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Paralle R Boya Will

State of Tennessee To all who may see  
Writing County These presents I desire  
know ye that I Paralle 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 see  
my anticipated delivery Do therefore make and  
publish this my last will and testament  
1<sup>st</sup> 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.  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 said  
child die without 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 Anninta to be owned  
among them or their heirs equally share and  
share a life shall any of my Brothers  
have died leaving a child or children said  
child or children to represent one share  
3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my sister Sarah

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Rebecca Scott in the event that my said child  
shall not see as that lawful issue for  
and during her natural life and then to the  
heirs of her body forever my negro girl  
Anninta 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

Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
September A D 1837 Paralle 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of  
September 1837

W R Hoff  
W S Scott

State of Tennessee I George R McWhorter  
Clerk of said County do hereby certify that the above and fore-  
said Paper writing was established at the August  
Term of said County Court as the last  
will and testament of Paralle R Boya deceased  
and ordered to be read and filed with  
my hand at office in Dresden on this the 29<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 1860 G R McWhorter Clerk

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R A Cook will

In the name of god amen the 10<sup>th</sup> twenty seven  
aug of September one thousand eight hundred  
and fifty nine I R A Cook of County of  
Weakley and State of Tennessee being Thru  
The Blessing of god in a Sound State of mind  
and memory but calling to mind the frail  
tenure of life and that it is appointed to all  
men once to die do make and ordain this  
my last will and testament that to wit say  
principally and first of all I recommend my  
Soul to the Lord Almighty who governeth some  
and the compass of my being I leave to the  
discretion of my friends &c  
and with respect to my worldly estate I give  
bequeath and assign of it in the manner and  
particular as follows first of all I want  
enough of my property to pay & discharge  
my just debts and the balance I bequeath  
to my dear beloved wife Ann D Cook and  
to the heirs of her Body &c  
I also give to my dear daughter Margaret  
Wright the sum of equal parts with the rest  
of children or their heirs James E Cook  
D Cook & R A Cook & R A Cook & R A Cook  
& Elizabeth Cook & M Cook and after the  
death of my wife I want all of my property  
disposed of and the proceeds to be equally among  
all of my children after securing enough  
for the burial of my wife and so hereby  
sincerely and lawfully revoke and disannul and  
ever after former testaments will legacies bequests

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R A Cook will continued

and excises in my being in any manner  
may be for named will'd satisfy or be  
confirming this estate other axe the to be any last  
will and testament for witness where of I have  
hereunto set my hand and seal this day and  
year above written signed sealed and in  
the presence of us

Attest  
A G M Manna  
W E M Manna  
R A Cook Seal

State of Tennessee  
Weakley County J G M Manna Clerk  
of said Weakley County  
do hereby certify that the above  
and foregoing papers were read  
to the last will and testament of R A Cook  
at the Sept Term of said County held  
1860 by the oath of A G M Manna as witness  
thereunto set my hand at office in  
Witness whereof the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Sept 1860  
J G M Manna Clerk

Nancy Glasp will

I Nancy Glasp being well Stricken in years  
 but in full possession of all my mental faculties  
 and being convinced from the laws of nature that  
 I cannot long survive have thought it meet and  
 proper and as hereby make and publish this my last  
 will and testament as follows First I give and  
 bequeath unto my grand daughter Harriet Ann Glasp  
 my negro boy forever to have and to hold the same  
 unto her and her heirs for ever secondly I give and  
 bequeath unto my son Dabney Glasp my negro man  
 Joe to have and to hold the same during his natural  
 life but after his death Joe is to be sold and the  
 proceeds equally distributed amongst all the  
 surviving children of his wife Elizabeth Glasp Thirdly  
 I give and bequeath unto all the surviving children  
 my son Duatoy Glasp and his first wife Elizabeth  
 Glasp to be equally distributed amongst them and  
 the proceeds of a note on my son John H Glasp  
 for nine hundred dollars which is to be paid when  
 Dabney Glasp is arrived at the age of twenty or  
 years but in case of his death to be paid at such  
 time as he wants have arrived at the age of twenty  
 years and being interest only after my death of  
 any of the above mentioned children before the  
 time arrives for the division of the above mentioned  
 property their executors if they should leave  
 any to inherit that portion of the property which  
 their parents wants have possessed by this will  
 given under my hand and seal April 11<sup>th</sup> 1837

attest  
 S. J. Sulphur  
 S. W. Sulphur

Nancy Glasp  
 mark

State of Tennessee  
 Deaklig County I J. R. M. Weston Clerk  
 of said County do hereby certify that Nancy Glasp will was  
 established as the last will and testament of  
 said Nancy Glasp or cause by the death of  
 J. J. & W. Julia faro subsequent witnesses  
 to said paper which was executed and entered  
 and filed at said term of the said Court 1860  
 witness my hand at office this the 20<sup>th</sup> day  
 of Oct 1860 J. R. M. Weston Clerk

W. M. B. Martin Clerk

State of Tennessee  
 Callaway County J. M. B. Martin of the

State of Tennessee Deaklig County being  
 of sound mind and disposing memory but  
 feeble in body do make and publish this my  
 last will and testament in my will to that my  
 burial expenses and just debts all be paid out  
 the first money coming in to the hands of my  
 Executors I my will and desire is after all  
 my just debts be paid that my wife Elizabeth  
 Ann Martin shall have and hold during her  
 natural life or widowhood all of my estate both  
 real and personal except what may hereafter be  
 Evidenced lying in Deaklig County Tenn To wit  
 a certain lot of ground with all the improvements  
 lying near Dresden a Negro girl named Ann  
 and her increase if any which property is  
 any I have during her natural life or widow

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William B. Martin Will

have in case she inherits the property to be  
 equally divided between my wife and my two  
 children Sarah Ellen Martin and William  
 Edward Martin should my wife Artemus  
 Martin prefer to sell any of the foregoing property  
 which is loaned she is to have the liberty of doing so  
 by the consent of the two children Sarah Ellen  
 Martin and William Edward Martin my will  
 and desire is that my wife Artemus Martin  
 have so, as she please with all the  
 balance of my personal Estate except a  
 negro Boy Derris gratis whose time only  
 belongs to me until he is twenty one years old  
 who I wish turned out annually by my Executors  
 and that the proceeds of said hire be equally  
 divided between my wife Artemus Martin  
 and Sarah Ellen Martin and William  
 Edward Martin my will is that if there is  
 any confliction in the division of my personal  
 property that the first part made and  
 valid and that my wife Artemus Martin  
 have all of my personal property not mentioned  
 in the last will I appoint my wife Artemus  
 Martin my Executor

given under my hand and seal this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of Sept 1860 W B Martin Seal

List  
 W B Martin (seal)  
 Johnson Martin (seal)

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John H. Carral's Will

In the name of god amen  
 I John Carral of the County of Weakley  
 and State of Tennessee considering the uncertainty  
 of this frail and transitory life and the  
 certainty of death, do make, ordain and establish  
 this my last will and testament in the manner  
 and form following to wit: That is, I desire  
 first that after my decease I desire that my  
 funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid  
 of the first moneys that come in to the hands of  
 my executor 2<sup>d</sup> my will and desire is at  
 my death that my estate both real and  
 personal or otherwise, and I give it unto  
 my beloved wife Elizabeth D. Carral during  
 her life time or widowhood and at her death or  
 marriage I desire that it may estate be  
 divided equally among my children and my  
 children that is now dead or may be dead at  
 my decease their children to represent their  
 parents and yet his or her part of my estate  
 3<sup>d</sup> I here by nominate and appoint S. Cooper  
 Executor to this my last will and testament  
 making all former wills by me at any time made  
 witness my hand and seal Oct the 3<sup>rd</sup> day 1860  
 John Carral Seal

J B Lucas  
 J A McClister  
 where as I John Carral of the County  
 of Weakley and State of Tennessee have made  
 my last will and testament in writing bearing date  
 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct 1860 in and by which I have

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Leaves To W B Martin will

Seal County Kentucky Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1860  
I bear this as a caveat to my foregoing  
last will and testament it is my will and desire  
that in case the next process arising from the  
property loaned to my wife Dr. James Ann  
Martin should from any cause fail to provide  
her a liberal support that an amount of said  
principal be used to make it a liberal support  
during her natural life given under my hand and seal  
this Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 1860

Do

W B Martin Seal

Johnson Martin Seal

State of Tennessee

Seal County

I G R McWhiter Clerk of  
said County do hereby  
certify that the foregoing will, to wit  
the callise was duly proven at the November  
Term of the Seal County Court by the subscribers  
witnesses then to W B Martin Johnson Martin  
and Grand Jurors and filed  
November 19<sup>th</sup> 1860

G R McWhiter Clerk of  
Seal County

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John Harral leaves To his will

given and bequeathed to my beloved wife  
Elizabeth D Harral all of my estate both  
real and personal during her lifetime or  
widowhood Now therefore I do by this my writing  
which I hereby declare to be a caveat to this my  
last will and testament and to be taken as part  
thereof I order and declare that my will is  
that ~~my~~ that one of my tracts of land containing  
20<sup>ac</sup> adjoining the land of J P Pope Bennett  
Buy J B Riches Kinman is the whole tract  
I give them bequeath it to my beloved wife for  
ever to sell or to convey as she see fit witness  
my hand and seal Oct the 31<sup>st</sup> 1860

Test  
J B Switzer  
J T McCarten  
John Harral Seal

State of Tennessee  
Seal County

I G R McWhiter Clerk of  
said County do hereby  
certify that the above and foregoing paper writing  
of John Harral To wit with the caveat was  
duly proved at the November Term of the County  
Court 1860 by the subscribing witnesses J B Switzer  
and J T McCarten and Grand Jurors and  
filed witness my hand at a proper time  
this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1860

G R McWhiter Clerk

William Grierson will

In the name of God amen I will Grierson  
of the County of Meadley and State of Tennessee  
considering the uncertainty of this frail and  
Trustless life and the certainty of death  
do hereby make and publish this my  
last will and testament revoking all former  
wills by me at any time made which is as  
follows viz, I give unto my beloved wife  
Mary M Grierson all my estate both real and  
personal that I may die seized or possessed  
of or otherwise appertaining unto it after  
all my just and lawful debts are paid  
and discharged during her natural lifetime  
and at her death my will and desire is  
that the aforesaid estate both real and  
personal is to descend to the bodily heirs of my  
aforesaid beloved wife

I do hereby appoint John R Jones  
Executor to this my last will and testament  
witness my hand and seal  
October 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 1860

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
at Poplar Bluffs  
B of Meadley  
State of Tennessee

W. R. R. White Clerk  
Lara County Court do hereby  
certify that the above and foregoing paper  
writing was established at the December  
Term of Meadley County Court at the said  
will and testimony of William Grierson and  
witness my hand at office on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1860

John M. Welch will

John M Welch do make and publish this  
my last will and testament hereby revoking  
and making void all other wills by me at any  
time made

1<sup>st</sup> 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  
be possessed of or may first come in to  
the hands of my executor

2<sup>nd</sup> where as in the year 1838 I gave to my  
daughter Darcus G Roberts now deceased  
fidelity the wife of Jacob A Roberts a  
negro girl about 22 years old and some  
other property and when as I have lately  
given to five of my other children and  
grand children to wit, James A Welch  
Samuel W Welch Lucy Blosson a daughter  
of my son John S Welch and to the  
children of my daughter Martha A  
Canner now deceased and to the children of  
my daughter Sarah J Sison now deceased  
property of sufficient value to make them  
equal with my daughter Darcus G Roberts  
placing them on an equality in regard to  
what I have seen fit to give

3<sup>rd</sup> I direct that all the slave that I may  
have at my death except two old and infirm  
servants Nathan & Jane by name shall be sold  
in a court of me and two years with in my  
family that is to say Robert W Welch James  
A Welch Samuel W Welch Jacob A Roberts

John W. Mitch will continued

George W. Lennox & William J. Sisson being  
 he beavers for said Slaves and no other and  
 I direct that my Servant woman Eliza Smith  
 in full Sen Anaa and any increase she  
 may have before my death shall be sold  
 together with other to be sold separately and  
 that all my other property sold or within  
 Months next

4<sup>th</sup> I direct that when the amount of money  
 arising from the sale of my property is  
 ascertained that all monies Bonds notes  
 or accounts of any nature due at my  
 death shall be paid to the amount arising  
 from the sale of my property and I  
 direct that \$98750 of said money shall  
 be set apart for my daughter Margaret  
 Roach and her children in the manner  
 here after directed and I further direct that  
 said sum be paid to her to be set apart and  
 placed at Interest for the maintenance  
 and maintenance and burial expenses  
 of my old and faithful Servants Nathan  
 and Jane by name mentioned before  
 when ever they become unable to earn a  
 support for them selves and I direct that  
 said Servants from and after my death  
 shall remain with and be under the  
 contrall of my Executor hereafter appointed  
 and the money set apart for their benefit  
 shall be under his contrall and management  
 and after the death of said Servants said money

John W. Mitch will continued

if <sup>should be</sup> left to be advised in the same manner  
 that other monies are directed to be advised in  
 this will

5<sup>th</sup> I direct that the balance of the money coming  
 in the hands of my Executor after all my  
 debts and the expense of managing my  
 estate is paid and the Legacies above named  
 are satisfied shall be divided equally between  
 my children that is to say the children of  
 my deceased daughter above named shall  
 receive what their mother would be entitled  
 to in an equal division I further direct that  
 the money going to my son Robert W. Mitch  
 in this division shall be paid to him by my Executor  
 and I direct that he the said Robert W. Mitch  
 said Executor a clear receipt of all claims  
 he holds or pretends to hold against me or my  
 estate I having long since paid all just claims  
 he ever held against me and if he pretends  
 to execute said receipt said money is to be  
 divided among the rest of the legates in the  
 manner above specified

6<sup>th</sup> I will and direct that all monies that may  
 be coming to my estate after settlement that my  
 son John S. Mitch would be entitled to in  
 a division shall go to Lucy Elvina daughter  
 of said John S. Mitch and it is my will  
 that Dr. Roberts be appointed Guardian for  
 said Lucy Elvina and take in to his hands all  
 money that said Lucy Elvina may be entitled  
 to from my estate for her use and benefit

John Mc Melch will Continued

and I further direct that \$2,50 of the money that may be going to said Lucy Glorina shall be retained by my executor and be applied to ways of paying the expenses of my estate I having assumed her that amount more than her share in a former division I further will and direct that a negro girl named Miantha that I lately gave to said Lucy Glorina shall be placed in the hands of said D W Roberts as guardian for said Lucy Glorina and said Miantha shall have the use of said girl Miantha and all a reasonable compensation for her services to be applied by said guardian for the schooling and clothing of said Lucy Glorina Melch as long as she lives lives with him and it is my will that if any son of John Mc Melch should be in want of the necessaries of life that one half of the profit of the labor arising from said girl Miantha shall be appropriated to his use and benefit I do hereby constitute and appoint James Mc Melch executor of this my last will and testament this the 15 day of November 1860

John Mc Melch

signed and sealed in our presence on the aforesaid date

D W Roberts  
Thomas Roberts

Council

I John Mc Melch having in my will made on the 15 day of November last neglected to make

Council to John Mc Melch will

provision as intended for the management of the money left to my daughter Mary A Roach and her children specified in the fourth section of said will I here by make provision in this codicil to my last will and testament to wit I will and direct that the money left my daughter Mary A Roach and her children in said fourth section of my will and also the money she will otherwise be entitled to from my estate after the same is settled up shall be placed in the hands of a trustee to be appointed by the court and by him lent out at interest and the interest arising from said money to be paid over yearly to said Mary A Roach during her life but if she refuses to receive said interest on said money it shall be added to the principle so that it may grow compound interest and at the death of this said Mary A Roach said money principle and interest shall be divided equally between her children as they become of age this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1860

John Mc Melch

List  
 D W Roberts  
 Thomas Roberts  
 State of Tennessee  
 Weakley County  
 J G McWhorter clerk of said county  
 do hereby certify that the above and foregoing will together with the codicil was regular proven at the January term of County Court 1861 by the subscribing witnesses

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John Mc Welch will

O M Roberts & Thomas Roberts which was  
acknowledged to be the last will and Testament of said  
John Mc Welch and said paper was  
or area to be revised and filed

Given under my hand at office this the  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday in January 1861  
G M Whata Clerk

## David Riche will

in the name of god amen I David Riche  
of the County of Weadly and State of New  
York being of sound memory and understanding  
the uncertainty of this frail and transitory  
life do therefore make or cause to publish  
and declare this to be my last will and testament  
That is to say first after all my lawful debts  
are paid and discharged, the residue of my  
estate real and personal I give bequeath and  
dispose of as follows To wit To my beloved  
wife, all the lands that I may acquire  
or possess of or otherwise appertaining unto  
said testator at my decease during her  
natural life and at her death to my youngest  
son John Riche for ever  
and further I will unto my beloved wife the  
appertinances of said lands during her  
natural life and after her death to John  
Riche forever as aforesaid and  
also all my personal property that  
I may acquire & possess of to my  
said wife & chose in action for her special  
benefit & she as John Riche aforesaid  
in raising said estate except to my heirs  
the or remainder of which I will give and  
bequeath unto them five dollars each out  
of said estate Likewise I make constitute  
and appoint Solomon Pope Executor of this  
my last will and testament hereby revoking  
all former wills by me made in testimony  
where of I have hereunto set my hand and  
affixed my seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1844 David Riche

## David Riche will

Signed Sealed published & declared by the  
said David Riche to be his last will &  
testament and at his request assigned our  
names as attesting witnesses

Burnet Ray  
John <sup>Wm</sup> Howard

State of Tennessee Weadly County  
I G. M. Winter Clerk of said  
County Court do hereby certify that the  
above and foregoing will was admitted  
at the March Term of said County  
Court to be David Riche last will  
and testament by Burnet Ray one of  
the subscribing witnesses to said paper  
writing writing my hand at office  
in Decatur on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March  
1841. G. M. Winter Clerk

Daniel Smith will 1861

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In the name of god amen I Daniel Smith  
of the County of Weakley and State of Tennessee  
being of sound mind and disposing memory  
Strong faith and a bright prospect of a  
bright immortality being with in  
body & of good health and thus commended  
of the certainty do make constitute and  
ordain this my last will and testament

- Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give <sup>to my wife</sup> to my dear daughter Mary Ann  
Winstead one Bed Steer and furniture &  
one cow and calf at the death of my  
wife or in case she should marry
- Item 3 I give to Mary Ann Winstead at the death  
of my wife my Cupboard
- Item 4 I give to Mary Ann Winstead one piece  
Calf called Luck and her in cream
- Item 5 I give all the balance of my estate both  
real and personal to my beloved wife  
Smith during her natural life
- Item 6<sup>th</sup> at the death of my wife I desire all the  
balance of my estate to be sold and  
equally divided between my daughters Mary  
Leahon and Laura Smith and Elizabeth  
Winstead
- Item 7<sup>th</sup> I nominate and appoint my esteemed  
friend W S Dun Executor of this my last  
will and Testament when and to I have  
given my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1860

Daniel Smith (Seal)

W S Dun  
William Extridge

Daniel Smith will continued

State of Tennessee  
Weakley County I G R M Weston clerk  
of said County Court do hereby  
certify that the foregoing will of Daniel  
Smith was probated and established  
as the last will and Testament of said  
Smith at the June Term 1860 of Weakley  
County Court by W S Dun a subscribing  
witness to said paper  
This 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1861  
G R M Weston Clerk  
clerk fee \$100 00

Alexander Raulston will 1861

I Alexander Raulston being Sane in mind  
but weak in body Considering the uncertainty  
of life and the certainty of death do make  
and publish this as my last will and testament  
hereby revoking ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup>  
other wills or bequests by me at any time made

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my funeral expenses amount  
of my just debts be paid as soon after my  
death as possible out of any money that  
I may be possessed of or which may come to  
the hands of my Executor.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I bequeath to my kind and beloved wife  
Sarah Raulston for and during the term of her  
natural life all of the portion of land  
including the dwelling house out houses  
and the land upon which I now live  
including the other two farms upon the same  
for the use of my said wife and support  
of the family also all of my said lands  
then improved lots well known as my  
property with all of the improvements thereon  
Lot 109 and on 86 with one other lot also all  
of my negroes or as many of them as she may  
wish to keep during the term of her natural life  
except Weckley and Caroline and her children  
which said two slaves Weckley & Caroline and  
the children of said Caroline I hereby give to my  
said wife Sarah absolutely to be disposed of  
by her as she may think best I also give to my said  
wife Sarah eight head of hogs of her own  
selection out of my stock of hogs also a

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wagon also all my cattle sheep hogs &  
Poultry also all of my home hold and  
kitchen furniture farming utensils and  
shop tools or as much thereof as she may  
deare and select also my carriage or buggy  
in addition to the above I desire that my  
Executor shall furnish out of my effect  
a full year provision for my said wife  
and her family for such time and place

Item 3 I give and bequeath to my daughter now  
living Mary R. Mathews a negro woman  
named Elva to remain the possession of  
said woman Elva to remain with my  
beloved wife Sarah during her natural  
life but at her death to go to my said  
daughter Mary R. Mathews the children  
of said woman Elva are not embraced  
in this gift except her youngest child  
Fanny who has been conveyed to my said  
daughter Mary in a deed of gift. The woman  
Elva <sup>possessing</sup> <sup>after my death</sup> <sup>under the</sup> <sup>will of her</sup> <sup>mother</sup>  
Elva alone hereby giving to my said daughter in  
this manner

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I hereby give and bequeath and will and  
direct that the remaining portion of my  
Estate both real personal and mixed may  
be equally divided as follows I give to the  
children of my daughter Mary R. Mathews  
one fourth part of the same I  
give to the children of my daughter  
Elizabeth P. Howell one fourth part  
of the same to the children of my daughter

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Mascha L Mathews one fourth part  
of the same I give to Stevanus P. Dineen  
The only and remaining child of my  
youngest daughter Lettison A. Hearise  
one fourth of the same it is my will and  
desire that the lands and negroes should  
be equally divided by prudent & careful  
men as commissioners so that every quarter  
may be ~~made~~ out to the children and ~~deposited~~  
in trust the division of all my ~~lands and~~  
Taxes properly can hardly take place until  
after my wife's death at the time of the  
division of the slaves which I would ~~desire~~  
after much thought the division of my  
slaves not to take place until after ~~my~~  
death my chief object is to exhibit no  
partiality but justice to all and to keep my  
wife from being disturbed in the use and  
enjoyment of the property hereby given to  
her either for her life or absolutely as lands  
are increasing in value I would suggest that  
the lands should not be sold until a future  
period but to kept for the reason above  
given it is further my wish that my  
negroes should be kept together and in the  
family or connection not be sold unless  
found absolutely necessary husbands  
not to be separated from <sup>their</sup> wife and all  
sentenced to be ~~and~~ ~~separately~~ and that when  
the slaves are divided that the slaves may  
belong to their owners if the same can be any

Alexander Raulston will continued

consentently by all concerned  
Nov 5 at the death of my wife Sarah my sole  
and desire is that the real estate including  
the farm upon which I now live together  
with the farm given her hitherto and  
during the term of her natural life be  
equally divided between the children  
namely in four fourths of the well with  
the exception of a half of an acre of  
land attached to the home place ascribed  
as follows being a portion of land lying  
between the railroad and the road leading  
from Doxson to Hickman north of the  
Doxson and Hickman road and south  
of the Railroad and west of post office  
Grave Church embracing the north or  
summit of hill which said half  
acre of land is hereby reserved by me for  
a family burial ground and dedicated  
for that sole <sup>object</sup> purpose and for  
those of my friends who wish to deposit  
their remains or families which said  
half acre of land is not to be sold or  
otherwise disposed of except as above  
indicated and for no other purpose  
and as I wish my remains to be deposited  
there you would request for the above  
reason that my home place if possible  
should be kept occupied and used in the  
family my wish is that my grave should be  
in close with a suitable neat white paling

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Alexander Roulston will continued

Let some 30 or 40 feet circumference with a suitable head & foot stone of marble with suitable inscription on the stone.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I wish and request that my beloved wife be allowed the sole and principal handling of the money on hand while her strength & body and mind may remain my will and desire is that should any of the property given to my wife such as stock & raise hats & kitchen furniture & family or shop tools way on yet should be on hand and in the possession of my said wife Sarah at her death or the increase of the same be sold and the proceeds of the same be divided between the children named in Item 4<sup>th</sup> of this will equally.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> So far as my real and stock is concerned my wish and desire is that it remain in common for the use & benefit of the children named in Item 4<sup>th</sup> of this will to whom the same is hereby given and when it becomes necessary for said children's interest my desire and wish is that the same be divided equally and kept in the family if found to interest so to do.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> My will is that my Executors are authorized and empowered to manage the surplus lands not given to my said wife to rent or alienate them as they may think best for the use of said family of my said wife & they will have the tax to pay on said lands.

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Alexander Roulston will continued.

Except such portion of land as shall be settled on by any of my grand children as my will is that any or either of my grand children have the privilege on my said lands if they choose so as not to interfere with each others interest and reasonable portion of said land so settled on by said grand children to be valued to them in the division as waste land so that the improvement that either of these settles may make will be their own not to account to the other here for the same in the division and my will is that as my grand son Alexander R. Rouse is expected to have the care of my beloved wife and family during her declining years I wish him to have him some preference in the place left to my wife during her natural life in the division after her death should be attended to her necessities tenderly I would think that he would be desired to be favored by the other here by letting him have the place if he should wish it Item 7<sup>th</sup> My will and desire is that my Executors shall as soon as practicable after my death or pass at public sale all of my perishable property and effects which is not otherwise disposed of by this will or selected by my said wife lastly I hereby nominate my friend Joseph B. Allen as my Executor to this my last will and testament and I also request that my

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I wish the Executors to this will to receive full  
compensation for their services Alexander  
Raulston should aid and assist my said  
Executors in fully executing and carrying out  
my wishes in this regard when of I have  
I have in this my last will and testament  
set my hand and seal this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
January 1860

Alexander Raulston

Witness

St G Mcintosh

J G Bonarant

W A Bell

State of Tennessee

Weakley County

J G R M White Clerk

of said County Clerk do

hereby certify that the above and foregoing  
will of Alexander Raulston ~~was~~ was  
probated and established as the last will  
and testament of said Raulston and by the  
subscribing witnesses St G Mcintosh J G  
Bonarant W A Bell as witness to said  
will of Alexander Raulston and

from under my hand at my  
office on this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
Jan 1861

J G R M White Clerk

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