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paying debts and I hereby nominate them or the survivor of them with full power and authority to sell and convey the said land to the purchaser.

Item 11<sup>th</sup> Should my wife be living tomorrow at the time my youngest child arrives at lawfull age or marries then I desire that all my negroes & slaves up to that time together with all my other personal property be divided equally between my wife and all my children then and now share alike and that part falling to my daughters & each of them I loan to said daughter and each of them for and during their natural lives for them an easement of their sole and separate use & benefit and at the death of such daughter it be equally divided between all of the children of such daughter.

Item 12<sup>th</sup> I desire that my executors keep my negro man Isaac now in Arkansas bound out and not bring him upon the place with any other negroes.

Item 13 Should my executors have need of any legal advice I want them to call on my friend Mr D Leardville Esq if he is living.

Item 14<sup>th</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my son James A Simpson and my brother-in-law W H Rob Treaders to this my last will and testament and request that they shall not ~~be~~ require to give any security for their duties as executors to this will witness my hand and seal this the 96<sup>th</sup> day of February 1853 signed sealed and acknowledged Robert Thompson  
*I was a master in our service*

# November Term County Court 1853

State of Tennessee this day the foregoing paper  
Weakley County Writting was presented in open  
Court for Probate whereupon the Court admissed  
Laid paper Writting to Probate and ordered that  
Said paper writing be established as the Last  
Will and Testament of Robert Thompson  
and to be Recorded and filed.

Given under my hand at office  
Crossden the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1853 J. G. Loring Clerk of  
Weakley County Court

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# Thomas Martin's Will

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Martin Planter of the County of Bealeton am sole of Jessup being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First & give and bequeath to my beloved wife Emma Martin during her life the following property viz Negro woman Celia and her three children and herew<sup>s</sup> also the residence in which I now reside with as much ground as she may want for her farming purposes also house hold and kitchen furniture & stock farming tools &c.

Second After the foregoing bequest my will and desire is that all my Lands Negroes Money and proceeds of Washable property be equally divided between my wife Emma, Elizabeth Turner Williams Martin, Mary & William Carolina Howard Martha Higgs, Susan Adams & Malinda Gasp.

Third As to the negroes which each one of my daughters may draw in the above mentioned division, I bequeath each ones portion to her and the heirs of her body during her life free from the control of her husband.

Fourth Having made advisement to all of my above named children when they married some Land other Negroes and Money my desire is in order to estable an equal distribution it that at the division each child shall make out an inventory of the property Received

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# Thomas Martin's Will

When Recvd how much, and value when Recvd & except a small negro girl named Jenny which I gave to Martha Williams daughter of Mary C Williams said Negre shall not be accounted for by said Mary

Fifth At the death of my beloved wife Emma my will is that all of her property shall be equally divided between my above named children viz Elizabeth William Mary C. Caroline Martha Swan and Malinda (with I ordain and appoint my Son William Martin and my Son in law James Adams as my Executors of this my last Will and Testament they shall Recve for their trouble fifty dollars each and no Commissary.

In Testimony whereof I have unto set my hand and seal and published and declare this my last Will and Testament in the presence of

Mr. the 32 day of November A D 1854

Thomas Martin.

John E Vincent

John E Vincent December 1st 1854

State of Virginia This day was presented in Weakley County to open Court the foregoing paper is Writting purporting to be the last will and Testament of Thomas Martin did and said paper recd by me witnesseth as the last will and Testament of Thomas Martin done by the Court an order the same to be received and filed

Walter Glouy Clerk of San County Court at office in Herndon the first Monday in Decr 1854 Glouy Clerk

# Joseph Caldwell's Will

State of Simplicy  
Wickeley County

Spring Court October 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of our Lord  
one thousand Eight hundred & fifty one, Joseph Caldwell  
in the name of God make and Ordain this my last will  
and Testament being in a critical state of health at the  
present time and knowing that death is certain and  
the tenure by which life is held uncertain I man  
should make the following distribution of my worldly property  
as it has pleased god to give me in this life.

First wish that all my just debts be paid off  
Secondly, the balance of my personal property I wish my  
beloved wife Rebecca Caldwell & have together with the  
plantation wherein I now live with all the improvements  
in the same for her support and the support of my daughter  
Margaret as long as my wife Rebecca Caldwell lives  
and at her decease fall is to be sole land and  
pinning and whatever property she makes after her  
support and Margarets or the pinning and equally  
distributed to be made to all the children Nathan  
Caldwell Saml W Caldwell Andrew & Caldwell  
Eleanor S Caldwell and Margaret Caldwell only  
must be paid by each of the other heirs fifteen  
dollars each because she is delinquent and widow  
of her Nearest Son over, An all son Children  
is now living with me in my land and with me  
and after my decease I wish them to rent of  
their mother Rebeca as she will ~~now~~ have all in  
her hands and make what ever they can after  
supporting their mother Rebecca Caldwell and  
paying her what ever she may bargan with

stand fair as long as they Chose to stay on the premises  
with her and I constitute nominate and  
appoint Robert Wallis & Rebecca Caldwell my  
wife my executors to see this my last will and  
testament made on according to the above plan  
and I declare this day that this and no other  
is my last will and Testaments  
In witness wherefore I have set my hand and  
affixed my seal the day and year first above  
written,

Signed sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence

of  
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John C Morris  
Andrew Wallis

Joseph Caldwell *[Signature]*

State of Simplicy February Term 1855  
Wickeley County This day was presented  
in open Court a paper writing purporting to be  
the last will & Testaments of Joseph Caldwell  
des Simplicy It was ordered by the Court  
that said paper writing be established as the  
last will and testaments of said Caldwell and  
be Recorded and filed

Witness under my hand at my  
office in Ormond on the  
first Monday in May 1855 the

George Clerk

## Winfred Jenkins' Will

I Winfred Jenkins, of the County of Walla, and State of Oregon, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, but feeling the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, do hereby make, ordain and publish this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and published.

1<sup>st</sup> After the payment of my burial expenses and any other necessary expenses which may be incurred in time about the distribution of my Estate, I dispose of the same as follows:

It is my will and desire that my Executors hereafter shall sell all my estate of whatever kind, for cash, or on a credit, as they may think best, as soon after my decease as they may think prudent; and circumstances will allow -- for which purpose I desire all my real estate to my Executors in trust, for these of my children and grand children herein after mentioned.

If the proceeds of the sale of my Estate should amount to four thousand dollars, or upwards, in that case I bequeath to my daughter Sulie J. Ethendge, and Caroline J. Samuel and my son John A. Jenkins, one thousand dollars each, and to my two grand children by my daughter Eliza Marley, Euclid and Caroline McLean and her brother John Rose McLean one thousand dollars between the two;

or five hundred dollars to each, but should my property bring less than four thousand dollars, then I give the whole of its proceeds to the above named children, and grand children in the foregoing proportions, and should my estate produce more than four thousand dollars, in that case it is my will that the sum <sup>and</sup> be over that amount be equally divided between the foregoing and Grand children, and my daughter Jane C. Cook - my two grand children representing their deceased Mother and taking together one fifth of such excess, over four thousand dollars.

The reason I have in this will given nothing to my daughter Jackie Mr Jones and Mary McLean, and my son Wellington Jenkins is, that they have already received more than I now have to give to the younger children the older ones having been advanced by their father in his life time.

Last, I appoint my friend James Ethendge and Erasmus James, Executors to this will in testimony of this solemn act, in witness of this my last will and testament written on one sheet of paper I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one.

Witness, Sealed, and Executed  
In presence of  
Geo Sturman  
Jesse F. Burton  
Winfred Jenkins

State of Virginia April 7<sup>th</sup> Anno Domini 1855  
 Hockley County This day the foregoing paper  
 writing was exhibited in open Court as  
 the last will and testament witnessed  
 Ankers desire and ordence to be made  
 and sealed.

At this my home office this  
 the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1855

Geo. C. Clark  
 Notary Public  
 of Hockley County Court

### Jubilee Rogers Will

I Jubilee Rogers of the County of Hockley and State  
 of Tennessee being of sound & disposing mind and  
 memory do this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of January Eighteen  
 hundred and fifty five make Ordain and publish the  
 my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former  
 Wills or wills hereof made by me at any time

First I desire that all my just debts and  
 funeral expenses be paid out of any monies we  
 may have on hand or which may just now be  
 hands of my executors

Secondly. I give to my beloved wife Nancy during  
 her life or widowhood two hundred acres of land  
 out of the tract upon which I now reside. Back  
 the dwelling house spring, the orchard on the  
 side of the road & timber sufficient to support the  
 farm and at her death or marriage to be  
 disposed of hemerally directed

### Jubilee Rogers Will

I also bear her during her life or widow  
 hood her negro Servants Stephen Adair, Daniel  
 Wellington Virginia, & Eveline and at her death  
 or Marriage to be disposed of as hereafter directed  
 unless she dies my widow in which event I give  
 the privilege of giving said negroes to whom  
 she pleases among my Children or Grand Children  
 - I also give her my pig and Paragon horse and  
 Mule, three Cows and Calves, and three Sons &  
 pigs to be selected by her out of my stock and  
 furniture of my household and Kitchen furniture  
 It may be sufficient for her to support the family  
 to be set apart by my Executors and one other  
 untrustworthy person selected by them I also give to  
 her one Years provision to be set apart as above  
 directed

3rd I give to my Daughter Caroline Rogers  
 the land which may be set apart as above  
 mentioned to my wife during her life or widow  
 hood to be hers absolutely. I also give her all  
 Negro boy Heywood a negro girl American also  
 Child & their further increase also my Red Van  
 horse also one Mule two Cows & Calves &  
 three Sons & pigs and one feather bed bedsted and  
 furniture the Stock and furniture not designated to  
 be set apart by my Executors the gift of the  
 land mentioned above not to take effect until  
 the marriage or death of my wife as the gift  
 same is bound to her during her life or  
 widowhood

4<sup>th</sup> the balance of my Estate both real &

# A W Baldredge's Will

personal I give to my sons (then then older)  
 John & Peter M. Rogers & A. Gardner or  
 or their lawful Representatives

5<sup>th</sup> Should my Servt Mary, then I give the  
 Negro bound to her as above to all my children  
 to be equally divided amongst them. If they  
 Should all be living but if any of them Should  
 die leaving a child or children then such child  
 or children to be entitled and Receive the portion  
 to which their parent would have been entitled by  
 this clause if living.

Lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint  
 my Sons Peter M. Rogers and - son Benjamin  
 A. Rogers my executors of this my last will and  
 testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set  
 my hand and affixed my seal the day & date  
 first above written. - the words or marriage  
 on first page of my second instrument before  
 this instrument was executed

Signed sealed and acknowledged A. Gardner Seal  
 in presence of  
 Alfred Gardner  
 D. J. Deane

State of Sumpter, 3d July Sum County Court 1855.  
 Weddly County, 3d I Esq. I am Clerk of said Court Court  
 do hereby certify that the above and foregoing was  
 established as the last will & testament of A. Gardner  
 deceased at said City Sum 1855 and ordered  
 to be Recorded and filed witness my hand at office  
 on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 1855

John (Seal)

# A W Baldredge's Will

In the name of God Amen I Andrew W. Baldredge  
 of the County of Weddly and State of Sumpter do  
 this day declare that this is my last will and  
 testament. Wrecking & Annulling all other former  
 Wills by me formerly made

Item 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will and desire that my  
 Son William Henry Baldredge shall keep and  
 forever have the Colt Whist I gave to him and  
 that he shall hold the said Colt as his own or  
 indissoluble property forever. It is also my will  
 and desire that my said Son William Henry  
 Baldredge have and I hereby give & bequeath  
 him my outer set of Carpentering tools and  
 one set of Glazier gear.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give & bequeath to my daughter  
 Cassandra & Griffith one bed and furniture  
 one Cow & Calf and one horse the same which  
 she has in possession & which I have hitherto  
 given to her the said Cassandra & Griffith  
 and nothing more.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give & bequeath to my  
 Nancy Baldredge all my real personal estate  
 the tract of land on which I now live &  
 the tract about one mile west from whence  
 now live all my household & kitchen furniture  
 stock of horses Cows Sheep hogs & farming too  
 It is my desire that my Executrix when it  
 shall hereafter happen shall settle up all my  
 business and pay all my just debts and if  
 should not be funds sufficient on hand to pay my  
 debts I desire that my said Executrix shall in  
 case of

*A W Baldridge Will*

Any of the property which I have devised to my said wife whether real or personal which in my said Executer and my said wife Nancy shall think most just and proper and that the proceeds of said property shall be applied to the payment of my said debts and the surplus in hand of any after the sale of such property. I desire my said Executer to hold & keep and apply the same from time to time as he may deem best to the support & maintenance of my said wife & children. And in the event that my said wife Nancy Baldridge shall at any time after my death. Marry I desire my said Executer in such case immediately to see all the said property both real and personal which I have devised to my said wife and divide the proceeds of the same equally among my children the heirs of my body and my said wife - she to receive one half part in the sum of my first children bearing equally in said devise with my last - and in case my said wife does not agree with the property which I have given her I desire to divide equally to the heirs of my body at her death but she is to have only a life estate in the said real estate or during her widowhood as before mentioned.

And I hereby constitute and appoint Joseph Baldridge my Executer of this my last will and testament having full confidence that he will execute the same

*A W Baldridge Will*

faithfully  
Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of 3 this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1855 - 3 A.D. 1855

Hannah G. Knott  
John Donell

Annie Oldridge Seal

State of Minnesota on April Term County Court  
Wabasha County 3<sup>rd</sup> & Story Clerk  
of the County Court of Wabasha County do  
humbly certify that the foregoing will was  
Established as the last will and testament  
of A W Baldridge in open Court at  
its April Term 1855

Wabash & Story Clerk of said  
Court at office on the 1<sup>st</sup> instant  
in April A.D. 1855

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# James Sutherland Will

In the Name of God Amen I James Sutherland of the County of Meriden and State of Connecticut being of sound mind and memory And Considering the uncertainty of this frail and Transitory life do therefore make ordain publish and declare this to be my last Will and Testament that is to say first after all of my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal I give Bequeath and depon of us follows And to my beloved wife the Land where I now live or at this time known as the Porter tract beginning on the north east corner thence North to James Sutherland let her thence West so as to leave on the north one hundred and forty five acres to my son James Sutherland including the place where he now lives it being the East part of the tract of land that Isaac Ward formerly settled running West farmough to make him one hundred and forty five acres of land I then give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Sutherland one hundred and forty five acres of land it being the west end of the said tract of land that I have given to my son James running South farmough on the tract of land known as the Norton Ward tract of land to make her one hundred and forty five acres the line on the south of Martha's and James Sutherland to be a stone line

# James Sutherland Will

I give and bequeath to my son Jasper Sutherland all of my land lying east of the Porter tract beginning on James Sutherland South boundary line South so as to run with the east boundary of the Porter tract to Spring Creek more lyfe I then give and bequeath to my wife Jane Sutherland all of the balance of my land wherein I now live her life time and at her death it is to belong to my son Jesse Sutherland the land that I give to my daughter Martha Sutherland is given to her and her body here I give and bequeath to my son Austin Sutherland two hundred and fifty seven acres of land it being my half of the land that William Scott and my self bought of John Orton and Daniel Orton all of my Mill property is to be equally divided between my four Sons unless one of my Sons should want it and if they should they are to have at a fair valuation and a reasonable time to pay the other three boys their share I want the hands that is at the mill belonging to me to remaine these two years to set Robin Henderson Sam an Lotty in the division of my Hoses I divide them as follows I give to my wife Jane forty one henting and Minnow her lifetime and she is to have Jack Dock and Mitty till the two years expire at the will then my two daughters is to have Sam Lotty and Minnow at the death of my wife they are to be sold

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And Equally divided between my two daughters have to their bodily heirs.

I give to my son Martha Rulon and Anting he is not to have Anting till the death of my wife I give to my son Sam is to have Jack and Anday I leave to my son Jasper Sam Klein and family I give to my son Isser Beville & Hammar

I give to my daughter Martha enough and remain her bodily heirs I leave to my wife all of my household and kitchen furniture and all of my stock of all descriptions and she is to be furnished with money by the Executrix for any thing she may want to buy such as sugar Coffee Salt and such other things as she may need my daughter Martha is to have a horse worth forty five or eighty dollars and to have a bed and furniture Jasper is to have a horse worth the same and the same bed and furniture and a saddle worth eighteen dollars I leave to my daughter Alice Davis and her bodily heirs a negro boy Nock which she is not to have until two years All of my money and notes on hand at that time is to go to pay off all of my debts and if there is any left it is to be equally divided between all of my children I appoint my son Newton Sutherland and William P. Roy

James Sutherland Will

My Executors to this my last Will and Testament Henry Remonding all former Wills by me made and my executors substituted my name and office my seal this the twenty third day of February eighteen hundred and fifty five

Wilmouth

Thos H Phillips  
Wm Hamilton

James Sutherland Will  
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State of Limfus ~~of~~ April Sem County  
Wekley County Court 1855

J. E. Henry Clerk of said County Court  
do hereby certify that the foregoing paper  
writing was established in open Court on the  
last will and testament of James S.  
Sutherland dead and was ordered to be  
recited and filed

Witness my hand at office on the the  
1st Monday in April A.D. 1855

Henry Clerk

Williams W Young Will

Know all Men by these presents that I William W Young of the County of Weakley and State of Tennessee Farmer being of sound disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament Article 1<sup>st</sup> I leave to my wife Lucy Francis all my Estate both Real and personal after paying all my just debts during her natural life or widowhood Article 2<sup>d</sup> Should any of my children marry and she may think proper to give them of my property she can do so by first having the same valued by two disinterested persons whose property shall not exceed a distributor share and said child shall account for the same with interest at my wife's death or marriage

Article 3<sup>rd</sup> Should my wife marry it is my will and desire that my Estate should be equally divided between my wife and children or heirs at law in case my wife should not marry at her death my desire is that my Estate should be equally divided among my children or heirs at law Article 4<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that my wife shall have all my young children educated in the same manner that my older ones have been

Article 5<sup>th</sup> I Ordain and Appoint my beloved wife Lucy Francis as my Executrix of this my last Will and Testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and published and delivered this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this the 13 day of August A.D. 1855

Entered S White J G Hister Wm W Young Seal  
A G Holden

State of Tennessee ~~in~~ September Term County  
Weakley County Court A.D. 1855.

This day has presented in open court the foregoing paper writing for probate wherein the said paper writing was established as the last will and Testament of Wm W Young deceased And Ordered to be Recorded and filed Witness my hand at office on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1855

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## 370 Benjamin Abernathia's Will

In the name of god amen I Benjamin Abernathia  
of the county of Weakley and State of Tennessee being  
of sound mine and memory do make and Ordain this  
my last Will and testament hereby Revoking all other

Item, the first. My will desire is that my exec-  
utors hereafter named shall pay my just debts as  
soon after my death as possible out of any  
moneys I may die possessed of or the first that may  
come into her hands.

Item the 2<sup>nd</sup>. My will and desire is that my  
wife Polly Abernathia shall have all my property  
both Real and personal, that is to say the tract of  
land on which I now live Crop, Stock of horses hogs  
cattle household and kitchen furniture and every other  
thing that I may die possessed of forever to have  
and to hold the same. I hereby appoint and  
Ordain Polly Abernathia my sole Executrix to the  
my last will and testament. Given under my  
hand and Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> January the 12<sup>th</sup> 1883  
Signed and acknowledged  
in our presence the day and date above written

Benjamin Abernathia his  
Mark  
T & W White  
W. R. French

State of Tennessee County Court Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 1883  
Weakley County This day the above will was  
presented in your Court for probate and was intituled  
as the last will and testament of Benj Abernathia  
deced and ordene to be Recured and filede  
Witness my hand at office in Dresden this  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday in Oct 1883

Glorney Clark

## 371 Nelson Nailing Will

I Nelson Nailing of the County of Weakley and State  
of Tennessee do make publish and proclaim this my  
last Will and testament hereby revoking and revoking  
void all other Will by me made at any time

First I desire that my funeral expenses be paid  
out of any money in the hands of my executors hereafter  
mentioned or the first that may come into their hands  
And as to debts I thank God I owe none

Second Item I give unto my beloved wife  
Mary Nailing the time following named my trustees  
Little Sam, Melly Hilliard, Ashery Elvania, Betsy Little  
Dudley, Soddy, Dudley, Vickie Miles, Prudence, and  
these I nominate & despose of as she chooses amongst any  
her children or grand children I also give unto her of  
one half of all the cash I may die possessed of

Third Item I give unto my wife Mary Nailing lot of  
my two blacksmith tools and others my house and the  
land plantation whereon I now live a portion of said to  
land I purchased of Robert King John Charlton  
the heirs of Span-Corthers and Glavin and all  
other portion I became by land warrants and an easement  
other portion under the occupant law containing of  
nearly six hundred acres but the same man or lots  
I also leave her my household and Kitchen furniture  
Stock of all kinds and plantation utensils and

at her decease or marriage the said wife may retain  
house and plantation and all other  
property so I leave shall return to my wife  
to be divided as I shall hereafter direct

Fourth Item I give and devise unto my son  
John Nailing the house land and plantation lot

# Nelson Tailoring Will

Wherow I now live all plantation utensils and Stock  
of all Kinds consisting of horses, hogs, Sheep & Cattle  
the same house land and plantation & Estates of all Kind  
which I have heretofore bound to his Mother and where  
the Said John R Tailoring Shall receive in proportion  
at her death or Marriage. I also give unto the said  
John R Tailoring my Son the following Manservants  
Nob. Tom. Dick, Willm, Nathl, Washington, Nelly, David,  
Little Sally, Shandy, Slickie, Mary, Antonio, Harky, Hunter,  
Lester, Harwes, Charry, Matty, Bob, Gabrie.

Ames and their increase and one half of my  
Blacksmith Oliver, & his hind and his heirs forever  
I also I give him one hoff of all the Cash I  
may deceare possessed with also all the Notes of hand  
and Credit for Money & his hind and his heirs forever

**Fifth Item:** I Give and devise unto my son James  
Tailoring the house land and plantation wherow he now livs  
it being land I bought of Joseph Skinner Wm Camp  
and Span Bentzeying by estimation Acre which  
I Give & him and his heirs forever. I also give unto  
my son James Tailoring the following Manservants  
Jipia, Patsy, Daniel, Slick, Anna, Sandy, Mandy, Anderson,  
Sam, Chapp, Dolly, Little Chapp, Jerry, Neddy, Betty,  
Hester, Caty, Philipe, Candy, and Richard, and their  
increase & hind and his heirs forever

**Sixth Item:** I Give and devise unto my Son  
John R Tailoring in trust the following Manservants  
Negro Servts Eps, George, Africa, Ann, Atta, Frank,  
Mark, Edith, Eliza, Clay, Clary, Hawkin, Emily,  
Mariah, William, Dow, Henry, Ned, and one half  
of my Blacksmith brother and their increase

# Nelson Tailoring Will

I also give him no trust one tract of Land which  
I bought of William G Bowes on the South Side of the by  
Middle fork of the Ohio River and all other lands to  
one that side of the River held by me adjoining same  
tract of Land & hold said negroes and such others  
as aforsaid for the sole use and benefit of my  
Daughter Sarah J Bell, and her children and my  
I hereby witt all legal note and title in the said  
Adam R Tailoring as aforsaid which Land adjoyns  
and incloses of said negroes at the decease of my  
daughter Sarah J Bell shall be equally divided  
amongst all her children which I give & them and  
their heirs forever

**Seventh Item:** I Give and devise unto my son Willm of  
I Tailoring the following Manservants Negros, Brut, Edmund, D  
Bir, Newman, Haywood, Oliver, Sam, Sarah, etc of  
Frances, Mother, Susanna, Lunda, Shan, Armettate, in  
Sally, Fielding, Portima, and one half of my blacksmith to  
Oliver, all of which are now in his possession except  
Oliver

**Eighth Item:** I Give and devise unto my Granddaughter  
Fanny Ettinger one Negro Girl named Rosy and her  
mothers & her and her heirs forever

**Ninth Item:** I Give and devise unto my  
grandson Willm Bell one Negro boy named Sandy  
& hind and his heirs forever

**Tenth Item:** I Give and devise unto my Grandson  
Thomas Bell one Negro Boy named Whistly the  
& hind and his heirs forever

**Eleventh Item:** I Give and devise unto my  
Granddaughter Mary Bell one Negro Girl named Marjorie

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And her increase to her and her heirs forever  
 I also give her half of book  
 Twentieth Item: I give and devise unto my  
 granddaughterackyann Bell an Negro girl  
 named Adeline and her increase to her and  
 her heirs forever - And at her death to be sold  
 and equally divided among all the children living  
 her body which I gave to them and then keep a  
 Tasky I do hereby nominate and appoint  
 my two Sons John R Tailoring and Willis J.  
 Tailoring Executors to this my last will and  
 testament. Ratifying and confirming this  
 And no other to be my last will and testament  
 It is my will that the Court before whom this  
 instrument may be proven shall not require  
 security of my Executors for the faithful performance  
 of their duty

In testimony whereof I hereby set my  
 hand and seal this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept 1850

Nelson Tailoring (Seal)  
 Signed sealed and published as our present  
 and we have subscribed our names hereto  
 in the presence of the testator the day and  
 date above written

Subscribers  
 Joseph Rogers  
 Joseph Vincent

## Nelson Tailoring Will

State of Simpson November ten County Court 1855  
 Meckley County 3 the day the above and foregoing  
 paper writing was presented in open Court for probate  
 And it was ordered by the Court that the  
 said paper writing be established as the Last  
 will and testament of Nelson Tailoring as  
 deceased and be Received and filed  
 Witness my hand at office in Christian on this  
 the 5 day of November 1855

Johnney Clerk  
 of Meckley County Court

# Edward A. Spears Will

I Edward Spears, Considering the uncertainty of this present & transitory life and the certainty of death being of sound mind and memory do hereby make and publish this to be my last Will and testament. Revoking all former will by me at any time made.

First My desire is that after my decease that my funeral expenses be paid out of the first money that may come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly - My Will and desire is that all that I may die seized and possessed of consisting of close or actions or otherwise be divided equally between my two Brothers viz E. A. Spears & James H. Spears Except that one hundred dollars of my estate in money & one silver watch is to go to my nephew Robert A. Brasfield and fifty dollars each is to go to my father and mother of my estate for their attention to me in time of my illness.

Finally & Lastly I hereby appoint my father Samuel Spears executor to this my last will and testament.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> day 1855

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged by the E. A. Spears Esq.

testator in the presence of each of us

and we at his request sign our

Names as attesting

Test J. St. John Joseph Fuller.

State of Lumpkin Weekly County November Term 1855  
this day the above paper containing this instrument open court for probate. Thereupon it was ordered by the court that the same paper containing be established as the last will and testament of E. A. Spears deceased and the Reasons & premises witness my hand at office in Dawson on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1855 - Done by the  
of Dawson County Court

# J. St Valentine's Will

I J. St Valentine do make and publish this as my last Will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other will by me at any time made.

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

Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Valentine the place where I now live on during her natural life. and one bed & furniture 3. I give to my daughter Mary J. Valentine One negro boy by the name of Henry and one bed & furniture to her and her heirs forever. 4. I give to my daughter Martha Valentine One negro girl by the name of Kelly and one bed & furniture to her and her heirs forever 5. I also give to my grand child Solomon R. Valentine son of W. S. Valentine One hundred dollars to be at interest and to remain in my executors hands until of age.

6. I give to Solomon R. Hale fifty dollars and my walking stick, and to remain as the above 7. I give Solomon Augustine Valentine fifty dollars also to remain as above named 8. My will is after the death of my wife for the place to be sold and third for cash the other on one and two years credit and divided

## 367 S H Valentine's Will

so as to make each child equal  
I appoint my son Isaac my Executor  
and for him to receive his part in  
Money to make him equal with the rest  
of my children.

In testimony where unto I set my  
hand & seal Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 1855

Test. S H Valentine  
I T Holman  
J B Edwards

State of Tennessee February Term  
Weakley County County Court 1856.  
I the J. Conroy Clerk of Weakley County  
Court do hereby certify that the above and  
foregoing paper writing was established in  
open Court as the last will and testament  
of S H Valentine deceased and ordered the  
Recorded and filed, witness my hand at office  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in February 1856 J Conroy Clerk

Memorandum of the Valuation of property I have given my children		
1	H H Valentine	To the amount \$ 600
2	Neram Valentine	do 470
3	Elegar Hale	do 600
4	William Valentine	do 600
5	Charity Whiteside	do 500
6	Mary Valentine	do 600
7	Isaac Valentine	do 1100
8	Martha Valentine	do 600
9	Margaret Ford	do 300
	J T Holman	
	J B Edwards	

S H Valentine

## 377 Leaborn Stone's Will

State of Tennessee I know all men by these presents that I Leaborn Stone of the said  
County of Weakley and State aforesaid being weak & old in body strength but sound and perfect mind do now  
make and publish this my last Will and Testament my  
hereby revoking and making void all other by me at  
any time made.

First it is my will and desire that my executors shall pay off my funeral expenses all of my  
just and lawful debts as soon after my death as  
is possible, out of any money that may be in my  
possession at my death, or as soon as my estate  
comes to his hands.

Secondly I will and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
Mary Stone all of my land the place where fore  
I now live and one negro woman by the name of Ruth  
Lucy and Ann a negro girl and Joe a negro boy and  
all of my stock of horses and cattle and hogs and  
all of my house hold and kitchen furniture all the  
farming utensils, It is my will that my wife & the  
wife Mary Stone shall have all of my property  
during her natural life and after her death  
it is my will that all of my estate that my wife  
at her death shall go to my niece Lucy  
Perry and to the lawful issue of her husband  
I now do nominate and appoint my said  
friend William J Perry my Executor to this  
last Will and Testament, in witness whereof I  
set my hand and seal in presence of my signed hereunto  
and delivered in our joint this the ninth day of  
October A.D. one thousand eight hundred fifty five  
Leaborn Stone Test.

367 Glabroo Stns Will

State of Minnesota I & J Loring before  
Waukegan County Court of the County Court of  
Waukegan County do hereby certify that  
the within and foregoing paper writing was  
Established in Open Court by the Subscribing  
Witnesses Same true & every A person  
who being duly sworn as the same does  
thereupon the Court ordered that the same  
be Recited and filed as the Last will  
and testament of Glabroo Stns dead  
County Court April term

1856

Henry Leggan

Henry A Leggan Will

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In the name of God Amen. I Henry A Leggan knowing  
that it is once appointed for all men to die and  
being anxious to dispose of my worldly effects  
make and constitute the following as my last  
Will and testament to wit I give and bequeath  
unto my beloved wife Sarah A Leggan during her  
natural life or widowhood all my estate both  
real and personal to be kept by her and man  
aged for the support & maintenance of her self &  
and my children that I had by her of the  
fole many it is my wish in that event  
that the same should be divided between  
her and the said children according to the law  
of our state My older children that is my  
children by my first wife having been provided  
for her self it is my Will that the whole of  
my estate before mentioned is hereby given to my  
said wife Sarah A H as above mentioned, my  
having inter confidence in the capacity and  
integrity of my said wife Sarah A H do th  
hereby appoint her Executrix to this my other  
will and testaments and desire that the  
Court require no security of her

Witness my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1856

Witness

Robt S Morris

John G Fields

Wm J Barnes

I Henry A Leggan do make the following  
codicile to the above will I do hereby

Henry A Leggan Sealed

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371. Henry A. Ligon Will

Authorizing my said wife to sell any negro  
of my estate if she should deem it necessary  
for the benefit of her & children & to  
purchase others and she is also authorized  
to sell any part of my land or the whole  
if she should deem it necessary and  
in fact I do hereby give her full power  
and authority to make and sell & to  
purchase any thing with the proceeds  
of the same that she may desire  
Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1856

Witnesses - Henry A. Ligon Seal

Robert Morris  
John G. Fields  
Wm J. Barnes

Tale of Minneapolis August Term County  
W<sup>e</sup>atley County Court 1856

I E. Soring Clerk of the County Court  
of W<sup>e</sup>atley County do hereby certify  
that the above named foregoing paper  
writing was this day established  
as the last will and testament  
of Henry A. Ligon and was open  
court and was ordered by  
the court to be recorded and  
filed

Given under my hand at  
office on this the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday  
in August 1856

H. Soring Clerk

6543800 Terrill Will

I Terrill Terrill of the County of W<sup>e</sup>atley  
and State of Minnesota, being of sound and  
disposing mind and memory do hereby make,  
ordain and publish this my last will and  
testament, hereby revoking and declining  
will all former will or testaments by me  
at any time hertofore made or published.

First - It is my will my Exécutor  
hereafter appointed, shall as soon as possible  
after my death pay all my just debts  
out of the first money that may come  
into his hands, from my estate.

Secondly - I give my wife Nancy, three  
hundred acres of land, during her natural  
life, to be laid off out of the tract before  
which I now reside - Beginning at the north  
east corner of said tract, and running  
thence south to its south east corner, thence  
west so far as by running north to the north  
boundary line of the said tract, & east to the  
beginning as will include three hundred acres  
and at the death of my wife I give said  
land to my children, to be divided  
amongst them equally, my grand daughter,  
Nancy M. D. Martin, receiving an equal  
share, and representing her deceased mother.

Third I give to my wife Nancy the following  
slaves, to negro man Harry, Peter a boy and a  
woman Mary & girl Kate, during her natural  
life or widowhood, but should she marry  
again, then I give to her a child, female or

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# Jephtha Terrell Will

One eighth of my Slave property, And  
Should She not marry, then at her death  
I give the Slaves before mentioned to my  
children My grand daughter as before  
mentioned receiving the Share to which her  
Mother would have been entitled had  
she been living. I also give my wife three  
hundred dollars, to be paid to her by my  
Executor, out of any monies in his hands  
after paying my debts, belonging to my estate.

Fourth - I hereby Authorize my Executor  
as soon as convenient after my demise  
to Select the disentitled men to lay off  
and set apart out of my Corp or estate  
One Years provision for her and family  
which I hereby give her

Fifth: all the rest and residue of  
my Slaves property, I desire to be divided  
equally amongst my children and my  
grand daughter if no mention, Elizabeth  
Ann Adams retaining the negro girl Jane  
which I have hitherto given her worth  
four hundred dollars and my daughter  
Anny Mc Simmens Retaining the girl  
Mahala worth five hundred dollars  
And my daughter Harriet He Ward  
retaining a negro girl named Sarah  
Jane worth four hundred dollars and  
part of their Shares of my Slave property  
and it is my Will and I hereby author-  
ize my Executor to appoint three

# Jephtha Terrell Will

disentitled men to lay off and set apart  
my negro property as before stated to each  
and all of my Christian and grand  
child, When ever they may be intitled to  
receive the same, leaving the remainder  
at each division in common with the  
balance of those entitled to the same, and  
so to continue to divide the same as each  
child may be intitled to the same until  
all shall be divided.

Sixth: I give and bequeath all my real  
estate not hereinbefore mentioned to my  
six children, Elizabeth Ann Adams Anny Mc  
Simmens Harriet He Ward Mary James  
Nancy & John William Terrell and my  
Grand daughter Nancy M D Martin to  
be divided equally amongst them during  
their natural lives and at their death I  
give the Share that may be allotted or set  
apart to each of them to the children in  
possession of their bodies living at the period of their deaths  
and in the division of my Real estate or  
lands which is only included in the above  
claim, I desire that my daughter Elizabeth  
Ann Adams retain or have as a portion  
of her part of my lands the tract upon  
which her Husband now resides containing  
one hundred acres, worth five hundred  
dollars, and that my daughter Harriet  
He Ward have the tract of one hundred  
and eighteen acres upon which her husband

# Joseph Thia. Ferrall Will

Who Lives in Obion County being  
a tract purchased by me of Phillip J. Ops.  
Worth eight hundred dollars and  
the same to be deducted out of the share  
of Said Elizabeth Ann Adams & Harriet  
A Ward, so as to make the division equal  
Amongst my six children and my grand  
daughter Francesca each Reciving an  
equall share of my lands.

Sixth - I have heretofore given to my  
daughter Lucy M. Semmings three hundred  
dollars, in law or as a part of advancement  
for Land which Said Commiss<sup>r</sup>. I desire  
shall be deducted out of her part of  
the proceeds of my personal estate  
hereafter mentioned to be sold. If  
there be sufficient money therof not  
the remainder from her portion of my lands.

Eight Should my wife Mary agree  
I then give her only a child part or an  
eighth of my slave property the balance  
to be divided as aforesaid Amongst  
my six children and grand children before  
mentioned.

Ninth I hereby Authorize my  
Executor at any time when any of the  
legatees before mentioned shall be  
entitled to receive the same & set  
apart and lay off the share or shares  
& which they may be entitled of my  
real estate as before mentioned

# Joseph Thia. Ferrall Will

by selecting three men of good judgement  
who shall divide the lands into as many  
parts as there are shares at the time of said  
division, and draw lots for the shares  
leaving the remainder of the shares in common  
with those entitled to the same. Unles all the  
legatees are provided for as above mentioned  
in the division of my slave property. It  
being my desire to give my estate equally  
to my six children and grand children before  
mentioned, deducting the portion set apart  
for my wife.

Tenth - All my furnishable property  
I desire my Executor to sell as soon  
after my decease as convenient on a credit  
of twelve months, and after paying my just  
debts & the three hundred Dollars to be paid  
to my wife. To apportion the remainder among  
my children and grand children before mentioned  
equally, first giving to those who may not be  
equal in advancement in land and negroes to  
those whose shares may be more. So as to make  
all equal and then dividing the rest share  
and share alike.

Eleventh Should my grand daughter  
Nancy A. D. Martin die without issue of her  
body this I give the share of all my property  
herself allotted to her as above specified & my  
children now living or their representatives  
equally amongst them. The children of any of the  
Repartuy their parents & Reciving the share to

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Jephtha Terrell Hill

which they would be entitled should any of my children die before said division might take place.

I hereby appoint James Seminars my son in law Guardian for my grand daughter Nancy M D Martin to manage and keep her share of my estate & the best advantage and should die or fail to take up himself the duties hereby imposed then & in that case I appoint my friend Alfred Gardner Guardian as aforesaid under the restrictions above given.

Lastly I hereby appoint James Seminars of the County of Gibson my Executor to this my last Will and Testament and should he die or refuse to qualify as such then I hereby appoint Alfred Gardner to carry out my will and make as hereinbefore stated.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this my last Will and Testament written upon six pages (one page this of paper) this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1852

Jephtha Terrell <sup>Seal</sup>

The above is signed sealed & acknowledged in our presence, we being specially requested to witness the same.

Oct 12 1852 End Entended

Geo R Brusfield

Jephtha Terrell Hill

State of Indiana August Term County  
Wabash County 3d Court 1856

This day the above and foregoing paper writing was established by said County Court of Wabash County as the Last Will and Testament of Jephtha Terrell and agreed by the Court to be Received and filed.

Witness my hand at office in  
Brownville on this 3d Monday in  
August A.D. 1856

E. Jones Clerk of  
said court.

## 379 William Spence's Will

William Spence do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking any making or a all other will by me at any time made -

First. I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that may die forsook of or may first come into the hands of my executors  
 Secondly - I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy all the land on which we live during her natural life after her death I want it sold and equally divided among her two daughters  
Thirdly I give and Bequeath to my daughter Sarah my Mule Colt and a good Bed and furniture.

Fouthly, I give and bequeath to my son Thornton such of my mechanical tools as his Mother does not need and also one black faced horse two year old last Spring -

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy my Bay Mare and two Milch Cows.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy all my personal property Requesting her to deliver up to my Executress a sufficient quantity of such property as she can best spare to be sold privately to satisfy all just claim against me.

Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint Daniel Spence and William Clegg my Executress in writing whereof I am to this my hand set my hand and Seal this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1856

William X Spence

## William Spence's will

Witnessed, sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Notary the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1856

C. M. Wheeler  
J. W. Bennett

State of Tennessee 3 October Yenn County  
Weakley County 3 Court 1856

I E J Gerry Clerk of Weakley County Court  
do hereby Certify that the foregoing paper  
Writing was this day established as the last  
Will and Testament of William Spence deceased  
by the County Court of Weakley by the Subscribers  
Notaries C. M. Wheeler & J. W. Bennett and  
ordered by the Court to be recorded and  
filed witness my hand at office on this  
9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1856

E. J. Gerry Clerk

## 381 John A. Peavys Will

state of Pennsylvania this day the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1854 I John Weatley County A. Peavys of the County and State aforesaid have made this my last Will and Testament Revoking all other Wills by me made at any time before.

1<sup>st</sup> In the first place it is my will that my sole and undivided return to you who gave it

and that all of my debts be paid as quick as possible after

my death & my funeral expenses

2<sup>nd</sup> By my Will is that my son Worthy Robertson Peavys is to have the tract of land whereon I now live containing one hundred & twenty acres. I leave it to him for his many services to towards me and to my friends I directed that he should leave and continue to live with me and take care of my property, as he has formerly done since then it is my desire that he with Peavys have the same right of his brothers out of my estate

3<sup>rd</sup> By my Will is that all of my stock of hogs & cattle when sold & Rototized amounting to \$1,000.00 shall be sold as soon as practicable & the money so received and pay off all of my debts if there is not money enough in hand when I die, my Will is that the amount that I have in the estate of Samuel Peavys & Co. and one acre of land lying at that place now known as Rogers stone with and church on the same I give it to the Christians people as long as they occupied it as a place of divine worship and after they desir'd & then it was to return to me & my heirs.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the proceeds of that sale of my stock in the estate of my Uncle Samuel Peavys & Co. and the acre of land to be sold and

## J. A. Peavys Will

equally divided between my three sons Harry J.C. Peavys and W. Peavys and William Maran Peavys. My Will is not for Worthy Robertson Peavys to have any part of the proceeds of that sale as for what other property the Lord has been pleased to bestow with for them to have equal in dividing J.C. Peavys & W. Peavys W.M. Peavys the Blacks that I have my will is that my sons should select three Competent firms to lot them off as equal as possible and for them to draw for them and for him who draws the the most valuable lot to pay over to him who draws a lot of less value and for all of them to be made equal by them that draw the most valuable lots to pay over to his brother who draws lots of less value such amount as those three persons shall in their judgment would make stand equal in value

6<sup>th</sup> My Will is that J.C. Peavys has had three hundred and sixty two dollars worth out of my property and I give it to him \$322.00

Also to my Son W. Peavys the property the amount of three hundred and thirty eight dollars and six cents I give it to him \$328.66

Also my Son W. Peavys this amount out my estate also to my Son William A. Peavys this \$327.66

Amount out of my property \$376.00

the above gifts all have been Rec'd by them

7<sup>th</sup> My Will is further to be made equal out of my Estate as to the property they have Received ready

8<sup>th</sup> It is my Will that Isaac C. Peavys and

# J H Reavis Will

With R Reavis act as my Executor to this  
my last Will & testament

9<sup>th</sup> it is my will that if either of my sons,  
J C Reavis or G Reavis or W H Reavis or  
W M P Reavis or either of them should become  
disabled with the my last Will and friends  
& Brakke the same by the laws of this state  
for such a son or two three of them not to  
be considered as power less in my little  
estate for their just allowance & then the  
equally divided among those who is  
disabled with my except her heirs or either  
them I have five dollars worth of my  
estate now yet to be done after my death  
as witness my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
June 1884

Witness

John H Reavis Esq

A G Holden

J S Cutler

State of Tennessee Oct 10th 1884 County  
Weakley County Court 1884

I E J Derry Clerk of Weakley County Court  
do hereby certify that the foregoing paper  
hereby was presented in open Court for probate  
at the present term and that A Cutler  
one of the trustees to said paper doth lay  
into open Court and after being summe as the  
same direct. And upon the evidence of said Cutler  
it was agreed by the Court that said paper hereby  
be established as the last will and testament of  
John H Reavis and that the same be recorded  
of record somewhere at office on the 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of October 1884 O V Tammel

# Richard Roberts Will

In the Name of God Amen

I Richard Roberts of County of Weakley and state  
of Tennessee being sick and weak in body but  
of perfect mind and memory doth say that it is  
my intent for all men to die do make and ordain  
this my Last Will and Testament of such worldly  
property as it has pleased the Lord to bestow upon  
me in this life (only)

First I Give and bequeath to Jane Roberts  
my beloved wife a right to my home tract of  
land where I now live the time of her natural  
life and at her decease the land to be the prop  
ty of my youngest son John and I appoint him  
to live with her and take care of her her lifetime  
The 100 acres lying East of this plantation I Give  
and bequeath to my son James Roberts &  
William Roberts I also bequeath to my daughter  
Calistina a negro girl named Mary to my  
daughter Martha Jane I give & bequeath a negro  
girl named Ann my will is that I wish 10 ac  
of Land added to this home tract also 10  
acres taken off of the Ellett boundary off the  
Highstreet tract & added to the Spikes tract

I wish a negro boy named Arden to be the prop  
erty of my daughter May Isabelle & give & bequeath  
to my wife Jane Roberts my negro woman  
Nancy the sum of her natural life and at her de  
cease Mary and her Amicus to be divided among  
the heirs I give and bequeath to my daughter  
Susan my negro girl named Eliza I wish my  
negro boy Harry to be the property of my daughter

Richard Roberts Will

as long as she lives and at her death to be  
divided equally among the heirs.

I wish my debts all paid my personal  
property all sold to pay off all demands  
against me and if my personal property  
does not pay all I have it with my executors  
to her out Mary or sell her at their discretion  
to pay off all my debts.

And I also nominate constitute and appoint  
my son Thomas & my son in law Charles  
Whale, my Executors to ~~make~~<sup>settle</sup> my last will bearing  
on according I have arranged it as  
above written and declare this to be my  
last will and testament made this 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of November in the year of our Lord 1856

Signed under the date above mentioned

and a true copy set in 28, 29, 30, 31 & 2  
Last Notarized before Richard Roberts Esq.  
H. D. Clark

State of Tennessee - December First County  
Knox County Court 1856

I certify this of Knox County Court do hereby  
certify that the above and preceding paper containing record  
is admitted in open court as the last will & Testament of  
Richard Roberts deceased by the Subscribers witness  
at the Regular Term of said Court 1856  
and ordered by the Court to be recorded &  
filed henceforward my hands at office  
in London on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
December 1856

H. D. Clark

London 1856 to Abernathy

Littleton H. Abernathy Will

In the name of God Amen, I Littleton H. Abernathy  
of the County of Healdy and State of Tennessee, being  
of sound mind and memory and concerning the  
uncertainty of the frail and Procuratory life do  
therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this  
to be my last Will and Testament, after all  
my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the  
Residue of my estate I give and bequeath to  
My beloved wife, to have and to hold during  
her natural life and after her death to go  
to Daniel Abernathy

Witnesses I make constitute and appoint  
John B. Abernathy to be Executor to this my  
last will and Testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed  
my Name and affix my seal this the twenty  
ninth day of July eighteen hundred and fifty six

J. H. Abernathy Esq.

The above written instrument was subscribed by  
the said Littleton H. Abernathy in our presence  
and acknowledged by him to each of us and  
he at the time publishing & declare the above  
written instrument to be subscribed as his  
last will and testament and we at the  
testators request and in his presence have  
signed our names as witnesses thereto  
bearing date as above written

Thomas M. Biggs  
Wm. C. Carter

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Settlement of Abernathy Will

State of Minnesota December Term  
 Wabekley County Court 1856  
 J E Looney Clerk of Wabekley County  
 Court do hereby certify that this day  
 the foregoing written instrument was  
 established in open Court as the Last  
 Will & Testament of Settlement of  
 Abel Abernathy deceased and ordered to  
 be Recorded & filed.

Witness my hand at office on  
 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1856  
 J Looney Clerk

H B Ligan Will

I H B Ligan, do make and ordain this my last  
 will & testament here by revoking all other will  
 by me made before I shall my sole unto you who  
 have it. Truly I desire all my just debts  
 to be paid out of the first funds that may  
 come into the hands of my Executor after  
 discharging my funeral expenses -  
 Thirdly - it is my will and desire that my  
 only Son Nicholas Henry Ligan now  
 in Septon have all of my Estate & that it  
 is my desire that David Wood be appointed  
 my Sons Guardian

4th I appoint my much esteemed friend  
 John T Holmes my Executor to carry on  
 the provisions of this my Will

Given under my hand & seal this the 15<sup>th</sup>  
 day of December 1856

attest Henry B Ligan  
 Clinwood

Hugh Delboe

State of Minnesota February Term Court  
 Wabekley County Court 1857

J E Looney Clerk of said Court  
 do hereby certify that the above written instrument  
 was established in open Court as the Last Will  
 and Testament of Henry B Ligan deceased  
 and was ordered to be Recorded and filed  
 Witness my hand at office on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Monday in February 1857

J E Looney Clerk

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389 William Todd's Will

State of Tennessee ~~of~~ Know all men by these presents that I  
Wheatley County ~~of~~ William Todd of the County of Wheatley a  
State aforesaid being weak in body Strength but sound  
perfect in mind and memory, doth make and publish this  
My last Will and Testament revoking and superseding ~~any~~ word  
others by me at any other time made in the name of God Am  
It is my Will And desire that my Executor hereaf  
named shall pay off all of my just debts so soon  
as possible after my death out of any money that may  
come to their hands

Secondly it is my Will that my beloved wife Eliza  
Todd shall have all my land and plantation all of my da  
a wt Dorsey Ann a negro girl Miriah a girl Morrison  
a Priscilla a girl & Frank a woman, all of my stock  
of horses Cattle Hogs and Sheep, all of my farmery etc  
to have during her natural life, also my house bed  
Kitchen furniture and every thing else that is in my  
plantation that she may want to keep during her  
life but it is my Will and desire that my wife she  
give off to my son Samuel W Todd at any time after  
my death property sufficient to make him equal to  
what I have given off to my three children that has been  
off And it is also my will that my son John C Todd  
shall have a horse saddle and bridle and property  
or money sufficient to make him equal with my other  
children at any time when my wife so cause to  
give it over to him or when he wants it, & now  
my Executors hereafter mentioned to take all my m  
notes and account & collect them and put them on  
an interest during my wife lifetime. It is my  
will that my Executors shall at any time let say

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have what money she may want or stand in need  
of at all times and hit is my Will and desire  
after my wife death that all my estate  
both real or personal estate of every description  
shall be equally divided among my four the  
children George S Todd and my son-in-law  
Thomas of Constance and his wife Mary Ann and  
my son William M Todd and my son Samuel  
W Todd, and my son John C Todd - now I doe and  
wominate and appointe my loving son in law  
Thomas of Constance and my son William M Todd  
my Executors to this my last Will and Testament  
making all other null and void by me at ~~and~~ <sup>not real</sup>  
time made. In testimony where unto  
my hand and sealed same sealed and acknowledged  
in our presence this the twenty second day of  
January A.D. one thousand eight hundred and  
fifty six.   
William Todd. Seal  
J.W. Taylor  
Joseph A. Fowler

State of Tennessee ~~of~~ February Term County Court 1857  
Wheatley County ~~of~~ County 1857  
I E J. my Clerk of said County Court do <sup>my</sup> by  
humble Certify that the above and foregoing  
written instrument was established by the said  
said County Court at its February Term 1857  
as the last will and Testament of ~~same~~ William  
William Todd deceased and evidence the same <sup>1857</sup>  
to be received and filed  
Witness my hand at office on the 1st Monday  
in February 1857.   
E. D. my Clerk