term 1879

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Geo Shute decd together with a codicil thereto was this day produced and to the Court for Probate where the same both will and codicil was duly proved by the oaths of both G W Allen & B F Allen subscribing witness thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded. John W Shute and W L Shute Executors named in said will appeared in open court and accepted the execution of the same, it being required the Executors were duly qualified.

Copy attested  
J H Foster  
Clerk

Know all men that I Stephen Griffin of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee being in my right mind and knowing that I can not be here long and feeling anxious to leave this world satisfied concerning my earthly affairs and having no living heirs but for the love and affection I have for my beloved wife Mary E. Griffin formerly Mary E. Gregory have given and granted to her after my just debts & funeral expenses is placed all my property both real and personal I further state that my beloved wife Mary E. Griffin settles all of my business her on this and that this is my last and last act and I make this gift in good faith and in the present of those witnesses in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1879.

Stephen Griffin  
Blairie Heightlett \* Stephen Ward  
M Fields  
W. M. Gregg esq  
Benjamin Lester  
m.s.

State of Tennessee February term 1879.  
Sumner County A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Stephen Griffin decd was this day produced and to the Court for Probate, where the same was duly proved by the oaths of M Fields and Benjamin Lester, subscribing witnesses thereto and the same was ordered to be recorded  
Copy attested  
O H Foster Clerk

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We Patsey and Nancy Seiter do make and publish at our last will and testament hereby renewed and making void all other wills by us at any time made. First we direct that our funeral expenses and our debts be paid as soon after our death as possible out of any moneys that we may be possessed of or may come into the hands of our executor. Secondly I Patsey Seiter should I die before my sister Nancy Seiter do give a bequest to my said Sister Nancy, one hundred dollars which is one half a certain tract of land on which you live, conveyed to us by and of gift from our Father & Sister but it being all that part of a tract of land which said Sister purchased of Eli Perdue, that lies East of the fork of Draket Creek so long to be the dividing line and said Freeman Seiter also my interest in a negro boy James which we now own, also my interest in the negro which we hold on Freeman Seiter your amounting total seventy dollars and also my interest in all the other property included in said deed of gift from our said Freeman Seiter and all other property I may own at my death.

Thirdly if Nancy Seiter should I die before my sister Patsey do give and bequeath to my said Sister Patsey all my interest in the above described property which is one half and all other property which may own at my death.

It is our will at the death of either of us the survivor should be Executress to this will - witness whereof we do to this our will set our hands and seals This the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1851

Patsey <sup>her</sup> Seiter  
Nancy <sup>her</sup> Seiter

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names unto in the presence of the testators this

John S. Turner

John Dening

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Right Filary Term 1879

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Patsey Seiter deceased was this day produced in Court, signed sealed and published by the said Patsey Seiter in the presence of John S. Turner and John Dening the Subscribing witnesses thereto the subscribing witnesses John S. Turner and John Dening both being dead came W. Fikes and A. B. Dening in open Court who being questioned as to whether they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said John S. Turner and John Dening the Subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of the said Patsey Seiter deceased who state that the signatures of the said Subscribing witnesses to the will aforesaid is in the identical hand writing of the said John S. Turner and John Dening as appears as witnesses to the last will and testament of Patsey Seiter deceased.

The said paper writing is admitted to probate as the last will and testament of said Patsey Seiter and ordered to be recorded.

Copy attest

O. Foster Clerk.

To whom it may concern know ye that I Cyprus Boyd, being of sound mind and reasonable memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

After the payment of my funeral expenses and my just debts, I desire that my daughter Mary A. Frasier, have all my property, of every description, both my lands and personal property. Also hereby nominate and appoint my daughter Mary A. Frasier

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We Patsey and Nancy Seuter do make and publish at our last will and testament hereby recorded and making void all other wills by us at any time made. First we direct that our funeral expenses and our debts be paid as soon after our death as possible out of any money that we may be possessed of or may come into the hands of our executor. Secondly I Patsey Seuter should I die before my sister Nancy Seuter do give a bequeath to my said Sister Nancy my undivided half which is half a certain tract of land on which you live, conveyed to us by deed of gift from our Father Seuter but it being all that part of a tract of land which said Seuter purchased of Eli Pardue that lies East of the fork of Drakes Creek so long to be the dividing line and said Freeman Seuter also my interest in a negro James which we now own, also my interest in land which we hold of Freeman Seuter from according to my twenty dollars and also my interest in all the other property included in said deed of gift from our Father Freeman Seuter and all other property I may own at my death.

Thirdly I Nancy Seuter should I die before my Sister Nancy Seuter do give and bequeath to my said Sister Nancy Seuter all my interest in the above described property which is the half and all other property which I may own at my death.

Fourthly It is our will at the death of either of us, the survivor should be Executress to this will. In witness whereof we do to this our will set our hands and seals This the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1851

Patsey <sup>her</sup> Seuter

Nancy <sup>her</sup> Seuter

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names to this in the presence of the testators this

John S. Turner

John Dusing

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County Recd February Term 1879

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Patsey Seuter deed was this day produced in Court, signed sealed and published by the said Patsey Seuter in the presence of John S. Turner and John Dusing the subscribing witnesses thereto the subscriber witness John S. Turner and John Dusing both being dead came to Fikes and A. B. Dusing in open Court who being questioned as to whether they are acquainted with the handwriting of the said John S. Turner and John Dusing the subscriber witness to the last will and testament of the said Patsey Seuter said who state that the signatures of the said subscriber witness to the will aforesaid is in the identical handwriting of the said John S. Turner and John Dusing as appears as witnesses to the last will and testament of Patsey Seuter deed. The said paper writing is admitted to probate as the last will & testament of said Patsey Seuter and ordered to be recorded.

Copy attested

O. H. Foster Clerk

To whom it may concern know ye that I Cyrus Boyd being of sound mind and reasonable memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me.

After the payment of my funeral expenses and my just debts I desire that my daughter Mary A. Trahan have all my property of every description both my lands and personal property I do hereby nominate and appoint my daughter Mary A. Trahan

I frager my testator without  
testid.

In witness whereof I have here to  
signed my name this the 23<sup>d</sup> day  
of April 1879. Cyrus & Boyd.

At the said signed by certify  
that we saw the above named by  
Cyrus & Boyd his name, and that he  
acknowledged to us and in our  
presence that it was his last will  
and testament. James Montgomery

J. H. Paschal

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court April Term 1879.

The last will and testament  
of Cyrus Boyd was this day produced  
in open court for probate, whereupon  
came into court S. H. Paschal one  
of the subscribing witnesses to said  
will who being first duly sworn, proved  
the due execution of said will in com-  
mence form and it having been proven  
by the said Paschal that James Montgomery  
the other subscribing witness was dead. he  
then further proved, that he saw well  
acquainted with the said James Montgomery  
the said James Montgomery, that  
he had often seen him write and that  
he very well believed the signature as  
to the said existing witness to said will  
seen in the presence had writing of  
the said James Montgomery, it is there-  
fore ordered by the court that said will be  
admitted to record and the said will  
be probated in open court & accepted  
as the true execution of the same no bond being required

or payment of fee, and in open court & accepted  
as the true execution of the same no bond being required  
or payment of fee, and the will was duly recited -

I Philip Kizer do make and  
abolish this my last will and testament hereby  
overuling all wills at any other time made by me.

1<sup>st</sup> I will that immediately after my death all my  
debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any money  
that may just come into the hands of my Executors.

2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my wife Sarah Kizer all of  
my land lying north of the following described boundary  
to wit, beginning at the south east corner of my  
Burke's tract of land running west to Cauley's line  
the west boundary of my land, after her death or  
widowhood to me that the said tract or parcel of land  
subsisted to contain two hundred and sixty acres to  
go to my two sons, Adison & John Robert Kizer.

Now I will that after the above is complied with that  
the balance of my estate real and personal after  
giving to my wife Sarah Kizer one hundred dollars  
the remainder to be equally divided between my  
Daughters & their representatives after accounting  
for advancements made to wit Adeline Watkins,  
Sarah Hutchison, Clara Montgomery, Ourinda  
Gibson, Minerva Sarey, Susan Saunders,  
Julia Kizer & Margaret Kizer.

I do hereby  
nominate and appoint my son Adison Kizer  
my Executor to this my last will and testament  
Signed and sealed in presence of this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March  
in the year of our Lord 1860.

Test. Philip <sup>his</sup> Kizer mark <sup>date</sup>  
Alex Boggs  
A. R. Taylor

State of Tennessee  
Sumner County August Term 1879  
The last will

testament of Phileigh Riger dec'd was this day produced in open court for probate and duly proved by the oaths of Alex Hoyau and F. R. Taylor subscribers witnesses thereto which is received by the Court ordered to be recorded. Addison Riger the Examined in the will appeared in open Court and fifth accepted the execution of the same. Thereupon together with his securities F. R. Taylor & James McPherson in open Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Arkansas in the sum of Two hundred Dollars conditioned as the law required said Addison Riger as Executor aforesaid was duly qualified.

Copy attest

P. A. Foster Clerk

In the name of God amen I Thos L. Armstrong knowing the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of living in sound health and mind do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all that was made by me at any time.

First

I will and apred bequeath sole to the God that gave it and my body to be buried in a decent manner

Second

I will that all of my just debts my burial expenses be paid out of any money I may have in hands or first comes to the hands of my Executor hereafter appointed

Third

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna Armstrong all of my Estate both real and personal after paying my just debts and necessary expenses for her support during her natural life giving her the right to divide the same and such other property as she may not need between my two children Elias Armstrong and M. B. Briner

I will and bequeath to my son Elias Armstrong after the death of my wife all of my lands on the Sumner County side of the Sorupike Road he paying over to my Executor to be held in trust for the benefit of my Daughter Mary C. Briner Two hundred and Fifty Dollars as hereafter provided for.

I will and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Briner all of my lands on the Robertson County side of the Sorupike Road to live on during her natural life after the death of her Mother Anna Armstrong not subject to any debts that she may owe or contract hereafter and in case she moves of or Said Lands or Dies then my Executor is authorized to advertise said Lands giving sufficient Notice and sell the same either publicly or privately and divide the proceeds of said sale equally between her six children namely M. E. Briner, J. E. Briner, H. G. Briner, S. E. Briner, C. W. Briner, C. N. Briner and all or any part of the Two hundred and Fifty Dollars that is to be paid by Elias Armstrong that comes in to the hands of my Executor for the benefit of Mary C. Briner and in six children above mentioned and only to be paid over as she or they may need the same while she lives my executor is authorized and required to select some three of his neighbors after the death of my wife who will meet on the premises and equally divide the remainder of the property pay the personalable and cash equally between Elias Armstrong and Mary C. Briner as her six children above mentioned in case of her death and to be managed by my Executor as heretofore required so as to avoid a sale of the same.

I hereby appoint my son Elias Armstrong as trustee of Mary C. Briner and her six children as above mentioned, and my executor to carry out this my last Will and Testament.

Given under my hand and seal this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1869

First Ben Briner Wiley Brown  
M. B. Briner Thomas C. Armstrong

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testament of Philip Kizer dec'd was this day produced in other court for probate and duly proved by the oaths of Alex Hagan and T. Taylor subscribing witness thereto which is received by the Court ordered to be recorded. Adison Kizer the Examiner in the will appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same. Thereupon together with his securities T. H. Taylor & James Ward appeared in other Court and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of Two hundred and Fifty Dollars conditioned as the law requires said Adison Kizer as Executor aforesaid was duly qualified.

Cop, attest

O. H. Foster clerk

In the name of God amen I Thos L Armstrong nowing the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of being in sound health and mind do make and publish my last will and testament hereby revoking all and every will made by me at any time.

First I will and will bequeath sole to the God that gave it and my body to be buried in a decent manner

Second I will that all of my just debts my burial expenses be paid out of any money I may have on hand or first comes to the hands of my Executor hereafter appointed

Third I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Anna Armstrong all of my estate both real and personal after paying my just debts and necessary expenses for her support during her natural life giving her the right to divide the same and such other property as she may not need between my two children Elias Armstrong and M. C. Brumley

Fourth I will and bequeath to my son Elias Armstrong after the death of my wife all of my lands on the Sumner County side of the Turnpike Road he paying over to my Executor to be held in trust for the benefit of my Daughter Mary C. Brumley Two hundred and Fifty Dollars as hereafter provided for

Fifth I will and bequeath to my Daughter Mary C. Brumley all of my lands on the Robertson County side of the Turnpike Road to live on during her natural life after the death of her Mother Anna Armstrong not subject to any debts that she may owe or contract hereafter and in case she moves of all said lands or dies then my Executor is authorized to advertise said lands giving sufficient notice and sell the same either publicly or privately and divide the proceeds of said sale equally between her six children namely M. C. Brumley, A. E. Brumley, A. L. Brumley, S. E. Brumley, C. W. Brumley, J. R. Brumley and all or any part of the Two hundred and Fifty Dollars that is to be paid by Elias Armstrong that comes in to the hands of my Executor for the benefit of Mary C. Brumley and her six children above mentioned and only to be paid over as she or they may need the same while she lives my executor is authorized and required to select some three of his neighbors after the death of my wife who will meet on the premises and equally divide the remainder of the property say the perishable and cash equally between Elias Armstrong, Mary C. Brumley and her six children above mentioned in case of her death and to be managed by my Executor as herebefore required so as to avoid a sale of the same.

I hereby appoint my son Elias Armstrong as trustee of Mary C. Brumley and her six children as above mentioned and my executor to carry out this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand and seal this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1869

Thomas L. Armstrong  
B. C. Brumley  
W. H. Morris  
Wiley Gross

Godasse to the above, Having spent and used her monies & will aid bequeath to my wife, Anna Armstrong all of the monies and effects coming to me from my Father Wm Armstrong and my sister Susan Armstrong, to have and to use as she pleases, to be paid

to her by the representative of said estate some of the lands specified above, naming but one. Given under my hand and seal  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1879,

*T. S. Armstrong*  
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Test.

D. A. Geringer

J. M. Herrell

Benj Roney

Date of number

Sumner County Court September Term 1879

The last Will and Testament and Codicil thereto of Thomas S. Armstrong was this day produced in open Court for probate and the Will was duly proved by Wiley Brown one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Codicil was duly proven by the oaths of J. M. Herrell & D. A. Geringer two of the subscribers witnesses thereto which are ordered to be recorded. Then Elias Armstrong the executor named in said Will appeared in open Court and accepted the appointment of executor as aforesaid and thereupon the said Armstrong together with his securities J. M. Geringer & Wiley Brown and entered into and acknowledged their bond payable to the State of Tennessee in special sum of five hundred dollars conditioned the Law directs & the said Elias Armstrong took oath prescribed for executors and entered upon the duties thereof.

Copy attested

*O. H. Foster*

Egerton Austin do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Amanda all of my estate after my debts are settled both real and personal to have and to hold and manage at her own will during her life after her death to be equally divided between my children George Austin, Henry M. Austin, Mack Austin, Mary Jane Dickman, Martha Dickman, Sophie Dillhay lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife Amanda Austin my executor.

In witness whereof I do to this will set my hand and seal this the 2 day of October 1875, Egerton <sup>his</sup> Austin signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereunto in the presence of the testator This 2 day of October 1875

Attest - L. W. Gilliam

A. R. Dillhay

John Richman

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court, Sept Term 1879

The last Will and Testament of Egerton Austin died was the day

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produced in open Court, for probate  
and was duly proven by the oaths of  
L. W. Gilliam and John Beckman subscribe  
witnesses thereto, which is received by the  
Court and ordered to be recorded.  
Amanda Austin the Executing witness  
in the Will declining to accept the same  
and suggest R. B. Durham. It is therefore  
ordered by the Court, that R. B. Durham  
be appointed administrator with the  
Will annexed of said Eggleston Austin  
dec'd. Whereupon said R. B. Durham  
together with securities H. M. Austin  
and J. M. Woodson appeared in open  
Court and entered into and acknowledged  
before their bonds to the state of Kansas  
in the sum of four thousand  
dollars, conditioned as the law directs  
said R. B. Durham as administrator  
aforesaid was duly qualified.

Copy Attest O. H. Foster Clerk

Ada and Mattie Natcher state that during the last  
sickness of Joseph L. Natcher and a short time before  
his death in their presence and in the presence of each other  
the said Joseph L. Natcher declared to them the disposition  
he desired made of all his property; that said declaration  
made in the dwelling house of his father where he had  
resided during his life and said Joseph L. Natcher  
then especially to bear witness to the disposition he wished  
made of his property. The following is the disposition  
wished made of his property:

First: that his burial expenses and his just debts be  
second: That all of his property of every kind and description  
whatever should go to his mother Caroline Natcher, also

To be used enjoyed and disposed of as she may  
desire or deem best  
This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1879

Ada M Natcher

Mattie Natcher

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of Sept - 1879 Lee Head Jr.

Be it remembered that a paper writing purporting  
to be the noncupative will of Joseph L. Natcher deceased  
was this day presented in open Court and offered for  
probate, when it appeared to the Court from the testimony  
of Ada M. and Mattie Natcher disinterested witnesses that  
the said Joseph L. Natcher in his last sickness and a few  
days before his death in their presence, and in the presence of  
each other declared to them the disposition he desired  
made of his property after his death and especially  
requested therein to bear witness to the same  
that the said Joseph L. Natcher departed  
this life on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1879, and  
said will was reduced to writing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of September 1879 signed by said witness  
and it further appearing that said will was  
declared in the presence of said witness  
in the house of the father of the said Joseph  
L. Natcher where he had resided during  
his life, and was residing at the time  
of his death, and it further appearing  
that all the heirs of said Joseph L. Natcher  
have been regularly served with process  
notice, that said paper writing would  
this day be presented for probate, it is there  
fore ordered by the Court that said Will be  
admitted to probate & the same be entered  
of Record.

Copy attest.

O. H. Foster Clerk,

I, Loringa Saunders, being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life, & the certainty of death, do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and my debts may be paid out of any money that I may have at my death.

Secondly My three daughters Sarah E Gibson, J. Mathews and Lucy Smith, having all their interest in the tract of land to my two sons Seth P. and George Saunders and George W. Saunders being dead. I direct that the lots marked No. 3. of my tract of land be sold at my death and the note that Mr. F. Mathews holds against George W. Saunders be paid and the remainder to be equally divided between my grand children Clementine, Moran and Johnette Saunders.

Thirdly I appoint and name Richard S. Smith executor to carry out and attend to my last Will and Testimony this May 1<sup>st</sup> 1878,

Loringa Saunders

O.D. Willis

M.C. Willis

State of Tennessee

Sevier County Court Oct Term 1879,

The last Will and Testament of Loringa Saunders deceased was this day produced in open court for probate, and was duly proven by the oaths of O.D. Willis and M.C. Willis subscriber witnesses thereto, which was secured by the seal and ordered to be recorded. Richard S. Smith the executor named in the Will appears in open court, and accepted the same.

of the same. Whereupon the said Richard S. Smith together with his securities O.D. Willis & M.C. Willis appeared in open Court and entered into and acknowledged this bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned as the law requires and the said Richard S. Smith as executor aforesaid, was duly qualified.

Copy attest,

P.H. Foster clerk

I Hubbard H. Saunders of the County of Sevier State of Tennessee, being in full possession of all my mortal faculties, make and ordain this as my last Will & Testament.

I direct that all my just debts be paid I give to my wife Elizabeth H. Saunders all my estate, real and personal, all assets of all and every kind, and all chattels who are in possession or expectancy in short my entire property to have and to hold for her own uses so long as she remains a widow. It is also my wish that said Elizabeth my wife give to my children, as they severally attain majority or marry, such portion of my estate herein devised as she may think she can conveniently spare. And that she keep an accurate account of the portions so distributed to each of my children to the end, that after her death each child may at final settlement be an equal sharer of this estate and as my son William has already

received five hundred dollars in  
trust account for that at the final  
division of the estate.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> In case my wife should again marry  
I give to her my dwelling house and  
one hundred and fifty acres of land ad-  
joining it to be laid off as to sup-  
ply her with arable and pasture land  
wood and water. I also give to her and  
children portion of my personal prop-  
erty to be ascertained by dividing the sum  
of personal property herein devised by  
the number of children alive at time  
of the second marriage.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> Appoint Said Elizabeth M. Saunders  
executrix of this Will without bond, and  
delegate to her the power to manage  
control sell or exchange all the  
estate as she may choose, with in-  
cluding any liability to courts or individuals  
she hereby gaining all powers and  
privileges over the estate which I my-  
possess. Signed this Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 1873.

B. W. Calleender

H. H. Saunders

for Edwards Witnesses

State of Tennessee

Sevier County Court No 1 Term 1873  
The last will and testament of H. H. Saunders  
was this day produced in open court for  
probate, and duly proven by the oaths  
of B. W. Calleender and Jos Edwards subscriber  
witnesses, there to which was received  
the Court and ordered to be recorded,  
Elizabeth M. Saunders the executrix named  
in the Will appears in open court and  
accepted the execution of the same  
bond being required under the Will she whereby quitted with  
copy attest

Ost Gaaster

I William Young of the County of Smith and State of  
Tennessee being of sound mind aged disposing memory  
do make, ordain, and publish this as my last will  
and Testament, hereby revoking and making void,  
any and all wills, by me at any time heretofore made.

I desire, and direct all of my just debts to  
be paid out of the first money which may come into  
the hands of my Executors hereinafter named.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eugenia  
Laura Hart wife of H. W. Hart my old Home place  
situated in Smith County Tennessee, and formerly  
known as the Copi F. C. Cornwell Tract of land it  
being the same place on which I have lived and  
resided for a number of years, together with all  
household and kitchen furniture, live stock of  
every description and farming implements on said  
farm for her sole and separate use and not to be  
subject to the debts, contracts, or liabilities of her  
present, or any future husband she might have.  
this special gift and bequest to my Daughter Eugenia  
Laura Hart is made because I have hereto fore given  
by deed to my other Daughter Lucy E. Allen, wife  
of Van H. Allen a tract of land in Sumner County  
Tennessee near Gallatin and known as the Bleckmore  
tract of land.

After the special bequest to my Daughter Eugenia  
Laura Hart of my old place it is my will and desire,  
that all the other real estate of which I may die  
seized and possessed of be equally divided between  
my two Daughters Eugenia Laura Hart, and Lucy E.  
Allen, share and share alike according to their  
and vested in them for their sole and separate  
use free from the debts Contract and liabilities of  
either of their present or any future Husband  
either of them might have, and also to be free from  
any right of courtesy of their present or future husband.  
It is my will and desire that my Great

Grandson, Young Alexander Belkirk Hart be given a good English education and that the same to be paid for out of my personal estate, and for that purpose I hereby vest in my Brother H. S. Young, Macon County in trust for my said Grandson a sum sufficient out of my personal estate as will be sufficient to give said education and to be left by my said Brother to the best advantage in the education of my said Great Grandson.

Fifth

It is my will and desire that the sum for the education of my Great Grand Daughters Lucy Hart be paid out of my personal estate, and the Trustees of my personal estate herein named are directed to pay the same, said educate to be to the extent of a good Common School Education.

Sixth

It is my will and desire that all the rest of my personal property consisting of notes, Bonds, Stocks, and choses in action, be equally distributed between my Daughters Eugenia Laura Hart and Lucy G. Allen, but in order that they may realize the full benefit of the same, I hereby vest the same in my Brother H. S. Young of Macon County, and James Alexander of Sumner County, for my said Daughters, to be paid them, by said Trustees as circumstances may require for their support and comfort and the education of their minor children, and said Trustees are directed as they collect the same due me to vest the same in good and sufficient hands.

Seventh

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Brother H. S. Young of Macon County Tennessee and James Alexander of Sumner County executors to this my last will and testament to direct that no security be required of them by the County Court as my confidence in their integrity is implicit.

Eighth

I hereby nominate and appoint my Nephew M. B. Young of Jackson County

Tennessee as advisory and counsel of my said executors who will assist them in winding up my unfinished and unsettled business. And it is my request that my executors confer upon my son in Law H. W. Hart full and ample authority to assist them in winding up my business in Jackson, Smith and Macon Counties. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1879

Will Young  
Signed and published in our presence and we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his request and in the presence of each other on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 1879

H. M. Moore  
J. G. Osoritt  
M. B. Young

I William Young of the County of Smith and State of Tennessee do hereby make and publish this as a Codicil to my last will and testament bearing date the 28<sup>th</sup> February 1879. I hereby revoke the clause in said will requesting my Executors H. S. Young and James Alexander to confer upon my son in Law H. W. Hart, full and ample authority to assist them to wind up my business in Jackson, Smith and Macon Counties.

I will and bequeath to Sally Hart wife of my Grand Son H. S. Hart looking, stove and clothes & Bed Bedstead and clothing. Beams more in my old manning House in Smith County

I will to my Daughter E. G. Hart my eight day clock bed will and direct that all my other Household

and kitchen furniture be divided between my two Daughters Lucy & Allen and to S Hart all my other personal property on my said place in Smith County. I will and direct to be equally divided between my two said Daughters Lucy & Allen & S Hart share and share alike to be agreed upon by them. Said property to rest in each of my said Daughters for their sole and separate use free from the debt, liability and control of their present or any future husband they may have, it being my desire that no sale be had of my personal property.

I have heretofore given by deed to Martha Young wife of W B Young a portion of a tract of land lying in Smith County Tennessee on the waters of Buffalo Creek and known as the East tract land. I will and bequeath the remainder of said tract of land to William B Young, Milton D Young and John W Young, share and share alike, this 22nd 1879 Will Young

Signed and published in our presence and we have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator and at his request and in the presence of each other on this 22 May 1879

D A Witt  
J H Mason  
W B Young

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court April Term 1880

This day was produced in open court, a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Young dec'd dated 28 February 1879, as witnessed by J H Mason, J Y Smith, & M B Young

and also a codicil to the same, dated May 22 1879 and witnessed by D A Witt, J H Mason, and W B Young; when the Will was duly proved by the oaths of J H Mason, and J F Abbott, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and the codicil was duly proved by the oath of J H Mason, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which Will and Codicil is ordered to be recorded. Also appeared in open court W B Young, one of the executors appointed in said Will, and renounced the execution of the same, but he accepted the trust imposed upon him by the fourth clause of said Will providing for the education of great grand son, Young Alexander, Selkirk Hart. And also appeared in open court James Alexander, the other Executor named in said will, and accepted the Executorship, and trust imposed upon him by said Will and was duly qualified as such the Will providing that no bond should be required of him

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O H Foster clerk

I, Allen Mc Bryan being uncoaxed in body but of sound mind and memory do hereby declare and ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament revoking & declaring null & void all other Wills heretofore by me made,

I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid.

I give & bequeath to my wife Nancy P Bryan during her natural life or widowhood all of my lands. At her death I give & bequeath said lands to my son J G Bryan for ever. Said J G Bryan shall pay when he comes in possession of said lands yearly five a year for four years each to my other children Nancy & Dennis Mc Anthony, L J Stone and Mc H Bryan (cont'd)