

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 therefrom to those who are by law entitled

Witness Tom H. Cochridge Clerk of said court
 at office this 8th day of Jan'y 1848
 Tom H. Cochridge

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 therefrom to those who are by law entitled.

Witness Tom H. Cochridge Clerk of said court at
 office this 8th day of February 1848

Tom H. Cochridge Clerk

March Term County Court

State of Tennessee } To James H. Hall a citizen
Weakley County } of said county It appearing
to the county court now in session that
Hopkins Hall 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 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 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 March 1848

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

March Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To John F. Tutor a citizen
Weakley County } of said county

It appearing to the county court now in
session that Alexander Tutor 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 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 6th day March 1848

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

April Term County Court

State of Tennessee } To Robert Thompson
Weakley County } a citizen of said county

It appearing to the county court now in session that Tho^s Bynum 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 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 by law are entitled.

Witness Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of said court
this 3rd day of April 1848

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

April Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To Joseph Gardner a citizen
Weakley County } of said county It appearing
to the county court now in session that John Hopkin
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 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 Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of said court this
3rd day of April 1848.

Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

April Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To James N. Johnson a citizen
Weakley County } of said county It appearing to
the county court now in session that William
Smithwick 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.

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 estate, 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. Cotteridge Clerk of said court
This 3rd day April 1848

Tom H. Cotteridge Clerk

May Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To Stephen Goodsbey a cit-
Weakley County } zen of said county It appear-
ing to the court that Moses & May has died
leaving a written Will in which you are appoin-
ted 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 issue to you.

These are therefore to empower you
the said Stephen Goodsbey 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 said will and the laws of the land.

Witness Tom H. Cotteridge Clerk at office,
the 1st day of May 1848

Tom H. Cotteridge clk.

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May Term County Court

State of Tennessee } To Thomas J. Glasgow a
Weakley County } citizen of said county

It appearing to the county court now in session that Charles Demint 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 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 residue thereof to those who are by law entitled.

Witness, Tom H. Echinger Clerk of said court
at office this 1st day of May 1868

Tom H. Echinger Clerk

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May Term County Court

State of Tennessee } To S. J. Crow and Isaac
Weakley County } Poor citizens of said county

It appearing to the county court now in session that E. D. Crow 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. Echinger Clerk of said court
at office this 1st day of May 1868

Tom H. Echinger Clerk

Zachariah Williams will

In the name of God Amen

I Zachariah Williams of this County of Meckley and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and supposing memory do make and constitute this my last will and testament in the manner and form following (1843)

Item 1st I desire that all my Just debts be paid as shortly after my death as my executors which I will hereafter name may find it convenient and necessary

Item 2nd I lend to my beloved wife Elizabeth Williams the tract of land whereon I now live I also lend to my said wife one negro man named Ned one negro woman named Mary one negro girl named Maranda and one negro boy named Reuben also two choice head of horses two choice loads and furniture all of my household & kitchen furniture and all of my plantation tools three choice cows & calves three choice sows and pigs & pork hogs sufficient to make her and her family support for one year & all the stock that I now have for her maintenance & support also one yoke of Oxen and cart During her Natural life

Item 3rd I give to my children Bennet B. Williams & Joseph S. Williams & Eliza B. Bynum all of my property which has not yet been divided to be equally divided among them as follows. The negroes to be valued and placed in lots by three or more disinterested persons one lot for each one of them of equal value and all the other property not otherwise willed to be sold & the amount to be equally divided between my said children

Item 4th It is my will and I desire that after the death of my said wife that the land whereon I now live be equally divided between my two sons Bennet B. Williams & Joseph S.

Williams and that they pay to Eliza B. Bynum three hundred dollars for her part of said land

Item 5th It is also my will and I desire that after the death of my said wife that the negroes which I have bequeathed to her be valued and divided into three lots of equal value by two disinterested persons one lot for each one of my said children.

Item 6th I further desire that all the balance of property which I have bequeathed to my said wife be sold and the amount arising from said sale to be equally divided between my three children as above

Item 7th I do hereby constitute make and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Williams and my son Bennet B. Williams my executor & executor to this my last will and testament revoking all others from gain saying the same

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty

Approved sealed and acknowledged in presence of us

Test

Lease Harris

Zachariah Williams Deed

Sam. C. Bondurant

Willis Nailling

Benj^d Davis

J. W. Swann

State of Tennessee { Decem^r Cen^r Tenn^y County Court 1843
Meckley County } The foregoing paper writing was this day
proven in open Court by Benjamin Davis one of the subscribing
witnesses to said paper writing to be the last will and testament
of Zachariah Williams Dec^d and thereupon the Court ordered the
same to be recorded. Witness Tom H. Etheridge Clerk of
said Court at office this 6th day of December 1843
Tom H. Etheridge Clerk

June Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To Carroll Morris a citizen of
 Weakley County } said county. It appearing to the county
 Court now in session that Richard Workman has died,
 leaving no will, and the court being satisfied as to your
 claim to the administration, and you having given bond, and
 qualified, as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that
 letters of administration issue to you.

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. Cokeridge Clerk of said court at
 office this 5th day of June 1848

Tom H. Cokeridge clerk.

June Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To William N. Brasfield a
 Weakley County } Citizen of said county.

It appearing to the county court now in session that
 Catherine Brasfield 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 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 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. Cokeridge Clerk of said court at
 office this 5th day June 1848

Tom H. Cokeridge clerk.

April Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee }
 Weakley County } To William Clement a citizen of Weakley
 County

It appearing to the court that Henry Clement 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 testamentary issue to you: there are therefore to empower you, the said William Clement, to enter upon the execution of said Will and take into your possession all the property, and to make to the 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. Cottridg Clerk at office
 the 3rd day of April 1848

Tom H. Cottridg Clerk

Mary P Clements Will

State of North Carolina } In the name of God Amen,
 Granville County } I Mary P. Clements being
 of sound mind and disposing memory do make
 this my last will and Testament hereby revoking
 all other wills by me heretofore made. First
 I give to my son William Clements Two Fifths of
 all of my Estate Real and personal to him and his
 heirs forever I Give and Bequeath to my son
 Simon Clements one Fifth Part of my Estate Real
 and personal to him and his heirs forever.
 I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary White
 one fifth Part of my Estate Real and personal
 to her and her heirs forever I also Give and
 bequeath to my son Anthony Clements one
 fifth part of my estate real and personal to
 him and his heirs forever I also Give and
 Bequeath to my Daughter Seabla Stramon Ten
 Dollars to her and her heirs forever

I hereby appoint my son William Clements
 my executor of this my Last Will and Testament
 in witness of all wherein I have hereunto sub-
 scribed my name this the Twenty third Day of
 September one Thousand eight hundred and Thirty
 Nine

Signed sealed and } Mary P } this
 Acknowledged in } x Clements }
 presence of us } mark }
 Davis

Wm Hangan
 John Smith

This day the above paper of writing was proven by
 John Davis one of the subscribing witnesses, to be

Last Will and Testament of Mary P. Clements

Received and ordered to be recorded filed.

Given under my hand at office this 3rd day
of April 1848
Saw W. E. Cherridge Clerk

April Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To Robert Thompson a citizen of
Weakley County } said County;

It appearing to the County Court now in session that
Thomas Lyman 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
said estate to deliver the residue thereof to those who
are by law entitled

Witness Saw W. E. Cherridge Clerk of said Court at
office this 3rd day of April 1848 and
Saw W. E. Cherridge Clerk

May Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } I, Moses P. Ray Considering the
Weakley County } uncertainty of this mortal life and
being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish
this my last will and Testament in manner and form
following (that is to say)

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

Second I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann Key about Ray
all the household & kitchen furniture and one mare color lb.
and two cows and calves two sows, and pigs her choice and twelve
head of hogs for her meat, next face of her choice out of my stock,
and plow one pair of gears one ax, and two hoes which articles
she the said Ann Key, now Ray is to have and to hold during
her natural life or her widowhood then in case of her death or
marriage to revert back to my heirs also one loom one wheel and
cards and what stock of provisions that is on hand for her
support.

Third I direct that all the balance of my perishable property, to
be sold by executor.

Fourth I direct my executor to see my plantation whereon I now
live as soon after my death as the circumstance of my
family will admit of their giving possession, to be sold on a
credit of Twelve months to the highest bidder or as privately as
the executor thinks most advisable and that after all my debts
are paid it is my desire that my wife make choice of a place
to rent her the family and that my executor pay for the
same out of any money that may be left in his hands
and take a little in the name of M. P. Ray's heirs and my
wife to have her lifetime or widowhood estate in the same

4th and lastly it is my desire & will that my wife Sunithey & Roy have the use and control of the following negroes during her natural life or widowhood for the use of herself and family one negro woman Lucy one negro girl Jane one negro Boy named Sam and all their increase, if my wife remain single and don't marry, she is to have the control of the above named negroes and at her marriage I want the above named negroes and increase hired out till my youngest child comes of age then to be equally divided between my children I hereby appoint Stephen Koolsbey sole executor of this my last will and Testament and of any thing should happen so that Stephen Koolsbey could not act I want the County Court to appoint an administrator with the will annexed

In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal
this 8th day of April 1848

in presence of us

Test Byars Bogard

John Brauner

Geo W King

Moses P. Wray

May Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } The foregoing paper of writing was this day
Wadeley County } proven in open Court to be the last will
and Testament of Moses P. Wray deceased by John Brauner
John W King and Byars Bogard subscribing witnesses to the
said paper writings and ordered to be recorded and filed
Gives under my hand at office this the 1st May

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Tom M. Echinger Clerk
Wadeley County Court

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May Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To Thomas P. Steagard a Citizen of
Wadeley County } said County

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

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

Witness Tom M. Echinger Clerk of said Court
at office this 1st May 1848

Tom M. Echinger Clerk


May Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee, To, Garland P. Brown and
 Wesley County, Jesse Loney Citizens of said County,

It appearing to the County Court now in
 session that Edwin D. Brown has died leaving no wife
 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. Echinger, Clerk of said Court,
 at office this 1st day of May 1848 and 72^d
 year of American Independence

Tom H. Echinger, Clerk


June Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee, To, Carrel Morris a citizen of said
 Wesley County, County.

It appearing to the County Court now in session that
 Richard Workman has died leaving no wife, and
 the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the ad-
 ministration 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,

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. Echinger, Clerk of said Court, at
 office, this 5th day of June 1848 and 72^d year of
 American Independence

Tom H. Echinger, Clerk

June Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee of Jo William H Brasfield a Citizen
 of said County

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

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

Witness my hand & the seal of said Court
 at office this 5th day of June 1848 and 72nd
 year of American Independence

John H. Echinger, Clk

Jesse Goodwin Will

Henry County, Tenn. In the name of God Amen,
 I Jesse Goodwin of the County
 and State aforesaid, being weak in body but of sound
 disposing mind and memory do make and ordain
 this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking
 all other wills whatsoever by me made -

- (1st Part) I give my soul to God my saviour, who gave it
 and my body to be decently consigned to its Mother
 Earth then to repose till the Morning of the resurrection
- (2nd Part) I give and bequeath all my property, both
 real and personal unto my beloved wife Susannah
 during her life time, if it should please God that she
 should survive me, and after her death to be divided
 among the legal heirs of our Bodies, and their Children
 (viz) J^r Goodwin, Samuel Goodwin, Jesse Goodwin,
 Elizabeth Parish, Ann Kinch, Leah Henderson,
 Mary Fullbright, Rebecca Ridgway, Martha Ridgway
 and the heirs of Nancy Reeves, (viz) Susan, Sincin
 Nancy, Samuel, Reas, Chester, Bethel and Leah
 to be divided in the following manner to J^r Goodwin
 Samuel, and Jesse Goodwin first aforesaid, one
 hundred Dollars each in addition to what I have
 already given to them and the remainder to be
 divided equally between Elizabeth, Anna, Leah, Mary,
 Rebecca, Martha, and the seven legal heirs of Nancy
 Reeves to have one equal share, the property to be divided
 without sale of the same can be done in fair and
 equitable terms

Andly I hereby constitute and appoint William Ridgway
 my legal and sole executor to carry this my last
 will and Testament into effect.

In witness whereof I have hereunto

In my hand and affixed my Seal this tenth

day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand
Eight hundred and forty One

In presence of
Dempsy Bowden Jesse Goodwin Seal
James Walker

State of Tennessee, Term Term County Court 1848
Meckley County, This day the foregoing paper
writing was established in open Court as the last
will and Testament of Jesse Goodwin, deceased
and ordered by the Court to be recorded

Witness Saml Mc Echternage Clerk of said Court
at office this 5th June 1848.

Saml Mc Echternage Clerk

July Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee, To Whiteman White a Citizen of said
Meckley County, County,

It appearing to the County Court
now in Session that Isaac 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 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 Saml Mc Echternage Clerk of said Court, at
office, this 3^d day of July 1848 and 73^d year of American
Independence

Saml Mc Echternage Clerk

July Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee, Do Sebern Payne a citizen
 of said County, ³ of said County,

It appearing to the County Court now in
 Session that Sebern Payne has died leaving no
 will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim
 to the administration and you having ^{been found 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
 estate and return a true and perfect inventory
 thereof to our next County Court, to collect and
 pay all debts and to do and transact all the duties
 in relation to said estate, which lawfully devolve
 on you as administrator, and after having settled up
 said estate, to deliver the residue thereof to those who
 are by law entitled

Witness Tom. H. Echlin, Clerk, of said Court,
 at office, this 3^d day of July 1848 and 73^d year of
 American Independence

Tom. H. Echlin, Clerk

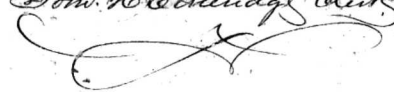

August Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee, Do Rachel Melan a citizen of said
 County, ³ County,

It appearing to the County Court now in Session
 that Thomas Melan 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 estate and
 return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next
 County Court, to collect and pay all debts, and to do
 and transact all the duties in relation to said estate
 which lawfully devolve on you as administrator, and
 after having settled up said estate, to deliver the residue
 thereof to those who are by law entitled

Witness Tom. H. Echlin, Clerk of said Court, at
 office, this 7th day of August 1848 and 73^d year of
 American Independence.

Tom. H. Echlin, Clerk



August Term County Court

State of Tennessee ³ To Joshua Gardner a
 Measley County ³ Citizen of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in
 session that Thomas L. 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 admin-
 istration issue to you

Then are therefore to authorize and
 empower you to take into your possession and
 Control 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 John H. Echendeg Clerk of said
 Court at office this the 7th day of August 1848
 and 73rd year of American Independence

John H. Echendeg Clerk



September Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee ³ To Jonathan Fowler a citizen of
 Measley County ³ said County

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

Then are therefore to authorize and
 empower you to take into your possession and Control all
 the goods, Chattle, Claims and papers of the said in-
 testate and return a true and perfect inventory thereof
 to our next County Court to Collect and pay all 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 John H. Echendeg Clerk of said Court at
 Office this the 4th day of Sept^r 1848 and 73rd year of
 American Independence

John H. Echendeg Clerk


September Term County Court

State of Tennessee of Joseph B. McAllen a citizen
Marble County of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session
that Robert Brasfield has died leaving no wife and
the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the ad-
-ministration of said estate and you having given
bond and Qualifier as directed by law and the Court
having ordered that letters of administration issue
to you.

There are therefore to authorize and empower you
to take into your possession and control all the goods,
chattels, claims and papers of the said estate and
return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our
next County Court, to collect and pay all debts and
to do and transact all the duties in relation to
said Estate which lawfully devolve on you as admin-
-istrator; and after having settled up said estate to
deliver the residue thereof to those who are by law
entitled. Witness my hand and Seal of said
Court at office this the 4th day of September 1848
and 73rd year of American Independence

John W. Echternag, Clerk

September Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee of Joshua A. White a citizen of said
Marble County of said County

It appearing to the County Court
now in session that William R. Fisher has died leaving no
wife and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the
administration, and you having given bond and Qual-
-ifier as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that
letters of administration issue to you.

There are therefore to authorize and
empower you to take into your possession and control all the
goods, chattels, claims and papers of the said estate and
return a true and perfect inventory thereof to our next County
Court to collect and pay all debts, and to do and transact
all the duties ^{in respect to said Estate} 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 my hand and Seal of said Court, at
office this the 4th day of September 1848 and 73rd year of
American Independence

John W. Echternag, Clerk

David Winslow's Will

Sep 1783

In the name of God Amen,

I David Winslow of the County of Huxley and State of Tennessee being full in health but perfect in mind and memory, and knowing it is appointed for all men to die. Blessed be God I make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as herein after named,

First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God and my body to the ground to be buried in a plain and decent manner

Secondly All the property I now own (viz) my negroes & all my lands, together with all my stock of Hogs, Cattle, Hops, Sheep, Hens, Horses and Kitchen furniture and crop of all kind with all the utensils belonging to my farm, I hereby lend to my wife Candace Winslow during her natural life or widow hood in case my said wife Candace shall never marry after my death I wish her to enjoy the above named property for the use and benefit of raising my Children and educating them as they may grow up as I do not wish them set out about without actual necessity, In case my wife should never marry it is my wish she keep all my property together and as my Children become of age or marry let them have of as much as can with convenience be the family be spared and let them take property at valuation to be valued by some respectable and impartial men who will do them all justice. At the death of my said widow if she never marry my will is that all the property then in her possession be equally divided between all the Children & my hand being on it

any of my Children shall be dead and have left any lawful heirs from their bodies my will is that their heirs be entitled to their proportionable part,

My will and desire is that if my said wife Candace should ever marry after my death that all my property be equally divided as the law directs under administrators allowing her a child's part in fee simple, the perishable property all be sold and the property divided according to law,

I will that if I have not enough of debt due me to settle all the claims which my Creditors against me at my death that my Executors see enough of such property, as can be best spared as to satisfy all the debts that may come against me fourthly as I wish all my debts paid of promptly without any lawsuit,

If my wife should think it advisable to move from this County to some other when she may think the climate more healthy and for the benefit of the family, I hereby authorize her with full power and authority to sell all or any part of my lands as she may think most advisable for the interest and benefit of her family, having all confidence to believe that my said wife Candace will do equal justice to all her Children, and take good care of my property as left in her possession,

I hereby appoint constitute and ordain my beloved wife Candace the sole executor to this my last will and Testament to have full power to carry into effect the aforesaid will just as it now stands and to be exempt from all penalties under Statute as is common under the laws of Tennessee. I hereby release my said executors from giving any security to carry this will into effect signed sealed and delivered in presence of

David Winslow

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State of Tennessee }
Meade County }
September Term County Court 1848
This day the within and foregoing
proper writing, was presented in open Court and
established, by the evidence of Robt. J. McAllen,
Jesse H. Swain, Joseph B. McAllen and Joshua A.
White on the last and Testament of David H. Swain
deceased, and the Court ordered that same to be
recorded, Given under my hand at office this
14th September 1848
Sam. McChesney Clerk

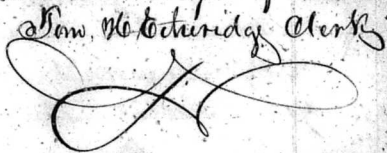
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October Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee }
Meade County }
Said County

It appearing to the County Court now in
Session that Green H. Richardson has died leaving no will
and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the ad-
ministration and you having given bonds and Qualifications
as directed by law, and the Court having ordered that
letters of administration issue to you

You 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 Sam. McChesney Clerk of said Court in
Office this 2nd n^o Oct. 1848 and 7th year of American
Independence

Sam. McChesney Clerk


October Term County Court, 1848

State of Tennessee, Do Holland Webb a Citizen
Marble County 3 of this County

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

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

Witness Our Hand & Seal of said Court
at office this 2^d day of October 1848 and 73^d
year of American Independence

John H. Echegaray Clerk

October Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee, Do William S. Cochran a Citizen
Marble County 3 of said County

It appearing to the County
Court now in session that Fletcher B. Cochran has died
leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your
Claim to the administration and you having given
bond and Qualified as directed by law, and the Court
having ordered that letters of administration issue to
you

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

Witness Our Hand & Seal of said Court
at office this 2^d day of October 1848 and 73^d year of American
Independence

John H. Echegaray Clerk

November Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To William A. Rofs a citizen
 of said County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Thomas Rofs had died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and Qualifiers 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, 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 John H. Cochran's Clerk of said Court at office this the 6th day of November 1848 and 13th year of American Independence

John H. Cochran's Clerk

by his deputy
 C. P. Raudeman

November Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } To Mrs. Bradshaw a citizen of
 of said County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Maria Bradshaw has died leaving no will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the administration and you having given bond and Qualifiers 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 John H. Cochran's Clerk of said Court at office this the 6th day of November 1848 and 13th year of American Independence

John H. Cochran's Clerk
 by his deputy
 C. P. Raudeman

November Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } Do William H. Rife a citizen
Weakley County } of said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that Thomas Rife 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, 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. Cochranage Clerk of said Court at office this the 6th day of November 1848 and 7th year of American Independence

Saml H. Cochranage Clerk

by his deputy
C. P. Rinderaut

November Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee } Do Wm. Bradshaw a citizen of
Weakley County } said County

It appearing to the County Court now in session that David Bradshaw 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 Saml H. Cochranage Clerk of said Court at office this the 6th day of November 1848 and 7th year of American Independence

Saml H. Cochranage Clerk
by his deputy
C. P. Rinderaut

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November Term County Court 1848

State of Tennessee
Weakly County

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Henry I Beckley Will 1848
State of Tennessee In the name of God
County of Weakly A Min
I Henry Beckley of Weakly County
Tennessee being Sick, and weak of body but
of sound mind, and memory and Calling
to mind, what worldly Estate it hath
pleased, God, to bless me, with, do make
and ordain this my last will and testament
in words and form as follows

First and principally I lend, to my
beloved, wife Nancy Beckley all my Estate
both real and personal, during her natural
life, or widowhood, and after the death
of my beloved wife I intend, by this that
each of my Children have, and equal
part of my estate I do truly constitute and
appoint my friend, A. H. Collier my
Executor of this my last will and testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand, and seal, this 4th day of October 1848

James M. W. W. Beckley
Henry I Beckley

State of Tennessee November Term County
Weakly County Court this day the foregoing
paper writing was established, in open Court as
the last will and Testament of H. I Beckley
Deceased, and ordered by the Court to be recorded,
Witness C. P. Bondurant Clerk of said Court
at office this 10th day of July 1851 C. P. Bondurant clerk
By R. F. Good, Sept. Clerk

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Lawrence C. Pearce Will 1848

State of Tennessee
Weakly County I know all men by these
that I, Lawrence C. Pearce for the love & affection
that I bear to my wife Mary C. Pearce doth give
and bequeath to my wife all of my land which
I am now living on containing 15 acres house
hold & kitchen furniture stock of every
description all of my negroes to wit Boy Mary
Man Lee Boy Wankent Boy Ben Boy Alan
Woman Maria W. ~~W.~~ Sillan all of my
money & bonds, given under my hand, and
seal this 1st day of August 1848

Witness

Samuel McCammas
Eaton Shipps

Lawrence C. Pearce

State of Tennessee
Weakly County August Term
County Court 1849 This day the
foregoing paper writing was established in
open Court as the last will and testament
of Lawrence C. Pearce deceased, and
ordered by the Court to be recorded
Witness C. P. Bondurant Clerk of said
Court at office this 10th day of July 1857

C. P. Bondurant Clerk
By R. F. Scott Dep. Clerk

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Thomas Walker Will 1850

This the last will and testament of Thomas Walker
of Weakly County and State of Tennessee
I Thomas Walker considering the uncer-
tainty of this mortal life, and being
of sound mind and memory do make
and publish this my last will and
testament in manner and form follow-
ing Viz;

First I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Agnes Walker the following property
during her widowhood (or natural life)
one negro man named Sam, one negro
girl named Maria one hundred acres of
the tract of land, on which I at present
reside, run so as to include my mansion house
and others out houses convenient to the
mansion house, Two Cows, Two head of
horses and all my stock, hogs, Twelve
hundred pounds of pork Fifty Barrels of
Corn Five Hopper stacks One cat stack
Two plows and gear and other tools neces-
sary to carry on the farming business.
Two barrels bees and furniture All my
kitchen furniture and my largest folding
table One chest One clock One hundred
pounds of sugar Fifty pounds Coffee Four
barrels of flour One barrel Salt one pound
of pepper One pound Spice One pound
Tobacco At her marriage or death the above
named property shall be equally divided
between my three sons (Viz) Hillman

Walker, Daniel Walker and
Pleasant Walker to them and their heirs
forever

Second, I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Letitia Newmon Five dollars in addition
to what I have already given her, to her and
her heirs forever and no more

Third, I give and bequeath to my son Willman
Walker One negro boy named James to him
and his heirs forever

Fourth, I give and bequeath to my son Dan-
iel Walker Six hundred dollars which
I have already paid him in money some
time ago which amount will make him equal
with my two sons. I have given a negro boy
to him and his heirs forever

Fifth, I give and bequeath to my son Pleasant
Walker one negro boy named Bob, and
the tract of land, that he at present resides
upon, and the said Pleasant Walker is to
refund to my estate one hundred and seventy
five Dollars which amount is to be equally
divided between my three sons Daniel Walker
Willman Walker and Pleasant Walker

Sixth, I will and bequeath to my step daughter Prudence
A Hoazier a certain negro girl named, Prudence
to her and her heirs forever

Seventh, I give and bequeath to my sister lawfully
Rust Fifty Dollars for and in consideration
of the kind treatment towards me and my family
during our sickness to her and her heirs forever

Eighth And lastly It is my Will and desire
that all my property that is not other-
wise disposed of shall be equally divided
between my three sons Willman Walker
Daniel Walker and Pleasant Walker

The first clause I made for the benefit of
my wife should there be any increase of said
woman Mariar It is my will that said
increase be given over to my said sons
Willman Walker Daniel Walker and
Pleasant Walker, when said increase
is old enough to be taken from the mother
I hereby appoint Willman Walker and
Pleasant Walker executors to this my last
will and testament here by revoking all former
wills by me made In witness I Thomas
Walker have hereunto set my hand, and
seal this the seventeenth day of November
in the year of our lord One thousand eight
hundred, and fifty Thomas Walker Seal

Signed sealed published and
Delivered by the said Thomas Walker to be his
last will and testament in presence of us
who at his request in his presence and in
the presence of each other do subscribe our names
thereunto J. C. Butcher
C. Jenkins

State of Tennessee
Weakley County
Hersh County Court 1850 This day

the foregoing paper writing was established in Open Court as the last will and testament of Thomas Walker deceased, and ordered by the Court to be recorded.

Witness C. P. Bonaventure Clerk of said Weakly County Court at office this 10th day of July 1837

C. P. Bonaventure Clerk
By R. H. Scott Notary Public

Thomas Parkam's Will

State of Tennessee Weakly County I, Thomas Parkam do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all others wills by me at any time made first I direct that my funeral Expenses and all of my debts be paid so soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed, or may first come into the hands of my Executor

Secondly I bind to my loving wife Ruthy Parkam all the money and notes and Bonds the plantation where on I now live one hundred acres of land, all the stock, all of the crop house hold and kitchen furniture and farming utensils during her natural life also one Boy named Jacob, One Boy named Peter one by the name of Nelson one by the name of Henry and one woman named Rachel one named Sarah one Girl named Margret, one by the name of Isabella all slaves for life & their increase if any.

Thirdly I Gave to my son Saml & his wife one horse one Bed Cow and calf and Ten dollars in money one saw and pigs fourthly I Gave to my son Alfred L King and Wife one horse one Bed and Ten dollars in money One Cow and calf and one saw and pigs

Fifthly I Gave to my daughter Laura Gann one horse one Cow and calf one saw and

Pigs and Ten dollars in money one Bed
Sixty I Gave to my son Robert Reavis wife
one horse one Bed, one cow and calf
one sow and pigs and Ten dollars in money
Seventy I Gave to my son Edward E. Parkham
one horse all Ready received, when they married,
Eighty I Gave to my daughter Emiline Parkham
one horse one Bed one Cow and calf one
sow and pigs and Ten dollars in money
Ninty I Gave to my daughter Unity M. Parkham
one horse one cow and calf one sow and
pigs one Bed, and Ten dollars in money
Tenthly I Gave to my daughter Mary Ann Parkham
one horse one Bed, one Cow and calf
one sow and pigs and Ten dollars in money
Emiline Unity M. and Mary Ann Parkham
is to have their amts allotted to them hereafter
to make them Copiel with the Rest of my
children that has had allotted to ^{them already}
Seventy I Gave to my Grandson James C. McKelley
one hundred acres of land, it being the
East part of the Two hundred, acres tract
whereon I now live and it is my will that my
Grandson J. C. McKelley is to have the rent of
the hundred acres of land, from the death of my wife
I D I Gave to my Grand children Caroline Ray
and John Harmon it is my will that
Caroline Ray shall have one hundred dollars
out of my Estate, and that John Harmon
shall have one hundred and fifty dollars out
of my Estate It is my will that my Grandson

James C. McKelley ^{is not to have}
the hundred acres of land that I have
Gave him, untill he become of age, and
if he should die before that time or
without any lawful issue of his Body,
then for it to go Back, to my Children
It is my will that all the Residue of my
Estate shall be disposed of at my wife
death as follows It is my will that
all of my Estate shall be Copiel divided
among my children but if my dau-
-ghter Pessa Spann should marry
then in that Case her part is to be
e divided between her two Children
Elizabeth M. and Mahaly H. Spanns
Namely Saml Steel and wife Frances
Edward E. Parkham W. R. Reavis
and wife Elizabeth Appeal King &
wife Harrel C. Emiline Parkham Unity
M. Parkham Mary Ann Parkham,
lastly I do nominate and appoint
my Executors Saml Steel and Edu-
ard E. Parkham and W. R. Reavis in
trump what of I do this my will set my
hand and seal this 20 day of October
1849 Sign seal and published
our presents and we have subscribed
names thereto in the presents
I Testator this 20th day
October 1849
Bonaurant
C. Kilough

Tho. Parkham

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Pigs and Ten dollars in money one Bed
Sixty I gave to my son Robert Reavis & wife
one horse one Bed, one cow and calf
one sow and pigs and Ten dollars in money
Seventy I gave to my son Edward E Parham
one horse all Ready received, when they married,
Eighty I gave to my daughter Emilene Parham
one horse one Bed one Cow and calf one
sow and pigs and Ten dollars in money
Ninety I gave to my daughter Unity M. Parham
one horse one cow and calf one sow and
pigs one Bed, and Ten dollars in money
Tenthly I gave to my daughter Mary Ann Parham
one horse one Bed, one Cow and calf
one sow and pigs and Ten dollars in money
Emilene Unity M. and Mary Ann Parham's
is to have their and allotted to them hereafter
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whereon I now live and it is my will that my
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It is my will that all the Residue of my
Estate shall be disposed of at my wife
death as follows It is my will that
all of my Estate shall be ~~Equal~~ divided
among my children but if my dau-
-ghter Polly Sparr should marry
then in that Case her part is to be
equal divided between her two children
Elizabeth M. and Mahaly F. Sparrs
Namely Saml. Steel and wife Frances
Edward E. Parham W. R. Reavis
and wife Elizabeth Alfred King &
wife Harrel C. Emilene Parham Unity
M. Parham Mary Ann Parham,
Lastly I do nominate and appoint
my Executors Saml. Steel and Edu-
-ard E. Parham and W. R. Reavis in
writing whereof I do this my will set my
hand and seal this 20 day of October
A. D. 1849 Sign seal and published
in our presents, and we, are subscribed
our names thereto in the presence
of the Testator this 20th day
of October 1849
C. P. Bonarant
Isaac Killough
Thos Parham