

and kitchen furniture be divided between my two Daughters, Lucy & Allen and D H Hart at 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 & D H 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 Oldgate Creek and known as the Groat tract land. I will and bequeath the remainder of said tract of land to William B Young, Milton B Young and John M 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 April Term 1880

This day was produced in open court, a paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Young, deceased, dated 23 February 1879, and witnessed by D H Mason, J G Smith, & W 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 G Smith 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 said 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.

Copy Test

O H Foster Clerk

I, Allen McByars being unsound 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 Byars during her natural life or widowhood all of my lands After her death I give & bequeath said lands to my son J G Byars for ever. Said J G Byars shall pay when he comes into possession of said lands Twenty Five a year for four years each to my other children Mary E Stevens, M A Kennedy, L J Stone and Ma H Byars

Court Roll'd

law, given under my hand this 11th June 1878
Delilah ^{in a willbook}
~~Kilbuck~~

Attest

Chas Poston
& E Douglass,

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 & Testament of Delilah Kilbuck died, dated June 11th, 1878 and witnessed by Chas Poston & E. Douglass Subscribing witnesses thereto, which being made by the oaths of the two aforesaid witnesses was ordered to be recorded. Also, appeared in open court Jane Kilbuck one of the Executrix named in said will & renounced the execution of the same, And also appeared in open court Sally Kilbuck the other Executrix named in said will and accepted the Executorship named in said will, & was duly qualified as such will providing that no bond should be required of her.

Copy Attest D. H. Foster
Clerk

I William Ausbrooks being old and infirm but of sound mind & perfect memory knowing the uncertainty of human life think proper to make & ordain this my last will & testament hereby revoking all making void all wills by me at any time made. In the first place I will that all

my just debts be paid together with my funeral expenses out of any money that I may die seized of or that may first come into the hands of my executor after my debts are paid I desire my estate to be equally divided between my legal heirs except my son William C. Ausbrooks I have heretofore advanced to my son William three hundred and eighty two dollars more than to my other children therefore I will that he account for that amount in the division of my estate. I also hereby authorize & empower my Executor to sell and make title to my real estate at public sale on reasonable time not less than one and two years. I further hereby constitute & appoint my son W. Ausbrooks Executor to this my last will & Testament this 14th Feb 1877.

William W. Ausbrooks

Attest

James W. Durham
Rodney A. Durham
R. B. Durham

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court July Term 1880

This day was produced in open Court, a paper writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William W. Ausbrooks deceased, dated 14th day of Feb 1877 and witnessed by James W. Durham, Rodney A. Durham, & R. B. Durham, which being sworn by the oaths of two of the aforesaid witnesses to me Rodney A. Durham & R. B. Durham was ordered to be recorded. Also appeared in open court D. H. Ausbrooks Executor named in said will & accepted the said Executorship, together with P. P. Ausbrooks & B. A. Peeling as Sureties, entered into, & acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee, in the usual sum of \$200.

Thousand Dollars, conditioned as the law requires
and said D. P. Ausbrooks as Executor aforesaid was
duly qualified

Copy Recd Q. H. Foster Clerk

Will of ~~W. H.~~ House deceased from Allen
County Ky B. C. House Executor proceeding accordingly
be found on pages 261 to 263, Minute
book August Term 1880

I Sallie Boyce of sound mind and
disposing memory do make this my last
will & testament hereby revoking all others
conflict with the disposition herein made
that my husband A. C. Bryan have the
property in Evansville Ind. Lot No. Lot
No 3, & 4 on Fifth & Chestnut Street for
Consideration of one dollar

Witness: Lafayette B. Down & J. H. Axon,

Sallie Boyce
State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court August Term 1880

The will & testament of Sallie Boyce was this day for
in open Court for probate & was duly proven by the
of Lafayette B. Down & J. H. Axon, subscribing
witnesses thereto which is received by the Court &
ordered to be recorded

Copy Recd Q. H. Foster Clerk

I Mary J. Ralston do make and publish
this as my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking and vacating void all other
wills by me at any time made. I

I desire that funeral expenses and all debts be
paid as soon after my death as possible
out of any money that I die possessed of
or may come into the hands of my executors
I give to my sister Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
& three children (to wit) Ella Kirkpatrick
H. M. Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick
jointly my interest in and undivided
tract of land which is one half of said
tract containing about three hundred
acres more or less it being the same place
on which Elizabeth Kirkpatrick now lives
adjoining the lands of the heirs of Jeff
erson P. Montgomery dead on the South
William Montgomery, heirs on the West,
G. S. Madlin and others the North, Daniel
Kirkpatrick on the East it being the
same land that was bequeathed to me
by my Grand Father William Montgomery
and in the event that any portion of my
has to be sold to pay debts or other expenses
I authorize my executors to sell such
portion of said land as will meet said
liability to be taken off to the best ad-
-vantage to the remainder Lastly I do
nominate and appoint John Montgomery
my Executor.

In witness whereof Ode to this my will set my
hand and seal, this 22nd day of December
1879.

Mary J. Ralston

Attest

John Glendinning
J. B. Hutchison

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court September Term 1880

The last will and testament of
Mary J. Ralston dec'd was this day pre-
-sented in open Court for probate, and
was duly proven by the oaths of John Clea-
-ding and J. R. Hutchinson subscribing to
-witness thereto which is received by the
Court and ordered to be recorded. John
Montgomery the executor named in the
will appeared in open court and ad-
-mitted the execution of the same.

Whereupon said John Montgomery to-
-gether with his securities John Cleading
and F. K. Taylor appeared in open Court
and entered into and acknowledged
their bond to the State of Tennessee
in the sum of ten thousand dollars
as security for the performance of
the said will and testament, and said
John Montgomery as executor
of the said will and testament
was duly qualified.

Copy attested,

P. A. Foster

J. A. Rowland of Sumner Co. Tenn
do make and publish the following
as my last Will and Testament, disannulling all former wills made
by me.

I desire that my funeral charges and
post debts be first paid out of my estate
and the residue thereof I dispose of
as follows, to wit:

1st I will and devise to my Mother Mary
A. Rowland, for her sole and separate
use, to see or otherwise dispose of

one hundred and thirty acres of
land; bounded as follows, North
by the lands of Mrs. Graham, South
by the lands of Mrs. Pierce, East by
the lands of Mr. Wilson, and West by
Cumberland River

2nd I will and devise to my wife Ella
W. Rowland during her natural
life, and at her death to be equally
divided between our two children
Mary A. Rowland, and John A.
Rowland the place laid down
on the County Map, as "Elm Spring"
containing 128 acres and bounded
as follows. North by the Nash and
Ballatin Pike, South by lands of
Mr. Cooley, East by the Walton Ferry
Road and West by the lands of Mrs.
Tavelly.

3rd I will and devise to my children
Mary A. Rowland and John A. Rowland
all my Texas lands, viz 4 half sections
numbered as follows (99) ninety nine
(46) forty six (.643) six hundred and forty
three, situated in Young County
and 157 situated partly in Young
and partly in Archy County, also
my interest in (4050) four thousand
and fifty acres, willed me by my
uncle the late John R. Allen (and not
so divided) J. A. Rowland
appoint J. A. Rousdale as my Executor.

State of Tennessee, County of Sumner
November Term 1880.

A paper writing purporting to be the
last will and testament of James A. Rowland

Dec'd was presented in open Court
for probate.

To subscribing witnesses appearing
to have attested the execution of said pa-
per writing. Charles S. Douglass Anselm B.
Murray, H. H. Wise and Joseph Heisig
credible persons appeared in open court
and being duly sworn deposed and s.
that said paper writing was found among
the valuable papers of James A. Rowland
after his death. That said James A. Rowland
hand writing is general known among
his acquaintances; that they themselves
are acquainted with it, and that said
paper writing and every part of it
same is in the hand writing of said
James A. Rowland, incuding the
signature to it.

Whereupon said Will was ordered to
recorded. And it appearing that
A. Mousdale is appointed Executor
said Will by said testator, and that he
declines to act as such. It is ordered
the Court, that Anselm B. Murray be
appointed Administrator with the
Will annexed of said James A. Rowland
Dec'd. Whereupon said Anselm B. Murray
together with Ella W. Rowland and
A. Rowland, his survivors appeared in op-
Court and entered into and acknowledged
this bond to the state of Tennessee in
spinal sum of twenty four hundred dol-
lars conditioned as the law directs, and said
Anselm B. Murray was duly qualified
Attest

O. A. Foster et al

I Catherine Baker, being now in fair health for a person
of my years, and being of sound mind and disposing
memory, make and publish this my last will and
testament, revoking all wills heretofore made.
It is my will and desire that my daughter Elizabeth
A. Stuart shall have all my property of every kind, real,
personal, and mixed, after my death, and I do hereby
give and bequeath the same to her absolutely - but to
be held by her free from the debts and control of her
present or any future husband; and for her to use,
sell, dispose of by will or otherwise in every respect as
if she were an unmarried woman. And I wish it
distinctly understood that by this will I intend
to give her every thing of any kind which I may
have the right to dispose of now, or may have a right
to dispose of at the time of my death.

And I hereby nominate my said daughter Elizabeth
Stuart, to be Executrix of this my will, and request
and direct that she shall not be required to give
bond or security as such.

Done at home this 3rd day of December 1872
Catherine Baker

Signed and acknowledged in our
presence, as witnesses after being
read over to her in our presence

John Kelly
R. H. Campbell
John Connell

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court March Term 1881

The last
will and testament of Catherine Baker, deceased was
this day produced in open Court for probate and
was duly proven by the oaths of R. H. Campbell, and
John Connell two of the subscribing witnesses
whereof which is recurred by the Court and

ordered to be recorded Elizabeth A Stuart the
Executor named in the will, appeared in open Court
and accepted the execution of the same, no bond
and security being required of her under the will
was duly qualified.

Copy Recd

O H Foster clerk

I Gabriel Wiley in the name of God amers being
sound mind but in febbed in body do make this
my last will and testament revoking all others
one made. I bequeath to my wife Hester Wiley my
Home ~~including~~ the Houses and land upon which
I live the said lands being bounded by the land
of Benjamin Bond and W F Weller, and the
Coles Ferry Turn Pike said to contain ~~one~~ ^{one} acre
and one half acres the said land and House
to be held by and as the property of my wife
the said Hester Wiley during her natural life and
at her death it is my desire that the said home
aforesaid go to my unmarried daughters to
name Terryee and Elizabeth Wiley to be held by
them and their heirs and I bequeath to my daughter
Sally Hickerson Wife of Henry Hickerson One dol-
lar in silver which is to be paid to her as soon
after my death as possible by my wife Hester Wiley
Summer County Tenn April the 9 1878.

Gabriel Wiley

Attest Ashley Wallace
W J Wallace

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court May Term 1881
The last
Will and Testament of Gabriel Wiley, was

this day produced in open Court for probate
and was duly proven by the oaths of Ashley
Wallace and W J Wallace, subscribing witnesses
thereto, which is received by the Court and ordered
to be recorded.

Copy Recd

O H Foster clerk

I Addison Kizer do make and publish this as my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making
void all other Wills by me at any ~~other~~ time made.
I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just and
lawful debts be paid as soon after my death as possible
out of any money that I may die possessed of or that
may just come into the hands of my Executor.

I give to my nieces Elina Devereux and
Jennetta Saunders fifty dollars each.

I give to my sister Mary A Watkins for the care and
kindness that she has extended to me in my affliction
the sum of four hundred dollars over and above her proportionate
part in my effects.

I will and direct that the balance of my effects
both personal and real estate be equally divided between
my sisters or their representatives viz: Mary A Watkins,
Sarah A Hutchison, Elina E Montgomery, Amanda Gibson,
Julia C Rector, Margaret J Rector.

I will and direct that the part or share that would
otherwise go to Sarah A Hutchison, be equally divided
between her three children viz: Amanda Rector, John G.
and William Hutchison.

I do hereby nominate and appoint James Watkins
my Executor with full power and authority to sell as
he may think best and make right and title to the
real estate (as I desire it to be sold).

In witness whereof I do to this my last Will

set my hand and seal this the eleventh day
 April 1881 Addison Kizer *Seal*
 Signed & sealed in our
 presence this April 11, 1881.
 J. H. Taylor
 James H. Taylor

I, Addison Kizer, having heretofore made and pur-
 my last will and testament do make and
 declare this as a codicil thereto to wit
 I will that a half acre including the family bur-
 ground bounded as follows: beginning at a
 Mulberry thence West eight poles to a rock or
 North Pole poles to a rock East eight poles to
 rock thence South ten poles to the beginning be-
 go to Mary A. Watkins, Sarah A. Hutchinson, *Chas. D. M.*
 Amanda Gibson, Julia Crayton, Margaret J. Crayton
 and John R. Kizer, and heirs forever. it is my de-
 that this codicil be attached to and constitute
 part of my Will to all intents and purposes
 this April 18, 1881. Addison Kizer

Test. J. H. Taylor
 James Watkins

State of Tennessee
 Sumner County Court June Term 1881

The last Will
 and Testament of Addison Kizer deceased de-
 April 11, 1881, was this day produced in open
 Court for probate and was duly proven by the
 oaths of J. H. Taylor, and James H. Taylor, sub-
 witnesses thereto, and at the same time a codicil
 dated April 18, 1881, was duly proven by the oaths
 of J. H. Taylor, and James Watkins, subscri-
 bing witnesses thereto: which Will and codicil,
 received by the Court, and ordered to be recog-

James Watkins, Executor named in the Will
 appeared in open Court and accepted the execution
 of the same, and together with his Sureties -
 F. G. Taylor, and F. A. Taylor, appeared in open Court
 and entered into and acknowledged their bond to
 the State of Tennessee, in the sum of Three
 thousand dollars conditioned as the law requires,
 and said James Watkins, as Executor aforesaid
 was duly qualified.

Copy Recd

O. H. Foster - Clerk

J. Green B. Harris, being in the seventy second
 year of my age feeling the ~~negligency~~ of old age coming
 on me do make and write this my last Will and
 Testament I will to my wife Mary G. Harris
 her life time my Mitchens farm my Mill track
 and Mills all my farming tools all tools about
 the Mills all my stock of Horses mules Cattle
 Hog House and Furniture She carry and
 holds she is to manage as she thinks best and
 to use the proceeds as she sees proper. the
 perishable property she is authorised to sell up
 privately and to pay my debts funeral expenses
 and the Balance left to use as she sees proper
 at my wife death I authorise my wife to give
 off the children all the House Furniture, at
 my wife death I appoint my sons Preston
 John & Russell Harris my Executors to
 carry my will out. I will that they take
 possession of all my Real and Personal Estate
 and sell my land and Mills by dividing it up
 or by selling the Mitchens track and Mills
 separately and on such time as they may
 think best publickly and all my Perishable
 Property - and after my children is made
 equal in all the items charged against them

in a small purple back account Book, th
to divide the remainder equally among all
my children. I have always endeavoured to
equal justice by all my children.
I forbid that any charge for Board should
be charged against Malvina or her children
or against Jessie. I marked out the charge
against Jessie for Isabe a Black girl against
Marge against Mary Jane for the reason that their
site was in one they had not had them long and
to give them any Wright whatever. Mary Jane's
children is her Heirs and Representatives. I will
my Executors reserve Two hundred Dollars
for the Purpose of putting from sailing a round
grave and a Plain head and foot stone. I do
my hand and seal this the 25 day of March 1879.

Test

Green B Harris

J D Turner
R S Wim

State of Tennessee
Sumner County June Term 1881

The last Will
Testament of Green B Harris, deceased dated
day of March, 1879, was this day presented in
Court for probate, and was duly proven by
oaths of J D Turner and R S Wim, subscribing thereto,
which was received by the Court, and
ordered to be recorded.

Copy Test.

D B Harris

See page 436 for contents of the
"Purple back book" referred to in above will

Hendersonville Tenn Oct 6th 1875

I John L Doxey being in sound mind and of
disposing memory on this the sixth day of October
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
seventy five - considering the uncertainty of life and the
certainty of death. Do hereby make this my last Will
and Testament revoking all wills herebefore made
I desire that my body be decently buried
that out of my Estate all my just debts be paid.
I give and bequeath to my brother William W Doxey my
farm adjoining the Town of Hendersonville in Sumner
Co Tenn, containing thirty five acres more or less and
bounded on the North by the lands of Mrs Mary Neisiger, on
the South by the L & N P Road, on the W by the lands
of Hugh Joiner, & on the East by the lands of the
L & N P Road Company together with all the
appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise
appertaining. At my said brother taking and receiving
the same subject to the charge of one thousand dollars
which \$1,000 one thousand dollars is to be applied and
appropriated to the education of his son John G Doxey.

This is my request to my brother William.
The residue of my Estate of every description I desire
to be divided equally between my two brothers Beverly
L Doxey and Samuel Virginia Doxey
in order that the same may be carried out. I hereby
constitute and appoint my brother William W Doxey
my Executor and in case of his demise then my brother
Beverly Doxey and in case of his demise then my brother
Samuel Virginia Doxey and I hereby direct no matter
which of the three may serve that neither of them
shall be required to give security for the performance
of the trust.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this day & date above mentioned
Test
John L Doxey
J M Shute
W E Doxey

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court July Term 1881

The Will of
J. Doxey, having been presented in Court, heretofore,
written on the 4th day of July 1881 & the envelope containing
said will being opened in open Court according to the
directions contained on said envelope, and it appearing
the will that Guelph C. Talbot, M. D., Deute, & M.
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, & thereupon, the form
probate of said will was postponed until one or all of
witnesses might be produced to prove the same, and on the
9th day of July 1881 said will was offered for probate
as the last will & Testament of John J. Doxey, & that
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, was duly sworn
& deposed that he attested the paper produced as
the last Will & Testament of said John J. Doxey
as his last will & testament, at the request of said
John J. Doxey, & in his presence - and it is therefore
ordered & adjudged that the said paper writing
produced as aforesaid is the last will & testament
of said John J. Doxey & that the same be probated
& spread upon the records of this court as such,
provided by law, and it further appears
that by the terms of said will & William H.
Doxey is nominated & constituted executor
of the said Will of John J. Doxey & that in
event of his demise Beverly M. Doxey was
nominated & appointed to serve as executor
carrying out the provisions of said will and in
the event of his demise that Samuel R.
Doxey was appointed & nominated to serve
as executor and that the will provided
whatever one of said parties served as
executor no bond or security was to be
required and it further appearing that
Dr Wm H. Doxey appeared in open Court
and declared to accept the trust aforesaid

as provided in said Will, and renounces to
the same, and request that Samuel Baseline
Doxey be appointed and qualified as such
under the terms of the will and it further
appearing from the evidence under
oath of Dr Wm H. Doxey & Samuel Baseline
Doxey, that Beverly M. Doxey declines to
accept the trust of executor and to serve
as such and that he desires his brother
Samuel Baseline Doxey to accept the
trust and to be qualified as such and
the said Samuel R. Doxey appearing in
open Court and offering to accept the
trust of executor under said Will,
and appearing to the Court in view
of the premises that said Samuel
R. Doxey is a proper person to appoint
and qualify as said executor - It is
ordered and decided by the Court that
said Samuel R. Doxey be appointed
and qualified as the executor of the
last will and testament of John J. Doxey
etc, and letters testamentary will be
issued to him without requiring him
to give bond & security as executor, the
terms of the Will expressly dispensing
with bond and directing that he act
without bond, and thereupon the said
Samuel R. Doxey, appeared in open
Court and was qualified as executor
& took the oath prescribed by law.
Copy attested O. F. Foster Clerk

First

I John A. Shute, being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainties of human life 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 expense and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible or of any moneys that I may die possessed of, or that may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly.

I give and bequeath to my two Children, William A. Shute, and Martha Allen, all the personal and real property that I may die seized or possessed or share and share alike to be equally and evenly divided between them or their legal representatives, to my other child Ann, Jeannette Childress, I have already given what I consider her just and full share of my property and I hope she will think so and be satisfied.

Lastly

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son, William A. Shute, and my son in law James O'Neal, as my Executors.

In witness whereof I do to this my last Will set down this the thirtieth day of November one thousand eight hundred & seventy six.

John A. Shute *[Signature]*
Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this the 30 day of November 1876 -
John O'Neal
Mary Livingston

State of Tennessee

Knox County Court September Term 1881.

The last will & Testament

John A. Shute, deceased was this day presented in open Court for probate duly known by the oath of J.W. O'Neal, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which is received by the Court, and ordered to be read by William W. Shute, one of the Executors named in the Will: this day appeared in open Court, and accepted

execution of the same, whereupon the said William W. Shute, together with his securities: Mattie A. Shute, & H.G. Pierce, 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 law requires, and said William W. Shute, as Executor aforesaid was duly qualified.

Copy Read

O.H. Foster, clerk.

I Nell Patterson being of sound mind and the proper exercise of all its faculties, and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, which according to the course of nature in every case cannot be far in the future, do this day make this my last will and testament revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made.

I give my soul to God who gave it, and direct that my body shall have a decent burial, the expenses of which shall be defrayed yet of any moneys in my possession at death, or arising from the sale of any of my personal or real estate or from any other source.

Having heretofore given to my Sons William and Alexander Patterson both real and personal property, I hereby in addition give each of them or their heirs, or other legal representative, the sum of one dollar \$1. after my just debts are settled.

I give to my beloved wife Margaret Ann Patterson, all the remainder of my property both real and personal consisting of lands and tenements houses and household furniture all kinds of stock, moneys cash notes choses in action, or any other species of property whatever that I may die possessed of to have and hold in fee simple and in absolute right and ownership to sell

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First

I John A. Shute being of sound mind and knowing the uncertainties of human life 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 expense and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible or of any moneys that I may die possessed of, or that may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly

I give and bequeath to my two Children, William A. Shute, and Martha Allen, all the personal and real property that I may die seized or possessed of share and share alike to be equally and evenly divided between them or their legal representatives, to my other child Ann, Jeannette Childress. I have already given what I consider her just and full share of my property and I hope she will think so and be satisfied.

Lastly

I do hereby nominate and appoint my son, William A. Shute, and my son in law James O'Allee, as my Executors.

In witness whereof I do to this my last Will set down this the thirtieth day of November one thousand eight hundred & seventy six.

John A. Shute *[Signature]*

Signed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this the 30 day of November 1876—

[Signature]
Mary Livingston

State of Tennessee

Sevier County Court September Term 1881

The last will & Testament

John A. Shute deceased was this day presented in open Court for probate, duly known by the oath of J. D. Peacock, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which is received by the Court, and ordered to be recorded. William A. Shute, one of the Executors named in the will, this day appeared in open Court and accepted

execution of the same, whereupon the said William A. Shute, together with his securities, Mattie A. Shute, & H. G. Pierce, 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 law requires, and said William A. Shute, as Executor aforesaid was duly qualified.

Copy Test

D. H. Foster, Clerk

I Still Patterson being of sound mind and the proper exercise of all its powers, and realizing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, which according to the course of nature in my case cannot be far in the future, do this day make this my last will and testament revoking all others by me at any time heretofore made. I give my soul to God who gave it, and direct that my body shall have a decent burial, the expenses of which shall be defrayed out of any moneys in my possession at death, or arising from the sale of any of my personal or real estate or from any other source.

Having heretofore given to my sons William and Alexander Patterson both real and personal property, I hereby in addition give each of them or their heirs, or other legal representative, the sum of one dollar \$1. after my just debts are settled.

I give to my beloved wife Margaret Ann Patterson, all the remainder of my property both real and personal, consisting of lands and improvements houses and household furniture, all kinds of stock, moneys, cash notes, choses in action or any other species of property whatever that I may die possessed of to have and hold in fee simple and in absolute right and ownership to sell

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and transfer, and make any disposition of the way
desire. I hereby appoint and constitute James W.
Simpson executor of this my last Will and testament to
settle all my just debts and wind up my estate,
according to law.

In witness whereof I hereby set my hand and seal in
the presence of witnesses this the fifth day of June
eighteen hundred and eighty 1880. *Wm. Mark Patterson*

Witnesses

I E. Cheatham
John ^{W.} Mark Roney
Wm C. Stewart.

*State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court October Term 1881*

The last
will and Testament of Will Patterson deceased was
this day produced in open Court for probate and was
duly proven by the oaths of John Roney, and I E. Cheatham
subscribing witnesses thereto which is received by the
Court and ordered to be recorded. James W. Simpson
the Executor named in the will appeared in open
Court and renounced the execution of the same
Copy Test *O. H. Foster, Clerk*

I Samuel Wallace of the County of Sumner State of
Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing mind
do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be
my last Will and Testament -

First I direct all my lawful debts to be paid.

Second, I direct that my Executor to carry out and do
and perform all that I have expressed in a deed and
bequest to Charly Brackee

Third I direct that Williams Brackee and Abram
Wallace both colored who have been faithful in their
affections and services and deserving to & of me
shall have the use and possession for three years

from the 1st day of January 1882 of all of the Allen
tract bounded West by the Louisville & Nashville
R.R. track East by the Creek South by the Canal
of stone worth by my old homestead and to have the
use of the land between 55 & 60 acres free of any charge,
my Executor pay taxes out of my Estate I direct
further that William Brackee & Abram Wallace
shall have choice of land to suit any where on my
place as much as they can cultivate well at one ^{per} ~~per~~
Dollars per acre, and to have this choice & knowledge
for three years from January 1, 1882. My Executor will
execute this -

Fourth I direct that the remainder of my estate both
real and personal be divided among my heirs according
to the laws of the State of Tennessee now in force, here
expressed none discriminated against -

I desire and direct that no portion of my estate
shall be subject to any supervision or liability
to any Court or Master.

I hereby appoint my long tried and faithful friend
James Alexander my Executor to take charge of my
~~last~~ estate and execute this my last will and
testament and to do so without any bond or any
liability for errors and defects, either to my heirs, or
to any Court, relying upon his integrity and judgment
entirely -

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed my seal this the 21st day of July 1881

Sam Wallace ^{Seal}

The above written instrument was subscribed by
the said Samuel Wallace 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

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opposite our names our respective residence this
July 21st 1881

James Hargrass Gallatin Tenn
Thos M Woodson do

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court November Term 1881.

The last Will

and Testament of Samuel Wallace, deceased on this day produced in open Court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of James Hargrass and Thos M Woodson subscribing witnesses thereto which is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded. And James Alexander the Executor named in the Will, appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of the same. No bond and security being required under the will he was duly qualified.

Copy Test

D. H. Foster Clerk

I Samuel McRae of the County of Sumner Tenn do make and publish this as my last will and testament by revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made first I direct that my burial expenses and all my debts paid as soon after my death as possible out of monies that I may die possessed of or may have come into the hands of my Executors second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife the land known as my home containing about seventy nine acres with all the improvements thereon during her natural life and after her death to be sold on a credit of one and two years I want to bequeath to John A. Hamilton five hundred dollars (This comes an entire line which is obliterated - OH Yester date) and (there is another erased) the money the land bring (another

to be equally divided between Samuel H. McRae son of Houston McRae and Indell McRae three Daughters or their children to with Anna Elizabeth & her children Melissed Jane if living if dead to her children Margaret Tennessee if living if dead to her children I give and bequeath to Houston McRae a tract or parcel of land Dyer County Tenn where on he now lives containing seventy four acres more or less I give and bequeath to Minnie Latimer one hundred dollars I wish it kept in some safe hands to be kept for her I appoint my Executors Robert H. Latimer and Jane McRae without secretaries in witness whereof I do this my will set my hand and seal this 15 day of May 1880

Samuel McRae (Seal)

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court December Term 1881.

A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Samuel McRae, was this day presented in open Court by Robt H. Latimer, and it was proven by the oath of John Leudning, that said paper writing was found after the death of Samuel McRae, among the valuable papers of said Samuel McRae. And John Leudning, Samuel Taylor, James H. Taylor, John H. Latimer, and Jane McRae, credible witnesses, who being duly sworn, proved that the handwriting of Samuel McRae, was generally known among his acquaintances, and said witnesses made oath, that they verily believed said paper writing and every part of the same was in the handwriting of Samuel McRae. And it was ordered by the Court, that said Will and Testament be recorded. And Jane McRae, one of the Executors, named in said Will appeared in open Court and executed the execution of said Will. Robert H. Latimer, the other Executor named in said Will, appeared in

open Court and took the oath of Executor as before written
by law no security being required in said Will.
And the widow Jane McRae, appeared in open
Court, and dissented from the Will of her husband
the said Samuel McRae.

Copy Test

O H Foster Clerk

State of Tennessee
County of Sumner

In the name of God Amen,
I. Richard Baskerville, being this day in a bad
state of health, but blessed with a sound mind
and a good memory, and fearing that I am
than likely must shortly die, and as touching my
temporal property which it has pleased God to be
mine with, I on this the 7th day of December A.D.
give and bequeath my real and personal effects
as follows:

1st Now I therefore for the affection, favor and care
shown me by my brother Abner Baskerville give
and bequeath unto him my bay mare, all my notes
and accounts, which are, One note on W. B. Dye
for forty five dollars, Due Oct 1st 1881. One note
on W. R. Howell, for sixty two dollars due Jan
1st 1870. One note on B. P. Dye, for Two hundred dol
with a credit of seventy dollars, due the 9th day of
August 1878. also one note on Isaac M. Ashlock,
thirty dollars, due 1st day of November 1881, and
one account on W. E. Bernard, for twenty dollars
security money paid W. L. Gibson, Aug 13th 1878.

2nd I give my brother Abner Baskerville, one tract of land
lying in 16th Civil District of the aforesaid County
and State bounded on the North by W. S. Payne, on the
West by Mrs. Louis Blackburn, South and East by
lands of the O.H.P. Dural heirs, containing fourteen acres
more or less.

3rd I give to my brother Ab-

Baskerville my undivided interest in the River of my
stepbrother Mrs Jane Baskerville, which is a portion
of the lands of my father Thomas Baskerville deceased,
situated in the 16th civil Dist of the aforesaid County
and State, with a request that he give it to one of his
sons that may hereafter choose to follow the occupation
of a farmer.

If in the above enumeration of my effects, I have failed
to state or fail in anything of value belonging to my
estate either personal or real, I hereby give and bequeath
the same when found to my brother Abner Baskerville.
For the favor care and affection shewn me by my
brother Abner Baskerville, it is my desire and wish
and I hereby relinquish my claims or accounts I
have against him.

My Executor will pay my burial expenses and indebtedness
of my estate out of the first proceeds collected on the
notes accounts and sale of said fourteen acres of land,
and it is further my desire that said business be
round up as soon as practicable by my Executor.

Furthermore if during the remainder of my natural
life I for my own comfort and support should need the
proceeds of any of these my effects, named or not named,
real or personal, I grant my brother Abner Baskerville
the privilege to act for me in the disposition of
the same for my use and benefit. I appoint my
brother Abner Baskerville, Executor of this my last
Will and Testament and I do hereby disannul all or
any other Will, and pronounce this my last Will and
Testament. In witness thereof I have hereunto set
my hand and caused my seal to be affixed, on the day
and date above mentioned.

Signed in presence of Henry McDowell
Alfred Hammond
W. J. McSotthelius

Richard Baskerville Seal

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court December Term 1881

The last Will
and Testament of Richard Baskerville, deceased, was
this day presented in open Court for probate, and was
duly proven by the oath of Alfred Harrisons, one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which is received
by the Court, and ordered to be recorded.

Abner Baskerville, the Executor named in the
Will, appeared in open Court and accepted the
execution of the same. And therefore the said
Abner Baskerville, together with his Sureties:
Alfred Harrisons, and Williams Barnard, appear
in open Court, and entered into and acknowledged
their bond to the State of Tennessee, in the sum
of Five Hundred Dollars conditioned as the law
requires and said: Abner Baskerville, as Executor
aforesaid, was duly qualified.

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O H Foster Clerk

and Testament of Elizabeth Suddarth, deceased, was
this day presented in open Court for probate, and was
duly proven by the oaths of J W Harrison and B F
Jameson, subscribing witnesses thereto, which is
received by the Court and ordered to be recorded
Copy Recd O H Foster Clerk

I James Dally do make and publish this as my
last Will and Testament hereby revoking and
declaring void all other wills by me at any
time made,

I direct that my funeral expenses and all my
just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible.
I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Dally as a
lively interest in all of my real estate my Homestead tract
of land excepting what is known as the Murray
tract of land and also that portion of land lying
between the Murray tract and the lands owned by
my son Oscar Dally, to have and to hold during her
natural life at her death I direct that the same
be equally divided among my children.

I desire that all of my property both real and
personal be equally divided among my children
after making those account for what I have advanced
them during my life all of which I have left an
account of & have papers to show the exact amount
advanced to each one except in the case of Aron
Clinton and his wife Sarah G. Clinton, to whom
I advanced the sum of five hundred dollars
during their natural lives.

I desire that the sum of one hundred and twenty
one dollars and eighty cents be paid out of my
estate to the heirs of Judea Sloan (my Daughter) over
and above their just share this being the amount
in my hands belonging to them coming from the

In the fear of God I Elizabeth Suddarth do make
this my last will and Testament
1st I do will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Dally
Walton all my land and houses to have and to
hold during her natural life then I will it
to her children to be equally divided between them
I wish Richard E. Magors to have an equal share
of my estate with the children of my daughter
Jane Walton, at her death.

made and signed this 3rd day March 1879

Witness

J W Harrison

B F Jameson

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court January Term 1882

The last Will

estate of their Father Joseph Sloan and their Mother
Juda Sloan.

Fifthly I do hereby authorize and empower my Executor
with full authority in due time after my death
to publicly sell all of my property both real
and personal the personal property to be sold on
a credit of two to three months unless it be small
sums which will be sold for cash my real estate
I direct to be sold by my Executor publicly
distribution upon a credit of one and two years
notes with good personal security being required
with such cash payment as may be deemed
sufficient by my Executor he being required
give bond in double the amount of my property
both real and personal (to be sold for distribution)
before he is qualified for the discharge of his
duties

Sixthly I hereby nominate and appoint John M. Durk
my Executor to this my last Will and Testament
Signed Nov the 24th 1884 James Valley

Attest

J M Black
W M Durkham

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court January Term 1884

The last Will and Testament of James Valley, deceased,
was this day presented in open court for probate,
was duly proven by the oaths of J W Black, and
W M Durkham, Subscribing witnesses thereto,
which is received by the court and ordered to be recorded.
And the death of John M. Durkham,
the Executor named in the Will being suggested
the court R P Durkham, was appointed Administrator
with the Will annexed: he appearing in open court
and accepting the same. *Greenwood came*

R P Durkham, together with his sureties B J Valley, and
J W Black, into open Court and entered into and
acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee,
in the sum of Three thousand Dollars, conditioned
as the law requires and said R P Durkham, as
Administrator aforesaid was duly qualified
Copy Test O H Foster clerk

State of Tennessee Sumner County

January 14th 1884

In this my last will and Testament I will
and bequeath to my husband B F Ferrell,
all the right, title and claims that I have to
all real estate

Witness my hand and seal

Lion Ferrell seal
A D Ferrell witness
J C Ferrell

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court February Term 1884

The last Will
and Testament of Lion Ferrell, deceased, was this
day presented in open court for probate and was
duly proven by the oaths of J C Ferrell, and ~~of~~^{as to} the
subscribing witnesses thereto, which is received
by the court and ordered to be recorded
Copy Test O H Foster, clerk

Know all men that I Judge Conner has this day described and given every thing that I possess in this world at my death to Elmore Brown, my daughter. I do here give my plantation to Elmore my Daughter and said plantation are not to be sold for no purpose only for the benefit of Elmore my Daughter said plantation are not to be sold. also one wagon one horse teaming plough one double shovel one Roan Mare also one bed and bed clothing I also have feathers for a bed but not in a tick also a couple of Pillows also a couple of Chairs one set of Plates one book the Deed of my plantation are in the hand of Esq. Read where the expenses are paid I want it brought in I have also three shovels
 This Dec 19. 81 my ~~seal~~ and hand
 Judge ^{his} mark Conn

Witness Mark

J. + F. Bell

A. M. Brewster

J. + H. Brewster

State of Tennessee
 Sumner County Court February 1st 1882

The last Will and Testament of Judge Conner, deceased, was this day presented in open Court for Probate and was duly proven by the oath of A. M. Brewster one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which received by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

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O. H. Foster Clerk

The last Will and Testament of me Emma Clark of the County of Sumner and State of Tennessee. I give devise and bequeath to my daughter, Ellen Brown, all my household and Kitchen furniture and all other personal goods and chattels of which I may die possessed. I also give, devise and bequeath to my daughter, Ellen Brown and to her heirs forever Sixty acres of land the same to be a part of the land now owned by me West of Station Camp Creek and given to me by the will of my brother Bennett E. Douglass.

I give, devise, and bequeath to my son William Clark, for and during his natural life Sixty acres of land to be a part of the afore mentioned land; and at his death the same I give bequeath and devise to my daughter Ellen Brown. The remainder of the land owned by me - the same being on the West of Station Camp Creek and given to me by the will of my brother Bennett E. Douglass. -

I give, devise and bequeath to my daughters Jennie Bone, Bettie Harris and Sofia Dorris - each to have an equal share - and to their heirs forever, and to my two grand children Emma Loney and Charles Clark Loney each to have one half as much as each of my daughters Jennie Bone, Bettie Harris and Sofia Dorris.

My son Charles Clark has already received his portion of my estate.

I desire that my son William Clark live with my daughter Ellen Brown and her husband A. D. Brown and that they clothe feed and care for him; and I desire that my daughter, Ellen Brown have full and complete control of my son William Clark and the land given to him for and during his natural life by this my last will and testament. Should my

son William Clark survive my daughter Ellen Brown then I desire my son Charles Clark should have the care of my son William Clark and the land loaned to him during his natural life. I desire that at my death one hundred and twenty acres of land be surveyed and laid off beginning at Dr A D Brown's on the corner and running with the creek to Mr P Jenkins line then with his line and thence with Mrs sofa Bell's line to distance sufficient to make one hundred and twenty acres and thence to a square line to Dr A D Brown's line to Charles Clark line as may be necessary to include one hundred and twenty acres. This is the portion of land I desire that my daughter Ellen Brown and my son William Clark should have. I desire and appoint my son Charles Clark as my Executor of my will. This is my last will and testament in token whereof hereunder set my hand this 2nd day of Nov 1881.

Emma Clark

Witnesses:

Pettie Douglass
Lyre G. Bell

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court February Term 1882

The last Will and Testament of Emma Clark, deceased, was this day presented in open Court for probate, and was duly proven by the oath of Lyre Bell, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded.

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O. H. Foster Clerk

I Mary A Gonsdale do make and publish this as my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my son Julius A. Gonsdale all of my real estate in the Town of Gallatin Tennessee - it being the lot on which I have lived for some years bounded on the North by main street - East by the property of Miss Danvers - South by Smith Street and West by Mulberry street - also the lot used as a stable lot bounded on the North by W. C. Blue, East by Mulberry Street, South by Smith Street and West by Mrs Gray's lot. I nominate and appoint Julius A. Gonsdale my Executor, and direct that no bond shall be required of him as executor. This the 1st day of April 1872.

Mary A Gonsdale

signed and published in our presence, and we here subscribe our names hereto in the presence of the testatrix. This the 1st day of April 1872

Jannie J. Peyton,
Chas. W. Gonsdale

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court February Term, 1882

The last Will and Testament of Mary A Gonsdale, deceased, was this was this day presented in open Court for probate, and was duly proven by the oath of Chas W. Gonsdale, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, which is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded. And Julius A Gonsdale, the Executor named in the Will, appeared in open Court and accepted the execution of said Will, no bond being required the said Julius A Gonsdale, as executor aforesaid, was duly qualified.

Copy Recd

O. H. Foster Clerk

State of Tennessee I know all you by these present
Summer Comsts. & That I Jack May Masters, at
present residing in said County am
State, being in feeble health, and having full confidence
in my brother-in-law, C. P. Tate, do hereby, according
to the laws of Tennessee constitute, and appoint him
by this deed, as guardian of my children, and I do
not desire that he shall be required to give any bond
and security as such. My life is insured in the
Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States
Policy No 49951 for the sum of twenty five
hundred dollars. The proceeds of said Policy were
to have been paid to my wife, if living at my death
but she has departed this life, and I now desire and authorise
the same to be paid to said guardian as above constituted
and appointed. And I do hereby fully authorise
and empower said guardian to receive and receipt
for and have the care and control of all property that
my said children may be entitled to in the State of
Tennessee, Texas, or elsewhere. And the said C. P. Tate
as said guardian shall also have the custody and
education of my said children.

The said C. P. Tate, at present resides in the County
of Sumner State of Tenn, but I desire it distinctly
understood that all the power and authority confer
upon him to act as guardian of my children as
above set forth shall be exercised by him whether
he continues to reside in said County or State,
or remove elsewhere.

In testimony whereof I Jack May Masters have hereunto
set my hand on this the 20th day of February 1882

Jack May Masters

Witnesses B. F. Ferrell

Lea Martin

State of Tennessee

Summer County Court March Term 1882.

The last Will and

Testament of Jack May Masters, was this day
produced in open Court for probate and was
duly proven by the oaths of B. F. Ferrell and
Lea Martin, subscribing witnesses thereto, which
is received by the Court and ordered to be recorded.
C. P. Tate, the guardian named in the will appeared
in open Court and accepted the trust therein named, &
no security being required, he entered into, and
acknowledged his bond without security to the State
of Tennessee as required by law and was duly qualified
as testamentary guardian of Frank May, and Jack
May Masters, minor heirs of Jack M. Masters deceased
aforesaid without any security

Copy Test O. A. Grier clerk

On the 24th day of May 1882, Mary Goodrich
deceased, at her house in Gallatin ~~Sumner~~ County
Tenn. declared in the presence of the undersigned
whom she especially requested to bear witness thereto
that her will was as follows - that Mrs. Letitia
Goodrich should have a note for one hundred
dollars, executed by Robert Gray to her the
said Mary Goodrich deceased. the said Mary
Goodrich died on the 11th day of July 1882,
written and signed by us August 5th 1882

Mary Gray
Martha Gray

State of Tennessee
Summer County Court August Term 1882.

Mary Gray
Martha Gray, produced in open Court this the 10th day of
August 1882, the Will of Mrs. Mary Goodrich deceased
reduced to writing by them & signed by them &
asked to be permitted to prove the same as the
uncrossed Will of said Mary Goodrich. And it

to prove the same as the noncupative will of said Mary Goodrich. And it appearing to the Court that all the rest of her of the said Mrs Mary Goodrich deceased living in this State, without conveniently be found have been summoned & notified to appear before this Court on this the 10th of August to contest the probate of said Will if they choose, and the said Will as reduced to writing by Mary Gray & Martha Gray, and signed by them as witnesses of said noncupation having been produced in open Court to day, and they, the said Mary & Martha Gray, being disinterested and competent witnesses after being sworn in open Court, testified that said writing was the last will of said Mrs Mary Goodrich, deceased, as thus written and that they as witnesses thereto were called upon by her in her life time to bear witness especially to the fact that such was her will. And it further appearing to the Court, that the said witnesses Mary & Martha Gray, were both specially at the same time in the presence of each other and the testatrix, called upon to hear and bear witness to the said noncupation as stated in the writing pronounced as the Will of said Mary Goodrich that the same was reduced to writing signed by and offered for probate by said witnesses within the time as required by law. It is ordered by the Court that said Will be received, filed and recorded in the will book of this County, at the last Will and Testament of Mary Goodrich deceased, it having been so proved to the satisfaction of the Court.

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O. H. Foster Clerk

At my residence in Sumner County Tenn this 23rd day of January 1850 I Leonard P. Fite make this my last Will and Testament and revoking any former Will - That I may in particular secure for my minor children the protection and care of those in whom I have confidence in the integrity of my Sons James H. Fite, & Leonard P. Fite jun: and Thomas D. Fite, of City of Nashville I hereby appoint them executors of my will and appoint James H. Fite as Trustee for Florence M. Fite, and appoint Leonard P. Fite Jr. Trustee for Virginia A. Fite, And direct them at my death to take possession of all of my effects (in conjunction with any other minor Thos. G. Fite) of every kind real and personal except such as is herein after mentioned as given to my beloved wife Martha & and I empower my sd executors to sell at private sale any other real (or personal estate that may be on my farm) and convey it that I may be possessed of at date of my death in time as deemed best for interest of my children. And I direct my executors to render to Clerk of County Court of Sumner County a detailed statement of all of my effects then in my hands including what is willed to my wife and given off to my two daughters and units given my two sons herein specified as nearly correct as is practicable and same spread on record I ask and direct of the Court not to require of my executors any bond with security and merely direct that they give their own bonds in amount as is in accordance with the value of the estate and request the Court make to them an allowance (moderate in amount) and for them to report to the Clerk each twelve months and condition of the estate. That all necessary expenses incident to management of estate be allowed them in their settlement with the Clerk from year to year and to save them from liability for interest on moneys that may remain in their hands for a short time awaiting judicious investment for this purpose and to this end I advise & direct

that they open a Bank account as executors and thus keep all their ill funds as far as possible disconnected and separate from their individual funds I advise they confer with my true friend J W Green of Nashville as to what are judicious & safe investments for the education clothing &c of my two daughters I direct to be under the care of their Mother and to remain with her until the youngest is eighteen years of age (unless married or dead earlier) all of their expenses (except board & lodging) to be paid out of their real estate which I hereafter specifically will to them = But should the net proceeds of such rents up to the time of their marriage not be sufficient to meet their current expenses they in that event it is to be furnished out of my estate and charged to each one (as the case may be) in proportion settlement with Clerk of Court The better to secure and protect my Daughters from indigence or oppression (especially if married to an unmerciful man) I hereby constitute and appoint my son James W. File as Trustee of my daughter Florence M to take possession of hold & control certain realty I hereby will to Florence M for her sole and separate and not liable for the debts or contracts of her husband the rents and profits of it is for her maintenance and during her life time and after her death to descend to her heirs But if Florence M should die without issue then in that event the said piece of Real estate shall revert to my surviving heirs and be disposed by my executors for this purpose I hereby will & bequeath to my Daughter Florence M my store House on Colly Street near to Church Street Nashville No value at sixteen thousand Dollars (\$16000⁰⁰) I direct my executors to charge this amount to her in adjusting and paying to her the balance of her pro rata share of my estate Also on same terms and with the same restrictions and provisions as in will the piece of Real estate to my Daughter Florence

and as before stated appoint my Son Leonard P File Jr as Trustee of my Daughter Virginia A. Gilt I hereby will & bequeath to my said Daughter Virginia A. the farm on Drakes Creek & Monroe County Tenn the same which James G. Martin & wife Mary A. decided for me and is of record at Gallatin Tenn registered 18 August 1874 containing by Survey 175 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres I reheat this tract of land is for her sole and separate use and is not liable for the debts or contracts of her husband This farm and improvements I value at seven thousand dollars (\$7000) and likewise direct my executors to charge this amount to Virginia A. in adjusting and paying to her the balance pro rata of my estate as provided for unless she shall have married or shall have attained to her eighteenth year of age

I hereby declare it is my will & wish that my four children shall share equally & alike in the distribution of my estate and ask them to turn a deaf ear to any person who would for the sake of fees or from envy or malice interrupt any one of them to distract the letter or spirit of my will and never disgrace me and yourselves by caviling or disputing over the small estate I have left and if it should so result in the process of time that one of you should have gotten the advantage in the effects that I have willed these please pass it by in charity and remember it was not so intended by me

I direct my executors to erect a family monument at Mt Oliver on a lot I have purchased there not to cost over one thousand Dollars I desire all my family may be buried there I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha C during her lifetime my farm with all its buildings & improvements on which I now reside (300 acres) purchased of Paul Dismukes in the year 1850 and is of record at Gallatin Tenn such farming tools and implements as she may decide she has no use for and cannot use to advantage = all such tools I give to my son James W. File without any charge for others to him

I further give to my wife all the house hold & Kitchen furniture Pewter or China that may be on hand one buggy horse three farm horses or mules all the hogs sheep & poultry or other cattle that may be on hand and all the supplies provisions and provider on hand and if any growing crops for to use or dispose of at fair sale I request there shall be no publick sale of any thing belonging to me on the premises during the life of my wife = and so to shape the use of the farm as to be of the least possible trouble to her

The rents and profits of the farm I have intended as a comfortable support for her and my two minor children together with the annual sum here in after named until my daughters have married or have attained to their eighteenth year of age

My wife (Martha C) is to make no charge against two daughters for board & lodging during the time (until eighteen years of age) and as apprehending rents & profits of the farms may not be sufficient a comfortable support for my wife & two minor children up to the time of their marriage or eighteenth year for this reason and purpose I direct my executors to pay over to my wife annually —

One thousand Dollars (\$1000) as @ means of support during her widowhood. But in the event of her marriage then this annual amount of money is at once to cease as @ worthy husband would feel degraded to live on as a pensioner on my money and my wife would soon have no respect for him = as such my executors are to agree with her and Husband on a fair amount to be paid for board & lodging and my Daughter or Daughters (as the case may be) and pay them as may be agreed upon up to their eighteenth year of age

At the death of Martha C (whether having married or not) the said tract of land (350 acres) with buildings furniture and other apertinances to fare as far

as hand is to revert to my heirs and my executors are to sell it and convey same to purchaser or purchasers on such time as they may deem to the interest of my heirs

The tract of Land (about 350 acres) which my son James W. Hale purchased at Sheriff's Court Sale belonging to estate of late Daniel S. Donelson in August 1871 and the same having been paid for by me as also the cedar rails & posts enclosing the entire tract & other small improvements all of which cost me about Nine thousand Dollars (\$9000) in addition I have since paid for Dwelling House on it Four Thousand one hundred and fifty Dollars (\$4150) and at this time I value Land and improvements worth these two amounts

I direct these two amounts charged to him as so much of my share of my estate as is directed in regard to my Daughters In making this distribution of my estate I direct that no interest is ever to be calculated or charged to either of my children on account of real estate or moneys willed to them nor on moneys or real estate here after given to them by me.

I have given to my son Leonard P. Hale Jr as follows
 On 30 Sept 1878 the House & lot No 114 on Woodland Street Edgefield Tenn the price of vacant lot having much declined as such I sent the house & lot at five thousand four hundred Dollars (\$5500) on 1 March 1879 I gave Leonard P in Cash five thousand Dollars (\$5000) on 20 Nov 1879 gave Leonard P in Cash one thousand Dollars (\$1000) on 20th Oct 1879 gave him in Jerry Coal & R.R Company bonds producing to him twenty eight hundred & fifty Dollars (\$2850) in all given to him amounting to fourteen thousand three hundred & fifty Dollars (\$14350) to be charged to him as is directed in the cases of my other children

I further direct my executors to pay to my Sister

Doreas R Scott, during her lifetime two hundred Dollars annually (\$200). My executors will use their discretion as to amounts necessary to be expended in repairs on farm & houses given to my wife Martha to - and also - to pay taxes on it all of which is to be a charge on my estate as long as Martha remains as my widow & no longer - James W File, as trustee of my daughter Florence M is to exercise his judgement in the necessary repairs on the piece of property willed to her in Nashville for taxes & insurance which repairs insurance & taxes which are to come out of the rents for as long as under his control Likewise my Son Leonard who as trustee of my Daughter Jessie A is directed to pay taxes insurance & repairs (the same as directed above to James W) on the real estate willed to her As my two Sons James W & Leonard P Jr are mature age & acting for themselves and have @ for money in their business they are empowered & directed to withdraw from the amount I have left with Anderson Green & Co, or if changed from their possession them from whatever or whenever I may change the same fund to - as much as five thousand Dollars (\$5000) to each one and charge the sum amount to each one of them as so much distributed of my estate -

all interlining done before signing witness my hand & seal and the subscribing witnesses & done in the presence of each other this the 23rd of January 1882
G. B. File

Witness

J. P. Groves
W. M. Disenmkes
James Franklin

This Codicil to my last will and testament

original being dated 23rd of January 1882 that is to say I have this day given to my son Leonard P File Jr One thousand Dollars (\$1000) in Cash I now direct it to be charged to him in the distribution of my estate and as heretofore directed no interest is to be charged to him this 10th day of May 1882 witness my hand & seal and the subscribing witnesses in the presence of each other G. B. File Seal

Witness
W. M. Disenmkes
J. P. Groves

This Codicil to my last will and testament the original will being dated 23rd of January 1882 that is to say I have this day given to my daughter Jessie A lot No 113 fronting on woodland street Edgfield (Leonard B File Jr trustee for her) on same terms and conditions as the farm willed to her on Drakes creek Sumner County Tenn (1/3 acre) which vacant lot No 113 I purchased of John Shelby as per his deed dated 1st of Oct 1858 and registered Nov 1858 at Nashville Tenn which vacant lot I value at fifteen hundred Dollars (\$15.00) to be charged to her in the distribution of my estate & no interest to be charged to her interlining before signing this 10th of May 1882 witness my hand and seal and the subscribing witnesses in the presence of each other

Witness
J. P. Groves
W. M. Disenmkes

G. B. File Seal

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court October Term 1882

The last will and testament of G. B. File, deceased, was this day presented in open court for probate and was duly proven by the oaths of J. P. Groves, W. M. Disenmkes

and James Franklin, subscribing witnesses thereto, And a Codicil attached to said Will was proven by the oaths of Wm. Dismukes, and J. P. Gross, subscribers witnesses thereto. And a second Codicil attached thereto and following the first named Codicil was proven by the oaths of J. P. Gross, and Wm. Dismukes Subscribing witnesses thereto.

Now A. Fite, one of the Executors named in said Will renounced the executorship of the same James W. Fite, and Leonard B. Fite Jr. the other Executors named in the will appeared in open Court and were duly qualified as Executors aforesaid no security being required of them as mentioned in said Will they executed their individual bonds as required by said Will. The will and Codicils were ordered to be recorded. And that Letters Testamentary issue to James W. Fite and Leonard B. Fite Jr.

Copy attest D. H. Foster Clerk

I Margaret J. Thornhill of County Sumner and State of Tennessee make and publish this my last Will and Testament and hereby revoking all wills by me at any other time made

1st Spec^y I desire that my funeral expenses be paid out of the first monies that may come into my Executors hands.

2nd Spec^y I desire that all my just debts be paid soon as practicable

3rd Spec^y I give to my beloved son Samuel H. Thornhill, all my Estate both personal and real estate (said real estate consisting of a farm on creek of about Two hundred and Seventeen a

acres) as the Elph farm also a tract of hill or timber land on the head waters of Drakes Creek of about one hundred acres) provided this bequeath subject to provisions hereinafter made

4th Spec^y, I desire that my Executor be empowered to sell any hill land or so much of my Real Estate as shall be sufficient to pay my just debts and that said Executor have power to sell and make title in as ample manner as if made by myself

5th Specification

In the event that my Son Samuel H. Thornhill should die without issue before he is twenty one years of age my desire is that that he before described property go to my Brother Daniel H. Smith and my Sister Sarah E. Gathimer, if living and if not to their children.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Brother Daniel H. Smith as my Executor, in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the seventeenth day of May 1882

Test. J. H. Taylor

J. W. Montgomery

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court October Term 1882

The last Will and Testament of M. J. Thornhill deceased was this day presented in open Court for probate, and was duly proven by the oaths of J. H. Taylor, and J. W. Montgomery, subscribing witnesses thereto, which was recited and ordered to be recorded. D. H. Smith, the Executor named in the will aforesaid in open Court together with his Sureties, J. H. Taylor, and J. W. Montgomery, and entered into and acknowledged their bond to the State of Tennessee in the sum of One Thousand Dollars conditioned

as the law requires, and said Daniel H. Smith, a
Executor, aforesaid was duly qualified. And
Letters ordered to be issued to said Daniel H. Smith.
Copy Attest O. Foster Clerk

I John Davely do make and publish this my
last will and Testament, hereby revoking and nullifying
and 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 money that I may possess of, or may
first come into the hands of my executor.
Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife, Maggie Davely
my land 94 acres and all of my moneys stock and
household and kitchen furniture and all of my
effects every shade and after her death to
equally divided among the legal heirs.
Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my wife
Maggie Davely my executor. I witness whereon
I do to this my will, set my hand, this, the twenty
six day of September one thousand eight hundred
eighty two
Signed and published in our presence, and we have
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the
testator. This the 26th day of September 1882
Witnesses John ^{his} mark of Davely
J. A. Moss
Burton Coffrage

State of Tennessee
Benton County Court November Term 1882

Will and Testament of John Davely deceased,
this day presented in open Court for probate

was duly proven by the oaths of J. A. Moss, and
Burton Coffrage, subscribing witnesses thereto
which is received by the Court and ordered to be
recorded. Mrs. Maggie Davely the Executrix
named in the Will appeared in open Court
and accepted the execution of the same.
Whereupon the said Maggie Davely, together
with her Sureties: J. A. Moss, and Burton Coffrage,
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 requires, and said
Maggie Davely as Executrix aforesaid was
duly qualified.

Copy Attest O. Foster, Clerk

Know to all men that I John Greenhaw
being unsound in body but of sound mind
& memory do hereby declare and ordain this
to be my last will and testament.
Item 1st, I desire that all my just debts shall
be paid.

Item 2nd, It is my will and desire that my two
sons Dabna and Thomas Joseph Greenhaw
shall take possession of my farm and all property
that may be left after paying my debts and take
care of and provide for my three daughters viz
Elizabeth and Martha & Annie. The two first
Elizabeth & Martha being afflicted and
dependent.

Item 3rd, I desire that my two sons shall
continue in possession as before stated until my
two daughters Elizabeth and Martha shall be
restored to health or die or my two daughters
Elizabeth and Martha shall become dissatisfied.

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their my property shall be divided as follows - viz.
that each of my children, Ora G. Harper, Dabney
Crenshaw, Elizabeth Crenshaw, Martha F. Crenshaw
Thomas Crenshaw and Annie E. Crenshaw
shall each have equal shares alike
Item 4th The share that I give to my daughter
Ora G. Harper shall be subject only to her individual
control and benefit to do as she pleases - and in no
way or manner shall her husband D. J. Harper in
or control said share or interest in my estate. In
testimony whereof I have this day affixed my
hand and seal this Sept 10 1882

John Crenshaw

Attest

A. J. Swain
Joseph M. Crenshaw

State of Tennessee
Sumner County Court November Term 1882.

The last Will

and Testament of John Crenshaw, deceased, was duly
produced in open Court for probate and was pro-
ved by the oaths of A. J. Swain and Joseph M. Crenshaw
Subscribing witnesses thereto, which is received
the Court and ordered to be recorded.

No Executor being named in the Will. It is
ordered by the Court that, Dabney Crenshaw
be appointed Administrator with the Will annex
of John Crenshaw, deceased. Thereupon said
Dabney Crenshaw, together with his securities
Joseph M. Crenshaw, and A. J. Swain, appeared
before Court and entered into and acknowledged
bond to the State of Tennessee, in the sum of
one thousand dollars, conditioned as the law dire-
cted and said Dabney Crenshaw as Administrator aforesaid
was duly qualified.

O. H. Foster. Clerk
Copy Attest

In the name of God Amen

I John L. Brigg being of sound mind and memory but
knowing the certainty of death do make this my last
Will and testament hereby revoking all other Wills by
me made -

I give and bequeath unto my sister Joyce Cartrell
heirs which is Mary Bage and Francis Douglass Two
hundred dollars. I also give to Sam Brigg and his
Marry Two hundred dollars. I also give to Mr
Goundsale heirs of Mrs Mary Goundsale Two hundred
dollars. I also give to Sarah H. Brigg heirs Two
hundred dollars. I also give to Jessie Bage Fifty dollars.

I wish my just debts be paid by my Executor
also my burial expenses I wish J. A. Goundsale to be
my Executor without giving any bond. I also
give to Julius A. Goundsale all the balance of
my estate both real & mixed July the 21st 1875.

John L. Brigg

State of Tennessee

Sumner County Court Nov Term 1882

At paper

writing dated July the 21st 1875, signed John L. Brigg,
and purporting to be the last will and testament of John
L. Brigg, was this day produced in open Court for probate:
whereupon D. P. Hart, F. D. Blakemore, & W. H. Jones, having
been duly sworn, deposed and said that they were
acquainted with the handwriting of said John
L. Brigg, and that his handwriting was generally
known among his acquaintances, and that they verily
believe that said paper writing, dated and signed as
aforesaid, and every part thereof, is in the handwriting of
said John L. Brigg. And J. A. Goundsale, having been
duly sworn, deposed and said that said paper writing
was found, after the death of said John L. Brigg, among
the valuable papers of him, the said John L. Brigg.
It was thereupon ordered by the Court that said paper
writing be recorded as the last will & testament of said