

Lastly

I appoint and nominate my true sons Robert, James and friend John M. W. Clerk in my Executor of this my last Will and Testament given under my hand and seal Sept. 2^d 1862.

Test.

James M. Clerk.

Wm. Steinmann

Ch. Probate see Minute Book, Ch. Page 749.

Chas. M. Smith: 
Will.Joseph. Dickey I, J. Alexander, ^{my} Smith being

sound and disposing mind and memory in perfect health and being anxious to make some disposition of my estate other than is made by the laws of descent and distribution do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby annulling and revoking all former wills heretofore made by me.

Item 1st

I do hereby devise to my beloved wife Martha C. Smith my residence and tract of land near the town of Covington containing about 25 acres being the same purchased by me from E. J. Mariner by deed of record in the Register office of Dyer County also all of that portion of my Hadley tract & Rhodes tract lying West of town creek and adjoining the tract above mentioned on the East containing about 100 acres reference being had to my deeds for the same of record as above to have to have and to enjoy for her sole and separate use for and during the term of her natural life. I hereby bequeath to her such house hold and kitchen furniture farm animals & farming implements as she may desire out of what may be on hand.

Item 2^d

I devise to my sons Peyton J. & William D. Smith all of my said Hadley & Rhodes tracts of land that lie on the East side of said town creek being the same that adjoins the lands lately owned by John L. Morgan

and James Watkins on the North on the East adjoining the lands lately owned by said Morgan & Hugh Bragg, and containing about 20 acres I also devise to my said son Peyton J. Smith my town lot in the town of Covington on the North side of the public square and adjoining Shotton and Bernards Store house & lot on the East being the same purchased by me from Malone by deed of record as aforesaid. I devise to my son Robert J. & son Polk Smith all that I now own of my Overton tract of land being the tract of about 50 acres procured by me from John Overton by deed of record in store less that part of the same which I have sold to John J. Shover by deed of record.

Item 3^dItem 4th

I devise to my daughters Martha W. Isabella & Mary W. and Cora V. Smith all the balance of my land being my old home place and plantation upon which I resided for many years up to the beginning of the present year. I am now about 60 years of age for the disposition of which reference is here made to my deed for the same from Eckford Glass, Corral, Cuth & Taylor, & others which are all of record as aforesaid reserving out of the same however one half acre of land including my family burying ground which I hereby devise to my son Robert C. Smith in trust for the use of my family as a burying ground.

Item 5th

I bequeath to my four said daughters Martha Isabella Mary & Cora and to my said son Polk Twelve (\$1200) hundred dollars each in gold.

Item 6th

I bequeath to my said son William Robert & John J. one thousand (\$1000) dollars each in gold.

Item 7th

I call to residue of my estate that may remain after paying all my just debts I give and bequeath to my wife Martha C. and my said four daughters & my said son Polk

Item 8th

I appoint my wife said Martha C. and my said son Peyton J. Smith Executors and Executors of this my last Will and

Testament and expressly exempt them from giving bond or security, as such.

I also appoint them Guardian for my five youngest children.

Witness my hand & seal this day of May 1860

A. W. Smith (Seal)

Executed in our presence and attested by us at the request of the maker.

Ben Shivers,

John E. Grant,

For Probate See Marquette Book. F. pagd. 789.

Leonard Smith
Will

I Leonard Smith of Tipton County being of feeble health but of sound and disposing mind and memory and being desirous of making other and different disposition of my property than that made by the laws of the State do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made, it is my desire and I do hereby direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable after my death but if any monies which I may leave on hand or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

I will that my beloved wife Susan shall select for herself and have such articles of household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils & also all such stock, horses, mules, cows, pigs, sheep, etc. as she may wish to retain. I also wish and direct that my said wife Susan shall continue to live on or at my present homestead and have the use and enjoyment of so much of the farm as she may wish during her natural life to descend at her death to my son Jacob & Sarah & him together with a (20) acre ninety acre tract which descended to my child Sarah Coven from my Father's estate and for which I hold a deed from

A. H. Coven & wife Sarah. The homestead intended to include one hundred and fifty acres which I inherited by will from my Father's estate.

I will and bequeath to my son George (20) two hundred and forty acres of land to be composed of a one hundred and fifty (150) acre tract purchased by me & my brother Jacob and a (90) ninety acre tract purchased by me from Richard Winkler and wife Mary.

I will and bequeath to my daughter Susan fifty acres of land to be taken off of the 400 acre tract adjoining the lands of my son, Alexander Smith, reserving two acres for a mill site on which the Mills of Mrs. Young & Co. are now situated so long as a mill is kept in operation thereon.

I will and direct that all the remainder of my lands composed of the remainder of the 400 acre tract the 25 acre A. H. Coven tract the 100 acre tract purchased of my brother J. H. Smith and 100 acres and the old homestead 250 or so acres supposed to be in all some five hundred and twenty acres shall be equally divided between my four daughters, Sally A. Henry, Susan and Minnie.

I will my son Jacob the young horse, houses and claims also a mule colt, he purchased at A. H. Coven's sale together with a cow & pig.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Susan Two thousand dollars in hard money.

I will and direct that all the remainder of my estate of every kind and description shall be equally divided among all my children sons and daughters share and share alike.

I hereby nominate my son George W. Smith and he is hereby appointed my A. & C. Executor to this my last will.

In Testimony of which I hereto subscribe my name and affix my seal this 24th day of May 1860.

Res Leonard Smith (Seal)

Signed sealed and delivered acknowledged in our presence and we do hereby subscribe our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of the testator and at his request this 24th day of May 1860.

John S. Douglass,
La Fayette Hill

Ex. Probate see Minute Book "G" Page 67.

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Mill.

Ex.

In the name of God Amen,
This is the last Will and Testament of me
William Page of the County of Sipton and of
the State of Tennessee.

I do my beloved son Wm. Page I give and
bequeath a certain tract of land in the
State of Arkansas, St. Francis County,
it being the North East 1/4 of section 24
in Township 6 North of the base line in
Range 3 West of the fifth of the 5th principal
meridian containing 100 acres.

I give and bequeath to my beloved son
William Page a certain tract of land in
the State of Tennessee Sipton County
District No. 12 containing 130 acres being
the lands decided by Humphrey S. Webb, and
Charles W. Webb, and Nathaniel Cannon & me.

I give and bequeath to my son Elbaid Page
a certain tract of land lying in the State of
Tennessee Sipton County Civil District No. 8
containing 100 acres to have and to hold
his heirs and assigns forever at my death.
To my beloved daughter Martha Ann Page
I give and bequeath all monies in my
possession and claims out side of the per-
sonal proceeds of the perishable property.

After all of my debts are paid out of the pro-
ceeds of the perishable property the remainder of
the same to be divided equally between my
heirs, namely Wm. Page, Silliman Page,
Alfred Page, Elbaid Page, Martha Ann
Page, Lawrence Page.

Item 6

I furthermore I appoint my son Lawrence
Page as Executor to this my last Will and
Testament

Test

Opp. Page
Mark

J. H. Pullbreath
Hanna Laughter
William Wilson.

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Eliza P. Ogleston
Mill.

In the name of God Amen
I Eliza P. Ogleston in view of my approaching
death and being in sound mind and memory
do this day make and constitute this
my last Will and Testament it being the 24th
- 26th day of March one thousand eight hundred
and fifty, as follows:

I give and bequeath to my only son
James J. Ogleston the following property
Negroes, Esther and her children, Phillis, Sarah,
Judith, Susan, Dinah, Retha, Rickey,
Cycl, Maternal and Louisa with there and
their future increase, Negro woman Eliza and
her children Nelson, Alice and George
with there and their future increase, Negro
woman Dinah, and her future increase,
Rody and her future increase, Negro man
Lay, Negro man Marion, Negro man William.
I also give and bequeath to my said son James
J. Ogleston all my property of every description, which
I now possess or may be in my possession at
my death.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and
seal the day and date above written.

Eliza J. Ogleston

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Kate Vassell
Will. of State of Tennessee
Dipter County
In the name of God Amen.

I Kate Vassell being weak in body but sound and disposing mind and memory and understanding spare to God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

I direct that my funeral expences and all my debts be paid immediately after my death out of any money that I may be seized or possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors hereinafter mentioned.

I give and bequeath to my beloved sister Elizabeth Hunt one bed and furniture also one ninth part of all my estate monies notes etc when collected by my Executors and by him paid over to the said E. Hunt to have and to hold to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my niece Lavina Bean daughter Elizabeth Hunt's daughter one ninth part of all my estate to have and to hold to her and her children forever.

I give and bequeath to my Nephew William Hunt the son of my sister E. Hunt one ninth part of all my estate to have and to hold to him and his children forever.

I give and bequeath to my Niece Sarah Cubling sister Elizabeth Hunt's daughter one ninth part of all my estate to have and to hold to her and her children forever.

I give and bequeath to my Nephew Charles B. Hunt sister Elizabeth Hunt's son one ninth part of all my estate to have and to hold to him and his children forever.

I give and bequeath to my Nephew Samuel B. Hunt sister Elizabeth Hunt's son one ninth part of all my estate to have and to hold to him and his children forever.

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I give and bequeath to my Nephew James C. Hunt sister Elizabeth Hunt's son one ninth part of all my estate to have and to hold to him and his children forever.

9th

I give and bequeath to my Niece Elizabeth Orbach sister Elizabeth Hunt's daughter one ninth part of all my estate to have and to hold to her and her children forever.

10th

I give and bequeath to Spencer E. Hunt and Franklin P. Hunt the children of my Nephew Spencer E. Hunt and the grand son of sister Elizabeth Hunt one ninth part of all my estate to be equally divided between them it being the portion that their father Spencer E. Hunt would have been entitled to provided he had survived me to them and to their children or their legal representatives forever.

11th

My wish and desire is that in case I should be dead before the making of my last Will and Testament or previous to my death I am and in that case I am my representatives respectively entitled to receive money as the case may be to descent to my children in the same manner as if I were alive and had received under said Will &c

12th

Those Cheppens and Notes to whom I have loaned money to for which I hold their respective notes in payment of their respective shares so as to make them equal and coequal with the balance of the Legacies &c

13th

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Barnum Payne Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I do to these my will set my hand and seal this 8th day of March 1857.

Kate Vassell

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. This 10th day of May 1857.

C. W. Noffs

J. A. Miller

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Isabella Miller
Will.

I Isabella Miller of the County of Dyer and State of Tennessee being of advanced age but of sound mind memory and understanding in view of the uncertainty of life do make order and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows.

After my death I wish to be decently buried and all my funeral expenses including decent and suitable Statues to be put up to designate the place of my interment and all of my just debts to be paid out of the first monies that may come into the hands of my Executor herein after appointed.

I think my two sons John G. Miller and W. S. Miller have been better provided for and are more capable of taking care of themselves and making a support than my daughters. I only give and bequeath to each of them the sum of five dollars to be paid to them by my Executor after the payment and settlement satisfaction of the above named debts funeral expenses & bequests it is my will wish and desire and I do direct that all the remainder of my estate property and money of every kind and description shall be equally divided between my three daughters Jane Miller Elizabeth Miller and Isabella Miller or such of them as may be living at the time of said division and in case that either or any of my said daughters should marry and die before such division shall take place leaving a child or children then I wish such child or children to have the share that the deceased mother would have been entitled to if living.

I do hereby appoint my friend Robert Miller sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and in entering upon the trust imposed in him I do not wish the Court to require any security on his bond as Executor nor do I wish him to have any public sale of any of my property as required by the Court to return an Inventory or to make any settlement

of his Executorship with the Clerk of Court.

In testimony of which I do hereto set my hand and seal this 18th day of December A.D. 1849.

signed and acknowledged

in our presence, the day & year

above named & at the request

of the Testator we do in her

presence witness the same

R. G. Mansford,

J. K. Boyce,

For Probate Minute Book, "G" Page.

Joseph B. Brinton
Will.

State of Tennessee
Dyer County.

The following is a verbal will made by Joseph B. Brinton on the 15th day of September 1849 in the presence of me the undersigned witnesses.

my funeral expenses and all debts as against my estate shall be paid out of my money I may be seized and possessed of on hand at that time.

I will and bequeath to my wife Jennet all the money in coin that is on hand at the time of my decease to be here to have to hold to use and dispose of in her life and at her death according to her proper.

I will and bequeath to my wife my house and lands her lifetime to hold to use and manage as she thinks best, but at her decease all must be equally divided among my heirs all my horses cows hogs Waggon tools either farming or blacksmith shall remain in her possession for the use of the place if needed.

I will that if one or both of my sons shall desire to build and settle on part of my land at any time they may do so without being accountable to my estate for the use of the part they occupy but when a general division is made it must fall back into my estate without any charge.

I will that my executor shall collect all my debt consisting of notes and open accounts and pay over the same to my heirs as soon as collected equally except to the heirs of my son John W. Brinton

who has already received a given amount

6th I will that this my last Will and Testament
shall not be put into the hands of the Court
But that my Executors shall give bond to the heirs
of my estate and suit to the Court for the collection
and payment of all moneys he is authorized to collect
Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint W^m Bird
my Executor to collect and pay over all notes and
open accounts due me. Sept. 13th 1849

Witness
W^m Bird
Cornelius Bird
W^m C. W. Duster.

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Jacob Sullivan
Will.

I Jacob Sullivan Sr. being
of perfect and sound mind and being reminded
of my mortality do make and publish this
my last Will and Testament.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary all
of my property of description that I may die
seized or possessed of at my death as long as
she remains my widow and if she marries
again then one third of the same in fee simple
and if my said wife shall marry again
two thirds of my property to go to my children
to be divided as follows.

3rd My son Turner Sullivan has received of me
thirty five dollars which he is to account for to
the rest of my children on a division before he
comes in for any thing more.

8th My son Charles Sullivan has received one
hundred and ten dollars which he is to account
for to the rest of my children before he comes in
for any thing more.

4th My son Layton Sullivan has received one
hundred and twenty six dollars which this
sum is to account for to the rest of my children
before they come in for any thing more.

5th The above named sums to the above named of my
children is that much more than what I have
given to any the rest of my children

for the reason why I make the charges against
them.

6th Whatever is remaining at my wife's death or
marriage as it is described above is to equally
divided among all of my children to wit Turner
Charles ^{Sullivan} Nathan Jacob & Isaac Sullivan
after Turner, Charles & Layton shall have
accounted for the above named sums with
which I have charged them.

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Mary my
sole Executor. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my
signature. This the 25th day of December 1849

Witnesses
Henry Surriage
W^m A. Surriage.

Jacob Sullivan (Sr.)

My son Isaac has recd of m. Surriage
dollars & fifty cents which he is to account for to the
rest of my children before he comes in for any thing more
Jan'y 31st 1853.

Jacob Sullivan

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S. J. Forbess, *Q*
 Will. *Q* State of Tennessee
 Dikton County

Which is my last Will and Testament
 I bequeath to my wife M. C. Forbess all of
 my estate my land and stock of all kind
 my papers of James my son takes the mule &
 wife pay seventy five dollars to S. D. Akin he is to
 have it & all my bench tools Ch. T. Forbess has
 got seventy dollars more than the rest of my
 children. This is my last Will and Testament
 Witness my hand and seal, Christ.

Christ. 14th day of Feb'y, 1863.

Witness
 S. D. Craig.
 A. B. Forbess.
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M. B. Robinson, *Q*
 Will. *Q* State of Tennessee
 Dikton County.

Being of sound mind I make this my last Will
 and Testament.

Christ

I will that all of my just debts be paid &
 give to my daughter Mrs Kate Ford one hun-
 dred and twenty dollars to my beloved wife
 I give two horses one mule and two milch
 cows which she is to select from my stock.
 I also give to my beloved wife all my lands
 and tenements to have and dispose of in
 any way she may think proper. I also give to
 my beloved wife all the monies I have on
 hand and all that are due me or may become
 due me. I also give to her all my plantation utensils
 and my wagon and pleasure carriage.

January 26th 1867.

Witness
 Ch. D. Clement.
 Jas. R. Clayton.

It is my will that my grand son W. J. Caraway
 be my Executor to carry into effect this will. Jan'y 26th 1867.

Witness
 Ch. D. Clement.
 Jas. R. Clayton. Probate Minutes Book "H" Page 258.

W. D. Wilson, *Q*
 Will. *Q*

Be it remembered that at a chancery
 Court began & held at the Court house in the
 town of Livingston for the County of Dikton in the
 6th Chancery Division of the State of Tennessee
 on the third Monday in November 1869, it being
 the 13th day of said Month was present and
 presiding the Hon. John W. Harris, Chancellor
 & present also R. K. Munford, Clerk.

On Tuesday of said Court
 the following proceedings were had read and
 of record to wit.

Nancy Wilson & Elizabeth Wilson, *Q*
 N. S. *Q* Right Bill
 W. R. McQuiston & wife & others *Q*

Be it remembered
 on this the 13th day of November 1869 - the
 cause came on to be heard before the Hon. John
 W. Harris, Chancellor, &c upon the Bill of Complaint
 - ante, answer of defendants and proof in the
 cause taken at appearing to the Court that on
 the 30th day of December 1862 W. D. Wilson a citizen
 of Dikton County Tennessee departed this life
 unmarried. That on the day of March 1863
 the said Wilson made and executed a paper writing
 his last Will and Testament which was signed
 by him and in which A. J. McQuiston and
 Robert W. Dill being subscribing witnesses.

That by said paper writing the said Wilson disposed
 of & purported to dispose of all his estate both real
 and personal in the manner set forth in a paper
 writing marked exhibit A. to the bill of complaint
 and at appearing that the said last Will Testament
 of the said Wilson revoked and unchanged by him in
 his life time was at the March term 1863 presented
 to the County Court of said County of Dikton and
 probated by the testimony of A. J. McQuiston one
 of the subscribing witnesses thereto that said said
 Will was left with the Clerk of the County Court
 of said County of Dikton and not recorded and that
 the same had been lost and cannot now be found

diligent search having been made therefore in said Clerk's office. The Court doth therefore declare that said paper writing was the will and Testament of the said W. D. Wilson and that the same was in substance and effect, as follows viz.

I W. D. Wilson do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

First. I direct that all my debts be paid out of any monies that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Second. I give and bequeath to my sister Margaret W. Laughlan and her sons Robert W. Laughlan and W. W. Laughlan one hundred dollars each of my estate.

Second. I give and bequeath to my sister Sarah W. Dunston two hundred dollars of my estate.

Third. I give and bequeath to my sister Margaret W. Laughlan two sons Robert W. Laughlan and W. W. Laughlan one hundred dollars each of my estate.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my two sisters Elizabeth Wilson and Nancy Wilson all the balance of my estate personal and real after paying all my just debts.

I hereby nominate and appoint Elizabeth & Nancy Wilson my Executors and they are not required to give bond or security.

Signed sealed and executed in presence of A. D. W. Dunston, Robert W. Dill.

Signed about March 1842.

Which was signed by the said W. D. Wilson and published by him in the presence of A. D. W. Dunston and Robert W. Dill who became the security subscribing witnesses thereto it is through ordered adjudged and decreed that the said paper writing set forth as aforesaid set up and established as the last Will and Testament of W. D. Wilson deceased and that the same be certified by the Clerk and Master of this Court to the County Court of Tipton County then to be proceeded on and under as the last Will and Testament of the said W. D. Wilson

deceased and that the Executors therein named be allowed if they desire to be qualified as such under said Will and that complainants and But & Smith shall then securities pay cost of the suit.

State of Tennessee. Tipton County.
I Richard H. Murfrees Clerk & Master of the Chancery Court of Tipton County do certify that the foregoing containing a full and true copy of the proceedings and final decree in the cause therein named and stated in said Court as the same appears of record in my office.
Witness my hand at office this 2^d Feb. 1844.

R. H. Murfrees Clerk & Master.

James M. Clerklin & Son.

First. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John M. Clerklin being weak of body but of sound mind and judgment to make this my last Will and Testament.
Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved son John M. Clerklin the place whereon I live and containing eighteen acres to him his heirs or assigns forever lying North of the pond commencing near a white oak on the public road running East a short distance to a black gum tree North to the head of the spring branch thence East down said branch to Mrs Mary Woods line joining Mr. Harbours land on the North. Also I give and bequeath to my Grand son Robert M. Clerklin my two year old mare colt.

Also I give and will my ~~land~~ Bureau to my Grand daughter Sarah Ann M. Clerklin. I give and bequeath to my beloved son James M. Clerklin the remaining part of my land lying South of the pond containing thirty two acres to him his heirs or assigns forever joining nothing land. Also give and will my beloved Grand daughter Mary E. Clerklin

to get my bedstead bed and clothing at that
belonging to the bed also the white dices counterpane
also I will and wish my son James M. to get
and to have my mare shall for his own use
and purpose.

Monthly, also my will and wish is for my son John
+ James to pay my beloved granddaughters
Sarah A. Moffitt twenty five dollars each an
interest required, when she marries or comes of age
if said Sarah A. should die before she comes of
age or marries then my will and wish is
for my son to keep the money and for their own
use and purpose.

Monthly, I give and bequeath my Table bedstead bed
in the room Stephen D. Terry to his little daughter
Elizabeth R. Terry if she should die before coming
of age or marries then the Table bedstead bed + clothing
to go to her sister Lucy Ann my trunk at said
Terry's I give to Susan R. Terry.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my friend
Mr. C. M. Quiston my Executor no security
required. Signed sealed and acknowl-
edged in presence of us this 18th day of
Aug- 1891.

James M. Clerk (Seal)

Best.

Wm. J. Quiston.

Wm. Pardee

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MEELWEE

Samuel S. M. Elroy, Jr. See Book A-
Will

I Samuel S. M. Elroy of
the County of Madison State of Tennessee
being of sound mind and disposing memory
do make this my last Will and Testament
in memory and form as follows, (one of self and
see will books 14)

It is my desire that my wife Hannah
M. Elroy (now and hold my entire prop-
erty to use and dispose of as she may
think proper during her widowhood and as
my children become of age or marry it is
my request that she give them such property
as she may think see proper to give for their
benefit. But if she should marry then it is my
request that said entire property be divided
equally between her and my children.

I make this as my last
Will and Testament as I expect to be
absent from home for some time and
know the uncertainty of life.

Witness my hand and seal this 18th
of October 1891

Attest,

J. M. Willis

W. J. Drake

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this is MEELWEE

