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Addison Paston's Will
No 1

In the name of God Amen I Addison Paston of Tipton County State of Tennessee being sick of body but sound of mind and memory do ordain nominate constitute and appoint this my last will and testament. Item first I will and bequeath all my property to my wife Malinda for the purpose of raising my children both real and personal after the payment of my just debts so long as she remains my widow and should she hereafter marry it is my will and desire that all my property both real and personal be equally divided my wife and children (viz) between Jane Eliza Paston and the child she is now pregnant with. And I do by these presents nominate constitute appoint my wife Malinda Paston my sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of Aug - 1824.

Signed Sealed & delivered in presence of us,

John Miller.

Jaynes Hodges.

Thos Huff.

Addison ^{his} Paston ^{mark}

SENT

State of Tennessee
Tipton County

September Term 1824

The within Will & Testament of Addison Paston was produced in open court and proven by the oaths of John Miller James Hodges & Thomas Huff & Andrew Greer Clerk of said County Court have affixed my private seal there being no seal of office

And: Greer Clerk

John P. Caldwell's Will
No 2.

I John P. Caldwell of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee being now of sound mind and judgment but knowing that all men are born to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament

1st I recommend my soul to Almighty God he gave it and has a right to take it again. 2nd As to the property I have been blessed with or have acquired in this world it is my wish should be divided in the following manner (to wit)

3rd I wish a negro woman by the name of Hannah and such part of my stock and household furniture sold, as will be sufficient to pay all my just debts.

4th I wish I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Delpha Caldwell the following property to wit. One negro man by the name of Ben and a child with which Term is now pregnant should it live also one bed & furniture and two cows & calves and one horse of which I am now possessed and it is further my wish that my wife should possess and enjoy the balance of my negroes until my children become of age by the following names to wit. Tener, Peter, and Harchman and should my wife feel disposed to remain on the lease which she now lives it is my wish she should do so and enjoy all the proceeds thereof and support my children if not let the lease be sold and the proceeds thereof be divided equally between her and my children.

5th The balance of my property including the above negroes Tener, Peter, and Harchman I wish equally divided between my children to wit William Henry Caldwell and one with which my wife is now pregnant.

6th I should there be any property including my stock and household furniture remaining after the sale before directed for the payment of my debts I wish the same sold by my executors and proceeds arising therefrom equally divided between my wife and children.

7th And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend Margus Belmonts executor of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of December 1824. Witnessed before signed & sealed with the words in the 11th line by the name of Hannah and in the twentieth line "my wish that"

Signed and sealed in presence of us,

John H Hurley

Geo. D. Stone

John P. Caldwell ^{his} ^{mark}

SENT

State of Tennessee
Tipton County

January Term 1825

These was the last Will and Testament of John P. Caldwell Dec. produced in open court and the executor thereof proven by the oath of John H. Hurley one of the subscribing witnesses and was ordered to be recorded. Test

Andrew Greer Clerk
of said Court

Archibald Walker's Will.
No 3

I the last Will and Testament of Archibald Walker of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee. In the name of God Amen. I do hereby bequeath my property and effects at my decease in the manner following and appoint my sons David S. Walker and Peterson A. Walker, my executors to perform this my last Will and Testament according to its tenor intent and meaning and consistently with the laws of the State. First it is my will that my beloved wife Lucy D. Walker have and possess the full entire and uninterrupted use of all the property I possess during the time she remains single except what is hereafter specified and appropriated. And I do hereby leave to my daughter Sallie Ann Burchett Stone during her maternal life the male negro girl she had in possession named Nancy to her use and at her death to the heirs of the body and to them only in their own right forever and desire that the said negro girl shall be and remain in the service of my daughter but subject to the call of my said executors and in that case her services to be appropriated for the only benefit of my said daughter.

To my other and youngest daughter Martha Ann Elizabeth I do give and desire that she have a part of my estate equal to the above named girl to be paid to my said daughter first mentioned at such time as she shall either marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years and my said executors are requested to make such appropriations from my said estate and in case my ^{said} youngest daughter should secure for her said portion a negro that it be on the same conditions as are above mentioned as regards my daughter Sallie. To my son David S. Walker, Peterson A. Walker, James William Walker, George Washington, and Thomas Jefferson Walker I give and bequeath to each as they arrive at the age of twenty one years to have use and hold in their own right a portion equal to that above specified to my daughters and my said sons above named as my executors are required and authorized to set apart said portions to each as they become entitled to receive the same.

and as it regards the rest and residuum of my estate after the before mentioned portions are set apart and after the education of all my younger children it is my will and desire that my wife Lucy D. Walker if single shall have and retain so much of the estate as shall be sufficient

to comfortably support her and that such portions as she can spare shall be equally distributed by my said executors among all my afore mentioned children with the same conditions as to the part my two daughters receive of said residuum as are above mentioned concerning their portions. And I further desire that in the partition of the said residuum of estate my son Thomas Jefferson on account of his natural infirmity shall be entitled to receive one fourth of one child's share more than any other children. After the death of my said wife in case she should not marry again the portion retained by her for a subsistence to be equally divided in the same manner as the other parts of my estate.

Whereby publishing this my only Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of July 1826.

Witness to execution of
D. T. W. Brockburn D. Walker
R. B. Carr John Brown
M. B. Winchester James L. Vaughn

Archibald Walker

State of Tennessee
Tipton County Court

September term 1827

Then was the within Will of Archibald Walker deceased produced in open court and the executors thereof duly proven by the oaths of John Brown and David S. W. Brock two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was therefore ordered to be certified for registration. On testimony whereof I Andrew Greer Clerk of said Court have hereunto set my hand and private seal there being no seal of office at office in Rooming the 14th day of September 1827.

Andrew Greer Clerk By
R. W. Sanford Deputy

Benjamin Smith
Will.

I Benjamin Smith (Sr) Citizen of Tipton County State of Tennessee do declare this my last Will and Testament revoking all others.

First all my debts are to be punctually paid then to my dearly beloved Father Benj. Smith (Sen) I bequeath my whole estate real and personal for him to keep and hold and dispose of as he thinks fit.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my Father Benj. Smith (Sen)

executor of this my last Will and Testament. I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight. Signed sealed and delivered by the said Benjamin Smith (Jr) as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names.

Test: Michael Holschouer junr.

John B. Coy. junr.

Robert B. McGuire

State of Tennessee

Septon County Court

Benjamin Smith



September Term 1828

Then was the within last Will and Testament of Benjamin Smith (Jr) produced in open court and the executor thereof duly proven by the oath of Michael Holschouer and John B. Coy. two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be certified for registration.

Test:

Andrew Greer Clerk

By R. W. Sanford D. C.

James Moore's Will

In the name of God Amen

I James Moore being in a bad state of health, sick in bed knowing that all men ^{have to} die do make this my last Will and Testament. In the first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth whence it came. As for the worldly goods & affects which God had been pleased to bestow on me, I dispose of in the following manner (viz)

- Item 1 I give unto John D. Williams three negroes Beck, Lavin, & Richmond.
 - Item 2 I give unto Joseph John Williams two negroes Milly, and Frank.
 - Item 3 The balance of my whole estate to be equally divided between John D. Williams and Joseph John Williams the son of John D. Williams decd and his wife.
- Lastly I make constitute and appoint my trusty friends John Champion and John B. Little my executors to this my last will and Testament.

Sign sealed and delivered in presence of

Test: Wm Lamb junr

Jos. T. Fulton

James Moore



State of Tennessee. March Term 1829
Septon County Court.

Then was the within Will of James Moore proven in open Court by the oath of Wm Lamb one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded.

Andrew Greer Clerk.

By R. W. Sanford D. C.

Stephen Childress Will

In the name of God Amen

I Stephen Childress of Williamson County and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory (blessed be God) do this 28th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say:
First I give and recommend my soul to God that gave it my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter to be named. And as touching such worldly estate whereon it had pleased God to bless me with in this life:

- First I first give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy & it
- First negroes named as follows. Daniel, little Jacob, Peter, Jane, Hager & Charity to have and to hold them and their increase during her natural life for the purpose of raising or to assist in raising of the small children and at her death to be equally divided amongst all my children them and their increase. I heretofore given some of my children property as follows first I gave my daughter Elizabeth Hulen two negroes with one thousand dollars and other property to the amount of two hundred & fifty dollars. My son Stephen & Childress has had property & money to the amount of eight hundred dollars. My daughter Susan Hulen has had property to the amount of two hundred & fifty dollars. My son Stephen & Childress has had property & money to the amount of eight hundred dollars. I have given my son William Childress one negro woman named Nancy and other property amounting in all to seven hundred and fifty dollars. I have given my daughter Polly Benton property worth one hundred and twenty five dollars.
- Second my will and desires that all my real and personal estate in Williamson County be sold and the personal property at Wappanocky be sold also, all at twelve months

credit if my wife do not choose to go to Wapponochy to live that my executors procure a tract of land to the amount of fifty acres for her during her life then to be divided: sales that she have as many cows & hogs as my executors may think necessary for the raising of the children in the same way, and after all my just debts are paid the amount then left shall be equally divided that is those that have received as above stated shall have that much deducted from them so as to make them share equal except my daughter Patsy L. Childress which is a cripple. I leave her eight hundred dollars more than any other child and as touching that part of my estate which may fall to my daughter Susan Helen that my executors take charge of it and let her have it as she may stand in need so that her husband Thomas Hyles shall not have any use of it but should he die or they be divorced then and in that case for them to give her up her part. I have some debts due me one in judgment against the Passons on against William Hancoy and one in the Hatcher County also a quantity of goods on hand which will be sold at twelve months credit. Should my executors conceive it more advisable advantageous for the land to be sold at one two and three years credit they will do so and that they receive as much money as will educate the younger children equal with the older ones.

Lastly And lastly I nominate and appoint my son William G. Childress, Mary James McEun and Mr. David Cummings, executors to this my last Will & Testament revoking all others. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this day and year above mentioned.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
M. D. Cooper William Easton junr &
Kream Hancoy H. Letway junr & S. Childress
State of Tennessee
Tipton County

March Term 1829.
Then was the last Will and Testament of Stephen Childress
both produced in open Court and by the depositions of
Ninety Letway and William Easton proven to the satisfac-
tion of the court and was ordered to be recorded.

Test. Andrew Green Clerk
By R. W. Sanford D. C.

Martha Hill's
Will.

I Martha Hill of the County of Tipton and
State of Tennessee being now of sound mind but weak of
body and knowing that all persons are bound to die do make
and constitute this my last Will and Testament.

First I recommend my soul to almighty God He gave it and he has
a right to take it again.

As to the worldly goods I have I wish them disposed of
in the following manner to wit

First I have purchased of N. W. Long three hundred and twenty
seven acres of land (the tract on which I now live) and to
secure the payment of the same my son Augustus Hill
has given his individual note with my son William Richard
H. Garland security for the sum of ~~four~~ thousand dollars
payable in three annual installments the first to be made
the 25th December 1830 to make which pay ment it is my wish
that my son Augustus Hill shall have all the negro &
stock utensils &c that is now in my possession for a term
of four years to commence on the first day of January
next together with the present growing crop and a lien also
upon the land itself until that debt is paid at the expiration
of the above term of four years and the payment of the debt
above named. It is my wish that all my land negroes and
other property to be equally divided among my children except in
the following cases to wit: My son James G. Hill
to have Charney & her son Nelson as part of his dividend of the
negroes. My son in law John Stone and Rufus H. Garland
have already received a portion of property which must be
valued in their distribution shares (viz) John Stone received
three negroes, Clary, Claryton & Mary and Rufus H. Garland
had received the negroes Marco Anderson and Ben.
In addition to the payment of the four thousand dollar debt
as before specified I wish my son Augustus to take charge of
and educate my minor children.

To execute this my last Will and Testament I hereby appoint
my son Augustus Hill my sole executor hereby revoking
all other Wills made previous to this.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this
18th August 1830.

Witness James Pence
J. Tipton.

Martha Hill

State of Tennessee.
Tipton County Court.

September term 1830.

Then was the within purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Martha Bell produced in open court and the executors thereof duly proven by the oaths of Jacob Tipton and James Pence the subscribing witnesses thereto and was thereupon ordered to be recorded and on motion of Augustus Bell the executor herein named who took the oath required by law and together with Rufus Garland Daniel A. Durham James Pence and Jacob Tipton his securities conditioned as the law directs in the penalty of thirty thousand dollars it was ordered that letters Testamentary be granted him.

Test R. W. Sanford Clerk.

William Speakman's Will.

August the 6th day 1830.

State of Tennessee Tipton County William Speakman is in very low state of health and not expected to stay here any time but shortly to go the way of all others. The amount of money which Jacob Elderly owes to William Speakman is one hundred and four dollars I give and bequeath it to Polly Callahan and thirty yards of spun truck and a great sack bag with some cotton in it to the same. The amount of money which Jacob Elderly ^{owes} to William Speakman in another note is one hundred and fourteen dollars I give and bequeath unto Nelly Burchard one mare saddle and bridle the mare is a spotted roan about seven years old fifteen hands high and a pair of saddle bags for Joseph Burchard.

The amount which Thomas Jones owes to William Speakman is twelve dollars I give to Polly Callahan the amount of a note which John Musgrove owes to William Speakman is thirteen dollars which I give to Joseph Burchard.

The amount of a note which Thirum Hammond owes to William Speakman is fifty two dollars and 80 cents which is to be divided between Joseph and the 3 oldest girls a chest with one drawer in it packed full of cloths some bands and some bags and bed clothes I give to Nelly Burchard to divide with them as she thinks proper & two plows one ax and all the things that is left at Robert Marshall's to be divided between Nelly Burchard

and Mary Polly Callahan this hundred dollars is to be collected by Richard Bennet for William Speakman senior and given to William Speakman son (William Junior).

William Speakman
Jurest William Moore
Jurest Jesse F. Miller.

State of Tennessee
Tipton County Court.

September term 1830

Then was the last Will and Testament of William Speakman deceased produced in open court and the executors thereof duly proved by the oaths of William Moore and Jesse F. Miller the subscribing witnesses thereto and it was ordered to be recorded and there appearing to be no executor named in said will on motion of David Callahan ordered that he have letters of administration on said estate with the will annexed whereupon he came forward and took the oath prescribed by law and entered into bond with Thomas Robinson his security in the sum of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Test R. W. Sanford Clerk.

George Watson's
Will.

The last will and testament of George Watson of Tipton County State of Tennessee. I George Watson considering the uncertainty of mortal life and being of sound mind and memory (blessed be Almighty God for the same) I will that all my just debts as shall be by me owing at my death together with my personal expenses and all charges touching the proving of or concerning this my will shall in the first out of ~~any~~ my personal estate and effects be fully paid and satisfied and from and after payment thereof and subject thereunto that my will is that all the residue of my goods shall shatter merchandise and household furniture shall be indifferently appraised and after such appraisement made that the same shall be divided into three equal parts one equal third part whereof I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Watson one other equal third part thereof I give and bequeath unto and among my children to be agreeably parted and delivered unto my ^{said} children divided among them share and share alike and to be paid and delivered unto my said

children at their several respective ages of twenty one years and to any said daughters at their respective ages of twenty one years or day of marriage which shall first happen and my meaning is that in case any of my children shall depart this life before such time as the portion portioned them or them as dying shall become payable then and in such case the part or portion of him or her or them so dying shall go and be equally divided among the survivors or survivor of them share and share alike if more than one and to be paid to such survivor or survivors at the time aforesaid. I also will that all that part of perishable property coming or falling to my children shall be sold and the money put out on interest till my children arrives at the age above stated. I will that my wife shall have the negro girl Baby for the benefit her and my children so long as she remains my widow and then the said negro girl is to remain among my children in any way so as to be of satisfaction among themselves and I make and ordain my beloved wife Elizabeth Watson and Joseph Watson Executors of my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

George Watson

Witness Henry Murray
Sabel Wood

State of Tennessee
Tipton County

Court of Pleas and quarter session December Term 1830

Then was this the last Will of George Watson deceased produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven by the oaths of Henry Murray & Sabel Wood the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

R. M. Sanford Clerk
By R. Small Deputy

William A Miller
Will

I William A Miller of Tipton County State of Tennessee do make constitute and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid from the debts due me or from the sale of my estate to which I shall hereafter direct to be sold

Month 2nd I give my daughter Virginia one bed and furniture & the half of my bed clothing her mothers trunk and its contents.

Item the 3rd I give my two sons William & Thomas my best bed and furniture and the remaining half of my bed clothing and my rifle gun.

Item the 4th I give my son Wm Barba my large family Bible and one trunk.

Item the 5th I give my son Thomas my large Testament, Doddriges Bibles and progress and one trunk.

Item the 6th It is my wish that my executors hereafter named sell my tract of land lying in Tipton County on such credits as may to them seem best for the interest of my estate.

Item the 7th It is my will and desire the balance of estate except my negroes and my Boonington property be sold on such a credit as my Executors may deem best for the interest of my estate.

Item the 8th It is my will and desire that the balance of my estate both real and personal be kept together for the support and education of my three children and when either of them arrives to the age of twenty one years, or marries then and in that case it is my desire that the whole of my estate be equally divided among them; this should a division take place before they are all educated. it is understood that one child is not to be advanced at the expense of another; such a part of my estate is to be allowed to those who are not educated as to make their education equal; this property I give to them and their heirs forever.

Item the 9th My executors hereafter named have the full power to convey by deed my Slaving property to John H. Woodcock on his paying them their bond for the purchase of the same and in case a failure on the part of Woodcock to confirm the said sale they are hereby authorized to sell the same on such credits as may be best for the interest of my estate.

Specially: I appoint John Mathews and Edward Booker my Executors to this my last Will Testament as witness Witness W. H. Ligon my hand and this 25th day February 1832. Witness James A. Locke. Wm A Miller

State of Tennessee
Tipton County Court

June Term 1823

Then was the last Will & Testament of William A. Miller produced in open Court and the executor thereof duly proven by the oaths of William H. Ligon and James P. Locke the subscribing witnesses thereto and was therefore ordered to be certified and recorded.

Test R.W. Sanford Clerk.

State of Tennessee
Tipton County

Court of Pleas & quarter session

December Term 1832. Then was the within last Will and Testament of William A. Miller deceased produced in open Court which had been proven at the June Term of said 1822 and John Mathews one of the executors herein named qualified as such and took upon himself the execution thereof and having settled with commissioners appointed by this Court. Thereupon Solomon Becker Sen- the other executor named herein came into Court and upon himself the execution thereof and entered into bond in the sum of one thousand dollars with Robert B. Clarkson, James N. Smith and Frederick R. Smith his securities conditioned as the law directs and took the oath required by law.

Test. R.W. Sanford clerk of said Court

William R. Durham's Will.

In the name of God Amen.

I William R. Durham of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee being in declining circumstances of health tho' of perfect sound mind and meaning do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and it is my desire that it may be received by all as such as to the worldly property to which I have been blessed I dispose of as follows (to wit).

My tract of land I now live on I allow to belong to my wife Ann. also two beds and furniture.

The balance of my property money and money's worth to be appropriated to the payment of my debts and if there should be any surplus the same to be equally divided between my brothers Alton Durham & James M. Durham

and I also constitute and appoint my friends John Wilson and Thomas Durham my executors to this my last Will. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of April 1832.

Attest Bernard Durham junet
Dudley Durham junet

Wm R. Durham

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State of Tennessee
Tipton County Court

June Term 1823

Then was the within Will of William R. Durham, Sr. produced in open Court and the and the executor thereof duly proven by the oaths of Bernard Durham and Dudley Durham the subscribing witnesses thereto and was thereupon ordered to be certified & recorded.

Test R.W. Sanford Clerk.

Robert H. Chapman's
Will.

I Robert H. Chapman of the town of Greenville County of Augusta State of Virginia do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:-

1st I desire that my house and lot in the town of Greenville and now + three quarters acres of land adjoining with all the appurtenances thereto belonging be sold as soon as convenient and be disposed of for the comfort and benefit of my family according to the direction of my ^{beloved} wife.

2nd I desire that all my children should be nourished fed and clothed in my family and educated according opportunity living at home till they arrive at the age of fourteen & that an account should be opened against them and they charged for all money expended for them but not for board if they reside in my family that thus an equal portion of property may by all be finally attained.

3rd I desire that all my sons if their own wishes and capacities are in accordance may obtain a liberal collegiate education & that the money thus expended after the age of fourteen be charged against them and if the amount should at the final division exceed their equal proportion the excess should then

be refunded without interest.

4th I desire that my daughters may obtain an excellent female education in all solid useful branches of learning & that the money thus expended after the age of fourteen be charged against them as in the case of my sons.

5th After the payment of all my debts I give unto my beloved wife one third of my estate both real and personal for and during her natural life and after her decease I give the same to my children to be equally divided among them.

6th I desire that the remaining two thirds of my estate both real and personal should be kept and disposed of for the benefit and education of my children till the youngest shall arrive at the age of twenty one that the charges against them ^{should} be settled and an equal division of my property be made among them the management of this business is entrusted to my executors herein appointed.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Hannah Chapman executrix and my older son William S. Chapman executor of this my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18th of Nov in the year of our Lord 1820 Signed sealed published & delivered as the last Will and Testament of Robert H. Chapman in presence of and

St. Tarbet.

I.B. I have read this in the fourth line of the 2nd article and the word my in the third line of the 4th article was interlined before the signing of this instrument.

1st As a credit to my last Will and I further declare that it is my desire that the thirty acres of land I purchased of John Logan adjoining the town of Greenville Augusta Co Va should also be sold and the avails applied to the benefit of my family.

2nd It is also my will that my mulatto woman Betty should belong to my beloved wife during her life and then be considered as belonging to my children Witness Present I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18th of Nov 1820

Robert H. Chapman

I declare the above Will and Codicil to be my last Will & Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 15th of Nov 1826.

Witness Present

Robt. D. Glass

James M. Glass

State of Tennessee Tipton County
County Court September Term 1833

Robert H. Chapman

The last will and Testament of Robert H. Chapman was this day produced in open court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that none of the subscribing witnesses thereto reside within the limits of this County or State thereupon came Magnus Earned & Robert Green who being first sworn deposed and say that they have seen the said Robert H. Chapman write and subscribe his name and that they believe the said Will and Testament together with the codicil and signatures to be the proper hand writing and signature of the said Robert Chapman deceased and was therefore ordered to be certified and recorded.

Attest R. W. Sanford, Clerk.

By his deputy Geo. H. Evans

Codicil to R. H. Chapman's Will.

I Robert H. Chapman of the County of Tipton in the State of Tennessee being taken ill on my return from the North to my family and having since leaving home recovered a considerable property which is evidenced by an agreement entered into with a certain John of England and a decree of the Chancery Court held at the City of New York in the State of New York rendered upon and in pursuance of that agreement and being desirous of making disposition thereof do make this as a Codicil to my last Will and Testament now in the possession of my beloved wife.

I hereby direct each of my children out of the fund above mentioned to the provision made for them by said Will the sum of one thousand dollars except my daughter Elizabeth to whom I desire out of that fund the sum of two thousand dollars in addition to the decies to be by my said Will. the residue of that fund I hereby direct my executors to invest in some secure stock or to loan out on interest upon

upon security and pay the arising therefrom to my beloved wife for and during her natural life and should any great proceeds arising be more than sufficient for the support of my said wife I wish and desire her to apply the surplus to such charitable or religious purposes as she may think proper and after the death of my said wife I direct that the fund hereby largely devised as aforesaid and any interest thereon that she may may not have disposed of be equally divided ^{between} my children.

I also give and devise to my said wife the negro man purchased by me since the making of my aforesaid Will this wife and children to be held by her in absolute right. I hereby appoint my son Robert H. Chapman Executor of my said will and this codicil in addition to the Executors and Executors named in my said Will. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal at the house Thomas A. Tidball in the County of Frederick and State of Virginia this 18th day of June 1833.

Signed sealed and delivered by the Testator as a codicil to his last Will and Testament in our presence who in his presence and the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names witnessing the Testator being too weak to write his name.

Thomas Allen Tidball.
Wm. H. Hill.

Virginia. At a Court held for Frederick County the 4th day of November 1833 this instrument of writing purporting to be a codicil to the last Will and Testament of Robert H. Chapman deceased was produced to the Court and Thomas Allen Tidball and William Hill the subscribing witnesses thereto being sworn deposed and say that the said Testator departed this life at the residence of the said Thomas Allen Tidball on the 18th day of June last that he arrived there very ill four days before that some hours previous to his death the said instrument ^{of writing} was written by the said Thomas Allen Tidball at the request of the Testator that he was in his proper senses at the time of signing and acknowledging the said codicil.

as far as they know or believe and requested them to attest the same as witnesses which they did in the presence of the Testator and of each other that the Testator attempted to sign his name but being too weak to do so made his mark and thereupon on motion it is ordered that the said instrument of writing be recorded and when recorded that the original together with a copy of this order be furnished by the Clerk of this Court to the Court of Dupton County in the State of Tennessee. In testimony whereof I Thomas Allen Tidball Clerk of the Court of the County aforesaid hereunto set my hand and seal of office the 4th day of November 1833, and in the 58 year of the Commonwealth.

T. A. Tidball.

Virginia Frederick County set

I John Smith presiding Justice of the Court of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the attestation of Thomas Allen Tidball the Clerk of the Court of the County aforesaid is in due form of law given under my hand and seal the 4th day of November 1833.

State of Tennessee.
Dupton County.

John Smith (Seal)

Court of Pleas & quarter session December Term 1833.
This day appeared Robert Hill Chapman in open Court producing a codicil to the last Will and Testament of Robert H. Chapman deceased which having been duly proven he was qualified as executor to said codicil & last Will aforesaid. whereupon it was ordered by the court that letters Testamentary to the said Robert Hill Chapman in addition to the letters granted to William S. Chapman & Hannah Chapman at the last term of this upon his entering into bond similar to that entered into by the aforesaid executor & executrix.
Witness my hand at office in Springtown the second day of December A.D. 1833, and the 58 year of American Independence.

R. W. Sanford Clerk
By Deputy G. Hamph. Evans

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Robert H. Rose's
Will.

I Robert H. Rose sen. do hereby make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others heretofore made by me and particularly one made by me in the year eighteen hundred and twenty six which is now or was lately among my papers in this County & is at John H. Heilmans.

I give to my following children and no others all my estate real and personal in fee simple (excepted with the conditions as it regards my son Robert H. Rose herein named below) to wit my daughter Francis M. Rose, Mary M. Rose, Henry, Rose, Samuel Rose, & Robert H. Rose, and to the latter on the conditions that he acts as the guardian of his above mentioned sisters and brothers and I to hereby appoint him my sole executor to this Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fifteenth day of June eighteen hundred and thirty

David Dunn.

State of Tennessee
Tipton County Court.

Robert H. Rose.

(Seal)

September Term 1833.

When was produced in open court the within last Will Testament of Robert H. Rose deceased and was proved by the oath of David Dunn that the same was lodged in his hands for safe keeping and there being no subscribing witnesses to said Will except David Dunn, the said David Dunn, together with Robert E. Green, and John Brogan, made oath that they were well acquainted with the handwriting of the Testator and that they verily believe that the said Will and every part thereof is in the handwriting of the said Robert H. Rose who was named in said Will as executor thereof and took the oath prescribed by law and entered into bond with David Dunn and Robert Young his securities constituted as the law directs.

R. W. Sanford, Clerk
of said Court

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Margaret Lewis
Will.

In the name of God amen.

I Margaret Lewis of Tipton County and State of Tennessee being sick and weak in body but possessing sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding (Praised be God) for the same knowing it is appointed me for all to die and calling into consideration the uncertainty of life have thought have thought proper to dispose of the worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me with in the following manner viz.

- 1st On the good will and affection I have toward Robert Montgomery I give unto him one young cow calf and a young sow.
- 2nd I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Nancy Lewis Boddy one negro girl named Mary.
- 3rd I give and bequeath unto my grand daughter Fannie Eathie Boddy one negro girl named Rebecca.
- 4th I give and bequeath unto my grand son Robert Alexander Boddy one negro boy named Willis.
- 5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Wood Boddy the following named negroes viz. Thursday Aaron Silva an Martha at my departure the above bequeathed negroes to my daughter Margaret are to be valued by three uninterested men agreeable to the then selling price of negroes.
- 6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Ground Wingo the one half of the valuation of said negroes viz. Betty Thursday Aaron Silva and Martha one third of said valuation to be paid two years after my decease one third on the third year and one third on the fourth year with interest from the valuation of said negroes.
- 7th I also will and bequeath that my bedding household and kitchen furniture be equally divided between my two daughters Margaret and Hannah together with my wearing apparel.
- 8th Lastly I nominate and appoint my son-in-law James Boddy the executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and disallowing any will or wills heretofore made by me and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand

and seal this tenth day of August eighteen hundred and thirty three.

Signed sealed & acknowledged by the within named Margret Lewis to be her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at her request have subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto in his presence.

James Seales gent

John Roddy

Richard A. Stanley gent

State of Tennessee September term 1833.

Tipton County Court. This was produced in open court the within last Will and Testament of Margret Lewis late a citizen of Tipton County and the executor thereof is duly proven by the oaths of James Seales and Richard A. Stanley two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was thereupon ordered to be certified and recorded. And thereupon also came James Roddy executor named in said will into open court and took the oath prescribed by law and entered into bond with William Clark and Robert Payne his securities in the sum of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Test R. W. Sanford Clerk of said Court

Copy Thomas Blount's Will

I Thomas Blount of the County of Edgecombe and State of North Carolina being in a perfect state of health and of sound mind and memory do hereby make and to guard against the evil consequences that might result to my wife from my sudden or unexpected death in case I should die before my return from Waverly whither I am about to go, in testate make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in my manner and form following (viz.)

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Facker S. Blount all my land in the County of Halifax, all the negroes that she possesses at the time she married me including those since received by me from the estate of the deceased Brother M. Kennedy Sumner with their increase, all my plate and

household and kitchen furniture of every kind whatever my books only excepted my coach and the pair of bay horses that I lately purchased at the City of Washington and my dwelling house with the lots No 54, 57, 67, & 68 in the town of ~~Charlottesville~~ ^{TARBOROUGH} Rich and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I lend my beloved wife Facker S. Blount during her natural life my plantation called Hall Brook containing five hundred and eighty four acres with the stock and farming utensils thereunto belonging & Lot No 115 in the town of Danbrough with its improvements and I also lend to her during her widowhood all the rest of my negroes but as soon as she marries or dies in case she dies before she marries the possession of these negroes shall pass from her & be divided by my executors even after named among each of the children of my Brother John S. Blount as shall be they having equal share and share alike and after her death my executors are to sell the land as they are hereby authorized to do altogether or in parcels as they shall think best and divide among the children aforsaid equally share and share alike the net proceeds of the sale.

Item I give and bequeath to my nephew John Gray Blount son of John Gray Blount my tract of land containing two hundred and ninety acres lying adjoining the town of Charlborough on the north western boundary thereof also eight hundred and fifty acres of land in the State of Tennessee lying on Duck river at or near the mouth thereof being the same that was conveyed to me by Deed from my Brother Willis Blount to him & his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my nephew Thomas Henry Blount son of John Gray Blount my tract of land lying in the Fish Swamp Pitt County by estimation six hundred and forty acres to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to the three sons of my Brother John S. Blount or the survivor or survivors of at the time of my death my share of Shell cash near Occacoct Unit to be divided among them equally share and share alike to them and their heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my two nieces Anne Blount Cook and Mary Blount Miller each a tract of land

in the State of Tennessee containing six hundred
fifty acres to be set apart to them by my executors
herein after named, out of my share of the lands owned
by John Gray and Thomas Blount to them & their
heirs and assigns forever.

Thm. I give and bequeath to the three sons and two young-
est daughters of my deceased brother William Blount
all the rest of ~~the~~ my share of the lands in Tennessee
owned by John L. & Thomas Blount, to be divided
among them or their survivors or them at the time
of death equally share and share alike but it is to
be understood that out of those lands before a divi-
sion of them is made such as is here directed is to be
received by my executors in such manner as they
shall think best a sum of money equal to
all my just debts which they shall appro-
priate to the payment thereof.

Thm. The rest of my property I request and direct my
executors to sell and the money arising from
the sale thereof together with such sum of money
as may due me, I give and bequeath to my
beloved wife Jackey S. Blount.

And Lastly, I nominate and constitute and appoint my Brother
John Gray Blount and William Blount and my nephew
Thomas H. Blount and William L. Blount Executors
of this my last Will and Testament.
Signed with my hand and sealed with my seal
this 23rd day of August 1808.

Thos. Blount. (Seal)

As my hand writing will be known by every
body acquainted with me & I have no fear or suspi-
cion that any of my relatives will be disposed to
dispute it or to contest the validity of the Will for the
want of a subscribing witness so it I have deter-
mined to have no witnesses to it.

Thos. Blount.

Edgecombe County. The within last Will and Testa-
ment of Thomas Blount decd. was exhibited into
open Court for probate and was proved in the follow-
ing manner (to wit) Frances L. Dancy Moses Menden-
hall P. L. & Thomas H. Blount appeared in open Court and

upon their oaths did say that they are well acquainted
with the handwriting of the deceased and that they
believe the signatures as well as the whole of the writing
contained in the said Will to be the handwriting of
Thomas Blount the said Decd. and Thomas H. Blount
one of the executors named in the said Will was at the
same qualified thereto ordered that the same be
certified & the Will recorded.

Test Edward Hall C. C.

Edgecombe County.

May Court 1810 The will of the General Thomas
Blount which was exhibited in the court for probate at
the May session 1812 was again produced for probate
and it having been proved heretofore the said will
was altogether in the handwriting of the said Thomas
Blount and it appearing now to be satisfied of the
court by evidence that the said will was found among
the valuable papers of said Thomas Blount it is ordered
that the will be recorded.

Test, E. Hall. C. C.

State of North Carolina.

Edgecombe County.

I Michael Hearne Clerk of the
Court of Pleas and Quarter Session of said County do
hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true copy
of the last Will and Testament of Thomas Blount
filed and recorded in in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of office at Tarborough
this 24 day of March 1825.

Mich. Hearne. C. C.

State of North Carolina.

Edgecombe County. I Richard Harrison Presiding
Justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session of
said County do hereby certify that Michael Hearne who
signs the above is the Clerk of the said Court that the
above attestation is in due form and that full faith
and credit may and ought to be given thereto given
under my hand and seal this 24th day of March 1825.

State of North Carolina.

Edgecombe County. I Michael Hearne Clerk of
the Court of said County do hereby certify that Richard

R. Harrison (Seal)

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Whitson whose name appears subscribed to the above certificate is the presiding justice of said Court and is duly commissioned and qualified.

 Given under my hand and seal of office at Tarborough this 24th day March 1829.

State of North Carolina { Mich: Hearn B. C.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting, His hereby certified and made known that Michael Hearn whose signature appears to the annexed certificate was at the time of signing the same and now is Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session for Edgecombe County, as

 such he is an officer duly qualified and informed to give said certificate which has been done in the usual and proper manner full faith and credit need and ought to be given to all his official acts. I Testimony whereof I John Owen Governor of the State have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed and signed the same at our City of Raleigh on the 25th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine and of the independence of United States the fifty third.

By the Governor

John Owen

John B. Murphree Secretary

State of Tennessee {

January session A 1831

Shelby County Court. { The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the official copy issuing from the State of North Carolina (Edgecombe County) of Thomas Blount's last Will and Testament was produced in open Court regularly certified for registration and it is therefore ordered by the Court to be recorded.

State of Tennessee { Hardiman County.

Re Lawrence S. C. C.

County Court April Session 1831

Then the within instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will of Thomas Blount of Edgecombe County, North Carolina was produced in open Court and the same appearing to be duly and lawfully certified as official copies are required to be coming

from other States it is ordered by the Court that the same be admitted to record.

Test

Thos J. Hankman Clerk

John Eckford Will

I John Eckford being of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is I do give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Eckford all my real and personal property of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth whom I hereby appoint sole executrix of this my last Will and Testament so long as she remains a widow. And I do hereby order and declare that my last Will is that if my said wife Elizabeth should marry that all my real and personal estate shall be divided between said Elizabeth my wife and her four children to wit Francis M. Eckford Martin B. Eckford James B. Eckford and John J. Eckford and I do further desire that said Elizabeth shall give to any of the within named children any of the property when she see fit I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this first day of May in the year of our Lord 1833.

Signed sealed published and delivered by the above John Eckford to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator John Eckford.

Jacob P. Davis junr

William Goodwin junr

State of Tennessee { September term 1833
Tipton County Court { Then was produced in open Court the within last Will and Testament of John Eckford deceased late a resident of the County of Tipton and the execution thereof duly proven by the oaths of Jacob P. Davis and William Goodwin the subscribing witnesses thereto and it was therefore ordered to be certified and recorded whereupon Elizabeth Eckford who is named in said Will as the sole executrix came into Court and entered into bond with Joseph White and Marquis Calmesse the securities in the sum of two thousand dollars

and took the oath prescribed by law, it was
therefor ordered that letters testamentary issue, &c

William Temple's
Will

Test R.W. Sanford
Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen

I William Temple of Dyer County Tennessee
being mindful of my mortality do this 23rd day of
Aug in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty three make and publish this
my last will and Testament in manner following viz

1st I give and bequeath all my negroes and other prop-
erty it is my will and desire that all my just debts
be paid since I came to the State of Tennessee

2nd I give and bequeath all my negroes and other property
up & forever unto my beloved wife Lucy Temple
during her natural life or widow hood for the sup-
port of herself and education and support of the
children.

3rd Should my wife Lucy again marry upon the
happening of such marriage I give and bequeath
unto her a child's part of all my property negroes
and whatever else may belong to my estate to
her and her heirs forever.

4th But should my wife Lucy not marry again but
die single my widow after her death I give and
bequeath all of my negroes and other property of
whatever kind unto my children to be equally
divided amongst them share and share alike to
them their heirs and assigns forever.

5th As it is probable that there will be some coming to me
something from the French Claims under the late
treaty with France should this money ever be received
and my wife Lucy being my widow should desire
it it is my will and desire that my executors
herein after named should purchase for her a small
but comfortable farm upon which she may be
able to support herself and children.

6th It is my will and desire that my executors so
manage the negroes as to make them most pro-
fitable and not to rent any land for cultivation
unless they should conceive it more advantageous

to do so and my other property so to manage as to
produce the greatest income and the proceeds of the
whole negroes and other property they are to pay over to
my beloved wife who will apply and dispose of it by
and with the advice and consent of my other executors
for the best advantage of the family.

7th

It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Lucy
keep up the tavern we now have rented the end of the present
term for which I have rented and should she be inclined
hereafter to continue it it will be at her own option.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my said wife
Lucy & my son Edward W. Temple and my trusty friend
John Postlethwaite of Brainerd my executors and executors
of this my last Will and Testament and that they be
not required to give security for the execution of the trusts
herein executed, In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the day and year first above written

Will Temple

Sign sealed published and
delivered by the said testator as and for his last
Will and Testament in our presence, who at his re-
quest in his presence and in the presence of each other
have subscribed our names as witnesses thereof
Interlined with the word "sovereign" before signing.

Thomas Moncrieff, Jurat.

Robt. L. Green, Jurat.

State of Tennessee) At a Court of Pleas and Quarter session
Dyer County) December Term 1833,

The last Will and Testament of William
Temple deceased was this day produced in open court
and the execution thereof duly proven by the oaths of
Thomas Moncrieff and Robert L. Green witnesses thereto
Whereupon Lucy E. Temple executrix and Edward W.
Temple and John Postlethwaite executors therein expressed
came into open court and took the oath as prescribed by
law and entered into bond without security as expressed
in said Will and Testament in the sum of sixteen
thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs
whereupon it was ordered to be certified and recorded.
Witness R.W. Sanford Clerk of Dyer County court at office the 2nd
day of December A.D. 1833

day of December A.D. 1833, and in the 5th year of American Independence.

Joseph J. Alston
Will

R. W. Sanford Clerk
By his Deputy L. Humph Evans

I, Joseph J. Alston of the County of Epton and State of Tennessee do make this my last will and Testament this 2nd day of Aug 1834.

I give my deay father any three hundred of mine he may select and three hundred dollars.

It is my further will and desire that my property then be equally divided between my wife and daughter. Signed sealed and published in the presence of us.

W. H. Harris Juror
Berry W. Alston

Joseph J. Alston

James J. Alston Juror

State of Tennessee. September Term 1834

Epton County Court. Then was this last Will and Testament of Joseph J. Alston deceased produced in open Court and the execution thereof duly proven by the oaths W. H. Harris and Jas. J. Alston two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and there being no executor mentioned mentioned in said Will Rufing Smith came into Court and took upon himself the administration of said estate with the Will annexed and entered into bond with James J. Alston and William H. Harris his securities &c

Best Robert W. Sanford. Clerk.

Elias H. Pope

Will

I, Elias H. Pope of the State of Tennessee Epton County being in good health and of sound & perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to say)

I will and bequeath (after my just debts are liquidated) that the whole of my property of every description be equally divided between my beloved wife Eliza Jane Pope and all my children both Posthumous as well as living.

It is my wish and desire that my executor or executors

be vested with full and ample power (if they may think proper) to sell any part or all of my real estate and any part or number of my slaves either for cash or on such credit as will be most to the interest of my heirs and that as such of the proceeds thereof be appropriated to the purchase of a comfortable place of residence for my beloved wife and children when she may wish to settle.

It is also my request that my beloved wife have the power to retain such of my sales as she wish for the support and accommodation of herself and my children while she remains in a state of celibacy should there be any surplus money arising from the sales of property or otherwise over and above what may be necessary for the support of my family and the education of my children I wish it vested in bank stock in some solvent bank or put to interest until my oldest child becomes of age or marries.

I furthermore nominate and appoint James S. B. Smith my brother-in-law and my beloved wife Eliza Jane Pope my sole executor and executrix to this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 21st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. Signed sealed and delivered by the above named Elias H. Pope to his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Witness L. Sanders.

W. Bowles.

E. P. Stewart Juror.

State of Tennessee. Court of Pleas and Quarter, Sec Epton County, in Session September Term 1834.

Then was the last Will and Testament of Elias H. Pope deceased produced in open Court and the execution thereof was duly proven by the oath of Erasmus P. Stewart one of the subscribing witnesses thereto it was therefore ordered by the court to be so certified and filed for further probate.

Best R. W. Sanford Clerk

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter session
 Tipton County December Term 1834
 Then was the within last Will and Testament of Elias J. Pope deceased produced in open court and the executors thereof duly proven by the oaths of William Bowles one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it having heretofore at a former Term of this Court been proven by E. P. Stewart another subscribing witness it was therefore ordered by the court to be certified and recorded. Thereupon James S. R. Smith executor and Eliza J. Pope, executrix therein named came into court and entered into bond in the sum of forty thousand dollars Drew Smith and Daniel A. Durham then securities and took the oath required by law it was ordered by the court that letters Testamentary issued to Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of December 1834.

R. W. Sanford Clerk
 of said Court.

Benjamin F. Perkinson
 Will

I Benjamin F. Perkinson of Tipton County do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows.

- 1st I do my will and desire that all of my just debts be speedily paid from the proceeds of my estate & such other property as can best be spared.
- 2nd It is my will and desire that my executrix hereafter named have full power to dispose of my interest in my father's Estate at her own discretion at private sale also my negro man Archer if he should ever be recovered.

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that my property be kept together for the use and support of my wife Elizabeth and my children: Nancy B. Mary L. and Lucy J. during her widowhood and she have power to sell such part of it as she may think proper except the sales namely Phillis James & Mary & their increase and to vest a part in land for them or a home if she wishes or other property for their common benefit.

Item 4th Should my wife marry I then lend the one third

of my estate ^{to her} during her life time and after her death to be equally divided among my three children above named to them & their heirs.

Item 5th Should my wife not marry she will then when my children marry or choose to leave her after they arrive of age she will then give them such part of my estate as she can spare so as not to give more than another.

Item 6th If my wife marries as my will and desire that the two thirds of my estate be kept together for the support of my said children until they choose to marry or arrive of age then the same to be equally divided between them and at the death of my wife the one third bound her in case of her marriage to be equally divided among my three children.

I do hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth executrix to this my last Will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this 21st day of October 1834.

Witness Edward Barker

Wm. H. Ligon

J. W. Jeffers

Benj. F. Perkinson

State of Tennessee
 Tipton County

Court of Pleas and Quarter session
 December Term 1834.

Then was the last Will and Testament of Benjamin F. Perkinson was duly presented to court and the executrix thereof proven by Edward Barker and William H. Ligon the subscribing witnesses thereto. Thereupon came into court Elizabeth Perkinson the executrix therein named who took the oath required by law and entered into bond with Edward Barker and William H. Ligon her securities in the sum of twenty four hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs it was thereupon ordered that letters Testamentary issue.

James Roddy
 Will

Test R. W. Sanford Clerk of said Court.

In the name of God Amen.
 I James Roddy of County of Tipton and State of Tennessee having been sick for a considerable length of time but of sound mind disposing manner and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do think fit to make this

Last Will and Testament to wit my soul I recommend to Almighty God who gave it to me nothing doubting but at the final resurrection of the dead I shall receive it again from the mighty power who gave it to me and my body I request shall be decently buried and as touching such world-ly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and bequeath in manner and form following (viz)

1st my will and desire is that all my estate just debts or paid and if there should be a necessity to sell any part of my estate for that purpose my executors herein after named are hereby authorized and empowered to sell my land whereon I now live for that purpose and to convey such title to it as I myself could do were I to sell it the money arising from the sale to be applied to the payment of my just debts and should there be a surplus I wish to be equally divided between my beloved wife & my four children.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Peggy Roddy my negro woman Betty and my negro boy Stephen to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

3rd To my son Jas H. Roddy I give and bequeath my negro boy Aaron & my negro girl March him his heirs and assigns forever.

4th To my daughter Nancy Lewis I give and bequeath my negro girl Liberty to her & her heirs and assigns forever.

5th To my daughter Frances Talbatha I give and bequeath my negro girl Martha to her & her heirs and assigns forever.

6th To my son Robert Alexander I give and bequeath my negro girl Thersy to him & his heirs and assigns forever.

7th My negro boy Sam it is my wish shall be sold by my Executors & the money arising from the sale to be applied to the payment of my debts if needed if not to be equally divided between my beloved wife & my four children.

8th I do hereby appoint my wife Peggy Roddy and friends James Seales and Nathaniel Hunt executors to this my last Will Testament as witness my hand & seal this 23rd day of July 1835. Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of

J. C. Bradford Junr
William M. Hawkins Junr & others

James Roddy Seal

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarters Session
Tipton County September Term 1835

Then was the within last will and Testament of James Roddy deceased produced in open court and the execution thereof was duly proven by the oath of S. J. Bradford a subscribing witness thereto it was thereupon ordered to be so certified and recorded Whereupon Margaret Roddy executrix named in said will came into court and took upon herself the burden and execution thereof. Thereupon she entered into bond with S. J. Bradford and James Seales her securities in the sum of four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directly and took the oath required by law it was thereupon ordered that she have letters testamentary granted her.

State of Tennessee Test R. W. Sanford Clerk of said Court
Tipton County

Court of Pleas and Quarters Session
December Term 1835 - To wit the within last will and Testament of James Roddy deceased having been produced in open court at the last term and the execution thereof duly proven by the oath of S. J. Bradford a subscribing witness thereto was this day again produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven by the oath of Wm. M. Hopkins the other subscribing witness thereto and was thereupon ordered to be so certified

William Campbell's Will Test R. W. Sanford Clerk of said Court

William Campbell of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following

First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife all my real and personal estate during her natural life with full power to give a good and sufficient title to my land in this County and by the assistance of my heirs after named executors to purchase another piece of land with effects of said land as aforesaid in the State of Kentucky Christian County near where Joel Mills lives (or as near as can be obtained convenient) my personal

goods to or contributed to be only used and held of my living wife and children during her natural life as an abode and after her death to be equally divided between my children I.e. such of my estate as should remain after giving my children Jane D. Campbell John A. Campbell Francis M. Campbell Thomas S. Campbell and William Campbell after giving them a liberal education each.

Second I do make and constitute my worth friends and brother-in-law Carlton Allen my executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of

Wm. K. Bowers.

James Wilson Jurat

James Ballum Jurat

D. M. Marsh Jurat.

W. Campbell Seal

State of Tennessee

Tipton County.

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions

December Term 1835.

Then was the within last Will and Testament of William Campbell deceased was produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven by the oath of James Wilson James Ballum and D. M. Marsh the subscribing witnesses thereto It was thereupon ordered by the court to be certified and recorded Thereupon Carlton Allen the executor named herein took upon himself the execution thereof and entered into bond with Adam D. Campbell and James Ballum his securities in the sum of seven thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs & took the oath required by law and it was thereupon ordered that letters testamentary issue &c

Alexander Smiths Will

R. W. Sanford Clerk of said Court

Alexander Smith of County of Tipton & State of Tenn. desires to make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby

making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred at Andrew Garbroughs grave yard in said County in manner suitable to my condition in life and as to such worldly as hath pleased God to intrust me with I do dispose of the same as follows.

First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as practicable out of any moneys that I may die and have or may first come to hand of my executors from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Second I direct for the good will and affection that I have for my brother Elias Smith I give him my part or interest that I have in a mill or mills on Indian Creek known as Leonard Smiths Mills also my cott known as the Bologna cilt & I direct that all the rest of my property both real and personal go to my wife and child so long as she remains my widow but if she marries then the property to go to my child alone & Leonard Smiths executor of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this 7th day of November 1835

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and each other

Alfred Polk Jurat
George Huffman Jurat
Moses Smith Jurat

State of Tennessee Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions
Tipton County December Term 1835.

Then was the within paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Alexander Smith deceased was produced in open court and the execution thereof was duly proven by the oaths of Alfred Polk George Huffman & Moses Smith all of the subscribing witnesses thereto who stated that they believed that he was at the time of executing the same of sound disposing mind and memory it was thereupon ordered to be so certified & recorded. Thereupon Leonard Smith the executor named in said Will came forward and took upon himself the execution thereof and entered into bond in the sum of Two thousand dollars with James Smith & Joseph Miller his securities conditioned as the law

directs and took the oath required by law,
 To all of which Prudence E. Smith widow & relict of the
 deceased objects and renders no objections in the words
 and figures following (Scried).

State of Tennessee

Union County

Court of Pleas and Quarts s^{es}ion
 December Term 1835

Prudence E. Smith widow and relict of the late
 Alexander Smith deceased came this day into court in
 proper person and makes known to the court that her
 said husband, has recently departed this life leaving a
 last Will and Testament as she is informed wherein
 he has made certain provisions for her which she think
 very inadequate temporary and insufficient that the
 same is not satisfactory to her and she therefore now signi-
 fies her dissent thereto and prays that she may be pro-
 vided for by the law in such cases made and provided
 and that said Will be set aside and rendered null and
 void so far as the provisions for her is made.

Margret Hall's
 Will

Test. R. W. Sanford Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen
 I Margaret Hall of the County of Union State of Tennessee
 do make this my last Will and Testament revoking all
 others made heretofore. In the first place after paying
 all my just debts I give and bequeath the negro man
 Dick to my two daughters Elizabeth and Livia Hall
 upon this condition however that Livia or her husband
 or their heirs shall pay to my daughter Sophia one
 hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath the girl Nancy to my
 daughter Mary or her husband in like manner
 paying to Sophia one hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath the negro woman Esther to my
 son Samuel while Sophia remains single but in
 the event of her marriage to her and her heirs.

I give to Elizabeth and Sophia each one bed &
 furniture all the remainder of my estate whether
 real personal or what kind soever I give and devise
 to my son Samuel P. Hall charged with the pay-
 ment of my debts and funeral expenses.

And I appoint my son Samuel P. Hall and my
 nephew John P. Hall executors of this my last Will and
 Testament

Test James Hallam Just^{ice} Margaret Hall ^{Exec.}
 Wm. M. Hall Just^{ice}

State of Tennessee

Union County

Court January Term 1836

Then was the last Will and Tes-
 tament of Margret Hall dec^d was produced in open
 court and the executors thereof duly sworn by the oaths
 of James Hallam and William M. Hall the subscribing
 witnesses thereto it was thereupon ordered by the court
 to be certified and recorded Whereupon William M. Hall
 the executor herein named took upon himself the execution
 thereof and entered into bond with his oath his secu-
 rities in the sum of dollars conditioned as the
 law directs and took the oath required by law and
 it was thereupon ordered that letters Testamentary issue to

Robert Young's
 Will

Test R. Smith Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen
 This my last Will and Testament I Robert
 Young am full in body but sound in mind do
 bequeath my soul to the God who gave it and my
 body to the grave.

1st it is my wish to be decently buried.

2nd That all my just debts should be promptly and
 speedily paid as the nature of the case will admit.

3rd The balance of my estate after paying my just debts
 both real and personal I bequeath to my beloved
 wife Francis Young during her natural life to raise
 and school my beloved children on and at her death if
 there should be any of my effects left to be equally
 divided between my children James Franklin Young
 Mary Jane Young Hamilton Hutchinson Young
 Amanda Malvins Young William Malvins Young
 Sarah Lyris Young Martha Ann Young Robert
 Layport Young. And I appoint Thomas Robinson
 my executor to my will whom I wish to settle up my
 business.

directs and took the oath required by law.
 To all of which Prudence E. Smith widow & relief of the
 record objects and renders the objections in the words
 and figures following (to wit):

State of Tennessee

Expton County

Court of Pleas and Quarter session
 December Term 1835

Prudence E. Smith widow and relief of the late
 Alexander Smith deceased came this day into court in
 proper person and makes known to the court that her
 said husband has recently departed this life leaving a
 last Will and Testament as she is informed wherein
 he has made certain provisions for her which she thinks
 very inadequate temporary and insufficient that the
 same is not satisfactory to her and she therefore now signi-
 fies her dissent thereto and prays that she may be pro-
 vided for by the law in such cases made and provided
 and that said Will be set aside and rendered null and
 void so far as the provisions for her is made.

Margret Hall's
 Will

Test. R. W. Sanford Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen
 I Margret Hall of the County of Expton State of Tennessee
 do make this my last Will and Testament revoking all
 others made heretofore. In the first place after paying
 all my just debts I give and bequeath the negro man
 Dick to my two daughters Elizabeth and Livia Hall
 upon this condition however that Livia or her husband
 or their heirs shall pay to my daughter Sophia one
 hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath the girl Nancy to my
 daughter Mary or her husband in like manner
 paying to Sophia one hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath the negro woman Esther to my
 son Samuel while Sophia remains single but in
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I give to Elizabeth and Sophia each one bed &
 furniture all the remainder of my estate whether
 real personal or what kind soever I give and devise
 to my son Samuel P. Hall charged with the pay-
 ment of my debts and funeral expenses.

And I appoint my son Samuel P. Hall and my
 nephew Thos. P. Hall executors of this my last Will and
 Testament

Test James Ballam just G. Margret Hall (Esq.)
 Wm. M. Hall just G.

State of Tennessee

Expton County

County Court January Term 1835

Then was the last Will and Tes-
 tament of Margret Hall decd. was produced in open
 court and the executors thereof duly proven by the oaths
 of James Ballam and William M. Hall the subscribing
 witnesses thereto. It was thereupon ordered by the court
 to be certified and recorded Whereupon William M. Hall
 the executor herein named took upon himself the execution
 thereof and entered into bond with his wife his secu-
 rities in the sum of dollars conditioned as the
 law directs and took the oath required by law and
 it was thereupon ordered that letters Testamentary issue to

Robert Young's
 Will

Test R. Smith Clerk of said Court

In the name of God Amen
 This my last Will and Testament I Robert
 Young am free in body but sound in mind do
 bequeath my soul to the God who gave it and my
 body to the grave.

2nd it is my wish to be decently buried.

3rd That all my just debts should be promptly and
 speedily paid as the nature of the case will admit.

4th The balance of my estate after paying my just debts
 both real and personal I bequeath to my beloved
 wife Francis Young during her natural life to raise
 and school my beloved children on and at her death if
 there should be any of my effects left to be equally
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 Mary Jane Young Hamilton Hutchinson Young
 Amanda Malvina Young William Malvina Young
 Sarah Lydia Young Martha Ann Young Robert
 Layfull Young. And I appoint Thomas Robinson
 my executor to my will whom I wish to settle up my
 business.

May 26th 1836

A. J. Campbell junr

Charles Sullivan

John D. Thomas junr

Robert Young

State of Tennessee

Epton County,

County Court May Term 1836

Personally appeared in open Court before me Frederick R. Smith Clerk of the County Court William D. Campbell & John D. Thomas the subscribing witnesses the above paper which purports to be the last Will and Testament of Robert Young Esq. and after being sworn deposed and said that they are acquainted with the testator and believe that he was of sound disposing mind at the time of his signing the above that they saw him sign it and deliver the same. Witness my hand at office this 6th June 1836.

Fred R. Smith (Clerk)

Geo. W. Jenkins

Will

I Geo. W. Jenkins of the County of Epton of the State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby making and making void all former Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

And first I direct that all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Secondly I give and bequeath all my worldly goods and chattels after my debts are paid to be equally divided between the four children of my estate Eliza Howard (Daughter) Charles W. Hart Mary W. Hart Benjamin H. Howard Samuel H. Howard as they shall severally come to the full age of 21 years provided that if any one or more of the above children shall die before he or she shall arrive at the age of 21 years it is my wish that their shares shall be equally divided amongst the survivors.

I do hereby make ordain and appoint my esteemed friend William Howard executor of this my last

Will and Testament In witness whereof I George W. Jenkins the said Testator have to this my last Will and Testament written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this the first day of April in the year of our lord ~~and~~ thousand eight hundred and thirty six. ^{published} signed sealed and ~~delivered~~ in the presence of ^{two} ~~one~~ who have subscribed in the presence of the Testator & of each other

Erasmus J. Rose junr

Wm. J. Bowers junr.

Arthur F. Wooten junr.

State of Tennessee County Court June Term 1836 Epton County. & The within paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of George W. Jenkins is produced in open Court and the execution thereof proven by the oaths of Erasmus J. Rose Wm. J. Bowers and Arthur F. Wooten all of the subscribing witnesses therunto who stated that they believe at the time of executing the same in his sound disposing mind and memory. It was therefor ordered to be certified and recorded. Thereupon William Howard the executor therein named came forward and took upon himself the execution thereof and entered into Court in the sum of four thousand dollars with Arthur F. Wooten and William J. Bowers his securities conditioned as the law directs and took the oath required by law. Witness my hand at office this 6th June 1836.

Fred R. Smith Clerk of said Court

Margret Wilson's Will

In the name of God Amen I Margret Wilson being of sound mind and disposing memory but of feeble health and sensible of the uncertainty of life do make out and declare this my last Will and Testament

First I will and devise to my eldest daughter Miss Peggy Alexander 50 acres ^{and of} of the tract I now live on to the rear of and bounded as follows beginning at the north west corner of the aforesaid tract of 340 acres then running South so far as to include the improve-

minute they grow less on them. East far enough to include the 50 acres by running North to Samuel P. Hall's line, thence west with said line to the beginning to be here her heirs and assigns forever.

I will and devise to my son James Wilson all the balance of that tract of 50 acres which I now live on after the survey of the 50 acres previously devised is run off and directed also all my household and kitchen furniture and also my library to be his, his heirs and assigns forever in consideration of which he the said James Wilson is to pay the sum of four hundred dollars as hereafter directed, namely two hundred dollars to my youngest daughter Elanor Allison to be here and to make her exclusive control also two hundred dollars to Adolphus Alexander eldest son of my daughter Mary to be his forever.

I appoint my eldest son Hugh Wilson sole executor of the like foregoing, my last Will and Testament.

I Witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this sixth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

The word "consideration" interlined before signing.

Witness

Elan Alexander Junr.

Margret Wilson

Seal

John P. Steel Junr.

State of Tennessee

Septon County

Personally appeared before me Fred P. Smith Clerk of the County Court for said County Elan Alexander and John P. Steel the undersigned witnesses to the foregoing Will after being first sworn deposed and say that they were acquainted with Margret Wilson the Testator and acknowledged the same to be her last Will and Testament and that she was of sound mind and disposing mind.

Given under my hand at office in Lexington 1st day of August 1836.

William B. Brooks

Will.

Fred P. Smith Clerk.

In the name of God Amen
I William B. Brooks of the County of Septon and State of Tennessee on this the 5th day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty six.

being in perfect mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life I do hereby constitute this my last Will and Testament (to wit)

Item 1st It is my desire that all my just debts be paid and also my funeral expenses.

Item 2nd I give to my son Thomas P. Brooks a negro boy Phil which he now has in possession.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath unto my son James a negro boy named Martin which he also has in possession.

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Frances two negro girls Aggy and Jane with all their increase and a horse of one hundred dollars value.

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Edna two negro girls Esther and Elany with all their increase and a horse of one hundred dollars value.

Item 6th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Helen or Helena two negro girls Anna and Eliza with all their increase & a horse of one hundred dollars value & also a saddle & bridle.

Item 7th I give and bequeath unto my son William B. Brooks fifty acres of land adjoining the part to be laid to him of an undivided tract (running the entire length thereof) now purchased from John Brown as agent for Little of North Carolina.

Item 8th I give and bequeath unto my son James Brooks the residue of said tract of land (undivided) say three hundred and twelve & half acres that he may take one of my three unmarried daughters to wit Frances Edna and Helena till they marry.

Item 9th It is my desire that after the foregoing legacies that the residue of my estate be equally divided between my children following to wit Robert Brooks Wm B. Brooks Thomas P. Brooks Sarah Burnett Polly Brewshaw Joanna Milton James Brooks Frances Brooks Helena Brooks and Edna Brooks.

It is my desire that my two grand children William B. Brooks and John J. Brooks children of my son John Brooks deceased and also my daughter Nancy Brown and Susanna Wilson that they be left out of the divide of my estate as I have given my son already a fair portion of my property and I have given the two last named daughters Nancy and Susanna also their portion.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my two sons (to wit)

Robert Brooks and William B. Brooks my sole executors
of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all other Wills heretofore made.

Witness whereof I William B. Brooks hath hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal this 5th day of February
in the year of our Lord 1834.

Signed seal in presence of us.
Henry M. Sale junr
Robert Paine junr

Wm. B. Brooks Seal

State of Tennessee
Eipton County. Personally appeared before me
Credence Smith Clerk of the County Court, Henry M.
Sale and Robert Paine the subscribing to the foregoing
Will and after being first sworn deposed and say
that they are personally acquainted with William
B. Brooks the Testator and that they saw him sign
seal and acknowledge the same and that he was
of sound and disposing mind and that it was on
the day it bears purports to be dated. Given under my
hand at office in Bowling this 1st day of August 1834.

Frederick R. Smith Clerk.
Alexander J. Platon's
Will

In the name of God Amen.
I, Alexander J. Platon do this day make my
last Will and Testament being in sound mind
and memory. In the first place I desire an equal
distribution of all my property both real and personal
and of every kind, between my affectionate wife
and children. I leave my wife and my brother James
J. Platon executors to my estate and my brother
James J. Platon Guardian to my children. This
the second day of November 1834.

Josh. Thos Wright junr
Ruffin Smyth junr
Proven by the oath of Jas. J. Hall Oct Term 1834

State of Tennessee
Eipton County. Court of pleas and Quarter Session
December Term 1834

Then was the within last Will
and Testament of Alexander J. Platon deceased
produced in open court and the execution thereof was
duly proven by the oath of Ruffin Smyth one of the

subscribing witnesses thereto and it was thereupon
ordered to be certified for further probate. Witness my hand
at office this the 2nd day of December 1834.

State of Tennessee
Eipton County. R. W. Sanford Clerk of said Court
County Court Octob. Term 1834.

Then was the within last Will and Testament of
Alexander J. Platon deceased produced in open court
and the execution thereof was duly proven by the oath of
Dr. Joseph B. Hall the physician who attended him in his
last illness and who after being first sworn deposed
and said that he saw him sign seal and publish the
same and that he was of sound and disposing mind
at the time of the same. Witness my hand at office
in Bowling this 3rd day of October 1834.

Frederick R. Smith Clerk.

Martha Irwin's
Will. In the name of God Amen.
I, Martha Irwin of the County of Eipton and State
of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind
and memory do make and publish this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following
my will is that my funeral expences and debts
(should there be any) be discharged by my executors as
soon as convenient out of my estate.

First
Second For the care and kind attention of my son John Irwin to
me I give and bequeath to him my negro boy named Sandy.
Third I give and bequeath to my large Bible to my grandson
John Franklin Thomas.

Fourth I give and bequeath all my wearing apparel to my daughter
Martha Thomas.

Fifth I will that the remaining part of my estate be valued
and that one half belong to my son John Irwin and
the other half be equally divided between the children of my
daughter Martha Thomas as they shall arrive at the law-
ful age and that said valuation be performed by three
disinterested persons.

Sixth I appoint and ordain my son John Irwin sole execu-
tor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all former Will by me made. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal

this twenty sixth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty six

Signed sealed published and delivered by the above named Martha Durin to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the Testator.

Test W^m Simonton Jurat

Nathurs

W^m R. M^c Bain Jurat

State of Tennessee, County, Court October Term 1836
Eipton County. Then was the last Will and Testament of the Durin deceased produced in open court and execution thereof proven by the oaths of William Simonton and William R. M^c Bain two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it was thereupon ordered to be recorded. Witness my hand at office in Covington this 3rd day of October 1836.

Gred R. Smith Clerk

Martha Durin

Will

Know all men by these presents that I Noah Smith of the County of Eipton and State of Tennessee. Knowing it is my will, even to die being weak and infirm in body but of a sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament. I do hereby give and bequeath + convey as hereafter follows in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six this 4th of August and to hereunto make and constitute my beloved Father-in-law James M^c Feren my sole and sole executor.

I do hereby give bequeath and convey all my property to my beloved wife Eliza consisting of land and negroes and the proceeds of my crop after paying all my just debts for the use of raising our three children and schooling them in the manner she may think best and be able to do so but as they get married or come to the age of eighteen they are to have an equal part with my wife and other children namely Martha Jane Mary Francis &c.

Provided it is also understood that my household and kitchen furniture together with all my

stock of every description are included in the above Will Testamentary whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this day and year above written.

Test John Sharp Jurat

Adams Wright

Henry Powell Jurat.

Noah Smith

State of Tennessee, County Court October Term 1836.
Eipton County.

Then was the within the last Will and Testament of Noah Smith deceased produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven by the oaths of John Sharp and Henry Powell two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it was ordered to be recorded. Witness my hand at office in Covington this 3rd day of October 1836.

Gred R. Smith Clerk

Willis H. Winn

Will

State of Tennessee

Eipton County.

Know all men by these presents that I Willis H. Winn being a citizen of the State and County aforesaid being in my right mind and it being my wish and desire that I give to my wife my wife shall fall heir of all my estate at my death for the love and affection I have for her Read and acknowledged in the presence of us the undersigned this the 9th August 1836.

Phillip J. Morehead Jurat

Isaac E. Clark Jurat

Drew Smith

Willis H. Winn

State of Tennessee

Eipton County. County Court October Term 1836.

Then was the last Will and Testament of William H. Winn was produced in open court and the execution thereof proven by the oaths of Phillip J. Morehead and Isaac E. Clark two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it was thereupon ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office in Covington this 3rd October 1836.

Gred R. Smith Clerk

James Hill's
Will

In the name of God Almighty
I James Hill being of sound mind and disposing
memory, do make and ordain this to be my last
Will and Testament

1st In the first place I commit my body to be buried
2nd That all my just & lawful debts be paid

3rd I do will and devise to my beloved wife Peggy as
follows to wit one negro girl named Rachel to be here
& here forever to dispose of as she may see fit. Also
my team horses now in my possession named Lot
also one two horse carriage & harness to be here for her
use and that of my two daughters Barbara and
Elizabeth to be disposed of as she may at any time
see fit. Also all the cupboard and kitchen furniture
& one half of the farming utensils. Also two hundred
dollars or the amount of one third of the money on hand
& one third of the amt. of the notes originating from the
sale of my property in Fredell County to be the same more
or less and my desire is that the money be laid out
my land in which she shall have a life estate & at
my death and half of it to my second son (John) &
the other half to my two daughters Margaret Barbara
& Elizabeth to be theirs and theirs forever to do with
as they may see fit to the exclusion of my son Thomas.
Also I desire that my black boy ~~Abner~~ live with
labour for, wait on her while she lives & at her death he
is to be disposed of as will be herein after intended.

4th I do devise to my ^{son} (Thos. Hill) as follows (viz) one
negro girl now in my possession named Harriet &
her two children (Wm & Leah with their issue) or issue
to be his, his heirs forever but to be disposed of as they
may agree & that the property to be sold & the proceeds
equally divided among them if they agree not in the
division I in case my son Thos. should die intestate
or without a wife.

5th I do devise to my second son John as follows
viz one negro boy now in my possession named
Abner to be his his heirs and assigns forever
to be disposed of as he may see fit. After the fore-
going provisions are complied with (to wit) that
said boy is to be with labour for, & wait upon my

wife Peggy until her death & then & not till then is
he to go into the possession of my son John to whom he
has been devised. Also one bay mare now in my
possession named Dan to be his forever. Also one
road wagon and harness also one half of my farming
tools & all the tools belonging to my trade to be his to
dispose of as he may see fit. Also two hundred dollars
or one third of the cash on hand & one third part of the ~~note~~
amt. of notes originating from sales of my property
in Fredell County to be it more or less to be laid out in
land to be his, his heirs and assigns forever to be dis-
posed of as he may see fit. & furthermore in case my son
John should die intestate or without issue one half of
the property thus devised or the amount of it less just
debts shall be paid shall be inherited by his wife &
the other half shall revert to my two daughters
Barbara & Elizabeth to be divided equally between
them to the entire exclusion of my son Thos. & in case
the death of either to be inherited by my son Thos. who
is otherwise excluded & further I do devise that for and in
consideration of the use my wife is to have of this boy
thus devised to my son John that he shall have the
use of a girl called Rebecca now in my possession
for the length of time & on terms herein after mentioned.
6th I do devise to my eldest daughter (Barbara) one negro
girl now in my possession (named Jane) with her
increase to be here her heirs and assigns forever
with as she may think best fit. Also one small horse
named Rock to be here forever & also one hundred
dollars or one sixth part of cash on hand & one sixth
of the amt. of notes originating from the sale of property
in Fredell County when collected to be the same more or
less which money I direct to be laid out in land
jointly with my wife to be here her heirs & assigns
forever & if she die intestate or without issue that
all the property thus devised or the amount of it when
sold together with whatever she may inherit by the
death of my wife to be equally divided between my
son John & daughter Elizabeth to the exclusion of
my son Thomas or any other person. In case of the
death of either to be inherited by the others & in case of
the decease of both to be inherited by my son
Thomas H. Hill.

- 7th I do devise to my youngest daughter Elizabeth as follows viz one negro girl named Rebecca now in my possession & her issue to be here her heirs & assigns forever with the following provisions viz for and in consideration of the sum my wife Peggy here have of the boy devised to my son John he shall have the use without further lien of the said girl Rebecca until the death of my wife or until my daughter Elizabeth should marry he is then to give peaceable possession of her & her issue without any compensation for his trouble or expence in raising &c. Also a brood mare now in my possession name Bet to be here to do with as she may see fit also one hundred dollars or one sixth part of the cash on hand & one sixth part of the cash of notes accruing from the sale of property in Breckell County be the same more or less when collected which money is to be laid out in land for my wife & daughter Carolina to be here her heirs and assigns forever & in case of her death without issue I direct that all the property thus devised to her with whatever she may have inherited by the death of wife or the said when sold shall be equally divided between my son John & daughter Carolina & in the case of the death of either to be inherited by the other to the exclusion of any of the said but in case of the death of both to be inherited by him.
- 8th I devise that the household stuff bed furniture be equally divided between my wife Peggy & my son John & my two daughters Carolina & Elizabeth to be theirs forever to the exclusion of every other person.
- 9th In case of the death of any of the heirs & before division can be made the property must be sold my desire is that some of the heirs buy the negroes that they be not separated.
- 10th I further devise that my sister Jane who is now with me have a home with my wife & daughters while she lives.
- 11th I do hereby appoint and nominate my two sons Tho^s H. Hill & Geo. S. Hill my executors of this my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 21st Sept. 1835 in the County of Bush near Morgantown.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
Alexander S. Matthews, junr
Thos. S. Hall, junr & James Hill (Seal)
State of Tennessee,
Expton County, & County Court December Term 1835.
Then was the last Will and Testament of James Hill Jr. was produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven by the oath of Alexander S. Matthews Thomas S. Hill the subscribers witnesses thereto it was therefor ordered by the court to be certified and recorded whereupon John S. Hill the executor therein named took up on himself the execution thereof and entered into bond with Thos. S. Hall and Henry Morrison his securities in the sum of eight thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs and took the oath required by law and it was thereupon ordered that letters Testamentary issue &c.

Frederick R. Smith, Clerk of said Court

Daniel A. Dunham's
Will

Read Will and Testimony of D. A. Dunham. In the name of God Amen, I Daniel A. Dunham of Expton County Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this life do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other former Wills & Testaments by me made.

Item 1st After the payment of my just debts I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lurania Dunham all of my industry both real and personal for and during her widowhood and in case she does not marry for and during her natural life.

Item 2nd Upon the event of the death of my said wife Lurania or upon the event of her marriage after my death then and in that case it is my wish will & desire that all of my property both real and personal except my negroes be sold and that the plantation on which I now live and a tract of land of about one hundred & fifty five acres adjoining the plantation on which I now live and also adjoining the lands of Judge Breerton also one house and lot in the town of Germantown & County of Fayette and also the following &c.