

June Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } to Samuel Peoples a citizen
 of said County }

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Daniel Noney has died leaving no written will
 and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to
 the administration and you having given bond
 and qualified as directed by law and the Court
 having ordered that letters of administration issue
 to you

There are therefore to authorize and empower
 you to take into your possession & control all the goods
 chattels, claims, and papers of the said ^{intestate} estate which are
 return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our
 next County Court to collect and pay all debts and
 to do and transact all the duties in relation
 to said estate which lawfully devolve
 on you as administrator and after having
 settled up said estate to deliver the residue
 thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness I am H. E. Ethenage Clerk of
 said Court at office this 2^d day of June
 1845 and 69th year of American Independence
 H. E. Ethenage Clerk

July Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } to George S. Elliott a citizen
 of said County }

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Isaac Abraham has died, leaving no will and the
 Court being satisfied as to your claim to the admin-
 -istration, and you having given bond and qualified
 as directed by law and the Court having ordered
 that letters of administration issue to you

There are therefore to authorize and empower you
 to take into your possession & control all the goods chat-
 -tels claims & papers of the said intestate, and return
 a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next
 County Court to collect and pay all debts and
 to do and transact all the duties in relation
 to said Estate which lawfully devolve on
 you as administrator and after having settled
 up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to
 those who are by law entitled

Witness I am H. E. Ethenage Clerk of
 said Court at office this 4th day of
 July 1845 and 70th year of American
 Independence

H. E. Ethenage Clerk

Augst. Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To Samuel Brown a citizen
Meigs County } of said County

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now in session that William Stewart has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified, as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate, which lawfully devolve on you as administrator; and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Saml. H. Ethington Clerk,
of said Court at Office this the 4th day of
August 1845 and 70th year of American
Independence

Saml H Ethington Clerk

August Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To Jonathan Fowler a citizen
Meigs County } of said County

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now in session that Elizabeth Cravens has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator; and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Saml H Ethington Clerk of said Court
at Office this 4th day of August 1845 and 70th
year of American Independence

Saml H Ethington Clerk

Sept Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee of Alfred Gardner a
Weakley County } Citizen of said County

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now in session that Thomas Fowler has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered the letters of administration issued to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate, which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness I am H. E. Echenagb Clerk of said Court at office this 1st day of Sept. 1845 and 70 year of American Independence

H. E. Echenagb Clerk

Sept Term County Court 1845¹⁰⁵

State of Tennessee of Solomon M. Valentine a citizen
Weakley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Elias Edwards has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration, and you having given bond, and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issued to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness I am H. E. Echenagb Clerk of said Court at office this the 1st day of September 1845 and 70th year of American Independence

H. E. Echenagb Clerk

October Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } Do James W. Houghton and
 Meckley County } Richard Robert, citizens of said
 County } It appearing to the County Court now
 in session, that Matilda Houghton has died
 leaving no will and the Court being satisfied
 as to your claim to the administration and
 you having given bond and qualified as
 directed by law and the Court having order-
 ed that letters of administration issue to you

There are therefore to authorize and empower
 you to take into your possession and control all
 the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said
 an estate, and return a true and perfect inven-
 tory thereof to our next County Court, to collect
 and pay all debts, and to do and transact and
 the duties in relation to said Estate which law-
 fully devolve on you as administrator and
 after having settled up said estate, to deliver
 the residue thereof to those who are by law en-
 titled thereto. Witness my hand and the Seal of
 said Court at office the 6th day of Sept 1845
 and 70th year of American Independence

John W. Ethenag Clerk

October Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } Do Sarah Hood a cit-
 Meckley County } -ress of said County

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court
 now in session that John Hood has died
 leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied
 as to your claim to the administration and
 you having given bond and qualified as di-
 rected by law, and the Court having ordered
 that letters of administration issue to you

There are therefore to authorize and empow-
 -er you to take into your possession & control
 all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of
 the said intestate and return a true and
 perfect inventory thereof to our next County
 Court to collect and pay all debts, and to do and
 transact all the business in relation to said
 Estate, which lawfully devolve on you as
 administrator, and after having settled up said
 estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who
 are by law entitled

Witness my hand and the Seal of said Court
 at office the 6th day of October 1845 and
 70th year of American Independence

John W. Ethenag Clerk

October Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To James McHenry a ct.
 Marengo County } - citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that John McHenry has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims & papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled thereto.

Witness my W. E. Ethington Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of October 1845
 and 70th year of American Independence
 W. E. Ethington Clk.

October Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To E. J. Lerney a citizen
 Marengo County } of this County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Esplan Lerney has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled to receive the same.

Witness my W. E. Ethington Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of October 1845 and 70th year of American Independence
 W. E. Ethington Clk.

Oct Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee, So. E. P. Latham and
 Weakley County } Tho' Claf. Citizens of
 said County - It appearing to the satisfac-
 -tion of the County Court now in session that
 Edmund Andrews has died leaving no will
 and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to
 the administration and you having given bond
 and qualified as directed by law and the Court
 having ordered that letters of administration
 issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower
 you to take into your possession and control
 all the goods, chattels, claims & papers of the said
 intestate, and return a true and perfect in-
 -ventory thereof to our next County Court and
 to collect and pay all debt, and to do and transact
 all the duties that in relation to said estate which
 lawfully devolve on you as administrator
 and after having settled up said estate to
 deliver the residue thereof to those who are by
 law entitled. Witness my hand & the seal of
 Clerk of said Court at office this the 6th
 day of October 1845 and 70th year of
 American Independence

Witness my hand & the seal of
 John H. Echenage Clerk

October Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee, So. Martha Brent
 Weakley County } a citizen of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in
 session that Rodney J. Brent has died
 leaving no will, and the Court being sat-
 -isfied as to your claim to the administration
 and you having given bond and qualified
 as directed by law and the Court having ordered
 that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and em-
 -power you to take into your possession & con-
 -trol all the goods, chattels, claims & papers
 of the said intestate and return a true and
 perfect inventory thereof to our next County
 Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do
 and transact all the duties in relation to
 said estate which lawfully devolve on
 you as administrator and after having
 settled up said estate to pay the residue
 thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand & the seal of
 Clerk of said Court at office this the 6th day of
 October 1845 and 70th year of American
 Independence John H. Echenage
 Clerk

Book Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To Killbuck & Nelson
Weakley County } Kenedy Citizens of
Weakley County

It appearing to Court that Sampson Kenedy has died leaving certain debts in which you are appointed Executors which has been duly proven in open Court and you have given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by said Court that letters testamentary issue to you there are therefore to empower you the said Killbuck and Nelson Kenedy to enter upon the execution of said debt and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the next Court a perfect inventory, and make thereof an oath and make due collection of all debts, and after paying all the just demands against the testator, and settling up the business of said estate according to law you are pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands, and as all other things that may be required according to the provisions of the said debt and the laws of the land

Witness my hand & the Seal of said Court the 3^d day of November 1845 & 70th year of American Independence
Jm W Ethenidge Clerk

Book Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To Henry Bradshaw
Weakley County } a citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that No 2 Church has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you,

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate, which law fully devolves on you as administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness my hand & the Seal of said Court at office the 3^d day of Novr 1845 and 70th year of American Independence
Jm W Ethenidge Clerk

114 North Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To R.E. & C.E. Birthright
Meekley County } Citizens of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Williamson & Birthright has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court being satisfied and ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, chattels, claims & papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled. Witness my hand & the Seal of said Court at office this the 3^d day of North 1845 and 70th day North 1845
Jm. W. Ethington Clerk

115 North Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To Caloway Hardin &
Meekley County } Citizens of said County

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now in session that Rebecca Adams has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator; and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand & the Seal of said Court, at office, this the 3^d day of North 1845 and 70th year of American Independence
Jm. W. Ethington Clerk

116
 Novbr Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To Sarah R. Atkins a
 Meckley County } citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Elisha Thirgmont has died leaving no will
 and the court being satisfied as to your claim
 to the administration, and you having given bond
 and qualified, as directed by law, and the court having
 ordered that letters of administration issue to you
 there are therefore to authorize and empower you
 to take into your possession and control all the
 goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate
 and return a true and perfect inventory thereof
 to our next County Court, to collect and pay all
 debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation
 to said Estate, which lawfully devolve on you as
 administrator and after having settled up
 said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to
 those who are by law entitled to receive the same

Witness our H. Echenag. Clerk of said Court
 at office this 3^d day of Novr. 1845

Sam. H. Echenag. Clerk

117
 November Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To Stephen Goodisby a
 Meckley County } citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Nancy Goodisby has died leaving no will and
 the court being satisfied as to your claim to the ad-
 ministration, and you having given bond and
 qualified as directed by law, and the court having
 ordered that letters of administration issue to you

There are therefore to authorize and empower you
 to take into your possession and control all the
 goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said
 intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory
 thereof to our next County Court, to collect and
 pay all debts, and to do and transact all the
 duties in relation to said Estate which lawfully
 devolve on you as administrator and after
 having settled up said estate pay the residue
 thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness our H. Echenag. Clerk of said
 Court at office this 3^d day of Novr 1845

Sam. H. Echenag. Clerk

Benjamin Bondurant Will

I, Benjamin Bondurant of the Town of Durham, Meckley County, State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and ordain, and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking, and disclaiming null and void, all former wills or codicils by me at any time heretofore made and published. And it is my will and wish that all my just debts be paid by my executors as soon after my decease as possible.

Secondly, I give my negro man Silman to Alpha & John D. Aydelott and Mary Hardeman the children of my late wife in equal shares

3^d I give to said Mary Hardeman my large arm chair and side-board.

4th And whereas, I have heretofore given to my son Robt a negro boy named Lisbon and a negro girl named Amencia, and to my son Albert G. a negro boy named Nelson, and to my son William H. a negro named George, and to my daughter Pauline, a negro girl named Eliza Ann, and a negro girl named Catharine, and to my son James E. a negro boy named a Reuben, and a girl named Luzana and to my daughter Virginia Ann, a negro girl named Eliza, and to Emeline E. my daughter, a negro girl named Priscilla, and a woman named Mary and child Eliza, and to my son Churchill P. a boy named Titus, to each of said children I have given a horse, male, saddle, Bed

Bedstead and furniture, except to Churchill P. to whom I have given no horse. Therefore to make him equal to the other children, in this respect, I give him a horse to be worth seventy dollars, to be furnished him by his Co-Executor

5th I give to my grand children by my daughter Louisa G. to wit Benjamin, Virginia, and Martha two negro girls named Amanda and Amencia - they being the same which I had loaned to their father William W. Knox in the lifetime of their mother.

6th To make the children of my deceased sons Albert G. and William H. equal to Robert, James E., Pauline and the children of Louisa G. and my daughter Emeline E. I have executed to their Guardians respectively my obligations for three hundred dollars, to be discharged out of my estate before a division.

7th To make my son Churchill P. equal in advancement, to the aforesaid children I hereby give and bequeath to him a negro to be of the value of three hundred dollars at my death, to be valued and furnished to him by his Co-Executor before any general division of my estate.

8 I also give to my Executor in trust for my daughter Virginia Ann, during her natural life and for her husband William C. Jones, during his natural life should he survive her a negro to be of the value of three hundred

dollars at my death - And should her son Thomas C. Bayless survive him both then to him and his heirs forever, and should he die before either of them then said negro to revert to my estate, and be equally divided amongst my other heirs. The interest of the said Virginia Ann in the balance of my slaves property I give and bequeath to my Executors in trust, on the terms and conditions, and in the manner above specified.

9th It is my will and wish that my Executors so soon after my demise as they may ^{deem} prudent and conducive to the interests of my estate, shall sell the tract of land wherein I now live, adjacent to the Town of Dresden for the best price that can be obtained, for which purpose it is my will that an credit of not exceeding four years shall be given, personal security being required of the purchaser and the title being retained until the consideration is paid. I wish the tract to be divided and subdivided if in the opinion it will best, of my Executors. All the rest and residue of my real estate I wish my Executors to sell at such time, and on such terms as they may think best for my estate.

10th It is my will and pleasure that my Executors hereinafter mentioned, as soon after my death as convenient or advisable select ^{Son} ~~two~~ disinterested men of Indignation

11th with my Executor Alfred Gardner hereinafter mentioned shall lay off all my negro property not herein disposed of into as many lots as I have children making the children of my deceased sons Albert G and William M and my deceased daughter Louisa C. represent their deceased parents, and so if any other child that my die leaving issue, which lots shall be of as nearly equal value as possible, and then draw for each of the children or their representatives and give to each the lot drawn for him or them, requiring those who draw the superior share to pay to those receiving inferior lots so as to make all equal - It being my will and desire to distribute my estate as fairly and equally as possible and to prevent expensive litigation among them.

11th The rest and residue of my estate I direct my Executors so to administer as to accomplish the foregoing object.

12th I hereby appoint William W. Knox Guardian to receive and manage to the best advantage for their support and education that portion of my estate which may accrue to his children by my daughter Louisa C. only appropriating the use of the property to the foregoing object and first giving bond and security to the Court of Mecklenburg County for such portion of the property as may not consist of land and negroes. Any should be above the trust hereby created by this applying the proceeds of the

use of the property, then and in that case it is my will and pleasure that my executor herein after named, assume the control and management under the direction above given

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son Churchill P. Bondurant and my esteemed friend Alfred Gardner Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and published In testimony whereof I, Benjamin Bondurant the Testator have to this my will written on one sheet of paper, set my hand and seal this the 26th day of September A.D. 1845

Signed seal and executed in presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other at the request of the Testator

John A. Gardner

John H. Echenage

Benjamin Bondurant

State of Tennessee } this day the foregoing Will
Henderson County } was duly proven in open Court
by John H. Echenage one of the subscribing witnesses
therein who was sworn in open court and upon
the evidence of the said witnesses of the Court
ordered that the said will be committed to
Record and that John H. Echenage Clerk of
said Court at office this the 3rd day of Novr 1845
John H. Echenage Clk

North Tennessee County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } In Churchill P. Bondurant
Henderson County } and Alfred Gardner Executors
of Henderson County

It appearing to the Court that Benjamin Bondurant has died, leaving a written Will, in which you are appointed Executors, which has been duly proven in open Court, and you having given bond and qualified according to Law, and it having been ordered by the Court that letters testamentary issue to you:

There are therefore to empower you, the said Churchill P. & Alfred to enter upon the execution of said Will, and to take into your 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 the just demands against the Testator and settling up the business of said Estate according 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 the said Will and the laws of the State.

Witness John H. Echenage Clerk at office
the 3rd day of Novr 1845 and 70th year of American Independence

John H. Echenage Clerk

North Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To E. J. & A. C. Francis, Citizens
Boardley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Corbin H. Francis has died, leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, chattels, claims & papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator; and after having settled up said Estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand & the seal of said Court at office this 3^d day of Novr 1845
& 70th year of American Independence
J. W. E. Clerk

North Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To A. R. Workman a citizen
Boardley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Richard Workman has died, leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, chattels, claims & papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator; and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness my hand & the seal of said Court, at office this 3^d day of November 1845
and 70th year of American Independence
J. W. E. Clerk

Dec Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } Do Ira Gray a citizen of said
Weakly County } County:

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that Mary Davis, has died, leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration, and you having given bond, and qualified, as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you,

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate, which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Tom H. Echings Clerk of said Court
at office this 1st day of Decr 1845 and 70th year
of American Independence.

Tom H. Echings Clerk

Dec Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } Do P M Shelton a citizen
Weakly County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that William Clark has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond, and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you,

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Tom H. Echings Clerk of said Court, at
office, this 1st day of Decr 1845 and 70th year
of American Independence.

Tom H. Echings Clerk

Dec. Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To John I. Price a citizen
Meekley County } of Madison County Tenn.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the court now
in session that Frances Morris, has died leaving
no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim
to the administration and you having given bond
and qualified as directed by law, and the Court
having ordered that letters of administration issue
to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession & control all the
goods, Chattle, Claims & papers, of the said intestate
and return a true and perfect inventory thereof
to our next County Court, to collect and pay all
debts, and to do and transact all the duties in
relation to said Estate, which lawfully devolve on
you as administrator, and after having settled
up said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to
those who are by law entitled.

Witness Your H. Echendeg Clerk of said
Court, at office, this 1st day of Decr 1845

John H. Echendeg

Jan. Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Joseph Ridgway
Meekley County } a citizen of said County
It appearing to the County Court now in session that
Madison H. Ridgway has died leaving no will
and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the
Administration, and you having given bond and
qualified, as directed by law, and the Court, having
ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession and control all
the goods, Chattle, Claims and papers of the said in-
testate and return a true and perfect inventory
thereof to our next County Court, to collect and
pay all debt, and to do and transact all the
duties in relation to said Estate, which lawfully
devolve on you as administrator: and after having
settled up said estate, to deliver the residue
thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Your H. Echendeg Clerk of said
Court at office this 5th day of Jan 1846: and
70 year of American Independence.

John H. Echendeg Clerk

San Germ County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } Do Peter B Moreley a
 Wolsley County } citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Martha Moreley has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you,

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers, of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate, which lawfully devolve on you as administrator; and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Saml McEchinday Clerk of said Court, at office this 5th day of Jan'y 1846. and 70th year of American Independence

Saml McEchinday Clerk

San Germ County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } Do John McFoster a citizen
 Wolsley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that William Borock has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration, and you having given bond and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods, chattels, claims, and papers, of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator; and after having settled up said Estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Saml McEchinday Clerk of the said Court, at office this 5th day of Jan'y 1846 and 70th year of American Independence

Saml McEchinday Clerk

Jan. Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To James Smith a Citizen
of Shelby County } of Shelby County.

It appearing to the Court that Anderson H Jennings has died leaving a written will, in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proven in open Court, and you having given bond and qualified according to law and it having been ordered by the Court, that letters testamentary issue to you.

There are therefore to empower you the said James Smith to enter upon the Execution of said will and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the next Court, a perfect inventory thereof and make due collections of all debts, and after paying all the Just demands against the testator, and settling up the business of said estate according 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 the said will and the laws of the land.

Witness Jms H Echendge Clerk, at office the 5th day of Jan. 1846 and 70 year of American Independence. Jms H Echendge Clerk

Anderson H Jennings Will

I Anderson H Jennings do make and publish this my last will and testament duly revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made.

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

2^d I give and bequeath, all my cleared land to my wife during her life or widowhood and also the land that she may think proper to clear, together with all my farming utensils, my stock of Hogs, Cattle and Sheep, and one horse for the support of her and the children, with her.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my wife a yellow negr girl named Hannah, during her life or widowhood.

Fourthly after the death or marriage of my widow the aforesaid negr and her increase if any, to be equally divided between my three Daughters (viz) Sarah Ann Smart, Francis, Jane, and Mary Elizabeth,

Fifthly I give to Sarah Ann Smart, a good belly and black Red. one Cow and one Sow.

Sixthly I give to my two Daughters Francis, Jane and Mary Elizabeth, Each of them a good Cow, and when they think proper to leave their Mother either by marriage or otherwise they are to have as good a sow and Pigs as my stock affords.

Seventhly I give and bequeath to my eldest son Lindsey L Jennings Seventy Four acres of my Meadow Land on the south end of my tract also the half of an accupant, claim on which I have

Eighthly I give and bequeath to my Youngest son

Joseph H. Jennings Fifty acres of Land on
the North end of my Deeded Land and the other
half of my Occupant Claim and lastly I do hereby
nominate and appoint, James Smyth my ex-
ecutor. In witness ~~whereof~~ whereof I do to this
will set my hand and seal this 21st day of
Nov. 1845
Anderson H. Jennings
made

Signed sealed and published in our presence and
we have subscribed our names here in the
presence of the testator this 21st day Nov. 1845
Attest,

A. Wallace

J. Caldwell

The above will was duly proven in open
Court by Andrew Wallace & Joseph Caldwell
the subscribing witnesses on the 5th day of
Jan. 1846. And ordered by the Court to be
committed to record. Given under my
hand at office this 5th day of Jan. 1846
Jm H. Etheridge Clerk

San Fern County Court

State of Tennessee }
Belmont County } To James Smyth a citizen of
said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that
Saml B. Gordon has died leaving no will, and
the Court being satisfied as to your claims to the
administration and you having given bond &
qualified, as directed by law, and the Court, having
ordered that letters of administration issue to you

There, are therefore to authorize and empower you
to take into your possession and control all the
goods, chattels, claims, and papers, of the said in-
testate, and returned, a true and perfect inventory
thereof to our next County Court, to collect, and
pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties in
relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on
you as administrator; and after having settled
up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those
who are by law entitled.

Witness Wm H. Etheridge Clerk of the
County Court, at office this 5th day of Jan
1846 and 70th Year of American Independence
Wm H. Etheridge Clerk

136 Jan. Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } Do Geo. W. Oldham a citizen
of said County, } of said County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Virginia Oldham has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond, and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, Chatter, Claims and papers, of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Your W. E. Ethington Clerk of the County Court of said County at office this 5th day of January 1846 and 70th Year of American Independence
Do W. E. Ethington Clerk

137 February Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } Do John H. Foster a
citizen of said County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that J. H. Foster has died, leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration, and you having given bond, and qualified as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, Chatter, Claims, and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Your W. E. Ethington Clerk of said County Court at office this 2nd day of February 1846 and 70th Year of American Independence
Do W. E. Ethington Clerk

February Term County Court

State of Tennessee } Do. Jm. McClinton as
Weakley County } Citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court, now in session that Nicholas J. Pindexter, has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration, and you having given bond, and qualified, as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters of administration, issue to you,

There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, Chattels, Claims, and papers of the said intestate, and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties, in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve on you as administrator; and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness Jm. McClinton Clerk of said Court at Office, this 2^d day of February 1846 and 70th year of American Independence.

Jm. McClinton

February Term Co Court 1846

State of Tennessee } Do. Israel J. Withrow of
Weakley County } Citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Mary J. Withrow has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond, and qualified, as directed by law and the Court having ordered that letters of administration issue to you, There are therefore to authorize and empower you to take into your possession and control all the goods, Chattels, Claims and papers of the said intestate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court, to collect & pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties in relation to said Estate, which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and after having settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness Jm. McClinton Clerk of said Court at Office this 2^d day of February 1846 and 70th year of American Independence.

Jm. McClinton

February Term Co. Court 1846

State of Tennessee, Do Silas Mann and
Weakley County, 3. Nelson Henry Citizens
of said County.

It appearing to the County Court
now in session, that George W. Colley has died
leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied
as to your claim to the administration and
you having given bond and qualified, as
directed by law and the Court, having ordered
that letters of administration issued to you.

There are therefore to authorize and em-
power you to take into your possession and
control all the goods, chattels, claims, and
papers of the said estate, and return a
true and perfect inventory thereof to our
next County Court, to collect and pay
all debts, and to do and transact all the
duties in relation to said Estate; which
lawfully devolve on you as administrator
and after having settled up said estate
to deliver the residue thereof to them who are
by law entitled.

Witness Saml. McEchirdy Clerk of
said Court, at office this 2nd day of
February 1846 and 70th Year of Amer-
ican Independence

Saml. McEchirdy Clerk

February Term Co. Court 1846

State of Tennessee, Do Volney A. Houghton
Weakley County, 3. a Citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
that James Morris has died leaving no will
and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to
the administration and you having given bond
and qualified as directed by law and the Court
having ordered that letters of administration
issued to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession & control all the
goods, chattels, claims & papers of the said estate
and return a true and perfect inventory thereof
to our next County Court, to collect and pay
all debts, and to do and transact all the duties
in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve
on you as administrator and after having
settled up said estate, to deliver the residue
thereof to them who are by law entitled.

Witness Saml. McEchirdy Clerk of said
Court, at office this 2nd day of Feb'y 1846
and 70 year of American Independence

Saml. McEchirdy Clerk



Feby Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } Do W. W. Gleason a
 Meckley County } Citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Joseph May has died leaving no will
 and the Court being satisfied as to your claim
 to the administration and you having given
 bond and qualified as directed by law and
 the Court having ordered that letters of ad-
 ministration issue to you

Then are charged to authorize and em-
 power you to take into your possession and
 control all the goods, chattels, claims and
 papers of the said intestate and return a
 true and perfect inventory thereof to our next
 County Court, to collect and pay all debts
 and to do and transact all the duties in
 relation to said estate which lawfully devolve
 on you as administrator and after
 having settled up said estate to deliver
 the residue thereof to those who are by
 law entitled

Witness Sam. McEthenidge, Clerk
 of said Court at office this 2^d
 day of February 1846 and 70th year
 of American Independence

Sam. McEthenidge Clerk

March Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } Do Edward P. Latham
 Meckley County } a citizen of said County

It appearing to the Court that Spencer
 Milbants has died leaving a written will in
 which you are appointed executor which has been
 duly proven in open Court, and you having given
 bond and qualified according to law and it
 having been ordered by the said Court that
 letters testamentary issue to you: Then are therefore
 to empower you the said Edward P. Latham to
 enter upon the execution of said will and to take
 into your possession all the property and to make
 to the next Court, a perfect inventory thereof and
 make due collection of all debts, and after pay-
 ing all just demand against the testator and
 settling up the business of said estate according
 to law you will pay over and deliver the prop-
 erty and effects, that may remain in your
 hands and do all other things that may
 be required according to the provisions of the
 said Will and the laws of the land

Witness Sam. McEthenidge Clerk of
 said Court, at office this 2^d day of March 1846
 and the 70th Year of American Independence

Sam. McEthenidge Clerk

Spencer Milbanks Will

State of Tennessee, I, Spencer Milbanks
 Meckley County, 3 in the name of God
 amen, Being of sound mind do make this
 my last will and testament, After a sufficient
 portion of my perishable property sold to pay my
 just debts, I then leave all my property
 both real and personal to my dearly beloved
 wife Nancy Milbanks during her widowhood
 and if she should marry all my property and
~~interest~~ ^{interest} to be equally divided between her and
 all my children and whilst remaining a
 widow all my children to be clothed, boarded,
 and educated out of the proceeds, arising
 from my estate and if she should not marry
 by the time the youngest child my daughter
 Maria becomes to be twenty one years old
 then all the property to be equally divided
 between my wife and children, and I do
 appoint my wife Nancy Milbanks and
 E. P. Latham, executors to this my last
 Will and testament. February 5th 1846
 Sub
 Spencer Milbanks

W. A. Johnston
 H. M. Crosser

March term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } This day the above last
 Meckley County } Will and testament of
 Spencer Milbanks was duly proven in Open
 Court by the Oaths of W. A. Johnston and H. M.
 Crosser subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered
 by the Court to be recorded Given under my
 hand at office this 2^d day of March 1846
 J. M. Echinger Clerk

March Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } J. Allen McLain a
 Meckley County, 3 Citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that John McLain has died leaving no will and
 the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the ad-
 ministration and you having given bond and qualify
 as directed by law and the Court having ordered
 that letters of administration issue to you
 there are therefore to authorize and empower
 you to take into your possession and control
 all the goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said
 estate and return a true and perfect
 inventory thereof to our next County Court, to
 collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact
 all the duties in relation to said estate which
 lawfully devolve as you as administrator and
 after having settled up said estate, to deliver the
 residue thereof to those who are by will

Witness J. M. Echinger Clerk of said
 Court at office this 2^d day March 1846
 and 40th Year of American Independence
 J. M. Echinger Clerk

146 March Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Edmund Fleming
Weakley County } a Citizen of said County
It appearing to the County Court now
in session that William Fleming has died
leaving no will and the Court being satisfied
as to your claim to the administration and
you having given bond and qualified as de-
-cated by law and the Court having ordered
that letters of administration issue to you

There are therefore to authorize and
empower you to take into your possession and
control all the goods, Chattels, Claims, and papers
of the said intestate, and return a true
and perfect inventory thereof to our next
County Court, to collect and pay all debts
and to do and transact all the duties in
relation to said estate which lawfully devolve
on you as administrator, and after having
settled up said estate to deliver the residue
thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness Our W^m Echlin sgd Clerk of
said Court at Office this the 2^d
day of March 1846. and 70th Year
of American Independence
W^m Echlin sgd Clerk

147 March Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To John W Rankin
Weakley County } a Citizen of said County
It appearing to the County Court that George W^m
Rankin has died leaving no will and the Court
being satisfied as to your claim to the adminis-
tration and you having given bond and qualified
as directed by law, and the Court having ordered
that letters of administration issue to you

There are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession & control all the
goods, Chattels, Claims, and papers of the said
intestate and return a true and perfect inven-
tory thereof to our next County Court, to collect &
pay all debts, and to do and transact all the duties
in relation to said estate which lawfully devolve
on you as administrator and after having
settled up said estate to deliver the residue thereof
to those who are by law entitled

Witness Our W^m Echlin sgd Clerk of said Court
at Office this the 2^d day of March 1846
and 70th Year of American Independence
W^m Echlin sgd Clerk

148 March Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee, ss Alfred Smyth a
Wesley County, ss Citizen of said County
It appearing to the County Court now
in session that Richie Smyth has died
leaving no will and the Court being satisfied
as to your claim to the administration and you
having given bond and qualified as directed
by law, and the Court having ordered that
letters of administration issue to you

Then are therefore to authorize and
empower you to take into your possession and
control all the goods, chattels, claims, and property
of the said intestate and return a true and
perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court
to collect and pay all debts to do and
transact all the duties in relation to said estate
which lawfully devolve on you as administrator
and after having settled up said estate to deliver
the residue thereof to those who by law
entitled

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court
at office this the 2^d day
of March 1846 and 70th Year of
American Independence

John W. Echindge Clerk
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149 March Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee, ss David W. Hester a citizen of
Wesley County, ss said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
that Willard A. Hester has died leaving no will
and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the
administration and you having given bond
and qualified as directed by law and the Court
having ordered that letters of administration
issue to you

Then are therefore to authorize and em-
power you to take into your possession and con-
trol all the goods, chattels, claims, and property
of the said intestate and return a true and
perfect inventory thereof to our next County Court
to collect and pay all debts and to do and
transact all the duties in relation to said estate
which lawfully devolve on you as administrator
and after having settled up said estate to de-
liver the residue thereof to those who by
law entitled

Witness my hand and the seal of said
Court at office this the 2^d day of March
1846 and 70th Year of American Independence

John W. Echindge Clerk
J. E.

Alfred Higgs Dec^d Will

I Alfred Higgs, of the County of Mecklenburg, and State of Tennessee being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but regarding the uncertainty of human life, do hereby make, ordain, and establish this my last will and testament: hereby revoking all former wills or codicils, by me, at any time heretofore made and published.

First It is my will and pleasure, that my Executors hereinafter named, as soon after my decease as possible, pay off all my just debts.

Secondly It is my will and wish, and I hereby direct my Executors, to sell the tract of land on which I now live, containing three hundred acres, after my death, at such time, and place, and on such terms that is to say for Cash, or on a credit, or part Cash and balance on time - as in his Judgements shall be most to the interest of my estate. One third part of the proceeds of the sale of said land I hereby give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha B Higgs - and the other two thirds I give to my Children in equal shares.

Thirdly I give to my two oldest Children, John Andrew Higgs and Mary Ann Melinda Higgs three hundred Dollars, Each, out of my money now on hand, and debts and Judgements now due me and my Crop of Tobacco now unsold which bequest is made to said Children for the purpose of Education & support - which amount I wish my Executors as soon as the same shall be realized from the source above mentioned, to pay over to John A Gardner whom I hereby appoint Testamentary Guardian

to said two Children John and Mary Ann.

The one third part of the sale of said 300 acres of land given to my wife, is given to her during her natural life, or widowhood, and at her death, or upon her marriage, I hereby bequeath said amount to all my Children in equal parts.

Fourthly It is my will and pleasure that my wife shall have her choice either to take one third part in sale of my tract of land near Dresden as her dower therein during her natural life; or she may consent that it all be sold together, and take one third of the money arising from its sale, on the same terms and conditions, and with the same limitations, as stated in reference to the tract on which I now live.

In the event my wife decides to let the whole tract be sold then it is my wish that my Executors herein after named, shall sell it, on such terms and at such time, as they may think best for my estate.

But if she should decide to take dower in the land itself, then I wish my Executors to select four disinterested men to lay her off her dower and the land to remain unsold until the death or marriage of my wife - upon the happening of either of which events, her interest in the land shall be determined and then my Executors is directed to split it as before directed and divide the proceeds equally between all my Children then living.

Fifthly It is my will that my negro, be hired out from year to year and the proceeds divided equally between my wife and Children then & share alike.

Sixthly All the rest and residue of my estate, of whatsoever kind, it is my will and wish, shall be equally divided between my wife & Children she taking a child part.