

Mary Ann Shaw's Will

State of Vermont
Canton County

I Mary Ann Shaw being of sound and disposing memory, but in the fear of death do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any others that have been made by me at any time previously.

First I direct that my necessary expenses for my decent burial and and all my debts be paid out of the moneys that I may be possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executor.

2nd I bequeath to my son Archie Shaw my barrel mare mule called Nite My one half interest in the two horse wagon now used on our premises and all my interest in all of our farming implements of every kind.

3rd I bequeath to my daughters Mary and Nancy jointly my black my buggy and my best feather bed with the bolster and pillows belonging to it.

4th Should I die at any time after arrangements made for farming for the year I desire that my Children before mentioned viz Archie Mary and Nancy shall continue in the use of my farm team and all necessary implements till the close of said year free of all charges and receiving the rents and profits for their own use and benefit.

4th I desire that all the remainder of my personal property not disposed of above be sold by executor and the proceeds equally divided among my Children Archie Mary Nancy Martha wife of A. S. Shaw and Margaret wife of John Wright.

5th I direct that my executor shall after settling adjoining with my heirs sell all my real estate at such time and place and on such terms as in his Judgment may seem best and I bequeath that the proceeds be equally divided among all my Children as mentioned above.

6th I desire that the (\$168⁰⁰) One hundred and sixty eight dollars which I gave to my daughter Martha wife of A. S. Shaw on the 14th day of May 1868 and also the twenty eight (\$28⁰⁰) dollars given to her on the 21st day of December 1874 and for which last amount the said A. S. Shaw executed to me his note bearing interest at the rate of 10 per Cent per annum shall be and constitute and advancement to said Martha Shaw of the property bequeath to her in this will. and that in the division of my estate, my executor, shall estimate said one hundred and sixty eight (\$168⁰⁰) dollars for which I held her receipt and said twenty eight (\$28⁰⁰) dollars with the interest on said note to said time as so much cash and shall deduct the said amount from her share of my estate. But the amount herein bequeathed to my said daughter Martha wife of A. S. Shaw above said advancement is for her sole and separate and never to be under the contral of her said husband or subject to his debts and at her death to descend to her heirs and I direct that my executor shall pay said amount to H. H. McBain as Trustee for my said daughter and I direct said Trustee to invest said amount and to pay the interest annually to my said daughter and in case of extreme necessity or when it may become necessary for the maintenance and comfort of my said daughter and her Children to pay to her an amount of the principal which with the interest will not exceed fifty dollars in a

Witnes of twelve months.

I appoint Henry H. McCain my executor of this my last will and testament and direct that said McCain and said H. McCain as trustee to be not required to give any bond

Witness my hand this January 26th 1876
Mary Ann + Shaw
mark

Signed and acknowledged in our presence and we affix our signatures at the request and in the presence of said Mary Ann Shaw. This 26th day of January 1876

J. J. Cullbreath
J. P. McDaniel

Ruffin Smythes Will

To my grand niece Donna Mariah Smith I bequeath a certain tract or parcel of land beginning at the N. W. corner of my tract thence north, to Gun Ralphs corner thence East the same distance that it is from the beginning to Ralphs corner, thence South the same distance - thence West to the Beginning, (making a square tract of land) with this provision, that my niece, Sarah Matilda Smythe shall have and possess and enjoy the above mentioned tract of land, with all the appurtenances belonging thereto during her natural life, The remainder of my land, I bequeath to my nephews, Arthur and Henry L. Smythe, and my niece Sarah Matilda Smythe, the same to be equally divided between them, and out of the proceeds of this land, they shall support their father Arthur Smythe during his natural life,

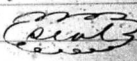
All of my stock, household and kitchen furniture, and all other property of any description, I bequeath to my niece Sarah Matilda Smythe,

Witness my hand and seal,

July 20th 1877

Witness

W. H. Richardson

Ruffin Smythe 

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For Probate see Minute Book No. 178

Last Will & Testament of
Caroline Back dec'd

I Caroline Back of Livingston Twp. Shelby County Tennessee, do make declare & ordain this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling void all Wills by me at any previous time heretofore made.

Item 1st I hereby give bequeath & devise all of my Real Estate, consisting of House and thirty one acres of land lying one mile East of Germantown in Shelby County Tennessee, to my niece Harriet C. Harris, and my nephews Edmund H. Doley and Wm. L. Doley equally and to be divided equally between them.

Item 2nd Should my executor herein after named deem it advisable and expedient for said tract of land to be sold for a more equal division of the same, I do hereby invest him with full power to sell the same, and make a valid deed to the purchaser for said tract of land, The proceeds of such sale (if made) to be invested by my said executor in other real Estate or good securities, for the sole and separate use and behoof of the said Harriet C. Harris, Edmund H. Doley and Wm. L. Doley.

Item 3rd I give and bequeath all of my household & Kitchen furniture, (including all silver ware) with the exception of two beds to my niece Harriet C. Harris.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my nephews Edmund H. Doley and Wm. L.

Doley, two beds and the necessary bed clothing.

Item 5th All other personal property not herein specifically bequeathed, that I may be seized and possessed of, I will and bequeath to my said niece Harriet C. Harris, and nephews Edmund H. & Wm. L. Doley, to be equally divided between them.

Item 6th I will and bequeath to Edmund H. Doley & Wm. L. Doley ~~all shares~~ or stock that I own in the Memphis and Charleston Rail Road Company.

Item 7th I give and bequeath to my niece Harriet C. Harris one silver plated pitcher.

And I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my Nephew E. M. Downing Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

This 22nd day of May A.D. 1877

Caroline Back
 Signed, sealed and acknowledged by Testatrix in our presence, and in the presence of each other and we hereunto set our names and Testaments.

Rich^d. J. Bunt
 Sallie H. Calhoun

Last Will and Testament of
Agnes E. Coward Deceased,

I Agnes E. Coward of the County
of Pierson and State of Tennessee do
make and publish this my last Will
and Testament, hereby revoking all
former Wills by me at any time made.

1st I give devise and bequeath to my
Alfred Virginus Kimbrough all of my
property and Estate, real personal and
mixed, including all property and
I may receive and be entitled to receive
of and from the Estate of my late husband
William Coward, subject however to the
charges to wit:

The said Virginus Kimbrough shall
pay to my wife Mrs Mary E. March
fifty dollars annually during her life
and if all my property and estate be
worth fifteen thousand dollars after
the payment of my debts then and only
that case he shall make the following
payments to certain of my Nephews
and Nieces to wit:

To Mrs Mollie Johnson one thousand
dollars, To Mrs Sarah Orr seventy
five dollars, to her daughter Agnes Orr
seventy five dollars, to Edgar Orr, two
hundred dollars, to Mrs Sumner Spatter
two hundred dollars, to Mrs Susan Jones
fifty dollars, to Mrs Margaret Spatter
fifty dollars, To Peter P. Smith one hundred
dollars, To Thomas Smith one hundred
dollars, to Mrs Margaret Smith one
hundred dollars, To Mrs Agnes Smith
one hundred dollars, to Mrs Betty Smith
one hundred dollars, to Mrs Margaret

2nd I nominate ^{constitute} and appoint
said Virginus Kimbrough my ex-
ecutor, and desire that no bond or
security be required of him.

This 2nd day of November 1877
Agnes E. Coward

Mrs Agnes E. Coward in our presence
and to us acknowledged the foregoing
as her last will and testament, and
as at her request and in her presence
herein subscribe our names as witnesses
to the same,

Witness { Saml P. Glenn
O. Brown
J. C. Walker

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Last Will and Testament of
Davy Knight Deceased

Pierson County Tennessee
Feb 1879

I Davy Knight of the County &
State aforesaid do make this
my last Will and Testament
And I will that all my just
and lawful debts be paid out
of the effects.

Second I will and bequeath
my sister Nancy McCullough
all my property real and personal
during her natural life and then
to her bodily heirs.

I appoint William McCullough
to execute this my last will and
Testament

Signed in the presence of
these witnesses

R. J. Aile

J. P. McCallough

Feb 27 1869

David Knight

Last Will and Testament
of Isaac W. Owen deceased

I Isaac W. Owen of Tipton Co.
in the State of Tennessee do hereby
make and publish my last
will and Testament and intend
thereby to dispose of all my
worldly estate of which I shall
be possessed at the time of my
decease —

1st I give bequeath and devise to
the children of my deceased son
J. Ham Owen the sum of which
I have already advanced to the
father and to them bring
about \$800.

2nd I give and bequeath to my
daughter E. J. Bringle and her
husband M. J. Bringle my interest
in the threshing farm wharves
jointly by J. B. Bringle J. C. Bringle
Jerry Borden and myself.

3rd I give and bequeath to my
daughter Mary E. Orrell one
half a note due me from
H. B. Goforth for about \$26.40
and dated and due the day
of May 1869 with interest
from 26 of February 1868.

I give and bequeath the other
half of said note to my daughter
Margaret B. Goforth.

I give bequeath and devise to my
son Albert Bentley Owen the
following land lying in said
County beginning at the
South West corner of my Elizabeth
A. Anderson tract of 112 acres
then East 60 poles to a stake
in the Randolph and Conington
road then West poles to the
said road to a white oak stump
near the corner of my 10 acre
field then North 20 poles to a
stake — then West poles to
the West boundary line of my
Anderson tract then North
with my Anderson line

poles to some Plummers
line then Westwardly with this
line to a horn beam corner
of my Green and Bryan land
then South 103 poles to a stake
in the section line in the
public road then East with said
section line 38 poles to a
double poplar then South 50
poles to the beginning
But this devise is made on the
expressed cession condition that
the said Albert Bentley Owen
release my estate from all
liability to him for money due
him from me as his guardian
for funds arising from the
personal estate of George Bryan
senior deceased of Dandridge County
North Carolina But in the event

my son Albert Bently Owen
refuses to release said debt
then it shall be the duty
of my Executor to sell so
much of the above described
land as will be sufficient
to pay him said debt and
interest, and in that
event I devise the residue
of said land if any then
be, to the said Albert B. Owen.
6th I give bequath and devise
to my son Robt W. Owen 66
acres of my Phillips land
lying in said county my
said Phillips tract of land
contains 102 7/8 acres which I
purchased of J. F. Tuning and
66 acres to be taken off the
South end of said tract
by a line running from the
East to the West. But this
devise is made on the express
condition that the said Robt
W. Owen to release my estate
from all liability to him
for money due him from
me as his guardian on
account of funds received
from the proceeds of the
personal estate of George Perry
son deceased of Madison
County North Carolina.
But in case my said
son Robt W. Owen refuses
to release said debt then
it shall be the duty of my
Executor to sell so much
of the land last above mentioned

as will be sufficient to
pay him said debt and
interest - And in that
event I devise the remainder
of said land if any then be
to the said Robt W. Owen.
6th I direct my executor to sell me
a credit of one two and three
pounds taking from the purchase
money with him personal security
and returning a line that portion
of my land in said County
lying on the North end of my
Phillips tract lying North
of a line to be run East from
Blinnings South East corner of
his 50 acre tract purchased
from me last year said
sale to be made at the expiration
of one year from the qualification
of my Executor - The proceeds
of said sale to be applied
by my executor in the
payment of my just debts
if necessary. And the remainder
to be divided between the
children of my deceased son
James Hark Owen and my
daughter E. J. Bringle Mary E.
~~Owen~~ and Margaret B. Goforth
equally. I W. Owen's children
taking per stirpes to whom I
give and bequath the same.
And I appoint John Healey
trustee for J. W. Owens children
to receive manage and control
all the funds to which they
may be entitled under this
will until they repudiate

arrive at the age of twenty
one years when he shall pay
over their shares respectively to
them

7th I give and bequeath all and
my personal estate of whatever
nature and description and
whenever situated except debts
due me money on hand and
any other crops that may be
on hand to my beloved wife
Sophronia Erelino Owen in
fee simple

8th I give bequeath and devise
all the remainder of my
real estate herein before disposed
of to my beloved wife Sophronia
Erelino Owen for and during
the period of her natural life
with full power and authority
to make advancements by appoin-
tment to each of our three
sons Charles L Owen Samuel
A Owen and Sydney Price
Owen as they respectively arrive
at the age of twenty one years
or marry by such portions of
said land as she can spare
so as to preserve equality as
near as practicable

And I devise to my three
sons last above named
the remainder interest in the
death of my beloved wife
of the land devised to her for
life if not appointed to them
in her life time so that
whatever they take by appoin-
tment or this devise

of the remainder interest
they shall be made equal
in the division of said
land

I appoint Thomas J Bringle
guardians of my sons
Albert Bentley Owen and Robt
A Owen and direct him to
rent out the land herein
devised to them from
year to year until they
respectively arrive at the age
of twenty one years or marry
I appoint my beloved wife
Sophronia Erelino Owen guardian
of our three sons Charles L
Owen Samuel A Owen and
Sydney P Owen

I do hereby constitute and appoint
Thomas J Bringle executor of
this my last will and
testament

In Testimony whereof
I hereto subscribe my name
the 9th day of February 1878
Isaac W Owen

Signed by the said testator
Isaac W Owen as and for his
last will and testament
in the presence of us who
at his request in his right
and presence and in the
presence of each other have
subscribed our names as attesting witnesses
A. A. Montgomery
C. McIntire
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The last will and testament
of Lemis Adams deceased

In the name of God amen
I Lemis Adams of County of
Tipton and State of Tennessee
being of sound mind and
perfect memory do
make and publish this my
last will and testament
hereby revoking and making
void all others by me at any
time made

Item 1st

I give and bequeath to my
beloved son William H Adams
the tract of land upon which
I now live containing by estimate
fifty 60 acres more or less
provided the said William
H Adams shall remain on the
place and make it his home
until my death and the
death of my wife Lucinda
Adams after which time the
title to said land shall
be vested in him in as
full and perfect a manner
as is now in me.

Item 2nd

It is my wish that after my
death that all of my per-
sonal property shall be sold
and the proceeds together with
all the monies belonging to
my estate shall be equally
divided between my beloved
daughters Francis A Hunter
Martha J Watson Elizabeth
B Hatchell The heirs of John
M Walbrith Lucinda A Hatchell

and Sariah E Black

I hereby nominate and appoint
my son James L Adams my
sole Executor to this my last will
and testament without binding
him to bond or security in witness
whereof I do here to set my hand
this the 27 twenty seventh day
of February eighteen hundred and
twenty three

Lemis Adams
Lucinda Adams

Signed and published in our
presence And we have subscribed
our names hereto in the presence
of the testator

Thos P Adams
J M Fager

Last Will and Testament of Jordan & Fannan Edwards

I Jordan & Fannan of the
County of Tipton and State of
Tennessee being of sound mind
and disposing memory do
make and publish this my
last will and testament hereby
revoking and making void all
and all other wills by me at
any time made -

1st It is my will that all of
my just debts and liabilities
be paid by my Executors herein
after named as soon as
practicable after my death
2nd I will and bequeath to my
sister Susan Francis Lusher
the sum of five hundred
dollars to assist her in the
education of her children
the same to be paid her in
five annual installments
of one hundred dollars each
out of my personal estate
if sufficient and if not then
to be paid her out of my real
estate -

3rd I will and bequeath to Miss
T A Lockhill the sum of one
thousand dollars to be paid
her in property or money out
of my estate as my Executors
and she may agree upon -

4th I will and desire all the remainder
of my estate of every kind and
description real personal and

personal to my nephew Jordan
& Leulbreath and his wife Sarah
Josephine Leulbreath for and
during the term of their natural
lives and at the death of the
survivor of them to be equally
divided between the children
born to them of their present
marriage, that is to say all
children born to them by a
subsequent or second marriage
is excluded and only the children
born to them by their present
marriage are included as distrib-
utees or legatees under this
provision of this will and none
others, and on the coming of
age or marriage of such children
or either of them the Leulbreaths
and wife or the survivor may
set apart give and transfer to
such children or either of them
such part or portion of my lands
as to them or the survivor of them
may seem the just and equal
portion of such children in
care of a division among all
the children - And should
my Executors think it necessary
and for the best to sell any
of my lands for the payment
of my debts or the legacies herein
my Executors are hereby given
full power & authority to sell either
privately or publicly and on
such terms as they may think
best any of my lands except
the home tract in which I

now reside and apply
the proceeds of sale to the pay-
ment of my debts or any liabilities
herein. And full power, resigning
my execution to sell any of said
lands to secure any of the
purchase money - and to execute
and to deliver to the purchaser
deeds of conveyance for the same
without an order of the court
for that purpose.

6th I make and constitute my said
nephew Jordan L. Leitch and
J. W. Smith my executors
of this my last will and
testament and I hereby
releases them from giving bond
or security for the execution
of the trusts herein imposed
and request that no bond
shall be required of them by the
court in witness whereof I
have hereto subscribed my
name and affixed my seal
this the day of August 22nd 1878.

J. H. Farnas (seal)

The foregoing will was signed by
the testator in our presence and
was acknowledged by him to
each of us and we, at his request
and in his presence and in
the presence of each other have
signed our names as witnesses
thereto.

This the 22 day of August 1878
Wm. Wynn
J. D. Hastings

Last Will of J. H. Robertson

I J. H. Robertson being of sound
mind and disposing memory do make
this as my last will and testament
revoking all others heretofore made, first
after all just debts are being paid I give
and bequeath to my wife Sarah Ann Rob-
ertson all of my property both real and person-
al to manage and control as she thinks
best during her life, and I also leave her
as my Executor to settle and wind up
my business after my death and that
she be released from giving bond and
security as required by law,
In testimony whereof I have set my hand
and seal this 13th day of July 1879.

Attest

J. H. Drummonds

H. D. W. Reed

Last Will and Testament of
Levi Stephens deceased

I Levi Stephens of the County of
Dipton and State of Tennessee do
make and publish this my last
will and testament hereby ~~revoking~~
all former wills by me at any
time made:

I give devise and bequeath to my
two children Sally Ann Stephens
and James Stephens my tract of
about two hundred and twenty
acres (220) of land on which I
now reside in Civil District no 8
of said County (being all the
land I own). The said land shall
be divided between them by giving
to Sally Ann the one half in
number of acres off of the northern
end of the tract so laid off as to
include for her my dwelling house
and the appurtenances thereto to have
barn stable &c and James shall
take the other the Southern one half
in number of acres of said land -
The division between them shall
be made with reference to number
of acres and not to value.

All my other property shall be
divided equally between Sally Ann
and James Stephens - except James
shall be paid fifty dollars in
money to equalize the value of
their lands and in case there
be not enough pecuniary to pay
him that sum the said shall
constitute a lien and charge

in his favor on the portion of the
lands given to Sally Ann

I hereby nominate constitute and
appoint my friend Simpson D. Hastings
Executor of this will

This the 13th August 1878

Levi Stephens
made

The testator Levi Stephens acknowl-
edged signed and published the above
writing in our presence as his last
will and we at his request and in
his presence here sign our names
as subscribing witnesses thereto on
this the 13th August 1878

Joe S. Mayo
Geo. J. Reynolds

For probate see Book N p 415

Last Will and Testament of
Danie McCallum deceased

Know all men by these presents
that Daniel McCallum of the
County of Dikins and State of
Illinois do this day make and
publish this my last will and
Testament hereby revoking all others
at any time made by him

1st I direct that my funeral expenses
and all my just debts be paid out
of my ^{own} moneys that may come
into the hands of my Executors after
my demise also I do bequeath erected
to my heirs and the heirs of my
son Angus Nicholas in the Cheaps
order =

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife one half of my lands that I
now own, the West portion thereof
including my improvements with
all the household furniture one
third of my personal property
and one third of all moneys &
notes & accounts that I may have
on hand and the surplus proceeds
of the crop beside the support of the
family after my demise. She
above named (except the lands)
she will dispose of as or before her
death as she may think proper

3 I should after the death of my beloved
wife. The above portions of lands
allotted to her during her natural
life I bequeath to my youngest
son Artemus when he becomes of
age it is my will that he will
have an equal share of the of the

proceeds of the farm with his mother
did for him to furnish equal labor
& expenses and when he becomes of age
he will draw one third of the above
named property moneys and notes
& also and the proceeds of the same or
increase or ~~the~~

4th I bequeath to my son Daniel 1/2 the East
half of my lands beginning at the
South West corner of Clubb's tract
of lands then running West for 60 miles
and parallel with the old Ripley Road
to Hindmans line and when he becomes
of age he will draw he will draw one
third of the above named property
moneys & notes & also and the proceeds or
increase of the same

5th I bequeath to my son James C McCallum
my gold watch and no more as he
and my daughter Mary Jane Branch
& William C McCallum my son had
received their equal portions of my prop-
erty I do hereby appoint my beloved
wife my Executor & for her to choose her
assistants

In health and sound mind I hereunto
sign my name this the 1st of
July 1870

Daniel McCallum

signed sealed and acknowledged by
Daniel McCallum in the presence of
each of us, and at his request we
in his presence subscribed our names
as witnesses thereto July 1st 1870

Johns Cunningham
William Sanford

Codici's to my last Will & Testament

Whereas in clause 1st in the body of my will it is directed the beginning of D.B. McCallum's line of his portion of land begin in the South West corner of lot 10th line and West where it should be South West 40 degrees 40 poles to a stake then South to the same line then to the Keweenaw line ^{including} the old Ripley road which ^{is} ^{included} in the body of my Will which I bequeath to my son D.B. McCallum in ^{entirety} ^{and} ^{with} ^{the} ^{understanding} that he satisfy a claim his Brother J. C. McCallum holds on him for \$1000.00 for security in Bond & \$450 Dollars in Bond for John Shetter & others as much of the same as will satisfy the above claims. ^{3rd Item} & it is my will that there shall be no division of personal property until the death of my beloved wife I herewith assign my name in the presence of

Daniel McCallum

July 10th 1878

Witness

H. M. Watts

D. B. Cummins

The Last Will and Testament of A. Moore of Tipton County Tennessee

I hereby make and constitute my Last Will and Testament as follows writing all others

First I give to my wife Margaret the sum of seven hundred dollars (\$700) in gold my horse, buggy and harness, my bed and clothing, and such of my things as she may select. Second I give to my daughter her life or widowhood for her support and maintenance my plantation in Tipton County with all its appurtenances

Upon the death or marriage of my wife my Executors will sell said plantation upon such time as to them may seem best, make title to the purchaser, and divide the proceeds equally among all my children, the children or grand children of those deceased to represent their parents.

Third My Executors will sell all my other property and pay my funeral expenses and all my just debts.

Fourth I give to Rosa Alice and Molly Pearson three hundred dollars (\$300) which my Executors will loan out to the best advantage and pay to them in equal parts as they respectively arrive at age or marry.

Fifth My Executors will expend in such manner as to them may seem best the sum of fifty dollars (\$50) per annum for the maintenance and support of the widow and children of my son, S. H. Moore, for the period of seven years.

Sixth As a testament of my mind
 for my son-in-law, I hereby bequeath
 I give him the sum of (\$100.00)
 Seventh Since the commencement
 of the war, I have advanced to my
 four sons each as follows - To R. C. Moore
 three hundred dollars (\$300.00)
 To J. C. Moore eleven hundred dollars
 (\$1100.00) - To J. B. Moore thirteen hundred
 and fifty (\$1350.00) and to A. C. Moore
 five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00)
 To these various sums I wish ten
 per centum per annum added from
 January 1, 1870 until distribution.
 After preserving the various sums
 herein directed to be paid (at my)
 Executors will add any remainders
 there may be of my Estate to the
 sums above mentioned as paid to
 my four sons divide the same into
 four equal parts, and pay one part
 each to R. C. Moore, J. C. Moore, A. C.
 Moore and Melville C. Moore, who
 represents his father J. B. Moore
 estimating the amounts mentioned
 as paid to each with ten per cent
 added as above, as a part of his and
 fourth share.
 The design of the seventh clause of this
 Will being to make my four sons
 equal Melville C. representing his father
 in the partition of my Estate.
 the said advancements since then
 with the ten per cent being estimated
 as a part of said partition.
 Eighth I appoint my son Robert
 C. Moore and my grand son Melville
 C. Moore Executors of this my last
 Will and Testament

In witness whereof I hereunto set
 my hand and acknowledge the same
 in the presence of the witnesses herein
 attending, April 6th 1873

A. Moore

Witness
 R. D. Rainey
 Emelia McElroy
 John J. McDon
 W. V. Thomas
 W. C. McElroy

Credited

Whereas I A. Moore of Tipton County
 Tenn. have made my last will
 and testament in writing bearing
 date April 6th 1873 and thereby
 in the first section of said will have
 bequeathed to my wife Margaret C.
 from it is my wish by this codicil
 to add to said Bequest all my home
 hold furniture
 I will also by this codicil of J. C. Moore
 and Margaret Moore, as Executors
 of my Estate in the place of R. C. Moore
 & A. C. Moore

In witness whereof I set my hand
 and seal, Jan'y 1st 1874

Witness
 J. J. McDon
 Acknowledged to me May 28 1874
 R. C. Moore
 W. C. McElroy

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Last will of Charles V. Fisher

I Charles V. Fisher of the County of
Essex and State of Tennessee do make
order and publish this my last will
and testament as follows-

It is my will and wish that my beloved
wife Elizabeth V. Fisher shall have
the use, control and management of
the whole of my Estate of my kind
and description, real personal or mixed
for and during her natural life
with full power and authority
whenever and at any time to sell and convey
any part or portion of the same that
she may think necessary or proper
for the payment of my debts or for
the support of herself and family
she is also authorized at her discretion
at any time to give off to any of our
children, such portions of the property
as she may think proper, not exceeding
to any of them what would be more
than one equal share of the whole;
and at her death all of the Estate
that may remain to be equally divided
amongst our children then living
or the descendants of such of them as
may be dead to receive the portions
that the dead parent would have
been entitled to if alive; and each
of them as she may have given
any portion of the Estate to
admitting for or to be charged with
the same so as to make all equal
and none of the children or their
descendants, in said division to
be charged with more than the

I have ever given them -

I hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth V.
executrix of this my last will and testament
and in qualifying as such I do not
wish her to be required to give any bond
or security.

In testimony of all which I do hereto
subscribe my name and affix my
seal this 12th of November A.D. 1869

Chas V. Fisher (seal)

signed sealed and acknowledged by
the Testator in our presence, and at
his request we hereto witness the same
in his presence and the presence of each
other the day and year above written

R. H. Hensford
Th. S. Barker

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Wm L McDintons Will
Signed & dated August 26/1878

I Wm L McDintons of Kentucky
and state a divorce am in good
health and am sound in mind
but knowing the uncertainty of life
and it is my duty to make provision
for my property which I do in the
following manner

First I will that the thirteen hundred
dollars worth of land which I have
given my son Thomas L McC
Dintons be credited as part of his
share of my estate

Second I will that the thirteen hundred
dollars worth of land which I have
given my daughter Lizzie W
Hastles be credited as part of her share
of my estate

Third I will that the fifty acres in
Crittenden County known as the
Barrie tract which I have deeded to my daughter
Mary Ann Boyce McDintons be
credited as part of her share of my
estate

Fourth I will to my wife Sallie McDintons
all the property she had when we were
married

Fifth I will to Leaburn M Spencer the
boy whom we have raised the thirty
eight acre tract of land lying near
Bakers mill known as the Abund
McDintons tract (see title for
boundary to have and to hold to
use and to sell but not to sell without
the consent of my children T L McC
Dintons L W Hastles and A B McDintons)

Sixth I will that a good reputation be

done be placed to my grave costing
not less than fifty dollars

I will that all my property not
already mentioned (Real and personal)
may be valued by three disinterested
men

I will that all my lawful debts
be paid out of said property

I will to my wife Sallie L McC
Dintons one fourth of what remains
of the valued property after my
debts are paid

I will the other three fourths of what
remains of the valued property after
my debts are paid to my children
viz Thomas L McDintons Lizzie W
Hastles and Mary Ann Boyce McC
Dintons

I will please the said Leaburn M Spencer
die without children that the thirty
eight acre of land just to my children
viz Thomas L McDintons Lizzie
W Hastles and Mary Ann Boyce McC
Dintons

I will that the three men already
spoken of for the purpose of valuing
my property be chosen by my executor
hereafter appointed

I appoint my brother Robert McDintons
and my son Thomas L McDintons
the Executors of this my last will
an instrument signed in the presence
of on this the 15th day of May 1879

Witness
J W Lytle
J W String

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Valerius Sanford Last Will

I Valerius Sanford of Tipton County Tenn being aware of the uncertainty of life and being sound in mind do make known and publish this my last Will and Testament

It is my will that all my debts shall be paid and as the same time to preserve and keep together as much of my property as possible for the use and benefit of my heirs at law.

It is my will that my executor at my death or as soon thereafter as possible shall take possession of all my lands, timber, corn, hogs, sheep, farming implements and tools of all kinds of all manner of crops in action and all corn, cotton, wheat, hay, all the growing crops of all kinds as that then and of use of my lands wherever situated.

It is my will that my family shall take such property as the Legislature of the State of Tenn give them.

It is my will that my executor shall see what mules and stock he may deem necessary to cultivate said lands in such manner as he may deem best to accomplish the object above stated, the produce of such crops or grain and cattle to be applied to satisfy pay off and extinguish my debts.

It is my will that my executor shall have full and unlimited power to use, mortgage, sell, convey, assign to quitclaim release and rent any or all of my said lands and to use

any or all of my said lands, stock, implements, tools or any other property of which I may be seized and possessed.

It is my will that my executor shall have full power in his discretion to redeem or purchase any of lands which may at any time previous to my death have been sold either under execution or by trustees under deed or deed of trust and may for this purpose in his discretion mortgage or sell or convey absolutely in fee any lands of which I may be seized and possessed.

It is my will that my executor shall have and hold for the purposes herein expressed all my property of all kinds and description whether personal real or mixed and he shall have as full and perfect and unlimited control over the same as myself might or could have if living.

It is my will that my executor shall not be required to settle up my estate with my heirs at law until my debts are paid and when all of my debts have been paid that my executor shall pay over and settle up as the law directs.

If my executor shall at any time believe it impossible to carry out the trust therein reposed in him as herein indicated he may then and in that case settle up my estate in the manner prescribed by law.

I do hereby appoint make and constitute Richard B. Barnes Esq of Livingston Tenn the executor of this my last

will and testament.

I do hereby expressly revoke and
cancel any and all wills made
heretofore by me. In testimony
whereof I do hereto sign my name
and seal and publish this my
last will and testament in the
presence of Albert S. Cotton W. Wells
residents of Tipton Co Tenn and
Jachary Taylor a citizen of Shelby
Co Tenn this August 1st 1879

Valentine Sanford

We Albert S. Cotton George W. Wells and
Jachary Taylor in the presence of each
other and at the request of Valentine
Sanford do hereto subscribe our names
as witnesses to this his last will and
testament which was read and published
as such in our presence August 1st 1879

A. S. Cotton

Geo W. Wells

Jachary Taylor

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G. A. McClernis Last will

I G. A. McClernis of the County of
Tipton State of Tennessee, do make
this my last will and testament
revoking all others by me made at
any time. first I give to my wife
Mrs McClernis all of my last notes
and accounts and all personal
property that I may possess at
the time of my death for the main-
enance and education of our chil-
dren and I give her full power
to do as she may think best for the
children. I hereby appoint my wife
my executrix and request the Court
not to require her to give bonds.
Signed and sealed this 14th day of
August 1879 G. A. McClernis

Signed as witnesses at the request
of the Testator and in his presence
and in the presence of each other
This August 14th 1879

W. C. Menefee
Rich. S. Barker

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Copy
 Will of Martha A. I Martha A. I
 Spinville Deca Spinville of the
 County of Fayette
 and State of Tennessee being
 fully aware of the uncertainty
 of life and certainty of death
 and being anxious to dispose
 of my estate and property as
 herein after mentioned do make
 this my last will;

I give devise and bequeath my
 estate and property real and
 personal as follows that is to say
 1st Ist is my will that my lands
 with all appurtenances thereto
 shall be equally divided betw
 in my two heirs Martha
 Lea Elcan & Sallie Ann Elcan
 to have and to hold the same
 to them and to their heirs
 forever and in the event of
 the death of one of them with
 out an heir or heirs there to
 be and remain the property
 of which of the two the said
 Martha Lea or the said Sallie
 Ann that shall survive the
 other to her and her heirs
 forever; and in the event of the
 death of both of them without
 heirs, then it is my will and
 desire that my lands with all
 appurtenances thereto shall
 be equally divided between my
 two great nieces Jennie Elcan
 and Ozzaline Elcan to them and
 their heirs forever;

2nd Ist is my will and desire
 that Martha Lea Elcan

have my large feather bed
 bed-stead mattress and the
 bed clothes belonging thereto
 also my beam curtain and side
 board and one trunk & contents
 3rd Ist is my will and desire
 that Sallie Ann Elcan shall
 have my small feather bed
 bedstead mattress and the bed
 clothes belonging thereto; also
 my wash stand with bowl and
 pitcher and one trunk & contents
 4th Ist is my will and desire
 that my China and crockery
 ware & mirrors and fiddle cooking
 utensils &c shall be equally
 divided between my two heirs
 Martha Lea Elcan & Sallie Ann Elcan
 5th Ist is my will and desire that
 that any other and all other
 valuable money property or
 estate not mentioned in this
 will in possession or in action
 shall be equally divided between
 my two heirs Martha Lea
 Elcan & Sallie Ann Elcan
 6th Ist is my will and desire
 that I do hereby appoint
 Dr Joseph John Elcan and Dr
 Archibald Leitch Elcan both of
 Ripston County Tennessee Executors
 of this my will;

In witness whereof I have
 signed and sealed and published
 and declared this instrument
 as my will at or near
 Bellmonte Fayette County
 Tennessee on the 16th day of
 1881

The said Martha A. Pemberton
at said place near Bellemont
Hayette County Tennessee on
said 16th day of November A.D.
1874 signed and sealed this
instrument and published
and declared the same as and
for her last will. And we on
her request and in her presence
and in the presence of each
other have hereto written
our names as subscribing witnesses

{ W. H. Pemberton
W. H. Pemberton
W. H. Pemberton

Probated March Term 1874

State of Tennessee I M. M. Martin
Hayette County Clerk of the
County Court
of said County Court do certify
that the above and foregoing
2 1/2 pages is a full true and
perfect copy of the will of Martha
A. Pemberton deceased probated
at the March term 1874 of the
County Court of Hayette County
Tennessee as the same appears
of record in my and on file
in my office.



Witness my hand
and seal of office at
office in Knoxville
this 27th day of January
1877

M. M. Martin Clerk
By Stephen J. Carter, D.C.

S. A. Benthall Last Will

I Samuel A. Benthall of the
town of Covington State of Tennessee
being aware of the uncertainty
of life and in failing health
and of sound mind. Do make and
declare this to be my last will
and testament in manner following
to wit

I bequeath all my property, real
and personal, wherever and whatever
the same may be, horse and land
house and buggy, cattle and library
and whatever else I may possess
to my wife Jennie Benthall.
I appoint my said wife the
executrix of this my last will
and testament. My will is
that my said wife shall not
be required to give any bond or
security to the Judge of Probate
for the faithful execution of the
duties of executrix.
In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 6th
day of September A.D. eighteen hundred
and seventy six.

S. A. Benthall

Signed by the said testator
S. A. Benthall and acknowledged
by him to be
his last will and testam-
ent in the presence of
us present and at the
same time and before
us by us in the presence
of the testator and of each other
the within. Attest I, James

J A Corbiths Last Will

In the name of God amen
I J A Corbith of the County of
Tipton and the State of Tennessee
Being in full health but of
failing mind and retentive memory
do make and publish this my
last will and testament: I hereby
making my voice and revoking
all others at any time made.

Item 1st It is my ^{wish} that after my
death all of my property both
real and personal, after all
of my just debts is paid, be
left in the hands of my beloved
wife Safonia K Corbith during
her life time or widowhood.

Item 2nd If my wife should marry then
it is my wish for her to have a
Chicago Park all of my Estate
after my just debts are paid.
In testimony whereof I set my
hand and seal in the presence of
three witnesses: This the Sixteenth
day of August Eighteen hundred
and twenty nine.

J A Corbith

Witness

W M Tammage

G P Edmonds

Jermy Frockers Last Will

State of Tennessee

Tipton County

I Jeremiah Frockers
of the State of Tennessee aforesaid do
make and publish this my last
will and testament hereby revoking
and making void all others that I
may have made heretofore: I direct
that all my just debts and finan-
cial expenses be paid as soon after my
death as possible out of any money
that I may die possessed of or that
may first come into the hands of
my Executor Secretary & give and
bequeath to my son George Frockers
as his portion the place in which
we now reside, and for which I
have heretofore given him a condition-
al deed, and require that he be
charged with no rents, unless he
should bring against my estate an
account or accounts for my care and
maintenance in that event he must
be charged with customary rents &c
from the time he took possession
of the place until my death: I hereby
give and bequeath to my five other
children viz Nancy Jane Smith, James
Frockers, Fannie Wedder, John Frockers
and Mary Turner all other prop-
erty that I may die possessed of
real or personal of every character
whatsoever they sharing equally in
the distribution: The portion of my
daughter Nancy Jane Smith wife of
J R Smith however I require in the
event that she will husband and

one shall be placed in the hands
of my son John Tucker as Trustee
for her sole and separate use,
and that during the life of her
said husband only such portion of
the interest as she said Trustee
deems necessary to give to her com-
fort shall be paid to her and in
the event that her said husband
shall survive her then said fifth
shall be held by said Trustee for
the use of her children and in
may subject to his (Trustee's) control
or contrary. But if she survives
her said husband then her por-
tion of my estate shall be paid to
her without any restrictions
whatsoever. Lastly I do hereby
nominate and appoint John
Tucker my executor.

In witness whereof I do hereunto
attach my signature to this my
last will on this 11th day of December
A D 1878

Jeremiah Tucker
Signed and published in our
presence and we subscribe our
names in presence of the Testator
on the 11th day of December 1878

John R. Allen

Samuel R. Shelton

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Last Will of Aca McGregor
In the name of God Amen

I Aca McGregor of Warrington Tipton
County Tennessee being aware of the
great uncertainty of human life
and now in the possession of
sound mind and disposing
memory do make and publish
this my last will and testament
hereby revoking and annulling
all former Wills by me at any time
made -

First: I commit my soul into the
hands of God

Second: I desire and direct that
all of my just debts be paid;

Third: Being desirous of my beloved
wife (Minty McGregor) future
welfare while on earth and for the
love and affection that I have for
her I do give and bequeath to my
beloved wife Minty in fee simple
and absolute to dispose of and
use as she pleases the one acre of
land on which I now reside
and which I purchased from
R. S. Barker and I further give
and bequeath unto my said wife
all of my personalty consisting of
clothes and kitchen furniture com-
mode farming utensils etc.

And I do further give with and
bequeath unto my said wife for
and during her natural life my
one half (1/2) interest that I now
have in and to a certain lot of
land which I have

an order of sale from the County Court of said County of Tipton and which is known as Sub #18 on the plat of the Survey division my or half (1/2) being the eastern portion of the same. And I do further direct that at the death of my said wife that the title in and to the said land above described one half (1/2) interest be vested in my child (or daughter) Mrs Ann Rice of said County and State to which she shall have a full and perfect title as it is able to convey.

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife jointly as my executrix, and request that she shall not be required to execute bond in such capacity.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this the 2^d day of February A.D. 1880.

And ^{by} ~~McGregor~~ ^{McGregor}

At the request of H. M. McGregor and in his presence we have set our hands and seals as witnesses to his signing the foregoing Will.

This 2^d day of February A.D. 1880

Thos M. Bann
R. M. McGregor

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Last Will and Testament of Henry Harmon

I Henry Harmon of the County of Tipton and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain and establish this to be my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking any and all others which I have made Item First - I direct that my funeral shall be simple and unexpensive, and as soon thereafter as possible, that all my just debts be paid. I expect however to so manage and have arranged that but few if any debts will be owing.

Item Second - I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Elizabeth Harmon should she survive me all of my property both real mixed and personal, wherever situated, and especially my homestead near Atoka in Tipton County Tennessee including Three Hundred & eight acres of land, the household and kitchen furniture, stock and farming utensils, money notes & choses in action &c &c. The personal property is to be hers absolutely, to use consume spend or dispose of as she may see fit, and the real estate including said homestead of Three Hundred & eight acres of land to be hers for the term of her natural life with remainder as hereinafter specified the net profits and rents & profits to be hers absolutely during her natural life.

Item Third - In the event of the death of I do direct that

of both or either of my daughters Emily Jane Harmon and Martha Virginia Harmon either being then single. I desire that they or either of them shall live upon said Homestead and the tract of land of Three hundred & eight acres, have control of same and enjoy the rents and profits of same until they or either of them shall die or marry, the intention of this clause being to provide an independent home and income for my daughters; or either of them should my wife die before the death or marriage of my daughter if one dies or marries the other is to still have the homestead and land and enjoy its entire rents and profits until her marriage or death.

Item Fourth - Upon the death of my wife, I give and bequeath my said Homestead and the Three hundred and eight acres of land of which it is composed, to my children to wit; B S Harmon - J M Harmon - L E Harmon - I P Harmon - Emily Jane Harmon and Martha Virginia Harmon to be equally divided between them this division however to be postponed until both of my said daughters shall have married or died and the gift in this clause to be subject to the conditions of the Third Item of this my will, for the benefit of my daughters; and if upon the death of my said wife any of

my said Children, to wit: B S Harmon - J M Harmon - L E Harmon - I P Harmon - Emily Jane Harmon and Martha Virginia Harmon shall be dead leaving living issue (Children) then the share of their deceased parent shall go to such children.

Item Fifth - My desire is after giving all to my beloved wife, as I have done for her natural life and providing for the independent maintenance of my daughters so long as they may remain unmarried; my next desire is that each of my dear Children may share equally in the division of my estate, and to this end I desire my son B S Harmon be being the only one to whom I have as yet made any advancements charged with One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) which I have already advanced to him, and each of my other Children charged with such sums as I may hereafter advance to them, and appoint amounts thereof to this as memorandums or receipts but nothing is to be taken as an advancement or charge as such, unless so designated by me in writing; no interest is to be charged on such advancements.

Item Sixth - I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Sarah Elizabeth Harmon my executrix, and desire that she well qualify as such, but that she give no bond or security whatever; I am witness of the above I have on this 21st day of February 1877 A D. Legally signed my name

J. P. Eddins two of my neighbors,
whom I have requested to witness
this as my last will and Testament
Henry H. H. H.

At the request of the
Testator and in his
presence, at the time of
his signing, we have
hereto subscribed our
names as witnesses, in
the presence of each
other - neither of us
being interested in
the gifts of above will
H. M. Furnace
J. P. Eddins

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Last will of W. D. Archer died

I Charles W. Archer do make and
publish this as my last will and
Testament, hereby revoking and making
void all others by me made,
First, I direct that my funeral
expences and all my 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 executor

Secondly, I hereby give to my son
William D. my home place with all
the lands of the same lying North of
the South East corner of Dr. J. S. Shuman
Gardner place, for which he is to be
charged in the settlement of my estate
the sum of Eighteen hundred Dollars.

Thirdly, I desire the balance of my
real and personal property to be con-
verted into money and the same divided
equal between my legal heirs, taking
into consideration, however, the ad-
vants I have already given them,
which upon examination I find
that I have given up to January 1st
1877, to my son William D. Eight hun-
dred and forty Dollars, to my daughter
Elizabeth Thirteen hundred fifty
nine $64\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars to my son Charles
A. Seventeen hundred and thirty two
 $64\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars to my son Richard P.
Twenty eight hundred nine & $24\frac{1}{100}$
Dollars to my son Samuel W. four-
teen hundred nineteen $38\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars
to my son Francis A. Seventeen
hundred fifty four & $1\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars,

To my son Isaac T. twenty three hundred and seventeen $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars to my son Freedom B. fifteen hundred and fifty $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars, to my son Jefferson B. fifteen hundred and twenty eight Dollars and to my son William B. eight hundred twenty four $\frac{1}{100}$ Dollars. These amounts include every article of value which I had given my children up to the said Jan 1st 1877, and also includes all claims which they may have against me bearing a prior date than the said first of January 1877. I desire if any such claims be proven the same amount shall be deducted from their share of my estate. At my death I desire my son William to remain in possession of my farm and household stock provisions and household goods, if he chooses and keeps the same in good order except so much of the provisions as will be necessary to run the place until the Christmas next following and then turn over to my executor whom I name to be my son Francis A. Archer.

If upon the settlement of my estate it is found that there is not money enough to make up to those who have received the cash. Those having received the cash will be requested to refund so much as will be necessary to make the division equal. This December 13 1877.

Signed in the presence of Elie L. Archer
John J. Sherrill
A. A. Minton

Codicil to W. B. Archer's Last will

I Charles B. Archer of the County of Dutton and State of Tennessee having made my last will and Testament bearing date December thirtieth A.D. 1876 by which I have given and bequeathed to my son Samuel W. Archer an equal share with my other children, Now therefore I do by this writing which I declare to be a codicil to my said will and Testament and to be taken as apart thereof, Order and Declare that my will is that my said son Samuel W. Archer shall only receive the sum of Five Dollars in addition to that which he has already received for these reasons. First, His former habits forces me to believe that he would spend it in buying spirituous liquors and use the same to that extent that would endanger his life. Second I believe he will be a source of great trouble to his friends. Furthermore I will that the heirs of my deceased son Charles W. Archer have only Five Dollars in addition to what I have already given him as I have shown them Father's Lovers great enough to make them equal with my other heirs.

C. B. Archer

June 29th 1879 Witness

J. M. Leatherwood

H. S. Knudsen

Probatd May Term 1880
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