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387 William Todd Will

State of Tennessee Know all men by these presents that I
 Weakly County William Todd of the County of Weakly a
 State of said being weak in body strength but sound and
 perfect in mind and memory, doth make and publish this
 my last Will and Testament recasting and mending Word
 others by me at any other time made in the name of God Amen
 I do hereby give and devise that my Executor hereafter
 named shall pay off all of my lawful 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 do-
 mestic Dossy Ann a negro girl miriah a girl Morrison
 a girl Pricilla a girl & Francis a woman, all of my stock
 of horses Cattle Hogs and Sheep, all of my farming utensils
 to have during her natural life, also my house hold
 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 shall
 give off to my son Samuel W Todd at any time after
 my death property sufficient to make him equal with
 what I have given off to my three children, that has been
 off And it is also my Will that my son John W 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 is dead and
 give it over to him or when he wants but I want
 my Executor hereafter mentioned to take all my m-
 onies and account & collect them and put them on
 an interest during my wife's lifetime. It is my
 Will that my Executor shall at any time let my

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have what money she may want or stand in need of
 of at all times and this is my Will and desire
 after my wife's death that all my estate
 both real or personal estate of every description
 shall be equally divided among my five children
 George S Todd and my son-in-law
 Thomas J Goulace and his wife Mary Ann
 my son William M Todd and my son Samuel
 W Todd, and my son John C Todd - my son-in-law
 Thomas J Goulace and my son William M Todd
 my Executors & this my last Will and Testament
 making all other null and void by me at any
 time made. In testimony whereunto I have set
 my hand and sealed. Signed sealed and acknowledged
 in our presence this the twenty second day of
 January A.D one thousand eight hundred and
 fifty six
 Wm Todd Seal
 J R Taylor
 Joseph A Fowler

State of Tennessee February Term 1857
 Weakly County Court
 I E J Goulace Clerk of said County Court do hereby
 certify that the above and foregoing
 last Will and Testament was established by the said
 said County Court at its February Term 1857
 as the last Will and Testament of said
 William Todd dec'd, and ordered the same to be
 the Records and filed
 Witness my hand at office on the 1st Monday
 in February 1857
 E J Goulace

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In the name of God Amen -

I John M Vincent of the County of Weakley State of Tennessee, being of Sound and disposing mind and memory do make declare and publish this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking and making void all wills or codicils by me at any time heretofore made -

Item 1st I give and devise to my son John E Vincent and his heirs, all the lands and tenements which belong to me in said County of Weakley whether the same be of a legal or equitable interest

Item 2nd Whereas I have heretofore made to some of my children gifts of Slaves, to wit, to Elizabeth Thomas a Negro Woman by the name of Eliza, to Martha Leister a negro woman by the name of Simba To Jane Williams a negro woman by the name of Adeline To Harriet Mober a negro woman by the name of Louisa - To Francis M. Lewis a negro girl by the name of Mary, now Thompson all of said gifts of said negro and the increase of said negroes the increase of each negro to be the property of the child to whom the mother of such increase is given

Item 3rd I give to my daughter Emeline Vincent the following negroes to wit Maria - a girl aged about eight years and a boy by the name of Sam -

Item 4th I give to my daughter Matilda Vincent the following negroes to wit Jerry Ann aged about six or seven years and William aged six years

Item 5th I direct that all the rest and residue of my Estate Consisting of negro personal property, money, things in action &c &c be equally divided between all of my children, share and share alike -

Lastly I appoint my son John E Vincent Executor of this my last will and Testament and direct the Court before whom this will may be proven not to require from him any security for the execution of the same

- Given under my hand and seal this the second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two (1852)

Signed & sealed & acknowledged
in our presence we being
Specially Requested to be
witnesses thereto this 2^d
of October 1852

Em Whedger
W B Blossom

John M Vincent Seal

State of Tennessee 3rd April Term County Court 1857
Weakley County 3rd of May Clerk of Weakley County
do hereby certify that the above and foregoing
written Instrument was this day attested here by
said County Court as the last will and
Testament of John M Vincent and evidence
that the same be Received and filed -

Given under my hand at office in
this 7th day of April 1857
E. J. J. Clerk

Susan Sexton's Will

In the name of God Amen -

I Susan Sexton of the County of Wicomico and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, do make and devise this my last Will and Testament

1st I Command my Sole to go and my body to the earth
2^d I give to my beloved daughter Margaret B. Sexton one Bed a Cheston

3^d I give to my beloved daughter Harriet B. Sexton one Bed a Cheston -

4th I Give to my beloved Son John B. Sexton thirty dollars to Cheolung of him

5th I Give to my beloved Son Volney B. Sexton thirty dollars to Cheolung of him

6th I give to my beloved Son Joseph B. Sexton two dollars

7th Bequeath to my beloved name children all of the ballance of my funds to be Equal divided among them after paying my funeral Expenses As well as all my just debts -

8th My Request is for my two least boys to be bound out to some good man or men

9th I want all of my personal property here as stated

10th And Lastly I Select and appoint and

11th I nominate James S. Wood my Executor to this my last Will & Testament, hereby Revoking and Moting all Wills or parts of Wills heretofore made by me Null and void and of no effect. Given Under my hand and Seal this 27th of January 1857 in the presence of

Solomon Ginn
Martha A. B. B. B.

Susan Sexton (Seal)

Susan Sexton's Will

State of Tennessee. At the Term Court held 1857
Wicomico County. I Eldon W. Cline of Wicomico County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing written instrument was this day published by the Court held of said County as the Last Will and Testament of Susan Sexton deceased and it was ordered by the Court that the same be Revoked and put in

Given Under my hand at office
on this the 7th day of June 1857

Eldon W. Cline

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I Joshua Bullock of the County of Wrenley and State of Tenn. Do make and publish this my Last will and Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills made by me at any time

1st My Will and desire that my Executor herein after mentioned Pay my funeral Expenses and all of my just debts as soon after my death as possible out of any money I may die possessed of or that may first come into his hands.

2nd I hereby leave unto my Wife Permelie for and during her Natural lifetime or widowhood all of my Property both real and personal that I may die possessed of or may come into the hands of my Executor hereafter from any and all sources for the use benefit of Rearing and educating my Children and should my Wife marry then she shall be intitled to and have her dower in my real estate agreeable to the laws of Tennessee and an equal part with my Children in my personal property.

3rd My will and desire is that When any of my Children becomes of Lawful age or marry my Wife is authorized and requested to give to each what she may think she can spare to be divided by three disinterested freeholders at the time she may give it off and to give to each so as to make them as near equal as practicable

4th My Will and desire is that after the death of my Wife all of my Property both real and personal be sold to the highest bidder and Equally divided between my Children and if any of my Children shall die before

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my Wife and I leave any Lawful heir of their body they shall receive their mother or Father share as the Case may be -

I hereby nominate and appoint L. C. Bullock my sole and sole Executor to this my Last Will and Testament

Given under my hand and seal this the 21st day of October 1856

Joshua ^{superseded} Bullock ^{Mark} Seal

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged in our Presence the day and date above written

J. M. Tate
J. B. Green

State of Tennessee / April Term County Court
Wrenley County 3 1857, I E. J. H. Clerk
of the County Court of Wrenley County do
hereby Certify that the above and foregoing
Written Instrument was submitted as the Last
Will and Testament of Joshua Bullock and
by the County Court of said County and
ordained the same to be Received and filed
Given under my hand at office
on this 7th day of April 1857

E. J. H. Clerk

Matilda T Vincent Will.

In the name of God Amen

I Matilda T Vincent of weakly and state of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound and disposing memory, do hereby make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following Viz;

Item 1st I Will and bequeath to my Mother Mary Vincent the following Slaves to wit, Alexander Seney Ann Williams and Susan Subject to her own disposal at her death, also my ^{bedstead} and furniture also my Trunk and Clothes

Item 2nd I Will and bequeath to my Sister Emeline Eldham my Trunk bed & furniture

Item 3rd I Will and bequeath to my Mother Mary Vincent all the notes due me also one loan that my brother I E Vincent owes me

Item 4th I Will and bequeath to my Sister Law H. Vincent five head of Cows

Item 5th It is my Will that my Executor here after to be named pay all my Just debt out of the notes that I have disposed of to my Mother Mary Vincent in Items the 3rd

Item 6th It is my Will and Request that my friend George R Brasfield act as my Executor and I therefore appoint him as such.

Given under my hand and Seal
This 31th day of May 1857

Witness

E J Jenkins

Thos C Edwards

E A Cook

Matilda T Vincent

William Carroll Will

State of Tennessee July Term County
Weakly County Court 1857

I E J. L. Carroll of said County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing written Instrument was this day established by said County Court as the last will & Testament of George Penning Boyce and orders the same to be Recorded and filed

Given under my hand at
On this 1st day of
AD 1857 E. J. L. Carroll

William Carroll Will

Weakly County Tennessee

I William Carroll of said County Court do hereby certify that the foregoing written Instrument was this day established by said County Court as the last will & Testament of George Penning Boyce and orders the same to be Recorded and filed

Item 1st I Will and bequeath to my Mother Mary Vincent all my estate both real and personal to have and hold the same during her natural life and to manage the same as follows - she is to pay the land and all the negroes and such other property the may wish or desire provided and she pay the interest with the money and such other property as may be collected from the same

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William Carroll's Will

all my just debts. Use such amount as may be necessary for the support of the family, a part of my Children were being minors, I wish when they become twenty one years old, that my wife give them to them such amount as will render them equal with those that are of age and receive an amount of property provided however that said minors shall remain with and aid their mother as the older children have done until they are of age or until the money. Their being some debts owing by some of my children I wish them to keep the same until such time as they may find it convenient to pay it, but I wish their note to be renewed every twelve months and the future adders provided however that if it is necessary to have a part of said money to render equal in amount any of the other Children, then I wish said debt or a part thereof to be collected.

Such amount of money as may be on hand or not required for the above specified purposes I wish my wife to loan at interest taking it to be payable to her as executrix of my estate.

After the death or marriage of my wife I wish my entire estate to be equally divided amongst all my Children, apart of them having received some property, I wish that Committee as to much advanced to them and as much equal in the final division.

I have signed and appointed my wife

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William Carroll's Will

Request that the Court shall not in the manner ~~of security~~ ~~I nominate and appoint Robert Benton~~ of regular security of her for the performance of said duties.

After the death of my wife, for the purpose of winding up said business and making division of my estate in the manner herein set forth, I nominate and appoint Robert Benton of Grant County Kentucky and William Webb of Meckley County Tennessee as executors for said purpose. Given Under my hand and seal this the 7th day May 1857

Witness

N Y Carver

J G Cardwell

Witness the 1st of June 1857

State of Tennessee July Term County Meckley County Court 1857

I E. J. Loney Clerk of said County Court do hereby certify that the above and foregoing written instrument was submitted by said County Court of Meckley County Tenn - as the last Will and Testament of William Carroll and as to the personalty in said Will and ordains that the same be Recorded and filed.

Given Under my hand at office on this 1st Monday in July A D 1857

E Loney Clerk

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Jacob Thompson Will

I Jacob Thompson of the County of Waddy
State of Tennessee being ~~sound mind~~ in
body but of sound mind & memory & knowing
that it is appointed for all men once &
aye do make & Ordain this my last will &
Testament in manner & form following. First
I Recommend my Soul to God who gave it me
& my body to the Earth from whence it came
& be Buried in Christian like manner at the
discretion of my Executors hereinafter named
& as to the worldly estate it has been pleased
God to Bless me with I Give & devise in
the following manner.

I Give it is my will that all my just & lawful
debts & funeral Expenses be paid.

I Give I leave my Wife Mary P Thompson my
house land & plantations during her natural
life no longer then to Return to my estate
she divided Among the whole of my Children.
I also leave her the whole of my property
to raise & educate my younger Children on the
profits arising from the same. With this
Reserve that my Executors hereafter named
shall have full Power & authority to give
of to any of my Children that is of age
& as they may become of age then they
may require it or marry a Negro or Negros
not Exceeding a Childs part agreeable to
the discretion of my Executors hereafter
named which my youngest ^{Child} Mary P
shall marry or become of age all my

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Jacob Thompson Will

property not leave my wife shall be divided
Among the whole of my Children Equally my wife
drawing two parts with the Children & at her
decease one part shall Return to my estate
she divided Among the whole of my Children &
the other part I give to her over & disposal
to do as she pleases with & as to the negroes
which my Children may Receive before the death
of my estate, that the said property so
Received shall be Valued at the same price such
property may be Valued at in the division
only Taking in to Consideration the age &
quality of said property that may receive &
not Valued agreeable to the fluctuating price
of property & if any of my negroes at any
time should be indebted & not be profitable
to my estate. My Executors is required to sell
said Negro or negroes & divide the money among
my wife & Children in the same way as the
property is required to be divided and as my
son John Chasly Thompson has Recd a negro
Boy Simon from the Estate of his grandfather
Sol Rogers which he is hereby required to
account for the Value of said negro in my
estate before he should draw any part
of the same if said negro be living.

I Constitute and appoint my beloved
Wife Mary P Thompson & my Son John
W Thompson my Executors of this my
last Will & Testament, Ratifying this &
no other to be my last Will & Testament.

Jacob Thompson's Will

Sequit sealed & delivered in the Presence
of us who were present at the signing
& sealing of the same this 13th day of
June A.D. 1847

And as I have full Confidence in the Integrity
of my above named Executors I require
Court before whom this may be proven
not to require Security for their performance
List Abeline Rogers

R. E. Berthoulet Jacob Thompson (Seal)

State of Tennessee Weakley County

September Term County Court 1857

I E. Hoovey Clerk of said County Court
do hereby Certify that the above and
 foregoing paper of Writing was established
by said County Court at its September
Term 1857 as the last will and testament
of Jacob Thompson. do and executed
to be recorded and filed

given Under my hand at office on
this 1st Monday in September 1857

E. Hoovey Clerk

Mrs Martha Berry's Will

my written and last will and Testament September the ninth
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
fifty seven, I Martha Berry being of Sound mind do
make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any
time made.

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

Secondly I Give and bequeath to my beloved son Will
Berry my servant Paschal to have and to hold his
lifetime and if my son Will Berry should die before
Paschal, Paschal is to make choice of some person
to live to him and Paschal may also keep his home
and have the benefit of his own labor, my son Will
Berry shall pay to my beloved daughter Tabitha
Larrie five dollars also pay to the care of my beloved
daughter Emma Parsh five dollars also to my
beloved daughter Elizabeth F Wood five dollars, and
it is also my wish that Paschal shall be kept in
reach of his wife during their lifetime and also to be
treated well

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved
son Will Berry my executor. In witness whereof I do put
my last will Set my hand and seal this the ninth day of
September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty seven

Martha Berry
her

attest

John S. Crockett

John A. Farmer

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Mrs. Martha Berry Will

Served Sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names thereto in the presence of the Testators this the ninth day of September in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

John S. Craddock
John D. Farmer

State of Tennessee Weakly County
November Term County Court 1857
J. E. Looney Clerk of said County Court
do hereby Certify that the above and foregoing Paper Writing was established as the Last Will and Testament of Martha Berry
dec'd by said County Court at St. November Term 1857 and ordered the same to be
Recorded And felix

Witness my hand at office in the
1st Monday in Nov 1857
J. E. Looney Clerk

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Mrs Candice Winston Will 403

I Candace Winston of the County of Meigs and State of Tennessee make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me heretofore made

I will to R. E. Siler for the purpose of Educating my three youngest Children David David Winston Elizabeth A. Winston and John Winston the Sums of Two hundred Dollars each and direct that the said R. E. Siler shall apply said Sums of money strictly to the Education of said Children, and the Education and Control of said Children be placed under his Control until said Sums of money be exhausted. My reason for making the above bequest is that my husband David Winston late of Meigs County Tennessee dec'd, loaned to me by will for life or until all of his estate both personal and Real within that I should raise and Educate his and my Children & whereas I have raised and do raise our Elder Children but have been unable to complete the Education of our three youngest Children during their Infancy and anticipate that I should not live to educate them to make the above bequest. Secondly, I will that the remainder of my property be equally divided between all of my Children

In testimony whereof I hereto set hand and Seal this July 15th 1859

Candace Winston

Signed and Sealed in our presence

M. Lynn
B. B. Williams

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State of Tennessee Meigs County
November Term Court 1857
I E Looney Clerk of said County Court do
hereby Certify that the foregoing paper of
Writing was Established by said County Court
at its November Term 1857 as the Last
Will and Testament of Candace Winston
Deed and ordered the same to be Recorded
and filed

Given under my hand at Office
in Princeton on this 1st Monday
in November A.D. 1857
E Looney Clerk

Allen Massey's Will

This the 5th August 1857

I Allen Massey of the County of Meigs and State
of Tennessee do make this my last Will and Testa-
ment as follows

1st It is my will and desire that my wife Lucy
W. have a tract of Land that I and my father bought
of J E Vincent in partnership. I mean my part of
it, the north end of said Land I leave thirty
dollars of paying for my part of said Land and it
my Will and desire that my wife Lucy W. pay a
thirty dollars for said Land and then she shall
said Land to dispose of as she chooses. If she wishes
to live on said Land I want her to do so. If she
to do just what she wants to do with said Land
If she dies it I want her to make a good neighbor
and little to said Land

2nd It is also my will and desire that my wife
Lucy W. have the balance of whatever I am worth
including every thing I am worth to do just what
she pleases with it just as the above Land

3rd It is my will and desire that my wife Lucy
W. have the sole Control and Management of all
my estate after my death to manage as she pleases
In Witness I have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my Seal

Signed in the presence of us Allen Massey
J C Butcher
Allen Kennedy

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State of Tennessee Weekly Court
December Term Court Court 1857

This day the foregoing paper writing was
Established as the Last Will and Testament of
Allen Marry and by the Court Clerk of
said Court and ordered the same to be
Read and filed

Given Under my hand at office
On this 1st Monday in December
1857 E. J. Long Clerk

William Buntin's Will

William Buntin Considering the 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

I Give and Bequeath to my Beloved wife Lucy the
proceeds of all of her property that she had when
I Married her all the Beds and Bed Clothing that
she had and Brought here and also the Bed Clothing
that she has made since we have been together
I have made use of Seven dollars of the money that
her property Brought, it is my will, for that
amount to be refunded back to her

I Give, Will and Bequeath to my Beloved wife
my Clay Bank horse panoppy and four head of
Cattle two Cows and two Yearlings and feather
Bed without any Bed Clothing

and I Give and Bequeath to my Son Isaac Buntin
and Feather Bed Furniture that his mother owned

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for him in his lifetime and the Residue of my property
I want sold and my just debts paid and the 1/3 allance
of any equally divided among the heirs of my Body
I do hereby Nominate and Appoint James M. Coley
Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament
hereby revoking all former Wills made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal this 11th day of September 1857

William Buntin Seal

The above Instrument Existing of one sheet was now
here subscribed by William Buntin the Testator in the
presence of each of us and at the same time declared by
him to be his Last Will and Testament and to be at his
request signed our names hereto as attesting Witnesses

George Byas
John Oliver

State of Tennessee Weekly Court

December Term Court Court 1857

I E. J. Long Clerk of said Court do Certify
that the above and foregoing paper writing was
Established by said Court Court as the Last Will
and Testament of William Buntin and ordered the same to be
Read and filed

Given Under my hand at office
On this 1st Monday in December
1857 E. J. Long Clerk

David Fields Will

Be Mason A. Butler and J. L. Murrell being present at the last illness of David Fields on the 3^d of January 1858 and requested by him to bear witness to the disposition he wished made of his property have reduced his expressed wish to writing in the following words as nearly as we can remember Mr. David Fields said

"That at my death I want my wife Catherine to take my property and keep it together so long as she lives or so long as she remains a widow single and that she keep it for the benefit of herself and my children. That I wish no sale of my property at my death, 'That' at the death or marriage of my wife I want all my property equally divided between my children - That I want all my lands at the death of my wife between my children. That I desire Allen Henderson to have his portion of the land where he was then living - and William Fields to have his portion where he was then living."

Signed and Subscribed by us on this the 6th day of April 1858

Test
Mason A. Butler
J. L. Murrell
Benj B Edwards -
J. W. Edwards -

State of Tennessee

Madison County Court May Term 1858

I J. P. McWhorter Clerk of said County Court do Certify that the above writing was presented in open Court and established as the true and correct will of David Fields deceased. Witness my hand at Office on the 3^d day of May 1858 J. P. McWhorter Clerk
J. C. Brooks Secy

Butter Hall Will

I Britton Hall make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby Revoking and making void all others wills by me at anytime made first I direct that my funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of the means that John Hall left me for my support and expenses secondly I want Rufus Fowler to have one hundred dollars out of the means that John Hall left for my support for his waiting on me while sick thirdly I want James H. Woods to get land and get right all to be paid out of the means that John Hall left me for my support and expenses fourthly I want Daniel B. Shaw to be paid out of the money coming to me from the estate of Abraham Perry from South Carolina money that said Shaw paid for me as security fifthly I give and bequeath to Joseph Caring Procles Rep J. A. Rep W. B. Shaw once W. A. Higgs the Balance of the Estate of A. Perry coming to me sixth I give to Joseph Caring my bed & furniture and my Gray horse lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Mills S. Higgs my Executor in witness whereof I do this my will Set my hand and seal this the 28 day of April 1858

Britton Hall Test

Signed sealed and publish in our presence and we have Subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 28 day of April 1858
J. C. Brooks Secy

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Britten Will Will

State of Tennessee } I G. H. Webster Clerk of
Weakley County } Weakley County Court.
do hereby certify that the above and foregoing
Sales writing was Established by said county
Court to be the last will and Testament of
Britten Heath Freeman and ordered the same
to be Recorded and filed

Given under my hand at office
in this ^{first} Monday in June
1858 G. H. Webster Clerk

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Richard Waggoners will

State of Tennessee } I all who may see these
Weakley County }
presents Greeting

Know ye that I Richard
Waggoner of said county do make and publish
this my last will and Testament

First I direct that my funeral expenses
and all of my debt be paid as soon after my
death as possible out of any money that I
may be possessor of or may first come into the
hands of my Executors

Secondly I give and bequeath to my
Daughter Eliza Waggoner the horse of the value
of from seven to eighty dollars to be taken from
my stock of horses or paid for by my Executor
out of the proceeds of my estate

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my
son Henry B. Waggoner all the residue of my
estate consisting of seven or eight acres of land where
I now live and all the residue of my personalty
after my Daughter Eliza shall have received
out of my estate a horse as above provided
for receiving to my wife Kessiah B. Waggoner
the joint use of said property with the said
Henry B. as long as they both may live
provided however that the said Henry B.
resides with his mother the said Kessiah B.
said premises as long as they both may live
but if the said Henry B. should die and
forsake his said mother or fail or refuse
to provide for her necessities during the natural

Richard Waggoners will continued

lives of both of them then and in that event it is my will that my estate be distributed according to the statutes of the State of Tennessee in the distribution of intestates estates

Finally I do nominate and appoint the said Henry G Waggoners and my son Richard Waggoners Executors to this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of March A D 1856 Richard Waggoners

Attest
W H Hofs
J B Brasfield

State of Tennessee - J. G. McWhorter clerk
Weakly County of Weakly County and
do here by certify that the above and pre-
going paper writing was established in
the County of Weakly to be the last will and
testament of Richard Waggoners Dece.

and endorse the same to be record.

Given under my hand and office
of this the 8 day of Sept. 1858
J G McWhorter clerk

Elijah Busby will

State of Tennessee
Weakly County

I Elijah Busby in view of the uncertainty of this mortal life and the certainty of death and I being of sound mind do make and set forth this as my last will and testament hereby revoking every and all wills by me at any other time made

- 1st I do will my spirit to God who gave it
- 2nd I do give and bequeath to my ever beloved wife Lucy Busby during her natural life or so long as she shall live the following property to wit my negro girl Mary Ayers about seventeen years the tract of land upon which I now reside with all its appurtenances my bay horse and side saddle house hold and kitchen furniture and as many farming tools as may be thought necessary
- 3rd I wish my negro boy Peter and all my personal property sold and all my just debts paid off the proceeds of the same
- 4th I give and bequeath to my son James Denning seven five dollars cash for the purpose of buying him a horse with
- 5th It is my will that if there should be any money left out of the property sold after paying debts and bequeath that it be equally divided between my wife Lucy Busby and my five grand children Elijah Mary I Isaac Henry and James Denning children of Andrew I and Harriet Denning
- 6th I wish all the property bequeathed to my wife Lucy Busby at her death or expiration of widowhood to be sold and proceeds to go to

Elijah Baskin's Will Continued

and be equally divided between my above
mentioned five grand children. Elijah May, I
Isaac Henry & James Denning heirs of Andrew
I Anna Harriet Denning

I do hereby call and appoint Andrew I
Denning executor to this my last will and
testament under the ratification improved by law
given under my hand this 10th of July 1858

Elijah Baskin

J. H. Kyle
C. Everett

I do of J. H. Kyle & C. Everett being
I G. W. Mather clerk of said county do here
by certify that the above paper writing
was established at the Oct Term of the County
1858 by the subscribing witnesses J. H. Kyle
and C. Everett and entered by the Court
to be recorded and filed.

Given under my hand at office
within the County of Oct 1858
G. W. Mather clerk

Philemon White Will 1858

December 14 1850 in the name of God Amen
I Philemon White of County of Leming
being being of sound mind & memory do make &
publish this my last will and testament as
follows I give all of my property of every description
to my beloved wife Martha provided she live thirty
days after my decease but if she should die before
the expiration of thirty days after my decease I give
all of my property of every description to my
beloved nephew Joseph I Fowler

I appoint my wife Martha executrix of this my
last will and testament provided she live thirty
days after my decease but if she should die
before the expiration of that time I appoint
my nephew Joseph I Fowler executor of this my
last will and testament in witness whereof
I affix my hand and seal the day since dated
above written

Philemon White

signed sealed published
and declared by the above
named Philemon White to be his
last will and testament
in presence of us who here
unto subscribe our names
as witnesses in presence of the
testator

A. G. Holcomb
J. M. Smith
W. C. McClinton

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State of Tennessee Weakly County
 Oct Term Court 1858
 I G. M. Hunter Clerk of said court do hereby certify that the within manuscript of P. White was established at the Oct Term of the Court 1858 and entered there same to be recorded and filed
 13 day of Oct in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal
 1858 G. M. Hunter Clerk

James I. Turner's Will

State of Tennessee Weakly County
 I James I. Turner being conscious of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and being of sound mind & disposing memory do declare this to be my last will and testament in manner & form following
 First My Will is, that my last debts and funeral expenses be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of or that may come into the hands of my executor from the sale of property or other wise.
 2^d I will to my daughter Margaret Turner one choice horse bridle and saddle, one bedstead furniture one table bureau & clock all of her own selection which I give to her & her heirs in fee simple I also loan to my said daughter Margaret Turner one third part of the slaves that I may die possessed of for her use during

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James I. Turner's Will continued

her natural life. If she should not marry have a lawful issue, If she should to her heirs of her body. If she should not marry I have a lawful issue, after her death the same shall be equally divided between Sarah Grimes & Martha Biffle and 3^d I will to my son James Turner, five Dollars and the relinquishment of all the claims I have against him. 4th I will to my daughter Susan Rusty ten Dollars to be paid to her out of my estate. 5th I will to heirs of Arthur Turner namely John Turner, William Turner, & Elizabeth each five Dollars. 6th I will to my son John P. Turner if found to be living one Dollar. 7th I will to my son Elijah Turner, one hundred Dollars, to be paid out of any money, not otherwise disposed of. 8th I will to my son L. B. Turner, two hundred Dollars, which give to him his heirs. 9th I loan to Sarah Grimes for her use during her natural life and then to her heirs of her body, after her death one third part of all the slaves that I may die in the possession of except a sufficient number to pay the debt and other bequests made. I give to her one negro 10th I loan to my daughter Martha Biffle during her natural life the use of my negro containing by estimation one hundred

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James Turner's Will

I forty eight acres & one third part of all the Slaves that I may die possessed of and not otherwise disposed of which I give to the heirs of her body after death. I also give her one third in fee simple. It is my will is that if there should not be a sufficient amount of money arising from the sale of my perishable property to pay the debts and expenses of settling my estate & pay the legacies that I have made that my Executor hereafter named shall proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash or on a credit as he may think proper, and make title, a sufficient number of Slaves to pay the amount required & the balance to be divided as before stated - 12th I hereby nominate and appoint my friend J. B. McAllen as executor to this my last will and testament revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made in testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 18th day of May one thousand eight hundred fifty five

Signed sealed and acknowledged in our presence
 James J. Turner, Seal
 Edwin Mathis
 J. A. Riggs

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Supplement to James J. Turner's Will

State of Tennessee Weakley County
 J. James J. Turner. Being of sound mind & disposing memory, do publish this as a supplement to will written signed and sealed by me the 18th day of May one thousand eight hundred fifty five (1855) which in the second item of said will I devised to my daughter Margaret Turner, who has since married and Margaret seems to be during his natural life the third part of the Slaves belonging to my estate after paying my estate debts. My will now is that my said daughter Margaret have the said one third part of said Slaves in fee simple which I gave to her this heris forever. My will is that this Supplement be attached to, and made a part of my will given under my hand and seal this the 23rd day of March 1856

Signed, sealed and acknowledged, James J. Turner
 in our presence who were
 Witnesses J. A. Riggs
 Edwin Mathis

State of Tennessee
 Weakley County
 Clerk of the County Court of said County do certify that in the above will and Supplement of James J. Turner was established in the Circuit Court & entered to court records Decr Term 1856
 J. A. Riggs
 W. C. Brooks

W. S. Heale's Will

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I, W. S. Heale, do make and publish
this my last will and testament hereby
revoking and rendering null and
void any other will by me at any time
made. Item 1st 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 which may come to the
hands of my executors. Item 2nd I
direct that my executors as soon
after my death as possible shall sell
all my property of a perishable nature
of every kind and description with
the exception of a sound horse, my saddle
horse, which I hereby give and bequeath
to my wife Mary Jane Heale, also all
my farming utensils, household &
kitchen furniture with the exception
of such articles as my wife Mary
Jane may wish to reserve for her use
and benefit which articles so reserved
if any I give and bequeath to
my wife Mary Jane. Item 3rd I direct
that my executors shall sell either
privately or publicly as to them may seem
most advisable for the benefit of my estate
the tract of land on upon which I
now reside lying and being in
Meekley County, by survey one

W. S. Heale's Will Continued

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hundred & ninety seven acres and one half
& proceeds of the same to be by my executors
handed over to my wife Mary Jane
Heale which proceeds or money arising
from the sale of said of land
I hereby give and bequeath to my
said wife Mary Jane Heale to be
by her selection of other lands for her use
and benefit or dispose of as she may
deem best. Item 4th I direct that
my executors shall sell either publicly
or privately as to them may seem best
the tract of land of eighty three acres
lying and being in Meekley County
thence purchased by me of W. B. Sims
& the proceeds of said sale I direct my
executors to hand over as follows, to wit
one half of the same to my wife Mary
Jane Heale, which I hereby give and
bequeath to her the other half of
said proceeds to J. N. Pops which I
hereby give and bequeath to him for the
natural love and regard I have for
him and for the many favors received
by me from him. Item 5th I give to my
wife Mary Jane Heale the following Negro
Slaves, to wit, Amanda a girl aged
about sixteen years Emily a girl aged
about thirteen years and John a boy
aged about ten years to insure them
for the sale, benefit of my said wife Mary

W. S. Heale, Will Continued

I have shall give her children forever. Lastly
I hereby ^{summoned} appoint Andrew Malone and
[redacted] my executors to this my last
will and testament, relying strictly in
their integrity and believing that they will
fully execute and carry out my wishes in
this regard [redacted] which I have
to have to this my last will and testa-
ment. Set my hand and seal on this the
27th day of March 1857

attest
J. S. Heale (Seal)
W. S. Heale
Benj. H. Taliaferro

State of Tennessee
Weakley County
J. R. McWhorter
Clerk of the County Court for said County
do certify that the Instrument purporting
to be the last will and testament of W. S.
Heale died was proven at the December
Term of said County Court 1858 and
ordered to be recorded & filed

Give under my hand in office
the 13th day of December 1858
J. R. McWhorter Clerk
By test J. R. McWhorter

Thomas McDonald Will
July 18 1857

In the name of God Amen I Thomas McDon-
ald of the State of Tennessee Weakley County
being in my proper mind and believing the
execution of this to be the last testament
to dispose of my little effects here on earth
I am now seated to make my last will and testa-
ment

1st I will to my youngest child Thomas McDon-
ald fifty acres of land beginning at my
north west corner and running 100 poles to the
corner on the range line between Stephens and
myself thence up the running line between
Alexanders and mine to include the well on
the ridge and corner there thence East for
complement thence north to my north bound-
ary I also will him white cows of age
three and saddle worth one hundred dollars
I will to Mary V. and Susan C. and
Nancy J. and Martha C. and Harriet Mc
a horse and saddle each worth one hundred
dollars

3rd I will to my beloved wife the provision
of the land mostly east of the ridge
as the proceeds thereof and the interest of
my natural to go to her benefit to help her
to raise and educate her children so long as
she remains a widow or until the youngest she
becomes of age and at that period if she
remains a widow give her one negro for her
support and her house in the place where
I now live of fifty acres including the land

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Thomas McDonald will con

and the ballance of my property to
be equally divided between my three
children I allow Robt McDonald and
Ed Goatsley to manage ^{her affairs} my ~~business~~ I
acknowledge this to be my last will and
Testament for the evidence where of I
fix my hand and seal

Thom McDonald

Test. M. S. Stephens

Test. J. P. Stephens

State of Tennessee

Weakley County

I, J. G. McWhorter
clerk of said county do hereby
certify that the above and within paper
writing ^{purporting to} be the last will and Testament
of Thomas McDonald was produced
such at the June Term of said county
court 1859 Given under my hand
and seal to be recorded at office on this the 9th day
of July 1859
J. G. McWhorter Clerk

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James E. Bondurant's Will

I James E. Bondurant beleaveing my self
on my last bed of Illness an avarice of
arranging the disposition of my property
do herein and make this my last will and
Testament

first it is my will that all my just debts
be paid out of my property
secondly it is my desire that all my property
personal and real land and negro be the
property of my beloved wife Melba H.
Bondurant for and during the term of her
natural life or widowhood and that she
keep the same for the benefit and support
of my children born of our marriage
and at her death or her marriage I
wish that all my property land and negro
be equally divided among our said
children and should any one die before
my said wife or before her marriage
I wish his or their child my grandchild
to share the interest of their deceased
parents

I wish that H. B. Brasfield the husband
of my daughter Adelaide to be co executor
of with my wife the said Melba H.
I hereby authorize them by joint act to
sell any of my negroes any of my
property or any of my land if they at any
time are satisfied such a course is proper
or proper as full and ample a manner as
could my do the same my self and when

James & Bondurants will con

solid the pieces may be invested in
land or negroes or remain in money as
they own best and the same shall be held
in the same manner by my said wife &c
I have state in the first portion of my
will

having given my daughter Adeline Bras
peter a horse bridle and saddle & one hundred
dollars I there fore authorize my wife &
J & Braspete as my executors to give
to each of my said children as they
may off or become of age a horse
bridle & saddle & one hundred & twenty
dollars to make them equal with my
daughter Adeline or the same my be given
in money to the value of said articles
& money aforesaid I also authorize
J & Braspete as my ^{attorneys} ~~executors~~ to make
to Joseph Taylor agent, claim seed &
Eighteen acres (supposed to be) for which
said Taylor has paid me and I have made
him no title said land lies in a narrow
strip bounded on the west Joseph B Taylor
land north by my land East by the corner of
Bluefield Shymers & ~~James~~ Mathew Smith,
and Smith & Mathew & Mathew the boundary
lines & corners are marked out with a hatchet
but the length ^{is} not known part of
a tract granted to my self for some thirty
like acres

James & Bondurants will continue

Given under my hand and seal
in the presence of Colman Smith
Marion Milam on the 5th day of
August 1859

J & Bondurant seal

signed and sealed &
acknowledged in our
presence on this the 5 of August
1859

Marion G. Milam
Colman Smith

Mate of Tennessee
Weakly County JGR McWhorter
Clerk of the County Court of said
County do hereby certify the foregoing
instrument purporting to be the last
will and testament of J & Bondurant
was Probated in open court at the Sept
Term of said Court 1859 and are
to be so recorded and filed

Given under my hand at off
on this the 9th day of Sept
1859
JGR McWhorter clerk

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Catharine Ward Will

I Catharine Ward of the County of Wake State of North Carolina being of Sound mind and memory but conceiving the uncertainty of my earthly Existence do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say first that my Executors hereinafter named shall provide for my body a decent Burial suitable to the rank of my

Relation and rank and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part of my estate

Item 1st I give and Devise to my son George Ward outgro man sonarson and called by the name of William after all the money which I may have on hand at the time of my death to him and his heirs forever

Item 2^d I give and bequeath to my two daughters Eliza & Elizabeth to be equally divided between them one feather Bed and furniture to them and their heirs forever

Item 3^d I give and bequeath to George Ward ^{deceased} my daughter one feather Bed and furniture to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my Grand Son John W. Ferrell one Glass case a Barrel cut to him and his heirs forever

Item 5th my will is that at my death that my negro Girl Martha is to be with all of her to come the other property which I may leave at my death not otherwise disposed of shall be

Catharine Ward Will continue

To the highest bidder and the money arising from such Sale to be equally divided between John Edwards Wiley Ward Gene Ward Jefferson Simon Thomas Ferrell and I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved Son George Ward my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every Clause thereof hereby revoking and declaring entirely void all other wills and Testaments by me heretofore made in witness where of I the said Catharine Ward do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 19th day of August 1845

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M A Tate

Cath. Ward Seal

James Penny

James M. Mangum

Test July the 18th 1851

P W White

R E Lister

State of Tennessee
County of Weakly
I Dr M. Whitten Clerk
of said County being duly
certify that the above and foregoing will of Catharine Ward was established on and before me by the said Catharine Ward and myself being to be the last will and Testament of said Catharine Ward and certified to the County Court to be recorded and filed which is accordingly done this 29th day of August 1845. This my the 29th 1845
Dr M. Whitten Clerk

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I Robert S Morris of the County of Meigs and State of Tennessee do make this my last will and Testament I leave all my property real and personal in the hands of my wife Kate Morris as Executor and my son George Morris as Executor having full confidence in their management and integrity I leave it in their care without feeling of them security with the following direction I wish the property kept together and the farm managed according to their best judgment and if any of the negroes disobey I wish them sold and the proceeds of the sale I wish used to support my wife and children and to educate my children should there be a surplus I wish it used in purchasing of property land or negroes as their best judgment may dictate during the life time or widowhood of my wife Kate Morris should she marry I wish the property divided according to the laws of Tennessee the property of my children I wish kept together and divided as they may marry or become of age by the following named Commissioners Geo W Morris John B Morris Wm O Morris Nathl G Murphy and Peter W Matt I desire the above commissioners to divide and assign to my wife Kate Morris should she marry her part of the estate real and personal according to the laws of Tennessee and to each of my children as they become of age or marry In witness I Robert S Morris

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Robert S Morris Will Continued

have set my hand and affixed my seal this the 26th day of March 1860

Witness
A S Allen
J H Smith
W S C Morris

Robert S Morris Seal

State of Tennessee B. Mag. Term County
Meigs County 3rd March 1860

This at the above and foregoing paper writing was established in open court by the oath of A S Allen & J H Smith subscribing witnesses thereto to be the last will and Testament of Robert S Morris which was read by the Court to be verified and filed which was accordingly done May the 29th 1860

G R W Weston Clerk

James M Lovelace will

In the year of our Lord 1860 I appoint my beloved wife Mary B Lovelace my true and lawful Executor To take charge of my estate and after paying my Funeral Expenses and all of my just debts to collect all debts due and owing my estate together both real and personal until Sacrales becomes of age and then I wish an equal division between Susan and Mary B Lovelace my wife holding her portion during her natural life then return to Susan and Victoria and Sacrales this being my last will and Testament being sound in mind this 13th of April 1860

Witness to
Ewen Mangwa
John J Glen
Robert R Hart
James M Lovelace

State of Tennessee
Weakly County I J R McWhorter clerk
of said County Court do hereby certify the above and foregoing will of J M Lovelace was propate and established as the last will and Testament of James M Lovelace at the June Term of the County Court of Weakly County Tenn 1860 which was ordered to be recorded and filed proven by Ewen Mangwa & John J Glen as witnesses to
Seven under my hand at office on Dec 20th 1860
J R McWhorter clerk

Israel James will

I Israel James of Weakly County Tenn being of sound and disposing mind do make or cause and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills and codicils by me at any time heretofore made
1st I direct the payment of all my just debts out of any money and personal property I give to my wife Margaret James for her life only my real Estate and negroes and also for life only such stock house hold furniture and other personal property as she may select at my death for her own use and comfort To enable her to carry on the farm and make a support
The balance if any to be sold by my Executor & I except from the foregoing negroes which one given to my wife for life only one negro girl named Martha aged about 30 or 40 years which I give to my daughter Susan Miller absolutely which negro charged is note to be charged to said Susan Miller as an advancement 4th At the death of my said wife I give all the aforesaid land and negroes and personal property money &c except said negro Martha to be equally divided among my following children To wit Wm L James Nancy S Shaw Niziah Clark Nathaniel Dent Eliza Parrish Deborah Hall and Susan Miller and to John S James charging my

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Isaac Jones will continued

Said children in said division with the following
advancements Mary Shaw to be charged with
one hundred dollars Virginia Clark with
five hundred and fifty dollars to be paid
with five hundred and fifty dollars to be paid
Dent with one hundred dollars Eliza Parson
with one hundred dollars Deborah Hall
with one hundred dollars Susan M. Thompson
and John S. Jones with seven hundred and
fifty dollars and I hereby give the part or
portion of said land and negroes personal and
property and money which may fall to said
John S. Jones to be paid and Hansen
Parson absolutely in consideration of money
they have advanced to said John S. Jones
and as said Mary Shaw and I
give the part or portion which may fall to
her of said land, negroes money and
personal property as follows one fourth
of the same to her children William Shaw
one fourth to John R. Shaw her child one
fourth to her child Thomas Shaw and one
fourth to the two living children of my
grand daughter Virginia Parson
I appoint William S. Jones another person
Parson Executor of the my last will and
Testament given under my hand and
Seal this 24th day of November 1856
Signed Seal and acknowledged Isaac Jones
in our presence on being
Specially requested to do so
Ern. Church
W. H. Hamilton

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Isaac Jones will continued

whereas in my above will I have given to
William Shaw and John R. Shaw the last of
whom are accused each one fourth of their
portion of my Estate which said said have gone
to my deceased daughter Mary Shaw now
in conclusion of the fact that William
Shaw and John R. Shaw the last of whom
is now deceased one to my son in law Joseph
E. Dent by note date 15th of January 1858
and ninety days after date the sum of
three hundred and eight dollars & 60^{cts} now
I hereby charge the portions above given to the
said William Shaw and John R. Shaw
deceased with the payment of the said note
given under my hand on the 15th
4th day of July 1859 Isaac Jones
Signed in our presence
on this 4th day of July 1859
Ben B. Edwards
J. H. Thompson
J. B. McDaniel

State of Tennessee
County of Sevier
I J. M. McWhorter clerk of
said County County do hereby
certify That the above and foregoing will of
Isaac Jones was probate and established to
the last will and Testament of said Isaac
Jones accused at the August Term of said County
Court 1860 which was read to be read
and filed with my hand at office Sevier
on the 29th day of August 1860
J. M. McWhorter clerk

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Parrott R Boya Will

State of Tennessee To all who may see
Working County These presents greeting
Know ye that I Parrott R Boya
of said County and widow of George R Boya
deceased being in a pregnant condition and
labouring under the influence of whooping
cough and being aware of the great trials to
which women in such condition must
necessarily be subjected and regarding it as uncer-
tain whether or not I shall be able to survive
my anticipated delivery Do therefore make and
publish this my last will and testament

1st I direct that my funeral expenses and
all my debts be paid out of the first
money that may come into the hands of my
Executors hereinafter appointed.

2nd I give and bequeath to my child with
which I am now pregnant for and during
its natural life and at its death to the
lawful issue of its race forever all the
Balance of my Estate but should a son
child an with out lawful issue then and in
that event I give and bequeath to my brother
and sister as well share of the half blood as
those of the whole blood, all of my Estate
Except my negro girl and minkie to be divided
among them or their heirs equally share and
share a life shall any of my Brothers
have issue leaving a child or children said
child or children to represent one share

3rd I give and bequeath to my sister Sarah

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Rebecca Scott in the event that my said child
shall not be as that lawful issue for
and during her natural life and then to the
heirs of her race forever my negro girl
and minkie above named together with all her
future increase

Finally I nominate and appoint my
Brother Rufus J Scott Executor to this my last
will and testament

Witnessing where of I have hereunto
set my hand and seal on this the 19th day of
September A D 1837 Parrott R Boya

Signed and sealed in our presence and we
subscribe our names hereto in the presence and
the request of the Testator this the 19th day of
September 1837

W R Roff
W S Scott

State of Tennessee To George R McWhorter
Working County Clerk of said County and
a hereby certify that the above and fore-
said paper writing was established as the last
will and testament of Parrott R Boya deceased
and ordered to be read and filed with my
hand at office in Dresden on this the 29th
day of April 1860 J R McWhorter Clerk