

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. Elmon
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. Elmon The subscribing witnesses thereto and

and to be recorded And Margaret McEnright & John R. McEnright the Executors therein named with J. W. Boyd R. M. Bell & B. 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 Wrenny 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

J. A. McHenry
J. E. Sherrill R. S. 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— one 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 & R. S. 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

renouncing his intention or right to qualify as said lawyer John McCall the other Executor therein named entered into bond with J. W. Keall & J. M. Town as his securities in the sum of \$10,000 conditioned according to law & was duly qualified ~~and~~ by taking the oath prescribed by law and it was ordered that ~~the~~ Letters Testamentary be issued to him.

Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of October A.D. 1853

R. H. Munford Clerk

James M. Carrothers Will #123

I James M. Barstow do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby making void all other by me at any time made,
Signed,

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

Secondly -

I give and bequath to my wife Emeline E. Barnsthorpe
entire estate both real and personal ^{property} whereto she has and accounts
during her natural life or widowhood if the E. E. Barnsthorpe show
many again then in such case the property to be equally divided be-
ween her and all my children but if she live my widow she is
have full possession of the same for the education and raising of my
children and use the same in the best way and manner that she
may think best for the comfort ^{& happiness} of her and my children and at her
death to be divided equally between her ~~and~~ my children as the law
may direct - ^{nominat.}

I do hereby, appoint Emiline C. Carothers my widow - my co-
-editor and do not require of her security for the carrying out and fulfil-
-ment of this my last will -

In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal
This 29th day of March 1847.

Signed sealed in our presence and we
have subscribed our names hereto in presence
of the Testator This 29th day of March 1849

Wm. A. Milson J. W. Leavorth
Acknowledged before me The 14 August 185

Joseph Baird

Joseph Baird

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court.
December Term 1853. } The within paper writing purporting
to be the last Will and Testament of James W. Barrothers died late of
this County was this day produced in open court and the execution
thereof duly proven according to law by the oaths of Thos. Barrothers
and Joseph Baird two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered
to be recorded, and Emeline E. Barrothers the executrix named and
appointed in said Will came into 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 her) which
said said bond was received and approved of and the said E. E. Barrothers
was duly qualified as Exor. by taking the oath, prescribed by law
and it is ordered that letters Testamentary be issued to her. —
Witness my hand at office this 5th day of December A.D. 1853.

Witness my hand at office This 5th day of December A.D. 1853.

Re. H. Munford Clerk,

James Williams Will #124

The undersigned do certify that we were called to witness the last Will and Testament of James William^{son} deceased. He stated that he wanted all of his property sold, he sold on a credit of twelve months all of his debts paid and the balance of the money if there should be any to be paid over to his wife to do as she pleased with so long as she lived and at her death to be equally divided among his children. This will was made at James Williams house on the 20 day of February 1853 and committed to writing by G. D. Dickert. We further state that James Williams appointed R. H. Greenford clerk of the County Court his Executor to execute and carry out this his last Will. Sell all his property pay all his debts and do all things necessary to the settling up of all his business.

Saml. B. Dehart
S. Clements

State of Tennessee County Court.
March Term 1853. The above paper vending purpor-
-ing to be the Nuncupative Will of James Williams Dec^d late of this cou-
nty was produced in open court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the
Court that the widow of the sd J Williams dies no^{te} that the same would
be offered for probate ^{the day} thereupon the said paper was duly proven according
to law by the oaths of E B Dehart and same elements and ordered to
be established and recorded as the nuncupative Will of said Jas Williams.
And R H Munford the Cor^{or} named in said Will having in open
Court renounced his intention to qualify as such, same elements was or-
dained appointed same withⁱⁿ the will annexed of said J Williams +
with E B Dehart as his securities entered into bonds in the penalty of
\$1000 conditional according to law and was duly qualified as solemn
Witness my hand at office this 7th day of March 1853
R H Munford Clerk

Witness my hand at Office this 7th day of March 1853

R. H. Mumford Clarke

James Miller's Will # 125

I James Miller being of sound mind and disposing memory and mindful of the uncertainty of life do make this my last Will and Testament nothing and making void all Wills that I may have made previous to this time.

First - I direct that my Executors shall pay my funeral expenses and all other debts out of monies of which I may die possessed of or that may first come into their hands -

Second - I bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella the following property to be held and used by her during her natural life so that the tract of land upon which I now reside containing about Two Hundred and sixty acres together with the kitchen furniture and so much of the household furniture as my executors may in their discretion deem sufficient for her use also two cows and calves such as my wife may choose also the mare that she usually rides named Mill as much of the corn and other provisions as may be necessary to keep up the farm during the year of my decease also six of my hogs such as my wife may choose my executors are directed also to pay to my wife shortly after my decease the sum of fifty Dollars the above property of a personal nature to rest & be held by my wife Isabella absolutely to be used and disposed of as she may like.

Third - I give and bequeath to my son John B. Miller my tract of land known as the Peckham tract containing 66 acres and situated near the North East corner of the tract on which I now reside also the sum of Four Hundred Dollars, Two Hundred of which sum is to be paid by the first of October next should my decease take place before that time and two hundred Dollars to be paid by my executors to my son John on the first of October 1853. said sum being designed as the means of completing his college education.

Fourth - I give and bequeath to my daughters Jane Miller Isabella Miller & Eliza Miller fifty acres each of the tract of land on which I now reside and the residue I give to my son James B. Miller so that tract of land to be divided in this proportion of value to my three daughters and son and vest after the death of my wife. The portions herein mentioned to my children John, James B. son Isabella and Eliza I give and bequeath to them to vest absolutely after the death of my wife and should either of my said children die without children or before becoming of age his or their portion shall descend to the survivor of said children then their heirs forever and in partition of said tract between my said children I wish it so divided that my son J. B. Miller's portion may embrace the mansion house.

Fifthly - I give to my Daughter Rosa Weidpatrick negro Boy Edna provided she may choose to take him as Two hundred Dollars of her portion.

Sixthly - The remainder of my property consisting of negroes horses cattle hogs sheep & household furniture farming utensils and such other of my property as has not or may not be granted my executors

are directed to sell after my death and the proceeds to be distributed in this way to wit - Three Dollars (being one hundred Dollars each) to my three daughters Jane Isabella and Eliza and the remainder of said proceeds to be divided between Rosa Weidpatrick Martha Hannah Margaret Smith my three eldest daughters to be equally divided between them.

Seventhly - I give to each of my unmarried children one furnished bed & bedstead I further give my wife Isabella her choice of one of the beds with bedstead & completely furnished.

Eighthly - I give to my son James B. Miller the horse he usually rides called Dash.

Ninthly - The portion I have above bequeathed to my daughter Martha Hannah I intend solely for her use and the use of her heirs & it is my wish that Thos. D. Weidpatrick my executor as her trustee not permit the principal to be consumed without necessity.

Tenthly - I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas D. Weidpatrick and John B. Miller my Executors.

In witness whereof I do to this my last at my hand and affix my seal this 6th day of June in the year of our Lord 1857.

Signed sealed and put to seal in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto James Miller

in the presence of the testator this 6th day of June in the year of our Lord 1857

James B. Hall
Wm Humphrey, W. B. Bates

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
January Term 1857

The within paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Jas Miller dec'd late of this County was this day produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oath of J. B. Hall one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be filed for further probate.

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of January 1854

R. H. Keenford Clerk

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

February Term 1854 The within last Will and Testament of James Miller which was proven by one witness at the last term of this Court and filed for further probate was again this day produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oath of W. B. Bates the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 6th day of February A.D. 1854

R. H. Keenford Clerk

George E. Brown's Will # 126

I George E. Brown of Tipton County and State of Georgia being advanced in years and at this time in feeble health but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, do make, ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows—

It is my will wish and desire that my Executors hereinafter named and appointed proceed to pay off all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as convenient after my death out of any money that may come into their hands or from the proceeds of the sale of my household furniture and such surplus stock or property as may not be needed to keep up the farm under an agreement entered into between myself and Benj F Rutherford—

It is further my will and I do direct that should I die before the tract of land on which I now reside purchased of Wm C Hagen by myself and Benj F Rutherford is fully paid for that the said farm all my negroes the necessary horses, mules, stock, farming and other implements be kept together and remain under the control of the said B F Rutherford agreeably to the provisions and on the conditions specified in an agreement entered into between us for the purpose of paying for said land from the products of said farm and the proceeds of the joint labor of our hands on said farm—

I give to my daughter Nancy Cotton widow of Henry Cotton for and during her natural life the use of my negro boy Abram together with fifty acres of my land of the tract above named to be so laid off at the time of the division of said land herein provided for, as to give her a portion each of cleared and woodland with water and a good building site if it can be done without serious injury to the balance of the tract and so as to afford and provide for her a comfortable home during her life and at her death to go to the heirs of her body equally should she have any living, and should she die without living bodily issue then to be disposed of as herein after provided for—

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth Jones Rutherford my negro girl Nima aged about ten years my single piece of Bedstead, and my kilt Watch to her and her heirs forever—

I direct that all the remainder of my property both real personal money and effects of every kind and description whatever remaining or remaining on hand when the land is fully paid for and not herein before disposed be divided into two equal portions one of which portions I give and bequeath to such of the children of my dear daughter Martha Brunk as may be living at the time of such division, or to the bodily heirs of such of them as may be dead, share and share alike, and the other half of my estate I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Rutherford to her and her heirs forever And I direct that the portion of said land and negroes allotted and set apart in the division of my estate to the children of my said deceased daughter Martha Brunk shall be

sold by my Executors within the County of Tipton at public sale on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds of such sale to be divided as above named the portions or shares going to Martha and Margaret Brunk two of said children to go into the hands of my daughter Nancy Cotton who has the said Martha and Margaret and her charge as guardian for their use and benefit—

It is further my wish and desire that my old negro woman Abby should further not be included in a division of my estate but be permitted to remain during her life with either or such of my children as she may choose—

And lastly I do hereby appoint my son in law Benj F Rutherford and my friend Richard H Mounford Executors of this my last Will and Testament—

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of January A D 1853

We have hereunto subscribed our names as George E. Brown his wife to the foregoing will in the presence of the testator + each other + at this request
The day + date above named

Ralph Bragg
A Stevens

At a term of the Circuit Court begun and held at the Court House in the town of Lexington On the first Monday February 1853 being the 6th day of said month in the year of our Lord 1853 in the 18th year of American Independence Present and Presiding the Hon John H Humphreys Judge &c and on the 4th day of said term the following was entered of record viz—

Benj F Rutherford vs Nancy Cotton. Contested Will of Geo E Brown dec'd. propounded here for probate by the Plaintiff Benj F Rutherford & contested by Nancy Cotton. This day came the Parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit J W Smith & Marsh J W Perkins & H Kurt Wm J Lowndes M D Keelson & L Tolman Lewis Wayne W McLeod and Geo D Calhoun Mr Miller and Geo A Calhoun who being elected tried & sworn well and truly to try the issue joined between the parties and true verdict to render according to the evidence upon their oaths do say they found that the paper writing here propounded as aforesaid is the last Will and Testament of the said Geo E Brown dec'd of his last testators personal estate and that said paper writing is not the Will of the real estate of said Geo E Brown dec'd. It is therefore considered by the court the said paper writing to be and is hereby established as the Will of the personal estate of the said Geo E Brown and that the judgment be

George E. Lowe's Will # 126

I George E. Lowe of Tipton County and State of Tennessee being advanced in years and at this time in feeble health but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, do make ^{and} ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament as follows -

It is my will wish and desire that my Executors hereinafter named and appointed proceed to pay off all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon as convenient after my death out of any moneys that may come into their hands or from the proceeds of the sale of my household furniture and such surplus stock or property as may not be needed to keep up the farm under an agreement entered into between myself and Benj F. Rutherford -

It is further my will and I do direct that should I die before the tract of land on which I now reside purchased of Wm. C. Haysen by myself and Benj F. Rutherford is fully paid for that the said farm all my negroes the necessary horses, mules, stock farming ^{and} implements be kept together and remain under the ^{management} control of the said B. F. Rutherford agreeably to the provisions and on the conditions specified in an agreement entered into between us for the purpose of paying for said land from the products of said farm and the proceeds of the joint labor of our hands on said farm -

I give to my daughter Nancy Cotton widow of Henry S. Cotton for and during her natural life the use of my negro boy Abram together with fifty acres of my land of the tract above named to be so laid off at the time of the division of said land herein provided for, as to give her a portion each of cleared and woodland with water and a good building site if it can be done without serious injury to the balance of the tract and so as to afford and provide for her a comfortable home during her life and at her death to go to the heirs of her body equally should she have any living, and should she die without living body issue then to be disposed of as herein after provided for -

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Elizabeth Jones Rutherford my negro girl Nymph aged about ten years my shag face chow Bedstead, and my kate Watch to her and her heirs forever -

I direct that all the remainings of my property both real & personal money and effects of every kind and description whatever remaining or remaining on hand when the land is fully paid for and not herein before disposed be divided into two equal portions one of which portions I give and bequeath to each of the children of my dear daughter Martha Brunk as may be living at the time of such division, or to the bodily heirs of each of them as may be dead, share and share alike, and the other half of my ^{estate} I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Rutherford to her and her heirs forever And I direct that the portion of said land and negroes allotted and set apart in the division of my estate to the children of my said deceased daughter Martha Brunk shall be

sold by my executors within the County of Tipton at public sale in a credit of twelve months and the proceeds of such sale to be divided as above named the portions or shares going to Martha and Margaret Brunk two of said children to go into the hands of my daughter, Nancy Cotton who has the said Martha and Margaret and her charge, as guardian for their use and benefit -

It is further my wish and desire that my old negro woman Abby should further not be included in a division of my estate but be permitted to remain during her life with either or each of my children as she may choose -

And lastly I do hereby appoint my son in law Benj F. Rutherford and my friend Richard H. Mumford executors of this my last Will and Testament -

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of January A.D. 1853

We have hereunto subscribed our names as ^{his} George E. Lowe ^{Real} witnesses to the foregoing will in the presence of the testator & each other & at his request
The day & date above named

Henry Bragg
A. Stevens

At a term of the Circuit Court began and held at the Court House in the Town of Livingston. On the first Monday February 1853 being the 6th day of said month in the year of our Lord 1854 and in the 18th year of American Independence Present and Presiding the Hon. John C. Humphreys Judge &c and on the 4th day of said term the following was entered of record viz -

Benj F. Rutherford vs. Contested Will of Geo E. Lowe dec'd
Nancy Cotton vs. Benj F. Rutherford & concluded by Nancy Cotton. This day came the Parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury of good and lawful men to wit J. P. Smith & Marsh J. H. Perkins to the Court Wm F. Lawton Matt Keelson L. L. Foreman Lewis Wayne Wm Howard Jno S. Lathorn M. Miller and Jas A. Leathman who being elected Trust & sworn will and truly to try the issue joined between the parties and true verdict to render according to the evidence upon their oaths do say they found that the paper writing here propounded as aforesaid is the last Will and Testament of the said Geo E. Lowe dec'd of his the testators personal estate and that said paper writing is not the Will of the real estate of said Geo E. Lowe dec'd. It is therefore considered by the court the said paper writing to and is hereby admitted as the Will of the personal estate of the said Geo E. Lowe and that the ^{same} judgment be

by the clerk certified to the County Court and said Will transmitted there to be recorded and it is further considered by the Court the Plff vicar of the Plff and R. S. Totten the security the cost accrued in suit and that Execution issue accordingly.

State of Tennessee I Nat Tipton clerk of the Circuit Court of Tipton County do certify that the foregoing is a true & perfect copy of the judgment & order on the suit of B F Rutherford against Henry Totten as the same is of record in my office.

Given under my hand &c this 15th February 1854

Nat. Tipton
clerk

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court }
March Term 1854 } The foregoing duly certified transcript of the judgment of the Circuit Court of this County in the case of the entitled Will of Geo. E. Davis dec'd rendered at the last Term by Term of said Court was presented to court together with said Will and appearing from said transcript that said Will was established as the last will and testament of said Geo. E. Davis dec'd and ordered by said Circuit Court to be transmitted to this Court for record it is therefore ordered by the Court that said Will and transcript be recorded as in case of Wills proven in this Court. And Henry F. Rutherford one of the Executors named in said Will having personally appeared in open Court and renounced his intention to qualify as such and taken upon himself the execution thereof. R. H. Munford the other executor therein named thereupon with B F Rutherford A W Smith & W. Smith and Isaac Harrison as his securities came into open Court and signed sealed and acknowledged bond in the penalty of \$20,000 conditioned according to law which said bond being approved of was received at the said R. H. Munford was duly qualified as executor by taking the oath prescribed by law and it is ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him &c.

Witness my hand at office this 6th day of March 1854.

R. H. Munford, clerk

Alexander Dacus Will #27.

I Alexander Dacus of Tipton County State of Tennessee being of advanced age but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make ordain and publish this as my last Will and Testament, viz -

Having heretofore as they severally become of age or married and settled off in life given to each of my older children not hereinafter named their full and equal shares of my estate or as much as I am now able to give to my wife and younger child or children it is therefore my will and wish and I do so direct that after

the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses my wife Rebecca have hold and enjoy the use of all of my property money or estate both real and personal so long as she remains my widow or until our daughter - Maria, or any other child or children that we may hereafter have should marry or become of age should marry again or at her death then I wish all of my said estate of every kind and description to go to our said daughter Maria or to be equally divided between her and any other child or children we may have and if she never marries or should she live until our said daughter or any other child we may have marries or becomes of age, then I wish such child or children to have their equal share or shares out of my said estate.

In witness whereof which I do hereby subscribe my name and affix my seal this 19th day of May A.D. 1852. (Initialed before signed and acknowledged)

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in our presence the day & date above written
J. R. Bledsoe
R. H. Munford
his
Alexander Dacus
mark

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court }
May Term 1854 } The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Alex. Dacus dec'd late of this County was this day presented to court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oaths of J. R. Bledsoe and R. H. Munford two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.
Witness my hand at office this 1st day of May A.D. 1854.

R. H. Munford, Clerk

Robert F. Gee's Will #128

I Robert F. Gee of Tipton County State of Tennessee being somewhat advanced in life and and at this time in feeble health but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding deem it right and proper both as it regards myself and family to dispose of the property and estate with which I am possessed. I do therefore make ordain and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any time heretofore made.

It is my wish and desire that as soon as practicable and convenient after my death my Executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of any money of which I may die possessed or that may first come into his hands from my estate.

It is my will and desire and I do so direct that as soon as the situation of the crop and farming operations will allow and justify, after my death my Executor in such manner, either

publicly or privately for cash or in a private, as he may deem best for the interest of my children proceed to sell without any aid of court and to convey by good and sufficient title the following named of my slaves: To wit, my man Melford and woman Lucinda and also woman Hardina and her children Matt and John and any others that the said Hardina may have before such sale takes place. and I wish her and her said children all to be sold together if it can be done to advantage and the proceeds of all of said slaves to be placed by my executor at interest or otherwise used by him as he may think to the best advantage for the benefit of my children—

I do further will and direct that the remainder of my slaves shall be kept on my farm under the control direction or management of my Executor for the use ~~and~~ ^{and} benefit and support of my children so long as he may think it to their interest and advantage to keep up the farm, but should it so happen that the family do not have good health, or farm to profit or from any other cause it may be thought by my Executor to be to their interest and advantage to break up the farm (and I do hereby clothe him with full power and authority to judge of these matters) then and in that case I do direct that all the lands on which I now live, all the remainder of my slaves, and all other of the personal property or stock that may not be needed for the use and support of the children to be sold as the other slaves herein before named and the proceeds to be held ~~and~~ ^{and} by my Executor as in the same manner, or distributed as he ~~is~~ ^{is} after directed—

In the next place it is my will wish and desire that my Executor as my children Charles P. Robert S. James G. John W. Philip S. and Sarah M. be severally become of age or marry or at such other time as he may in his discretion deem proper and advisable, give off to each of my said children either in money or property at a fair cash valuation, such sum as may ^{then} be considered near an equal portion or share of my estate exclusive of the land until each child has received an equal share or amount, and then the land and proceeds thereof and all other of my property or estate of every kind or description whatever to be equally divided between my said children then living or the legal heirs of each of them as may be dead share and share alike and the raising and management of my children, and distribution of my estate, I wish provision to be made for the support and education of the younger children out of the joint estate, equal to what the elder ones may have received; it being my wish desire and intention that all shall fare as near alike as possible— And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my brother James M. Lee to be Executor of this my last Will and Testament; Nor do I wish him to be required to make any settle-

ment of his accounts as Executor, with the estate or court, or in his qualification as Executor that any bond or security shall be required of him by the court, as I have full and entire confidence that he will faithfully and honestly manage and account for my estate, and in the strictest fidelity carry out my wishes to the best of his skill and judgment In witness of which I do hereunto set my hands and seal this thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence by the Testator the day and date above
J. Douglass
R. H. Mumford

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
May Term 1837
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Robert S. Lee of this County was this day produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oaths of John J. Douglass and John Tipton two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And James M. Lee the Executor therein named appeared in open court and was duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath prescribed by law (said Will providing that he should not be required to give any bond and security) And it is ordered that letters Testamentary be issued to him He Writings my hand at office this 1st day of May A.D. 1837
R. H. Mumford Clerk

Samuel M. McCormick's Will # 129
We James G. Jones and Bannan Payne do state that the Testamentary Will of Samuel M. McCormick was made by him in his last sickness on the 20th day of March 1834 in our presence that his wish and desire was
1st The family should remain and work together in common until the debt was paid off that he then owed—
2nd He wished Nathaniel McCormick to continue and labour as one of the family until said debt was all paid, and for his services rendered and to be rendered in paying off the above mentioned debt together with the love and affection he entertained for him (he made him a Cud of 50 acres of land off the east side of his tract of land where he now lives. Performance is made to the said for boundaries &c—
3rd Every child is to be charged with their own expenses and to be deducted out of their share of the estate when a provision takes place—
4th That all the estate to be kept together both real and personal until the youngest child becomes of age at that time there is to

will

to be an equal division amongst all of the legatees.
Made out by us and signed this the 28th day of March 1832.

J. S. Jones
Banyan Payne
A. R. McCormick

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
June Term 1832,

The within paper writing purporting to be the Nuncupation Will of Samuel McCormick dec'd late of this County was this day produced in open court and duly proven and established according to law as the Nuncupation Will of said Saml. McCormick by the oaths of Banyan Payne and A. R. McCormick, the said A. R. McCormick having in open court relinquished all his right and interest in the estate of sd Saml. McCormick under said will - And ^{that} the said A. R. McCormick was appointed Administrator with the Will annexed of the sd Saml. McCormick and with A. W. Smith and J. Douglass as his securities he entered into bond in the penalty of \$1000 and was duly qualified as same -

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of June 1832 -

R. H. Munford Clerk

James Wiseman's Will #130

State of Tennessee Tipton County

I James Wiseman being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following -

First I bequeath my soul to God who give it,
I also bequeath to my ^{beloved} wife Sarah the tract of land on which I now reside, during her lifetime or widowhood but at the expiration of either to be equally divided between my two sons William E. Wiseman and Josiah F. Wiseman,
I also bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah the growing crop all my household and kitchen furniture, and all my farming tools also my grey mare and black horse my stock of hogs and cattle during her lifetime or widowhood but at the expiration of either to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among all my children -

I will to my son William E. Wiseman my young Camanche Horse -

I will that my yoke of oxen young mule and all my carpenter tools to be sold and the proceeds equally divided among all my children -

I will that my son Josiah F. Wiseman's part of the proceeds of the above mentioned property be loaned out at interest at will that he should see that the same be

marry, then her part to go to her son James William E. Healy -
I will that after all my just debts are paid if there is any money remaining on hand from the debts that's due me, the balance to be equally divided among all my children -

I hereby appoint John B. Wiseman, Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made -

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 20th May 1832 -

Witness
J. B. Wiseman Sr
Isaac Wiseman

James X Wiseman (Seal)
mark

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
June Term 1832,

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Wiseman 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 J. B. Wiseman Sr and Isaac Wiseman the sub-writing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded - And John B. Wiseman the Executor named therein in said will with J. Douglass and E. Garbrough as his securities entered in bond in the penalty of \$1000 and was duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath prescribed by law -

Witness my hand at office this 5th day of June 1832 -

R. H. Munford Clerk

Alexander Ralphs Will #131

I Alexander Ralphs of the County of Tipton and

State of Tennessee, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. To wit -

First, I will that my son Isidore Thomas Ralph be paid out of my estate Two Dollars in addition to what he has had -

2nd I will and demise to my son James Ralph the place where Richardson now lives -

3rd I to my son Alfred Ralph the East End of my home tract as far as a little slough East of the buff house and from office site to Buffs house East of south to the creek, thence down the creek to the mouth of the big branch thence up said branch to the line, also to have the use of Ten Acres of land of my home tract to tend for five years -

4th I will that my home tract of land including the thirty acres I bought of Crawford to be the residence of my wife I bought of Crawford and Daughter Mary Molly Ralph during my wife's lifetime and at the death of wife this tract to be divided & sold to John L. Ralph & Mary Molly, and in the event it is worth more than the lands of James & Alfred they pay over to

said James & Alfred, until their shares are equal and in the event
that Mary Molly Ralph should die without issue then her
share to be equally divided between John & James & Alfred.
5th I will that my daughter Mary Molly Ralph have my
my mare Kit and one cow and calf and one bed & furniture
her choice after her mother chooses hers -

6th I will that my daughter Harriet Newell Cooper be paid
Five Dollars out of my estate -

7th I will that my grandson William Alexander Windsor
of my daughter Nancy Jane Windsor be paid Five Dollars out
of my estate -

8th I will that daughter Noahala Davidson be paid Ten
Dollars out of my estate -

9th I will that my son William Ralph be given out
of my estate a horse or mule worth sixty Dollars or six
ty Dollars or more as he may choose -

10th I will that my wife have a bed and furniture and a good
cow & calf her choice out of my effects and at her death to go to Mary
Molly -

11th I will and desire that in the event that James, Alfred or
Mary Molly should die without issue their shares or share
to be equally divided between John & James, Alfred, Ralph &
Noahala Davidson -

12th I will that all my property not disposed of be sold and
that the effects and money be applied to the payment of my
just debts and the residue equally divided between my children
John & Alfred & Mary Molly -

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 28th May 1834

Signed sealed in presence of us
Wm A. Brown
G B Delashmut

Alex Ralph Esq

I hereby design and appoint my son John &
Ralph my sole executor to this my last Will & Testament
May 28th 1834

Wm A Brown
G B Delashmut

Alex Ralph Esq

State of Virginia, Spots County Court

July Term 1834

The foregoing paper writing pur-
taining to be the last Will and Testament of Alexander Ralph of
this County was this day produced in open court and the execution
thereof duly proven according to law by the oath of G B Delashmut
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it was ordered that
the same be filed for further probate

The foregoing last Will and Testament of Alexander Ralph
which was on yesterday proven by one witness and filed for prob-
-ate was again produced in open court and the execution
thereof duly proven according to law by the oath of Wm A Brown
the other subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded
Witness my hand at office this 4th day of July A.D. 1834

R. H. Mumford, Clerk
By R. H. Mumford, D.C.

Wm Taylor Esq Will: #137

In the name of God Amen,
I William Taylor Senr of Spots County State of Vir-
-ginia being in sound mind and memory, now knowing
how precarious this life is both made and exclaiming
this my last will and Testament in manner and sense
following -

First, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally
McKee who has intennance with Grubbs N. McKee
the tract of land that I purchased of John Glasgow (who
purchased it from the estate of William Lewis Esq) contain-
ing by estimation six hundred & sixty ~~four~~ ^{two} acres adjoining
the lands of William Clark The I Heart and others, to her
her heirs and assigns forever, and do hereby confirm all
former gifts that I have given her, also the following
goods, ~~to wit~~ ^{to wit} bedstow, Albat, Lewis, John, William, Henry, cattle
Horse, cow, & other live daughter, Eliza W. July & George, pasture
to her, her heirs & assigns forever -

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel S. Tay-
-lor the whole of the tract of land that I now live on in-
cluding the two hundred acres at the west end of main
hans tract of land that was patented to my deceased son
Drury S. Taylor, the whole tract of land is estimated 1400
acres, to him his heirs and assigns forever, and do now
confirm all former gifts heretofore given him, also the
following negroes, Alphonso, Stephen, Cambridge, Maudie
Thaddeus, son of Maudie, Arcturo & Alphonso & son Eliza &
Euse, and Harriet, & live two more named Harriet, to him his
heirs and assigns forever, I also give him two thirds of
the barn, battlo, hog & sheep that is left by me at my
death, & two thirds of the household & kitchen furniture
except the dining table & silver wine which I leave to him
The other third of my household & kitchen furniture with
one third of my horse battlo, hog & sheep I leave to my
son Edmund S. Taylor, I also leave to my son Edmund S. Taylor
the following negroes to wit, Dick, Maria, Harriet, & others

and live four children, namely Lucy, Jane, Sarah & Henry (Mary's
Nelly (Daughters of Anna) to have his love & affections forever. I
hereby confirm all gifts heretofore given him.

Fourthly, I have to my two grand children Mary & Taylor
and Nelly M. Taylor, daughters of my son James A. Taylor and his
following negroes to (witness) Alfred, Jacob, Henry, Willis, Mary
Willis, Aggy, Mary, & Phip, & his son Will Thomas, to them
their heirs & assigns forever; I confirm all gifts that I have
heretofore given my son Jas. A. Taylor and.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my grand son Will-
iam Taylor Mackie my negro boy Isaac (the son of Mary) to
be taken care of & managed by his father & mother until their
son William Taylor Mackie arrives to proper manhood, and
then to be delivered to him.

Sixthly, My negro man Randal & Emily may go to school
of my children that they choose.

Should there be any survivors of the above negroes there in-
crease will go unto their mothers, to them that they are in-
debted to.

I know partly with my children that one of ago sold a
parcel of land in Buchanan County Virginia supposed to be
747 acres (either Virginia or place) the legal title of which may
be in my children; all of them have signed a deed except my
two grand children daughters of my son James A. Taylor (Mary
Elizabeth & Nelly M. Taylor) who is under age, and several other small tracts
of land lying in Carroll and Adams counties in this State, for which
they have signed their portions, now it is my father's desire should
they come of sufficient age to call on me to sign deeds to said land
and they fail to do so, then portions of the above bequest shall be
paid him to pay any damages that my estate may sustain.

There shall be no warranty nor assumption of my es-
tate made after my death.

I appoint my son James A. Taylor, George M. Mackie
& George J. Taylor Executors to this my last will & testament, and
it is my desire that the said James A. Taylor & George J. Taylor
will not only my executor to give security for their faithful
performance as Executors to this my last will & testament.

Witness my hand and seal this same day of September in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty two.

W. H. Pate

M. A. Semmes

William Taylor Senr.

Rec'd the first Since writing the foregoing Will
I have purchased of Richd. B. Semmes a parcel of land
containing one hundred and fifty two acres about fifty

acres of some land the 2^d Semmes purchased of Polly and the
same brother the bequest he has no right of his part in
purchasing Mr. Bland's so the same the 2^d Semmes and
the rest & others, which said land I give unto my son
Edward J. Taylor during his natural life & then to my
son Samuel J. Taylor to have his love and affections for-
ever. Should my son Edward J. Taylor refuse at my
death to receive said estate the 2^d land, then my son
Samuel J. Taylor has the privilege to do so, and use it as
his own always giving Edward J. Taylor the right of sell-
ing and collecting it when he may think proper to do
so. Witness my hand & seal this fourth day of
September in the year of our Lord 1853.

Witness

W. H. Pate

William Taylor Senr.

John S. Pate
State of Tennessee
Jenny Jones 1853

The within paper writing pur-
porting to be the last Will and Testament of William Taylor
Senr. late of this county, was this day produced in open court
and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the
oaths of W. H. Pate and M. A. Semmes the subscribing wit-
nesses thereto; And at the same time a codicil to said
Will written in the same sheet of paper was produced
the oaths of W. H. Pate and John S. Pate the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto to have been duly executed accord-
ing to law by the testator, and the said Will and codicil
were ordered to be recorded; And therefore Daniel J. Tay-
lor Geo. M. Mackie and Geo. J. Taylor the Executors named
and appointed in said will, came into open court and
signed before me and acknowledged a bond in the sum
of \$52,000. conditioned according to law, (said bond
providing that no security should be required of them in
their said bond) and the said S. J. Taylor Geo. M. Mackie
and Geo. J. Taylor, were duly qualified as Executors by tak-
ing the oaths prescribed by law, and it was ordered that
the said testamentary be given to them.

Witness my hand at office this 14 day of January
1853.

W. H. Munford Clerk

George G. McBride's Will:

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I George G. McBride of Tipton Co.
Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testam-
ent hereby writing and making same all persons with

now at any time made: And first I will my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently interred in the earth in a manner suitable to my condition in life.

2nd I direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate whatever.

As for my worldly goods, I dispose of the same as follows: I give and bequeath to my wife Jane McBride the use and control of all my property real and personal during her life time or widowhood, and she is hereby authorized to sell exchange or convey any part or portion of my estate real or personal, which may be necessary either for her convenience or profit, the same as though I were living and doing the same myself. But in case either of the death or marriage of the said Jane McBride I allow my estate then to be divided as the law directs.

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Jane McBride & my son Wm. W. McBride as executors of of this my last Will & Testament and I also enjoin them from the necessity of giving security to the County Court of Septua County Tennessee.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal to this my will on one sheet of paper - This 23rd day of Sept^r in the year of our Lord one thousand one eight hundred & fifty four.

Signed in presence of

W. H. Hargrave

L. G. McBride

Hugh E. White

J. G. McBride

State of Tennessee Septua County Court
January Term 1855

The within paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James H. Cropper died late of this County was this day produced in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of Wyatt Hargrave and Hugh E. White two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be recorded, and thereupon James McBride and Wm. W. McBride the executors named and appointed in said will, came into open court, and signed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of five hundred dollars according to law, (said will providing that no security should be required of them in their said bond) and the same James & Wm. W. McBride were duly qualified as executors by taking the oath prescribed by law, and it was ordered that letters testamentary be given to them.

Witness my hand at office this 14 day of January 1855.

R. H. Munford Clerk

James H. Cropper's Will: #134

I give to Benjamin Right Payre my horse saddle & bridle also my money that I have in hand about forty dollars this 4th March 1853

Wm. A. Brown

W. G. Barker

James H. Cropper

N. B. My hat and coat to Mr. B. Payre & my trunk of clothes to the above B. H. Payre.

State of Tennessee Septua County Court

September Term 1854

The above paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of James H. Cropper died late of this County was this day produced in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of Henry E. Barker one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 12 day of Sept^r 1854

R. H. Munford Clerk

State of Tennessee Septua County Court
January Term 1855

The above paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James H. Cropper died late of this County, which was at the last Sept. term of this Court sworn by me witness and filed for further probate, was again this day produced in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of Wm. A. Brown the other subscribing witness thereto and sworn to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this first day of January 1855.

R. H. Munford Clerk

A B Graves #135
Will

The State of Mississippi, Ipre County

In the Probate Court for said County

At the November Term 1855

Be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of the County of Ipre and State aforesaid began and held at the Court House in Ipre City in and for said County on the fourth Monday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three. Application was made to our Honorable Court to admit to Probate a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of A B Graves deceased which was in the words and figures following to wit

Will

Last Will and Testament of

one at any time made. And first I will my soul to God who gave it, and my body to be decently interred in the earth in a manner suitable to my condition in life.

I do direct that all my just debts and funeral expences be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate whatever.

As for my worldly goods, I dispose of the same as follows I give and bequeath to my wife Jane McBride the use and control of all my property real and personal during her life time or widowhood, and she is fully authorized to sell exchange or convey any part or portion of my estate real or personal, which may be necessary either for her convenience or profit, the same as though I were living and doing the same myself. But in case either of the death or marriage of the said Jane McBride I allow my estate then to be divided as the law directs.

I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Jane McBride my sole and lawful executrix of this my last Will & Testament and I also execute these presents the necessity of giving security to the County Court of Tipton County Tennessee.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal to this my will on the 23rd day of Sept^r in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred & fifty four.

Signed in presence of

W. Shugrue

W. G. McBride

Hugh E. White

J. G. McBride

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
January Term 1855

The within paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James G. McBride due late of this County was this day produced in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of Wyatt Shugrue and Hugh E. White two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be correct, and therefore said James McBride and W^m G. McBride the executors and executrix named and appointed in said will, came into open court, and signed, sealed and acknowledged a deed in the presence of free witnesses according to law, (said will purporting that no security should be required of them in their said bond) and the same James & W^m G. McBride were duly qualified as executors by taking the oath prescribed by law, and it was ordered that letters testamentary be given to them.

Witness my hand at office this 14th day of January 1855.

W. H. Munford Clerk

James H. Cooper's Will #134

I give to Benjamin Right Payno my horse saddle & bridle also my money that I have in hand about fifty dollars this 4th March 1853.

M^{rs} A. Brown

W. G. Barker

James H. Cooper

A. B. My last and last to Mr B. Payno & my friends of Tipton to the above B. H. Payno.

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

September Term 1854

The above paper purporting to be the last will and Testament of James H. Cooper due late of this County was this day produced in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of Henry E. Barker one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be correct.

Witness my hand at office this 12th day of Sept^r 1854.

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

January Term 1855

The above paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James H. Cooper due late of this County, which was at the last Sept. term of this Court sworn to by one witness and filed for further probate, was again this day produced in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the oaths of M^{rs} A. Brown the other subscribing witness thereto and sworn to be correct. Witness my hand at office this first day of January 1855.

W. H. Munford Clerk

A B. Brown, 13th
Killed
The State of Mississippi, Yazoo County.
In the Probate Court of said County.
Cronos H. the November Term 1855
Be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of the County of Yazoo and State aforesaid began and held at the Court House in Yazoo City in and for said County on the fourth Thursday in November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five. Application was made to our Honorable Court to admit to Probate a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of A. B. Brown deceased which was in the words and figures following to wit:

Will

Last Will and Testament of

A B Graves made and executed at Natchez City, Natchez County and State of Mississippi this the fourth day of October One thousand eight hundred and fifty three

After my debts and expenses are paid I give and bequeath to my sister Ann Eliza E Smith all my estate both real and personal and I hereby appoint W J Beake executor of this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand and seal

Witness
O W Henderson
Bernhard Baer
C W Hickind

A B Graves

Affidavit

The State of Mississippi
Natchez County
Personally appeared in open Court
O W Henderson & C W Hickind two of the subscribing witnesses to the within instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A B Graves deceased who being duly sworn depose and say that the said A B Graves signed sealed published and declared the within instrument on the day of the date thereof is and for his last Will and Testament that said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age and that said deponents subscribed said instrument in the presence and at the request of said Testator and in the presence of each other as witnesses thereto and that they saw the other subscribing witness sign the same
Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court Nov 28th 1853

Geo B Wilkinson

O W Henderson

C W Hickind

Prob Judge

And afterwards to wit at a Term of said Probate Court began and held in the Court House at Natchez City in and for said County on the day and year last above written among other orders and decrees then and there made and recorded was an order in the following words and figures to wit

Order

Upon reading and filing the petition of W J Beake for Probate of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of A B Graves deceased late a resident of this County and for letters testamentary on my thron and on taking and reading the testimony of O W Henderson and C W Hickind subscribing witnesses thereto the Court after hearing all and singular the proofs and duly considering the same and being satisfied that said instrument is fully established as the true and original last Will and Testament of the said A B Graves deceased doth that the said A B Graves was at

the time making the said Will of lawful age to devise and of sound disposing mind memory and understanding and of right and in law entitled to make said Will. It is therefore considered ordered adjudged and decreed that the said instrument of writing be admitted to probate and recorded as the true and last Will and Testament of the said A B Graves deceased and it is further ordered on application of the said W J Beake that letters testamentary of said last Will and Testament be and they are hereby granted to him the said William J Beake and the said W J Beake having entered into bond and taken the oath required by law they are ordered to issue accordingly. It is further ordered that J W Barnett John Froy N S Sawadieu J T Stewart and R B Wilson be and they are hereby appointed appraisers to value and appraise the goods chattels and personal estate of said decedent And that a warrant issue accordingly

The State of Mississippi

Natchez County
I John M Hollingsworth Clerk of the Probate Court of said County certify that the foregoing page a true and perfect transcript of the last Will and Testament of A B Graves deceased and also an Order of said Court admitting the same to probate as fully as the same summary of Records in my said office



Witness my hand and seal of office at Natchez City January 27th Anno Domini 1855

J M Hollingsworth
By J W Barnett

The State of Mississippi

Natchez County
I George B Wilkinson Judge of the Probate Court of said County certify that John M Hollingsworth whose signature appears to the above certificate and attestation is and was at the date thereof Clerk of said Court duly elected qualified and commissioned that his said certificate and attestation are in due form of law

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of January 1855

Geo B Wilkinson

The State of Mississippi

Natchez County
I John M Hollingsworth the Clerk of the Probate Court of Natchez County and State aforesaid do hereby certify that George B Wilkinson whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing certificate is and was at the date thereof Judge of said Court duly elected qualified and

commissioned and that all of his acts in the premises are and ought to be entitled to full faith and credit



Witness my hand and seal of Office at Say-
ley January 27th 1855

J. M. Hollingsworth Clerk
By J. R. Broomfield D.C.

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

February Term 1855

The foregoing certified copy of the last Will and Testament of A. B. Graves dec'd of Tipton County State of Mississippi was this day produced in open Court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Will had been duly proven in the Probate Court of said Tipton County 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 read as evidence in the Courts of this State. It is therefore ordered by the Court that said copy be admitted to record in the office of the Clerk of this Court as other Wills executed and proven in this County.

Witness my hand at Office this 5th day of February 1855
R. W. Munford Clerk

Andrew Montgomery Will #136

In the name of God Amen

Feeling that I am mortal and ere it is long I must end my mortal existence yet in my proper mind I do make this my last Will and Testament

1st It is my Will that my funeral expenses and just debts be first paid

2nd It is my will that all my effects of whatever kind they may be that my wife Lucinda Montgomery have the exclusive use and control of for the benefit of herself and children during her natural life

3rd It is my will that at the death of my wife Lucinda Montgomery all the remainder of my estate go to my then surviving children

4th It is my will and I do nominate and appoint my friend John C. Meares to execute this my last Will and Testament Signed Subscribed in the presence of this the 6th November 1853
James C. Meares
Andrew Montgomery

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

March Term 1855

The within paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Andrew Montgomery dec'd late of this County was this day produced in open Court by J. C. Meares the Executor therein named and was

duly proven according to law by the oaths of James C. Meares and William Montgomery the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and thereupon the said J. C. Meares with Sam Meares and Ben Adams as his securities came into open Court and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$3000 and was duly qualified as Executor by taking the oath prescribed by law

Witness my hand at Office this 5th day of March
A. B. 1855

R. W. Munford Clerk

Spencer S. Hunt Will #137

In the name of God Amen

I Spencer S. Hunt of the County of Tipton & State of Tennessee being of sound mind & memory & considering the uncertainty of this frail transitory life do therefore make origin full and declare this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say

First After all my lawfull debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give and bequeath to my wife and children Spencer Thomas and Franklin Pierce to be equally divided between them

Second I desire that my wife keep the property together pay my just debts & give the children a good education and I hereby give to my wife full authority to sell any or all of my estate (Real & Personal) at public or private sale & invest the proceeds as she may deem best for the interest of my estate

And I also nominate constitute and appoint my wife Martha Caroline Executive of this my last Will & Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 3rd day of Jan'y (1855) in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & Fifty five

S. S. Hunt

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

July Term 1855

The foregoing paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Spencer S. Hunt dec'd late of this County was this day presented to Court for probate there being no subscribing witnesses to said paper and it appearing to the Court that the same had been found amongst the valuable papers of the said S. S. Hunt after his death thereupon John C. Meares & R. W. Munford being duly sworn deposed and said that they were well acquainted with the handwriting of the said S. S. Hunt having often seen him write and that they only believe the whole of said Will as well as the signature thereto to be in the genuine handwriting of the said S. S. Hunt thereupon it is ordered by the Court that the same be fully established as the

last will & testament of said S. S. Heath & second
is such and thereupon Mar. the Coroner Heath de-
clared as Executor (said Will providing that in Bond
& Security should be required of her) And it is ordered
that letters testamentary issue to Wm. By hand
at office this 2nd day of July 1855
Wm. Munford. Clerk

Michael M. Dickson's Will 135

I Michael M. Dickson do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all
other Wills by me at any time made -

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts to be paid
as soon after my death as possible out of any money, of which I
may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of executor
and also that a decent headstone be placed at my grave.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Mary my negro woman
Nancy and her children Samuel, Mariah, George and Prince with
all the increase of said negroes during her natural life then to be
equally divided among my children M. Morton, Martha S. James
S. Christopher S. Elizabeth J. Robert A. Henry P. and one yet un-
born and I further give to my said wife Mary the whole of my
home lands including all improvements thereon and I also
give to her all my house and kitchen furniture and every thing
in and about said house also all the provisions, stock of all kind
farming utensils and every thing on the place as it now is to be
held and used for the benefit of the family during her natural life
or widowhood. But in case she marry the lands before divided and
every thing belonging to or about the place as above described shall
be sold and the proceeds equally divided between her and my children
share and share alike -

Thirdly, My negro man Jack shall be hired out after the present year
either publicly or privately at the discretion of my executor. Provided
however it should become necessary to sell property to pay my debts
said Jack shall first be sold to supply the deficiency. My negroes
Francis and child Daniel and John together with any increase from
them shall remain on the place for the common use and benefit
of the family until a division becomes necessary. Provided however
said Jack as aforesaid should fail to supply such defect then and
in that case said negro Jack shall be sold. And the issue of
selling either of both of them my Executor shall make public sale
of them.

Fourthly, Provided the heirs of James Fentrip deceased of Montgomery
County, Tex. should set up a claim against my estate on account
of a refunding bond issued by me to the administrator of said
Fentrip then and in that case my executor is fully authorized

to compromise with them upon such terms as he may think best calcu-
lated to promote the interests of my estate without any suit.
Fifthly, In regard to a tract of land containing four hundred
acres lying in my County upon the Island known as Natchez
cut off in the Mississippi river formerly belonging to the estate
of James Fentrip deceased and purchased by me at a sale made
for division among the heirs I hereby authorize my executor to
make sale of said land and execute titles to the same as soon as
he thinks it will command a reasonable price.

Sixthly, In reference to my tract of land containing one hundred
and sixty acres lying in Crittenden County, Arkansas upon the
South east quarter of Section 8 in Township 7 north of range 8 east
I fully authorize my executor to make sale of and execute titles to the
same, but in view of the prospect of it enhancing in value I will
deliberation and judgment exercised in regard to it and not make
a premature sale even if it should remain unsold until my young-
est child arrives at lawful age. And the proceeds of said lands in
Dyer County and Arkansas to be equally divided among my
children.

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint William P. McCain my
Executor until my son Morton shall attain the age of twenty-one
years at which time my said son Morton shall become my sole
executor as executor to said McCain and further I direct that no
security be required of my said Executor.

In witness whereof I do to this my Will at my hand
and seal this 12th day of May 1855
Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed
our names hereto in the presence
of the testator. this 12th day of May
1855.

Wm. M. Quiston
Presley Simonson

I Michael M. Dickson having forgotten to insert the following in the body of my
last Will and Testament do make and declare this as a codicil
thereto to wit I direct that my said executor sell at public auction
my stock of goods and appropriate the proceeds as other moneys that
may come into his hands. This 12th day of May 1855
Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have
subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the
testator. this 12th day of May 1855

Wm. M. Quiston
Presley Simonson

last will & testament of said S. J. Heart & second
is such and therefore Mar the Coroline Heart and
qualify as Executors (said will providing that in Bond
& Security should be required of her) And it is ordered
that this testamentary issue be taken up by her
at office this 2nd day of July 1850
B. H. Winiford clerk

Michael M. Dickson's Will 13th

I Michael M. Dickson do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all
other Wills by me at any time made—

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid
as soon after my death as possible out of my money, of which I
may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of executor
and also that a decent shroud be placed at my grave.

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my wife Mary my negro woman
Nancy and her children Samuel, Mariah, George and Prina with
all the increase of said negro during her natural life then to be
equally divided among my children My Morton, Martha, S. James
S. Christopher S. Elizabeth J. Robert A. Mary C. and one girl un-
born and I further give to my said wife Mary the whole of my
home lands including all improvements thereon and I also
give to her all my house and kitchen, furniture and every thing
in and about said house also all the provisions, stock of all kind
farming utensils and every thing on the place as it now is to be
held and used for the benefit of the family during her natural life
or widowhood. But in case she marry the lands before devised and
every thing belonging to or about the place as above described shall
be sold and the proceeds equally divided between her and my children
share and share alike—

Thirdly. My negro man Jack shall be hired out after the present year
either publicly or privately at the discretion of my executor. Provided
however it should become necessary to sell property to pay my debts
said Jack shall first be sold to supply the deficiency. My negro
Francis and child Daniel and join together with any increase from
them shall remain on the place for the common use and benefit
of the family until a division becomes necessary. Provided however
said Jack as aforesaid should fail to supply such defect then and
in that case said negro Jack shall be sold. And the want of
selling either of both of them my Executor shall make public sale
of them—

Fourth. Provided the heirs of James Fentrop deceased of Montgomery
County, Tex should set up a claim against my estate in order
of a refunding bond issued by me to the administrator of said
Fentrop then and in that case my executor is fully authorized

compromise with them upon such terms as he may think best cal-
culated to promote the interests of my estate without any suit.
Fifthly. In regard to a tract of land containing four hundred
acres lying in Dyer County upon the Island known as Statham
cut off in the Mississippi river formerly belonging to the estate
of James Fentrop deceased and purchased by me at a sale made
for division among the heirs I hereby authorize my executor to
make sale of said land and execute titles to the same as soon as
he thinks it will command a reasonable price—

Sixthly. In reference to my tract of land containing one hundred
and sixty acres lying in Scottsboro County, Arkansas upon the
South east quarter of Section 8 in Township 7 north of range 3 east
I fully authorize my Executor to make sale of and execute titles to the
same, but in view of the prospect of it enhancing in value I will
deliberation and judgment exercised in regard to it and not make
a premature sale even if it should remain unsold until my young-
est child arrives at lawful age. And the proceeds of said lands in
Dyer County and Arkansas to be equally divided among my
children—

Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint William P. McCain my
Executor until my son Morton shall attain the age of twenty one
years at which time my said son Morton shall become my ex-
ecutor as successor to said McCain and further I direct that
security be required of my said Executor—

In witness whereof I do to this my Will at my hand
and seal this 12th day of May 1850
Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have subscribed
our names hereto in the presence
of the testator. this 12th day of May
1850.

Witness
Wm. M. Linton
Presley Simonton

I Michael M. Dickson having forgotten to insert following in the body of my
last Will and Testament do make and declare this as a codicil
thereto to wit I direct that my said executor sell at public auction
my stock of goods and appropriate the proceeds as other money that
may come into his hands. this 12th day of May 1850
Signed sealed & published in our presence and we have Michael M. Dickson
Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the
testator. this 12th day of May 1850

Witness
Wm. M. Linton
Presley Simonton

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
 July Term 1855 The foregoing paper writing
 purporting to be the last will and Testament of Michael Mc Cormick deceased late of this County was this day produced in open Court and
 together with a codicil thereto was duly proven according to law by
 the oaths of William Mc Linton and Percy Simonson the subscribing
 witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And thereupon Wm A
 McCain the Executor therein named and appointed in said Will came
 into open Court and signed said and acknowledged a bond in the
 penalty of \$1000 conditioned according to law which said bond being
 approved of was received and ordered to be recorded (said Will pro-
 viding that no security should be required of said Executor) and said
 Wm A McCain was duly qualified as Executor 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 July 1855

R. H. Munford Clerk

Margaret Keill's Will #139

In the name of God, Amen.
 I Margaret Keill of the County of Tipton and State of
 Tennessee being in sound mind and memory do make and
 publish this to be my last will and testament and in the fol-
 lowing manner, to wit:

First My will is that my just debts shall be paid
 Secondly My will is that my beloved daughter Eliza have
 the whole of my estate consisting of one negro woman named
 Rachel one cow & calf quarling one, bedstead bed and bedding
 one table and all the money remaining after my just debts
 are paid and every thing else belonging to my estate not
 herein specified.

I do hereby appoint and ordain Gust Davis
 to execute this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this
 the 18th of February 1856

J A Hall
 J L Hall

Margaret Keill

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
 March Term 1856 The above paper writing
 purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret
 Keill deceased late of this County was this produced in open Court
 and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by
 J A Hall and J L Hall the subscribing witnesses
 thereto and ordered to be recorded and Gust Davis the

Executor therein named appeared in open Court and renou-
 -ed his intention to qualify as such
 Witness my hand at Office this 3rd day of March 1856
 R. H. Munford Clerk

Mary Smith's Will #140

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

First, after all my Lawful debts are paid
 and discharged the residue of my personal
 estate, I give bequeath and dispose of as follows
 to wit: to my beloved grand daughter Maria Burdett
 and the heirs of her body, I give and bequeath my Negro
 woman named Patsy, and my Negro boy named Henry
 to have and to hold the same to service for their use and
 benefit during the term of their natural lives.
 To my beloved Niece Sarah Hoar and the heirs of her
 body I give and bequeath my Negro girl named Hannah
 to have and to hold the same to service for their use &
 benefit during the term of her natural life and
 to my beloved Grand Son Howard Holshouser
 I give and bequeath my Negro man named John,
 and my Negro girl named Kate and my boy named
 Sam to have to hold the same to service for his use
 and benefit during the term of their natural lives.
 to gether with my wagon & saddle horse and also all
 my stock of Cattle, hogs and house hold and kitchen
 furniture after his first paying all my just debts
 and of the proceeds of the same. I likewise make
 constitute and appoint P. W. Watson to be Executor
 of this my last will and testament hereby revoking
 all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my
 name and affixed my seal this 14th of March in
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty
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 Mary Smith

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Mary
 Smith in our presence and acknowledged by her to each

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As and she at the same time published and declared
the above instrument as subscribed to be her last will
and testament and in at her request and in her
presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto
this the 14th of March one thousand eight hundred
and fifty six

Witness
P. H. Walton
D. C. Claughton

State of Tennessee Court
July Term 1856.

The above paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of Mary
Smith Dec'd late of this County was this day produced
in open Court and the Execution thereof duly proven according
to law by P. H. Walton and D. C. Claughton the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded
and P. H. Walton the Executor therein appeared in open
Court and expressed the belief that it was unnecessary to give
Bond or qualify as such which privilege was granted
him by the Court

Witness my hand at office this the 10th day of
July 1856

John A. Douglas
Clerk

Ann Green's Will = 14

I, Ann Green wife of
Dr John A Green of the vicinity of Covington
Tipton County State of Tennessee knowing the uncertainty
of human life and being at this time in feeble health
but of sound disposing mind memory and underst-
anding, and being the owner in my own right of some
negro slaves of which I wish to make disposition
after my death do therefore make, ordain, and publish
this my last will and testament as follows

First I wish, desire, and direct that my husband
John A. Green shall have hold and enjoy the entire
use benefit possession and controll of all my negro
slaves and their increase for and during his natural
life and after his death I dispose of them in the follow-
ing manner I give and bequeath to my nephew
Joseph A Green after the death of my husband
my negro man Lewis and in case the said

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Joseph A. Green should die before my said
husband then the said negro man to go and belong
to the Children of the said Joseph A. Green equally
In the event that my nephew Francis Malcom Green
should at his death leave a child or children surviving
him; then I give and bequeath to any such child or
Children as he may have living or may be born after
his death my negro boy Nathaniel aged about seven
years; the said negro boy Nathaniel after the death
of my husband, to remain however with his mother to be
under the contrall and management of my nephew John
Uriah Green for his use and benefit until such child
or Children of the said Francis M. Green shall arrive
the age of twenty one years or marry and then said
Child or Children to take and have the possession of said
Boy. I give and bequeath to such child or Children
of my nephew John Uriah Green as may be living at the
time of his death my negro man Nathaniel and his
wife Marinda also their children Jim and Caroline
and the boy Nathaniel which I have conditionally given
to the Children of my nephew Francis M. Green should
he leave any at his death in case he should leave no
Child or Children at his death to the Children of
the said John U. Green as above and the said John
Uriah Green after the death of my said husband
to have the use possession contrall & benefit of the labor
and services of said slaves and their increase for
and during his natural life or the boy Nathaniel until
the Children of F. M. Green shall marry or become of
age as herein before specified I give and bequeath
after the death of my husband my man Noah to my
nephew John Green Hall son of John & Hollin &
Hall and in case the said John G. Hall should die
before he arrives to the age of twenty one years or marries
then the said negro man Noah to belong to the sisters
of the said John G. Hall viz Anna Elizabeth D. and Fran-
cis Malcom Hall equally if living or to the survivors
of them in case either should be dead I give and
bequeath after the death of my husband to my niece
Anna Elizabeth Hall daughter of John & Hollin & Hall
my negro girl Maria and in case the said Anna
Elizabeth should die before she marries or arrives to the
age of twenty one years then the said girl and
her increase to go to Francis M. Hall her sister
I give and bequeath to my niece Francis Malcom
Hall daughter of the said John & Hollin & Hall

after the death of my husband my negro girl
Chang, and her increase and in case of the death
of the said John Hall before she marries or arrives
at the age of twenty one years then said girl Chang
& her increase to go to Anna, Elizabeth, Nell and I want
both of the negro girls Mina & Chang above named
to remain with and be under the control and management
of my nephew John Uriah Green he to have the use
and benefit of their labor & services until the said
Anna Elizabeth and Francis M. shall severally marry
or become of age.

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my
nephew John Uriah Green Executor of this my last
will and Testament
In witness of which I do hereto subscribe my name
and affix my seal this 12th day of April A.D. 1856
Signed sealed and acknowledged by
the said Ann Green in our presence
this 12th April 1856

R. W. Munford
Sarah A. Green

Ann Green

State of Tennessee
Lipton County Court
August Term 1856

The within paper
purporting to be the last will and Testament
of Ann Green Deed late of this County was this day
produced in open Court and the Execution thereof duly
proven according to Law by R. W. Munford & Sarah
A. Green the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to
be recorded and John Uriah Green the Executor therein
appeared in open Court and expressed the belief that
it was unnecessary to give bond or qualify as such
which privilege was granted him by the Court

Witness

John S. Douglas Clerk

State of Tennessee
Lipton County

I Jonathan Craig do make publish
that as my last will & Testament purely writing, and
making void all other wills by me at any time
made, First I desire that my funeral Expenses &
all my Debts be paid as soon after my death as
possible out of any money that I may be
possessed of or my first Corn into the hands
of my Executor. Secondly, I give & bequeath to my
son Jesse Craig the land which I now live upon
in Adams at the age of twenty one years for a
home to the family till he arrives at the age above
named then at that time I wish the said
land sold containing about twenty acres and
equally divided among my three children to wit
James Craig Jesse Craig & my daughter Martha
Craig & I also give them all my stock farming
tools household & kitchen furniture and all
sold and equal distribution made to them of the
proceeds of the above named property.

Thirdly I leave my daughter Margaret Draffin
Five Dollars to help pay out of my Estate by my
Executor and I leave to my deceased daughter
Mary Draffin while I live five dollars to be paid
at my daughter Margaret Craig out of the
Estate I possess I also leave my son James Craig
my Executor of my last will and to act out
my will without giving any security in writing
Whereof I do to this my will set my hand
and seal this 28th day of March 1855

Signed sealed and published in our presence
and we have subscribed our names hereto in the
presence of the testator at the above date

Witnesses
Joseph Baird
John C. Craig
Jonathan Craig Deed

State of Tennessee
Lipton County Court
November Term 1856

The above paper writing
purporting to be the last will & Testament of Jonathan
Craig Deed late of this County was this day pre-
sented in open Court and the Execution thereof duly
proven according to Law by Joseph Baird &
John C. Craig subscribing witnesses thereto

And thereupon James Craig the Executor
appears in open Court & took the oath
According to law and the provisions of said
Will
Witness my hand at office this 5th day
of November 1856

John D. Douglas Clerk

James M. Sharps Will # 143

I James M. Sharps
do make & publish this my last Will & testament
1st. It is my will that my property of every description
be kept together for the benefit & support of my wife and
children during my wife's widowhood as under 3rd my
eldest child be some of age or either of my children then
Second. If either or all of my children should become of age
or marry before the death of my wife then and in that case
It is my will that after a dowry shall have been laid
off out of my land for my wife the balance of the land
together with the perishable property shall be divided
amongst my children's wife I have I have alike

3rd If my wife should marry before any of my children
become of age or before either of them should marry then
it is my wish that my negro man Luke shall belong exclu-
sively to my children. This provision is made because my
wife lived in her own rights by and of gift from her
father, a negro woman alive and her child who are equal
in value to said negro man Luke

Now if all of my wife's negroes should die before the
General division and she still remain unmarried then it
is my will that she shall have an equal share with my
children in my said negro man Luke

4th In the event that any or all of my children should
die before becoming twenty one years of age it is my will
that my remaining children or their children inherit the
property of those dying

5th I hereby appoint my father John Sharp executor
of this my will without giving any security as such
executors Sept 27th 1856

Witness
Henry Sanford
J. B. Stace

James Sharp (Ld)

State of Tennessee 3rd December Term 1856
Depton County Court 3

The above paper writing purporting to be
last will and testament of James M. Sharp deceased
this day was this day presented in open Court and
read the Executor thereof duly sworn according to law by Henry
Sanford & J. B. Stace subscribers notaries public and then
John Sharp the Executor appeared in open Court and took
the oath according to law and the provisions of said will
Witness my hand at office the 1st day of Decr 1856

John D. Douglas Clerk

STRONG, WILLIAM

State of Tennessee 3rd # 144
Depton County Court 3

I William Le^o Strong of the State and County of
said being weak in body but sound in mind and memory but failing
in mind the mortality of the body and that it is appointed for all
to die I therefore assign my family to the care & protection of the all mighty
humbly begging that he will guide in the path of wisdom and protect
from the evils and snares of a deceptive world craving that he will give
poverty nor riches of this world but humbly and earnestly pray that he
will bestow on each one wisdom and a saved mind and eternal
thereunto that wisdom that maketh truly rich and addeth no sorrow
salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ also I resign my spirit to God
who gave it and my body to the ground from whence it came to be
in a decent burial at the discretion of my family and friends and
respect to what worldly goods it has pleased God to bestow on me I bequeath
bequeath as follows I have In the first place order that my funeral expen-
be paid out of any moneys that may be on hand a decent head stone
to show when my body is deposited shewing my decease and age
I further allegy to be that also that a suitable stone be placed to the grave
my infant son Robert lately gone before me also I further order that
my just debts be paid without delay out of any money that may be on hand
or that may first come into the hands of my executors or the de-
place I allow my estate to remain as it is in the possession of my wife
until the crops of 1856 is gathered and harvested with my son Charles
as manager of the farming concern until then at which time he will be
21 years of age and Charles have the privilege of using the hands in
working land or making improvements on the part of land which shall
left to him but only privileged to use the hands in a manner
seasons and times as will not interfere with the interest of the
or crops on hands thereby I leave to my beloved wife the place
on which I now live with the exception of such part thereof as will
hereafter be marked off to my son Charles

And thereupon James Craig the Executor
appears in open Court & with the oath
According to law and the provisions of said
Will
Witness my hand at office this 3^d day
of November 1886

John D. Douglas Clerk

James M. Sharps Will # 143

I James M. Sharps
do make & publish this my last Will & testament
First. It is my will that my property of every description
be kept together for the benefit & support of my wife and
children during my wife's widowhood as under. My
eldest child be some of age or within of my children then
Second. If either or all of my children should become of age
or many before the death of my wife then and in that case
It is my will that after a dowry shall have been laid
off out of my land for my wife the balance of the land
together with the perishable property shall be divided
amongst my children's wife & share alike

3^d If my wife should many before any of my children
become of age or before either of them should many then
it is my wish that my negro man Luke shall belong exclu-
sively to my children. This provision is made because my
wife lived in her own rights by deed of gift from her
father, a negro woman alive and her child, who are equal
in value to said negro man Luke

Now if all of my wife's negroes should die before the
General division and she still remain unmarried then it
is my will that she shall have an equal share with my
children in my said negro man Luke

4th In the event that any or all of my children should
die before becoming twenty one years of age it is my will
that my remaining children or their children inherit the
property of those dying

5th I hereby appoint my father John Sharps executor
of this my will without giving any security as such
executor. Sept 27th 1886

Witness
Henry Sanford
J. B. Hall

James Sharps (Lsd)

State of Tennessee 3 December Term 1886
Depton County Court 3

The above paper purporting to be
last will and testament of James M. Sharps deceased
this County was this day presented in open Court and
and the execution thereof duly proved according to law by the
Sanford & J. B. Hall subscribing witnesses thereto and that
John Sharps the Executor appeared in open Court and took
the oath according to law and the provisions of said will
Witness my hand at office this 1st day of Decr 1886

John D. Douglas Clerk

STRONG, WILLIAM
State of Tennessee 3 # 144
Depton County Court 3

I William Le^o Strong of the State and County
said being weak in body but sound in mind and memory but feeling
in mind the mortality of the body and that it is appointed for all
to die I therefore assign my family to the care & protection of the all-wise
humbly begging that he will guide in the path of wisdom and protect
from the evils and snares of a deceptive world craving that he will give
poverty nor riches of this world but humbly and earnestly pray that
will bestow on each one wisdom and a sound mind and contentment
therewith that wisdom that maketh truly rich and addeth no sorrow
salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ also I resign my spirit to God
who gave it and my body to the ground from whence it came to be
in a decent burial at the discretion of my family and friends and
respect to what worldly goods it has pleased God to bestow on me I devise
bequeath as follows I bequeath in the first place to say that my funeral
be paid out of any moneys that may be on hand as a decent head stone
to be placed where my body is deposited shewing my decease and age
further I bequeath to be likewise placed a suitable stone to be placed to the grave
my infant son Robert lately gone before me also I further order that
my just debts be paid without delay out of any money that may be on hand
or that may first come into the hands of my executors or the second
place I allow my estate to remain as it is in the possession of my wife
until the crops of 1886 is gathered and hoisted with my son Charles
as manager of the farming concern until then at which time he will be
of one year of age and Charles have the privilege of using the hands on
any land or making improvements on the part of land which will
left to him but only privileged to use the hands in a manner as
seasons and times as will not interfere with the interest of the
or crops on hands thereby I leave to my beloved wife the pleasure
on which I now live with the exception of such part thereof as will
hereafter be mortgaged off to my son Charles

presenting to be the last Will and Testament of
Wm. Strong late of this County was this day presented in
Open Court and the Execution thereof duly proved by John
McElmore Subscribing witness thereto and also the
Codicil attached thereto the Execution of which was duly
proved by J. F. Smith & McElmore Subscribing witnesses
thereto & John Strong James Charles Strong two of the
Executors named therein appeared in Open Court and
renounced the Execution thereof, and thereupon Wm. McElmore
the other Executor named therein appeared in Open Court
and entered into bond for the faithful execution thereof
in obedience according to law and the requirements of said
Will, and was duly qualified accordingly

Albert M. McGregor Will #145

I Albert M. McGregor of Louisiana
Suffering from a long illness, being at this time in
debile health but of sound disposing mind, free
from any and understanding believing that it would become
due to the comfort and interest of my beloved wife
& children in case of my death to make
rather an efficient disposition of my property and
estate than that made by the laws of the State for
the distribution of Estates, I do therefore make
ordain & give by this my last Will & Testament
In the first place I wish & desire to hereby
direct that my Executors herein after named shall
pay off all my just debts as soon after my death
as practicable out of such money as may first come
into their hands, and to raise money for that purpose
I give them full power & authority without any order
or decree of Court, to sell to the highest bidder for cash
my negro slaves & boys for children & little children
or as many of said slaves as may be necessary for
that purpose and to give good and sufficient title
to the purchasers for each of said slaves as may be
sold, in the second place after the payment of
my debts it is my wish & desire I do hereby
direct that my beloved wife Mary shall have
the use of all of my property & estate of every kind
& description for & during her natural life or widow
hood, for the purpose of affording her the means
of support for herself & the family and the

raising & education of our children and wish her
after my death to take charge of the same & go on
with the farming operations and other business as
she may see fitting, in the management of the
property I should say, said wife I think it would be
to the benefit of herself and the children to sell or
dispose of the place in which we are now living or
any real estate which we may own including my lands
in the State of Louisiana and move to the State of
Tennessee or such sale in either case that she may
deem to be more suitable as a home for herself and
the children then and in that case she has full power
and authority to do so, and also to sell any of the
lands that may not suit her and buy others in ex-
change therefor for such as may be further my
wish and desire that as the children severally become
of age or marry that my wife give off to them such
portion or share of the property as she may be able to
share, making them as near equal as what they need
as possible, retaining an ample sufficiency for the sup-
port of herself and the education of herself & the
balance of the children, in the case of the marriage
of my said wife she is to have absolutely to her and her
heirs forever two such of my slaves as she may
make choice of all and parts of all the stock of every
kind and farming tools or implements, and such
power interest in my land or real estate as is given by
the laws of the State, and all of the balance of the
property of every kind and description should she
marry or at her death without marrying again, she
might be equally divided between all of my children
or the lawful offspring of such as may be dead
taking into estimate what they may have pre-
viously received, I have already given to my daugh-
ter Elizabeth H. her husband John W. Harris, as
part of her dowry on which they resided for a short
time in this County, being all of that portion of a
640 acre tract known as Section 4, bought by me of
the Union Bank of Tennessee which has not been
sold & heretofore conveyed by me to other persons
the portion given to my said daughter's husband
contains about 225 acres and lies in the North
west corner of said 640 acres and if I should
not make things a Diva for said land in my
lifetime, then I hereby direct my Executors
to do so I have also given to my said daughter

a Negro woman Julia her child and after proper
including the land above named which I valued at
the time of giving the same at three thousand dollars
I have sold to the Baptist Church of this place
vicinity a lot of half an acre of land in the corner
of the tract purchased by me of J. B. Blalock lying
north of the road & off-site to H. Smith's on which
said half acre lot said church is to pay me fifty dollars
and also at the same rate for that part of the land
lying in the road south of said lot, and also direct
my executors to make to said church a deed for said
land upon the payment of the purchase money if
I should not do so.

I do hereby appoint my wife and my friends Isaac B.
Blalock & Richard H. Munford Executors of this my last
will and testament, and in giving bond for the execution of the
same. I do not wish the Court to require any security of
them as said bond in return of which I do hereby sub-
scribe my name and affix my seal this eleventh day of
June A.D. 1857 and acknowledge in and before
me the day of June above written

J. S. Slaughter
Lafayette Hale

State of Tennessee
Sipton County Court

January Term 1857

The above paper writing purporting
to be the last will and testament of Albert McGregor late
of this County was this day presented in open Court
and the execution thereof duly proved by J. S. Slaughter
& Lafayette Hale subscribing witnesses thereto and thereupon
Isaac B. Blalock & Richard H. Munford two of the Executors
named therein appeared in open Court and entered into
bond for the faithful execution thereof. Considered according
to law and the provisions of said will providing that
no security should be required of them
It is the order of the Court that the 14th day of July 1857

John D. Douglas Clerk

I Francis M. Green of Sipton County Tennessee
do make and publish this as my last will and testament
ist

I wish that my business of every description be closed
up as soon as practicable and that my debts be paid as soon
as possible I give and bequeath to my wife Mary G. Green
all of my property of every description both real and personal
My said real estate consists of seven hundred & forty six
acres of land in Sipton County Texas which I inherited from
my father's estate also my late residence in Corydon
comprising on the plan of said town lots 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th
and fifty two feet off of the east end of said S.P. I do hereby
appoint and appoint John A. Green Executor of
my will. Witness my hand and seal this 14th day
of February 1857

Witness
Henry Sanford
Charles F. Field

Francis M. Green

State of Tennessee
Sipton County Court

April Term 1857

John A. Green This day produced in
open Court the foregoing paper writing purporting to
be the last will and testament of Francis M. Green late
of Sipton County & offered the same for probate as the
said last will and testament which was according to law
by the oath of Henry Sanford & Charles F. Field who
were sworn witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded & there-
upon appeared in open Court the said John A. Green
the Executor therein appointed with Henry Sanford & Charles
for security and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond
in the penalty of fifteen thousand dollars which bond was
approved by the Court & ordered to be recorded and the
said John A. Green was duly qualified by taking the oath
prescribed by law

April 1857

Witness my seal & office this 14th day of
John A. Green

Thomas Rapp's

In the name of God amen I Thomas Rapp of
the County of Sipton Tennessee being in health and of sound
mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of life
and publish and make my last will and testament in the manner
and form following to wit: first I give and bequeath unto

my beloved wife Francis Ralph my land household and
 perishable property during her natural life or widowhood
 and after her death or marriage then in either case I wish
 my land household and perishable property to be sold and
 divided thus two thirds of the proceeds of the sale of the property
 mentioned above to be equally divided between my youngest
 children T. W. Cantrill P. M. Ralph E. J. Dan Ralph
 Thomas Calvin Ralph I Francis Ralph and America
 Jane Ralph, and the other third to be divided between my
 seven older children to wit Dicer, Jacobus H. Anderson
 Ralph

¶ I wish Ralph Rebecca Patsy
 Elizabeth Allen and Polly Burton having heretofore given
 my wife children these portions to wit Henry Maly, Thomas
 Elizabeth Maly 1 Cow and calf 1 Bed and furniture
 Except Anderson Maly who is to receive one Cow and
 calf and one Bedstead and furniture. Lastly I appoint
 my wife Francis Ralph and Anderson Ralph Executor
 and Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking
 all former wills by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal the 10th day of September
 1846

H. M. 6 Hazen
 6 P. Mitchell

Thos R. Ralph Son Deceased

For Probate see Minute Book C page 172
 April Term 1857

Henry Bailey Will #148

In the name of the Lord Amen

The last will and Testament of Henry Bailey of Dighton Co. Mass.
 I Henry Bailey considering the uncertainty of human life being of sound mind
 do make this my last will, Testament (Sigs) Item 1st It is my will and desire
 that all my property be converted into money except my tract of land lying
 in Dighton Mass. and that my just debts be paid

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my daughter Martha W. Maly have annually
 the interest of one sixth part of my estate during life and at her death for the principle
 to go to her son W. M. Maly or his heirs if dead to come back to the estate to be
 disposed as I shall direct in the following clause

Item 3rd It is my will and desire that my daughter Susan
 W. Maly have annually the interest of one sixth part of
 my estate during life and at her death for the principle to go to her
 son W. M. Maly or his heirs if dead to come back to the estate to be
 disposed as I shall direct in the following clause

that it be sold and the money resulting therefrom be divided 180
 as directed in reference to the other parts of my estate
 Item 4th It is my will and desire that my son W. M. Maly have
 annually the interest of one sixth part of my estate during
 life and at his death the principle be divided between his bodily heirs
 Item 5th It is my will and desire that the bodily heirs of my
 son Jacobus W. Maly have one sixth part of my
 estate to be divided equally between them except the youngest
 Thomas I wish him to have fifty dollars more than the rest
 this fifty dollars to be taken out of the sixth part of my estate
 to him in the year five
 Item 6th It is my will and desire that my friend William
 Goode have one sixth part of my estate in trust that
 son B. C. Bailey may annually receive one sixth part from the
 the interest arising therefrom for the benefit of himself and
 and children during his life and at his death his wife Mary
 W. Bailey receive the interest during life or widowhood
 and if at his death or marriage the principle be divided
 equally between his bodily heirs

Item 7th It is my will and desire that my friend W.
 Goode have one sixth part of my estate in trust
 that my son James L. Bailey may receive annually the
 interest arising therefrom for the benefit of himself and
 children during life and at his death Sarah Bailey his
 wife may receive the interest for the benefit of herself and
 heirs during her life or widowhood that at her marriage
 or death the principle be equally divided between
 his bodily heirs I have let my son James L. Bailey
 have seventy nine dollars 00/100 which I wish
 deducted from his part as apporportioned in the
 Item 8th

Witness my hand and seal the 26th day of June 1856

Last
 W. D. Goode
 W. J. Bullen
 D. J. Goode

Henry Bailey

State of Massachusetts August Term 1857
 Dighton County Court

The above paper writing was the
 day produced in open court for proof and duly attested
 to probate, see Minute Book C Page 173

Witness

John S. Douglas clerk

Agnes Draffin #149
Will

State of Tennessee
Septon County

I Agnes Draffin do make and publish this as
my last Will & Testament hereby revoking & making void
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 any money that I may be possessed of or
may come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I give to and bequeath to my son
William Madison Massey Draffin a part or parcel
of said land & now live out containing twenty five
Acres & one fourth of an Acre bounded by lands of
James Wright, Chas Garbri & John Barmark & others
lying in No 8 District

Thirdly I give and bequeath all the personal property I die
possessed of to my three sons William Madison
Massey Draffin Robert Henry Draffin & John
Haggins Draffin and they may either divide it to
suits themselves or if they cannot divide it equally
sell it to the highest bidder at public sale

Fourthly & lastly I do hereby nominate & appoint Joseph Baird
my Executor in which whereof I do to this my Will
at my hand and seal this 10th day of September
Eighteen hundred & fifty seven

I signed sealed and published in our presence and
we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of
the Testator at the date above

Witnesses
Chas Garbri
John Craig

Agnes Draffin
her mark

State of Tennessee 3 Oct Term 1857
Septon County Court

The above paper writing was this
day duly admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded
See minute Book C Page 322

Witness

John J. Douglas Clk

Louis Haynie
Will #150

I Louis Haynie of Septon County State
of Tennessee being of sound disposing mind memory
and understanding but at the same time knowing the
uncertainty of human life and believing that I can
add to the comfort and greatly promote the interest
of my wife & children by making a different dispo-
sition of my Estate from that regulated by the laws
of the land do hereby make known and publish this
my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and
making void any and all Wills heretofore by me
made. It is first my wish and desire and I do so
direct that as soon as practicable after my death my
Executors hereinafter named pay off and discharge all
my just and legal debts and liabilities out of any moneys
that may come due into their hands or possession belong-
ing to my Estate, in the second place I give and bequeath
unto my beloved wife Elizabeth for and during her natural
life or widowhood the use and occupancy of one hundred
and twenty five Acres of the tract of land on which
I now reside to be laid off and bounded as follows
that is to take and include all of the tract lying on
the South side of the Cornett and Somerville Road
then beginning in the center of the road South of a large elm
tree standing in the pine grove on the North side of the
road about three hundred yards West of the dwelling house
and to run sufficiently far North thence East to the East bounding
line of my tract is as to contain including that portion lying
South of the road the said 175 Acres

I also give to my said wife during her life or widowhood the
use of all my negro Slaves and their increase except my
man David & women Nancy & Hannah also five head of
Horses or Mules such as she may choose ten head of Cattle
Cows & Calves twenty head of sheep my entire Stock of Hogs
all the crops and provisions that may be on hand as also
the cotton all my tools and kitchen furniture, farming
tools my wagons Gear and Buggy. At the death of my
said wife Elizabeth she should manage again the same
and direct the land above described to be sold by my Executors
at public sale on a credit of one two & three years from
liquidity and a lien to be retained on the land and the
proceeds of such sale to gether with all the slaves including
David Nancy & Hannah and their increase and all the
other property the use of which I have given to my said wife
I wish to be equally divided amongst all of my children

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that may be living at the time of said division or the heirs
 or assigns of any of them that may be dead to receive the
 portion that would have gone to the parent if living share &
 share alike. Provision first herein to be made by my executors
 upon said division for such of my younger children as may
 not have completed their education for them to receive at least
 as good Education as any of the older ones have had.

At the close of the year in which I may die or soon
 after suitable I wish all my land being about 150 acres except
 that portion herein before described and laid off to my
 wife to be sold at public sale by my executors on a
 credit of one year & then years who are hereby clothed
 with full power and authority to sell & convey as herein
 before stated all of my land without first obtaining
 any order or decree of Court authorizing them so to do.

I also wish and direct the negroes David Mammoo
 & Hannah her wife to be hired out yearly by my
 Executors and all the surplus stock after my wife's portion
 is taken out to be sold by my Executors in the usual way
 and out of the proceeds of such sale & hire of Negroes
 I give and bequeath to each of my children and heirs
 my Executors to pay to them yearly as they arrive
 to the age of twenty one years the sum of three hun-
 dred dollars, great money out of said fund to my
 son Elly ten twenty five dollars and to each of the
 other children younger than him the sum of one
 hundred & thirty five dollars or a horse saddle and
 bridle worth that amount or to make them equal
 with my two older sons George & John D. to whom
 I have given three hundred. It being my wish and
 intention that each of my said children shall share
 equally of my entire estate should it so happen that
 there was any time a surplus of money in the hands
 of my Executors not needed to pay to the children
 the amounts given them. I wish my Executors
 to put it out at interest until it may be needed for
 that purpose. I do hereby appoint my friends
 Jesse L. Cuthbert Nicholas H. Munford Executors
 of this my said will & testament (two places before name)

In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand
 my name or mark to my mark not being able to write
 this Eleventh day of July Eighteen hundred and
 fifty & 4

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in our
 presence by the testator this 11th day of July
 and at his request we on this the same
 day have signed these words
 James S. Morgan
 J. H. Crofton

Louis his
 Mark Haynie Seal

State of Tennessee } November Term 1857
 District Court } 3

The foregoing paper writing was this
 day duly admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded
 See Minute Book C Page 531 Qualification 5 & 9

Witness John T. Douglas Clerk

Thomas D. Willpatrick # 151
 Last Will & Testament

I Thomas D. Willpatrick of District being
 of sound disposing mind memory and under-
 standing but at this time in feeble health in view of the uncertainty
 of this life and believing that I can add to the comfort
 and greatly benefit my family by making by this writing provision for
 the disposition of my worldly estate after my death do therefore make
 declare and publish this as my last will and testament in the first
 place I direct that my Executor hereinafter named and appointed as soon
 after my death as practicable pay my funeral expenses and all of my
 just debts out of any money that may first come into his hands and
 to furnish him with the means necessary for that purpose should it
 fail in any short time I wish my present Corpse to be prepared
 for burial as soon as it can conveniently be done and my said
 Executor to take or send it to the place he may think proper to dispose of it
 to the best advantage that may be had with fuel for the funeral and
 to sell in such manner as he may think best for the same purpose four
 of my Bibles large blue leather and my clock & watch and
 apply a sufficiency of the proceeds of said property to the payment of
 my debts and funeral expenses as before stated.

2^d I give and bequeath to my son John W. Willpatrick a fine horse
 and saddle four or five hundred value of my land on which I am now
 living in said County of Dyer to be laid off for him in the best place
 where to include what is known as Dyer tract of eighty five acres and
 Dyer's place now to be adjoining on the west side and extending from
 north to south the entire length of said Dyer tract and also
 make up the said hundred acres also to be delivered to him when
 he becomes of age or marries my heirs my sons Samuel Charles aged
 eighteen years a good horse with a saddle and feathered to

and the Commissionary for clothing or furniture and I am very glad that my said son should remain in the his brother and assist him in the farming operations and management of his business I long wish they had it possible to be so. **3rd** Do my Daughter Martha I do hereby give & bequeath my negro woman named Sarah and her child William and her increase & featherbeds bedstead and the usual furniture to be retained to her till the death of my said son John W. I also give her the Gold Watch the Rings and my some three named Dime but the Gold should said Sarah have.

4th I direct my said son John W. I shall be kind not to marry by my executor should my Daughter Margaret form **Widowhood** because of her said son be sold as practicable after which I wish and direct that the said son be sold by my executor to the highest bidder for Cash and out of the proceeds of said sale and sale he purchased and sales to my said Daughter Margaret I a liberty my said girl or woman about eighteen years of age in case the said girl should be sold and sold I wish my executor to raise a sufficient of means from such other part or portion of my estate as he may think best for the purchase of a woman or girl for my said Daughter I also give & bequeath to my said Daughter Margaret four the Rings and a good hand linen & needle and a feather bed and bedstead and the usual bed furniture furnished her when she becomes of age or Marries.

5th I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca my Negro boy named Sam and about ten years old my Negro and pair of donk mules named Mauds & Bess together with all the furniture stock of any kind household & kitchen furniture farming tools money property and effects of every kind and personal effects but her said Thomas disposed of to her & her heirs forever, I wish give & bequeath to my said wife for and during her natural life the use of all the balance of my said estate of land lying about One hundred and fifty Acres after paying off the part I have given to my said son John W. also the use of my Negroed Rachel Mary Ann & John for & during her life and all their increase and at the death of my said wife I wish and direct that the said be equally divided in value or quantity & quality between my son John W. & my Daughter Martha **6th** I wish that if all living or the legal offspring of such of them as they be dead and in making said division of the said be unmarried and I wish my son John W. to get the dwelling house in his father's lot should father or both of my said Daughter be unmarried and David is I wish them to have the dwelling as to give and around them a house and comfortable house in which I wish them to live and the land I wish the line to run north & south across the entire tract so as to give to each a portion of divided wood and cleared land and water I further wish and direct at the death of my said wife that my son John W. is to have the half his if he be living should be living at his own valuation and that each of my Daughter shall have a portion of the said if there is any living to make them equal to the value of what my said

and should therefore an excess or surplus paid I wish this money or other property or effects on hand at the death of my said wife Sarah and excess to be equally divided between my said three said children in the lawful offspring or children of either or any of them that may be dead to receive the portion that the parent would be entitled to if living and should either or both of my said Daughters Marry and at their death leave the child or children I wish the property that I have given or made provision to give to my said Daughter and all the increase of said slaves to belong unto the respective children of my said Daughters and lastly I do hereby appoint my friend and brother in law James Carden Miller sole executor of this my last will and testament.

The word kind raised in the 2nd line of the 2nd article be and not intended in the eleventh line of the fifth page and the words or estate of them stated in the 2nd line of the 6th page before signing In witness of which I do write at my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of October eighteen hundred and fifty six.

D K Killpatrick Clerk

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged by the Deftator in our presence the day and year last above written and we do witness the same at his request in the presence of him self and each other

A. Smith
Henry Smith
W. H. Mendenhall

State of Tennessee
Defton County Court 3rd Term 1857

The above paper writing was then duly admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

John D. Konglar Clerk

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 Wm Walker
 #152
 Amputation Will

Wm J Walker to John B Walker State
 that William Walker on Monday the 12th
 day of October 1857 Called upon them to
 bear witness that he desired Mr. John McClinton and
 Charles Walker to have one hundred bushels of Corn
 and a Bale of Cotton to pay a debt for negro home that
 they now owned for and if that was not enough they
 were to take the balance out of a black man Melvofhis
 he also said that he desired Charles Walker to administer
 on his Estate this occurred at the residence of the said
 Wm Walker during his last sickness and the said
 Wm Walker did on the 16th of October 1857. Said
 Wm Walker & for himself as Confidant that he would
 not recover from his three sickness and Called upon
 us to bear witness to the above

John B Walker
 Wm J Walker

State of Tennessee
 Tipton County Court 3 Nov Term 1857

The above paper writing was this day
 duly admitted to probate as the Amputation Will
 of Wm Walker late of Tipton County and ordered to
 be recorded, For Probate see Minute Book
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Witness
 John F Douglas Clerk

Henry Moore Will
 #153

In the name of So Amen
 I Henry Moore of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee
 being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of
 this frail and transitory life as therefore making order public and solemn
 this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say Directing that all
 my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and
 personal I give bequeath and dispose of as follows (to wit) first I give my
 beloved wife Martha Jane my negro girl named Samia to be for ever at
 her own disposal also my bay mare Peggy and harness and all the cows
 and all the stock on the place I now reside and all the land sold and

Plutcher furniture waggon and all the farming tools on the place and as for
 the one hundred and eighty nine acres of land bought of this place giving my
 wife two sons the power also of buying and taking the same at what they see fit
 with interest on the same from my purchase and if they take it the proceeds
 go to John A & Saml S as they will pay for it as hereafter provided if they do
 not take it the land to be given to Saml S that I give to my son James Walker
 my negro boy Alfred and the land known as my wife Sarahs One hundred
 and fifty acres at her Mother's death next I give to my daughter Mary B Brown
 and to her children fifty acres of land off my tract of land known as defined
 I bought of E. Strange taken off as so to make them a good home I give my
 son John A my negro boy Jim I give my son Saml S my boy so
 Alexander I give my daughter and her children my boy by Miss
 I give my daughter Francis and her children Sam I give my daughter Julia
 and her children Linda I give Mary S Brown and her children my
 negro set I give my negro girl Martha to my wife during her natural life
 land after her death to P. Hays and her issue to be equally divided
 between all my children except John and Saml S I will my negro man
 Mark to be sold and the proceeds to be equally divided between all my children
 except John and Saml S I give my daughter Ellen and her children my
 negro boy Peter and her issue in her portion I give my daughter Elizabeth
 and her children my negro girl Sarah 25 negro women her portion
 I give the balance of my land known as the State land to my two sons
 John A & Saml S and they are to let my wife and her issue live on
 said land as long as they will or need a home I give land house I
 give to John A and Saml S equally I give John A & Saml S my negro
 equally the crop on the place shall be sold and the proceeds thereof and
 what sales I have on hand also to pay the debts I owe the heirs of
 E. H. H. I give Mary S Brown and her children my black
 Cattle Polly I give Saml S my man called Penny Saml S
 I gave a horse before and the balance of my mules to be equally divided
 between Margaret, Ellen, Julia, Francis, William the stock of Cows Hogs &c
 to be equally divided between all my children except Mary S Brown my
 Carriage they can have repairs and I give them equally for their natural
 lives I give John A & Saml S Margaret Julia Francis and
 her and children each my sheep and the residue of all my estate
 is to be equally divided amongst all my children except John and Saml S
 first giving a decent head and foot stone at my grave a memorial marker
 constitute and appoint John Walker Augustus W. Smith to be my
 executors to this last Will and Testament herein writing all former
 will by me made. In witness I have hereunto subscribed my hand
 and affixed my seal this the 12th day of October 1857
 Executed in presence of
 the said I bought of this place intirely Henry Moore
 before signed
 David Jamison 3 For Probate see Minute Book C
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Mary Rhodes
Will #154

I, Mary Rhodes of Dorton County & State of Tennessee
being of sound mind and disposing Memory do make & ordain this my last
Will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills made by me
Item 1st It is my Will & desire that my executor will pay all my
just debts as soon after my death as possible

Item 2nd I Will & bequeath to my son Blackman Rhodes my
Negro girl Abby about fourteen years old during his natural life & at his
death should he die without children, I Will that the said girl Abby
with her increase shall be equally divided among my grand children in
this way viz each set off grand children to have one fifth of said girl
& her increase in the portion that their parents would have if they were living

Item 3rd I Will to my son John Rhodes during his natural life my
Negro girl Betty about sixteen years of age and girl Betty & her increase is now to
be subject to my debts hereafter or hereafter contracted by said John Rhodes
After his death said girl is to be equally with her increase divided among the
children of said John Rhodes & should he die without any lawful children
then the said girl Betty & her increase shall be divided in the same way
that I have devised that the girl Abby should be

Item 4th I Will & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ingram for her own use
& benefit during her natural life my Negro girl Emeline about 22
years of age & also all of the money after paying my just debts that shall
arise from the sale of my stock of hogs some Cows some land & other
furniture forming part of my estate & her increase & said money in income is to
be subject to the debts of her husband but is designed for her own separate use & benefit
After the death of my said daughter the said Negro & her increase & the said money shall
be equally divided among the children of my said daughter Sarah Ingram

Item 5th I give & bequeath to my daughter Eliza Thomas my Negro
girl Mary about 17 years old and Leggal a Negro girl about seven years old
use the same way and for the same purpose that I have devised to my daughter
Sarah Ingram in the foregoing 4th Item

Item 6th I Will & bequeath to my son Thomas A Rhodes all the land
wants that I own and also my Negro girl Nancy about eighteen years old

Item 7th I Will & bequeath to my son Daniel M Rhodes my Negro boy Daniel 22 years
& my Negro Indian Esposim & my children Hannah about nine years old
On which says Item in the foregoing Will plain Will & that it is my Will
that the children of my son Thomas shall have an equal share in the same
I hereby nominate and appoint my son Daniel M Rhodes Executor of this my
last will and testament Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of Decr 1857

Signed sealed and acknowledged to be her last Will and Testament
in Presence of
J. A. Kader
J. H. Shryver
J. M. Jones
J. M. White
Mary Rhodes
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J. W. Alston
Will #155

I Samuel W. Alston do this day the Twenty First day
of May One thousand Eight hundred and fifty five being of sound mind
and Memory, do make and Constitute this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
all others made by me as follows

Item 1st I give and bequeath all my Estate
Land, Bonds Money and all personal and purchasable property to my Children
it is my Will and desire that my whole Estate be kept together as it now is
and the proceeds arising therefrom be a Common fund for the support and Education
of my Children and as each arrive at the age of Twenty One or Twenty Two years
or their equal proportion of all personal and purchasable property and my real Estate
remain undivided until all my Children are Twenty One years of age or married

Item 2nd I hold a Deed of Trust on property in North Carolina in the
possession of my Brother William M. Alston during his natural life and after
his death it is to be equally divided among my Children in like manner as my other
property, I make and Constitute my son Samuel W. Alston executor of
my Estate and Guardian for my Children, and as I have full Confidence in him
I wish no security required from him

I M Alston
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