

William Roberts Last Will & Testament

Recorded January 20th 1836

I William Roberts of this county of Methyl and State of Tennessee being sick and weak of body but of sound mind & understanding, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I have thought proper to make & ordain this my last will & testament, first I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body to the earth to be buried in Christian like manner & to the possession of my worldly goods in the following manner, viz. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Martha during her natural life, one fourth of the tract of land whereon I now live to be in the middle thereof. I give & bequeath to her on the same terms my negroes Dary, Shaddy, Bob & Amica all of my stock consisting of horses, cows and hogs, my baggage, also all of household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils. I give & bequeath to my son Henry Roberts one dollar having advanced him his full portion already. I give & bequeath to my son William C. Roberts, Children two hundred dollars to be equally divided amongst them I leave to my daughter Winifred Jordan one quarter section of land lying and being in Graves County Tennessee known as the Davidson place and at her death I give and bequeath it to her children to be equally divided amongst them. I give and bequeath to Francis Roberts as trustee for the lawful heirs of the body of my son John Roberts one negro girl named Eliza and her increase which is now in the possession of said John Roberts and so to remain during his natural life

and at his death to be equally divided among the lawful heirs of the body of said John Roberts also to my son John Roberts twenty five dollars which I have loaned him, I give & bequeath unto my son Francis Roberts sixty dollars, I give and bequeath to my son Richard Roberts my negro man called Big Matt also two hundred dollars. I give & bequeath to my son Thomas Roberts one fourth part of the land whereon I now live lying in the southeast corner of the tract subject to one fourth of my wife dower, my negro man Cud and my negro girl Mickey. I give and bequeath to my daughter Rebecca Ann Farmer my negro man little Matt also one hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my son David Nathall Roberts one fourth part of the tract of land whereon I now live subject to my wife dower and my negroes Do and Silas. I give & bequeath to my son Matthew M. Roberts one fourth part of the tract of land whereon I now live to be in the north west corner of said tract subject to my wife dower, my negroes Roda & Peter. I give & bequeath to my son James R. Roberts one fourth part of my land whereon I now live to be in the northeast corner of said tract subject to my wife dower, my negroes Will, Vincent and Catherine. I leave to Elizabeth Bailey nine acres of land lying on the state line and west of the pond during her natural life which is a part left to my son James R. Roberts. I further will and direct that the property left to my two youngest sons remain with that will to my wife until James R. Roberts arrives to the age of eighteen

Years and that they be supported and Educated without any charge. I further will & direct that at the decease of my wife or if that should be before my son James P. Roberts arrives to the age of Eighteen years that then and not till then, that the money by a/cs named before be paid and the balance if any remaining be equally divided amongst the children of my present wife Martha Roberts. And lastly I constitute ordain and appoint my beloved sons Francis Roberts Richard Roberts and Thomas Roberts my Executors of this my last will & Testament. I hereby annul all other wills and declaring this to be my last will & testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty five.

Signed & sealed
in the presence of
J. Roberts
J. C. Bates
Wm Taylor
Wm W. Boatright

State of Tennessee

Weakley County Court Jan 11th 1836

There was the due Execution of the within will duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Jacob & John William Taylor and William W. Boatright subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. Wm Johnson Clerk

Buckner Russell last Will & Testament, Rev'd January 21st 1836

I Buckner Russell signed, being weak in body but of sound perfect mind & memory blessed be a straightly god for the same do make & publish this my last will & testament in the manner & form following that is to say, First I give & bequeath unto my beloved Rachel Russell an carriage and harness and all my house hold & kitchen furniture & sundries and one hufid and my Bibles and books, I do also give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret Russell wife of Aaron Russell an cow & game pig. I do also give & bequeath unto my son Buckner Russell three head of cattle two hoes & thirteen shoats two horses and all my tools of every description. I do also give & bequeath unto my grand son William Russell son of Buckner Russell two sters which said parcels of property or legacies I will & ordain shall be paid and delivered over to the said legates within six months after my decease. I further give and devise to my wife Rachel Russell ^{assigns} ~~all~~ ^{all} that tract of land lying and being in the county of weakley in 12th survey or district 3rd Range and 7th Section on Thomasons creek granted to me the 1st day of January 1805 by grant N^o 2619 containing 34¹/₂ acres of land and lastly I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Rachel Russell sole Executrix of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all

formed will by me made in witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
8th Day of April in the year of our Lord
and thousand Eight hundred & thirty five
signed sealed & published & declared by the
above named Buckner Russell to be his last
will & testament in the presence of us who
have hereunto ^{subscribed} set our names as witnesses in the
presence of the testator
John Henry Wilson his
Doug Thigley Buckner + Russell Seal
mark

James Buckley Last will & Testament
Recorded 12th April 1836

State of Tennessee Weakly County

One thousand Eight hundred & thirty five September
1st Day. - James Buckley being in perfect health and sound
mind and memory, but knowing that it is appointed for
all men to die and being desirous to have my Business
settled in a lawful manner have this day Constituted and
appointed this writing as my last will and Testament
in manner & form following (viz) first all my property
I send to my beloved wife, Mary Buckley during her
life or widow hood. Except the stock got to large for
her to support, then for to sell of such as she could spare &
and divide among our children. she keeping a sufficient
for her own support while she lives or during widow hood
and at her death or marriage, it is my will that all the
property be Equally divided among all my children, and
I appoint my beloved son Caliman Buckley as my
Executor, to settle my business according to Laws, and this
my last will and Testament, also show the occasion
that we live on at this time. when it comes into market
I want my son Caliman Buckley to raise money

and save the same and at the death or widow hood
of said Mary Buckley to be sold & Equally divided
as above mentioned. In testimony of the above I
have subscribed myself and name the day
and year above written.

Subscribed in fifteenth line before signed
signed sealed and acknowledged
in presence of us

James Patrick
John Ridgway

James Buckley

John Stewart Last will & Testament

Recorded 1st June 1836

This is to certify that I John Stewart of the County
of Weakly, State of Tennessee, being of sound & perfect mind
and memory do make and publish this my last will and
Testament, in manner and form following, first I give
and bequeath unto my son James Stewart one tract of land
Martin and one hundred acres of land, which I now live on
one half I do accept adjoining the same tract, and send
more to him and his heirs at my death, I do also give
and bequeath unto my son Levi Stewart one boy named
Sam one hundred acres of land a part of the above named
tract and one half of the adjacent adjoining to it also in
said lot at my death I do give to my daughter Rebecca
Stewart one Negro Girl named Succa to her and her heirs.
I do give to Sally Sumners one negro Girl named Martha
a to her and her heirs, I also give and bequeath to my
Daughter Elizabeth Somers one negro Girl named Abby
at my death I also wish my stock of hogs and cattle and
sheep and three horses to be gathered together and sold and
my debts and my son James Stewarts to be paid out of
the above named stock and the balance of it may be Equally
divided amongst my children William Stewart and
Nancy Quinn to him an equal part of all the perishable

Property and money also my negro boy named Sally that
is now in law to be sold and equally divided amongst
all the above named Children and negro boy named
Jane I wish to be set free at my death in such his natural
life. This my last will and testament here by making
all former wills by me made in writing a void of them
have here under seal hand and affixed my seal this eight day
of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
& thirty six

John Stanston

Witness

George Buford

Henry ^{his} ~~Plaintiff~~ ^{Witness}

I know all men by these presents that we William H. Johnson, Charles
Warner, Richard C. Williams & James H. Moser all of the County of
Weakly and State of Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto Newton
Cannon Governor of the state of Tennessee and his successors in office in the
sum of four thousand dollars to which payment well and truly to be
made, we bind our selves, our heirs, executors and administrators
lawfully and severally, firmly by these presents sealed with our seals
dated this second day of May 1836. The Condition of the above
obligation is such, that whereas the above bound William H. Johnson
is constituted and appointed Clerk of the County Court of Weakly
County by the citizens of said County, now if the said William H.
Johnson, do well and truly faithfully and impartially execute the
duties of the said office of Clerk of the County Court of said County
during his continuance therein according to Law and receive the sum
of said Court then the above obligation to be void Else to remain
in full force and virtue. In testimony whereof we have hereunto
set our hands & seals the day first above written

Signed & acknowledged

in open Court

to wit

Wm H. Johnson ^{seal}

Charles Warner ^{seal}

R. C. Williams ^{seal}

J. H. Moser ^{seal}

I know all men by these presents that we William H.
Johnson, Charles Warner, Richard C. Williams, all of the County
of Weakly and State of Tennessee are held and firmly bound
unto Newton Cannon Governor of the state of Tennessee
and his successors in office in the penal sum of five hundred
dollars to which payment well and truly to be made we
bind our selves, our heirs, executors and administrators
lawfully and severally, firmly by these presents sealed with our
seals and dated this second day of May 1836.

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas
the above bound William H. Johnson is duly Elected constituted
and appointed Clerk of the County Court of said County of Weakly
now if the said William H. Johnson shall well and truly
collect and pay over all fines, forfeitures and state tax
which he may by virtue of his office be bound to collect according
to the true intent and meaning of the acts of assembly in
such cases made and provided, then the above obligation
to be void Otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

Wm H. Johnson ^{seal}

Charles Warner ^{seal}

R. C. Williams ^{seal}

I know all men by these presents that we William S. Scott, James
H. Moser, Isaac L. Hough, B. Mosby, J. Milner, William Thompson
William L. Cockburn, Littleton Duke all of the County of Weakly
and state of Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto Newton
Cannon, Governor Governor in and for the state of Tennessee or his
successors in office in the penal sum of twelve thousand five
hundred dollars the payment of which well and truly to
be made, we bind our selves, our heirs, executors or
administrators, lawfully and severally, firmly by these
presents sealed with our seals and dated this 2nd day of
May 1836. The Condition of the above obligation is such that
whereas the above bounden William S. Scott is constituted
and appointed Sheriff of Weakly County by the citizens of

Said County. If therefore the said William S Scott shall well and truly execute and see execution made of all process and precepts to him directed and pay and satisfy all fees and sums of money by him received or levied by virtue of any process to the proper officer by which the same by the law thereof ought to be paid or to the person or persons to whom the same shall be due, his heirs, his Executors, administrators, attorneys or agents, and in all other things, well truly and faithfully execute the said office of sheriff, during his continuance therein then the above obligation to be made otherwise to remain in full and entire effect. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the Day and year first above written signed sealed and acknowledged

W. S. Scott (Seal)

J. H. Chapman (Seal)

Isaac Kellaugh (Seal)

Wm Thompson (Seal)

O. L. Chalmers (Seal)

William S. Perkins (Seal)

S. C. Piche (Seal)

Collectors Bond for 1836

State of Tennessee Weakly County -

We now all men by their presents that we William S Scott Ephraim D. Dickson Richard C. Williams & Isaac Kellaugh, all of the County of Weakly and State of Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto Charles C. Cullen Common Pleas Judge of the State of Tennessee for the time being or his successors in office in the penal sum of one thousand Dollars and to receive the payment thereof we bind our selves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly & severally firmly by their presents sealed with our seals & Dated this 5th Day of September 1836

The Condition of the above obligation is such that when as the above bound William S Scott hath been by the Citizens of Weakly County duly elected Sheriff and

Collector of the public taxes for Weakly County, then if the said William S Scott shall well and truly pay over to the Treasurer of the State of Tennessee all the taxes which he may be bound by law to collect and pay over to said Treasurer for the year 1836 within the time prescribed by law for such payment of said taxes and according to the tenor thereof, then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the Day & Date above written

Signed and acknowledged

in open court

Wm Thompson (Seal)

W. S. Scott (Seal)

E. D. Dickson (Seal)

R. C. Williams (Seal)

Isaac Kellaugh (Seal)

Collectors Bond to Treasurer for 1836

State of Tennessee Weakly County -

We now all men by their presents that we William S Scott Ephraim D. Dickson Richard C. Williams & Isaac Kellaugh all of the County of Weakly & State of Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto Charles C. Cullen Chairman of the County Court of said County of Weakly or his successors in office in the penal sum of two thousand five hundred Dollars, the payment of which well and truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs Executors or administrators jointly & severally firmly by their presents sealed with our seals & Dated this 5th Day of September 1836 -

The Condition of the above obligation is such that when as the above bound William S Scott has been by the Citizens of said County of Weakly duly elected Sheriff and Collector of the public taxes for said County of Weakly and within the same year if the said William S Scott shall well and truly pay over to the Treasurer of said County all moneys

160 and Taxes which by law he may be bound to collect and pay over to the said trustee for the year 1837 (to wit the County tax, Jury tax, Poor tax public Building tax and Bridge tax which taxes are all laid by the Court within the time prescribed by law then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue and Testimon whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this Day & Date above written W S Scott *W S Scott*
 signed & acknowledged
 in open Court
 Wm H Johnson Clerk
 E D Dickson
 R C Williams
 Isaac Kellogg

The Last Will & Testament of John D Johnson

In The name of God Amen I John D Johnson of Weakly County Tennessee, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind memory and understanding and considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please god to call me hence do therefore make and declare this my last will and Testament in manners following, That all my last debts as shall be by me owing at my death shall be fully paid and satisfied and from and after payment thereof of and subject thereunto, Then my will is that all the residue of my property shall remain in the hands of my wife during her lifetime or widowhood for the support of my children and then to be equally parted and divided among them share & share alike and I do appoint that my said dear wife shall have the guardianship and administration of them so long as she shall continue to be sole in widowhood whereof I the testator have to this my last Will Consisting of one sheet of paper set my hands and seal this 18 of December 1836 John D Johnson *W S Scott*

L B Perry
 John Haskins
 E D Graham

proven by Harnell & Graham
 June 1837

Wm H Johnson

161 Know all men by these presents that we William S Scott Richard C Williams Zephaniah Harris Edward P. Latham & James M Moran

all of the County of Weakly an State of Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto Caleb Brasfield Chairman of this County Court of said County in the sum of Six Thousand Two Hundred Dollars to be paid to said Chairman or his Successors in office the payment of which will & truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors & Administrators Jointly & Severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals & dated this 1st day of May 1837 the Condition of the above obligation such that where as the above bounden William S Scott this day received the tax list of said County from the Clerk of said County Court to be collected for the year 1837 now if the said William S Scott collect or cause be collected all County Taxes which he may be bound to collect for said year and pay the same over to the County Trustee within the time prescribed by Law then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and Virtue

William S Scott *W S Scott*
 James M Moran *James M Moran*
 Zeph Harris *Zeph Harris*
 R C Williams *R C Williams*

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State of Tennessee
Washley County } Know all men these presents
that we William S Scott Laris H Moran
Rechar C Williams Edmond P Latham Zephariah
H Harris all of this County and State aforesaid
are held and firmly bound unto Newton Cannon
Esquire Governor of the State of Tennessee or his
successors in office in the penal sum of one Thousand
Two Hundred Dollars the payment of which well and
truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs
Executors and administrators jointly severally and by
these presents. The Condition of the above Obligation
is such that where as the above bound William S Scott
has this day received the tax list from the Clerk
of the said County Court to be collected for
the year 1837 Now if the said William S Scott
shall call or cause to be collected all the
Tax which he may be bound to collect for
said year and pay the same over to the
Comptroller of the State of Tennessee within
the time prescribed by Law then the above
obligation to be void otherwise to remain in
full force and Virtue. In Testimony whereof
we have hereunto set our hands and seals
this 1st day of May 1837 W S Scott Seal
E P Latham Seal
Z H Harris Seal
L H Moran Seal
R C Williams Seal

Know all men by these presents that we Kinchen Williams
Dennis Cochran John A Gardner J P G Rowland
Isaac Hillough John Farris William W Gleason
Thomas S Edwards A B Force all of the County
of Washley and State of Tennessee are held and firmly
bound unto Calist Brasfield Chairman of the Court
of said County in the penal sum of Three
Thousand Dollars for the payment of which well and
truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs
Executors administrators and assigns firmly jointly
severally sealed with our seals and dated the 7th
day of August 1837 The Condition of the
above obligation is such that the above bound
Kinchen Williams was this day Elected by the Court
of the said County of Washley at the August
term of said Court Clerk of said Court in conformity
to the Statute in such case made and provided
to fill the vacancy in said office occasioned by
the resignation of William S Latham Now if the said
Kinchen Williams shall well and truly do and
performe the several duties imposed upon him by
Virtue of the office of Clerk of Washley to the
best of his judgement and ability then this
obligation to be void else to remain in full
force and effect

W S Williams Seal
John A Gardner Seal
J P G Rowland Seal
Dennis Cochran Seal
Wm W Gleason Seal
A B Force Seal
Isaac Hillough Seal
John Farris Seal
Thomas S Edwards Seal

That as well of Testament of W Baylip
 of Willie Baylip of the County of Weakley and State of Tennessee
 being of Sound and disposing mind do hereby Make and
 publish this my last Will and Testament hereby
 Revoking all former and other Wills or Codicils by
 me at any time heretofore made and published
 And I wish my funeral Expenses and all my
 Last Debts of whatsoever kind first paid and
 Satisfied out of my Estate which I desire shall be
 done by my Executors as far as possible by the
 Collection of the debts due me

And I Give and bequeath to my beloved wife
 Virginia Ann Baylip, as her absolute property
 to be disposed of as she thinks proper, my Negro
 Girl Eliza aged about seventeen years, two
 feather Beds, Bedsteads and Furniture of her
 own Selection also two good substantial
 farm Horses my Gold Watch, and an Eight
 day Metal Clock, and one yoke of work oxen
 and my Waggon & yoke also two Milch Cows
 & three Calves to be selected by her, out of my
 Stock of Cattle, and all my Stock of hogs that may
 own and proper at my death - and also the
 necessary farming utensils, to Cultivate and Carry
 on the farm - and all Sutable and necessary
 House hold and Kitchen furniture, provided
 she continues to Keep House and Carry on
 the farm after my death, and if she should
 not choose to do either these latter articles
 from the words "and also I wish sold by my
 Executors & the proceeds of such Sale applied
 to my wifes use and benefit

3rd It is my will and wish and I so order and direct
 that should my wife choose to Keep house, and Carry
 on a farm after my Death that she have the use
 of the farm where I now live should I die

George and Joseph of the same free from rent or
 charge of any kind so long as she wishes to Cultivate
 the same or untill she Marries but should my wife
 not choose to Cultivate the farm, or should die or
 Marry before my son Thomas Gullin arrives at Sufficient
 age, then and in that case, or in the happening of
 either of said three Events, I wish my Executors to rent
 out said farm or sell the same as they may
 think proper to the Interest of my Estate and the
 proceeds of the rent or sale to apply to the
 Education, Support and Maintenance of my son
 Thomas Gullin, & the balance to be given to him
 on his arrival at the age of Twenty one, all moneys
 belonging to my Estate to be placed at Interest, that is
 not wanted to Execute some provision in this my
 Last Will & Testament

4th I further Give and bequeath to my wife one
 Hundred Dollars in money out of my Estate to be
 raised and paid to her by my Executors or soon after
 my Death as possible and also all the stock of
 provision on hand at my death of every kind but
 the foregoing bequests & provisions in favour of my
 wife are Expressly made on Condition that
 she Relinquishes right of Dower out of my Real
 Estate in favour of our son Thomas Gullin
 Baylip

5th It is my will and desire and I specially request
 George Smith of whom I purchased one half
 of the Horse Brethren to return to my Estate the
 one Hundred Dollars I paid him for said Horse and
 the note he holds of mine for Nine Hundred Dollars
 the balance of the purchase money but should said
 Smith refuse to receive said Contract then and in
 that case I hereby authorize and empower my Executors
 to advertise and sell my Interest in said Horse to the highest
 on a credit of six Twelve months

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6 The use possession and enjoyment of all the Rest and
Residue of my Estate not herein already disposed of
I give to my beloved Wife Virginia Ann Bayliss
during her Natural life or Widowhood or until
my Son Thomas Cullen arrives at the age of twenty
on the happening of either of which events the
whole of my property both Real and Personal & effects
of any and every kind whatsoever not herein before
disposed of otherwise, I give bequeath and devise to
my son Thomas Cullen Bayliss and should he die
before he arrives at the age of twenty one years and at
his death my wife should still be living in that event
I give and devise the whole of my estate to my wife
Virginia Ann Bayliss out of the use and profits
of my Estate is in my wish and desire that my wife
or Executor or both should suitably clothe support
and educate my son Thomas Cullen.

7 If my wife should not continue to keep House
and carry on the farm after my death in that case
it is my will and desire that my Executor should
sell all my parishable property except Negroes & such
other articles as I have already given to my wife
on a Credit of Twelve Months & that they hire
out the negroes except the one given to my wife
and place the proceeds of such sale and hire on
Interest for the benefit of my Estate the Interest to
be used for the joint support of my wife & our
son Thomas Cullen until she dies or marries
or he arrives at full age in either of which
events the whole of the Interest and principal
of such funds shall go to Thomas C Bayliss

8 It is my will and wish that my Executor as soon
after my death, as convenient shall sell on
a credit of Twelve Months all my parishable
property my Negroes excepted, herein especially

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given and bequeath to my wife - and Lastly
I hereby constitute and appoint my esteemed
friend James H. Moran John A. Gardner Executors
of this my last Will and Testament, and my beloved
and affectionate Wife Virginia Ann Bayliss Guardian
of our infant grand Minor Son Thomas Cullen Bayliss
heavily again rescinding all former and other wills
by me at any time heretofore made and
published - Testimony of this solemn act and
in witness of this my last Will & Testament I have
hereunto subscribed my Name and affixed
my Seal this the 7th day of January in the year
of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred & thirty eight
Signed sealed and Executed
in presence of us the deale
above written both of whom
have witnessed the same at
the request and in the presents
of the Testator

Becky Bondurant Proven in open Court 5th
Jas C Bondurant day of February 1838

State of Tennessee } Known and by these Presents
Weakly County } That we Wm Scott
Jas H Moran Wm Jones & D P Calawell
All of the State and County aforesaid
are held and firmly bound unto Newton Cannon Governor of the State of Tennessee
for the time being and his successors in
office for the use of the said State, in the
sum of Twelve Thousand five Hundred dollars
to the payment of which well and truly
be made we bind ourselves, our heirs executors
and administrators jointly and severally
firmly by these presents - sealed with our seals
and dated the 2^d day of April 1838
The condition of the above obligation is this
That whereas the above bound William Scott
has been duly and constitutionally
elected Sheriff and Collector of the Public
Taxes of said County of Weakly for two
years from the first Saturday in March
1838 Now if the said William Scott
shall well and truly collect all State Taxes
and also all Taxes on School Lands within said
County which by Law he ought to collect and well
and truly account for and pay over all Taxes by
him collected or which ought to be collected on the
first day of December in the years 1838
and 1839 respectively then the above obligation
to be void otherwise to remain in full force
and virtue

Attest
J Williams Clerk

W Scott
Jas H Moran
Wm Jones
D P Calawell

State of Tennessee } Known and by these Presents
Weakly County } That we Wm Scott
Jas H Moran Wm Jones & D P Calawell
All of the State and County aforesaid are held and
firmly bound unto Newton Cannon Governor of
the State of Tennessee for the time being and
his successors in office for the use of the said
State in the sum of Twelve Thousand five Hun-
dred dollars to the payment of which well
and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs
executors and administrators jointly and severally
firmly by these presents - sealed with our seals and
dated the 2^d day of April 1838
The condition of the above obligation is this
That whereas the above bound William Scott
has been duly and constitutionally elected
Sheriff and Collector of the Public Taxes of said
County of Weakly for two years from the first
Saturday in March 1838 Now if the said
William Scott shall well and truly col-
lect all State Taxes and also all Taxes on School
Lands within said County which by Law
he ought to collect and well and truly
account for and pay over all Taxes by him
collected or which ought to be collected on the
first day of December in the years 1838
and 1839 respectively then the above obligation
is to be void otherwise to remain in full force
and virtue

Attest
J Williams Clerk

W Scott
Jas H Moran
Wm Jones
D P Calawell

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Know all men by these presents that we
Kinchin Williams Jas H Moran D P Caldwell
William W Gerson Isaac Killough
all of the County of Weakly and State of
Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto Newton
Hannon Governor of the State of Tennessee and successor
in office in the sum of Five thousand Dollars to which
payments well and Truly to be made we bind ourselves
our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and
severally firmly by these presents sealed with our
seals and dated this 2nd day of April 1838

The Conditions of the above obligation is such that
whereas the above bound Kinchin Williams is Consti-
tutionally Elected Clerk of the County Court
of Weakly County by the Citizens of said County
now if the said Kinchin Williams do well and
Truly faithfully and impartially execute the duties
of the said office of Clerk of the County Court of
said County during his continuance therein
according to Law and take care of the records of
said Court then the above obligation to be void Else
to remain in full force and virtue

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our
hands & seals this the 2nd day of April 1838

Signed & acknowledged
in open Court

Kinchin Williams Seal
Jas H Moran Seal
D P Caldwell Seal
W W Gerson Seal
Isaac Killough Seal

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Know all men by these presents that we
Kinchin Williams Jas H Moran D P Caldwell
Williams W Gerson Isaac Killough
all of the County of Weakly and State of Ten-
nessee are held and firmly bound unto Newton
Hannon Governor of the State of Tennessee and
successor in office in the sum of Five thousand
Dollars to which payment well and Truly to be made we
bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators joint-
ly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our
seals and dated this 2nd day of April 1838

The Conditions of the above obligation is such that
whereas the above bound Kinchin Williams is Consti-
tutionally Elected Clerk of the County Court of Weak-
ly County by the Citizens of said County now if
the said Kinchin Williams do well and Truly
faithfully and impartially execute the duties of
the said office of Clerk of the County Court of said
County during his continuance therein according
to Law and take care of the records of said
Court then the above obligation to be void Else to
remain in full force and virtue

In testimony whereof we have hereunto
set our hands & seals this the 2nd day of April 1838
Signed & acknowledged
in open Court

Kinchin Williams Seal
Jas H Moran Seal
D P Caldwell Seal
W W Gerson Seal
Isaac Killough Seal

In the Name of God Amen
 I Sarah Williams of the County of Weakley
 & State of Tennessee being a single & soberminded Person
 of Sound Mind and disposing Memory and knowing
 that it is appointed for all the Human family
 once to die do make & publish this my Last
 Will & Testament in manner & form following
 (to wit)

Item 1st I give to my three youngest Grand
 Children the Children of the late Jemmy
 Bowers the former wife of young P Bowers
 Namely Athanasius Bowers William G
 Bowers & Panther Melinda Bowers one
 Negro Boy by the name of Henry which said
 Boy Henry I wish to be kept out until the
 youngest of my said Grand Children becomes
 of ~~ageful~~ age then I desire the said
 Boy Henry should be sold & the Money arising
 from both the ~~high~~ & Sale shall be Equally
 Divided between them to them & their heirs for
 Ever giving one fourth part of said
 Money to the heirs & Children Sarah Bowers
 the wife of James Bowers the other three
 fourths to be Divided among them as above
 stated - I Further Give the said three
 Grand Children one from Pot one Spittle one
 Pot Rack one Bed & furniture to I also
 wish should be sold & the amount Divided
 Equally between them

Item 2nd I give to Grand Daughter Panther Melinda
 Bowers one Crock & its Contents Consisting
 of my Wares & Cloths &c.

Item 3rd I Give to my two Grand Sons Athanasius &
 William G Bowers Two White Countertops one
 for Each one of them

Item 4th I Give to my Grand Children the Sons
 of Joseph G Williams which he now has or
 may hereafter have, one Negro Woman named
 Betty all of my Stock of Cattle & Crock to
 be Equally Divided between them to them & their
 Heirs for ever

Item 5th I Give to Nancy Bowers wife of William Bowers
 one Crock & Iron Office Mortar -
 for witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & affixed my seal this 13th day of January 1821
 Signed Sealed & acknowledged
 to be her Last Will & Testament Sarah Williams
 in Presence of
 Joseph Poore
 J. W. Vincent

State of Tennessee
 Weakley County 3 We the undersigned
 Know all men by these presents that I
 Caleb Brasfield in right of my wife Katharine
 Brasfield & David Winston in right of my wife
 Candace Winston & Jefferson Rogers in right
 of my wife Mary Rogers & Athanasius Rogers
 in right of my wife Francis Rogers all being
 the Lawfull Heirs & Heirs of Robert Lister Esq
 to Inherit & possess the Slaves belonging to said Estate
 as named and Directed in the 5th Item of the last Will
 & Testament of said Decd both this day mutually and
 Voluntary Consented and agreed that we believe it
 will not be properly for us to Divide the Slaves as
 named in 5th Item of said Decd Will without
 the assistance of men appointed for that purpose
 & we believing It was the said Decd intention that
 we should Divide the Slaves ourselves as named in 5th

174 In the name of God Amen.
I Robert Siler of the County of Wakeley
State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and
disposing memory but feeble in health wanting to
provide against the uncertainty of Life do make and
ordain this as my last Will and Testament in manner
as follows (Viz)

1st My will and desire is that all my just debts shall
be paid by my Executors herein after named out of my
Estate as early as can conveniently be made -

2nd My will and desire is that my Wife Susanah live
with any of my Children or move from one to
other at her pleasure as she may think proper
and that they be paid a fair and reasonable price
for the same proportionable to the time and trouble
they may be at for keeping her the Money to
be paid out of any Money arising from the
Sale of my property - I also lend her one Negro
her Choice of all my Family of Negroes her Choice
one of my best Beds Bedstead & what Clothing
she may think proper to take for the use of the
Bed something to be provided to keep her Clothing
plentifully & Decent out of my Estate and any other
small articles she may want and that she and
the Negro be kept in a Decent manner and
the Negroes Ties to be paid in Care my Wife
or her Servant may be come Sick and
require Medical aid and any Reasonable
Expenses may arise then it will be the duty
of all my Executors to pay back these proportion-
able parts of all Expenses and for trouble
this property above mentioned which I leave
to my Wife during her natural life at her
Death I desire it shall and the proceeds be
Equally divided amongst my four Daughters

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Katherine Brasfield Candace Weston Mary Rogers
& Frances Rogers also the Children of Samuel Siler
Decided that is Elizabeth Williams Margaretta
Allen George John & Samuel Siler they are to have
one fifth part to be Equally divided between them
My Wish is that some one of my Executors buy the
Negro -
3rd I lend to my Grand Son James Allen the
following Property (to wit) the Tract of Land
I bet of James Hill Containing one Hundred
acres More or less also the forty eight Acre
Plot of J. W. Huling Joining the Hill Tract
lying due South of the above named Tract
comprising the whole Containing one Hundred forty
Eight acres be the same More or less also
three Negroes ^{George} Grace one horse & Child (house of my
Son or about Samuel Hill) one good Bed
and Bedstead & furniture one good Cow & Calf
two Hens & Lambs my Rifle Gun & choice of one
Long Plough & Shovel & other the ax Cold his
a good hilling hoe or weeding hoe one Trunk
all my Shaving tools his School Books & Pithy idish
& Chain to have the benefit of the above named
Property until he arrives to Lawfull age - provided
he will then in a reasonable time after he becomes
of age Convey & make over all the right title &
Interest he has in Right of his Mother Elizabeth
Allen & paid to a parcel of Land I gave to
my Son Allen Siler Dec Lying in Granville
North Carolina Granville County on the
ready Branch by Deer otherwise I find in
that Case they are to give up all the above
named Property and not before I should be dis-
posed out an heir or less than the above named
Property is to be Divided Equally amongst my

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Four Daughters & Samuel Ister & eight Children
as named in Item the 2nd the Children to have
one fifth part of the same -

4th I Give to my Grand Son William B Ister the
Tract of Land which I Bot of F W Huling Con-
- taining Ninety three acres more or less lying on
the East side of where his Mother Ann Ister
now lives bounded by his lines on the West
Joseph Gravins on the North & the tract of
of Bill on the East. which Bounds will show
by reference to the Deed I received of F W Huling
which was executed and dated 5th January 1836
which tract or Parcel of Land I hereby will and
direct the said William B Ister shall pay the
sum of \$50 per acre with Interest from date
of Huling's deed to me as well shown 5th January 1836
which will amount to \$39-50 with Interest as
aforesaid. which is to be deducted out of legacy
or any part thereof which may be coming or
due him from my Estate after that to divide
Equal with the rest of my Sons Samuel Ister
Deed & Children

5th My Will is that all my Negroes (except the
I Give to my Grand Son James Allen and the
one my wife Susannah Ister may make
choir for her use & Benefit during her
Natural life to be Equally divided in four
Parts so as to make four Equal lots and divide
among my four Daughters or her before
named if they can agree amongst themselves
if they cannot in the division of the Negroes
they must get men to value the same Equally
and draw for them & then that gets the most
valuable lots is to pay to them of less value
to make all of Equal Value as near
as possible

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Item 6th My will and desire is that the Children
of my Son Samuel Ister Deceased as named above
have in money amongst them all Equally an amount
to one of my other legacies which will be one fifth
part of the Value of all my Negroes. Except that
allotted to my Grand Son James Allen & the one
for my wife as aforesaid. which money
is to be taken from the proceeds of the sales of my
Land not otherwise Willed & Possible property
Stock & the Money to be put out at Interest
until they respectively arrive of age at which
time each of them are to draw in their share
for their Equal part of the Money due them
from my Estate

Item 7th My will is that my Executors sell my Land
as well as a they may think most advisable that
is to all together or divide as they may think best
either for Cash or upon what Credit they may
think most advisable all the part of my
property (not Willed) to be sold or a Credit
at twelve months

Item 8th My Will is that the money arising from
the sale of my Land and other property together
with all money on hand & money received on all
debts due my Estate (if any left) after
Given to Samuel Ister & Children one share
Equal to one of my other legacies to be Equally
divided amongst my four Daughters
reserving one fifth part of the same for
the eight Children of Samuel Ister
to be Equally divided as before

Item 9th I will that a grave yard be reserved out
of my Land where my Son Samuel Ister & his
four little Daughters was buried including the
the ground where Joseph Gravins Daughter is
buried same as to the West of the other

Beginning at a stake James Allen line was
 white oak & sugar tree pointing thence North
 Seventy five feet to a white oak ^{marked} thence South
 one hundred & sixty feet to a stake James Allen line
 thence East along said allens line one
 hundred & sixty feet to the beginning to be kept
 & reserved for & on for a burying ground for
 my family of Children and there posterity after
 them

I am 10th If Either of my Executors shall refuse
 to qualify the one who shall so faithfully
 acknowledge to execute this will —

Lastly I hereby nominate constitute and
 appoint my lawyer in law David Wenslon
 Jefferson Rogers Executor to this my last
 will and testament in witness whereof
 I hereunto subscribed my name and
 affixed my seal this ^{fourteenth} day
 of July A D Eighteen Hundred and thirty eight
 subscribed signed by the

Robert L. Allen

Testator in our presence
 who is the Parents of each
 other witness the same
 Jonathan Higgs Jr.
 James Allen

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 I the name of God Amen I John Rogers
 of the County of Weakley & State of Tennessee
 Being infirm in Body but of Sound Mind
 and Memory Thanks be unto God for the same
 and Calling to mind the Mortality of the
 Body & knowing that it is appointed for all
 men once to die, do make & Ordain this
 my last will & Testament for the purpose of
 disposing of such worldly Estate as it hath pleased
 God to bless me with & pointing out the manner
 in which I wish it Devolved after Death &
 other things I Recommend my Soul unto God
 that gave it Me & my Body to the Earth
 from whence it Came to be Buried in a
 Decent Manner Christian like at the
 Discretion of my Executors hereafter named
 nothing Doubting But at the Resurrection I
 shall Receive such a one as it shall please
 God to give & as to my Estate I give & devise
 in the following manner —

Now my will & devise is that all my Just and Lawful
 Debts & funeral Expenses be paid —

Now I Give & Devise unto my loving wife Agnes
 Rogers one Negro Girl Named Monah one Horse
 the Choice of my Stock of Horses one Saddle &
 Bridle one yoke of oxen two Cows & Calves
 five head of Sheep four Sows & Pigs one
 Feather Bed & furniture one Chany Press
 and its Contents one half Dozen Sitting
 Chairs one half Dozen Knives & for to one
 Chest one Coffee Mill one pair of Fire Dogs
 2 spinning wheels a pair of Cords one loom &
 kitchen furniture sufficient for her use one
 Dining Table two Ploughs & four & one year
 provision for her self & family at her own Disposal
 to do as she pleases with

Item I Lend unto my Beloved Wife Agnes Rogers
one Negro Man named Lewis one Negro Woman
Eliza one Cornall George & give one pair of
Whells During the Term she Remains my Widow
I no longer then to Revert to my Estate & be
Disposed of as I shall hereafter Direct I also
Lend her one Hundred acres of Land to be laid
off in the following Manner to wit Beginning
at the Mouth of Owl Branch & Running up
the Meanders of the same far Enough to include
my Dwelling House & and one third part of
my Plantation & lumber & fire wood sufficient
for her use I Lend the same to her During
the time she Remains my Widow & no longer
then to Revert to my Estate & be Disposed of as
I shall hereafter Direct None of the property
above loaned is to be Removed out of Wexley
County if such an attempt is made it is
no longer to be a loan But absolutely to Revert
to my Estate

Item I Give and devise unto my two youngest
Daughters Sarah Jane Benjamin Rogers and
Dorcas Allen Rogers three hundred acres
of Land to be Equally Divided Between them
to be made of in the following manner viz
Beginning at the Mouth of Owl Branch &
Running up the narrowest Course of the same
sufficiently far so as first to include the Hundred
acres loaned to my wife Agnes Rogers then mother
and do Continue on Fire Land two Hundred acres
More then I loaned my wife Agnes & so
include the Plantation & lumber & fire wood
sufficient to support the Plantation & to be Possit
with the two Hundred acres when Either of
them Marries or arrives to the age of Eighteen
years old to be Equally Divided between them

and the other Hundred acres when my wife
my Mary or Decease also to be Equally Divided
between them which I give to them & their
heirs Begotten of their Body forever I also
give them the nine following Negroes to
wit one Negro Man named Lewis one Negro
Woman named Eliza & her Child named
Catharine one Negro Girl named Corneline
one Negro Boy named Henry one Negro girl
named Grace one Negro Boy named Freeman
one Negro Girl named Mary one Negro girl
named Matilda to be possessed with Lewis & Eliza
at the Marriage or Decease of my wife Agnes
& the others when Either of them Marries or
Either of them arrives to the age of Eighteen
years old to be Equally divided between
them Except one of them goes loaned to my
wife Agnes then mother should die or become
imbecile if so my will is my Executors hereafter
named shall put my wife in possession of
one either of the Negroes I have given to
my two youngest Daughters such a one as
she may think proper which Negro she shall
hold so long as she Remains my Widow & keeps
the same in this County & at her Decease
or Mourning I give the whole of the above
named Negroes to them & their heirs Begotten
of their Body But if Either of them
should die without heirs Begotten of
their Body then & in that Case the
whole of the property attolled to the one
or both of them Dying shall be Divided
among the rest my Children which I
give to them & their heirs forever -
I also give unto my two youngest Daughters
one of the two Hundred acres of Land

one Horse Bridle & Saddle a pair Two
Cows & Calves a pair Two Sows & Pigs a
pair Two Cows & Lambs a pair and a Plough
I gave a pair one year provision for
them selves & their family of Negroes allotted to
them It is also my will that if their property
shall remain with my wife again until she
shall marry or arrive of the age of Eighteen years
old except my Executors shall think proper to
send them to some female Institution to
receive their Education or some other necessary
Cause & in that Case my Will is that my
Executors hereafter named shall act at their
own Discretion to the best advantage for
my beloved Daughters —

Now I have & Devise unto my Beloved Son
John W Rogers Seventy acres of Land lying in
Dyer County it being part of a six hundred
forty acre Tract of Land Deeded from Richard
Smith & Lope Gill to Jubilee Rogers I also
gave him one Negro Man named Daniel
one Negro Girl named Mimma or negro girl
named Gilla also one Horse Bridle & Saddle
one Feather Bed & furniture now in his
possession to him & his heirs forever —

Now I have & Devise unto my Beloved Son Little
W Rogers the five following Negroes to wit
one Negro Man named Henderson one Negro
Boy named Melchior one Negro Boy named
Pleasant one Negro Woman named Sarah &
her child named Lawson also one Horse
Bridle & Saddle one Feather Bed & furniture
now in his possession to him & his heirs forever —
Now I have & Devise unto my daughter Mary
Thompson that married my Daughter Mary D
Rogers Seventy acres of Land lying in Dyer

County & being part of the same Tract of Land given
to my son John W Rogers I also gave him one
Negro Man named Alfred & one Negro Woman
named Waring & all the Children the said Waring
now has & one Negro Girl named Corcoran
one Horse Bridle & Saddle one Feather Bed
& furniture now in his possession to him
& his heirs forever —

Now I have & Devise unto Whimelst H Cooper
that married my Daughter Elizabeth Allen
Rogers one State of land I hold against him
being about seven hundred dollars to him &
his heirs forever —

Now I have & Devise unto the Children of
Whimelst H Cooper Son of the Body of
my Daughter Elizabeth Allen Cooper one
Negro Man named Charles one Negro Woman
named Melly & said Melly's Children being
Negroes I have heretofore made a Deed in Trust
to which Deed in Trust my will is shall
continue in full force & Virtue until
the said Children shall receive them in
full possession agreeable to the full
meaning & intent of the same —

Now I have & Devise unto my Grand Son
Job Calvin Rogers Son of John W Rogers
one Negro Boy named Loy to him & his heirs
forever —

Now I have & Devise unto my Grand Son
Job Chesby Thompson Son of Jacob Thompson
one Negro Boy named Simon to him & his
heirs forever —

Now I have & Devise unto John W Rogers &
Jubilee W Rogers & Jacob Thompson & the
Children that is now born & may hereafter
be born of the Body of my Daughter Elizabeth

1834 Elizabeth Allen Cooper all negroes & personal property I may Decease possess with that is not above named Excepted one negro girl named Candis which negro I have more than the other Children to the Children of my Daughter Elizabeth Allen Cooper which is now born or may hereafter be Born of her Baddy & also said negro Candis Child & her for their Increase to be possessed with as I shall hereafter Direct I also give unto John W. Rogers Jacob Thompson & the Children that is now born or may hereafter born of the Baddy of my Daughter Elizabeth Allen Cooper all the Lands I may Decease possessed of or any claim thereto that is not above named & particular specified My will is that all the property that is above given to my Children that is of age shall be possessed with at my Decease But the property given to the Children of my Daughter Elizabeth Allen Cooper shall be in the hands of my Executors hereafter named or Trustees & my will is that they shall have full power here and said negroes or keep them on a farm as they in their discretion may think proper & the profits arising therefrom shall be converted to the support of my Daughter Elizabeth Allen Cooper & family & as long as she may live & at her Decease the whole of the property to be Equally Divided among her Children Except my Executors may think or so Conceive in prospect of time that the said property may Increase or so accumulate that there may be more than what may be necessary for the support of my

1835 Elizabeth Allen Cooper I solemnly then & in that Case my will is that my Executors shall have full power to give of to any of her Children that may marry or arrive of age one or more negroes not exceeding a Child's part to such of her Children so marrying or so becoming of age & at her Decease when all the property is to be divided the Child so receiving property shall only account for the Value of said property when they received the same in possession - I constitute & appoint my Brother Lybelle Rogers & my Two nephews Caleb Waspela Cely Terrell & my Son John W Rogers Executors of this my will & Testament Approving & Confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament signed sealed & Delivered by the Testator to be his last will & Testament in the presence of us that are present at the time of signing & sealing of the same in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 10th day of February A.D. 1837

attest
E. D. Lathrop
Spencer Willbanks
J. P. Quist
John D. Jones
H. W. Cropper
Alexander Tucker
Calummon Shanklin
Lease Dawson

John Rogers (Testator)

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Weakley County I know all men by their
present that Caleb Brasfield in right of
my wife Katharine Brasfield & David Winston
in right of my wife Candace Winston & Jefferson
Rogers in right of my wife Mary Rogers & Jonathan
Rogers in right of my wife Francis Rogers
all being the Lawfull Heirs & Heirs of Robert Leter
Decd. do In kind & proper the Slaves belonging to
Said Estate as named and Directed in the 5th
of the last Will & Testament of Said Decd both the
day minutely and Voluntary Consented and agreed
that we believe It will not be properly for us to
Devide the Slaves as named in 5th of Said
Deced Will Without the appearance of men
appointed for that purpose & we believing it was
the Said Deced intention that we should
devide the Slaves ourselves as named in 5th
of his will if we could agree & believing Cannot
agree we therefore all agree that the County
Court of Weakley now in Session shall appoint five
good and Lawful men to meet on some convenient
day and appraise the value of the property & Devide
the same and report to the next term of County
Court of The County and State and that we
abide by & stand to the decision of the same
given under our hands & seals this 6 day of
August A.D. 1838.

C Brasfield (Seal)
David Winston (Seal)
Jefferson Rogers (Seal)
Jonathan Rogers (Seal)

147 State of Tennessee
Weakley County I we the undersigned Commissioners
agreeably to an order made at the County Court
of Weakley & State aforesaid on the first Monday in
August 1838 to devide & Value the Slaves belonging
to the Estate of Robert Leter Deced amongst his
four Daughters as named in his last will and
Testament (to wit) Katharine Brasfield Candace Winston
Mary Rogers & Francis Rogers all present at the House
of the Said Robert Leter Deced on the 10th day
of August A.D. 1838 and after being duly sworn
according to Law that we would without partial-
ity or reward Value and report to the best
of our Skill & ability after having all the Slaves
Met before us there being Twenty five in number
of Various Sexes Sorts & ages say from Sixty five
years old to small suckling Children we say
upon oath that the negroes are worth in Cash
Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars which
we will show below both the names & Valuation of
the Different Slaves in the Devision there being four
Legates (to wit) Caleb Brasfield in right of his wife
Katharine David Winston in right of his wife
Candace Jefferson Rogers in right of his wife
Mary & Jonathan Rogers in right of his wife
Francis we report that the Devision & Valuation as
following (to wit)
first Caleb Brasfield in right of his wife
Katharine Received in the Devision the following
named Slaves and at the following Valuations
Patsy and her Boy Child Colon \$600 Mary \$250
Washington \$200 Susan \$300 Amicit her Child
Sally Ann \$350 Abram \$200 whole amt \$1900-00
David Winston in right of his wife Candace
Received the following negroes and at the following
Valuation Stephen \$600 Lethian \$400

1835
Wm \$300 Cloy \$200 Nov & his child dying
Whole amount of Devision \$1850-00

Lefferson Rogers in right of his wife Mary
received the following Negroes at the following
Valuation John \$500 Sam \$600 Willis
\$350 Ransom \$150 Belle and \$200 Frank \$150
Whole amount of Lefferson Rogers \$1950-00

Jonathan T Rogers in right of his wife
Francis received the following Negroes at the
following Valuations Cherry & Boy Child Hayward
\$600 Lewis \$550 Anthony \$550 Lucy \$300
Whole amount of Jonathan T Rogers \$2000-00

the above sum don't add the \$7700-00.
Whole amount of Valuation

The above sum of 7700 Divided in four Equal
parts will make the sum of nineteen Hundred
and seventy five Dollars due each Legatee from
the Valuation & Devision of the Slaves which
will leave Jonathan T Rogers to pay back \$75
with interest from the date and Lefferson Rogers
to pay back \$25 with interest from the date David
Winston will be Entitled to receive from these sum
\$75 with interest from the date Caleb Pharesfield
will be Entitled to receive \$25 from these sum
at interest from the day which will make all
Equal, all of which we report to the worshipful
County Court of weakly under our hands &
seals this 10th day August A.D. 1835

Abelton Halling (Seal)
James Hornibuck (Seal)

Robert Morely (Seal)
John Peck (Seal)
John K Jones (Seal)

1839
J. V. Mallory A Bondurant of the County
of Weakly and State of Tennessee being of sound
and disposing mind do hereby make ordain and
publish this my last Will and Testament hereby
revokeing all former Wills and Codicils by me
and at any time heretofore made and published
And First. It is my Will and I desire that
my executors hereinafter named as soon after my death
as they may think proper shall advertise and sell
all my real estate lying within the Corporation
of the Town of Cradick Consisting of farmly residen
ce and the lot of ground opposite thereto on
the west side of the road. also all my real Estate
in the Town of Christmaville Carroll County. Consisting
of an interest in a Tavern House there and a lot
& the ground appertaining thereto on such Credit
of Credit as they may think best for the interest
of my Estate. I also wish my executors to sell
all the rest & residue of my personal and perishable
property except my Negroes on such a Credit as they
may think advisable and out of the proceeds of the sale
of the above mentioned property to pay off and dis-
charge all my just debts of whatsoever kind

And Secondly. It is my Will and desire that af-
ter all my just debts are paid by my executors that
they cancel all the rest and residue of my Estate
remaining of whatsoever kind to equally divided betw-
en my beloved wife Harriet E. B. Bondurant and
my two little daughters Sarah Elizabeth & Martha
Emaline Bondurant And that my executors choose
Three disinterested persons to make said division
And Thirdly. I hereby constitute and appoint the
two Grandfathers of my two little Daughters nam-
ely Benjamin Bondurant & Dr. Terrell Guardians

of my Minor Children during their minority - to attend to their nursing education and support and to manage their Estate and their persons I Commit especially to the Keeping of Grandfather Dr Terrell during his Natural Life.

And lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my esteemed & Trusty friend Ebenezer Gardner and David P Caldwell. Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In testimony of this solemn act I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 29th day of November A.D. 1838,

A. N. Bonduant Seal

Signed, sealed, executed and

published in presence of us, each of whom

believe witnessed they came at the request and in the presence of the Testator.

In W. Townville

Rob. Moxley

Known all men by these presents that we William S. Scott, William Jones & P. Latham and S. A. Warner all of the County of Wakeley & State of Tennessee are here and jointly bound unto John McAllister Chairman of the County Court of said County in the sum of Five thousand dollars to be paid to said Chairman or his successor in office to the payment whereof said and truly to be made we do bind ourselves our heirs Executors or Administrators jointly and severally by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 8th day of May 1839.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden William S. Scott Collector of the public revenue has this day received the tax list for said County from the clerk of said County, to be collected for the year 1839 None of the said William S. Scott shall will and duly collect or cause to be collected all County taxes which he may be bound to collect for said year and pay the same over to the County Treasurer

within the time prescribed by law than the above obligation to be and otherwise to remain in full force and virtue of law

W. S. Scott
P. Latham

William Jones

S. A. Warner



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I Solomon Sedwick 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 so much of my personal
property as may be different be sold and that my
Just debts be paid out of the Proceeds thereof
Secondly I Give and bequeath all the remainder
of my property of Every description to my beloved
Wife Fanny Penelope during her Natural
Life and at her death to be divided Equally
between my Children -

Thirdly Should John Mispick think proper he is
at liberty to Clear Land build Houses, and
make such other improvements on any part
of my unimproved Land as he may think
proper and remain on and Cultivate the same
during the life time of my Sister Sophiah
Mispick free of rent or Charges of any description
Whatever -

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
John Downy my Executor and Fanny Penelope
Sedwick my Executrix and Witnesses Whereof
I do to this my Will. Set my hand
and Seal This 29th day of June 1859

Solomon Sedwick

Signed sealed and Published in our presents
and we have subscribed our Names here to
in the presents of the Testator this 29th day
of June 1859

J. W. Cockburn
J. R. Storer

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Last Will & Testament of W. Johnson

W. Johnson 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 just debts be be paid as soon after my death
as possible out of any money that I may die possessed of
or if there be none that a sufficient quantity of personal
property be sold for that purpose, Secondly I Give
unto my wife Mary after paying all my just debts
as above directed the whole of my Estate to have, and
to hold during her widowhood If She Shall Marry I
wish her to draw an equal portion of my estate with
my Children and at her death such portion as she shall
have Drawn to equally divided amongst my four Children
Caroline William Bernanthe and Mary Eliza -

I also desire that should either of my Children become
of age or Mary during her widowhood that she shall
lend to him or her such property as she may deem proper
not exceeding his or her proportionable part of the
Estate - Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint William
Keggs and Samuel White my Executors and wish them
to act in that capacity untill my son William
arrives at the age of twentyone at which time should
the Court consider him capable of acting in the capacity
of Executor it is my desire that he take Charge of the
Estate I'm witness whereof I do to this my will set
my hand and Seal This 21st day of May 1858

W. Johnson

Signed sealed and published in our presents
and we have subscribed our Names here to in the
presents of the Testator this 21st day of May 1858

Sam. Brown
John B. Dent

1839 Salmon Sedwisch 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 devise that so much of my personal property
as may be sufficient be sold and that my just debts be
paid out of the proceeds thereof

Secondly I give and bequeath all the remainder of
my property of Every description to my beloved wife Fanny
Penelope during her natural life and at her death
to be divided equally between my children

Thirdly I should John Mespleur think proper and
make such other improvements on any part of my
unimproved land as he may think proper and remain
on cultivate the same during the lifetime of sister
Sophie which Mespleur free of rent or charges of any
description whatever

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John
Drew my Executor and Fanny Penelope Sedwisch
my Co-Executor to in witness whereof I do to this my
wills set my hand and seal this 29 day of June 1839

Salmon Sedwisch (deceased)

Signed sealed and published in our presence and
we have subscribed our names hereto in the
presence of the Testator this 29 day of June 1839

J W Cochran
Wm B Stone

Elizabeth Palmer last will & Testament

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In the name of God Amen— I Elizabeth Palmer of
Wheatley County and State of Tennessee being of perfect
mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling
unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that
it is appointed for all men once to die do make and
ordain this my last will and Testament And as touching
such worldly estate wherewith wherewith it has pleased
God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose
of the same in the following manner and form—

Item first. As I heretofore given to William A Palmer my
eldest son to the amount of one thousand and seventy dollars
And to James A. Palmer my second son one negro man
named Gilbert valued at one thousand dollars and a certain
tract of one hundred acres of land valued at three hundred
dollars And to Emily W. A. Carvill my eldest daughter
one negro girl named Margaret valued at seven
hundred dollars and one negro boy named Doctor
valued at six hundred dollars

Item 2nd As the above named William A. Palmer James
A. Palmer Emily W. A. Carvill have received each
of them the above named sums I now proceed to
give and bequeath to John W. Palmer my third son
Henry C. Palmer my fourth son Mary R. A. Palmer my
second daughter Elizabeth C. Palmer my third daughter
all these last four jointly and severally the number of
eight negroes viz I give unto John W. Palmer Henry C.
Palmer Mary R. A. Palmer & Elizabeth C. Palmer Heben
Isam, Henderson, Manuel Ralph Wiley Ann & Henry
which last mentioned eight negroes to be equally divided
between John W. Palmer Henry C. Palmer Mary R. A.
Palmer & Elizabeth C. Palmer as each become of
age—

Item 3rd I also give and bequeath unto James
A. Palmer Emily W. A. Carvill John W. Palmer

Henry O Palmer Mary M. A. Palmer & Elisabeth C Palmer
the number of five negroes viz Amy Cinda Willis Thome
Jim jointly and severally to be equally divided be-
tween them after my decease—

Item 4th I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Elisabeth Palmer and Amanda M. F. Palmer Linn
Palmer Virginia Palmer and Edward H. Palmer

A certain number of negroes viz Nick Nancy Wat
Charles Washington Susan Phil Isaac to be joint
and severally and equally divided between Elisabeth
Palmer my beloved wife and Amanda M. F. Palmer Vir-
ginia Palmer Linn Palmer and Edward H. Palmer

Item 5th I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Elisabeth Palmer the above named negroes viz Nick
Nancy Wat Charles Washington Susan Phil and
Isaac to have and to hold the same and the use
of them while she the Elisabeth Palmer my beloved
wife remain a widow—

Item 6th I do and it is my wish that all my lands
house hold ~~and~~ ~~and~~ furniture and Perishable Property
should be sold after my decease and the money ~~of~~
divided between Elisabeth Palmer my beloved wife
James A Palmer William A. Palmer Emily M. A. Carvill
John W. Palmer Henry O Palmer Mary M. A. Palmer
Elisabeth C Palmer Amanda M. M. F. Palmer Virginia
Palmer Linn Palmer and Edward H.
Palmer—

Item 7th It is my wish that John W. Palmer shall act
and be my executor of my Estate and it is further my
wish that the Court do not demand any bond and
Security from the said John W. Palmer for the same
It is further my wish that John W. Palmer my Execu-
tor should sell all my lands either Publicly or Privately
in a credit of one two and three years and all

my perishable Property and household furniture &c to be
sold at public Sale on a twelve months credit
Item 8th It is my wish that Leonard S. Langley shall
take care of my daughter Mary M. A. Palmer and act as
guardian for her also for Paul Palmer to take my daughter
Elisabeth C Palmer and act as guardian for her—

And I the said Smith Palmer do hereby utterly disallow
revoke and disannul all and every other former testament
with legacies bequests and executors by me in anywise be-
fore named wills and bequests ratifying and confirm-
ing this and no other to be my last will and testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this sixth day of September in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Signa secula ~~publica~~ promissa
and declared by the said Smith Palmer
as his last will and testament in the
presence of us who in his presence and
in the presence of each other have here
with subscribed our names

George W. McWhorter

Hiram Jones

James Brann

State of Tennessee } April Term 1840
Weakley County } This was the execution of the foregoing
last will & testament of Smith Palmer proven in open
Court by the oaths of Geo. W. McWhorter Hiram Jones
and James Brann subscribing witnesses thereto
and ordered to be recorded—

Geo. L. Dodson J. C. Clerk

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To John W. Palmer a citizen Weakly County

It appearing to the Court that Smith Palmer dies leaving a written will in which you are appointed executor which has been duly proved in open Court and you being qualified according to law and it having been ordered by said Court that letters testamintary issue to you

These are therefore to empower you to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your hands possession all the property and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and make due collection of all debts and after paying all just demands against the testator and settling up the business of said estate agreeable to law you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provisions of said will and the laws of this State

Given under my hand at office this 7th day of April 1840

per 50.05

W. D. Dodds (Clerk)

199 State of Tennessee & Know all Men by these Weakly County & presents that we William D. Scott, William Jones, Samuel Irvin, John A. Gardner, James H. Moran, all of the County of Weakly and State of Tennessee are held and firmly bound unto James H. Polk Governor of the State of Tennessee for the time being and his Successors in Office for the use of the said State in the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars the payment of which will and bounty to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and Administrators Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 6th day of April 1840

The Condition of the above obligation and these wherby the above bound William D. Scott has been duly and Constitutionally Elected Sheriff and Collector of the Public Taxes of said County of Weakly for Two years from the first Saturday in March 1840 now if the said Wm. D. Scott shall well and truly Collect all the State Taxes and also all Taxes on School Lands within said County which by law he ought to collect and will and truly account for and pay over all Taxes by him so Collected or which ought to be collected on the first day of December in the year 1840 & 1841 respectively then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue attest

W. D. Scott Seal
William Jones Seal
Samuel Irvin Seal
James H. Moran Seal
Geo. A. Gardner Seal

This Indenture made This 27th day of March 1841 between William Mosley of Meckley County Tennessee of the one part and Thos E Mosley Elizabeth Cole wife of Moser E Cole and her children John W. Rogers and Thos L Cole & George B Mosley William Mosely Green Mosley Rebecca J. Auburn, ~~Hillery Mosley~~ wife of William Auburn Hillery Mosley & William S. Mosley Mary A Mosley Moses Mosley Martha Mosley & Hillery Mosley the last five are children of Arthur Mosley all of the County of the County of Meckley except the children of Arthur Mosley those of Gibson County Tennessee of the second part. Witnesseth that for the natural love and affection I bear to my children and grand children above named and the consideration that they support and their mother and grand mother Martha Mosley during our natural life I have this day bargained sold and delivered to them and their heirs and assigns the following property to wit: one tract of land lying in Meckley County containing Six hundred and forty acres it being the tract of land whereon I live granted to Henry A Coleman one negro man named Washington one Negro man by the name Christopher one negro boy John one negro boy Leagen one negro boy named Daniel Negro woman named Betty one negro woman named Mary one Negro Girl named Joanna also three head of horses also Eight head of cattle also one

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 wagon and three yokes of Oxen also about fifty head of hogs also fifteen head of sheep also a second tract of land lying in the County of Gibson Tennessee containing Six hundred & forty acres whereon I think Mosley now lives purchased of the said Henry A Coleman. To have and to hold the same aforesaid property to them the sd Thos E. Mosley Elizabeth Cole John W. Rogers Thos L. Cole George B Mosley William Mosley Green Mosley Rebecca J. Auburn Hillery Mosley William S. Mosley Mary A Mosley Moses Mosley Martha Mosley and Hillery Mosley their heirs and assigns and the said William Mosley covenanting with the aforesaid parties that he warrants and defends the titles to them of the aforesaid property against the claim of all and every person whatever
 Witness my hand and seal
 William Mosley

At
 Witness
 R. P. Nairn
 Attest