

separate use and benefit and in no way to be subject to the payment of any debts heretofore contracted or that may hereafter be contracted by her husband Steward Ripston and at her death to go to her legal heirs.

9 I give to my daughter Mary Thornton the following slaves Eliza and Minerva which are hereby vested in my son Henry Stevens as trustee to hold for said Mary Thornton for her sole and separate use and (and) in no way to be subjected to the payment of any debts heretofore contracted or that may be hereafter contracted by her husband Wright Thornton and at her death to go to her legal heirs.

10 I give to my grandson John Redham Stevens two slaves Nathan and Jane which are hereby vested in ^{my son} Henry Stevens as trustee for said John Redham for his sole and separate use and benefit and in no way to be subject or liable to the payment of any debts heretofore contracted by his deceased father Edwin Stevens and if the said John Redham should die without issue then the above slaves and their offspring to go to my children and their legal heirs not including thereby the said John Redham said last mentioned negroes to go to my children and be vested in the same way that I have hereby given to each one.

11 I give to my grand daughter Phoeby Ann Stevens two slaves Temperance and Susan which are hereby vested in my son Henry Stevens as trustee for said Phoeby Ann for her sole and separate use and benefit and in no way to be subject or liable to the payment of any debts heretofore contracted by her deceased father Edwin Stevens and if the said Phoeby Ann should die without issue then the above slaves and their offspring to go to my children and their legal heirs not including thereby the said Phoeby Ann said negroes Temperance and Susan to go as aforesaid to my children and be vested in the same way that I have hereby given to each one.

12 I do ordain and will that all debts owing to me and my perishable property of every kind be reduced to money such as is not now in money and after the payment of all my just debts out of the same the balance including the money that I may die possessed of I desire and wish to be equally divided amongst my sons Henry, John, Moore, Daniel and my grandson John Redham and my grand daughter Phoeby Ann to have one fifth of the same or a child's part with my sons Henry, John, Moore and Daniel each share when divided to go into the hands of all those who have had trustees named in this Will to be held by them in the same manner and for the same uses and purposes as the other property which is bequeathed in the trustees aforesaid at my death.

I do ordain Will and appoint my sons Henry and John Stevens the Executors of this my last Will and Testament. It is my desire that my Executors shall not be required to give bond and

security in entering upon the execution of this will as executors aforesaid. In witness whereof I do to this Will set my hand and seal this 22nd day of December 1846. Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the testator

Benj. H. Ligon
George E. Low

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

September Term 1847

The within paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Stevens Sen: dec: late of this County was this day produced in open Court and duly proven according to law by the oaths of Benjamin H. Ligon and George E. Low the subscribing witnesses thereto and it was ordered to be recorded. And thereupon Henry Stevens and John Stevens the Executors therein named came into open Court and were qualified as such by taking the oath required by law (the will providing that bond and security should not be required of them) and it was ordered that letters testamentary be issued to them. Witness my hand at Office this 6th day of September A.D. 1847.

R. H. Mansford Clerk

Andrew Shaw's Will!! 86

In the name of God Amen I Andrew Shaw of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee, being full in body, but of sound mind and memory, yet knowing that it is appointed to all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner and form following:-

1st I commend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the Tomb.

2nd I will to my beloved wife Narcissa my two beds and blankets inclusive and all of my household and kitchen furniture, my bay mare, one milk cow and one heifer, and also one year's provisions to be set apart by three freeholders.

3rd I will to my eldest son Robert Lefley my young colt and shot guns, and my new saddle and bridle.

4th I will to my second son Milton Daniel my cow and old saddle and bridle. And the balance of my personal property to be sold on six months credit, and apply the proceeds of the same to the payment of a debt due Benjamin Payson in order to redeem the title of my land, and in case there should not be enough to pay said debt then I will that so much of the said sale of my lands be sold as may be necessary to discharge all just claims whatever.

5th I will that after the death of my wife the balance

of my house descent to my children to be equally divided amongst
6th I will to my wife all my farming utensils and also some
yet I will that Benjamin Payne be appointed my lawful executor
to execute the above will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this the twelfth day of October one thousand eight hundred and
forty eight.

James McComb jun
Witness James McComb senior
Wm A. Nelson

Andrew X Shene
mark

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
December Term 1848

The within paper writing purporting to be the last
will and testament of Andrew Shaw late of this county, and which
was presented at the last term of this court, was again produced
and the subscribing witnesses thereto, Mrs. A. Nelson, James McComb
& and Jas McComb Jr having been summoned appeared, and being
first duly sworn, proved the due execution of said will according
to law, and it was ordered to be recorded. - Witness my hand at
office this 4th day of December 1848.

R. B. Munford Clerk

Robert Black's Will #87

I Robert Black of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee
do this day (it being the 18th day of January in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven) make and set
forth this my last will and testament of all my effects as follows
(to wit) And first I resign my body to the dust from whence it
came, and my spirit to God who gives it no hope of a blessed
immortality.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Thompson, &
my property, both real and personal, during her natural life or widow
rehears, and in the event of her second marriage, then to come
children part only.

Thirdly, and after the death or second marriage of my wife
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan Ann a certain sum
by named Simon Dargatz, to be valued by disinterested persons
at the time of division.

4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Thompsons L. Black
a certain sum known named Ann; under the same conditions and
visions as the above bequest to my daughter Susan Ann.

5th I give and bequeath unto my two sons John L. & Alan
B. Black the tract of land upon which I now live, with all its ap-
paratus & improvements, to be valued by disinterested persons at the
time of division.

6th I give and bequeath unto my children Amanda B. &

Ann, and Thompsons L. a lot and premises to each to make them
equal to those of my children who are married and have had the
same already given to them.

7th I desire that my negro boy Abram have the liberty to sit-
out his master provided he will give his owner for him, he is to
be valued by disinterested persons - I desire that in the event of
my wife's demise, before the youngest daughter marriage or before
she is deceased, that the land and all my negroes remain un-
divided for the benefit of Susan Ann & Thompsons L. Black during their
single state or if not married, until they become twenty one years of age.

I desire that all my stock, household and kitchen furniture, tools
and the value of the above bequests, and the amount that the boy
Abram shall bring, be divided equally, after all my just debts shall
be paid off - among the following children (to wit) John B. Black, the
Susan Ann, wife of John Smith, Susan Ann, Thompsons L. and to
Elizabeth, wife of Mary Dillingworth and to her children after her death
the lawful offspring of her body; and if the property bequeathed
whereunto shall make more than three professional part of them
to whom it was left, then shall each of them pay to those
who have not an equal proportion so as to make all equal in
point of value.

I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Thompsons &
my son Alan B. Black, my sole executor, and to carry out my last
will and testament into execution - in witness whereof I hereunto
set my hand & seal this day and year above written.

Signed sealed and in presence of
Joshua J. Black Robert Black Seal
J. M. Brown

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
December Term 1848

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be
the last will and testament of Robert Black late of this county, was
this day produced in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved
according to law by the oaths of Joshua J. Black and J. M. Brown
the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded; and
Thompsons J. B. Black one of the executors thereof named, appearing
in open court and renouncing his intention to qualify as such
Thompsons Black the executor appointed in and with J. B. Black
and J. B. Black as his co-executors, appeared in open court and entered
into bond in the penalty of \$5000. and was duly qualified as
executor, and it was ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him.

Witness my hand at office this 4th day of December 1848.

R. B. Munford Clerk

Manual Cooper's Will: #88

The last will and Testament of Manual Cooper of Sipton County and State of Tennessee

I Manual Cooper considering the uncertainty of this mortal life; and being of sound mind and memory (blessed be Almighty God for the same) do make and publish this my last will and Testament in witness whereof and for the following (that is to say)

First I declare that all my debts shall be satisfied out of the property that I have gathered together. Then I bequeath to my son Henry Smith the sum of one dollar. Then I bequeath to my brother Benjamin Cooper the sum of one dollar; Then I give and bequeath to my sister Rebecca Bullard the sum of one dollar. Then I give and bequeath to my sister Charlotte Adkins the sum of one dollar. Then I give and bequeath to my brother William Cooper the sum of one dollar. And lastly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Malinda Cooper all the remainder of my estate, goods and chattels, of what kind and nature soever I give and bequeath the same to my said beloved wife Malinda Cooper, whom I appoint executrix of this my last will and Testament hereby vesting all power with by and under

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 5th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Manual Cooper

This above instrument consisting of one leaf sheet of paper was and has subscribed by Manual Cooper the testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and Testament, and we at his request signed our names as attesting witnesses

Attest Henry Searge

Attest Thomas Davidson

Attest James Selley

State of Tennessee Sipton County

April Term 1849. The within "paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Manual Cooper died late of the County, was this day produced in open court and the same examined thereof sworn by the oath of Henry Searge and Thomas Davidson two of the subscribing witnesses sworn and ordered to be recorded and Thomas Mulinda Cooper the executrix thereof named being also sworn declared to qualify as such, and claimed the appointment of Ruffin Searge, he was accordingly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the said Manual Cooper.

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of April 1849

R. M. Mumford Clerk

Robert Robertson's Will: #89

State of Tennessee Sipton County

Know all men by these presents that I Robert Robertson do hereby declare this day made my last will and Testament of all property and effects I have consisting of real estate and personal property; I want all of my just debts paid the remainder to be disposed of as follows to wit To John Ann Seabright to have the tract of land I own here on the place that the J Seabright died dying and being in Sipton County Tennessee containing one hundred and twenty three acres; all the possible property that I have after my debts are paid except my bed and furniture be given to my little grand daughter Ann Seabright

I want my daughter Margaret Seabright to have ten dollars; Elizabeth Seabright to have ten dollars; Mary Miller to have ten dollars and also my son George to have one dollar; and my son Anselm to have one dollar; also Smith Robertson my grand son to have one dollar; I want my son William Robertson to have one dollar; I also want Sufferance Mulkins my grand daughter to have one dollar; and Mary Jane Mulkins to have one dollar and my son Robert Robertson to have one dollar.

All the balance of my possible property after the within named debts are paid I want my daughter John Ann Seabright to have. There is just what I want done with my estate after I am dead.

I appoint John Seabright executor of my will, this the twenty second day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Witnessed L. M. Seabright

James Seabright

John Seabright

Robert Robertson

State of Tennessee Sipton County

September Term 1849. The within paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Robert Robertson died late of this County, was this day produced in open court and the same examined thereof duly sworn necessary to law by the oath of L. M. Seabright and James Seabright, two of the subscribing witnesses sworn and ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of September 1849.

R. M. Mumford Clerk

Edmond O. Chambers Will: #90

April the 26th day 1845

Know the names of said Seabright, I Edmond O. Chambers of Sipton County and State of Tennessee, being much advanced in years, but of sound mind, have thought proper to make my will, bearing

that the time is close at hand when I shall be called from this
transitory world, as such I hereby constitute and appoint this my
son of writing my last will & Testament hereby making all others
heretofore made.

It is my desire that my beloved wife Ann Chambers shall
survive me possessor of all my property, real and personal during her
natural life for her comfort and support, also, for her to have all sums
bonds and accounts I may leave in my hands, and for her to
pay all debts I may owe. After the death of my wife I give
to my son Madison H Chambers all my land except eighty acres
the several eighty acres I give to my daughter Mary H. Shute
Two of the South end of the tract I purchased of William Brady
adjoining the land of Thomas Shute to extend all across and then
I bought of said Brady.

The balance of my property I desire to be divided as follows
after the death of my wife

I have given to my grand son Edward O Shute a negro
boy named Stephen, I now give him a negro girl named Eliza
but they are to remain in possession of my wife during her life.

I have also given to my grand son Edward O Chambers
a negro boy named Bob and a negro girl named ^{Eliza} ~~Eliza~~ both of
which to remain in possession of my wife during her life also.

All the balance of my property not named above to be divided
between my grand children, - one half to my son Madison H. Cham-
bers's children, and the other half to my daughter Mary H. Shute's
children - to make it even plain the children of my son Madison
H. Chambers to have one half, and the children of my daughter
Mary H. Shute the other other half of my estate after the death of
my wife.

It is my desire that there shall be no sale made of my
property after my death except such surplus as may not
be needed for the use and comfort of my wife, and that there
shall be no sale made of any of my property in the lifetime
of my wife between my grand children as given and bequeathed above.

No one executing I hereby appoint my worthy friends George S.
Styler Esq. ^{the son of George} ~~the son of George~~ and Mrs Henry M. Lolo, whom I hope
will act for me, and also as friends to my wife, to employ for her
a good woman who will be accompanying to her and be known
to the negroes, and I hereby appoint them and request that they will
act as executors to divide my property after the death of
my wife between my grand children as above directed, and in
the division of the same it is my desire that they be left in families
as far as practicable. I hope that the friends named above to act long &
joyful long. ^{the son of George} ~~the son of George~~ and Mrs Henry M. Lolo will grant me this last request.

signed & acknowledged in the presence of this 20th day of April in the year
1849
Witness M. W. Brooks Esq. W. H. Brooks Esq. Robert O. Chambers

The following is the foregoing will was done by the Statute in my presence
this 20th day of April 1849.
Geo S. Styler

State of Tennessee Septas County Court
June Term 1849. } The foregoing paper containing
purporting to be the last will and Testament of John O. Chambers died
late of this County, was this day produced in open Court and offered
for probate, and was duly proved according to law by the oath of
Wm M. Brooks one of the subscribing witnesses and Joseph P. Rodden
H. McDaniel & Wm. Clark, and it was thereupon ordered that said
will be duly recorded.

Attest my hand at office this fourth day of June A. D.
1849.

R. H. Winfree Clerk

State of Tennessee Septas County Court
October Term 1849. }

The foregoing last will and
Testament of Edward O. Chambers died, which was at the last June
term of this Court proved by one of the subscribing witnesses thereto
was this day again produced in open Court, and the due execution
thereof proved according to law by the oath of S. J. Wilson another
of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who also in connection with
H. C. Jackson depose and say, after being first duly sworn that
the name "Ed. O. Chambers" signed to said will as a subscribing
witness is the genuine signature of the said Wm M. Brooks; the
said having been subscribed in presence of the S. J. Wilson.

Attest my hand at office this first day of October
A. D. 1849.

R. H. Winfree Clerk

Greasy Smiths Will!! #91

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I Greasy Smith of Septas County Tennessee do make
and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby making and
making void all other wills by me at any time made; having
in sound disposing mind and memory, do proceed to make
and give this as my last will and Testament for the marriage
asset and distribution of my estate both real and personal,
in possession or action, or otherwise or otherwise, in manner
and form following to wit:

I give and bequeath the tract of land I now live on, con-
taining eighty acres more or less, the same land I bought from
John H. Wilkes and all the land I possess, to my son and daugh-
ters - John Smith and Harriet Smith, to be equally divided be-
tween them and shared alike. I also give to said son
John Smith the present cash in said land, all the hogs
I possess, and all the foregoing utensils and implements of
my household, one large chest and one horse called the
son's horse.

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2nd I also give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah, all my household and kitchen furniture, except three beds and a reading school, all my penitry of every kind, all my clothes, cloths, linen and ginning, and every article belonging to my house and garden, and a white horse three years old, harnessed as the red and white horse.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son Peter Smith one bed and furniture.

4th I give and bequeath to my son Alfred Smith one bed and furniture.

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Selma Wrenn one bed and furniture & one wooden school.

6th I give and bequeath to John P. Watson and wife one dollar.

7th I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Smith's child one dollar.

8th All the balance of my property of every kind not herein specified I give and bequeath to my son and daughter Mary and Hannah Smith, to be divided equally between them.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal to this my last will and Testament, this December 3rd 1850.

Test M^{rs} Conrad

Samuel Cooper

Geo. X Smith Seal
witness

State of Tennessee Deftas County Court.

November Term 1850

The within paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Geo. X Smith dec'd late of this county, was this day produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of M^{rs} Conrad and Samuel Cooper, the subscribing witnesses thereto, and was accordingly ordered to be certified and recorded.

Witness my hand at office this fifth day of November 1850.

P. H. Winford Clerk

Mary H. Alston's Will: 1850

In the name of God amen, I, Mary H. Alston of the County of Deftas State of Tennessee do hereby declare this to be my last will and Testament. I give and bequeath to my nephew Abraham Longmire Johnstone Alston eldest son of my brother Philip W. Alston, and my adopted son, my negro woman Caroline and her children, a woman named Ellen but called Jane, a yellow man named William, my interest in the land which belongs to my brother John, and lying in the County of Deftas, and the sum of \$5000 (Five thousand). I give and bequeath to my nephew Philip William Whitman Alston infant and youngest son of my brother Philip W. Alston, two thousand dollars (2000). This above mentioned property to remain in the hands of my brother James J. Alston in trust for three my nephews the income of each child's portion to be used for its support and

education, as may be necessary; the principal of each to be paid over as they come to the age of twenty one years; should either one die, his brother (I suppose his father's son) shall inherit from his brother: should both die before the age of twenty one the said property to return to my family.

I give and bequeath to my brother James J. Alston the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1200).

This is my last will and Testament, written this fifteenth day of April in the year of our Lord eight hundred and forty eight.

Witness J. H. Fisher.

J. H. Wheeler

Jan 5th 1850

Mary H. Alston

State of Tennessee Deftas County Court.

October Term 1850

The within paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Mary H. Alston late of this county, was produced in open court, and therefore appeared J. H. Fisher Justice Longmire and Hugh S. New, good and reliable witnesses, who being first duly sworn, depose and say that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Mary H. Alston and that they only believe the signature and every part of said instrument to be the genuine hand writing of the said Mary H. Alston, and the same was therefore ordered to be recorded as her last will and Testament.

Witness my hand at office this 7th day of October A.D. 1850.

P. H. Winford Clerk

Peter Conrad's Will: 1850

Knowing it is appointed unto man once to die: I Peter Conrad being in sound mind and memory do make this my only and last will.

Know itth my will is, after all my just debts are paid that all my property both real and personal valued at cash price by three disinterested men.

Know itth my will is that my wife Mary Caroline shall have an equal portion or a child's part out of the valuation to be paid over to her by my Executor in two equal payments in one and two years, from the time of valuation, bearing interest from the date of valuation.

Know itth my will is that my Executor shall keep all of my property to gather, and cultivate and carry on the farms, and leave my wife free of any charge and keep my estate together until the youngest child shall come to the age of twenty one; if no one any of the children should die before they come of age, then my will is that it shall go to the balance of the children.

Since 4th Having full confidence in my executor I hereby empower him to dispose of any one of the sugars or any other piece of property as he may think proper.

Since 5th I appoint my friend Jesse S. Githens my executor without his being bound to give security. I also, appoint and request that he shall act as guardian for my children until giving security.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Test - L. Haynes

E. C. Hinshaw

Peter Howard (Seal)

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

October Term 1850

The within "paper" purporting to be the last will and testament of Peter Howard dec'd late of this county was produced in open court and the due execution thereof proved by the oath of Geo. C. Hinshaw and Lewis Haynes, the subscribing witnesses thereto and returned to be recorded. And thereupon Jesse S. Githens the executor therein named appeared in open court and signed, sworn, and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000 conditioned according to law (said will providing that no security should be required of said executor) and was duly qualified as executor by taking the oath required by law - and it was ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him.

Witness my hand at office this 7th day of October 1850

N. H. Munford Clerk

William McCrean's Will, #94

Covington February 16th 1851

On this day being Sunday about the hour of 4 o'clock P.M. William McCrean being very poor health and under the apprehension of immediate death, at the house of Isaac R. Blaise (the same being his boarding house) requested the undersigned to bear witness that he wished his property to be equally divided between his brother James and his sister Orelia after the payment of his debts, and that the said Isaac R. Blaise attend to the settling of his business and the carrying into effect his said wish.

We believe the said William McCrean was in his right mind at the time of making this request and in every respect competent to make a will.

Witness our hands this 17th day of February 1851

Elizabeth McCrean
Elizabeth Hughes

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
March Term 1851

The above paper written signed by I. R. Blaise, Esq. and Elizabeth McCrean, purporting to be the testamentary will of William McCrean deceased, was this day produced in open court and duly proven by the said Esq. Blaise according to law, and laid over to be continued for further probate - Witness my hand at office this 5th day of March 1851

R. H. Munford Clerk

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
April Term 1851

The within paper written purporting to be the testamentary will of William McCrean deceased late of this county, which was presented at the last term of this Court and proven by one of the witnesses, was again produced in open Court and fully proven by the oath of Elizabeth Hughes another of the witnesses, in whose presence the same was made and ordered to be recorded. And thereupon I. R. Blaise the executor therein named, or who was requested by the deceased to take charge of and manage his estate came into open Court and signed, sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$1000, conditioned according to law with R. H. Munford and R. H. Munford, as his securities, and was duly qualified as executor by taking the oath required by law, and it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him.

Witness my hand at office this 1st day of April 1851

R. H. Munford Clerk

John Farners Will, #95

I John Farners of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee being of advanced age and infirm health, but of sound mind and memory, do make, ordain, and publish this my last, and only Will and Testament by me at any time made.

First it is my wish and desire that as soon as practicable after my death, my executor herein after named and appointed, proceed to pay off all of my just debts and funeral expenses, out of any money that I may have on hand, or from the proceeds of the sale of such of my property as he may think best to dispose of, including any of my slaves, not herein after specially bequeathed, should it be necessary to sell any for that purpose.

Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy Farners for and during her natural life the whole of my tract land on which I now reside containing two hundred and twenty four acres, and the following named personal property to wit: My Negroes Mary

Minor aged about 54 years, women Kelley about 50 years old and
her children, Jeremiah, Nimrod, Wenderson, Richmond, Jackson,
Doctor and Alexander, and a girl Warrint aged about 18 years and
also all of my household and kitchen furniture of every de-
scription, all of the Stock, of horses, cattle, hogs
and farming utensils of any description, that may be on hand at the
time of my death, untill it is such, surplus as may not be
needed by my said wife to keep up the farm and provide for her
and each of the children as may be, or remain with her, a decent
and comfortable support, should there be any such surplus my
Executor to have power and authority to sell the same, it is also
my wish that my said wife shall have a sufficiency of provi-
sions for one years support after my death - all the property
above named and bequeathed to my said wife, and any increase there-
of may be of the same, I wish at her death to be equally divided amongst
all of my children then living or the legal offsprings of such then as
may be dead, Thomas and Sarah alive.

Having always at the time of this marriage given to each of my
daughters Mary Ann Calbreath, Sabitha N. Chalmers, Eleanor B. Pender
Ann Mitho, and Mary P. Benson a negro considered of equal value
and worth or estimated by me at five hundred dollars; I now
give and bequeath to my daughter Susan G. my negro boy Gilbert
who is considered will be by the time she is grown, be of equal value
to those I have given to my other daughters. Should said boy Gilbert
die before my said daughter Susan G. marries or become of age
then and in that case it is my wish that she is to have a negro of
equal value out of these, I have given to my wife, to be selected and agreed
upon by my said wife, and her executor.

Having heretofore given to each of my dear sons Jordan, L.
Thomas, S. and James H. as they became of age, a horse, bridle and saddle
worth some hundred dollars it is now my wish, and I do so desire
that my youngest son John S. shall have one of equal value when
he becomes of age or at such time as my Executor thinks he may
need it. and if my said son John S. will go to school, it is
my wish that my executor shall make provision for him to do so for
one year.

I do further give and bequeath to each of my four sons above
named the sum of Four Hundred, or property to that value, to make
what I have given them equal to what my daughters have received.

After the payment of my debts and satisfaction of the above named
legacies I wish all the remainder of my property not herein before
bequeathed to be equally divided between all of my children then living
or their legal heirs of such of them as may be dead there & there able, and
in making said division it is my wish that none of the negroes, ^{that} if it
can be avoided, valued by disinterested persons, and for each of the
children as prefer it, to take the negroes at said valuation and pay

to the others their share in money and sufficient to make all equal -
Should it so happen that after the payment of my debts there is a want
of sufficiency of money or property left to make up to each of my sons the said
sum of four hundred dollars. Then & in that case it is my wish that they
shall receive that sum as my deficiency thereof after the death of my wife out of
the property left by her, and thus the balances of said property to be equally dis-
tributed to all the children, as herein before provided, it being my wish and intention
that they shall all share equally in my estate.

Should I live but a short time it is my wish that the property be kept
together and crops made under the direction of my son J. S. Farnar this year
as agreed upon between us.

I do hereby appoint my son Jordan S. Farnar my Executor to this my
last will & testament, and it is my wish that upon being qualified and entering
upon the execution of the same, he shall not be required by the court to give
security to his bond for the faithful execution of the trust and confidence hereby
reposed in him.

Given testimony of aforesaid I do hereto set my hand & seal this fourth day of March
A.D. 1857.

Signed sealed & acknowledged in presence
of me the day & date above named

R. H. Mumford

J. S. Farnar

John Sharp

State of Tennessee Sipton County Court
April Term 1857 The within paper containing purporting to
be the last will and testament of John Farnar late of this County was
this day presented in open court and duly proven according to law by the oath
of George S. Low and John Sharp two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered
to be recorded. And thereupon Jordan S. Farnar the Executor therein named
came into open court and signed sealed & acknowledged a bond on the sum
of \$8000 conditioned according to law (said will providing that no security should
be required of him) and also duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath
required by law - and it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him.
Witness my hand at office this 1st day of April A.D. 1857.

R. H. Mumford Clerk

John S. Smiths Will 96

Memphis Shelby County Tennessee
January 17th 1858

I, John S. Smiths of the County of Sipton State of Tennessee being one
of the us of my departure for Nashville and from thence to Grandville low
State of North Carolina feel a desire to make a Will and do in this
manner dispose of all my Estate Real Personal and Pecuniary
I do nominate and appoint James W. Malone of the County of Sipton
State of Tennessee my Executor of this my last Will & Testament
I wish him to take possession of all my effects and pay all my just

debt out of said means first the present years crop of cotton and all money due me and which become due to me.

I wish him to sell to the highest bidder all my lands in the County of Tipton State of Tennessee, on a credit six months & one year, and appropriate the money when collected to the payment of my debts.

I wish him the said Stephen Whitlone to have my tract of land in the County of Tipton State of Tennessee divided, by extending a line north from the North West corner of the fifty acre tract, purchased by me from Benjamin Thompson to the North Boundary of the tract purchased by me from my brother Samuel McSmith, all of my land lying west of said division line he must sell to the highest bidder on a credit six months and one year, the purchase money when collected must be appropriated to the payment of my debts, should any debts remain unpaid I wish him the said Stephen Whitlone to use his discretion in the use of or disposal of my property or money to pay the balance. After my debts shall have been paid and the sum of one thousand dollars paid to him for his services as executor.

I will and bequeath to my stepson Charles E. Smith all the residue of my real estate, also all of my Personal Property except those slaves by name Mack, George, and Decatur.

Mack I bequeath to my niece Mary C. Brown of Georgia.

George & Decatur I will & bequeath to my niece Cecelia E. Smith and to her child or children if she leave no children, said slaves shall revert to the child or descendants of my niece Mary C. Brown, or Charles Smith and his heirs forever. Should the said Charles E. Smith die without heirs all of said Requests to him shall revert back to my two nieces Mary C. Brown and Cecelia E. Smith, and their descendants forever. This my last Will and Testament written in my hand and signed this 17th day of January my eighteenth hundred and fifty.

Witness
J. I. Rawlings
Saml. McMill

John E. Smith

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

June Term 1857.

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John E. Smith dec'd late of this County, was this day produced in open court by Stephen W. Mulrow the executor thereof named, and duly proved according to law by the oath of Isaac W. Webb one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, who further deposed and said that he saw J. I. Rawlings the other subscribing witness at the same; and Geo. S. Taylor being first duly sworn according to law deposed and said that he was well acquainted with both the named witnesses of the said J. I. Rawlings and John E. Smith the testator, and that the signatures to said will were his and the said Stephen Mulrow's handwriting, and the said J. W. Mulrow with the P. Hutton and W. B. Edwards as his

witnesses appeared in open court, and signed such and other oaths as were in the premises of proper conditions according to law, and were duly qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law, and it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him.

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of June A.D. 1857.

R. D. Mumford Clerk

John W. Jacobs Will 97

Tipton Co. Tenn April 7th 1857.

In the presence of my proper and lawful witnesses by my own I hereby make my last will and Testament.

I will that my debts including all my owing, appear shall be sold and the proceeds with twenty three and 50 cents in cash go to pay my debts and funeral expenses. If said proceeds are not sufficient to satisfy all just claims against me, I will that my estate shall also be sold to satisfy any claims or claims that may remain. But if no such claims remain, I will that my estate be not sold but partitioned to my own heirs when he comes at the age of eighteen.

Should there be any funds left after paying all my just debts I will that such remaining funds be given to my wife Mary Jacobs.

I will that my friend John W. Mulrow be the Executor of this my last will and Testament.

Witness before me
J. W. Webb

John W. Jacobs

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

June Term 1857.

The above paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John W. Jacobs dec'd late of this County was produced in open court by J. W. Mulrow the executor thereof named, and duly proved according to law by the oaths of Edward Edwards and J. W. Webb the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be read and thereupon the said J. W. Mulrow with E. Edwards & J. W. Webb as his witnesses came into open court and signed such and other oaths as were in the premises of proper conditions according to law, and were duly qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law, and it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him.

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of June A.D. 1857.

R. D. Mumford Clerk

William A. McGilmore's Will: #73

Test will of

I Wm A. McGilmore do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me at any time made.

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may die possessed of a very full and comfortable mind.

2nd All the balance of my effects both real and personal I give and bequeath unto my beloved Mother Elizabeth Gilmore to have and to hold the same unto her and her heirs and assigns forever. I also appoint Elizabeth Gilmore my executor signed sealed and in the presence of us this the 15th July 1857.

Geo W. McBeard
Henry X. Linnage
witness

William A. McGilmore

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

August Term 1857. The above paper containing purporting to be the last will and testament of Wm A. McGilmore deceased late of this County, was this day presented in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of Geo W. McBeard and Henry Linnage the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 4th day of August A.D. 1857.

R. D. Mansfield Clerk

Samuel Croppers Will: #99

In the name of God Amen

I Samuel Croppers of Tipton County Tennessee being in full health but in some declining mind and memory, do declare to make and give this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me at any time made, and for the management and disposition of my estate both real and personal in possession or future possession or otherwise, in manner and form following To wit.

First - There is my share & which my present wife together with my personal property sold & at the end of the year after my death is gathered & sold my negro man and my land and other goods and from year to year until all my debts are paid and satisfied.

2nd I give and bequeath to my son James H. Croppers the following property to wit. Ten tracts of land that I brought in of the landy bonds containing about 240 acres; (some is now to the end I got for some land from William Croppers agent) unto this condition that a line be run from South to South so as to cut off 40 acres to and adjoining the tract I now live on & attach it to said tract to be disposed of hereafter. Also to my son Mary named Mary, my daughter Anne, a woman named Seely Ann, and her two children Ben & Willie, also my daughter Mary & my child & child.

3rd It is my wish & desire the County Court of Tipton County to appoint a Guardian for my son Geo H. as I do not think he has mind enough to take care of his own property. I wish said Court to be particularly in selecting and Guardians to be responsible and to live in said County that will do justice to Geo H. and his property; and if said Guardians don't do justice I wish some one or another appointed & so on till they get one that will do right. I wish said Guardians to be sworn in all the restrictions and settlements & laws the same have & regulations that other Guardians are bound and have for minor heirs. I wish at any time after Geo H. arrives at the age of 25 years and will apply in person to said County Court (a full court being present) said Court would examine him and if they think he is competent he has mind enough to manage his own business & own his property that they would order the said Guardians to settle immediately with the Clerk of said Court and pay over to Geo H. all of his said estate in the same way as other Guardians do with their wards when they become of age. But if said Court thinks otherwise let him and his property remain in the hands of said Guardians until said Court becomes satisfied that he is capable of managing his own business & managing his property.

4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza S. Croppers the following property to wit. The tract of land I now live on containing 320 acres with the addition of the above specified 40 acres attached to it from the landy bonds also the following negroes, To wit. - Cornelia, Alfred, Henry and her three children, George & Robert and another girl named Maria.

5th I will & desire that the balance of money not expended above be equally divided between my two children Geo H. and Eliza S.

6th I nominate and appoint Benjamin Payne my executor to this my last will and testament.

7th I do hereby release I have at any time and affirms

my and to this my last will and Testament this 6th day of September A.D. 1857.

Signed & sealed in the presence of us

Wm. C. Cramer

Wm. A. S. S. S. S.

Wm. A. S. S. S.

Sealed & signed

State of Tennessee Sealed & signed

October Term 1857.

The foregoing paper containing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Samuel Cramer died late of this County, was this day produced in open court, and the contents thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of Wm. C. Cramer, Wm. A. S. S. S. and Wm. A. S. S. S. the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And therefore Benjamin Pugh the Executor thereof named appeared in open court, with Maria Smith and Augustus W. Smith as his executors, and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$14,000 conditioned according to law, which bond being approved of was decreed and ordered to be recorded, and the said B. Pugh was duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath prescribed by law, and it was ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him.

Witness my hand at office this 6th day of October A.D. 1857.

R. B. Winford Clerk

William L. Winstons Will #100

In view of approaching death I make this my last will and Testament, after my first debts unpaid I leave and bequeath, every part and parcel of my estate to my wife Mary S. Winstons during her widowhood, at her decease if she should ever marry the property then to be equally divided between her and my children being a negro girl named Penelope, and a negro boy named Andy, whom I give to my wife and she and also an equal share with my children, and saving moreover my proportionable part of the price of a negro girl that may be bought for Mother from by three of her children that may be as elsewhere, which I give for that purpose, and furthermore if any of the negroes should become refractory and disobedient that they are to be sold and others bought in their places.

I appoint David S. Cramer & George Adams Executors of this my last will and Testament, this the 4th day of September 1857.

Witness our and signed this the 8th September 1857.

Wm. L. Winstons

for D. Cramer

State of Tennessee Sealed & signed

November Term 1857

The above paper containing signed by M. L. Rhodes and John S. Duhann as witnesses, purporting to be the last will and Testament of Wm. L. Winstons died late of this County, was this day produced in open court, and after full proof taken; whereupon Mary S. Winstons widow of the said Wm. L. Winstons appeared in open court, and gave her consent, and confessed and acknowledged that said will should be proved and established and therefore the same was fully proved and established in every particular and provision by the oaths of the said witnesses, except that the said witness J. S. Duhann did not know that part or portion of said will, nothing previous to the date of any of the signatures, that any person refractory or disobedient, and the purchase of others in their places, and the same were ordered to be recorded as the will of the said Wm. L. Winstons.

Whereupon David S. Cramer one of the Executors thereof named having appeared in open court and renounced his intention to qualify as such. George Adams the other Executor named and apparently appeared in court with Dudley Adams and D. S. Cramer as his assistants, and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$20,000 conditioned according to law, and was duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath prescribed by law, and it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued. Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of November A.D. 1857.

R. B. Winford Clerk

John Silas Will #101

State of Tennessee Sealed & signed

I John Silas of the State and County above named knowing that life is uncertain, and death certain I hereby make this my last will and Testament. First that all my just debts be paid out of my estate.

Second it is my will that my beloved wife Mary Silas have and hold all my possessions during her natural life - with the exception of one hundred dollars to be paid annually out of my estate to my mother Mary Silas during her natural life - And at the death of my wife Mary Silas she may dispose of one half of the above possessions as she thinks proper and the remainder is then to be divided amongst my heirs or their representatives.

Furthermore it is my will that Mary Silas my beloved wife is at perfect liberty to sell or dispose of such property

in properties as does not and here and purchases such as any
out live -

I hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date
above mentioned in the presence of the following witnesses

I appear with my wife John M. Adams and son
John M. Adams as my Executors -

M. Adams
John M. Adams
John M. Adams

John Silver

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
November Term 1857.

The above paper containing
purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Silver de-
late of this County, was this day produced in open court
and the contents thereof duly proved according to law by the
oaths of Emily Adams, James R. Shuck and John M. Silver the
subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; where-
upon John M. Adams one of the executors thereof named app-
eared in open court and acknowledged his intention to qualify as
such; and Mary Silver and Joseph Johnson the other execu-
tors named therein appeared, with John M. Silver John M. Silver
son and Joseph Johnson as their securities sworn into open
court and signed Walter and acknowledged a bond in the
sum of \$14000 conditioned according to law which said bond
being approved of by the Court was returned and ordered to be
and the said Mary Silver and Joseph Johnson were duly qualified
as ex- and entered by taking the oaths prescribed by law, and it
is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to them -

Witness my hand at office this 3^d day of November A.D. 1857.

R. B. Winford Clerk

William Smithman Will: - #102

I William Smithman of the
County of Tipton and State of Tennessee do hereby and pub-
lish this my last will and testament, in manner and form
as follows. That is to say it is my will that my personal
effects and all my lawful debts be paid, and that my
wife Margaret Smithman and my son Wm Smithman
shall have the power to sell at private or public sale a
sufficient quantity of my property to pay the above debts -

Second I give devise and bequeath unto my wife Margaret
Smithman during her life or widowhood the west half of the
plantation on which we now reside beginning at a corner
down corner and running due south, of which are situated
in Tipton County Tennessee, and being lands purchased of
Smith and John M. Rose of said and State of Tennessee -

It is my will that at my wife's decease or death my land
shall be sold and the money thereof equally between my children

It is my will that all my property be left on the place for
the benefit of the family, they first disposing of a sufficient
of my property to pay my lawful debts as above named -

I hereby appoint my wife and my son Wm Smithman to
attend to all my business of every description without any
administrative relations, and ratifying and confirming
this and no other to be my last will and testament -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 3^d day of June A.D. 1857.

I have published & declared by the above named
Wm Smithman as one for his last will & testament in
the presence of us who at his request have signed as witnesses to the same

William Smithman

Witnesses N. B. McComb, William R. McWhorter
James Smith John Pinkston

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
December Term 1857.

The foregoing paper containing
purporting to be the last will and Testament of William Smithman de-
late of this County, was this day produced in open court, and the
contents thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of Sam-
uel Smith and John Pinkston two of the subscribing witnesses
thereto and ordered to be recorded -

Witness my hand at office this 1st day of December A.D. 1857 -

R. B. Winford Clerk

Alexander Wright Will: - #103

I Alexander Wright of the County of Tipton and
State of Tennessee, being at this time my infirm as regards my
health, but yet retaining a perfect mind and sound memory, do
this ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty two, make this my last will and testament in
manner following viz;

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Agnes Wright the
tenet of land whereon I now live containing about two hundred
and forty acres more or less with all the appurtenances thereto
belonging during her natural life or widowhood, and if she should
be disposed of, as I may hereafter direct. I also give her all the
household and kitchen furniture, one rugger and four mules, with
the harness, and all the plantation tools of every description, one
ore furnace and harrow, one bay mare, all my stock of cattle
and hogs, also the following names Agnes to wit Lewis Shady
Sawm, Jane, Daniel, George, Mary & Prince, which she is to have

22.
during his natural life or widowhood, and in case she survives she shall give up the tract of land and appurtenances thereto belonging as I aforesaid in witness to be hereafter disposed of, the negroes all except one with the other property above specified to be equally divided amongst my four sons or their legal representatives. And whatever one of the above named sons she may select she is to keep during his natural life and at his death said wife and widow if any to want back to my four sons or to their legal representatives.

I give and bequeath to my son Isaac Alexander Wright the tract of land wherever he now lives according to plat or containing by estimation one hundred and sixty five acres, together with half of the eighty acres tract I purchased of bullock Tabor, as he and James Churchill may agree about dividing the same between themselves. I also give Isaac A. Wright the following Negroes to wit Henry & Sybil.

I give and bequeath to my son James Churchill Wright the tract of land wherever he now lives according to plat & two containing by estimation one hundred and sixty seven acres, together with the one half of the aforesaid eighty acres of the Tabor tract as he and Isaac A. may agree on dividing. I also give James C. Wright the following Negroes to wit Sam & Rachel.

I give and bequeath to my son Robert Cunningham Wright the use of the following property during his life and in case he dies I entreat that he shall have the right of disposing or transferring, and in case he shall it be liable for any of his debts or contracts, and after his death if he leave any bodily heirs such property with the income shall not go and belong to such bodily heirs as he may have living, and in case he should not leave any bodily heirs, the whole of such property with the income shall revert back to, and be equally divided amongst my heirs or the heirs of each of them as may be living, to wit, the parol of living or the tract of land that I have heretofore allotted to my wife his only being such features as she may designate to him during his life or widowhood. These said lands to be his on the above conditions. I give and bequeath to my son H. C. Wright the following Negroes on the same conditions as above specified, to wit, Agnes, Bridget and one girl Salabine, and all the other property he may acquire from my estate.

I give and bequeath to my son William Cunningham Wright the following Negroes to wit, one single woman named Smith and her child Anne; I give and bequeath to my Grandson James A. August Wright heretofore called John where he is

twenty one years old which is to remain in my Executors hands without interest up to that time, and in case he should die previous to his coming of age said eight hundred and dollar shall remain and be equally distributed among my heirs.

I further give and bequeath my rifle gun and Powder horn to my son W. C. Wright, The balance of my property both real and personal which is not disposed of in this will after my death to be sold and equally distributed among my sons Isaac A. J. C. H. C. & W. C. Wright.

I appoint my two sons Isaac Alexander and James Churchill Wright Executors of this my last will and testament. I entreat them with full power to act as aforesaid, No duty required.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this seventh day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty two.

Witness James C. Pullen

Michael McDermott

John A. Thomas

Alena Wright Seal

State of Tennessee, DePue County Court.

February Term 1852. The foregoing paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Alexander Wright died late of this County was this day produced in open court by James Alex Wright, and James Churchill Wright the Executors thereof named, and the executors thereof duly sworn according to law by the oath of M. McDermott James C. Pullen and John A. Thomas and the undersigned witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And therefore the said James A. and J. C. Wright appeared in open court and signed oaths, and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000. conditioned according to law. (Since will providing that no security should be required of them) and were duly qualified as Executors by taking the oath prescribed by law, and it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to them.

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of February 1852.

J. A. Mansford. Clerk

Joseph Merchants Will 1854

I Joseph Merchant do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and suching void all other wills by at any time made.

First, I desire that my personal estate be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I

may also possess of or may first come into the hands of my executor.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my brother John, George, and William Cunningham Mershman, and my sister Mary Tracy and Sarah Myers or their heirs forever the sum of four dollars each.

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my brother James C. Marshland all the monies of my property (monies or effects in the hands of my father William Mershman of Tennessee County Ohio, or his representatives) - I further bequeath to said brother James C. Marshland all the interest I have to a certain house for a lot of land in the City of Memphis, situated by John A. Brown of Shelby County Tennessee to Joseph Mershman.

Lastly I do, nominate and appoint my brother James C. Marshland my executor, and further request the County Court of Septon County not to require security of said James C. Marshland as Executor of my will.

I do witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 2nd day of March 1852.

Test: J. M. Owen

Effie Owen

State of Tennessee Septon County Court

May Term 1852.

This within paper certifying purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joseph Mershman late of this County, was this day presented to Court by James C. Marshland the Executor thereof named and duly sworn according to law by the oath of Isaac M. Owen and Effie Owen the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and thereupon the said James C. Marshland came into open Court and signed under and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000 conditioned according to law (said will making provision that no security should be required of said Executor) and said bond being approved of, was received and ordered to be recorded and the said J. C. Marshland was duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath prescribed by law, and it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him in pursuance to law.

Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of May A.D. 1852.

J. R. Mumford Clerk

Elizabeth Edwards will. #105

I Elizabeth Edwards of Septon County State of Tennessee, of sound mind, but feeble body do hereby certify that and appoint this my last will and Testament.

Item 1st I will and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Pryor Elizabeth Henson, Sally Pitts, Joseph Henson, Lucy Ann Matthews the sum of fifty dollars a piece, provided they relinquish all

claims against the estate of Daniel B. Edwards dead.

Item 2nd

It is my will and desire my executor ^{Richard B. Edwards} pay the above legacies in quarterly payments paying first to Rebecca Pryor and then in twelve months afterwards to Elizabeth Henson and continue on down to the youngest.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Elizabeth Jeffries the sum of one hundred dollars provided she comes and lives with me.

Item 4th I will and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Pryor my negro man Billy in the State of Virginia Cumberland City.

Item 5th I will and bequeath to my son Richard B. Edwards all the rest of my property including negroes and land also all household and kitchen furniture stock of every description &c. &c.

Item 6th I appoint my ^{son} Richard B. Edwards as my executor to this my last will and testament (without security) in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 2nd day of July 1847.

Signed & sealed in the presence of

Benj. Henson

Robert Roane

Elizabeth Edwards

State of Tennessee Septon County Court

May Term 1852. This within paper certifying purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Edwards deceased late of this County and this day produced in open Court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oath of Benj. Henson and Robert Roane the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And thereupon Richard B. Edwards the Executor therein named appeared in open Court and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$2500 conditioned according to law (said will providing that no security should be required of him) and was duly qualified as executor by taking the oath prescribed by law & it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him in pursuance of law. Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of May A.D. 1852.

R. R. Mumford Clerk

Henry Toboock's Will. #106

Be it remembered that I Henry Toboock of the County of Septon and State of Tennessee being aware in body though in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills by me formerly made at any time.

1st I will and bequeath to the heirs of my son Jefferson now deceased my negro woman Sylvia and her child Alexander.

2nd I will and bequeath to my son Middleton N. Toboock my negro girl Mary who he has now in his possession.

3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth S. Sullivan my negro girl Mariah.

4th I will and bequeath to my son William Toboock my negro girl Harriet.

I will that all my Minor Childrens shall receive at least
a good English Education expenses of which shall be paid

from the proceeds of the same no left more the control of my wife. I also will that each of my minor children shall receive, as each of my other children have done, and that it shall not be considered as a part of their equal shares of my estate, a house worth at least sixty dollars, or another worth not more than 12 dollars. I also will and direct that from the proceeds of the personal property first paid to me, those of my children who have not received any part of my estate & those who have received but little shall have equal in the amount of property they shall receive to those of my children who have received more.

I will that my Ridge tract of land on which said Chapel and Church is situated shall be sold whenever the trustees who I live in will be sold either at public or private sale according to the direction of my Executors hereinafter. I will and direct that two acres of the same tract of land including the school house, Church & Spring nearest to the Church shall be reserved and laid off for the perpetual use of the Church and School. Further it is my will that whatever I have bequeathed to my wife as above at her death or marriage it shall be equally divided amongst my heirs except said Alexander and son, or one of my eldest son Gustav W. Merrill. It is my will that I give to my wife the full and complete disposal of my personal property at her death.

It is further to be understood that it is my will that when the true owners as above stated for the sale of my land if my wife should be unwilling to leave the plantation and remove to my tract of land in Lipton County Tennessee then the sale of my land that I now live on shall be postponed & my wife may continue where she is. I will to my two youngest sons Ebenezer Sydney, and Joseph besides my tract of land lying in Lipton County Tennessee to be equally divided between them at its value; but when they arrive at the age of twenty one, and should think proper not taking it at value they shall not be bound so to do; then my Executors may put it to sale either public or private as may seem most advantageous; but if my wife should be living on it at that time she shall have the control of it during her life. Further I will that if I should depart this life in the spring season, my will is that all the lands now in the plantation until the crop is made and gathered, and the proceeds thereof shall be for the use of the family on the plantation, as well as all the provisions that may be necessary at the time of my death.

I will that dollars to Davidson College N.C. for the establishment of a professorship.
I do hereby appoint & declare my worthy friend Alexander

McBride and my two sons Henry W. Merrill & Richard E. Merrill to execute this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 19th of March 1841.

Signed in the presence of us
James H. Merrill
Wm. J. McPherson

James Merrill (Seal)

Witness Henry W. Merrill & Richard E. Merrill

All subscribing before signing.

North Carolina

I Robert Williamson Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Sessions for the County of Lincoln in said State, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and perfect copy of the last will and Testament of said Merrill dec'd, which was duly proved and admitted to record at the June Session 1841 of said Court, and is now on file in my office.



Witness under my hand and the seal of said Court at office, this 14th day of March, 1852.

Robert Williamson Clerk

State of North Carolina

Lincoln County } I do hereby certify that Robert Williamson is the Clerk of the Court for the County of Lincoln, Lincoln County North Carolina March 14th 1852.

Allen Alexander (Seal)

State of Tennessee Lipton County Court

April Term 1852. } The foregoing, "true and perfect copy of the last will and Testament of said Merrill dec'd late of the County of Lincoln State of North Carolina was this day produced in open Court, by H. W. & R. E. Merrill the Executors thereof named, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said will has been duly proved and admitted to record in said County of Lincoln; It is therefore ordered by the Court that said copy be filed and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of this County; and thereupon the said H. W. & R. E. Merrill entered into bond in the penalty of \$10,000 with J. B. Hull & J. E. Merrill as their securities and were duly sworn & qualified as Executors as aforesaid.

Witness my hand at office this 5th day of April 1852.

R. H. Merrill Clerk

Richard J. Brink's Will: #108

We George W. Merrill and William A. Colburn do state that the Amended Will of Richard Gayle Brink was made by him on the 15th day of May 1852 in our presence to which

we were abundantly assured to have ratings by the hostler himself in the presence of each other, that it was made in his last speech in his own habitation & dwelling house - and the same is as follows, to wit, It was his will and desire that his effects should be disposed of after his decease in the following manner - first

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all that I possess with
out money during his widowhood, at his decease or death
I will that it shall be equally divided among my children.

Made out by us and signed this the 17th day of May 1852

State of Tennessee Superior County Court
July Term 1850

G. W. Prinnell
W. A. Colburn

The above paper containing signatures by Geo. W. Pennell and William A. Belmonte purporting to be the Incorporation will of Richman & Thos. de la Torre of this County is, in substance, as open court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Martin A. Thos. indeed of the said N. J. Thos. has notice that said instrument would this day be presented to court for probate, the same was duly proven according to law by the oaths of said Geo. W. Pennell and W. A. Belmonte and ordered to be accepted and established as the Incorporation will of the said N. J. Thos.

Witness my hand at office this 5th day of July 1882 -

J. B. H. Munford Clerk

William Allen's Will!!⁷ 109

State of Tennessee Deputes County.

I, William B. Allen do make and publish
this my Last Will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling
all other wills by me at any time made -

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

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my wife Betsey H. a Negro woman (Anny) to have and hold absolutely - I also give the use of the farms on which I now live, with the necessary farming tools, horses & stock, harnesses and kitchen furniture for the purpose of supporting and rearing the family (The quantity necessary, to be determined by the Executor) until my son John shall attain the age of twenty one years the recontornance and education of the minor children thereof) with this proviso, that my daughter Mary A. & Sarah C. shall each have a good bed, bedstead & furniture, box & trunk & saddle & bridle - There after my son

John's arrival at the age of twenty one, I give and bequeath the same plantation to him & my younger son William, their heirs and assigns forever, they being bound for the maintenance of their mother during her natural life time or widowhood and if she marry I give her absolutely two beds & furniture & a barrow & horse saddle & bridle worth the sum of five dollars & a good cow and calf all the surplus property produce to be disposed of by the executor & brought into the estate as other funds &c.

Thirde I direct that the kinde shall remain on the farm
untill the end of the present year, and afterwards my man
more serve shall remain on the farm one year longer &
at the end of the above named terms the success to be him
out &c

Monthly, I give to my eldest daughter Dorcas a month's part
of the maintenance of my estate including a bed & furniture \$50.00
Bryan Saddler & Knolls, Govt & self. one nigro one nigro girl
\$10.00 \$10.00 \$10.00
James Michael \$533.00 in all \$1000 hundred & seventy two dollars, \$1000 100
his hands

Gifts. I give to my daughter Jane M^r (a b^y & unmarried
widow, single, 60yrs old) in all \$7500 no less preference to be
included ^{\$1200} a sum^{\$1200} part of my estate, or child's part (i.e. the
above last annuity is to be included a negro girl Madel affor.
no smoking in all \$9750 net).

So monthly I give to my eldest son Andrew A cow worth
of my estate as a child's gift, (including - a cow & calf, a bull
& furniture, harness, saddles & bridle, bush funds for horses no all ^{\$1000} 2550
which he has received) ^{\$2500} ^{\$1000.00} ^{\$2500.00}

Secondly, I give to my 3^d daughter Mary A. one seventh part of my estate (including a negro girl (Hannah) aged eight years, now in my possession) at \$350.00. The land & furniture & cow & half & saddle & bridle before named is to be included in this sum.

Eightiethy, I give my 4th daughter Sarah E. a seventh part
of my estate, in child's part, including a negro girl aged two
years named Ann now in my possession at \$350.00 with
the best furniture cow & calf, saddle & bridle now owned to
be included.

Spently I give my own gold, one seventh part of my estate -

Finally, I give my son William one fourth part
of my estate -

humbly recommend & appoint
my executor, to be the said

In return which I do to this my well out my hand
and bid this 9th day of May 1853 ~

^{his}
 Wm X Allen 
^{micro}

Signia infra and published in our power and we have sub-
-sides are signed herewith in the presence of the testator this 4th
of May 1832.

James E. Wallis
John Mcintosh

State of Tennessee Septimo County Court } This within paper was
August Term 1832 } being purporting to be the
last will and Testament of William Allen dec'd late of this County
was this day produced in open Court, and the execution there-
-of duly proved according to law by the oaths of James E. Wall-
-is and John Mcintosh the subscribing witnesses thereto and order-
-ed to be recorded. And William N. Mcbane was appointed
and qualified as Administrator with the will annexed of said Wm. Al-
-len dec'd, and entered into bond in the sum of \$1000 with
Geo. A. Mcbane & A. A. Allen as his securities.

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of August 1832.

R. B. Mumford Clerk

William A. Means Will: \$110

Jan 17th 1832

Thursday at 10: O'clock A.M.

Mr. William A. Means Statesman and agent, when the
fact was made known to him his situation, that he was
now to die - John, my brother I wish you to settle my
business - I have not time to write a will, but there is my
will here before Doct. Pickett, Ed. Dwyer & Mr. Sheets - I call
on you all to witness my will, I wish you John to
settle my business and pay all just debts which is but five
after my lawful expenses is paid the balance of my estate
to go to Mary so long as she remains a widow and if in
case she should marry, two thirds of the property to go to my
children or children.

John I wish you to take care of my family, see that
they are taken care of -

James Dwyer

State of Tennessee Septimo County Court

September Term 1832

W. J. Sheets

This above paper writing signed by Jas
Dwyer and Wm. J. Sheets bearing date 17th Jan 1832 purporting
to be the last and final will of Wm. A. Means dec'd late of this County
was this day presented for probate - and it appearing that the
signatures of said Wm. A. Means to attach and certify the same
if she thinks proper, the said Municipal Court will read thereupon
duly sworn according to law by the oaths of said Jas. Dwyer

and W. J. Sheets, and ordered to be recorded, and Geo. A. Means the
Executor thereof sworn into bond in the sum of \$1000.
with W. J. Sheets and J. Dwyer as his securities, and some duly qual-
-ified as before.

Witness my hand at office this 6th day of Sept. 1832.

R. B. Mumford Clerk

George Wescott's copy Will: #111

Be it Remembered that I George Wescott
of the City of Philadelphia Merchant being sick and low in body
but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make
and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner
following - I don't all my just debts to be paid and satis-
-fied as soon as convenient and for that purpose I do sur-
-charge and empower my Executors hereafter named and the
major or majors of them to sell and dispose of all
or any part of my real estate whatsoever and wherever and
make good title to the purchaser for the same in fee simple
dunmy heirs that the Messengers and lot of goods return
I now dwell in Market near eighth street may not be sold
unless it should be absolutely necessary for the payment of
my said debts.

I give and devise the said Messengers & Lot of Goods
with the appurtenances to my beloved Mother Patience Wescott
during her life and after her death to my Brother
Henry Wescott his heirs & assigns forever - I give my Gold
Watch to my Nephew George W. Hackley.

I give & devise to my Brother Robert Wescott his heirs and
assigns forever my one equal undivided moiety or half part
of a body of land in the State of Kentucky, the other moiety
whereof belongs to my brother - I give and bequeath to John
James now residing with Elisha McCarroll near Glasgow & to
Juliana Sancliff now residing in Race Street in this city
both of whom are in their minority, and to each of them
the sum of eight hundred dollars to be paid them as they
respectively come of age, and in the mean time to be secured
in such manner as my Executors shall think proper and
the said Robert Wescott as executor to make their support, maintenance
and education - I also give devise and bequeath to the said
John & Juliana their heirs & assigns forever equally to be conveyed
between them a tract of land in Northumberland County State
Mary, containing about three hundred acres, and if either
of them die childless and without lawful issue the whole
of the Property devised and bequeathed to them shall go to and

was in nature in the same line as her former business
& administrative forms,

I give them and bequeath all the residue and an
undivided of my estate and all personal to my mother my
three Robert and Henry, and for the use of my two daughters
Hochly and Patience West, and their married and respective
executors and administrators forever in equal proportions, the
one of my said two sisters to be sister in law to her by my
executors or the survivors or survivors of them for their sole
and separate use during their lives and for the use
of their respective children after their decease in such order
as shall be by my said executors deemed effectual and
advisable for that purpose.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my said dear Mother
Patience Westcott, my brothers Robert and Henry Westcott my
sons in law Thomas Hochly and my friend John Hollenbeck
of this city beampiller at law, executors of this my Will and
I revoke all other Wills, and declare this alone to be my true
and last will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
the fortieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and four.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the
Testator as for his last will & Testament in
the presence of us

Geo. Westcott Seal

Jacob Cox

Weyman Gatz

Philad Sept 20th 1804

Thus personally appeared Jacob Cox one of the witnesses to
the foregoing will, and on the 24th day of Oct 1804 personally
appeared Weyman Gatz the other witness to the said will and
oath did swear and say that they saw & heard George Westcott
the Testator sign and publish & declare the same as and for
his last will & Testament, and that at the doing thereof he
was of sound mind memory and understanding to the best
of their knowledge and belief.

Sworn.

Jp. Wainwright Dep. Secy.

The executors Patience Westcott Henry Westcott, Thomas Hochly & John
Hollenbeck sworn and affirmed, and Letters Testamentary granted
to them, dated Oct 24th 1804



City and County of Philadelphia ss.

I certify the foregoing writing to be a true copy
of the last will and Testament of Geo. Westcott de-
ceased, as also the probate thereof in the name

of our place and record in my office on the 24th day of Sept 1804
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In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal of office at Philadelphia the tenth day of September in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty
and of our Independence the thirty fifth.

Thos B. Bunting Register

Pennsylvania
Philadelphia City and County ss.

I Benjamin King, Esq. President of the first judicial dis-
trict of Pennsylvania, and Presiding Judge, of the Court of Common Pleas
Orphans Court, and Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace
for the City and County of Philadelphia do certify that Thomas
B. Bunting, by whom the above named record, certificate and attesta-
tion were made and given, and who is his own proper law-
yer, having hereunto subscribed his name, and affirmed his offi-
cial seal, was at the time of so doing, and now is Register
for the Probate of Wills, and granting Letters of Administration
in and for the City and County of Philadelphia, is the common
Council of Pennsylvania, duly sworn, qualified and qualified, to
all other acts as such, full faith and credit are and ought
to be given as well in Courts of Judicature as otherwise, and that
the said record certificate and attestation are in due form and
made by the proper officer.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the tenth
day of September eight hundred and fifty (1850)

Benjamin King Presiding Judge

Philadelphia City and County ss.

I James Vineyard Esquire Prothonotary of the Court of
Common Pleas for the City & County of Philadelphia, do certify, that
the Honorable Benjamin King, Esq. by whom the foregoing attestation
was made, and who has hereunto subscribed his name, was
at the time of making thereof, and still is, President of the first
Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and Presiding Judge of the Court
of Common Pleas, Orphans Court and Court of General Quarter Sessions
of the Peace for the City and County of Philadelphia, duly sworn
and sworn, to all other acts as such, full faith and credit
are and ought to be given as well in Courts of Judicature
as otherwise.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affirmed the seal of said Court, the eleventh
day of September eight hundred and fifty (1850)

James Vineyard Prothonotary

State of Tennessee Supreme Court.

September Term 1852

The within "certificat copy" of the last will and Testament of George Wescott died of the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, was this day produced and read before me, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that said will had been duly proved, in said City of Philadelphia, according to the laws of this State, and that said copy is duly and regularly certified, according to the Act of Congress to admit the same to be used as evidence in the Courts of this State, it is therefore ordered by the Court that the said copy be admitted to record in the County Court Clerk's office of this County, as "other wills."

Witness my hand at office this 6th day of September 1852.

R. H. Winford Clerk

Patience Wescott's Copy Will: \$112

Be it remembered that I, Patience Wescott of the City of Philadelphia, widow, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, but being advanced in years and considering the uncertainty of life, do after the most serious deliberations, and mature reflections, make and declare this my last will and Testament, which is the result of my own judgment unassisted by any other person or persons whatsoever in manner and form following, that is to say—

I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be fully paid as soon as convenient by my Executors hereinafter named. And I empower them, the survivors and survivor of them, to sell all or any part of any real estate whatsoever or wherever, at such time and in such manner as they or he may think expedient either by public or private sale, and to execute and in due form of law deliver and acknowledge good and sufficient deeds to the purchasers, so as to vest in them the title thereto in the simplest manner.

I give devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary Hoehly during her life, one equal third part of all my estate real personal and mixed whatsoever and wherever (except as herein after directed) and after her decease to and for the use of her four children George Wescott Hoehly, Thomas Hoehly, John Hoehly, and William H. Hoehly, their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common.

I give and bequeath to my said daughter Mary Hoehly a few Seth, consisting of a silver Tea Pot, brass sugar dish, iron basin, pot, and half of my remaining apparel besides a Mahogany Bureau which belongs to my sister Elizabeth Hoehly

and the watch which belongs to my late husband.

I give devise and bequeath all the right title and interest which my said Robert Wescott had in and to the real estate of his father George Wescott deceased, and which he (by his attorney John Halliwell Esquire) conveyed to me by Indenture dated the second day of October one thousand eight hundred and seven unto my former Thomas C. Wheaton and my grand son George Wescott Hoehly their heirs and assigns forever, in trust to and for the only proper use and behoof of Catharine W. Wescott wife of my said son Robert Wescott during her life, and after her decease for the use of all and every the children of my said son Robert Wescott their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common.

I give devise and bequeath one equal third part of all my estate real and personal and mixed whatsoever and wherever unto the said Thomas C. Wheaton and George Wescott Hoehly their heirs and assigns forever, in trust to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Catharine W. Wescott during her life and after her decease for the use of all and every the children of my said son Robert Wescott. Their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common. And I do hereby authorize and empower the said Thomas C. Wheaton and George Wescott Hoehly or the survivors of them with the consent of my said son Robert Wescott to sell the same ~~whenever~~ ^{whenever} it may be deemed expedient and insert the ^{proceeds} sale in some secure and productive fund.

I give devise and bequeath all judgments and other debts due and owing and to become due from my said son Robert Wescott, to me, unto the said Thomas C. Wheaton and George Wescott Hoehly their heirs and assigns forever, in trust to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Catharine W. Wescott during her life, and after her decease for the use of all and every the children of my said son Robert Wescott their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common.

I give and bequeath all my household and kitchen furniture of every description, silver, brass, Plate and every apparel (except as herein before directed and bequeathed) as may be left by me in my dwelling or elsewhere at my decease to the said Thomas C. Wheaton and George Wescott Hoehly, their Executors administrators and assigns in trust to and for the use and behoof of my said daughter in Law Catharine W. Wescott wife of my said son Robert Wescott and their children.

I give devise and bequeath the remaining one equal third part of all my estate real personal

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will receive whatever and whenever (except as herein before devised) unto my friend Alexander Hampton his heirs and assigns forever in trust to & for the maintenance and education of the sons of my late Daughter Patience Hunt their heirs executors administrators and assigns forever as tenants in common on this express condition. To Wit That the principal sum or amount to which each of the sons of my late Daughter Patience Hunt are entitled by virtue of this my last will and testament on their arriving at the age of twenty one years shall not be paid to him or them until the youngest son of my said Daughter Patience Hunt shall have attained the age of twenty one years unless my said Executors hereinafter named should in their discretion deem it expedient for the advancement and prosperity of either of the said sons of my said late Daughter Patience Hunt to pay the same or any part thereof to him them or either of them before the said youngest son of my said late Daughter Patience Hunt shall have attained the age of twenty one years and if my said Executors hereinafter named do & shall in their discretion deem the same proper and expedient I do hereby authorize and empower them so to do and I submit to the discretion of my said Executors hereinafter named or a majority of them or the survivor of them to select for each of them at the proper times as they may occur with the advice and consent of their Father some decent trade occupation or Profession to which they may be put apprentices and which I recommend to my said Grandsons respectively to adopt and I appoint my said Executors hereinafter named Guardians of my said Grandsons the children of my said late Daughter Patience Hunt so far as respects the property devised and bequeathed to them by this will --

I nominate constitute and appoint my son Robert Wescott my grand son George Wescott Hookley and my friends Thomas L Wharton and Alexander Hampton Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills and codicils by me heretofore made and declare this only to be my true and last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Philadelphia the sixth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty --

Signed sealed published and Declared as her last Will and Testament by Patience Wescott in our presence and in the presence of one another subscribed the same as Witnesses the day of the date thereof --

Samuel Hairs (aff'd Oct 20th 1820)
William Hairs (Sw Oct 20th 1820)
John R Rogers (Sw Oct. 20th 1820)

Philadelphia October 20th 1820

Then personally appeared Samuel Hairs & John R Rogers and on the 24th day of October 1820 did personally appear William Hairs the witnesses to the above will and the two former on their solemn affirmation and the latter on his solemn oath according to law did depose and say that they did see & hear Patience Wescott the testatrix in the said Will granted sign and publish

& declare the same as if for her last Will & Testament and that at the doing thereof she was of sound mind memory & understanding to the best of their knowledge & belief
Edmund Rogers Dyke Register

Robert Wescott & George Wescott Hookley sworn the 24th day of October 1820 and Alexander Hampton sworn the 25th Oct 1820 & before Testamentary granted unto the

I The Subscriber hereby renounce my appointment as one of the Executors of the last will and Testament of Patience Wescott deceased dated May the 6th 1820 reserving my appointments as a trustee under the said will --
Philad^a Oct 20th 1820
T. L. Wharton



City and County of Philadelphia SS
I certify the foregoing writing to be a true copy of the last will and Testament of Patience Wescott deceased as also the probate thereof as remains filed and recorded in the Register Office in the City and County of Philadelphia No 7 Page 189 We.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal of Office at Philadelphia the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty And of our Independence the twenty fifth
Thos. L. Bunting
Register

Pennsylvania
Philadelphia City and County SS

I Edward King Esq President of the first judicial District of Pennsylvania and Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas Orphans Court and Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the City & County of Philadelphia do certify that Thomas L. Bunting by whom the annexed Record Certificate and Attestation were made and given and who in his own proper hand writing has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his Official Seal was at the time of so doing and now is Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Administration in and for the City & County of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania duly commissioned and qualified to all whose acts as such full faith and credit are and ought to be given as well in courts of judicature as therout and that the said Record Certificate and Attestation are in due form and made by the proper officer --

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand the eleventh day of September eight hundred and fifty --
Edward King
President Judge

Philadelphia City and County SS

I James Vining Esquire Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia do certify that the Honorable Edward King Esquire by whom the foregoing Attestation was made and who has thereto subscribed his name

was at the time of making thereof and still is President of the first judicial District of Pennsylvania and presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas Orphans Court and Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of Philadelphia duly commissioned and sworn to all whose acts as such full faith and credit are and ought to be given as well in Courts of Judicature as elsewhere.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court the eleventh day of September eighteen hundred and fifty (1852)

James Vineyard Prothonotary,

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

September Term 1852

"The within certified copy of the last Will and Testament of Patience Watson dec'd of the City of Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania was this day produced in open Court and its appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Will had been duly proven in said City of Philadelphia as required by the laws of this State and that said copy is duly and regularly certified according to the act of Congress to admit the same to be used as evidence in the Courts of this State. It is thereupon ordered by the Court that the said copy be admitted to record in the County Clerk's office of this County & other Wills."

Witness my hand at office this 6th day of September 1852

R. H. Mumford Clerk

Francis M. Smiths Will # 113

Hence all men by these presents that I Francis M. Smith being in my right mind do make this my last Will and Testament.

It is my wish that my brother James R. Smith shall become my Executor and as soon as practicable after my death to take charge of my business and in the first place to pay my funeral expenses. And in the second place to pay off all of my just debts. After this is done.

I bequeath to my mother Francis M. Smith all of my Estate with the exception of one horse and one hundred and fifty dollars. She hence my Executor is to sell and divide the proceeds equally between my brothers Thomas Smith and Alfred R. Smith my Executor is to retain the worth of the horse in his hands until they Thomas & Alfred become of age & then pay it over to them with interest.

The one hundred and fifty Dollars above mentioned I bequeath to my brother James R. Smith for the trouble that he may be in for settling up of my Estate. This the 4th day of Oct 1852 Signed and sealed in presence of William H. Biggs & J. L. Farnar
J. L. Farnar
J. L. Farnar

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

November Term 1852 The above paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Francis M. Smith dec'd late of this County was this day produced in open Court by Jas. R. Smith. The Executor therein named and was duly proven according to law by the oath of Jordan L. Farnar one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and the said J. R. Smith entered into bond in the penalty of \$1200 and was duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath prescribed by law.

Witness my hand at office this 1st day of November A.D. 1852
R. H. Mumford Clerk

Moses Starnes Will # 114

This my last Will and Testament
1st I bequeath my soul to him that giveth
2nd I want all my just debts paid
3rd I want my ^{two} youngest girls to have all my Hogs cows & calves & gray mare & saddle and the balance of the property to be equally divided between ^{my} Martha Rebecca Ann, Eliza Jane, Amanda, Mary Catherine Rutha, Savina, & Eliza Beth

This 15th 1852

Attest
Saml Reid
Rebecca Ann

Moses Starnes
mark

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

November Term 1852 The above paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Moses Starnes dec'd late of this County was this day presented in open Court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oath of Saml. Reid one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded and there being no executor named in said will Jas. Bellum was appointed administrator with the will annexed of said Moses Starnes & entered into bond in the penalty of \$1000 & was duly qualified as Administrator.

Witness my hand at office this first day of November A.D. 1852

R. H. Mumford Clerk

Copy #116
 Charles Robinson
 Hill

State of North Carolina
 Richmond County

In the name of God Amen

I Charles Robinson of the County aforesaid being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner & form following that is to say

First. I give my soul to God who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner and the burial and funeral expenses together with my just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing to be paid by Executors hereafter named out of the first moneys which, which may come to their hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item. I give to Charles Milton Vaughan and my adopted daughter Rachel Robinson one thousand dollars each to be paid them out of the moneys which may first come to hand.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Manning P. Robinson all my estate in this County consisting of lands Negroes. Horses. Cattle. Hogs Household & kitchen furniture & other things too tedious to mention together with all debts due me in this County to have & to hold to her use and benefit so long as she may live for during her widowhood and at her death or marriage the whole to be equally divided between my nephew William R. Vaughan and Charles Milton Vaughan and my adopted daughter aforesaid share & share alike.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my nephew William R. Vaughan a certain house & lot in the City of Mobile Ala which was sold by the Sheriff as the property of William Wyatt & conveyed by Deed from said Sheriff to me. Also I give & bequeath unto said William R. Vaughan the claims which I have against the said William Wyatt now in the hands of Messrs. V. & Co. of Montgomery Alabama for collection.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my nephew Charles Milton Vaughan six hundred dollars which I deposited with William Robinson of bounds County Alabama.

Item. I give and bequeath unto James Allen Vaughan Amelia Allen Ann Allen Sarah Ann Todd Vaughan and Lezardoch Vaughan children of James S. Vaughan of Henry County all of my right title and interest in two purchases of land in the Western District of Tennessee one lying in Henry County known by the name of Spring Barren and the other in Depton County known by the name of The Rye Patch share & share alike but the share of said Amelia Ann and Sarah to be secured to them and their children respectively so that it shall in no way be subject to the disposition of their husbands nor to be lien for their debts.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my nephew Charles Milton Vaughan the moneys of Five thousand dollars principle which I hold against James S. Vaughan and now in the hands of Francis A. Tully for adjustment lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Walter F. Beak, William R. Vaughan and James P. Beak my lawfull Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part thereof. Hereby revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

En witness whereof I the said Charles Robinson do hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th Day of April A D 1843.

Witness sealed published & declared by Charles Robinson
 The said Charles Robinson, to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us who at his request & in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto
 John B. Haight, D. P. McDonald

State of North Carolina
 Richmond County

Shew. The foregoing last will and Testament of Charles Robinson dec^d was proven in open Court by the oaths of John B. Haight and Daniel P. McDonald two subscribing witnesses thereto. William R. Vaughan Walter F. Beak & James P. Beak qualified as Executors to said will. Ordered to be Recorded, L. A. Nicholson C. C. C.

State of North Carolina
 Richmond County

I. Maledon S. Douglas Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County and keeper of the Records thereof do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy and Transcript of the last will and Testament of Charles Robinson dec^d and of the probate thereof as the same remains of Record on file in my office.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 11th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two and of American Independence the 77th.

M. S. Douglas C. C. C.

State of North Carolina
 Richmond County

I Walter F. Beak, Chairman and Presiding Magistrate of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Session of said County do hereby certify that Maledon S. Douglas whose attestation appears to the foregoing copy and Transcript of the last will and Testament of Charles Robinson deceased is Clerk of said County and keeper of the Records thereof and that his said attestation is in due form and by the proper officer. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of November A D 1852.

State of North Carolina
Richmond County 3rd of Malcolm M. Douglas Clerk of the
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County do hereby certify
That Walter G. Drake whose certificate to the official character and
attestation of the clerk of said Court appears above is the Chairman
and Presiding Magistrate of said County and that he is duly com-
-missioned & qualified as such

I am testifying whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal of
office this 17th day of November A.D. 1852 and of Ameri-
-can Independence the 77th

M. M. Douglas Clerk

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court 3rd
December Term 1852

This day came John W. Allen and
Amelia R. his wife, and presented to this Court a copy of the
-children of James M. Vaughan and presented to this Court a copy of the
-last will and Testament of Charles Robinson late of the County of Rich-
-mond in the State of North Carolina deceased duly as witnessed
-as required by law and asked this Court to have the same filed
-And it appearing to the Court ^{from the copy} aforesaid that the last Will and Testa-
-ment of the said Charles Robinson has been duly proved & recorded
according to the laws of the State of North Carolina & Tennessee in the Court of Pleas
& Quarter Sessions of Richmond County, State of North Carolina when
the said Charles Robinson ~~last~~ ^{from the copy} died and
that the said John W. Allen & Amelia R. his wife & their child-
-ren of James M. Vaughan are interested in said Will having
lands devised them therein situated in the County of Henry &
Tipton in the State of Tennessee. It is therefore ordered by this
Court that the copy of the last Will & Testament of the said
Charles Robinson be presented as aforesaid with the probate thereof
as authenticated ^{from the copy} be received & filed & recorded in this
Court & have the same effect as if the original Will had been
executed in this State and approved & allowed in this Court.

A true copy from the minutes of said Court. Witness my
hand at office this sixth day of December 1852

Robt. Munford Clerk

Jesse Haynie's Will &c 116

I Jesse Haynie of Tipton County Tennessee being
at this time very feeble and in a critical situation so far as regards
my health and bodily condition but of sound mind memory and
understanding and in view of the probability of my earthly existence do make and ordain this as my last Will and
Testament as follows to wit

It is my wish will and desire that my beloved wife

Mary Haynie shall have and hold after the payment of all my just
debts all the money property & estate of every kind & description both
real & personal that I may be possessed of to use manage & control
for the benefit of herself & our children in such manner as she in her
good sense and judgment may deem best for their interest during
her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage should
the latter event ever occur then the whole of the estate of every kind and
description I wish to be equally divided share & share alike between my
said wife and all of our children that may then be living or the leg-
-al offspring of such of them as may be dead The child or children of
such of them as may be dead to have the share that such deceased child-
-ren would have received if living

After such division take place should any of my said children die
leaving no child or children surviving them then I wish said child-
-ren's share to revert back and be divided as above amongst the other chil-
-dren or their legal offspring

In case that a division of the property should take place before
all the youngest children have received educations at least equal to the de-
-ceased ones or have had opportunities of doing so then it is my wish that they
or such of them as require it may have such additional amount
allowed to them as my executors hereinafter named may deem necessary
to make them all equal in their education it being my wish that all
my said children shall fare as near alike as practicable

I hereby give ^{to my said} executors or the survivor of them full power and author-
-ity without any application to Court for that purpose to sell and convey in
good & sufficient title my negro woman Ann either by private or public
sale as they may think best and use the proceeds of such sale in the payment of
my debts or pay over the same to my wife to be used as the father of
my estate

I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother Lewis Haynie
and my son in law Dr. Lafayette Will Executors of this my last Will
and Testament

I do witness whereof I do hereunto subscribe my hand and seal this
-second day of November A.D. 1852

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence 3rd J. Haynie

by the Testator the day & date above -
S. J. Slaughter, John W. Allen, Robt. Munford

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court 3rd
December Term 1852

The foregoing paper writing
purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Jesse Haynie deceased late of this
County was this day produced in open Court & duly proved according
to law by the oath of Robt. Munford one of the subscribing witnesses
therein & ordered to be filed for further probate And thereupon Lewis
Haynie and Lafayette Will the Executors therein named appeared
in open Court & entered into bond with Robt. Munford & John W. Allen as their securities

is in the penalty of \$10,000 and was duly qualified as witness
 & I ordered that before testimony be given to them
 Witness my hand at office this 6th Day of Decr 1852
 R. H. Munford Clerk

The within last Will & Testament of J. H. Haynie decd which was
 on yesterday proven by one witness who this day produced in open Court
 and duly proven according to law by the oath of J. H. Slaughter
 another of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded

Witness my hand at office this 7th day of December 1852

R. H. Munford Clerk

Joab Dehant's Will #117

Randolph's Defton Co Tenn

On or about the 18th Decr 1852 Joab Dehant being very low
 in health and under the apprehension of immediate death
 at the house of James Deneford (the same being his place of resi-
 dence) requested the undersigned to bear witness that he wished
 his property to go to his daughter Mary Deneford & her heirs
 after the payment of his debts & that James Deneford attend to
 the settling of his business & the carrying into effect his said
 wishes

We believe the said Joab Dehant was in his right mind
 at the time of his making this request & in every competent manner
 a will

Witness our hands this 20th Decr 1852

A. B. Dehant
 S. B. Dehant

State of Tennessee Defton County Court
 January Term 1853 The above instrument of
 writing signed by Saml. B. Dehant & A. B. Dehant & purpor-
 ting to be the nuncupative Will of Joab Dehant decd late of
 this County was this day presented to Court & the Court being
 satisfied that the heirs and next of kin of the said J. Dehant
 have due notice that said instrument would be presented for
 probate the same was thereupon duly proven by the oath of the
 said S. B. Dehant & A. B. Dehant as the said J. Dehant's Will
 & ordered to be recorded & Jas. Deneford the Executor therein named
 in said Will entered into bond in the penalty of \$2000 & was duly qu-
 alified as testr the

Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of January 1853

R. H. Munford Clerk

Joel Hopper's Will #113

October the 7th A.D. 1852

The last Will and Testament of Joel Hopper

Being now in my pre-
 sen mind and solely afflicted and not knowing how long I may
 remain in my proper sense I deem it necessary now to have
 committed writing this my last Will and Testament

First of all I bequeath my soul to God

Secondly My body to the Tomb And

Thirdly I will and bequeath to my loving wife Susanah

W. Hopper all that I have both real and personal estate
 consisting of Three hundred & fifty acres of land my pres-
 ent residence and homestead also Two negroes Miles a man
 aged thirty five or forty years one other man named Piten
 aged about thirty years together with all of my stock of horses
 cattle sheep hogs and poultry household and kitchen furniture
 farming tools & tools of all description that I have now I wish
 it to be well understood and remembered that I will and bequeath
 all that I have to my wife Susanah W. Hopper to do as she
 pleases with either to keep all or dispose of as she may please except
 the two negroes Miles & Piten they are both to sell on a credit of twelve
 months to the highest and best bidder and all money arising
 from the sale of Miles & Piten and my present crop of corn
 wheat & cotton I will and bequeath to my wife Susanah W. Hop-
 per after paying all of my just debts now be it remembered that the
 consideration for which the above property is given by me to my wife
 is that she has all of my lawful children that are not grown to raise
 and educate it being eight in number seven under my hand and
 seal this day and date above written

Signed sealed & pronounced in the

Jno. E. Kempfer
 James C. Addams
 Chas. B. Dehant

Joel Hopper

Seal

State of Tennessee Defton County Court

April Term 1853

The within paper writing pur-
 porting to be the last Will and Testament of Joel Hopper decd late
 of this County was this day presented in open Court and the execution
 thereof duly proven according to law by the oath of Saml. B. De-
 hant one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be enter-
 ed and filed for further probate

Witness my hand at office this 4th day of April 1853

R. H. Munford Clerk

State of Tennessee Defton County Court

May Term 1853

The within last Will
 & Testament of Joel Hopper decd late of this County (which

was at the last term of this court proved by one witness and
filed for further probate was this day ^{again} produced in open
court and the due execution thereof ^{proven} by the oath of
John F. Kemper ^{and} of the subscribing witnesses thereto
and ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of May 1853

R. H. Mumford Clerk

Charles A. Clements Will * 119

I Charles A. Clements being in my
sound mind do constitute this my last will and testament
to wit -

I will first that all ^{my debts} just be paid out of any money I may
have.

Secondly, I will unto my wife all the property I have both real and
personal for and during her natural life under the following
provisions.

First - It is my will that she shall have all of my
estate during her widowhood and if she should marry I will
my estate ^{shall} be divided into three equal parts she to take one third
and the remainder I bequeath to my child with which she is
now united.

Secondly, If she should marry the child being dead
it is then my will that all my estate be divided into two equal
parts my wife to take one half and the other half to go to my
brother & sisters or their heirs if ^{my wife} should live and die a
widow it is then my will that all my ^{estate} at her death the child being
dead shall return to my brother and sister or their heirs but
if the child be living it shall live it all my wife having the power
to make some small legacies that shall not materially affect the value
of the estate.

It is also my will and testament that if my wife
should marry my child being alive a guardian shall be appointed
for it who shall in no case be its step father.

Lastly -

I constitute my wife my sole executrix without being
required to give security. In witness whereof I set my hand and affix
my seal this 22nd of November 1852.

Witnesses

A. D. Clement

S. W. Malone

Charles A. Clement (Seal)

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
May Term 1853 The foregoing paper writing pur-
-porting to be the last will and testament of Charles A. Clement dec-
-late of this County was this day produced in open court and the due
execution thereof proven according to law by the oath of S. W. Malone
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto & filed for further probate.

And the executor therein named having refused to qualify as
such and requesting that S. W. Malone should be appointed adminis-
-trator with the will annexed. he was thereupon appointed as said
Adm^r and entered into bond with E. C. Smith & A. D. Clement at
his securities in the penalty of \$16,000 and was duly qualified
as Adm^r &c.

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of May 1853

R. H. Mumford Clerk

Peter Owens Will # 120

We Ephraim Gop & James Maloy do state that the
nuncupative Will of Peter Owens was made by him on the first day
of May 1853 in our presence to which we were specially required to
bear witness by the testator himself in presence of each other that it was
made in his last sickness in the house of Obadiah Myers where he
had resided for three years at least, And the same is as follows to wit
It was his will & desire that his effects should be disposed of after his
decease in the following manner -

First - That my sister Sarah Myers ^{shall} be well paid for washing sewing
and cooking for me for the last twelve years.

Second - That all my Estate both real & personal shall be equally
divided between my father Efford Owen my brother Alfred B. Owen
and my sister Sarah Myers share & share alike.

Made and signed this 13 day of May A. D. 1853

Ephraim Gop (Seal)
James O. Maloy (Seal)

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
June Term 1853 The above paper writing signed
by Ephraim Gop & J. O. Maloy purporting to be the nuncupative will
of Peter Owens dec^d late of this County was this day presented for pro-
-bate & was duly proven according to law by oaths of the said Eph^r
& J. O. Maloy & ordered to be fully established and recorded as the
nuncupative will of the said P. Owens there being no executor nam-
-ed in said will on motion Alfred Owen & Obadiah Myers were ap-
-pointed administrators with the will annexed of the said Peter

Owen and entered into bond with E. Owen & John Smith as their securities in the penalty of \$1600. and were duly qualified as Admins And it was ordered that letters of administration be issued to them.

Witness my hand at office this 6th day of June

Re. H. Munford Clerk

John R. McEnright's Will #121

In the name of God Amen I John R. McEnright of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory & considering the uncertainty of this frail & transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare to be my last Will & Testament. That is to say—

First—

After^{all} my lawfull debts are are discharged The residue of my estate real & personal I give bequeath & dispose of as follows to wit—

To my beloved wife all my estate both real & personal during her natural life except Caroline a servant girl I give her to my Granddaughter Margaret Ann McNeill, and with this provision that she shall give off to each child as they become of about as much property as has been given off to those that have been married off (which has been valued by myself at five hundred and fifty dollars to each) until the youngest gets his share & provided also that my estate shall be so valued & divided as to let my three have the land, to wit. John R. Samuel & O'burn R. & so as to make the hundred acres that John R. now owns, and after the death of my said wife the balance of my estate to be equally divided amongst my three share & share alike—

Likewise I make constitute & appoint my wife Margaret & my son John R. to be executors of this ^{my} last will & testament here looking & making void all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I hereunto subscribe my name & affix my seal this the twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty three—

Executed in presence of us

J. W. Boyd W. C. Elmore
B. B. Miller

John R. McEnright Seal

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

September Term 1853 The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of John R. McEnright dec'd late of this County was this day produced in open Court & the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oaths of J. W. Boyd B. B. Miller & W. C. Elmore The subscribing witnesses thereto and

and to be recorded And Margaret McEnright & John R. McEnright the Executors therein named with My Strong Ro. McNeill & Re Miller as their securities entered into bond in the penalty of \$25,000 conditioned according to law & were duly qualified as executors.

Witness my hand at office this 5th day of September 1853

Re. H. Munford Clerk

Sheldon Lemmons Will #122

I Sheldon Lemmons being in feeble health but of sound mind and memory do make the following disposition of my property—

1st I direct all my just debts to be paid—

2nd To my daughter Sarah I give the following Negroes Wreny Julius and Betty

3rd To my son Robert the Negroes Mira George Pink and Rebecca

4th To my son James the Negroes Leinda Jeff Em Jane & Henry—

5th I direct my farm to be sold also my stock, produce farming utensils, household and kitchen furniture and the proceeds to be divided between Sarah Robert and James I do authorize my Executors to use the above property as they may think proper for the Education of my sons I appoint James J. Hall their Executor—

I do appoint Jesse D. Hall John H. Hall Executors of this my last Will and Testament—

Given under my hand and seal this 28th Nov 1850

Witness my hand & Seal

Sheldon Lemmons

Signed & Sealed in presence of

Jas. A. McHenry
J. E. Sherrill Re. H. Tyler

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

October Term 1853 The within paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Sheldon Lemmons dec'd late of this County was this day produced in open Court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oaths of James A. McHenry & Re. H. Tyler two of the subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. And Jesse D. Hall one of the Executors named in said will appearing in open Court and