

Secondly, After the payment of all my just debts, I will and bequeath all the money cash that shall remain after the payment of my debts to my wife Sarah C. Wilson. Also I will & bequeath to my wife Sarah C. Wilson my dear girl Susan and her three children Maria, Napoleon and Matthew; likewise my dear girl Mary and her child Sarah for and during her natural term of life; and after her decease, I give the same to my daughter Catherine Wilson, and my three sons, William B. Wilson, Alexander B. Wilson and Alfred Wilson, equally to be divided among them, and to be enjoyed by them forever.

Thirdly, In consideration that I have bestowed the bulk of my property upon my wife Sarah C. Wilson, it is my desire that my above named children, Catherine Wilson, Alexander and Alfred, shall be maintained by her at a reasonable expense until they shall have arrived at the age of discretion. And lastly, I do hereby appoint my wife Sarah C. Wilson and Joseph L. Wilson executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 7th day of October 1836.

Witnesses

Charles R. Bedford

William L. Wilson

Pace Wilson

State of Tennessee

Superior County Court

November Term 1837.

This day the last Will and Testament of William L. Wilson deceased was produced in open Court and the execution thereof was duly proved by the oath of Pace Wilson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Charles R. Bedford the other subscribing witness is not a resident of this State. Whereupon Dene Dought appeared and said that he is personally acquainted with the said Charles R. Bedford and that he has seen him write and that he believes it to be his signature. Whereupon Joseph L. Wilson the executor therein named came into Court and took upon himself the execution thereof, and entered into bonds and securities, and took the oath prescribed by law.

Frederick R. Smith Clerk.

George Smiths Will: &c.

I George Smith of Superior County Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all others or former Wills by me made at any time heretofore.

And, first, I direct that my body be decently entred and

that my funeral be conducted in a discreet and corresponding with my situation in life.

And as to such realty Estate as it hath pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of as follows:

First, I will that all my Estate and all personal be intrusted in the hands or left to my Widow during her life or widowhood, but if she should marry I don't that all my property real and personal be sold in a credit of twelve months by my executors and equally divided between my wife and my children (to wit) Andrew, John, Henry, Lucy, Susan, Mary Ann, Polly, Sarah, Nancy, George W. Jifer, Alexander, Caroline, William & Margaret. But if she my said widow should live a widow during life at her death I will that my Estate be disposed of in the same way as if she should marry. I will that my son Andrew receive for his services this year out my crop where gathered one ninth part of all my crop now growing.

I hereby subscribe and affirm my friend Wm A. Bowers executor to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this lastly first day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight.

Signed and sealed in the presence of

Wm S. Macey

Peter S. Miller

Jacob Smith

George Smith

County Court

July Term 1838. This day this the last will and Testament of George Smith deceased late of said County was produced in open Court and the execution thereof duly proved by Wm S. Macey and Jacob Smith two of the subscribing witnesses thereto; Whereupon Wm A. Bowers the executor therein named came into Court and took upon himself the execution thereof and entered into bonds and securities and took the oath required by law, and it was ordered to be recorded.

Frederick R. Smith Clerk.

Jachery Owens Will: &c.

This last will and Testament of Jachery Owens of the County of Lipton and State of Tennessee (Witness) that I Jachery Owens being of sound mind but infirm, no body do this day make this my last will and Testament in words as following, viz.

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane Owens all my land, and which I now live on, consisting of 66 acres lying in the nation of Indian Creek during her natural life, and it is my wish

that no more land shall be decore in the same place, and that the fences shall be kept in good repair, in the time that is now shewen, and that she shall be allowed to cut all necessary timber for making the same fences and other necessary purposes that is growing on the land, and at her decease the same land to be sold, and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between my children John Hannock, Jefferson and William Owens.

I also give unto my wife John Owens, my lay horse, and her choice of four killing hogs, and one choice breeding sow, one set of ploughing gear, one choice plough, single tree and chain, also two choice hens, one choice cock, and one choice milk cow, and calf, one stack of hay, and hundred bushels of corn, and all the kitchen furniture, and one looking glass, one choice bed, and all her own bed clothing that she had when we were married, likewise two checked kerchiefs, and three quilts, likewise all the salt & lard in houses, likewise one tub.

I likewise give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret twenty dollars in money, after the balance of my property is sold, if there is, that much after all my just debts are paid but no more of the said property.

I likewise give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah, one cow, and her clothing, and one quilt, likewise the land after my wife decease, and one cow and calf, and one equal share of the balance of the property when sold.

I likewise give and bequeath to my two sons Jefferson and William one dollar each, and also one equal division of the balance of the property when sold.

It is my wish at my decease that the balance of my property shall be sold, that I have not given away in this will, and all my just debts paid, that the balance of my be equally divided between my children John Hannock, Jefferson, and William Owens.

I do therefore appoint Alfred Owens, and John Owens executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have at my hand this 28th day 1838 in the presence of:

Witnesses
Willy Pogue and
Daniel Hill

James Owen

State of Tennessee

Septane County } County Court September Term 1838.

There was the last will and testament of James Owen deceased produced in open court & the execution thereof duly proved by the oaths of Willy Pogue and Daniel Hill the subscribing witnesses thereto. It was therefore ordered by the court to be taken and recorded. Whereas Alfred Owens and John Owens the executors named took upon themselves the execution thereof and entered into bond and security in the sum of one thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, and took the oaths required by law & thereupon did that better Testimony & such.

John N. Smith Clerk

Samuel Rice Senr Will 11 & 15

Last will of Samuel Rice Senr

1st It is my last wish that my wife Sarah have all my real & personal property during her life, the whole of it to be under the control and management of my son Samuel.

2nd After the death of my wife it is my wish that my son Samuel shall have the choice of my decedent gear or land as a compensation for his income & all the balance of the property to be equally divided among all my children including my son-in-law Henry Torgu & J. Torgu. The portion going to my daughter Elizabeth W. Brightwell I wish to be for the exclusive benefit of herself & her heirs. At the death of my wife it is my wish that Mr John W. Ballman & my son Samuel should act as my executors to this my last will & Testament before witnessed.

Witness
G. E. Fisher Junr
A. Butler Junr

Sam Rice

County Court

October Term 1838 } There was the last Will and Testament of Samuel Rice Senr produced in open court & the execution thereof duly proved by G. E. Fisher and Anderson Butler witnesses it was ordered to be accepted, and Samuel Rice the son therein named came into court and took upon himself the execution thereof and entered into bond & security and took the oaths prescribed by law.

Test
John N. Smith Clerk

Jacob Smiths Will 11 & 16

In the name of God Amen, I Jacob Smith of the county of Septon & State of Tennessee being of sound memory and discretion make and publish this my last will & Testament.

After paying all my just debts & funeral expenses my will & desire is that my whole estate of what kind or nature soever be disposed of in the following manner:-

In the first place the Mill lately built by me on Septon creek and five acres of land surrounding it to be laid off by my executors hereafter mentioned, I give & devise to my free sons Benjamin, George, Henry, Jacob & Quins and their heirs forever to hold equally share and share alike.

Item, I give & devise to my daughter Mary who intermarries with Richmond Whipple, and her heirs forever ninety acres of land being part of the 600 now tract on which I reside, to be laid off in the south east corner, beginning at some corner & running north half the length of the east boundary of the original survey thence south to the beginning for complement.

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I give & devise to my Daughter Sarah, & her heirs forever ninety acres of land out of the same survey to be laid off in like manner in the north east corner of it same to form the ninety acre first mentioned.

I give and devise to my son Samuel & his heirs forever one hundred and fifty acres of land beginning at the north east corner of Sarah's ninety acre running thence south with her line to her south west corner thence west &c to the beginning for complement.

I give and devise to my son Jacob and his heirs forever one hundred and fifty acres of land beginning at Mary Winkles south west corner running thence south with her line to her north west corner, thence west & south &c to the beginning for complement.

I give and devise to my son George and his heirs forever one hundred and fifty acres of land part of a 350 acre tract heretofore purchased by me from Michael Holsheuser lying more or less south west of the 600 acre tract on which I reside to be laid off to him on the north end of said 350 acre tract of land.

I give and devise to my son Henry & his heirs forever the land or parcel of land lately purchased by me of Victor A. M. Thies containing one hundred and five acres, also thirty five acres off the south end of the Holsheuser tract above mentioned to him and his heirs forever.

The rest & remainder of my land not heretofore disposed of, in and about the dwelling house & other improvements I give to my wife Hannah to have exclusive use and possession of during her natural life, and at her death, I give and devise the same to my son David & his heirs forever.

I give unto my wife Hannah the exclusive use and possession of the following negro slaves during her natural life to wit: Rachel, Jack, Bob & Eliza and at her death I give & devise the same with their increase to all my children now living & then born if any of them should die in the mean time, to hold the same equally, and to be divided in the same manner as the other slaves hereafter mentioned.

I give and devise all my other negro slaves to wit: Sophie, Jane, Jane, Bell, Lucy, Jefferson, Sam, Joe, Jim & Warrant, to all my children equally share & share alike. My will and desire is that the division of the slaves shall be made by two disinterested persons chosen and elected by all my children above mentioned, and that they cast lots for share and preference among themselves.

I give and bequeath one hundred dollars to be put out on interest by my executors hereafter mentioned in good and sufficient security, and the same to accumulate until Margaret comes of age or marriage, and in either event the principal

and interest to be given to her; but if she dies unmarried and under age the same to go to my children or heirs after mentioned, but my will is that if she should happen to meet any thing for present support and education in the judgment of my executors, they will appropriate the interest above mentioned for that purpose.

I give, as to the remainder of my personal property of what nature or kind ever including the growing crops (except one sixth part of the crop now growing which belongs to my son Henry) my will and desire is that my wife Hannah shall receive for her own use and benefit as much of the live stock of the growing crops of the household and kitchen furniture, and of other articles as shall seem necessary or convenient to her, and that my executors sell the balance on such terms as they think proper and distribute the proceeds together with all the fund accruing to me in any way so equally among all my children share and share alike.

And I hereby appoint my son Samuel, George and Henry, Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my hand and affixed my seal this 29th day of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred & thirty eight.

Signed sealed & published in presence of
This will was witnessed in three places before Jacob Smith Clerk
executors.

David M. Smith

George L. Warriner

Thomas P. Hall

State of Hampshire County Court September Term 1838.

Before me the last will and Testament of Jacob Smith deceased produced in open court and the execution thereof duly proved by the oaths of David M. Smith and Thomas P. Hall the subscribing witnesses thereto. It was thereupon ordered by the Court to be certified and recorded, whereupon Benjamin Smith for and George Smith the Executors hereunto named took upon themselves the execution thereof and entered into bond and security in the sum of two thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, and took the oaths required by law; thereupon ordered that this testimony of me be.

Friedrich H. Smith Clerk.

Jane Hingesford's Will No 47.

In the name of God, Amen,
I Jane Hingesford of the County of Henry & State of Virginia do make & declare this my last Will & Testament in full of mind & memory - first of all my wish is for my executors to have my body decently buried in a Christian like manner. Secondly, my wish is for my executors to pay all of my just

debt of my; & thirdly, I divide my Estate as follows: I give and bequeath to William Bente Vincent nephew the following negroes, Parate, Stephen, Spence, Henry, & Maria & his children, wit. William, John, & Benjamin. And one negro man now in debt, or his and furniture. Further, my will is that the said negroes & his that is now in debt, and give unto William Bente Vincent shall be his on his heirs forever.

I give unto William Vincent further the following negroes, wit. one negro woman named Jane & all of her increase one bed and furniture one trunk & chest to him and his heirs forever.

I give Harriet Barnes one negro child named Betty the daughter of Henry one little trunk & looking glass to her and her heirs forever. I do nominate an executor William B. Jenkins & Philip H. Jenkins. And executor of William Vincent further negroes that I have left him in my will to manage for his use in schooling of the same & the said executor immediately after my death to take the above negroes in the possession for the use of said William Vincent further.

I have my money apportioned to be equally divided between Sarah, A. L. Sumner, & Harriet Barnes.

I do nominate and appoint Bente W. Jenkins, & Philip H. Jenkins executors to this my last will & testament; no testimony being & have here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th of January 1831.

Signed sealed & acknowledged in presence of
 Jos. M. Smith
 J. M. Smith junr
 Joseph Polk
 John H. Hargrave

State of Tennessee } County Court New Town 1838.
 Tipton County }

There was the last will & testament of Jonathan Hargrave produced & proved in open court by the oaths of J. M. Smith and Joseph Polk the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

E. P. Smith clerk

Martin Wilson's Will!! 1748.

In the name of God amen
 I Martin Wilson of Tipton Co Tennessee being sound in body but sense no more & judgment do make this my last will and testament.

In the first place I will that my body be decently interred & all my lawful debts paid.

In the 2^d place I will & bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha Wilson & her body line my negro woman named Pate one bed & furniture including the trunk bed stand, one cow named Bessy

& her calf and two summer chairs, and that she pay to her brother Hugh twenty five dollars. And if my beloved daughter Martha should die without issue, I will that my beloved daughter give him the use of my negro woman & if she die, that my beloved daughter Mary Ann have the use of her during her life time & then that she descend to the surviving members of the family.

In the 3^d place I will & bequeath to my beloved son Robert Wilson one half of the plantation on which I now reside in line of the amount due from his father's estate, & of three hundred dollars bequeathed to him by sister Mary McQuinn my sister by blood, my son have named Pate one cow named Bessy & his calf one bed & its furniture two summer chairs, the clock & my white sow & her five children; and that he pay to his brother Hugh twenty five dollars.

In the 4th place I will & bequeath to my beloved son John Wilson the other half of my plantation with all my personal property not specified above, & that he pay out of the above land & personal property the following legacies viz to my beloved son W^m Arch^r & Maria will Wilson each twenty five dollars & to my beloved son Hugh W^m Ann & my beloved daughter Mary & Sarah & Jane Bond each one hundred dollars.

And further I appoint my beloved son John Wilson whole & sole executor of this my last will & testament. Made and signed & sealed this 1st day of Sept in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven in presence of

W^m Simenton Junr
 Robert Simenton Junr
 Martin Wilson

State of Tennessee }
 Tipton County } County Court December Term 1838.

There was this the last will and testament of Martin Wilson decedent produced in open court and proved by the oaths of Robt Simenton and William Simenton subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Frederick H. Smith clerk

Adam Trebough's Will!! 1749.

I Adam Trebough do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby making and making void all other wills by me made at any time.

First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible.

Second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary McQuinn all my property of every sort and description that I may die while a possessor of during her natural life.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Trebough the sum of one dollar.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Seabough the sum of one dollar.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my son John Seabough the sum of one dollar.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my daughter Betsey Sherman who was the wife of Jeremiah Sherman the sum of one dollar.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath unto Elijah Brown who is the husband of my daughter Polly all my lands wherever I may be together with every other species of property that I may die seised or possessed of after all the foregoing bequests are paid and further I do hereby appoint my son John Seabough my executor. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 1st day of Sept. 1838.

Signed sealed & published in our presence & we have subscribed our names in the presence of the testator this 1st day of Sept. 1838

Witness
J. H. Seabough

Wm. D. & James Jones
J. M. Jennings Secy
B. M. OORE

State of Tennessee, Sevier County Court.

April Term 1839

This last will and Testament of John Seabough was presented in court and proved by the oaths of Wm. D. Jones and J. M. Jennings two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And Elijah Brown the executor therein named came into court and qualified as such by taking the oath with security, and taking the oath prescribed by law.

Test. W. Smith clk by
Pet. W. Munnally Secy

John T. Newman's Will: &c.

I John T. Newman being of sound & perfect mind & memory do make and publish this my last will and Testament in presence & favor following: I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly T. Newman all the property both real and personal of what kind or nature ever of which I die possessed or which may fall to me by bequest or otherwise to have to hold unto and to use as she may during her single life. Should any property remain, which I give her, at her death or decease, then it is my will she should give it to which one of my children she may deem proper.

That my will may not be misconstrued I have thought proper to explain it in the manner following. It is my wish that my wife take any price completely, giving up with her own property my my debts and raising support for the support of herself &

children. That she should not be held responsible as executrix or administratrix. Should she receive or die possessed of any property, that property, shall be divided among my children and she may deem proper.

Signed sealed published & declared by the above named John T. Newman in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in presence of the testator.

Witnesses
Hugh T. Newcomb
J. H. Newman
Robt W. Newcomb

John T. Newman
Dec. 13th 1838

Witness by Secy

It is my particular request & will that that my beloved wife should furnish our sister St. M. Rose with an apartment and support during her single life of her estate.

John T. Newman

State of Tennessee, Sevier County Court.
Sept. Term 1838

There was the within last will and Testament of John T. Newman deceased, late of Sevier County, was produced in open court, and the execution thereof duly proved by Robert W. Newcomb, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and it was ordered to be so certified and returned for further probate.

State of Tennessee, Sevier County Court.
Nov. Term 1839

The foregoing last will and Testament of John T. Newman deceased late of said county was again presented in court and proved by the oath of Hugh T. Newcomb another subscribing witness thereto, and therefore the same was ordered to be recorded.

Test. W. Smith clk by

William C. Vaught's Will: &c.

William C. Vaught being of sound mind, do hereby make and declare this my last Will and Testament

First; I do hereby appoint and constitute my brother Dan Vaught my sole executor to attend to and execute my wishes herein expressed.

It is my wish that after the payment of all of my just debts, that three fourths of the balance of my estate shall go to the three children of my brother Dan, his son William being having one half of that portion; the other half to be equally divided between his two daughters Annett Kyle, and Mary Murter. The remaining fourth of my estate,

to be equally divided between the present children of my brother Thomas & Wright.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the 26th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Witness W. H. Munroe Junr

James Montague Junr

John A. McKim

Wright

End

State of Tennessee } December Term 1839.

Superior County Court } There was the foregoing last will and testament of William C. Wright deceased produced in open court and the execution thereof was proven by the oaths of Richard H. Munroe and Thomas Montague two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded. And said Wright the executor therein named came into court and signed, sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Eight hundred and seventy seven dollars with Richard H. Munroe and Thomas Montague as his securities, and took the oath prescribed by law, whereupon it was ordered that letters testamentary issue to him.

Given at Smith Blk by

Pat H. Kimmally Clk

Robert L. McCluskey's 1st Will!! N. 52.

In the name of God Amen I Robert L. McCluskey of Superior County and State of Tennessee, being weak of body but in perfect sound in mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, I settle my affairs in the following way and manner (viz)

First I give my soul to God who gave it.

I give and bequeath my sword to my beloved brother James, my watch I give to my beloved brother Samuel. I give and bequeath all my household furniture stock of corn & hogs now & hereunto my beloved wife Martha by her assenting and paying off all my just and lawful debts also any there is for my beloved wife to sell any things she wishes to enable her to pay off the debts.

Also, if my beloved wife should die without lawful issue I give and bequeath my bedstead, beds and clothing my corn and hogs or their value to my beloved sister Nancy Jones.

Lastly, I constitute and entitle my beloved wife Martha and brother John M. McCluskey my sole executor of this my last will and testament. March 19th A.D. 1830.

Signed sealed & published to be my last

will and testament in presence of us:

James Gulliver, Andrew Walker,

James McCluskey.

Robert L. McCluskey

W.C.

State of Tennessee } June Term 1840.

Superior County Court }

The last will and testament of Robert L. McCluskey and was this day presented in court by Matthew H. McCluskey and John M. McCluskey the executors therein named, and proven by the oaths of James Gulliver, Andrew Walker and James McCluskey the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded.

Witness W. H. Munroe Clerk Superior County Court

Copy Given Beards Will!! N. 53.

In the name of God, Amen, I Beards Beards of the town of Salisbury in Wrentham County State of North Carolina, do hereby declare, and declare this instrument, which I myself now now writing, being in perfect sound mind and memory, to be my last will and testament.

First I give to my wife Susanna the half lot of ground whereon I now live being the half of lot No. 9. and the whole of lot No. 10. both in the north square of the town of Salisbury with the improvements thereon; I also give to my wife Susanna my Necropolis tract of land containing the tower lands, Meigs and others, being about two hundred and eighty acres except a part of said tract I intend to give to my daughter Christiana Gilmer the foregoing lots and lands as described with the improvements thereon to be to the proper use of my wife Susanna during her natural life, and after her death, to be disposed of, as I will hereafter direct. I also give to my wife Susanna as much of my household and kitchen furniture as may be sufficient for her keeping house, or as much as she may choose to have; I also give to my wife Susanna my negroes Sharkey, Garrison & George, the gig and harness, two horses her share, one plough, two pairs of geese, a cart, two cows and calves; all the last mentioned personal estate, she now owns &c, I give to my wife Susanna and her heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my wife Susanna, the dividends on the shares of stock I have in the State Bank, and on eight shares I have in the Cape Fear Bank, as they become due, during her natural life, and the principal stock to be disposed of after the death of my wife Susanna, as I will hereafter direct.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Beards the wife of Moses A. Beards the one fourth of lot No. 1 in the north square of the town of Salisbury whereon the store stands on the corner of said lot, and being that part of lot of Hugh Jenkins, for which I have already given my said daughter a deed.

of gift, I also give to my said daughter Mary my land on the
Quaker road to be laid off as follows, viz. beginning at a black
oak a corner to the land called Herak's and Martin's tract on the
line of Garbrough's old ferry tract, thence with the line of the two
lands east to a post on the line of Beavers' old tract, thence
running north with Beavers' and Herak's old line to a post near some
what is called Murray's old field, Beavers' old corner, thence west to
another of Beavers' old corners the same course continues about ten
chains to a stake in McCallough's old manure line, thence north with
said line to a stake in the road leading to John George's farm
from Salisbury, thence a north east wendly course near as the road
runs a straight line to a black oak a corner of John George's
tract, and my corner of Morris' old tract on my line of the Walnut
ridge tract, thence east along George's and my line to a small hickory
and heap of stones in the corner of a piece near some negro
grove, thence near a north easterly course along a lane between
George's and my lands to a large black oak standing on the bank
of the river, thence a straight line to the upper extreme point
of the big Island, thence down the north prong of the river to
a stake on Garbrough's line of the old ferry tract thence south
crossing the big Island and south prong of the river along Gar-
brough's line to the beginning; this includes parts of several tracts
and two hundred and fifty three acres called Herak's tract, I let
the right of said lands of Daniel Clay & wife and paid therefor
hundred dollars; it is now in dispute and a suit in Equity op-
posed Garbrough's heirs and others; Should a decree be given in
my favour perhaps there will be a sum of money allowed for
me to pay off so I do give the benefit of the five hundred dol-
lars I have paid and what I have paid to attorney to my said
daughter Mary, she paying all further sum or sums of money
in obtaining a right; I also give to my daughter Mary Locke my
negro Harry, George Locke so called African Sam, Jaro, Dennis
and Lee; she already has got all the foregoing estate as mention-
ed given to my daughter Mary. I do give to her and her heirs
and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Christiana Fisher the wife of
Charles Fisher my land to be laid off as follows viz. beginning at
a black oak the same corner where the lands begin I have given
in the foregoing line left to my daughter Mary, running west
with the same line, thence north, thence west to the corner stake, on
the line of Henry Smith's McCallough's large manure tract now - my
line to the Walnut ridge tract near John Adams' corner, thence past
with the old line, and past with Adams' line south crossing course
west to a post oak corner of Beavers' and Watkins' old tract, thence
east 57 chains a hickory north 36 chains a B.O. east 62 chains and 32
like a stake north to a post oak, east 29 chains a hickory north 36

like a stake east 50 and 32 like a stake north to the beginning
this includes the whole of Beavers' and Martin's tract, and a small
piece about two chains wide between Beavers' old tract and Adams'
being part of the Walnut ridge tract; I also give to my said daughter
Christiana a part of my mother's tract of land joining the
two lands of Salisbury Madray's & others, beginning at two b.o. saplings
on the river line near the Academy, being a corner of my hundred
acres of land laid off out of my tract for Leonard Bees a new blimp
to Moss S. Locke running thence north thirty chains to a stake, thence
west to a stake on Madray's line thence south to a heap of stones
a corner of my land and the river line thence east to the be-
ginning - I also give to my daughter Christiana the same acres of
land conveyed to me by Capt John Father being part of the two
lands running along the same chequers towards the Academy and
lots No 37 & 38. I also give to my daughter Christiana after the death
of my wife Susanna my half lot No 9. and the whole of lot No 10
where I now live, and all the improvements thereon being in the
north square of the town of Salisbury, I have already given her
a Piano Forte and Corode; I also give to my said daughter Christiana
my my negroes, Jaro, Maria, her wife, & increase, Sylvia and King
she already has got; I also give to my daughter Christiana the
following second negroes, in addition to what she already has got
African Jack, Pompey his wife Mary and youngest child African
Bob. All the foregoing estate as mentioned given to my daugh-
ter Christiana I give to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my son John and his and his heirs
my house clock, my large mahogany chest, bed and furniture
my mahogany table but to remain in the house during the life
time of my wife Susanna I also give to my son John after the
death of my wife Susanna the balance of my mother's tract
of land now there after running off the part I have given to
my daughter Christiana, her part to be taken off the upper end
of the tract of land; I also give to my son John four lots
No 33, 34, 35, 36. and the pasture back of the old school house and
grass yard. I also give and bequeath to my son John four hun-
dred acres of land on the east side of the Quaker river begin-
ning at a hickory standing on the east bank of Quaker river near
and to the dividing line between Beavers' Chambers' land and mine
lot of Benjamin W. Newcomb, running thence east, then a north line to the
lot of Smith's land, and along his line the various corners to the river
so, down the river to the beginning including the land I got of
Samuel Dumbley, so as to make four hundred acres; I have also
given to my son John about one hundred acres of land including
the hickory Springs and house on the flat swamps; I have also
given to my son John all the land I have between the bridge and
the land I gave to my daughter Mary, John George, Christiana Smith

and Albin George except a piece at this side of the bridge towards the Roman river by 16 chains reserve for the bridge, I also give to my son John in addition to the two negroes I have already given him my negroes, Ned, Nat, Mary, &c.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Locke Christiana Fisher and son John all that part of my tract of land on the south west side of the Quakers near at the end of the bridge, beginning at a standing saw-wood in the bank of the river above the bridge Albin George and my son's survey thence along our line south twelve chains to a stake thence east two chains to a stake, thence north to a stake in the bank of the river, thence up the river to the beginning together with all the interest I have in the bridge, that my said daughter Mary and Christiana, and my son John have equal shares of the land and bridge and profits arising therefrom; I give the said land and bridge to my said daughter, and son John and their heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my grand son William Locke two hundred and twenty acres of land being the land I bought of A. Mezzell & joining the land I bought of Fisher & Haider. With the land Mrs A. Locke and others it lies between Mrs A. Locke two plantations.

I give and bequeath to my grand son Charles Fisher two sum. All tracts of land conveyed to me by Jacob Fisher & wife, and Joseph Haden and wife making in the whole one hundred and ^{eighty} two acres; I also give to my grand son Charles Fisher two hundred and fifty three acres of land conveyed to me by Jacob Fisher joining the land of Albin George plus either Haider's, and the land of John Haider, William Mezzell & the above described lands. Also four lots in the town of Salisbury known by No 37. 38. 45. & 46. in the north square of the town of Salisbury; I also give to my said grand son Charles Fisher eight shares of stock I have in the Cape Fear Bank after the death of my wife, and my negro boy Jack that I keep about the house.

I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Susan Fisher the daughter of Charles and Christiana Fisher my negro woman Betty or Kitt now at the bridge with all the wearing she has or may have.

I give to my son John five shares of stock I have in the bank of North Carolina, after the death of my wife Susan, she denoting the dividends as they become due during her life.

I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved friends Mrs A. Locke, Charles Fisher and my son John Bruce, Executors of this my last will and Testament, revoking all others will or wills, and I do give to my said Executors all the moneys of my estate both real and personal not secured in this my last will and Testament to be disposed of in whatever manner or way they may think most advisable for the speedy payment of all the just debts which I owe, and do by these presents authorize and empower my said Executors to sell and make good title

to all such of the estate they may sell; & Should any of my estate be left after all my debts are paid the surplus to be equally divided between my said Executors, Mrs A. Locke, Charles Fisher, and my son John Bruce, and my wife Susan.

In witness whereof I the said Lewis Bruce have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this 18th day of May 1820.

This foregoing was duly acknowledged before me this 2nd day of September 1820.

Egan Attorney

Th. B. Young Jr

Roman County February 1st June 1821.

I hereby certify that the within will was duly proved in open court by the oath of Th. B. Young, recorder and registered in book - page 78.

John Liles

State of North Carolina

Roman County I John Liles Clerk of the Roman County Court do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the last will and Testament of Lewis Bruce deceased as recorded and registered in my office. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office the 8th day of December A. D. 1820.

John Liles Clerk

State of North Carolina Roman County.

I Asahel Smith Clerk of Roman County Court do hereby certify that John Liles who has given the above certificate is, and was at the time of doing the same, Clerk of Roman County Court, that the certificate is in due form of law, and that all due faith and credit is due his official acts as such. Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of December 1820.

Asahel Smith Clerk

State of North Carolina

Roman County Be it remembered that herebefore (to wit) at a Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun and held for the County of Roman at the Court House in Salisbury, on the 11th day of January A. D. 1821 the following record was made (to wit) The last will and Testament of Lewis Bruce deceased was duly proved in open court by the oath of Th. B. Young, and Mrs A. Locke, Charles Fisher and John Bruce the Executors thereof recorded & signed and attested as follows:-

North Carolina Roman County.

I John Liles Clerk of Roman County Court do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true transcript of the record as to the probate and qualification of the Executors of Lewis Bruce deceased.



In return which I have lent out my horse and
affirms the end of since court at office this 8th day
of Decr A.D. 1836.

John Gibbs

State of North Carolina Rowan County;

I, Abner Smith Chairman of Newton County Court do hereby certify that John Giles whose name appears to the above certificate is now seen at the time of signing the same, Clerk of Newton County Court; that his certificate is in due form of law; and that all due faith and credit is due his official acts as such.

Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of Decr
1836.

State of Tennessee De Kalb County Court

June Term 1840

A certified copy of the last Will and testament of Lewis Beeson of the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina, was this day produced in open court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the same had been duly and lawfully proved, and certified; on motion it is therefore ordered to be admitted to record.

A true copy;

Liste

Abel Smith Esq

W. H. Munford Clerk of the
County Court of Jefferson County

Samuel Williams's Will!! No 54.

I Samuel Withams of the State of Ten-
nessee was County of Sevier. In the name of God Amen—
I Samuel Withams being sworn we ~~are~~ body but of perfect mind
and memory but knowing that is appointed for all men to die—

Next I give my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, who gave it doubting that I may receive the same at the general resurrection and my body to be returned to its mother ~~earth~~ to be buried in a Christian like decent manner.

I do hereby make this my last will and testament revoking all others heretofore made by me.

First, my present expenses to be strictly attended to. Second, all of my just debts are to be punctually paid as soon as can be out of my estate.

Kindly I give and bequeath to James Buffum one horse
to the value of fifty dollars

Monthly. I give and liquefact to Elyz Bufffume six hundred
 mace six and half also one feather two new feathers, one side of the

Fifthly I give and bequeath To my Wife Anne Williams one ac-

with part of the balance of my estate during her natural life there to be equally divided between my children

to be equally divided between my children
lawfully: I give and bequeath to my son children (namely, Francis
McWilliam, Daniel & William, Alexander William, Elizabeth William,
Margaret William, and Benjamin William, the survivors of my estate
to be equally divided between them.

Sanctity and purity. I appoint Edward Greenough executor to this my
last Will and Testament revoking all others heretofore made by me.
July 10 A.D. 1880.

July 10. A.D. 1840.
Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us

Sept Samuel Bates June

John B. Cunningham Secret

Samuel Millican

State of Tennessee Jefferson County Court.

August 3rd 1840.

The foregoing last will and testament of Samuel Williams deceased was presented and proved by the oaths of Samuel Bates and John B. Williams the two subscribing witnesses thereto, therefore the same was ordered to be recorded - And ordered furthermore the executor thereof named came into court and qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by law and entering into bond with security sufficient according to law.

Site

Richard W. Munford 6th by

Pat. H. Nunnally D.C.

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

October Term 1840

Ann Williams widow of Saml Williams this day came into free court and entered her claim from the will of her deceased husband in the following words & signs, to wit:

"The undersigned widow of the late Sam^l Williams respectfully begs
 "assurances ~~of your~~ ^{of your} sympathy, that she departs from the call of her late husband, ~~that~~
 "was pronounced at the August court last, & orders to be recorded; there being no power
 "as yet, in said will for any support and maintenance of my children, to which I
 "think I am entitled (Signed) Ann W^m Williams"

"Get N. H. Munroe clerk." A true copy from the ^{minutes} minutes.

Positive Crittenden's Will!! No 55.

In the name of God Amen.

I Politeur Constitution of the County of Essex and State of Vermont
see being of perfect sound mind and memory but knowing the near
futility of my body, and that all men have at some time to die
and wishing not to die intestate do make and declare this my last
will & testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made
be the first place I will my soul to the power which gives it and
my body to be decently buried: and as touching my worldly estate
I will and dispose of the same in the following manner (viz)
That Item 1st I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally W. Howard
one dollar and no more.

Shew 2^d I give me beginning to the King of Great Britain.

here

There no behalf of his wife my daughter Jane Higginbotham one dollar and no more.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to the heirs of John Henry in behalf of his wife my daughter Nancy Henry one dollar and no more.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to the heirs of Henry P. Cuthbert one dollar and no more.

Item 5th I give and bequeath to the heirs of William W. Cuthbert one dollar and no more.

Item 6. I give and bequeath to the heirs of John W. Cuthbert one dollar and no more.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to Thomas W. Cuthbert one dollar and no more.

Item 8th I give and bequeath to Rufus L. Cuthbert one dollar and no more.

Item 9 I give and bequeath to Matilda Bentley Ten hundred Dollars in current Bank notes and one Bar and furniture.

Item 10th I give and bequeath to little John Cuthbert Ten negroes to my Sonny, Sarah, Becky, Mary Lucy, Ben George and all the balance of my property after paying all of my just debts.

Item. I do hereby declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking all others by me heretofore made. I do hereby also constitute and appoint my son little John Cuthbert the whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament.

I do witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 7th day of January 1840

Signed sealed & published in presence of us the day and date aforesaid.

Test. John W. Miller
Andrew Phelps

Palmer Cuthbert

State of Tennessee
Jefferson County Court

The foregoing "an instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament" of Palmer Cuthbert deceased was this day presented in Court and "offered for probate; whereupon the same was opposed by Ferdinand Henderson, by his counsel on the grounds that the residence of the testator was not in this county, and also acknowledged a notice that motion for probate of this will would be made this day; and the Court "having decided that this county was his proper residence; Henderson came into open Court John W. Miller and Andrew Phelps "the two subscribing witnesses to the said will, who being duly "sworn pronounced the execution of said will agreeably to law; whereupon the same was ordered to be recorded in the last will and testament of the said Palmer Cuthbert deceased."

Test.

R. H. Munson Clerk.
Jefferson County Court.

James M. Clements Will. No. 57.

I James Madison Clements do make and publish this as my last will, once Testament, hereby revoking and annulling all wills by me at any time made.

First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to William H. Clements my beloved Father and Letitia Clements my beloved Mother all my estate both real and personal, I do have and to hold or dispose of in any way William H. Clements my father may think best a power to this sole use and benefit.

Thirdly, I do hereby nominate and appoint William H. Clements my Executor if I do witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this the 25th day of January A. D. 1841.

Signed sealed and published in our presence James M. Clements and we have subscribed our names in the presence of the Testator

John J. James
M. Darnmore

State of Tennessee Jefferson County Court.

April Term 1841
The foregoing last will and testament of James M. Clements deceased was presented in Court and the execution thereof proven in due form of law by the oaths of John J. James and M. Darnmore the two subscribing witnesses thereto. The same was ordered to be recorded. And William H. Clements the executor therein named came into Court and qualified as such by entering into bond in the penalty of Two hundred dollars with M. Darnmore, and M. Phelps as his securities and taking the oath prescribed by law, whereupon it is ordered that letters testamentary issue to him &c.

Test Richard H. Munson Clk by
Patrick H. Munson S. C.

Clarissa H. Sandendales Will. No. 57.

I do certify that I was at Mrs. C. Sandendales some house the night of January last the next day after the deceased between herself and her children of their negroes. Whilst there Mrs. Sandendales spoke of the death of her son and said that her son James had got the worst of the division of any of them and she there called on myself my wife and Mrs. Sams to witness that at her death her son James was to have a negro girl Sally extra one which she desired at the division.

L. A. Mingo

Georgetown May 3rd 1841.

I do certify that I was at Mr. C. Sandendales some time in the

month of January last, a few days before her death, and having said that she wished her sons James to have a certain negro girl named Sally entire and rather up some girl in my presence and requesting me to take notice that that was her wish and not to forget it. The balance of her property to be equally divided among all her children.

State of Tennessee Sevier County Court. *James Pinkston*
May Term 1841.

The above instrument of writing signed by L. B. Allinge and James Pinkston purporting to be the Nuncupative Will of *Blair H. Banchard* deceased, was this day presented in open court and the said Allinge and Pinkston being first duly sworn in court depose and say that the said *Blair H. Banchard*, acknowledged in their presence that the property of which she sought the possession, should be disposed of as specified in said instrument; whereupon it is considered by the court that the said statements of said testifies be established and recorded as the nuncupative will of said *Blair H. Banchard* deceased.
Dict.

R. M. Munford Clerk
Sevier County Court.

James M. Rose's Will: 1: 55.

State of Tennessee Sevier County Court.
December Term 1840.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that process has been issued to the next of kin of *Miss James M. Rose* who departed this life on the 21st of August last that her Nuncupative Will would this day be offered for probate; thereupon came into open court *Annella S. Sewell* who being first duly sworn, depose and says that she saw with *Miss James M. Rose* when last ill, at her usual residence, and that she called upon her to take notice that it was her will that her two daughters, *Belinda W. Adams* and *Hollis Rogers* should have her whole estate for the purpose of educating them. And it was ordered that the same be continued for further proof.
Dict.

R. M. Munford Clerk

State of Tennessee Sevier County Court.
May Term 1841.

The deposition of *James B. Rogers* from the County of Washington in the District of Columbia purporting to establish the nuncupative will of *James M. Rose* deceased, which was sworn by one witness on the 21st day of December 1840 and continued for further probate, was this day opened in open court duly authenticated; it is ordered by the court that the facts showing the substance thereof be entered of record as establishing the Nuncupative will of the said *James M. Rose* deceased.

The deponent further says that on the 20th day of August 1840 *Miss James M. Rose* of Sevier County about noon

"came from Washington in said County at her usual dwelling" being at that time very ill but according to defendant's knowledge of some knowledge among some understanding, the said *James* made this statement that she gave all her property to her daughters *Belinda W. Adams* and *Hollis Rogers* known and at the same time the said *James* desired this document to be written and to writing which this deponent intended doing but "was prevented in consequence of the death of the said *James* rose early in the morning of the 21st day of August in the year 1840 at the place aforesaid."

Dict.

R. M. Munford Clerk

Benjamin Smith's Will: 1: 59.

I Benjamin Smith of the County of Sevier and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby making and making void all former wills by me made at any time heretofore made, And first I direct that any body be directly inherited in a manner entitled to my estate in life. And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with, I dispose of the same as follows.

First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of any moneys that I may be possessed of, or may first come into the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my sons *Charles*, *James*, & *John* Smith, one dollar each having heretofore given them two portions.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath to children of my daughter *Annella W. Adams* all the right, title claim and interest that I have in and to lot in the town of *Washington* in the State of Tennessee.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my dear grand son *Albert C. Chapman* one dollar each & to *Sarah Chapman* the sum of Twenty five dollars.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter *Mary* Smith all the balance of my property both real and personal to me and her heirs and assigns forever.

I do hereby make, ordain and appoint my executor from these my children and executor of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I Benjamin Smith the said testator, have to this my last will written in one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this first day of January in the year of our Lord 1841.

Signed, sealed and published in the presence of us, who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and *Benjamin Smith* and others. *W. H. McQuinn* have

William McQuinn

State of Tennessee } June Term 1841.

Septer County Court

A certified transcript of the proceedings of the Circuit Court of Septer County, in the case of the intestate will of Benjamin Smith, fully establishing said Will and annexing it to this Court to be passed and recorded, was presented to Court and therefore the said last Will and Testament of said Benjamin Smith was duly proved by the oath of Wm McSwain and M. Holshoven the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Test:-

R. H. Mansford Clerk

John H. Hunt's Will!! 1840.

The dying requests of said John H. Hunt made in the presence of the undersigned on the 18th day of Septer A.D. 1840.

1st He wished all his just debts paid.

2nd He wished his business affairs in Brandon continued by his Brother Archibald Hunt and Joseph A. Green this success.

3rd His property (the remainder) after paying all his just debts, to be equally divided between his wife Elizabeth & Hunt and his children.

4th The title of sale for some negroes, he purchased some years ago in the States of Tennessee and Missouri, in his own name, and which he now holds, were purchased for his Father Nathaniel Hunt and belong to him.

5th The sale of my negroes & mules made to my brother-in-law Albert G. Hunt of Mississippi for thirteen hundred and fifty five dollars payable in Fort Pickens, Tenn lot is to be raised into effect.

6th He wished his Father Nathaniel Hunt to have the management of his business and estate.

Witness.

Wm. J. New inters to the above except the 2nd request.

G. W. Miller

Elizabeth Miller

A. G. Cantor

State of Tennessee Septer County Court

October Term 1841

The within "instrument of writing" signed by Wm. J. New, G. W. Miller, Elizabeth Miller, and A. G. Cantor purporting to be the "dying requests" or "dispositive Will" of said John H. Hunt, was presented in open court and offered for record.

was the Intestament will of said Hunt, and therefore the said Wm. J. New and A. G. Cantor, being first duly sworn, deposed and said "that the said Hunt being of sound mind and memory, during his last illness, at his place of residence and on the 18th day of September 1840 made the several bequests as stated herein which were immediately committed to writing, and signed by the persons above named. It was therefore ordered by the Court that the paper aforesaid be fully established as the Intestament will of the said John H. Hunt, and that the same be recorded." "Such:-"

Test:-

R. H. Mansford Clerk

Septer County Court

West Withins Will!! 1841.

The last Will and Testament of West Withins deceased, made in his last sickness on his death bed, but not advanced to writing.

It is my duty in the first place that my body be decently entreated, and that my personal expenses and all my just debts be first paid out of my estate.

In the 2nd place I desire that my wife Milisa have a care and only a bed and bedstead, two cupboards and table furniture and the chairs and table of which I am now possessed and a sufficiency of food and other provisions to support her for this year.

The balance of the property left after taking the above mentioned articles, for my wife I will and bequeath to my two children Mary and Richard.

State of Tennessee Septer County.

I James Cole do hereby certify that I was present at the time and know the intestate signed that after his death his property should be divided as above mentioned, and that his desire was not advanced to writing at the time.

March 7th 1842.

State of Tennessee

Septer County Court

March Term 1842.

The foregoing "instrument of writing" signed "James Cole" purporting to be the Intestament will of West Withins late of this County now dead having date 7th March 1842, was produced in open court, and the Court being satisfied that the contents of the said will were duly proved by the oath of the said James Cole and ordered to be recorded.

Witness:-

R. H. Mansford Clerk

Godfrey Brown's Will: No 62.

In the name of God amen
 Feeling that I am mortal and being in a low state of health
 at this time but in my proper mind, I make this my last
 will & testament:—

1 It is my will that my just debts first be
 paid

2. It is my will & I do bequeath unto my beloved
 wife Mary Brown during her natural life time for the use
 & benefit of herself & jointly all the property that I possess
 real and personal

3 It is my will that at the death of my wife Mary
 Brown that all the property that remains in hand at that
 time be equally divided between my three surviving heirs.

4 It is my will & I appoint my friends John Townsend
 and David M Brown to execute this my last will & testament
 signed & sealed in presence of us the
 the 27th of March 1842.

Abraham Dore

Joseph Sykes

Richard S. Danks

Godfrey X Brown

State of Tennessee Septate County Court }
 April Term 1842 } The above Last Will and
 Testament of Godfrey Brown
 late of this county was this day produced in open court, and duly
 proved, according to law, by Joseph Sykes, one of the subscribing
 witnesses thereto, and it was thereupon returned for further probate
 Witness my hand at office this 4th day of April 1842.

R. H. Mansford Clerk

State of Tennessee }
 Septate County Court } Tuesday April 5th 1842.
 The within last will and Testament
 of Godfrey Brown, which was on yesterday proven by the
 oath of one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and returned
 for further probate, was this day again produced in open
 court and the execution thereof fully proved by the oath of
 Richard S. Danks, another of the subscribing witnesses thereto
 according to law, and ordered to be recorded.
 Witness my hand at office.

R. H. Mansford Clerk

Calib Owen's Will: No 63

I Calib Owen of Septate County State of Tennessee
 free of sound mind, but feeble health, knowing the uncertainty
 of human life, and the necessity of preparing for death, do hereby
 constitute and appoint this my last will and testament.

I desire after my decease for my body to be buried in a
 place secured without pomp or parade.

I desire that my general daughter Eliza Jane Brown have out
 of the proceeds of my estate, one hundred dollars.

I desire the whole of my property be valued, and that my negroes
 have the privilege of choosing which of my children they prefer
 for master or mistress; and if the child so chosen refuses to take
 them at valuation then such negro shall have the privilege of
 a second choice, and no other ones such child may take &
 negro at valuation, and no all cases where any or either of my
 negroes are valued for more than the portion of any child, such
 child receiving them shall pay over the surplus to be divided
 between my other children. It is my desire that my negro woman
 and her child and her daughter Margaret be valued together and
 kept together.

It is my desire that my son-in-law Henry W. Sals shall
 have the tract of land in which I now live, and should it
 be valued for more than his (or his wife Nancy) portion he pay
 said surplus to be divided between the balance of my children
 My children unto whom I have given any property are as
 follows to wit, James H. Sals, Isaac H. Owen, Allen G. Owen, Nancy
 Sals, Franklin S. Owen, and Benjamin H. Biggins, and I do hereby ap-
 point my two sons-in-law Henry W. Sals and Benjamin H. Biggins
 my executors to this my last Will and Testament.

The witnesses whom I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
 my seal this twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord
 one thousand eight hundred and forty-two

Signed and sealed in presence of }
 A. V. Darby }
 Joshua J. Black }

Calib Owen

State of Tennessee }
 Septate County Court } October Term 1842
 The within last will and Testament of Calib Owen
 late of this county now due was this day produced in open
 court by Benjamin H. Biggins one of the executors therein named,
 and duly proved by the oaths of A. V. Darby, and Joshua J. Black
 the subscribing witnesses thereto, according to law and ordered
 to be recorded, and thereupon the said Ben. H. Biggins with
 Wm. H. Biggins and Reuben Brown as his securities came into open
 court and signed such and acknowledged a bond in the
 penalty of two thousand dollars, conditioned according to law
 and was duly qualified as executor, and it was ordered that
 this Testamentary issue to him.

Witness my hand at office this 31st day of October A.D.
 1842.

R. H. Mansford Clerk
 Septate County Court

6 Goodness Miller's Will 66

In the name of God Amen
 I Goodness Miller being weak in body but sound in mind and judgment do make this my last will and Testament in the first place I will that all my lawful debts be paid out of my dues and demands;

In the second place to my beloved wife Anna Miller I will and bequeath five hundred dollars to be taken out of my dues and demands if they will amount to that sum if not the balance to be made up to her out of my goods and chattels

In the third place I will to my son David my tract of land that I now now being on with all that appertains to it.

In the fourth place to each one of my four sons James Miller Robert Miller, John Miller and Samuel Miller two dollars each one, allowing my son David all of my personal property and for him to pay the last named four legacies.

In the last place I appoint my son Robert Miller whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, and I wish no security to be required of - for the execution of it.
 Signed sealed in presence of His 25th Aug 1842.

Robert Miller

James Miller

Andrew McBlushie

Goodness Miller

State of Tennessee

Jefferson County Court

October Term 1842

The within last will and testament of Goodness Miller dec'd late of this County, was produced in open court by Robert Miller the executor thereof, named, and was duly sworn according to law, by the oaths of James Miller and Andrew McBlushie two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; And therefore the said Robert Miller came into open court & the said will producing that no security should be required) and signed sealed and acknowledged aloud in the presence of aforesaid hundred dollars, contained according to law, and was duly qualified as executor; and it was ordered that letters testamentary issue to him -

Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of October A.D. 1842.

R. M. Mansford clerk Jefferson County Court

7 James Pinkston's Will 65

I James Pinkston of the County of Jefferson & State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and declare this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all former wills made by me.

Item 1st its my will and desire that after the payment of all my just debts the balance of all my property of every description

both real and personal I give unto my loving and affectionate wife Elanor Pinkston during her natural life, its also my will and desire that my two sons Alexander and George C. Pinkston shall carry on my farming operations for their mother, and all they now make to spend after supporting satisfactorily to her three mother and one three little grand children shall be theirs equally -

Item 2nd After the death of my wife I will unto my three sons Alexander, George C. & John Pinkston all of my land to be equally divided between them -

Item 3rd its also my will that after the death of my wife the balance of my property shall be divided equally between my two children, to wit, Alexander Pinkston, George C. Pinkston, John Pinkston, Rebecca Hamilton, Elizabeth Shankle and General McKens -

I appoint my son George C. Pinkston Executor to this my last will & testament. June 16th 1842.

Test. A. W. Smith

James H. Hamilton

James Pinkston

State of Tennessee

Jefferson County Court

November Term 1842.

The above last will and Testament of James Pinkston late of this County was this day produced in open court by George C. Pinkston the Executor thereof named, and was duly sworn according to law by the oaths of Alexander W. Smith and James H. Hamilton the subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded -

Witness my hand at office this 7th day of November A.D. 1842.

R. M. Mansford clerk Jefferson County Court

7 John Bradshaw's Will 66

State of Tennessee Jefferson Cty. September 27th 1842.

I John Bradshaw of sound mind do make this my last will & testament, and anuling all others.

Item 1st I wish the whole of my property to be kept together, and under the management of my wife during her widowhood or lifetime, or until the children arrive at age or marry, then the children to draw their equal portions -

Item 2nd The wife is bound to support the children so long as she has it in possession free of any charge on them

We the undersigned testify that this is the last will & testament of John Bradshaw -

Robert M. Osborn

Thos. P. Shetter

James H. Hamilton

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

January Term 1843

The foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Bondsman was this day presented in open court, whereupon Robert McCallum, Thomas P. Shott and Diamond G. Hendricks whose names are subscribed thereto appeared in open court and being first duly sworn testified and said that the said John Bondsman, being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory, acknowledged the same in their presence to be his last will and testament, the same having been first read to him and it was ordered to be recorded as such; And thereupon the said Bondsman the executor thereof named, with Robert McCallum and Thomas P. Shott as his executors, came into open court and signed, sealed, and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of nine thousand dollars conditioned according to law and took the oath of executor and it was ordered that letters testamentary issue to him.

Witness my hand at office this 2nd day of January 1843.

R. D. Winfree Clerk

Archibald M. Simmenton Will!!

State of Tennessee Tipton County

We John Thompson and Alexander Davis do state that Archibald M. Simmenton on or about the 24th day of November 1842 made a supposed last testamentary Will in our presence and the presence of each other, in his last sickness, in his own dwelling house in the County of Tipton, as follows viz: "It was his Will and desire that his negro man Henry should be sold to such person as his father Robert Simmenton might wish to buy him, and that the proceeds of such sale should be divided between his wife Elizabeth Simmenton and his infant daughter. Made out by us and signed this 24th day of November 1842."

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

February Term 1843

The above instrument of writing signed by John Thompson and Alexander Davis purporting to be the testamentary Will of Archibald M. Simmenton late of this county, was this day presented in public as such; and Elizabeth Simmenton the widow of the said R. M. Simmenton having no writing concerning the necessity of being summoned to contest said will, and having expressed a willingness for the same to be established; The said John Thompson and Alexander Davis came into open court and being first duly sworn, depose and swear that the said paper contains the verbal expression by the said R. M. Simmenton (he being of sound mind and disposing mind) in their presence making his last will, at his place of residence; and it was thereupon

ordered to be recorded as such; And upon application, Wm. J. Henry was appointed administrator with the will annexed of the said R. M. Simmenton and he came into open court with John Thompson and Alex Davis as his securities, and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of one thousand dollars conditioned according to law and took the oath of administrator and it was ordered that letters of administration issue to him.

Witness my hand this 6th day of February 1843.

R. D. Winfree Clerk

James Bonum's Will!!

I James Bonum 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 any moneys that I may be possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands of my executors. Secondly that my wife Mary Bonum have during her natural life or widowhood thirty acres of land one negro boy named Henry, one cow and all my household goods and kitchen furniture which together with the interest I have in my body have equally to be born as she may see fit at her death.

Thirdly that all my little both real and personal be sold and equally divided amongst my children, Martha & Bonum, Joseph & Bonum, James & Bonum, Elizabeth & Bonum, & Joseph & Bonum in trust for my grand daughter Mary Bonum. Should any of my children or heirs be without having any share of their lands it is my will that the property revert back again to the heirs of my body equally.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Joseph & Bonum my executor in which I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 23rd day of August A.D. 1842.

Witness before signed

Charles F. Fisher

Rich. S. Barret

Benj. J. Johnston

James Bonum

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

April Term 1843

The within instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of James Bonum late of this county was this day presented in open court and the execution thereof being first duly proven according to law to the satisfaction of Charles F. Fisher and Richard S. Barret two of the Justices of the Peace was ordered to be recorded and thereupon Joseph & Bonum the executor therein named and appointed with James S. Sanderson and James P. Hills as his securities came into open court and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars conditioned according to law and was duly qualified as executor and it was ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him accordingly. Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of April A.D. 1843.

R. D. Winfree Clerk

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

July Term 1843

Mrs. Mary Bonum widow of James Bonum

the late of said County this day came into open Court and descended from the last will and Testament of her late husband, which was duly proven and ordered to be read at the last April term of this Court and prayed that she may be provided for as by the law in such cases and that said will be set aside and rendered null and void so far as the provision for her is therein made which was so ordered by the Court

A true copy from the minutes of said Court
 Witness
 J. P. Mumford Clerk

William Simonton Will !!

State of Tennessee Tipton County

We Bryan Byrne and Robert Simonton do state that William Simonton on the 17th day of May 1863 made his nuncupative will in our presence to which we were specially requested to bear witness by the testator himself in the presence of each other in his last sickness in his own dwelling house as follows: It wit: It was his will and desire of his disease his wife Catherine Simonton have all his household and kitchen furniture and his negro girl named Harriet to dispose of as she may think proper and likewise have her lawful part of the remainder of his property

In the second place he wishes his negro man Dick to be sold if Dick should require as he had a wife in Tennessee he wished Dick to be with her or more convenient in his wife and if sold the money to be divided as the law directs

In the third place he wished a new wall to be dug and a brick chimney to be built to his kitchen the wall to be walled with brick the brick for wailing the well and building the chimney being now provided and paid for the digging and wailing of the well and building of the chimney to be paid for out of the same made out by us and signed this the 3rd day of July 1863

Bryan Byrne
 Robert Simonton

And furthermore on the 30th day of May 1863 added to the above will in the presence of Robert Hill and Robert Miller that he wished his Ramsey tract of land sold and to be sold for cash or on a credit as may seem best for the interest of his estate made out and signed by us as witnesses this the 3rd day of July 1863

Robert Hill
 Robt. Miller

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

July term 1863

The within paper writing signed by Bryan Byrne, Robert Simonton, Robert Hill and Robert Miller purporting to be the nuncupative will of William Simonton dec^d late of this County was this day produced in open Court and offered for probate as such and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said will had been issued and served in the wisdom and best of sense of the said dec^d to appear was granted the same if they thought proper thereupon the said paper writing was proven according to law by the oaths of the said Bryan Byrne Robert Simonton Robert Hill and Robert Miller and ordered to be recorded as the nuncupative will of the said Wm Simonton and my hand at office this 3rd day of July A.D. 1863

J. P. Mumford Clerk

Henry Harbrough's Will !!

In the name of God Amen

I Henry Harbrough of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made

First: I direct that all my funeral expenses and just debts be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors

Second: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Fiedler or her heirs the sum of one hundred dollars

Third: I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Billings or her heirs the sum of one hundred dollars

Fourth: I give and bequeath to my daughter Biddy Smith or her heirs the sum of one hundred dollars

Fifth: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Smith or her heirs the sum of one hundred dollars

Sixth: I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Smith or her heirs the sum of one hundred dollars

Seventh: I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth Ann Smith or her heirs the sum of one hundred dollars

Eighth: I give and bequeath Anna Davis the daughter of my deceased wife or to her heirs the sum of one hundred dollars

Ninth: I give and bequeath to William Cunningham the son of my deceased wife or to his heirs the sum of one hundred dollars

Tenth: I give and bequeath to my son Anderson S Harbrough my tract of land on which I now reside, also my waggon and set of black Smith's Tools

Eleventh: After the payment and satisfaction of all of the foregoing bequests and legacies to be made by my executors, out of any money of which I may die possessed or from the sale of such of my property as they may think best. It is my wish and desire that all of the remainder of my property and estate, if any, of every description whatever both real and personal shall be equally divided between my two sons Edward Harbrough and Anderson S Harbrough or their heirs

Twelfth: I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Edward S Harbrough and Anderson S Harbrough my executors

In witness of which I do to this my will subscribe my name and affix my seal this fourth day of November A.D. 1861 Signed sealed and published in our presence and we Henry Harbrough have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses in presence of the testator and of each other this 5th November 1861

J. P. Mumford
 J. P. Davis
 James Owen

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

July Term 1843 } A regularly certified transcript of the proceedings of this Circuit Court of this County, on the case of the Contested Will of Henry Garbrough Decd. (which was at the last February Term of this Court presented for probate) was this day produced in open Court (together with the within paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of the said Henry Garbrough) fully establishing said will and remanding the same to this Court to be proven and recorded as the law directs: And thereupon the said last will and Testament was duly proven according to law in open Court by the oaths of Wm. Humphord J. P. Davis and James Owen the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of July, A.D. 1843
Wm. Humphord Clerk

Joby Weeks' will.

I Job Weeks of the County of Tipton & State of Tennessee, Planters, do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling every former will by me at any time heretofore made. And first, I direct that my body be decently interred in a manner suitable to my condition in life, then to remain in hope of a blessed immortality & resurrection unto life eternal and my soul I cheerfully commit into the hands of that merciful God who gave it. And as to such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows

First, I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any money that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate real or personal.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Martha (during her natural life or widowhood my landed estate containing one hundred fifty seven acres upon which I now reside and at her decease or second marriage to descend to my three sons equally, between them (to-wit) Phillip, James Morris, and an Infant son unnamed and in case any of or either them should die before said division or distribution should take place then and in balance to descend to the son or sons then living.

Third, I give and bequeath to my son Phillip

Fourthly, I give bequeath unto my beloved wife (Martha) during her natural life or widowhood all my stock consisting of horses cattle & hogs & house hold and kitchen furniture and also two negro boys named Calvin & Peter and after her decease or second marriage to be equally divided between my four daughters (to-wit) Nancy, Julia Ann, Mary Amiger & Polly Francis believing that I have already given my daughter Nancy to the amount of sixty dollars I therefore direct that each of my other daughters

receive an amount equal to hers and then an equal distribution to be made between those who are living of the daughters or their children at the time said distribution shall be made.

Lastly, I do hereby make ordain and appoint my wife Martha and my son, to-wit Andrew & Burns Executors of this my last will and Testament. I witness whereof I Job Weeks the said testator have this (my will written on one sheet of paper) set my hand & seal this the first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Signed Sealed & Published in the presence of
us who have subscribed in the presence of the
testator and of each other
Joshua J. Clark
William Clarke

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
September Term 1843

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Joby Weeks late of this County was this day produced in open Court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law by the oaths of Joshua J. Clark and William Clarke the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And thereupon Anderson & Burns one of the Executors therein named having entered into bond as the law directs was duly qualified as Executor and it was ordered that letters testamentary be issued to him. Witness my hand at office this 5th day of September 1843

Wm. Humphord Clerk

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Sindlay McLane's Nuncupative Will

We certify that Mr Sindlay McLane on his death bed at the house of Leonard Smith in Tipton County Tennessee said that he wished his debts first to be paid out of his estate and after that, the balance to be sent to his mother. He states that he died on or about the 22nd day of August last.

Leonard X Smith
mark
Leonard Ferguson

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court
December Term 1843

The foregoing paper writing signed by Leonard Smith and Leonard Ferguson purporting to be the Nuncupative Will or dying requests of Sindlay McLane late of this County was this day produced in open Court and the said Leonard Smith and Leonard Ferguson being first duly sworn deposed and said that the said Sindlay McLane being of sound and disposing mind & memory at his usual dwelling place and during his last illness in their presence made the requests contained in said paper writing and

it was ordered that the same be established and recorded as his own
 copative will And thereupon Will el Leman was appointed admin-
 istrator with said will and one of the said Lindley el Lane and with
 Bryan Payne & Moses Smith as his securities came into free Court
 and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of three
 hundred dollars conditioned according to law and being duly sworn
 as administrator it was ordered that letters of administration be issued
 to him" Witness my hand at office this 8th day of December 1863

Benjamin Horro's Will. # 73

It is remembered that I Benjamin Moore being sound in mind and of disposing memory and being mindful of my mortality do make and publish this my last Will and Testament.

Witness
Wm. G. C. Jones
J. C. Carr
Eliant Brown

State of Kansas Tipton County Court

October Term 1844

October Term 1844 } The within instrument of writing pur-
porting to be the Last Will and Testament of Benjamin Moore dec^d late of
this County, was this day presented in open Court and duly proven ac-
cording to law by the oaths of Wm. S. Jones and Eliza Brown two of the subscribers
witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and Thompson Eliza

Upon the Executive being named came into Court and was duly qualified by taking the oath required by law, (no bond being given) the Court deciding that by the provisions of said will no bond or security was required; and it was ordered that letters testamentary issue to her.

R. H. Munford Clerk
Septon County Court

Thomas Butler 7 Ypsilanti # 74

Thomas Butler of the County of Difton & State of Penn

being of sound and disposing mind & memory the weak and frail in body do make and
ordain this my last will and testament

Item 1. I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Butler during her natural life the tract of land on which I now live with all of my stock of every kind household and kitchen furniture of every kind except my China Dress which I will to my daughter Marya Bothran & my side Board to my youngest daughter Lucretia Butler to be given to them at the death of my wife or at any time that she may see proper to give them up. I also leave to my wife all of my farming & plantation tools & utensils of every kind all of my crop of Corn, fodder &c &c I leave also my Crop of Cotton & all of my debt claims &c of every kind, out of which she is to pay what debts I may be owing after my decease. I also will to my wife the following slaves during her natural life App. Som. ^{free} John Childs Edmunds, my negroes Isaac & Mary Ann I want sold soon after my death, and also the piece of land ^{which} I bought of Drawick and with the proceeds I want my Executor to buy such negroes as will suit my wife one of them to be given to my daughter Lucretia and one to my daughter Mary Howard, if the Cotton crop, Cattle due me &c are not sufficient to pay all of my debt part of the proceeds of the land & negroes to be sold must be applied to their payment. Mary Howard to have her negro which is to be equal in value to the one I gave my daughter Mary the one for Lucretia of equal value with the one to Mary Howard she is to have when ever her mother wishes her to have it or at her mother's death. The tract of land on which James Overall lives except the south half I will to my son-in-law James Dillahun in trust for my daughter Lucretia Overall which is not to be sold at no time without the consent of said Lucretia, and should she die without selling it I will it to her children. The south half except that portion deduced to A. H. Smith say about twenty acres I leave to James Overall; I have heard that James Overall's father willed the negro man Isaac before named to said James Overall's children, if that is so, and they hold him then I will that the land before left in trust to James Dillahun for Lucretia shall be disposed of by my Executor as I have directed that the boy Isaac is to be, for I consider that if they were to hold said negro they would then have an equal share of my estate without the land for it is my object

I leave all an good there as much as I can. He agrees that I have given to all of my children heretofore I now confirm to them. My wife has liberty to give to my daughter whatever at any time she may wish to do as an equal part of furniture &c with the other children who have married off. When provided for. At the death of my wife I wish my Executor to sell the land, negro & every thing my wife may have & divide it out equally between all of my children now living each one accounting for what they have heretofore had so that when a final division takes place all may be equally provided for. Where alike as near as possible of my wife prefers it my Executor can sell my crop of Cotton collect my debts and pay off all claims against me without her being put to any trouble about it for it is my will that my debts shall be paid as quick as possible after my death. I hereby appoint my friend Mrs W. Smith my Executor to carry into execution this my last Will & Testament and it is also my will that the County Court shall not require him to give either bond or security as Executor as I have full confidence in his integrity and responsibility without either. I now submit the matter by subscribing my name and affixing my seal this 25th day of October A.D. 1844

Signed and sealed in presence of us
J. S. Shippen

J. S. Balhoon

State of Tennessee Sipton County Court

November Term 1844

The within paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Butler late of this County and now deceased was this day presented in open Court and duly proven according to law by the oaths of Jot Shippen and John B. Balhoon the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded; And Mrs. W. Smith the Executor therein named having refused to qualify as such, and Mrs. Polly Butler the widow of said Thomas Butler having relinquished in writing her right to administer on her h^d Dec^d husband's estate in favor of her son Anderson M. Butler it was ordered that he be appointed administrator with the will annexed of the said Thos Butler and thereupon with John M. Butler Jas. Small & Jot Shippen as his securities he came into open Court and signed sealed and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$8000 conditioned as the law directs and was duly qualified as Administrator and it was ordered that letters of administration issue to him

Witness my hand at office this 4th day of November A. D. 1844

J. W. Munford Clerk
J. Morrison

William S. Shaw's Manuscript Will!!! #75

Sipton Co Tenn Dec^r 2^d 1844

We the undersigned persons do certify that we were at the house of W. S. Shaw a few days before his death & that he expressed it as his wish that as much of his land should be sold as would satisfy the claims of Rev. John Wilson against him -

And M. S. Swinton
Alexander S. M. Swinton
James M. M. Swinton

State of Tennessee Sipton County Court

January Term 1845

The above instrument of writing signed by Andrew M. Swinton, Mrs. J. M. Swinton and James M. M. Swinton was this day produced in open Court and offered for probate as the Manuscript Will of William S. Shaw Dec^d late of this County, and the said Mrs. J. M. Swinton and James M. M. Swinton appearing in Court and being first duly sworn depose and said that they were at the house of the said W. S. Shaw during his last illness a few days before his death, and that they were specially called on by him to be witnesses to his request as expressed in said instrument of writing, and it was thereupon ordered by the Court that the same be fully established and recorded as the Manuscript Will of the said W. S. Shaw Dec^d.

Witness my hand at office this 6th day of January A. D. 1845

J. W. Munford Clerk

William Talley's Will!!!! #76

In the name of God! Amen! I William Talley of the County of Sipton and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing mind and memory, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following: My

First I bequeath unto my beloved wife Rebecca Talley (should she survive me) the whole of my estate of every kind, character and description during her natural life or widowhood, and hereby invest her with full power and authority, (should I die without purchasing land) to sell or otherwise dispose of any, or such portion of said property as she may deem advisable in the purchase of such a quantity of land as she may desire for a home for herself and such of her children as may be with her.

Item 2^d After the death of my said wife Rebecca Talley I give and bequeath unto my sons John F. Talley, William M. Talley, Joseph C. Talley, James C. Talley, Edward F. Talley, and to my daughter Sarah E. Talley and to my granddaughter Rebecca Ann Thomas Talley a sum of seven hundred dollars each to be allotted to them as follows: belonging to my estate.

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Arianna F. Talley one bed and furniture.

Item 4th After the payment of the legacies before mentioned my will is desire is, that the whole of my estate aforesaid or any land that may be acquired by me during my life or by wife after my death, shall be equally divided between my sons John F. Talley, William M. Talley, Joseph C. Talley, James C. Talley, Edward F. Talley and my daughters Martha Rose, Elizabeth Ford, Arianna F. Talley and my granddaughter Rebecca Ann Thomas Talley share and share alike. But is my will and desire and it is expressly hereby declared that the portions allotted in the division of my estate to my daughters Martha Rose and Elizabeth Ford is to be their separate uses and maintenance of themselves.

and their children during their respective lives, and at their death to be equally divided among their children then living or the heirs of such of them as may have died, but in no way or manner to be under the control of their husbands William or one or Stanley Ford or otherwise renders liable for the payment of said debt.

Item 5- I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Helen Talley, my son James C. Talley and my son in law Charles H. Talley Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 1st day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty two

Witness
Jas. H. Mannally
Jas. I. Cain

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

James Jones 1845 } the within instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Talley late of this County was this day produced in open Court and the execution thereof duly proven according to law, by the oath of William H. Mannally and James I. Cain the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Witness my hand at office this 3rd day of June A.D. 1845
J. H. Munford Clerk

John W. Hines Will" # 77

Tennessee Tipton County 13th August 1845-
In the name of God Amen I John W. Hines do make this my last will and Testament. It is my will and desire that all of my property be sold and all my just debts be first paid and all the balance of my estate I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Hines for the purpose of supporting my said wife and my four children and lastly I do appoint my friend James H. Caulley my executor of this my last will and testament given and my hand and seal the above written

Signed in the presence of us

Jos. P. Booker
C. H. Semigan

John W. Hines

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

May Term 1846 } the above paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John W. Hines was this day presented in open Court

and thereupon the same was duly proven by the oaths of Joseph P. Booker and C. H. Semigan the subscribing witnesses thereto according to law, and ordered to be recorded. And Jas. H. Caulley the Executor therein named having refused to qualify as such, Mary Hines widow of the said dec'd was in application appointed Admin^{str} with the will annexed. He - Witness my hand at office this 1st day of May 1846

W. H. Munford Clerk

William Simpson's Will" # 78

In the name of God Amen I Wm Simpson being sick and weak in body but sound in mind & judgment, do make this my last will and testament. In the first place it is my wish that all my lawful debts be paid and for this purpose I wish the following property to be sold viz my jack, two colts & the brown mule and collection to be made on my notes & book accounts and if the proceeds of the sales of the above property & the collections to be made should not be sufficient to pay off all my debts I wish such other horses & cattle to be sold as my family conspire best. In the second place it is my wish that the stock in the Lanyard should be turned out. In the third place it is my wish that my family should remain together & that the remainder of the property should be kept together & be under the control of my beloved wife Mary Simpson until my youngest child shall arrive at the age of twenty one & then that there be an equal division made between my wife and child alive.

In the fourth place it is my wish that the children should receive a good English education & that the older children should work and assist in raising the younger ones so that all may fare as near alike as the nature of the cases will admit.

In the fifth place it is my wish that the Lanyard stock there be sold if seven hundred dollars can be got for them and the proceeds of it in safe hands otherwise to be managed as above specified in the second particular still however if the debts cannot be paid without a sacrifice of property I wish the Lanyard to be sold first. In the next place should my beloved wife marry again or should she long wish to marry & settle herself, it is my wish that she should receive something, then share of the same.

to assist them in carrying business.
And the last part of my wish that Robert Simonton
and my beloved wife Nancy Simonton should be sole and
executors of this my last will & testament And that
Robert Miller Superintend the business of the property
so far as to collect the debts, make sale of the leather &
furnish what is necessary to work out the leather
to the best advantage. And that no security should
be required of these my executors. Signed sealed &
acknowledged in the presence of
this 1st day of February 1842
Alexander Dorr
James & M. Kelley
John Simpson

State of Tennessee August Term 1842
Septon County Court
The within last will and testament
of William Simpson late of this county was this day
presented in open court, and the execution thereof
fully proven according to law by the oath of Alexander
Dorr one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and it was
thereupon continued for further probate. And Nancy
Simpson and Robert Simonton the executor and
executrix therein named came into open court, then
being no security required by said will and signed seals
and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Eight thousand
and Dollars, conditions according to law, and were
duly sworn as executor and executrix and it was then
ordered that letters testamentary issue to them.
(Witness my hand at office this 1st day of August
A.D. 1842

R. H. Munford Clerk
Septon County Court

State of Tennessee Septon County Court
July Term 1846
The within last will and
testament of William Simpson (which was proven by one of
the subscribing witnesses at August term 1842 of this court
and continued further probate) was again this day produced
in open court and fully proven and established by the oath
of James M. Kelly the other subscribing witness thereto and
ordered to be recorded. (Witness my hand at office this
6th day of July 1846.

R. H. Munford Clerk

William Bonner's Will

In the name of God Amen
I William Bonner of Septon County State of Tennessee
being aged and infirm in body (knowing that it is app-
ointed to all men once to die) but being sound in mind
and Judgment do make this my last will and testa-
ment in the first place I give and bequeath to my
son Thomas Bonner my saddle shot gun body clothes
family Bible and history of Christianity. I will and
bequeath to my daughter Jane Thompson my two books
Bible biography and Mourner comforted and my silver
spectacles, my ^{best} hat and its clothing, I will and bequeath
to my grand daughter Margaret Thompson my trunk
In the next place I will that my body be decently buried
and the expenses paid out of my estate and that all my
debts and legal liabilities be paid out of my estate in
the next place I will and bequeath to my sons John
Samuel David Robert & James Bonner five dollars
each. I will and bequeath to my deceased son William
kins five dollars I will and bequeath to my deceased
daughters Martha Millings Children five dollars
each and the balance of my estate to be equally divided between
my daughter Jane Thompson and my son Thomas Bonner
in the last place I appoint and constitute Robert Simonton
whole sole executor of this my last will and testament
signed and sealed this 20th October 1844 in presence of
Robert Miller
John Thompson
Wm Bonner

State of Tennessee Septon County Court
August Term 1846

The within paper
writing purporting to be the last will and testament of
William Bonner late of this county, was this day pro-
duced in open court and the execution thereof duly proven ac-
cording to law by the oaths of Robert Miller and John
Thompson the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to
be recorded. (Witness my hand at office this 3rd day
of August 1846
R. H. Munford Clerk

Thomas Woods Will

I Thomas Woods being very old and
infirm in body but of sound mind and memory and
wishing to make other and different disposition of

January term 1847 } the within paper coming
purporting to be the last will & Testament of Col Thomas Lewis
late of this county was this day produced in open court and the
question of the same fully proved and established by the oath
of Robert J. Mitchell and Richard H. Munford the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto and it was ordered to be so coming
Witness my hand at office this 4th day of January 1847—

John Taylor Hill #81

And the name of, to—
I John Taylor Sen of the county of Sevier & State of Tennessee
being in sound mind & memory and knowing how precious this life hath made ordained this my last will &
testament in manner & form following—
First I give & bequeath unto my daughter Lucy S. Maclean
all that tract of land on which I now live lying in the corner
of Sevier & Haywards containing upwards of one thousand
acres (except a portion of 5 Acres which I will more fully de-
scribe in an after clause) and I do also confirm a real title
to all the free negroes & slaves I have hitherto given or otherwise
now in her possession to her her heirs & assigns forever confirming
all gifts of every nature & kind that I have hitherto verbally
given her I also give my daughter Lucy S. Maclean the
following negroes (twelve) Richmond and his wife Judy and
her children (except two that I have or shall give my grand
son John Taylor Maclean in an after item) names of
Judge children given to Lucy S. Maclean Eliza, Abner
Mary Betty & Richmond I then increase to her & her
heirs also my blacksmith Peter I also give to my daughter
Lucy S. Maclean all my house hold & kitchen furniture
& also my stock of Horses saddle dogs & send my further
the order that is made in the plantation this year of my death
Hannah I give and bequeath unto my grand son John Taylor
Maclean two negroes named Sam and Sally Sam & Sally
I assign to him his heirs and assigns forever
Secondly I give and bequeath unto George Taylor in trust
for the use and benefit of my daughter Mary Smith Hunt
during her natural life and after her death to be equally
divided ^{between} her children to be enjoyed by them & their heirs for
ever The following Slaves to wit, George, Jimmy, Susan, Liza,
Jenny, Othello, Jimmy Osborne, Emily, Leticia, Emily, Sally,
Ney, Stephen, Gilbert, Jacob, Washington, Peyton, Andrew
Sipha, Moses, William Henry, John Henry, Jo, Ned, Austin,
Nellie, Wesley, Otway, Remittie, Henry, Sarah, Lavinia
Little, Peyton, Lavinia, Henry, William Anderson & all
of their increase. It is my further will and desire that the foregoing
property (together with whatever other property is herein after bequeathed
in trust for the benefit of my said daughter Mary S. Hunt and
her children) shall not on any pretext whatever be removed from
this State unless the trustee, George Taylor should remove
to some other State in which event it is my will & desire that all
property bequeathed to him in trust for the use and benefit of
my Daughter aforesaid shall be carried with him when ever he
may remove that it may be managed by him the said trustee

having at under his immediate inspection and control as much as
 possible for the use and purposes above specified. I also give & bequeath
 unto George Henry Taylor a portion of the tract of land that I have
 been on lying on the north side of a land adjoining the land that
 William Taylor son of John Glasgow. Beginning where there
 has been my Spring Branch there up the said branch to a
 fork near an old brick kiln, thence up the said fork as it meanders
 to a spring near a second brick kiln, from a Spring adjacent to
 the land of W. A. Taylor Decd. In trust to the said George H. Taylor
 for the special benefit of my Daughter Mary Smith Hunt
 to be held by him in the same manner as the negroes & other property.
 The balance of my tract of land that I have been on lying south
 of the above line I have given in the first clause of this will unto my
 Daughter Lucy Synne Maclean to her heirs & assigns forever.
 Fourthly, I give & bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Eliza Davis
 the following negroes (to wit) Lucinda & all her children beginning
 at 10, & her grand children, also River Seely & her two children
 Henry & Anne also negro woman Sally & her children now in the
 possession of Col. John Lewis her Father should she die before she
 arrives or becomes of lawful age the negroes to be returned to my estate
 & divided equally between my children William A. Taylor's children
 included as in third part.
 Fifthly, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Virginia Taylor
 negro woman Betty and her children to her heirs & assigns forever.
 Sixthly, I give & bequeath the rest & residue of my estate to my three
 grand Daughters the Daughters of my son William Taylor
 amongst them are two negro men Landon & Bowen, the title
 of the land that I called Kidgman's was in me, but in the
 possession of my son William A. Taylor. I authorize him to sell it which
 he has the proceeds of the said land I have given him & all other
 money that I have from time advanced for him & I have received
 against his Estate & do hereby consent all claims between us for money
 transactions. I appoint my Son-in-law Dr James B. Maclean
 Executor to this my last will & testament without his giving security
 for his faithful performance, such as I wish an inventory
 in appraisement of my estate. In testimony whereof I set my
 hand and seal this first day of February in the year of our
 Lord 1847. Given before signed
 William Taylor Decd.
 William Williams
 John H. Tate

State of Tennessee Jefferson County Court
 May Term 1847
 The foregoing paper purporting
 to be the last will and testament of John Taylor decd.
 late of this county and this day presented in open court for probate

and was duly proved according to law by the oaths of William
 Williams and John H. Tate two of the subscribers, sworn
 thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And the said Maclean the ex-
 ecutor therein named appeared in open court and entered into an
 oath in the sum of fifty thousand dollars conditioned according to
 law said well providing that no security should be required of
 him) and was duly qualified as executor by taking the oath
 prescribed by law, and it was ordered that letters testamentary
 be issued to him. Witness my hand as officer this 3rd day of
 May A.D. 1847.
 R. H. Mansford Clerk

Meredith David's Will!! &c

I Meredith David of Jefferson County in the State of Ten-
 nessee being of sound mind do make this my last will and tes-
 tament hereby revoking all others heretofore made &
 first that all my just debts shall be paid.
 Second. I give and bequeath to my two sons Thomas M. David
 and George M. David all my real estate of which I die seized
 to be divided equally between said Thomas M. & George M. David.
 Thirdly I give and bequeath unto Peter S. Jackson now residing with
 said Peter S. Jackson shall become twenty one years of age otherwise
 nothing.
 I further give and bequeath unto my two step daughters Eliza
 Jane Jackson and Martha Elizabeth Jackson each a bed, bedstead & bedding
 and a new iron calf if said Eliza Jane & Martha Elizabeth shall remain
 and keep house for Thomas M. David and the children.
 Lastly I give and bequeath unto Thomas M. David, George M. David,
 Margaret Martha David, & Mary Maria David, all of my personal prop-
 erty that has not been disposed of in this will, the same to be equally
 divided between them.
 I also make said M. David my executor since Thomas M. David
 to him power to sell the personal property otherwise he thinks best
 for the heirs.
 In testimony whereof I have subscribed my name this 20
 day of July 1847.
 Attest David David
 W. H. Gracie
 William Tate
 State of Tennessee Jefferson County Court
 June Term 1847
 The within paper purporting
 to be the last will and testament of Meredith David decd. late

of this County, was this day produced in open court, and duly
proven, according to law by the oaths of Samuel Smith and William Smith,
two of the subscribers, sworn to and sworn to be correct.

Witness my hand at office this 21st day of June 1842.

R. B. Munford. Clerk

Second Smiths Will!!

I Beoward Smith of the county of Lipton and
State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testa-
ment hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any
time heretofore made:-

1. I direct that my body be interred decently in a manner agreeable
to my relations in life: and as to such real estate or goods as it
hath pleased God to interest me with I dispose of the same as follows:-

2. I direct that all my just debts & financial expenses be paid inasmuch
after my decease as practicable out of my property or income that may be
in hand:-

3. I hereby appoint my sons Moses Smith and Augustus Smith
executors to this my last will and testament, and it is my wish that
they settle up my estate as soon after my decease as practicable:-

4. I will and bequeath to my son Moses Six Hundred acres of
land where he now lives, on the east side of Hatcher's creek, I wish the
creek to be his west boundary line if it will include two hundred acres
by running down to the fork of said creek but if not there he is
to run west across the creek so as to make two hundred acres: also a
negro woman & child which I heretofore let him have by the name of Samy:-

5. I will and bequeath to my daughter Francis Mello the land on the
south of the crop fence being part of my late wife's tract in the south west
corner and adjoining the place where my son in law Alex Mello now
lives: beginning where the crop fence joins, thence east with the fence to
the branch, thence in a southerly direction, with the meanders of the
branch to the north east corner of said Mello's one hundred & twenty
acre tract, thence to continue about fifty acres, so being the same that
I had intended to give to my daughter Elizabeth Mello; but her husband R. B.
Mello having sold the same & wishes me to make the title to Mello
& wife: (she now has one hundred and twenty five acres of land off of the west
end of the two hundred and fifty acre tract which I purchased of Charles
Pelt, and a negro woman Mary and her increase:-

6. I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Strang one hundred
& twenty five acres of land off of the east end of the two hundred and
fifty acre which I purchased of Charles Pelt: I have heretofore given
her five hundred and fifty dollars in the place of a negro girl:-

7. I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Mello one acre

ground around Peggy & her increase, which she has named: She has
which I intended for her, her husband having sold to S. Mello and wish
me to make the title to Mello & his wife:- So in witness to the fore-
going I will to the said Elizabeth Mello fifty dollars to be paid by my
executors:-

8. I will and bequeath to my son Augustus Three hundred and
twenty acres of land: it being the same on which I now live & also
one hundred acres off of the west end of the Hatcher's tract, the same
being to be his land including in all four hundred & eighty acres: I have
given him five hundred & fifty dollars to purchase a negro:-

9. I will and bequeath to my son Beoward the tract of land he
now has the same place containing two hundred and forty five acres and
eighty acres off of the west end of the Hatcher's tract including all three
hundred & forty five acres, and five hundred and fifty dollars in money
if I should not give him a negro before my decease:-

10. I will and bequeath to my sons Moses, Augustus and Beoward
B. no addition to what I have heretofore bequeathed to them my two
mills and the land around them: however as the Mill tract, also
four hundred & sixty five acres around the lower mill, and three hundred
and eighty two acres the upper mill, the carry leg & the apparatus re-
lating to said mill:-

11. I will and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth & her heirs three hundred
dollars each in addition to what I have heretofore bequeathed to them:-

12. I will & bequeath to the heirs of my son Alexander and his
heirs and his heirs:-

13. It is my wish that my executors pay to Sally Mink one
hundred and fifty dollars if she should continue to live with me until
my decease:-

14. The remaining part of my property both real and personal
I wish equally divided between my sons Moses, Augustus & Beoward
and my two daughters Elizabeth and Francis Mello & their heirs:-

In witness whereof I the said Beoward Smith do hereby certify that
this my last will & testament written on one sheet of paper this
20th day of July 1842, and thousand eight hundred and forty two:-

Signed sealed & published in the presence of us who have his
acknowledged in witness to the contents of the Statute at his request.

R. B. Munford
W. B. Munford
L. B. Lipton
J. B. Beoward
R. B. Lipton

State of Tennessee Lipton County Court.
July Term 1842

The foregoing "paper" is
being presented to be the last will and testament of Beoward
Smith and late of this county, was this day produced in open
court and duly proven according to law by the oaths of R. B. Munford
and Robert W. Lipton, three of the subscribers

"intended, thereto, and was ordered to be recorded, and Thompson do
"as Smith and Augustus W Smith, the Executors thereof arrived at the
"of the court with William Cannon, Benjamin Payne, John G. Gresham and
"because Smith as three witnesses and signed, sealed, and subscribed a bond
"in the penalty of \$22000 conditioned according to law, which bond being
"approved of by the court, was removed, and the said Morris Smith
"and Augustus W Smith, were duly qualified by taking the oath and
"were by law and it was ordered that letters testamentary be issued
"to them &c."

Witness my hand at office this 5th day of July A.D. 1847

R. H. Winford Clerk

John Berrens Will 84

In the name of God and in the year of our
Lord and Saviors Jesus Christ, one thousand eight hundred and forty
seven and on the first of May in said year, I John Berrens of the
State of Tennessee and of De Kalb County, do make this my last Will and
Testament revoking all others -

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my wife Martha Berrens all of my property
including negroes slaves of all descriptions household and kitchen furniture
(plantation tools &c) to have and to hold as long as she lives or remains
a widow -

Item 2nd It is my clear desire my wife dies that my property be equi-
tably divided among my children, say Anne, Martha Jane & John -

Item 3rd I wish my wife to take what money is on hand after paying all
of my just debts and buy her a house -

Item 4 I appoint my wife Martha Berrens as my administratrix -

Wm. H. Hays
St. D. Campbell

John Berrens

State of Tennessee De Kalb County Court
August Term 1847

The above paper containing prop-
erty to be the last will and testament of John Berrens and late of
this county, was this day presented in open court and the execution there-
of duly proved according to law by the oath of Wm. H. Hays and
St. D. Campbell the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded -
Witness my hand at office this 21st day of August A.D. 1847

R. H. Winford Clerk

John Thomas Jr Will 85

In the name of God Amen - I John Thomas
Jr of the County of De Kalb and State of Tennessee do make

and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking
and making void all other wills by me at any time made -
I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid
as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I
may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my
executors -

2 I give to my son Henry Stevens five slaves Jack, Wade, Peggy
and her two children Sally and Ruth also I devise to said Henry
one half of the tract of land on which I now reside containing
four hundred and seven and a quarter acres said land to be
divided East & West and said Henry is to take the one half
including my dwelling house and other out houses taking
two hundred and three acres and 3/4 of an acre being the one
half in number of acres of said four hundred and seven
and a quarter acres -

3 I give to my son John five slaves Enock, Green, Catharine and two
children Sarah & Austin also the other half of my land as above
described to be divided in the way above stated -

4 I give to my son Nedham two slaves Wiatt and Henry to
be in my son Henry as trustee to be by him held as trustee
for the use and benefit of my son Nedham so that said prop-
erty may not be subject to the payment of any debts that
may have been heretofore by my son Nedham contracted nor to
the payment of any debts that he may hereafter contract so that
my son Nedham may have the use and benefit of said slaves
during his natural life and at his death to go to his nearest
of kin -

5 I give to my son Bryan two slaves Ben & Elit and hereby vest
the title of said slaves in my son Henry to be held by him as trustee
for the use and benefit of said Bryan during his natural life
so that said property may not be subject to the payment of
debts heretofore contracted or that may be hereafter contracted
by said Bryan in any way and at his death to go to his next
of kin -

6 I give to my son Moses two slaves Hampton and Nedham -

7 I give to my son Daniel two slaves Leason and Martha and vest
title of said negroes in my son Henry Stevens to hold as trustee
for the use and benefit of said Daniel during his natural life
and at his death to go to those who are of nearest kin to said
Daniel said property to be held in trust as aforesaid and in no
wise to be subject to the payment of any debts now existing
against said Daniel nor to be made liable for any that may
hereafter be by him contracted -

8 I give to my daughter Elizabeth Pipkin four slaves Boston, Lindsey,
Mary and her child Parthena which are hereby vested in my son
Henry Stevens to hold as trustee for said Elizabeth for her sole and

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

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

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

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

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

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

security in entering upon the execution of this will as executors aforesaid. In witness whereof I do to this will set my hand and seal this 28th day of December 1846. Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the testator

Benj. H. Ligon
George E. Low

State of Tennessee Tipton County Court

September Term 1847

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

Wm. Muirford Clerk

Andrew Stiles Will: 86

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

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

2nd I will to my beloved wife Narcissa my two beds and clothing inclusive and all of my household and kitchen furniture, my bay mare, one milk cow and one heifer, and also one guinea pig to be set apart by three probators.

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

4th I will to my second son Matthew Daniel my milk and old saddle and bridle. And his balance of my personal property to be sold in six months next, and apply the proceeds of the same to the payment of a debt due Burgess Payson in order to redeem the title of my land, and see sure there should not be enough to pay said debt. There I will that so much of the said sale of my lands be sold as may be necessary to discharge all just claims whatever.

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