

Alfred Higgs Dec^r 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.

And lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint
my attornies and trusty friends John A. Gardner and
Wm. Martin Executors of this my last will and tes-
tament - a gain revoking all wills heretofore
made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my Seal. This the 1st day
of March A.D. 1846.

Signed sealed and executed

in presence of us *Alfred Higgs* *Deed*
James M. Sumner
E. W. Kindred

State of Tennessee } This day the foregoing last will
Washley County } and testament of Alfred Higgs
has been duly proven in open Court by the Oaths
of James M. Sumner & E. W. Kindred subscribing
and referring them to which our orders to be recorded
filed. Given under my hand at office this
6th day of April 1846.

Saml W. E. Church Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Martha B. Higgs a Citizen of
Washley County } said County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session,
that Alfred Higgs 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

Then are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession and control all
the goods, Chasels, 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 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 W. E. Church Clerk of said Court, at
office this 8th day of April 1846 and 70th Year of
American Independence

Saml W. E. Church Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Charles C. Hammon a citizen
 Meigs County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that Charles McTain Sr. 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 will entitled.

Witness Tom McEchinda Clerk of said Court
 at office this 6th day of April 1846 and the
 70th Year of American Independence

Tom McEchinda Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To James Hatler a citizen of said
 Meigs County } County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Alexander Hatler 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 Tom McEchinda Clerk of
 said Court at office this 6th of April 1846
 and 70th year of American Independence
 Tom McEchinda Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To M. M. Wolkman a Citizen of
 Liberty County } said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Thomas Pounds has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and qualification 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.

After having settled up said estate pay the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled. Witness Tom W. Etheridge Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of April 1846 and 70th year of American Independence.

Tom W. Etheridge Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Thomas Packett a Citizen of
 Murday County } said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Thomas Washburn has died leaving no will, and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration, and you having given bond and qualification 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 said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Tom W. Etheridge Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of April 1846 and 70th year of American Independence.

Tom W. Etheridge Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Mr. A. Harris a citizen of
DeKalb County } Said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that Thordence Harris 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 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 W. Ethington Clerk of said Court at office this 6th day of April 1846 and 70th year of American Independence

Tom W. Ethington Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Thomas Mitchell a citizen of
DeKalb County } Said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Thomas Mitchell 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 & 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 W. Ethington Clerk of said Court at office this 6 day of April 1846 and 70th year of American Independence

Tom W. Ethington Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee, To Alexander L Paschal a citizen
 of Weakley County $\frac{2}{3}$ of Weakley County.

It appearing to the Court that Alexander Paschal
 has died leaving a last will, in which you are
 appointed Executor, which has been duly proved 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 is-
 sue to you: There are therefore to empower you, the
 said Alexander L Paschal to enter upon the execution
 of said Will, and take into your possession all the property
 and to make to the next County 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, ac-
 cording to the provisions of the said Will and the laws
 of the land. Witness Tom H Echendeg Clerk at
 Office the 6th day of April 1846 and 70th year
 of American Independence

Tom H Echendeg Clerk

Alexander Paschal Dec'd Will

In the name of God Amen

I Alexander Paschal of the
 County of Weakley and State of Tennessee being of
 weak in body but of sound mind and memory
 do make and devise this instrument my last
 will and testament.

I commend my soul to god, and my body to the
 Earth.

I give to my beloved Sons (namely William D Paschal
 Jesse M Paschal Anderson F Paschal and Geo
 R Paschal the sum of Five Dollars Each over and
 above what I have heretofore given them and each
 of them and no more.

I give to my beloved Daughters namely Nancy
 Pyam, Susannah Humphrey and Annina Harmer
 the sum of Two Dollars Each over and above what
 I have heretofore given them except one Bed and
 furniture to my daughter Annina Harmer after
 the death of my beloved wife Susana Paschal

I give to my beloved Son Alexander L Paschal all
 of my estate both real and personal that is at and
 after the death of my beloved wife Susana Paschal
 to whom I have given and bequeath one mare called
 Beck two Cows and Coler, Ten Choice hogs two Beds
 Bedsteads & furniture as much as all the house hold
 and Kitchen furniture during her natural life
 and then at and after her death the above mentioned
 stock and increase as well as the house hold and
 Kitchen furniture is devised and bequeathed to
 my beloved Son Alexander L Paschal after paying
 my funeral expenses as well as all my just debts

5th of July, I select, nominate, and appoint my

beloved son Alexander Paschal my Executor to this
my last will and testament hereby disavowing
and making all wills or parts of wills heretofore made
by me null, void, and of no effect Given under my
hand and seal this 18th day of June one thousand
Eight hundred & forty five

James Somers
Samuel Conner
Geo. L. Conner

Alexander Paschal

State of Tennessee, this day the foregoing last will
County 3 and testament of of Alexander
Paschal was duly proven in open Court by the
oaths of Samuel Conner & James Somers, two
of the suits entering witnesses and ordered to be Recorded
this 6 day of April 1846 Tom McEchnage Clerk

April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee 2 To Josiah R. Atkins a citizen
Macon County 3 of Macon County.
It appearing to the Court, that Gray Williams has
died, leaving a testament 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: These are therefore to empower you, the said
Josiah R. Atkins 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 collection thereof
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 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
Minors Tom McEchnage Clerk at office this 6th
day of April 1846. and 70th year of American in-
dependence Tom McEchnage Clerk.

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Gray Billam Dec^d Will.

I, Gray Billam of the County of Shelby and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first I declare that my body be decently interred at the burying place on my plantation in a manner suitable to my condition in life, and as to what worldly estate it hath pleased God to grant me much I dispose of as follows

First.

I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon as possible after my decease out of any monies that I may be possessed of or may hereafter come into the hands of my Executor from any portion of my estate

Secondly

I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Billam all my lands and plantation tools, my Gray man and my negro girl Mary all of my stock of Hogs and Cattle and all of my Crop of Corn, Cotton & Cato. and all my house hold & Kitchen furniture in fact I give unto my beloved wife all my estate both real and personal to have and to hold during her natural life and at her death it is my will that my executors see all the property that she leaves to the highest bidder in a twelve months credit and the proceeds thereof be Equally divided between my several children to wit Henry Billam, Ann Billam Nancy Rodney, Elizabeth Allen and Martha Pruitt or their heirs.

I do hereby ~~appoint~~ appoint my esteemed neighbor and friend Josiah R. Atkins executor to this my last will and testament given under my

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hand and seal this the 19th day of November

in the year of our Lord 1845

Gray Billam *(Seal)*

signed, sealed, published, and acknowledged in the presence of us who have subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator

William Baker
Evans Freeman

State of Tennessee

Shelby County } This day the foregoing last will and testament of Gray Billam Dec^d was duly proven in open Court by the oaths of Wm Baker & Evans Freeman and ordered to be recorded and filed a law in under my hand at office this 6th day April 1846

Tom H. O'Kendall Clerk

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April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To: D. W. Roberts a citizen
Meckley County } of said County

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now in session that John Roberts 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 6th day of April 1846 and 70th year of American Independence

Saml H. Ethington Clerk

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April Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To: Thomas Glas a citizen of said
Meckley County } County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Wm P. Lowry 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 at office this 7th day of April 1846 and 70th Year of American Independence

Saml H. Ethington Clerk

May Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To James H. Moore a citizen
Meigs County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that Archabald Dodson 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 Tom McEchnidge Clerk of said Court at office this 4th day May 1846, &
70th Year of American Independence
Tom McEchnidge Clerk

May Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To John Goodby a citizen
Meigs County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that N. E. G. Finch 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, deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law entitled. Witness Tom McEchnidge Clerk of said Court - at office, this 4th day May 1846 and 70th Year of American Independence

Tom McEchnidge Clerk

May Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee 3 To Erasmus D. Sensil a citizen
Meckley County 3 of said County,

It appearing to the County Court now in session, that
Green Evans has died leaving no will, and this
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 em-
-power you to take into your possession and con-
-trol all the goods, Chattle, 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 McEhinaghty Clerk of said
Court, at office, this 4 day of May 1846
and 70 Year of American Independence
Tom McEhinaghty Clerk

June Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee 3 To John W. Palmer a citizen
Meckley County 3 of said County,

It appeared to the County Court now in session,
that Alpha S. Cochran has died, leaving no will,
and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to
the administration of said 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, Tom McEhinaghty Clerk, at office this
15th day of April 1846 and 70 Year American
Independence Tom McEhinaghty Clerk

July Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee, To Prudence Manley and
 Weakley County, 3 Robt Perry Citizen of said
 County,

It appearing to the County Court now in
 session that said Edward Manley 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, & papers of the
 said intestate, and return a true and per-
 fect 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 ad-
 ministrator; and after having settled up said
 estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those
 who are by law entitled.

Witness our Hand & Seal of said
 Court at office this 6th day of July 1846
 J. W. Jones A. Ind. Saml W. Etheridge Clk

August Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee, To H. A. & A. W. Thomas, Citizens of
 Weakley County, 3 said County,

It appearing to the Court, that John Thomas has died
 leaving a cotton mill, in which you are appointed ex-
 ecutors, 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 H. A. & A. W. Thomas, to enter
 upon the execution of said Will and take into
 your possession and control all the property and to
 make to 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 law of the
 Land. Witness our Hand & Seal of said
 Court at office this 3^d day of August 1846 and
 11th Year of American Independence

Saml W. Etheridge Clk

John Thomas Sr. Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Thomas Sr. of the County of Mecklenburg and State of Tennessee being sound in mind and of a conveying memory do make this my last will and testament.

To my son Albert S. Thomas and Augustus W. Thomas I give all of my real estate both in Tennessee & Mississippi in order to make my unmarried children equal with those who are married I give the following property to each, to my daughter Rebecca I give my two negroes Susan & Mark to my daughter Catharine I give Eliza & Cain to my daughter Decency Ann I give two negroes Adeline & Oliver to my Grand Daughter Ann Holmes, Forber I give my negr girl Huldah and her increase but if she (Ann Holmes Forber) should die without leaving lawful issue then the said negro and her increase to return and be a part of my estate. To my son Augustus W. Thomas I give my negr Boy Carroll. To my daughter Eliza W. Gardner I give my negr girl Lexand.

To my wife Sarah during her life and then to be equally divided between my daughters the following negroes to wit, Harriet, Exaisy, Pa. Ann, Sophia To my son James's children, I give five hundred dollars To my Grand son John M. Thomas son of my son James, I give three hundred dollars all the property not mentioned in the above is to be equally divided between all my heirs.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Albert S. Thomas and Augustus W. Thomas

to be my executors with full power to carry out the object and intent of this my last will and testament. Whereunto I have set my hand and affixed my seal this the 2^d day of September 1846.

In presence of

J. B. Conlinden

Samuel Irvine

John Thomas Sr. *Test*

I, John Thomas Sr. having heretofore made and published my last will & testament do make and declare this as a Codicil thereto to wit: To my wife Sarah Thomas, I leave the farm and premises to her to reside on and use during her life on which I now live. To my son A. S. & A. W. Thomas (if not already secured) all of my decedent lands which is now in the train of entry.

The property I give my Grand daughter Ann Holmes Forber is not to be removed out of the County until the lawful issue. Lastly it is my desire that this Codicil be attached to and constitute a part of my will to all intents and purposes this 20 day of July 1846.

Signed & sealed in presence of

William Keuberg

J. B. Conlinden

John Thomas Jr. *Test*

State of Tennessee } The within will and Codicil was
Mecklenburg County } duly proven in open court at
the August Term of the County Court 1846 by the
Oaths of J. B. Conlinden Sam. Irvine and W. Keuberg Sub-
scribing witnesses to the within will and Codicil and ordered
to be recorded. Witness John W. Etheridge Clerk of said Court
at office the 3^d day of August 1846. *John W. Etheridge*

August Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Isaac H Ward & Henry
 Bradley, County } More Citizens of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that John More 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
 These 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 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 Thomas H. Ethridge Clerk of said court
 at office this 3rd day of August 1846 and 70th year
 of American Independence

Thos H Ethridge Clerk

August Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Caroline H. Reynolds, a let
 Bradley County } Regent of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that George H. Reynolds 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
 These 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 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 Thos H. Ethridge Clerk of said court at
 office this 3rd day of August 1846 and 70th year
 of American Independence

Thos H Ethridge Clerk

August Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To A. L. Jones assign-
ment of County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
that Benj^r P. Travis has died leaving no will
and the court being satisfied as to your claims to the
administration and you having given bond and
qualifies as directed by law and the court having
ordered that letters of administration issue to you
These 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. C. Ethridge Clerk of said County at office
this the 3rd August 1846 and 30 years of American
Independence

Jam^s H. C. Ethridge Clerk

Sept Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To John G. Moore
heir of County } a citizen of said County

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

These 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. C. Ethridge Clerk of said County
at office this the 7th September 1846 and 30 years
of American Independence

Jam^s H. C. Ethridge Clerk

Sept Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To L. B. Crosser and
 Waverly County } Gilbert Heatter agents of
 Waverly County

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

These 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
 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 John H. Eshenidge Clerk of said Court at
 office this 7th day September 1846 and 30 year of
 American Independence

John H. Eshenidge Clerk

Sept Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Sarah H. Cuthouse ^{widow of said}
 Waverly County } M. appearing to the County Court
 now in session that John W.
 Finck has died leaving no will and the Court being
 satisfied to your claim to the administration and you
 having given bond and qualification as directed by law
 and the Court having ordered that letters of admin-
 istration issue to you

These 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 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 John H. Eshenidge Clerk of said Court at
 office this 7th day September 1846 and 30 year of
 American Independence

John H. Eshenidge Clerk

Sept Term County Court 1845

State of Tennessee } To Mike Brooks a
 Weakley County } Citizen of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Charlotte Harris has died leaving
 no wife and the Court being satisfied as to your
 claim to the administration and you having
 given bond and qualification as directed by law and
 the Court having ordered that letters of admin-
 -istration issued to you
 These 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 County Court to collect
 and pay all debts and to do and transact all
 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 J. W. E. Clerk of said
 Court at office this the 7th September 1845 and
 70th year of American Independence

J. W. E. Clerk

Sept Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Joseph B. McAllen a
 Weakley County } citizen of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in session that
 James Allen has died leaving no wife and the
 Court being satisfied as to your claim to the adminis-
 -tration and you having given bond and qualification
 as directed by law and the Court having ordered
 that letters of administration issued to you
 These 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 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 J. W. E. Clerk of said
 Court at office this the 7th September 1846 and
 70th year of American Independence

J. W. E. Clerk

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October Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Mr A Carritt & B A Riggs
 Meigs County } Citizens of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that George W. Carritt 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

These 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 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 Tom H. Eshenidge Clerk of the said
 Court at office this the 5th October 1846 and
 70th of American Independence

Tom H. Eshenidge Clerk

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October Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Mr B Peter a citizen of
 Meigs County } said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that
 George A. Peter 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

These 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 devolves on you as ad-
 ministrator and after having settled up said
 estate to deliver the residue thereof to those
 who are by law entitled Witness Tom H.
 Eshenidge clerk of said Court at office this
 the 5th October 1846 and 70th year of
 American Independence

Tom H. Eshenidge Clerk

October Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee, To E. P. Latham a
 Wholly County, 3 Citizen of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in
 session that Geo. W. Hawks 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 made
 that letter of administration issued to you
 These 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 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 John H. Eshenidge Clerk of said
 Court at office this the 5th October 1846 and
 70th year of American Independence.

John H. Eshenidge Clerk

Nov. Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee, To John Tinn a citizen
 Wholly County, 3 of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that James Tinn 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 administra-
 tion issued to you
 These 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 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
 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 John H. Eshenidge Clerk of said County Court
 at office this the 2nd November 1846 and 70th year
 of American Independence

John H. Eshenidge Clerk

Rock Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Tho^s Killebrew & S^c Ridge
Meckley County } May Citizens of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
that Septha Write has died leaving no will
and the court being satisfied as to your claim
to the administration and you having give
bond and qualified as directed by law and
the court having ordered that letters of admin-
istration issued to you

These are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take in 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
devolves on you as administrator and after
having settled up said estate to deliver
the residue thereof to those who are by law
entitled Whereas Tom H. Eithendge Clerk of
said County at office this the 3rd November 1846
and 70th year of American Independence

Tom H. Eithendge Clerk

Rock Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Wm H Bowers a citizen
Meckley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
that Nancy H Bowers has died leaving
no will and the court being satisfied as to your
claim to administration and you having
given bond and qualified as directed by law
and the having ordered that letters of adminis-
tration issued to you

These 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 trans-
act all the duties in relation to said estate
which lawfully devolves on you as administrator
and after having settled up said estate to
deliver the residue thereof to those who are
by law entitled Whereas Tom H. Eithendge
Clerk of said County at office this the 2nd
November 1846 and 70th year of American
Independence

Tom H. Eithendge Clerk

North Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Wm Bowers a citizen of
 Meigs County } said county
 it appearing to the County Court now in session that
 Mary A Bowers has died leaving no will and
 the court being satisfied as to your claim
 to the administration and you having given
 bonds and qualified as directed by law and
 the court having ordered that letters of
 administration issue to you

These are therefore to authorize and empower you
 to take into your possession and control all
 the goods chattels claims and papers of 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 devolves on you as —
 administrator and after having settled
 up said estate to deliver the residue thereof
 to those who by law entitled Witness Thomas H
 Ethendge Clerk of said Court at office
 this the 3rd November 1846 and 30th year
 American Independence

Thos H Ethendge cl^k

North Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Saml Landrum a
 Meigs County } citizen of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Milton M McSweeney has died
 leaving no will and the court being satisfied as
 to your claim to the administration and you
 having given bonds and qualified as directed by
 law and the court having ordered that letters
 of administration issue to you

These are therefore to authorize and empower
 you to take into possession and control all
 the goods Chattels claims and papers of 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 devolves on you as
 administrator and after having settled
 up said estate to deliver the residue thereof
 to those who by law entitled Witness Saml
 H Ethendge Clerk of said Court at office
 this the 3rd November 1846 and 30th year
 of American Independence

Saml H Ethendge cl^k

North Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To James C. Sutherland
 Weakley County } a Citizen of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in Session
 that Thomas C. King 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 caused that letters of administration issue
 to you these are therefore to authorize and empower
 you to take into possession and controls all
 the goods chattels ~~effects~~ 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 duties in relation to said
 estate which lawfully 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
 Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of said Court, at
 office this the 9th November 1846 and
 70 year of American Independence
 Tom H. Etheridge, Clk

North Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To David Winston a
 Weakley County } Citizen of Weakley County
 It appearing to the Court that Thomas Winston
 has died leaving a written will, in which you
 are appointed Executor, which has been duly pro-
 -ven in open Court; and you having given bond
 and qualified according to law and it having
 been ordered by the said Court that letters testa-
 -mentary issue to you these are therefore to em-
 -power you the said David Winston 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
 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 land
 Witness Tom H. Etheridge Clk, at off the 2^d Nov^r
 1846 and 70th Year of American Independence
 Tom H. Etheridge, Clk

Thos Winston Will

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Winston of the County of Bradley and State of Tennessee being sick and weak in body but of sound mind & memory, thank be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of the body and knowing that is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named.

2^d My will and desire is that all my debt and lawful debts and funeral expenses be paid.

3^d I give and devise unto my son David Winston one half of the tract of land whereon I now live containing two hundred acres in said tract be it the same more or less also one negro man named David to him and his heirs forever.

4th I give and devise unto my son James Winston one hundred acres of land being the balance of the tract of land whereon I now live also one negro man named William to him and his heirs forever.

5th I give and devise unto my daughter Nancy D Hard fifty Dollars in Cash for the purpose of making a negro I gave her equal in value to them I gave my other daughters to her and her heirs forever.

6th My will and desire is that the residue of my Property not above named shall be sold in a

order or to the best advantage and the proceeds thereof

to be equally divided among all my children now living and the children of my deceased daughter Pety Jackson is to draw among them all one part with my own children.

I nominate and appoint my sons David and James Winston Executors of this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and reading of the same this 30th day of August 1844.

Test:
Subscribed Rogers

James W Buchanan

Thos Winston (Seal)

State of Tennessee } I John W Echternag
Henderson County } Clerk of the County Court
of said Henderson County do certify that the foregoing last will and testament of Thos Winston was proven in open Court at the November Term County Court 1846 by David Rogers & James W Buchanan subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded file & I. W. Echternag
1st March 1846

Deer Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Presley J. Shelton a citizen
 Meigs 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 claims 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 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 the said Estate to deliver the residue
 thereof to them who are by law entitled
 thereunto. Witness Your Honor's hand and seal of said Court, at
 office this 1st day of December 1846 and 70th
 Year of American Independence.

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk,

Deer Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Ino G. Price a citizen
 Meigs County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Francis 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 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 thereto
 Witness Your Honor's hand and seal of said
 Court at office this 1st day of December
 1846 and 70th year of American Independence.

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

Decr Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Naome Scarborough
 Hearing County } a citizen of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Robert Scarborough has died leaving
 no will and the court being satis-
 fied 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 admin-
 istration is sue to you these 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 wit nss
 J. H. Etheridge, Clerk of said Court
 at office, 7th Decr 1846 & 70th year of
 American Independence

J. H. Etheridge Clk

Decr Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Wm Mayo & Wm G
 Hearing County } Robt Citizens of said County
 It appearing to the County Court now in session that
 Wm Phillips 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 is sue to you,
 These are therefore to authorize and empower you to take
 into your possession and control all the goods chat-
 -tels 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 J. H. Etheridge Clerk of said Court, at office this
 7th day Decr 1846 & 70th year American Independence
 J. H. Etheridge Clk

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Decr Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To William C Glasgow a citizen
Marion County } of said County

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

These 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 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 rela-
-tion 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 Mc Ethernage Clerk of said Court
at office this 7th day of December 1846 and
70th year of American Independence
Tom Mc Ethernage Clerk

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December Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Mr J. Hicks a citizen
Marion County } of Marion County

It appearing to the Court that Judah White has
died leaving a written Will which has been 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 of administration with
the will annexed issue to you

These are therefore to authorize and empower
you the said Mr J Hicks 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 in-
ventory thereof and make an 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 land

Witness Tom Mc Ethernage Clerk at office the 7th
day of December 1846 and 70th year of American
Independence Tom Mc Ethernage Clerk