

Deer Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To William C Glasgow a citizen
Meigs 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 the 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 H Echenage Clerk of said Court
at office this 7th day of December 1846 and
70th year of American Independence
Tom H Echenage Clerk

December Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } To Mr J Hicks a citizen
Meigs County } of Meigs 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 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 all other things that may be required
according to the provisions of the said Will and
the laws of the land

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

Judah White Will

In the name of God Amen.

I, Judah White of the County of Meigs, and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory (though full in Body) do make and publish this my last will and Testament in the manner and form hereafter named (To-wit):

Item 1st I Give to my daughter Abbediana White an negro girl Child by the name of Medelia Morgan her and her increase, to her and her heirs forever.

Also one black Walnut Table and all the clock and household furniture which my said daughter now claims is to remain in her possession as she made and raised the property herself (To-wit) Three Cows & one calf one man and also one bed and furniture one trunk to have and to hold this above property forever free from all claims whatever that may come against my estate.

Item 2nd My will is that all the property I have heretofore given my son James H. White he keep the same in ~~possession~~ and I will him five Dollars in money to be paid to him by my Executor hereafter named and my will is that my Grand son William White (son of said James H. White) have my land when I now live with all the improvements thereunto belonging the said land and plantation I give my said Grand son William. My will is that his father my son James H. White be at liberty to live on said land & plantation and raise his family But at no time never to have the power to sell or convey said land & plantation from my Grand son William

in my intention is that the said title shall solely vest in him alone and when my Grand son becomes of age he shall have all the power and authority to transfer or convey as he may deem for his own proper use and benefit as he may wish or deem.

I also give to my Grand daughter Nancy I White one negro man named Jacob to remain in the family of my son James H. White until my said Grand daughter arrives of age or marries for the purpose of helping to raise and support the balance of my said son James Children and never to be at any time subject to be sold for no debt or debts my said son James may have now nor hereafter may contract that he be kept solely for the use of the Children until my said Grand daughter arrives of age.

3 I leave to my daughter Nancy I White a negro Boy named Nathan from during her natural life at her death to be equally divided among all the lawful heirs begotten of her body. If my said daughter should die without him ^{being} ~~being~~ lawful begotten of the body then my will and desire is that said Boy Nathan be sold & Equally divided among my Children then living or their Children if they should be dead.

All the property I have heretofore given my daughter Nancy I have she keep in fee simple as I owed my daughter Eight Dollars I desire that she have my boy Isaac Snaf for the same.

And I give to my daughter Nancy I White one negro woman by the name of Weahaby Caroline her and her increase from this time to my said daughter Nancy and her heirs forever free from all claim or claims whatever.

of all persons - my said daughter Nancy I White is to pay all my just debts and expenses, of Burial and my Will is that she have the residue of all my Property not mentioned in this will should then be any left.

Item 4th I give to my Grand daughter Elance Eugene Patener Hall one negro boy Childa named William Henry during her natural life and if she dies without any lawful heir begetter of the body then said negro boy is to go to the Father of my said Grand daughter Richard Hall - provided he will take the negro boy & raise it he can have the use & Benefit of said negro until my said Grand daughter arrives of age or marries & no longer I hereby revoke and make void all wills made executed or assigned by me previous to this I hereby appoint my friend David Munster Executor to this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th May 1846

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us

A D Cullen

A S Williams

David Munster

Subscribed & sealed
Nancy I White

Proven in open Court at the December Term
County Court 1846 by A D Cullen & A S Williams
Subscribing Witnesses, and ordered to be recorded
Jm Mc Eithen sgt Clerk

December Term County Court 1846

State of Tennessee } Is Alford Ryan a citizen
Henderson County } of said County of Henderson
It appearing to the Court, that Alexander Ryan
has died leaving a mother-in-law which has been
duly proved in open Court and you having given
bond and qualified according to law as administrator
with the will annexed and it having been ordered
that letters of administration issue to you

There are therefore to empower you the said
Alford Ryan 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 Jm Mc Eithen sgt Clerk at office
the 7th day of December 1846 and the 10th year
of American Independence

Jm Mc Eithen sgt Clerk

Alexander Byars Will

I Alexander Byars of the County of Meade, and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last Will and Testament. Revoking and making void all former wills by me heretofore made

- 1st It is my will and desire that my wife Jane have one bed and furniture one cow & calf to her and forever
- 2nd To my son Wm Byars one dollar & a half to him forever
- 3rd To my son Nicholas one dollar and a half to him forever
- 4th To my son Alfred Byars one dollar and a half to him forever
- 5th To my daughter Araminta one cow & furniture to her forever
- 6th To my son Alexander Byars one dollar and a half to him forever
- 7th To my son Byars D Byars Fifty Dollars to him forever
- 8th To my son Anderson Byars Fifty Dollars to him forever
- 9th To my daughter Elizabeth Byars Fifty Dollars to her forever
- 10 To my son George W Byars Fifty Dollars to him forever
- 11 To my son Wesley Byars Twenty Five Dollars to him forever But if he dies it shall be equally divided between my children Byars, Anderson, Elizabeth & George
- 12th If there should be any thing left after paying

my debt it shall be equally divided between all the living children I had by my last wife Jane
 13th And I do hereby make and ordain it known that I have executed this my last will and Testament in full and whereof I Alexander Byars the testator have this my will set to my hand and seal this the 26th November 1846.

Witness
 Wm Rutcher
 W A Stew

A Byars (Seal)

State of Tennessee, I Am Wm Eithenay Clerk of the Meade County, County Court of said County do Certify that the foregoing last will and Testament of Alexander Byars Dec^d was duly proven in Open Court at the December Term County Court 1846 by Wm Rutcher & W A Stew subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded & filed

Given under my hand at office this 7th December 1846
 Wm W Eithenay Clerk

December Term County Court

State of Tennessee: In Wm T & Ashley Barnes execs.
 of money lent
 Henry, County 3 It appearing to the Court that
 Benjamin Barnes has died leaving a written 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 tes-
 tamentary be due to you. There are therefore to com-
 -power you the said Wm T & Ashley Barnes
 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 my hand & the seal of the Court at office
 the 7th day of December 1846 and 18th
 Year of American Independence

Wm H. Eckhardt Clerk

Benjamin Barnes's Will

In the name of God Amen

I Benjamin Barnes of the County of Henry
 and state of Tennessee do this the 22^d day of
 September 1846 make and publish this my
 last will and Testament in manner following

Item 1st I give and bequeath to my eldest son
 William T. Barnes this quarter section of land
 on which he now lives

Item 2 I give and bequeath to Aven E Barnes one
 negro boy named Aaron

I 3^d I give and bequeath to my daughter Mar-
 -ret one negro boy named Willie

I 4th I give and bequeath two negroes one named
 Asenilda and one boy named Jack

Furthermore my will and desire is that all
 my lands that is not above named be
 my equally divided between Ashley, Alsey,
 Benjamin M., David, Henry, Nathan and
 Theophilus all this done by sale or partition between
 the above named boys, furthermore my will
 and desire is that all my the balance of my
 negroes be sold to the best advantage and all
 my other property be sold and out of proceeds
 of said sale first all my just debts to be paid
 and then my will is that my two youngest
 sons Nathan & Theophilus have \$80 apiece first
 and then David & Henry \$50 apiece and
 then my desire is that Chas. J. B. Lewis
 have one hundred dollars and Harriet
 Wheeler to have forty dollars and Mary Ann
 to have one hundred & fifty dollars and the
 balance of the money to be equally divided

between my boy except Owen E Barnes and
Ashley to ~~Alley~~ Alley I give one hundred
Dollars for his part in testimony whereof.
I do this day the day and date above written
set my hand and affix my seal

L Underwood

Sam. J. Smith

Benjamin Barnes Esq

A. B. I do hereby ordain my two sons
Wm J Barnes and Ashley to settle my estate

State of Tennessee } I, Tom H. Etheridge Clerk
Meade County } of the County Court of said
County, do certify that the foregoing last will
& testament of Benjamin Barnes, De. was this
day proven in open Court by L Underwood
& Sam. J. Smith subscribing witnesses and
ordered to be recorded & filed
Given under my hand at office this 1st day of
December 1846. Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

January Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To David Winston a
Meade County } Citizen of said County
It appearing to the County Court now in session
that said Prosfule 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
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 col-
lect 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. Etheridge Clerk of said
Court, at office, this 4th day of January 1847
and 75th Year of American Independence

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

January term county court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Mrs Wm Word a citizen
 Bradley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Mrs Wm Word
 has died, leaving no will, and the court
 being satisfied as to your claim to the ~~administration~~
 and 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,

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 there-
 of 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 es-
 tate, to deliver the residue thereof to
 those who are by law entitled,
 witness Tom H Etheridge clerk of said
 Court, at ~~office~~ this 5th day of January 1847
 and 70th year of American Independence

Tom H Etheridge

January term county court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Mr Rigway a citizen
 Bradley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that
 Matilda Johnson has died
 leaving no will, and the court being satis-
 fied 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 adminis-
 tration 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 col-
 lect 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 hav-
 ing 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 5th day of January
 1847 & 70th Year of American Independence

Tom H Etheridge

February Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } to Cassy Paley a citizen of
 Measley County, } said County.
 It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that John R. Paley, has died leaving no will,
 and the court being satisfied, 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 in to 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 H. Etheridge Clerk of said
 Court, at office, this 1st day of February
 1847, and 40th year of American Independence
 Tom H. Etheridge,
 Clerk

February Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } to Daniel B. Shaw a citizen
 Measley County, } of said County.
 It appearing to the County Court now in session that
 Wm. H. Freeman 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,
 These are therefore to authorize and empow-
 er you to take in to 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 hav-
 ing 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 1st day of
 February 1847th and 40th year of Amer-
 ican Independence
 Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

February Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee, To Isaac Acre a citizen
Mecklenburg County } of said County
It appearing to the County Court now in session
that Irvine Farmer ^{Dec?} has died leaving
no will, and the court being satisfied
as to your claim to the administration
and you having given bonds, and qualifying
as directed by law, and the court hav-
ing ordered that letters of administration
issue to you.

These are therefore to authorize and ~~and~~
empower you to take into your posses-
sion 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 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 Etheridge clerk
of said court, at office, this 1st day
of February 1847th and 40th year of
American Independence.

Tom H Etheridge clerk

July Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee, To Mr. Byrum a citizen of
Mecklenburg County } said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that
Elizabeth Whelan 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 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 coun-
ty 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 Etheridge clerk of said
court, at office, this 1st day of February
1847th and 40th year of American Independence
Tom H Etheridge clerk

March Term County Court

State of Tennessee } To Mr. Water a citizen
 of said County } of said County

It appears to the County Court now in session
 that Edmund Taylor 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.

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 hav-
 ing settled up said estate, to deliver the
 residue thereof to those who are by law en-
 titled.

Witness Tom H. Etheridge clerk of
 said Court, at office this 1st day of
 March 1847 and the 70th year of American
 Independence

Tom H. Etheridge
 Clerk

March Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Zachariah A. Watkins a
 of said County } citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Samuel Watkins 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.

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 en-
 titled.

Witness Tom H. Etheridge clerk of said Court,
 at office this 1st day of March 1847 and 70th
 year of American Independence

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

March Term County Court,

State of Tennessee } To Mr. Wester a citizen
 Meadley County, } of said County

It appears to the County Court now in session
 that Edmund Taylor had 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.

These are therefore to authorize and empower
 you to take into your possession and con-
 trol all the goods, chattels, claims, and
 papers of the said intestate, and re-
 turn 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 hav-
 ing settled up said estate, to deliver the
 residue thereof to those who are by law en-
 titled.

Witness Tom H. Etheridge clerk of
 said Court, at office this 1st day of
 March 1847 and the 90th year of Amer-
 ican Independence

Tom H. Etheridge
 Clerk

March Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Louanna Ridgway a
 Meadley County, } Citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Saml. C. 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 let-
 ters of administration issue to you.

These are therefore to authorize and empower
 you to take into your possession and con-
 trol 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 du-
 ties in relation to said Estate, which
 lawfully devolve on you as adminis-
 tor, and after having settled up said es-
 tate, to deliver the residue thereof to
 those who are by law entitled,
 Witness Tom H. Etheridge clerk of
 said Court, at office this 1st day of
 March 1847 and 71st year of American Independence
 Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

March Term County Court

State of Tennessee } To Zachariah A. Wilkins a
 (Meadley County) } Citizen of said County,

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Sewell Wilkins 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~~ entitled.

Witness Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of said Court, at office, this 1st day of March 1847 and 71st year of American Independence.

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

March Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Lewis. Stuntson a citizen
 (Meadley County) } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Henry Stuntson 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 H. Etheridge Clerk of said Court at office, this 1st day of March 1847 and 71st year of American Independence.

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

March Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To John Wilkins a citizen of
Meckley County } said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that John Robinson 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 H. Etheridge Clerk of said Court at office this 1st day of March 1847 and 71st year of American Independence

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

March Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Wm Redgoary a citizen
Meckley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Elias Killebrew 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, and ~~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 H. Etheridge Clerk of said County at office this 1st day of March 1847 and 71st year of American Independence

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

April Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee, To Edward T Brady a
 Weakley County, a citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Senina Brady, 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 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 McEthenridge clerk of said
 Court at office this 5th day of April 1847 and
 11th year of America independence
 Tom McEthenridge clerk

Solom O Swigg's Will

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Solom O Swigg of Weakley County state
 of Tennessee being law in body but sound
 in mind do make this my last will and
 Testament.

First I resign my soul to God who
 gave it, next I dispose of my worldly property
 after all my just debts is paid in the following
 manner.

To my wife Elizabeth Swigg I bequeath
 all my property during her widowhood, which
 consists in two negroes namely Pleasant aged
 Eighteen years and Lewis aged about five years
 likewise the property in Murry which arises from
 my fathers Estate, when it becomes due it is
 my request that my wife Elizabeth should
 purchase a piece or parcel of land for a home
 to raise my children wherever she may think
 most suitable, she purchase money to arise from
 my fathers Estate before mentioned it is likewise
 my request that the two negro boys before men-
 tioned shall not be sold during my wife's life
 time but be equally be divided between my
 children at her death in case she should
 outlive me the perishable property and house-
 hold property I also leave to my wife and
 children namely Frances Ann, Nancy Catherine
 Mary Jane, Sam, Henry and Theodor Swigg
 Heir in number.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed my seal in the year
 of our Lord Eighteen hundred and

2 3th
Forty six, the Tenth of November in

the Year above written

Thos W Still

Daniel Horton

John C. Hugg
Clerk of
Hearley County

State of Tennessee } the within and foregoing
Hearley County } paper writing was this day
present in open Court by Thos W Still and
Daniel Horton subscribing witnesses thereto to
be the last Will and Testament of John C
Hugg dec'd late of this County, and the Court
ordered the same to be recorded.

Given under my hand at office this the
5th day of April 1847. Saml H Echenary Clerk
of Hearley County Court

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April Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Elizabeth Hugg a
Hearley County } City of said County

It appearing to the County Court now
in session that John C Hugg has died
leaving a Will and the Court being satisfied
as to your claim to the administration and
you having given bond and qualified as executor
by law, and the Court having ordered that
letters of administration with the will annexed
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 in-
ventory 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 with
the will annexed; and after having settled up
said Estate to deliver the residue thereof to them
who are by law entitled.

Witness Saml H Echenary Clerk of said
Court at office this 5th day of April 1847
and 71st Year of American Independence.

Saml H Echenary
Clerk

May Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Lem A Davis a citizen
 Weakley County, } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that William A. Mahan Esq. 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 McEthernage Clerk of said Court at office this 5th day of May 1847 and 71st year of American independence
 Tom McEthernage Clerk

May Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Wm Mayo Wm J Ross a citizen
 Weakley County, } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Mary Philips 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 McEthernage Clerk of said Court at office this 5th day of May 1847 and 72nd year of American independence
 Tom McEthernage, Clerk

June Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Mr W King a citizen of
 Shelby County } Said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Samuel Berryhill 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
 devolved 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 7th day of June 1847
 and 72nd year of American Independence.

Tom H Etheridge Clerk

June Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Mr W H Workman a citizen
 Shelby County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Allen R Workman has died leaving no will
 and the court being satisfied as to your claim
 to the administration, and you having given
 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 devolved 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 7th day of June 1847
 and 72nd year of American Independence
 Tom H Etheridge Clerk

June Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee, To W^m R Ross a citizen
Meigs County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in
Session that Zephariah H 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
These are therefore to authorize and empower
you to take into your possession and take
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
intitled.

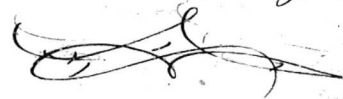
Witness Tom Mc Etheridge Clerk of said Court
at office this 4th day of June 1847 and
72nd year of American Independence
Tom Mc Etheridge Clerk



August Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Jno L Young a citizen
Meigs County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court of now
in session that William Young 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 administration issue to you,
These are therefore to authorize and
empower you to take into your possession
and control all the goods chattles
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 transac-
t 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 intitled.
Witness Tom Mc Etheridge Clerk of said
Court at office this 2nd day of August
1847 and 72nd year of American Independence
Tom Mc Etheridge Clerk



August Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Wm C. Stovall a citizen
 Weakley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
 that Mason Koff 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 admin-
 -istration issue to you;

I therefore do authorize and empower
 you to take into your possession and control
 all the goods chattels claims and papers of the
 said intestate and return at time 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 surplus thereof to those who
 are by law entitled;

Witness Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of said
 Court at office this 2nd day of August 1847
 and 73rd year of American Independence
 Tom H. Etheridge Clerk



Sept Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Joseph R. Edwards and
 Weakley County } Wm. Ross. Citizens of Weakley
 County

It appearing to the court that William Edwards
 has died leaving a written Will, in which you are
 appointed Executors, which has been duly proved in
 open court, and you having given bond and qual-
 according to law and it having been ordered by the
 said court that letters testamentary issue to you
 I therefore do empower you, the said Joseph
 R. Edwards and Wm. Ross to enter upon the exec-
 ution 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 Clerk at office
 the 6th day of September 1847
 Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

William Edwards Will

State of Tennessee, Meigsley County, Sept. 18th 1866
In the name of God Amen

I William Edwards of the state and County above written, knowing that it is once appointed for man to die and as I am considerably advanced in life and know not when the messenger may come being of sound mind, do dispose of the effects that the Lord has been pleased to give me, in the following manner (after requesting my friends to devoutly enter my body and commit my spirit to the good God who gave it)

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Nancy, four negro slaves, Esther, Edmond, Moses, and Anna, also the tract of land on which I now live, her choice of two horses, two cows and calves, a wagon and one yoke of oxen, two beds, bedsteads and furniture, all my house hold and kitchen furniture and as many plantation utensils, as she may need.

All the above named property I give unto my beloved wife Nancy during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or marriage, my will is that the property shall be equally divided between my heirs, hereafter named.

To my three grandchildren, John Mansfield, Elizabeth Mansfield and William Mansfield children of my daughter Fanny Mansfield dec'd.

I give one eighth part of my estate, that is the three to have one share with my children hereafter named, my son Hugh Edwards, my son Benjamin Edwards my daughter Sally, my daughter Elizabeth Palmer, my son Wright William

Edwards my son Thomas Alexander Edwards and my son Joseph Ransom Edwards.

I give and bequeath the following named property to them, their heirs and assigns forever

One negro woman named Leticia, one boy named Sam, one girl named Carolina, one boy named Frank, one boy named Ephraim one boy named Ben Randa one girl named Sarah one boy named James Kelly, one fellow named Burnett and Phil his wife, and one tract of land lying on the waters of Old Town Creek.

The above named negroes and land to be equally divided between, the above named heirs. The perishable property that I have not disposed of I want it sold, my debts paid and the ballance equally divided between the heirs above named. I do nominate, constitute and appoint Joseph R Edwards and William S Prop my executors and do acknowledge this my last will and Testament, revoking all others. Witnessed before me as signs

Test

William ^{his} Edwards
mark

William Carter

William Myrick

State of Tennessee } the above and within paper writing
Meigsley County } purporting to be the last will
and Testament of William Edwards, dec'd was this
day proven in open court by William Carter and
William Myrick subscribing witnesses thereto, to be
the last will and testament of the said
William Edwards, and the court thereupon
ordered the same to be recorded & filed witness
Tom H Edwards clerk of said Court this 6th day of
September 1867 Tom H Edwards

October Term County Court

State of Tennessee } To William G. Dudley
 Alexander County } a citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Elijah Pope has died leaving no will, and the court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having 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 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 same therefore to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Tom H. Echunidge Clerk of said Court at office
 this 1st October 1847

Tom H. Echunidge Clerk

October Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Tom Echunidge a citizen
 Maclay County } of said County It appearing to
 the county court now in session that James Allen
 Junior 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 and 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 same
 therefore to those who are by law entitled to
 the same. Witness Tom H. Echunidge Clerk of said Court, at office
 this 2nd day of October 1847

Tom H. Echunidge Clerk

October Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Em Echridge a citizen
Meekley County } of said county

It appearing to the county court now in session that James Allen senior 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

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 Tom H Echridge Clerk of said court at
This 2nd day of October 1847

Tom H Echridge Clerk

Nov Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To John H Cochran a citizen of
Meekley County } Carroll County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Elizabeth ~~My~~ has ~~deceased~~ and 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

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 Tom H Echridge Clerk of said court at
office this 1st Nov 1847

Tom H Echridge Clerk

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December Term County Court 1867

State of Tennessee } To Robert C. Peter a citizen of said
Weakley County } 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
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 adminis-
trator, and after having settled up said estate, to
deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law
entitled

Witness Tom H. Echlinck, Clerk of said court,
at office this 6th December 1867

Tom H. Echlinck, Clerk

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December Term County Court 1867

State of Tennessee } To Wägeloff K. Glasgow a
Weakley County } citizen of said county. It
appearing to the County Court now in session
that Elias H. Glasgow 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 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 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 administrator, and after having
settled up said estate, to deliver the re-
sidue thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness Tom H. Echlinck, Clerk of said Court,
at office this 6th day of December 1867

Tom H. Echlinck, Clerk

December Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee To Martha B Jones a citizen
Weakley County of said county

It appearing to the county court now in session
that Thomas C Jones 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.

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 Tom H Cochridge Clerk of said Court
at office this 6th day of Dec 1847

Tom H Cochridge Clk

Decr Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee To Bennett B Williams a ci
Weakley County of said county It appearing
to the court that Zachariah Williams has died
leaving a written will, in which you are appointed
Executor, which has been duly proved on 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 Bennett B Williams 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 Cochridge Clerk at office the
6th day of December 1847

Tom H Cochridge Clk

Decr Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To Samuel Steel a
Weakley County } citizen of Weakley county
It appearing to the county court now in
session that John Smith 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

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 do and transact all the duties in relat-
ion to said Estate which lawfully devolve
on you as administrator and after having
settled up said estate to deliver the resi-
due thereof to those who are by law
entitled

Witness Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of said court
at office this 6th day of Decr 1847

Tom H. Etheridge Clk

Decr Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To David Winston a
Weakley County } citizen of said county
It appearing to the court, ^{now in session} that William
B. Luter 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

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 Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of said
Court at office this 6th day of Decr 1847

Tom H. Etheridge Clk

Decr Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To William H Ines
Weakley County { a citizen of said county
It appearing to the county court now
in session that John B Jones has died
leaving no will, and the court being sat-
isfied as to your claim to the administra-
tion and you having given bond, and
qualified, as directed by law and the
court having ordered that letters of
administration issue to you.

These are therefore to authorize and emp-
ower 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 H Etheridge Clerk of said
Court at office this 6th day of Decr 1847
Tom H Etheridge Clerk

Decr Term County Court 1847

State of Tennessee } To George R Steel a city
Weakley County { an of said county

It appearing to the county court now in session
that William Throgmorton 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.

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 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 Etheridge Clerk of said court
at office, this 6th day of Decr 1847

Tom H Etheridge Clerk

January Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To Benjamin D. Holmes
Weakley County } a citizen of said county
It appearing to the county court now in session that Constantine H. Hardiman 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

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 Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of said court
at office this 3rd day of Jan'y 1848
Tom H. Etheridge

February Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To Jephtha Gardner a citizen
Weakley County } of said county

It appearing to the county court now in session that Elizabeth Foster has died leaving no will and the court being satisfied as to your claim 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

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 a 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. Etheridge Clerk of said court at
office this 8th day of February 1848

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk