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**McElwee, Margret**

I Margret McElwee do write and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I devise that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I desire and direct that my Slave Pannus aged about thirty eight years be made free at my death and that any other slaves to wit Albert aged about eighteen, Gilbert aged about sixteen Elsa aged about ten Violet aged about nine and Josephine aged about seven year be made free when arrive at the age of twenty five years. Thirdly I give and bequeathe to Nancy Cox the aforesaid six slaves to wit Pannus, Elbert, Gilbert, Elsa, Violet and Josephine to be and remain as her property until they are made free in compliance with the directives of this will. I do further give and bequeath to the aforesaid Nancy Cox all of my goods and chattels of which I am seized and possessed of in which I have any interest whatever and lastly I do herby nominate and appoint David Taylor and Henry C. Saffee my executors in witness whereof I do to this my last will and testament Set my hand and seal this 3d day of February AD 1846.

Margaret X McElwee [seal]

(her mark)

Signed, Sealed and Published in our presence and subscribed by us in the presence of the testator the day and year above named

W. W. Wallace

Hiram Headsill

**Corruthers , James**

In the name of God Amen I James Corruthers being of sound mind and memory make this my last will and testament as follows Viz. First I allow my beloved wife Peggy Corruthers to have a good comfortable living off the plantation I now am in possession of. 2, I allow my daughter Jane Flemmen Corruthers one hundred dollars in cash one year after my decease and one bed and furniture – 3<sup>rd</sup> I bequeath to my son Harvy Corruthers thirty dollars out of a note of fifty five dollars which I hold on him 4 – I bequeath to my daughter Elisabeth Corruthers forty dollars in cash one year after my decease & I bequeath to my

**Corruthers, James (Cont.)**

youngest son David Jackson Corruthers the plantation that I now live on to have and to hold it as his own after the decease of his mother together with all the farming utensils belong to the farm and also one bed and furniture and the rest of the property together with my household and kitchen furniture is to be equally divided between my daughter Jane Faul my son David J. Corruthers after my death. I also allow my burial expenses to be paid out of my money I do also appoint my worthy friends Joseph Wilson and David McKamy my executors of this my last will and testament and also allow them to collect all my debts and pay out the money according to this my will In testimony In testimony I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24 day of May 1843.

James Corruthers [seal]

In presence of

James Hamill

David C. McKamy

**Goodlink, Michel**

State of Tennessee Blount County April 2 1840 I Michel Goodlink of the County and state aforesaid being in declining state of health and weak on body but of sound mind and memory judgment do make my last will and testament as follows 1<sup>st</sup> after the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses out of my estate – 2<sup>nd</sup> – I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel one hundred acres of land in the north side of my plantation including all his buildings and part of the spring nearest the house and a small spring joining the Joseph Dobson in condition intent give Second I will into his care and keeping his brother James and will provide for and support him during his natural life 3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath unto my grandson Catul Dummon the fifth part of the back side of my land to be line off to him by the consent and governance of the girls and should he choose to separate by marriage to enjoy the proceeds of said land and wish to sell said land except with the consent as to the four girls and no title to be made until he is twenty one years old and also to have a saddle and bridle and the gray horse he claims provided the balance that will be due said horse be paid by him according to the contract by his own means 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my four daughters namely Mary, Margret and \_\_\_\_\_ and Jean equally and jointly the balances of my plantation to be a joint home for them including all my buildings and all and equal privileges with my son Samuel in the water and spring. I will also my four daughters above mentioned to have all my personal property and effects all household furniture as they themselves shall divide and again in agree in condition that this \_\_\_\_ take the charge their sister Francis who is \_\_\_\_ of her rational and will maintain provide and support her during her natural life and should any of them marry or choose to  
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**Goodlink, Michel (Cont.)**

and agreement their part of the estate share or surrender as their proportionable part goes to \_\_\_\_ then sister Francis and Fifthly I have given and did bequeath in dollars and cents at the time of this date unto my son bynow his equal part in all to my estate and lastly I appoint and constitute my two friends John R. Fraisis and Archibald Maxwell Executors of this my last will and testament in witness hereto I have hereinto set my hand and seal this day and date above written. Signed sealed and acknowledged Michel Goodlink (seal) his mark

in presence of two witness

Samuel Adams

John H Holem

**Tulloch, Magnes**

State of Tennessee Blount County. In the name of God Amen I Magnus Tulloch being of sound and perfect mind and memory having before me the fear of God and the certainty of death do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. First I now give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Tulloch a forty acre track of land where he now lives – 2<sup>nd</sup> I also give unto my son Samuel Tulloch sixty acres of land belonging to the track of land I now live on less or more running with a line I have now marked of adjoin the said forty acres track where he now lives beginning with the land of David Thompson 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto son James M. Tulloch one hundred acres of land less or more joining lands with William Millicunes and Abraham Nelson with the possession \_\_\_\_\_. 4<sup>th</sup> I also give and bequeath to my son Samuel my red Heifer 5<sup>th</sup> I also bequeath unto my son Samuel one feather bed and bedstead and furniture 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto my son James one spotted heifer and all my hogs and sheep, one feather bed and furniture and bedstead and all the residue of my household and kitchen furniture. 7<sup>th</sup> I bequeath unto my two sons Samuel and James my wagon and Gears and all my farming tools to be equally divided between them them selves. 8<sup>th</sup> I bequeath unto my daughter Mary Sharp five dollars. 9<sup>th</sup> I bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Hargas five dollars. 10<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to my daughter Elisabeth Moore my white face cow, my walnut chest and five dollars in money 11<sup>th</sup> I bequeath unto Einobet Ann Tulloch and Hannah Eliza Tulloch, daughters of my son John Tulloch desc. Each of them two dollars 12<sup>th</sup> I bequeath William L. Tulloch sons of my son John Tulloch desc my saddle and bridle and two dollars in money – 13<sup>th</sup> I bequeath unto Magnus J. Tulloch son of my son John Tulloch desc two dollars in money 14<sup>th</sup> I bequeath unto my two grandsons of my son John Tulloch desc my wearing clothes.

**Tulloch, Magnus (Cont.)**

15<sup>th</sup> It is my desire that my two sons Samuel and James should after discharging my funeral expenses shall dispose of the remaining part if there be any of my money as they may see proper this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made. Signed Sealed and Acknowledged by me Magnus Tulloch the above named testament to be his last will and testament in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witness in presents of the testator witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Magnus Tulloch [seal]

Wit Samuel H Herron

John Caldwell

James W. Brooks

December the 27 1824

Was received my daughter Elisabeth Moore the white faced cow and walnut chest bequeathed to her by me in this will also my son Samuel Tulloch the red heifer bequeathed to him in this will also my son James M. Tolloch the spotted heifer bequeathed to her in this will.

Magnus Tulloch [Seal]

John Caldwell

**Bogle. Elisabeth**

I Elisabeth Bogle of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all and former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred in a manner suitable to my condition in life and to such wordly estate as it have pleased God to bless me interest me with I dispose of the same as follows: first I direct that all the debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of as may first come into the hands of my executor from any portion of my estate real or personal. Secondly I give and bequeath at my death to my granddaughter Livinia Bogle one bed and bedstead and furniture. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Ann now wife of Martin McTeer at my death to be disposed of in any manner that she may think proper or desire the following: one bed bedstead and furniture two milk cows one gray mare and one hundred dollars in money and lasty I do herby make ordain and appoint my son Joseph Bogle executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I Elisabeth Bogle the said testatrix have to this my last will written on one sheet of paper set my hand and seal this second day of February in the year of our

**Bogle, Elisabeth (Cont.)**

Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three. Elisabeth Bogle (seal) her mark  
Signed sealed and published  
in the presence of us who have  
subscribed in the presence of the testatrix and of each other.

Silas Hooper

Moses Hooper  
William G. Bogle

**Greer, Arthur**

In the name of God Amen I Arthur Greer of the County of Blount and state of Tennessee being of sound mind but infirm of body do make and ordain this my last will and testament and first I commit my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried and the expense thereof with all my just debts to be paid out of my property and secondly I give and bequeath to my two sons Andrew H. Greer and Arthur Greer all my land with this condition that they are to support my wife Jane Green their mother comfortably and decently during her natural life and thirdly I give and bequeath all my personal property to be equally divided among all my other children without distinction. I appoint and constitute my sons Andrew H. Greer and Arthur Green executors of this my last will. Witness my hand and seal 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1838

Arthur Greer [Seal]

Attest William M. Lyle

William L. Eakin

**Black, John**

I John Black do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made. First I direct that my wife Nancy Black and my son James Black and they are hereby fully authorized to dispose of a sufficient portion of my property to pay all my last debts funeral expenses as soon after my decease as convenient Secondly I give and bequeath the residue of my property real and personal to my beloved wife Nancy Black to be used and occupied by her during her natural life and after her death I give and bequeath to my son James Black the tract of land on which I now live and the residue of the remaining property I wish equally divided among my children Elisabeth Logan Joseph Black John Black Levy Black John Black Nancy Black and Patsy Reagan. Each of these accounting to the others for all they may have rec of use or for anything I have paid out for them at any time which adversely or payments are to be deducted from their portions or any dividend of my estate due them and lastly I do hereby appoint my wife Nancy Black and my son James Black to execute this my last will as witness my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1844

John Black [Seal]

Signed and published in our presence of John Rid\_\_\_\_\_ John M McGhee

**Wetzel. Elizabeth**

I, Elizabeth Wetzell, 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 debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or as first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son, Jesse Wetzell, all my moneys and aparts that may remain after my death and other income retains. I hereby dismiss all other heirs and further income-this bequest is for the m\_\_\_ for my lifetime. Thirdly and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Jesse Wetzell my executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 1842.

Peter Clemens

Elizabeth Wetzell [seal]

Christian Long

Signed, sealed, and published in our presence, and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this day 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1842.

**Blackburn, Thomas**

To all whose these presents shall come greeting know that I Thomas Blackburn of Blount County and State of Tennessee by these presents do make, sign, and seal this as and for my last will and testament to wit. First, I give and bequeath unto Eliza Hughes the daughter of John Blackburn adeceased all my personal estate of every description except my black mare and walker and the personal estate of my wife Sophia which she owned before I married her to have and to hold, use, and enjoy forever. Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my wife Sophia Blackburn all the debts due either by note or otherwise except a note on John Cloud, and I also give unto the said Sophia all the personal estate which she owned before I married her and brought to my house. Thirdly I give my \_\_\_ unto the Rev. John Dicke and my black mare unto my son Matthew Blackburn. Fourth I give unto the American Board of Foreign Miss. ins. one hundred dollar note on John Cloud dates June 26, 1845, for the purpose of spreading the Gospel among the heathen and last of all it is my will and request that John Dyke and Westley Earnest be the executors of this my last will and testament hereby disclaiming all other but this to which I have and do subscribe my proper signature and affix my seal but in the presence of no one intruding as I do to file the same among my useful papers then to receive will after my departure from life after which I expect the same to be held goods and \_\_\_\_\_ either in law or equity. Given under my hand and seal July 10 1845.

Thomas Blackburn [seal]

Witnesses: John C. Abernathy  
John Cloud

**Taylor, James**

Be it remembered that I, James Taylor, of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak in body yet of sound and perfect mind and memory do on the twenty-fourth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine make and publish this my last will and testament in \_\_\_ and former \_\_\_\_\_ mentioned that to say that at my death I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Nancy Williamson by marriage one dollar and further I give and bequeath to my oldest son Bill James Taylor at my death one dollar and I also give and bequeath to my next oldest son William Taylor one dollar. I also give and bequeath to my son Charles Taylor one dollar, next oldest daughter Phoebe Walker by marriage one dollar. I also give and bequeath to my son Randolph Taylor one dollar. I also give and bequeath to my son John Taylor one dollar and further I give and bequeath to my youngest son but one Joshua Taylor who is \_\_\_\_\_ one hundred acres of land there on the said Joshua Taylor and myself now lives together with all the appertainer as thereunto belonging for the early use of him the said Joshua Taylor his heirs in assigns forever after my I also give and bequeath to James Davis the son and heir of my youngest daughter Susannah Davis by marriage now deceased one dollar. I also assign and bequeath to my youngest son Plassabo Taylor one dollar. In testimony whereof I the said James Taylor have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written, signed in the presence of us—A. B. Inter lived with the words who is a cripple before signed and with the word my son Charles Taylor one dollar.

James Taylor (seal)

Witnesses: John Hays, Alexander Cook

**McConnell, James**

I, James McConnell, of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee knowing that this world is not our abiding place and that it is appointed for all men to leave this world and wishing to have all my worldly matters settled and being of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make this my last will and testament. 1<sup>st</sup> I desire my body decent buried and all my funeral expenses paid out of my estate. 2<sup>nd</sup>, it is my will that all my last debts be paid. 3<sup>rd</sup>, it is my will that my wife Peggy McConnell have the tract of land where I live as far as the condition of live I have with my son James Harvey McConnell and to inherit the same and to have the proceeds of it to assist him in raising my children born of her as long as she shall remain a widow. But if she marry them to revert to said children

**McConnell, James (Cont.)**

to with George M. McConnell, Isaac Right McConnell, Mary Ann McConnell, Margaret Amanda McConnell, Josiah Hutton McConnell, Eliza \_\_\_\_\_McConnell, and my youngest son not married at this time until they are of lawful age and then to revert to the aforesaid boys to wit, George Isaac, Josiah, and the youngest son not as yet married and if she remains in widowhood until death the land to revert to said boys after the girls become of lawful age as before stated also to have and possess all my household furniture, beds, and bedding for the said period. But if she marry to have one bed with an equal share of household furniture with the children before named also to have all the farming utensils together with the stock of horses, hogs, cattle, and sheep. 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son John Newton McConnell one bed and receive one hundred dollars of my son James H. McConnell in some good trade as trade rates. 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son Joseph Stewart McConnell have a certain note of have now in his possession. Executed by John \_\_\_\_\_to myself for seventy odd dollars if collected. 6<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son James Harvey McConnell shall have and whereat that part of my land where he now lives and occupies as far as the condition of line made by him and myself heretofore we named together with what I have given him heretofore. By him paying my sons John N. McConnell and William Ellis McConnell one hundred dollars each in trade at trade rates. 7<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my daughter Elisabeth M. McConnell shall have one horse with seventy five dollars in trade together with her bed and bedding also her saddle and bridle with such other household furniture as my wife may see proper to give her. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833.

James McConnell [seal]

Attest: Samuel McConnell

Absolom McNabb

**Webb, Merry**

State of Tennessee, Blount County. I, Merry Webb, do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me made at any other time. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that may be \_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_may first come unto hands of my executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife \_\_\_\_\_ all my household and kitchen furniture and also all the land above the cave that is running south at or near where L. P. \_\_ now lives including the dwelling house I now live in with the other outbuilding on said lot in as much as the widow and

**Webb. Merry (Cont.)**

minor heirs can cultivate and if any land that they cannot cultivate is to be rented out and the proceeds to go to said widow and minor heirs. And also all my small notes and money on hand to be given to my wife and minor heirs. 3dly, I give and bequeath to my two daughters to wit Jane and Eveline when they become of lawful age or marry to have a good bed and fixtures each also one horse and saddle each to be worth one hundred dollars. Also, one good calf and cow each. Also, eight dollars each for furnishing their houses. 4thly, I also give and bequeath my black girl Hannah to my two sons Robert and David the use of said girl to my wife and minor heirs until they shall arrive the age of twenty one years. Together with the issue of said Hannah if any. 5thly I direct that my black boy John be held under the same restriction of Hannah with the death of my wife or change of widowhood then said boy to be sold to the highest bidder. 6thly, I give and bequeath to my four sons and son \_\_\_\_\_ heirs Merry Henry Robert David and \_\_\_\_\_ heirs all my land in Blount County to be equally divided when my son David arrive at the age of twenty one years if the above named parties can agree. If not to be submitted to \_\_\_\_\_ all my land to the first cross fence to be occupied by my son Merry and from the cross fence down to be occupied by my son Merry. East lot to run south with said \_\_\_\_\_ deed cross fence to said mountain be as to give each one access to timber \_\_\_\_\_ here also my farm that my son Lynch lives on which I have given him the liberty of occupying said farm for the benefit of his lawful heirs. I further direct that my three sons to wit Merry Lynch and Henry pay the taxes on said land annually and keep up the fences in good repair on the premises. 7<sup>th</sup> I further direct that all my horses with the two good milk cows to be brought to sale to the highest bidder the two horses and cows above mentioned to go to the use of my wife and minor heirs. Also all my stock hogs and sheep to also go to the use of my wife and minor heirs. 8thly, I further give and bequeath to my daughter Rachel three hundred dollars. Also, to my daughter Winifred two hundred and seventy five dollars to be paid as her wants may demand. Also to my daughter Nancy three hundred dollars. Also, to my daughter Sarah twenty five dollars. Also, to my daughter Anna one hundred and fifty dollars. Also, to my daughter Elisabeth one hundred dollars and fifty to be paid as her wants may demand. Also, my two daughters to wit Jane and Emeline three hundred each. I further instruct that the balance of my money of eight hundred dollars with the interest accruing together with the sale of my Negro boy John to be equally divided between my six daughters to wit Rachel, Nancy, Sarah, Winifred, Jane, and Eveline. I also give and bequeath to my son Merry one hundred and twenty five dollars as a compensation of a certain gray mare to be paid when David arrives at the

**Webb, Merry (Cont.)**

age of twenty one years. I further instruct that two hundred dollars be divided out of the eight hundred dollars that I have above bequeathed to my six daughters to be expended for two horses and saddles each to be worth one hundred dollars for the use of my three sons Josiah, Robert, and David. Also my wagon and all my farming tools to go to the use of my wife and minor heirs. I hereby nominate and appoint my two sons Merry and Henry Webb and George Snider executors of this my last will and testament be witness whereof I do swear to this my will set my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 1857.

Merry Webb [seal]

Attest: George Freshneur

Jacob Freshneur

**Malcom, Silas**

In the name of God. Amen. I, Silas Malcom, of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee, being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being \_\_\_\_\_ to dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased god to bless me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say 1st I desire that all my debts in this county are should be paid together with my funeral expenses. 2dly, I give to my wife Mary Malcom all my estate . . . except as after specified. 3dly, I give to my brother William Malcom my gold medal. 4th I give to my brother Joseph Malcom my .clock. 5th I give to my brother Alexander Malcom my . . . gold watch and it is my desire my said brother Alexander pay to my brother George twenty five dollars within one year after my decease. Also it is my will and desire that if there be anything due to me from either of my brothers that they retain it in their hands. And lastly I do hereby institute and appoint my wife Mary Malcom executrix of this my last will and testament thereby revoking all other former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this eighth day of April in the year of our Lord, 1819.

Signed, sealed, published

Silas Malcom [seal]

And declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Silas Malon in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witness to the same.

James Gillespie  
Charles Kirkpatrick

State of Tennessee

I, Jacob Forte, clerk of the Court of Please and

**Malcom, Silas (Cont.)**

Quarter Sessions of Blount County, do certify that at September Sessions 1819 the forgoing will of Silas Malcom, deceased, was duly proven in open court by James Gillespie and Charles Kirkpatrick the subscribing being witnesses hereunto . . . and received as and for the last will of the said Silas Malcom and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly.

Sworn under my hand at Office in Maryville the 30th day of September 1819.

Jacob Forte Clerk

**McCain, John**

In the name of God Amen. I John McCain of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being of sound and perfect mind and memory do this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight make and publish this my last will and testament in the following manner first I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried. 2nd I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Agnes one horse saddle and bridle, one cow and spinning wheel and all the household furniture and also a decent living upon the plantation I now live in while she remains a widow.

3rd I bequeath to my son John all that part of my land that lies on the south side of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the young \_\_\_\_\_ and one two year old heffer. 4th I bequeath to my son Eli all that part of my land that lies on the north side of the ranch and one two year old heffer. 5th I bequeath to my son John one fifth part of the value of all my land after the price of entering is reduced from it. 6th I bequeath to my son Robert one fifth part of the value of all my land after the price of entering is reduced from it. 7th I bequeath to my son William one fifth part of the value of all my land after the price of entering is reduced from it. James Robert and William to be raised and schooled on the place and paid their parts by John and Eli the rest of my stock and implements of \_\_\_\_\_ and crop to be for the use of raising and schooling the children except what will pay my debts. I do ordain and appoint my trusted friends John Kennedy and James McLaughy executors of this my last will and testament, and I, John McCain, do sign and seal this last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal the day and date above written.

John McCain [seal]

In presence of  
Andrew Bogle  
Joseph Findley  
Proven in open court  
J \_\_\_\_\_

### **Davidson, William**

In the name of God Amen. I William Davidson . . . of Blount County and State of Tennessee being in a reasonable state of health and of sound mind and disposing . . . for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all my worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in . . . following and do hereby make this my last will and testament in the first place I instruct all my just debts to be paid out of my moveable property and secondly I give and bequeath to my son Samuel C. Davidson that part of land from the lower end of my survey up the river to the middle of the apple orchard . . . running with . . . of the apple trees until it comes opposite a forked poplar which is one of my corners to have and hold all the lands below . . . live by paying my son Andrew Davidson fifty dollars in one year after my decease and thirdly I give and bequeath to my son William Davidson all the land above the above described lines to have and hold and the said William Davidson is to pay to his brother Andrew Davidson the sum of seventy five dollars within one year after my decease, and within one year after that the said William is to pay the said Andrew the further sum of seventy five dollars. I give and bequeath all my moveable estate and household furniture to be equally divided among my three daughters .VizCathy Walker, Elizabeth . . . and Rebeckah Walker, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Samuel C. Davidson and my son in law William Walker executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby revoke all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this eighteenth day of October the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

William Davidson [seal]

Signed sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named William Davidson in the presence of us we grant, execute, subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Elliot Holaday

James Cameron

James \_\_\_\_\_

Jacob McGee (x mark)

### **Love, Samuel**

In the name of God Amen. I Samuel Love of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee Planter being weak in body but sound in mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of the body and that is appointed for all men to die do this twenty fifth day of March one

**Love, Samuel (Cont.)**

thousand eight hundred and eighteen make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Jane my five house downstairs in comfortable situation before the commencement of cold weather. Also, my Negro girl to be at her call and to be comfortably supported of my estate during her lifetime. I also allow her one cotton wheel and one flax wheel and reel the house and kitchen furniture belonging to us the use of the gig and horse if needed and at the decease of my wife Jane all the above mentioned articles and Negro girl to return to my nephew John Hunter together with all the rest of my estate both real and personal which said John Hunter I constitute my just and lawful heir, and I do hereby disavow all former wills and testaments, and declare this to be my last will and testament and I hereby appoint and constitute my trusted friends Andrew S. Morrison and John Hunter executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed and

Samuel Love (seal)

declared in presence of as Robert Love

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James M. Stephenson

State of Tennessee I Jack L. Forte clerk of the court of Please and Quarter sessions of Blount County do certify that at December Sessions 1819 of said court the within will was proved by Robert Love and James M. Stephenson and received by the court as and for the last will and testament of Samuel Love deceased and ordered to be recorded which is done accordingly in Estate Book Page 55.

Sworn under my hand at office in Maryville the 27<sup>th</sup> December 1819.

Jack F. Forte, Clerk

**Simons, William**

In the name of God Amen. I William Simons of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee Planter though weak in body yet of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows to wit. First I resign my body to the dust and my soul to God who gave it. Second I allow all my just debts to be paid. Third I given and bequeath to my beloved wife \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ half of the plantation on which I now live and half of the wagons and half of the farming tools the \_\_\_\_\_ horse called July, all the Negroes, two cows, and whole of the house furniture. Also, two notes one on James Crawford of eight dollars, the other on John Simons of twenty dollars, one bed and furniture. Fourth I give and bequeath

**Simons, William (Cont.)**

to my son William the one half of the plantation on which I live, one half of the wagons, and half of the family tools, one sorrel horse called Buck, one cow, and one bed and furniture. Fifth I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane one bay mare, one cow, one saddle, and bridle, and two beds and furniture. Sixth, I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine one two year old colt called . . . one cow, one saddle and bridle and one bed and furniture. 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Malon ten dollars in trade. 8<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary McKenny two dollars in trade. The remainder of my property I allow to go to the use of the family, the money that is in the house, I allow to pay the installments of the land, and I do appoint and constitute my trusted friends Robert Sterling and my wife Catharine executors of this my last will and testament and do disavow and do away all former wills and declare this to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

William Simons [seal]  
(X His Mark)

Signed Sealed Published

and declared in presence of us:      John McCully  
   Robert Sterling  
   Thos. Hunter

N.B.

Should my son William be thought it to act for himself at his mothers death I allow him to have all my land the wagon and farming tools if not the way dispose of her part as she please while my daughters remain single and stay in the place they owne to have their \_\_\_\_\_ off,my meaning is that this is a part og my last will and testament where of my hand and seal the day and year above written.      William Simons

Test      John McCully  
            Robert Sterling

State of Tennessee

I Jacob F. Foute clk of the County of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Blount County do certify that at June Sessions 1819, of said court the executives of the within and foregoing will was duly proven and accepted by the court as the last will and testament of William Simons Deceased and indexed to be recinded which is done accordingly,Viz.

Given under my hand at office in Maryville this 8yh day  
of July 1819.

Jacob F.Foute.CLK

**McCurdy, Robert**

In the name of God Amen. I Robert McCurdy of Blount County and State of Tennessee

**McCurdy, Robert (Cont.)**

being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say, 1<sup>st</sup> I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. 2dly after the payments of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Elisabeth McCurdy all my personal property for and during the time of her natural life and at her deceasing to be disposed of as she may see proper. 3dly I give to my daughter Polly one dollar.

4thly, I give to my son Henry one dollar.

5thly I give to my daughter Peggy one dollar.

6thly I give to my daughter Elly one dollar.

7thly I give to my daughter Jean one dollar.

8thly I give to my wife Elizabeth McCurdy all my lands it being the plantation I now life on with all its appertainces to be enjoyed by her during the term of her natural life but should my son Henry McCurdy, but should my son Henry McCurdy come home and take care of his mother and keep the family together then and in provises my will and desire is that he shall at and after the decease of his mother have the land above described to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever provided he the said Henry McCurdy pay each of said daughters namely Peggy, Elly, and Jean a horse worth eighty dollars each. Should said Henry McCurdy never return home then said lands and \_\_\_\_ to remain my wife Elisabeth's to be disposed of at her decease as she may see proper, and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Elizabeth McCurdy and Samuel Houston \_\_\_\_\_ of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made in whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1818.

Signed sealed published declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Robert McCurdy in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

George Moon  
Elias Debusk  
Benjamin James

Robert McCurdy [seal]

**Vineyard, Tabler**

I Tabler Vineyard do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and

**Vinegard, Tabler (Cont.)**

all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may die dispossessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my son William one hundred acres of land to be run of the West end of my plantation above to be run north and south so as to given him the above named amount of land so as to include the dwelling house, kitchen, and also one bay horse, one cart, and one yoke of oxen. Also, my still and all the vessels belonging to it. And I will that the above named William Vineyard support his mother decently so long as she lives, and if he should fail complying with the above obligation his mother is to have full control of all the above named property as long as she lives. Also, I give the above named property so long as she lives. Also, I give the above named William one half of my household and kitchen furniture to be divided by valuation. Thirdly, I will and bequeath that my two sons Silas and Nicholas leave one hundred acres of land each. Nicholas hundred acres to be run out adjoining the first named hundred acre lot and Silas hundred acres to be run out adjoining Nichola lot the two last named lots to be run out parallel with the first lot, alone north and south. Also, I wish my above named son William to have the remainder of my land. Also, I wish my son, Nicholas to have the bay that has been heretofore claimed by him and the balance of all my property to be sold and the money to be equally divided between the balance of my children. Lastly, I do hereby nominate and appoint my son, William, my executor. In witness whereof I do to this will set my hand and seal, this 12<sup>th</sup> December 1843.

Tabler Vineyard [seal]

Signed sealed and published in our presents and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presents of the testator.

B. F. Duncan  
James Ponder

**Warren, Henry**

I Henry e. Warren do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made and as to all my effects that it has pleased God to bless me with. I give, bequeath, and bestow in the following manner Viz 1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of in may first come into the security of my executor. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my brother Martin L. Warren the one third of my house and lot we sold in the two of Louisville and a note I sold on James Barnes and also all \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ in acts of every description between us and also the third of the deed of the above mentioned

**Warren, Henry (Cont.)**

house in Louisville for our years I give to my 2<sup>nd</sup> brother W. L. Warren. 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my brother Robert S. Warren a note I sold on him for some two hundred dollars be lifting and paying a note I give W. J. Warren sale. I also give a note to R. S. Warren I hold on Samuel D. Warren for some two hundred dollars. 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath William Y. Warren my Negro boy . . . be paying to his son Henry E. Warren one hundred dollars with interest when he gets said boy in his possession. 5<sup>th</sup> boy remaining in my brother . . . service possession till the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1845, then he is to be delivered to Wm. Y. Warren. 5 I give and bequeath to my brother Charles W. Warren son Henry E. Warren one hundred dollars paid out of any moneys I may die possessed of. I give and bequeath all my interest in my father Charles C. Warren deceased estate to my sister Rebecca Warren. 7 I give and bequeath to my brother Jacob Warren my silver . . . 8 I give to my brother Felix J. Warren my saddle. 9 I give and bequeath to my niece Sara L. Warren eldest daughter of B. L. Warren any horse saw 10 If after each one named in this will shall get his specified legacy service named and there then should be a surplus left of my estate it is my wish that my brother Robert S. Warren get what will make him up five hundred dollars including the legacies already named. If any thing then received of my estate it is my wish that it be equally divided between my brothers . . . L. Warren, Robert S. Warren, and Wm. Y. Warren and lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint James Henry and . . . M. Cox my executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> of June 1844.

Signed Sealed and published in

Henry C. Warren [seal]

our presents and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testators date above written: Wallace

William Rankin

**Sterling. Robert**

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Sterling of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak of body but sound of mind and of disposing memory and aware of the certainly of my . . . I make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following. I commit my spirit to God who gave it and my body to the earth from since it came there to rest till the resurrection being fully assured that then I will be raised and reconnected to my soul. Of the worldly substance with which the Lord in his kind providence has blessed me I make the following disposition. First that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid.

**Sterling, Robert (Cont.)**

I give and bequeath to each of the surviving children of my brothers one dollar and twenty five cents to be paid them by my executors when they collect the money of my estate and said children of my brothers demand. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaret Sterling all the remaining part of my property real and personal for her use and at her disposal during her natural life and at her death whatever of my said estate may remain to be sold and one half of the proceeds I give and bequeath to the Associate Synod of North America to be used by them in the education of young men for the ministry. The other half is at the disposal of my wife Margaret Sterling's will. I constitute and appoint Archibald Maxwell Senior and John Gault executors of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand and seal March 31 in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty.

Robert Sterling [seal]

attest: James A. Culton  
Robert Culton

**Dobson, Joseph**

I Joseph Dobson being feeble health but of sound mind and disposing memory and in view of the uncertainty of life and knowing and being fully assured that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make and publish this my last will and testament. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or that may first come into the hands of my executors. 2<sup>nd</sup> to my daughter Margaret Fain Dobson I give and bequeath a bed and bedding by her heretofore claimed together with a bedstead. 3<sup>rd</sup> To my son James Witherspoon I give and bequeath the sum of two dollars having heretofore given him what I c . . . is near his portion of my estate. 4<sup>th</sup> To my son David M. I have heretofore I will a full and appropriate share of my estate and consequently shall make no further provision now. 5<sup>th</sup> To my son Joseph B I give and bequeath a note of hand I hold on him for the dollars and the interest . . . accrued. 6<sup>th</sup> my daughter Isabella has heretofore been . . . provided for. 7<sup>th</sup> To my daughter Jane F. I give and bequeath a one-year-old colt. Also a bed and bedstead and bedding as heretofore by her claimed. 8<sup>th</sup> to my son Robert C. I give and bequeath a certain piece of land beginning on the line between William Wallace and myself where my spring branch crosses said line and receiving with the . . . of said branch . . . to my spring from hence directly up a hollow to Goodlinks line thence with the line of Goodlink and myself to its intersection with William Wallace's



**Dobson, Joseph (Cont.)**

ful performance of their duties as executors. Given under my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. I uter living and as was before signing.

Signed and sealed and acknowledged.

Joseph Dobson [seal]

in presence of us

Samuel Pride

W. Wallace

Will Singleton

**Martin. John**

I John Martin of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do make this my last will and testament being in sound mind and memory but weak strength. 1<sup>st</sup> I will that my body after death shall be buried in plain and decent order my soul I bequeath to the God that gave it.

2<sup>nd</sup> that inventory be made of all my goods with the exception of the household and kitchen furniture. They shall remain for the use of my wife for the benefit of the family as she helped to make it. I wish her to dispose of it as she sees proper . . . she may divide it equally as she may think is best. 3<sup>dly</sup> Feeling that there is amply sufficient owing to me to pay my debts I will that the Negroes all remain on the farm for the benefit of raising the children. Should any of these become unruly and not attend to business as justice require them to do sell them so as to secure their value that when because of age all may have equal shares.

4<sup>th</sup> After there is an inventory taken of all property and the amount known all such property as will be thought not useful had better be sold and the proceeds secured so as that the family may live comfortably if my executors think proper for the benefit of their mother to sell the lands and all things . . . and situate them more to their satisfaction. I say do it. 5<sup>th</sup> I will Blackstone, W Wm B, Henry L, and their mother . . . or so many of them as can collect to attend to it to have done in order and justice to all. 6<sup>th</sup> I wish if Sarah . . . my wife have it in her power to school all the younger children to the best of her ability. I also desire that they be brought up to work. 7<sup>th</sup> John I wish if possible to remain with his mother so long as she may live if it suit both, as I know he will be a farmer and can attend to that . . . of business as for the mill act with them as you think proper but depend but little on these for as your situation you can make little by them. As for our debts collect all you can, remember the poor and needy. Help them when you can. 8<sup>th</sup> Let a correct account be kept of all that each of the older children have received or may receive and at final settlement let just and equitable deductions be

**Martin, John (Cont.)**

made that all may receive an equal share. 9<sup>th</sup> I wish you my sons with your mother to attend to this my will as no partiality among yourselves. I wish equal justice done by all. 9<sup>thly</sup> I wish you if you ever move from this county and Jesse does not wish to leave his wife and you are not disposed to buy her offspring sell him to Porter if he will buy, if not to some other person who will . . . as I wish by no means to part them. I wish them all to labor as they have done and attend to business for the benefit of the family. The fact is that I want as little trouble as possible in settling my affairs. 10<sup>th</sup> I wish my son John in consideration of services rendered to me above what has been rendered by my other sons to have four hundred dollars more than the other heirs out of what may come into the hands of the estate after this time. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1843.

John Martin [seal]

attest: W. S. Porter

John Julien

**Ray, William**

In the name of God Amen. I William Hamilton Ray of the State of Tennessee and County of Blount being in my perfect mind do make and constitute this instrument of writing my last will and testament in necessities following Viz For my wife Charlotte Ray to have the direction and management of the farm on which I now live together with all my personal estate for the support of herself and my four children until my son Leonard Ray shall have arrived at lawful age in case she should remain a widow if she does not remain in widowhood then the proceeds of the farm together with all the personal property except such as shall hereafter be named to be taken care of by . . . I shall hereafter appoint as my executors and by them appropriated for the use and benefit of my children until my son Leonard shall have arrived to lawful age. I give and bequeath to my wife one feather bed and furniture also one cow to be at her own disposal, and when my son Leonard shall have arrived at lawful age I give and bequeath to him the plantation with all the farm utensils at which time it is my will that all the personal property that designated for my wife as above mentioned excepted, be equally divided among my four children in such manner as a majority may agree on. In consequence of my son Leonard's getting the farm he is to support his mother provided she remains in widowhood during her life for the execution of the foregoing testament I do appoint my wife Charlotte and William Edmondson in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and twenty.

**Ray, William (Cont.)**

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

J. P. Houston

William Edmondson

W. Ray [Seal]

**Ess, Mary**

In the name of God Amen. I Mary Ess of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substance as it has pleased God to bless me with in the way and following manner to wit. I will and desire that immediately after my decease that all my perishable property be sold except such articles as hereafter mentioned and out of the monies arising henceforth that all my just debts with the expenses of my funeral be paid. Then first I will and bequeath to my son, Robert Dunlap, one mooley cow and calf exclusive of his sign of the rest of my property the one half of the feathers out of my bed with the tick, one red twilled blanket, one sheet with the under bed frame, my hymn book and half the dry fruit 2dly To my daughter Tabitha Ess one white faced heifer exclusive of her other share with the bed and the clothes hereto belonging that her sister Susan Ess bequeathed her as her own real property separate from any of . . . remaining half of the feathers of my bed, one twilled blanket, two sheets, one red coverlet, with my underbed, the big walnut bedstead, one big wheel, and flax wheel, one pot, one oven . . . with the half of the dresser ware. All my fine apparel except a black . . . frock, my bible and half the dry fruit. To my two sons John and James Ess all the monies arising from the sale of the corn raised on the other side of the creek and half of that on this side . . . the sum to be equally between them. 4thly To my granddaughter Polly Tate, daughter of Betsy Tate, one cherry tree bedstead with the . . . one single white blanket, one sheet, one sheet, one skillet, one mooley heifer with the remainder of the dresser ware. 5<sup>th</sup> To my daughter Betsy Tate my black . . . frock and my riding coat provided she gives hers to her sister, Tabitha. 6thly To my daughter Sally Ess ten dollars, my wearing apparel to cut up for clothes for the children and after all just debts and expenses are disbursed if any remains it to be divided equally among the children. My reason for not mentioning those that have left me is that considering them as having received their portions, I have not mentioned . . . and lastly I do surely constitute and appoint my well beloved brothers John and George Snider executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and disavowing all and every other wills and testaments by me heretofore made on witness whereof, I have set my hand and seal this seventeenth day of September and in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Mary Ess

[seal]

Signed, sealed, published, and declared to be the will and testament of above Mary Ess in the presence of us who at the request and in his presence I have hereunto subscribed our names as witness to the above.

William Walker

William Snider

**McMurry, Samuel**

I, Samuel McMurry of Blount County and State of Tennessee being in perfect health and sound in memory but calling to mind the mortality of my body do settle my worldly estate in manner following.

I leave and bequeath to my loving wife Nancy her maintenance in a decent manner during her lifetime or her widowhood from the benefits and produce of my land, further I allow her to have the negro girl named \_\_\_\_ during her lifetime or widowhood and at her death she may divide her and her issue amongst her children as she thinks proper. I leave and bequeath to my daughter Hannah Boyds five dollars. I leave and bequeath to my daughter Bettsey Carswell five dollars. I leave and bequeath to my son John a cow and cafe now in his possession. I leave and bequeath to my son William five dollars. I leave and bequeath to my daughter Polly a mare called \_\_\_\_ and a cow and calf. I leave and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Sims five dollars. I leave and bequeath to my daughter Fanny McKinny five dollars. I leave and bequeath to my son \_\_\_\_ my rifle gun. I leave and bequeath to my son Boyd the land west of a line hereafter mentioned (to wit).

Beginning near William M. Mings running to the end of a petition fence , fence along it toward the house including all the buildings there to the center of the spring there to John Dickens live also a young horse called Wesley also the third part of the value of the wagon and gearing so in paying a third part of the post of putting on the \_\_\_\_\_. I leve and bequeath to my son Henderson a colt named Samson also the \_\_\_\_\_ with what belongs to it. Also the part of the wagon and gearing him pay \_\_\_\_\_.Equivalent of the Smithing. I leve and bequeath to my daughter Nancy a horse creator Saddle and Bridal of equal value to the ones that her sister got and a cow and calf. I leve and bequeath to my son Newton all the part of land laying Easterly from the part allowed to Boyd from his live up to Josephs Live also a horse saddle and Bridle. I allow all my household furniture to my wife Nancy to David to my children as she thinks proper. All my framing utensils I allow to be equally between my sons to wit. Boyd Henderson and Newton after complying with the above I allow all my live stock remaining to be sold at public sale the money raising from the same I allow my Executors to buy saddles mentioned above and other uses the way they think necessary in testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fifth day of May 1819.

John Dickens  
James Simmes

Samuel McMurry [seal]

I do constitute and appoint my wife Nancy and my son Boyd to be my Extrs. to see and execute this within Will.

John Dickens  
James Simmes

Samuel McMurry [seal]

**Reed, Nancy**

In the name of God Amen. I Nancy Reed of the county of Blount, State of Tennessee. Widow of Samuel Reid deceased of the state and county aforesaid being very weak and sick in body but of perfect mind and memory do make ordain and constitute this instrument of writing to be my last will and testament.

First of all I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it, nothing doubting at the general resurrection but that I shall receive it again by the power of Almighty God. Secondly as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in the following manner (VIZ). To my son in law James Cochran and my daughter Polley Cochran his wife I give and bequeath the same of one dollar to be paid out of my estate by my exc. hereafter mentioned to be to their heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly I give unto my son James Robert \_\_\_\_, Samuel Reed and I bequeath unto my daughter Ann and to my daughter Nancy Reed an equal division of all my personal estate to be neutrally agreed upon among themselves into the following expence of tontake. I allow and it is my will that my daughter Nancy Reed be allowed the value of a good new woman's saddle previous to said division of my personal estate the remainder to be divided as aforesaid among them, Equally to be to their heirs and assigns forever.

Fourthly my will is that the legatees whereon mentioned should have all objection to my son Robert getting all equal divide of the land whereon I now from a kind of verbal contact made between said Robert Reed and his brother James Reed thee I will and bequeath to my son Robert Reed all my part of said land being all equal division amongst all my legatees but if they agreed to his said Robert getting his equal part my will is that each of them receive an equal of my part of said land to be to their heirs -heirs and assigns forever.

Fifthly and last of all I make ordain constitute and appoint my two sons as Surety for mentioned James Reed and Robert Reed, Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this twenty third day of December in the year of our lord one thousand and eight hundred and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the forty fourth. Nancy Reed [seal]

J. Thompson

Witness present James Montgomery

John McAlister

**Orr, Joseph**

In the name of God. Amen. I, Joseph Orr of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory calling to mind the mortality of the body and uncertainty of the time of my decease do make and ordain this my last will and testament., and first I give and resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it was taken

**Orr. Joseph (Cont.)**

decently buried and as to my worldly property which the Lord in his goodness has bestowed on me, I give and bequeath in the following manner (Viz), first that all my lawful debts be paid and after the discharge of any such lawful debts, I give and bequeath unto my lawful wife Margaret Orr all my property real and personal of every description whatever to be for her use and disposal.

Except the following items (Viz) Two one hundred dollar notes bearing date from August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1819 , one of which due twelve months after date, I give and bequeath to my nephew Joseph Orr the son of my brother John Orr .The other which is due six years from said date, I give and bequeath to my nephew John Orr who is brother to said Joseph. Both of said notes are excacted to me by Andrew B. Ray. And lastly I do make and constitute John and William Eakin the Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have sure unto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eighteen and twenty-one.

Joseph Orr [seal]

Attest James Tedford  
Thomas McClurks

**Dunlap. William**

I William Dunlap of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is 1<sup>st</sup>, I desire that immediately after my decease that all my just debts and burial expenses be paid out of the money belonging to my estate. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my beloved wife Jane Dunlap a certain Sorrel mare now in possession and fifteen dollars in money to be enjoyed by her and her heirs forever.

4<sup>thly</sup> I give to my beloved sister Margaret Dunlap ten dollars. 5<sup>thly</sup> I give to my beloved daughter Mary Ellen the balance of all my money to be held by my executors for her until she becomes of age also the bed furniture and clothing of her mother or if it should please God in his providence to call her before that time, I wish it to be equally divided between my brothers and sisters then living.

6<sup>thly</sup> I give to my father Henry Dunlap all my other personal property such as corn cattle and hogs etc to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Henry Dunlap and John Dunlap Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. I in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 1820.

Signed Sealed and delivered to be the last will and testament of the above named Wm. Dunlap in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Wm. Dunlap [seal]

William Ewing  
Ephram Dunlap

**Gault, John**

In the name of God, Amen. I John Gault of Blount County being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say first I desire that my just debts be all satisfied and leave and bequeath to my beloved wife Margery a comfortable support during her natural life off the plantation where I now live with such part of the household furniture not otherwise disposed off to be at her disposal also two cows to be disposed of as she thinks proper also twenty dollars in money. Also I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Katharine Rankin one dollar. Also I give and bequeath to my eldest son Wm Gault one dollar. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Rankin one dollar. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Rosannah one horse saddle and bridle which she now claims also two cows two beds and furniture also one chest which she now claims. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary a bay mare and saddle and bridle which she now claims also two beds and furniture and two cows and one bureau, also I desire that my youngest daughter Nancy be furnished with a horse saddle and bridle also two cows and two beds and furniture and one chest. Also I desire that my three youngest daughters be made equal with my two eldest daughters in every respect. Also I give and bequeath to my youngest son John the plantation where I now live with all its appertainances also one horse saddle and bridle he now claims, one axe two plows and gear one mattick and one hoe. After the state right of my land be obtained the surplus money if any to be left to the disposal of my wife. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Wm. Gillespie S and William E. Rankin Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. Further I give and bequeath to my youngest son John one rifle gun and my gold watch. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> of June 1821.

John Gault [seal]

Signed Sealed Published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named John in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witness to the same.

James Gillespie

Robert Gillespie

**Duncan, Margret**

Know all men by these present that I Margret Duncan of County of Blount and State of Tennessee being of sound mind and disposing memory but weak of body and being also impressed with the uncertainty of \_\_\_\_\_ life do make ordain publish and declare this my last will and testament to wit-- 1st When my maker shall choose to call me hence I wish my body decently and properly buried and the expenses thereof and any debts I may then owe to be paid and discharged by my executors herein after named.

2nd My children except my youngest one having already been properly provided for by their father and myself I do therefore hereby give and bequeath to my said son Alexander R. Duncan my two negro women called Silence and \_\_\_\_\_ to be his absolutely and forever.

3rd I do further give and bequeath to my said son Alexander R. Duncan all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal which I may own or have at my death.

4th I do hereby appoint my son Andrew Duncan Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness of all which I hereunto have set my hand and seal this 28th day January 1843.

Margret X Duncan [seal] her

Signed sealed and acknowledged

Before us --- Eli Richey

James D. Richey

mark

**Cochran, Paul**

In the name of God. Amen. I Paul Cochran of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being infirm of body but of sound mind and disposing memory upon consideration of the mortality of the body I do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following. (Vis) I desire to resign my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently interred and all the expenses thereof to be paid out of my estate and that all my just debts be discharged after such payment I give and bequeath to my wife Martha Cochran one Sorrel Mare five head of cattle Vis two cows and two calves and one Stear the age of three or four years old. I further bequeath to my said wife and my two daughters Mary and Martha Cochran all my household and kitchen furniture and also that my said wife be supported by my son Robert Cochran as specified in my legacy to him as

Surmise after named. I give and bequeath to my son Robert Cochran one hundred and fifty acres of land off the east end of the tract where I now live to be divided off said tract by a line run from the north of said tract to intersect the line of my son James Cochran upon condition that my said son Robert Cochran shall support decently during her natural life his mother Martha Cochran. I likewise bequeath to my son Robert my wagon and teams and also my stock of hogs. I give and bequeath to my son James Cochran the amount of a judgment from the office of Joseph Alexander Esq. against Isaac

**Cochran, Paul**

Brooks the amount not precisely recollected. I give and bequeath to my two sons Silas and John Cochran each an equal part of the remainder of my land and to each of my said sons two cow beasts. I bequeath to my daughter Mary Cochran one bay mare and foal and one cow and calf. I bequeath to my daughter Martha Cochran one sorrel horse three years old also four head of cattle. I bequeath to my wife and two daughters all the flock of sheep belonging to me, of the cash due me in bonds. I give and bequeath to each of my daughters Mary and Martha Cochran one hundred dollars each when said money is collected and also to my said daughters a loom and hangings. I give and bequeath unto my wife Martha Cochran the whole residue of my cash both on hand and in account in bond only as much as shall pay all my just debts which shall be taken from said residue. I bequeath my library of books to my six children to be as equally divided among them as may be. I make and constitute my son James Cochran and John Eakie of aforesaid County and State Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and twenty-two.

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Paul X Cochran [seal]  
Mark

Attest William Armstrong  
Arthur Green

**Hanna, John**

In the Name of God.Amen.Know all men that I john Hanna Sern.of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee.I Farmer and knowing that it is appointed for all will once to die and being now in a final State of mind that age in and in\_\_\_\_\_ State of Body Hereby make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament and of all my personal goods and chattels. I bequeath and devise in the following form and manner first I give my body to the dust to be buried at the discretion of wit. Executor's in a decent and Christian like manner and my soul into the hands of God also gave it in hopes to receive it again at the last day first of all I will that all my lawful debts to be paid.I likewise leve and bequeath unto my lawful children by my first wife Audrey Hanna, Betsy McKellep, John Hanna, Wm. Hanna;s\_\_\_\_\_,Nancy F. Furgusson, Jean Tedford, Polly Pride, Isaac Hanna and Mathew Hanna the sum of one dollar each in property, as to the testament whereon I now live.I bequeath unto my son Moses Hanns where he shall arrive at the full age of twenty one and that my beloved wife Jean Hanna Shall have her living thereon during her widowhood as to all my house and Kitchen furniture. I will and bequeath unto

**Hanna, John (Cont.)**

My wife Jean Hanna to be entirely at her disposal all the rest of my personal property even as stock and farming utensils. I Also leave at the entirely dispose of my wife during her widowhood as hereby. I do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament and by these revoking and disannuls all and every other will and testament made by me as void and null, and I Surely appoint one Henderson to be my whole and sole Exceutor of this my last will and testament and in virtress here of I have set my hand this thirrh day of January in the year of the lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirteen\_\_30<sup>th</sup> January 1813.

Test Samuel Houston  
Robert Morton

John Hanna

State of Tennessee\_\_\_\_\_

I John F.Foute Clerk of the County of please and Quarter Session for Blount County asa certify that on September Session 1813 of said court this within will was prove as the last will and testament of John Hanna Deceased by Robert Martin one of the witness therew to and admitted to Record.

J.F.Foute Clerk

**McReynold, John**

In the name of God. Amen. I John McReynold of Blount County & State of Tennessee being sick & weak of body but of sound mind & disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life & being desirous do dispose of all such worldly substance as it pleased God to bless me with. I give & bequeath the same in manner following, that is to say. I give and bequeath to my son Robert sixty acres of land joining lines with Robert Bell & James McGinly. I give and bequeath to my son Robert a colt that he claims at this time. I give & bequeath to my son Stephen a piece of land of the same value to be laid off by the executors. I give and bequeath each one of my sons Guilford & Fardanan the same value of land laid off by my executors. I give & bequeath to my daughter Polly ten dollars in a cow out of the estate. When Fardanan come of age I give & bequeath to my dear and loving wife the balance of the land including the house and spring and all the personal property to have & to hold the same induring her widowhood for the purpose of raising and schooling my children after defraying all my just debts. Moreover I will my wife Jane to pay each one of my daughters one hundred and fifty dollars out of my personal

**McReynold, John (Cont.)**

property except Polly as they become the age of eighteen. And lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my friends Samuel Houston and Joseph McReynolds executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other former wills and testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the first day of July in the year of our Lord 1822.

Jns McReynolds [seal]

Signed, sealed & published

And declared to be the

Last Will and Testament

of the above named John McReynolds in presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

David W. McReynolds

Robert Thompson

Wm. B. McCampball

**Key, Peter**

State of Tennessee

I Peter Key sen. do make and publish this as my

Blount County

last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me at any

time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executors. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth all my landed estate consisting of the farm on which I now reside lying in the fifth civil district of Blount County to have and to hold the use and benefit of said farm to my said wife Elizabeth during her natural life. Thirdly I direct that after the death of my said wife Elizabeth, my executors are empowered to sell my land at private or public sale as they may deem best and divide the proceeds among my legal heirs equally between them share & share alike. My son David Key had received from me the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars perhaps more than his distributive share of my estate. If so he must refund to the other heirs the excess if any to divide equally between them. My son David Key has in his possession a sorrel mare belonging to me worth about fifty dollars. I direct that my son David Key deliver to my daughter Jane Bright said sorrel mare as a bequeath to my daughter my daughter Jane. My son James Key has received from me the sum of thirty dollars which I direct shall be in part a payment to him of his distributive share of my estate.

Fourthly I direct that my Executor shall collect

**Key, Peter (Cont.)**

of the debts due me (if they can) a sufficient amount of my debts or sell of my personal property a sufficient amount for the purpose of paying my debts and then a balance I give and bequeath to my said wife Elizabeth. I do further inform my Executor that if my wife Elizabeth wishes to live with either of her children and satisfactory and equitable arrangements can be made by the balance of my heirs for her decent support the land aforesaid may be sold at any time after my death and the proceeds be equally divided between all my heirs share and share alike as aforesaid hereby giving to my executors the power of directing the arrangement of the support of my wife Elizabeth by her consent. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Peter Key and John H. Tolbert Cox my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1849.

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Peter x Key [seal]  
mark

Signed Sealed and published

In our presence and we

here subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1849.

William Coleburn  
H. L. W. Hackney

**Cagley, Jacob**

We the undersigned certify that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 1849 that in our presence and hearing Jacob Cagley a citizen of the State of Tenn. And county of Blount and on his deathbed directs as follows--I want my will in hands of Jno. Morton destroyed and that my wife comes in as an heir and that all my estate be equally divided amongst them all my wife Mary and three sons and two daughters. July 18<sup>th</sup> day 1849

Jno. Morton  
Louis Cagley

**Tipton, William**

In the name of God. Amen. I William Tipton of the county of Blount in the state of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and mind and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament (to wit)

First an principally I commit my soul into the hands of the almighty God and my body to the earth to be buried in a christian manner at the discretion of my Executive and after my debts and funeral charges are paid, I devise and bequeath as

**Tipton. William (Cont.)**

Follows; Item first I give and devise unto Samuel Tipton, son of Isaac Tipton, J W H Tipton son of Jonathan Tipton deceased and Isaac Tipton son of Jacob Tipton certain tract or parcel of land containing 1255 acres known as the iron works tract in Cades Cove and county of Blount. Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and devise if not disposed of prior to my death twenty acres of land lying on adjoining the lands of John Singleton deceased and James Freeman deceased to Isaac Tipton son of Jacob Tipton and also 7 ½ acres of land known as Scotts Island to said Isaac Tipton. Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I will that the tract of land in Cades Cove containing 500 acres known as the potato Branch tract be sold by my executors to the best advantage the proceeds of which tract to be appropriated as hereinafter named. Item 4<sup>th</sup> I will that the tract of land known as the Rich Gap survey to be sold by my Executors to this will and the proceeds appropriated as hereinafter named. Item 5<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my grandson Samuel Tipton son of Isaac Tipton, a negro man named Joe now my property for life. Item 6. I give and devise unto my daughter Martha \_\_\_ and her heirs a negro woman named Mint to have and to hold as her and their property for life. Item 7. I will that all my farm stock and farming implements and all my household and kitchen furniture be sold by my executors herein named and the proceeds thereof to be appropriated as herein after named. Item 8<sup>th</sup> I will that in addition to the negro man Joe, Samuel Tipton to have one hundred dollars jointly with Isaac Tipton son of Jacob Tipton for the purpose of erecting a neat monument or building over the grave of myself my wife my son Jonathan and his wife and William Tipton son of Jacob Tipton. Item 9 . I will that after my debts are paid out of the proceeds of estate the amount that may remain if any be appropriated as follows namely. The proceeds of several tracts of land \_\_\_ named not otherwise devised and bequeathed with all he proceeds arising from the sale of my personal estate be equally to and between Ann Stephens widow of John Stephens, Calvin Stephens, Abraham Tipton son of Isaac, William Tipton son of Jonathan Tipton and Samuel Tipton son of Isaac Tipton and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Isaac Hart and Samuel Tipton

**Tipton, William (Cont.)**

son of Isaac Tipton to be sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight.

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William X Tipton sen [seal]

mark

Signed sealed and acknowledged

In presence of us

James Haddux

Joseph Kirby

**Caldwell, David**

In the name of God. Amen. I David Caldwell of the county of Blount and state of Tennessee being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous and do dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to help me with, I give and bequeath the same in manner following, that is to say I give and bequeath to my son John Caldwell one sorrel hors called Jack and one strawberry roan - le-mare Colt and one note of the amount of two hundred and twenty one dollars and twenty-five cents with interest there on, on John Caldwell Jr” and two cows and calves to the amount of twenty four dollars when my executors think it most convenient, also one bed and furniture when he stands in need of it. After all just debts are paid and the state claims on my land are paid, I give and bequeath to my son Robert Caldwell two hundred dollars. I also give and bequeath to my son Samuel Caldwell two hundred dollars. I give and bequeath to my two sons namely David Caldwell and James Y Caldwell all that tract or parcel of land that I now live on , one negro man named George I allow to be continued on the premises until my son James Y Caldwell be twenty one years of age. Then the said negro George together with the balance of my other property to be equally divided between my six children, namely Nancy Caldwell, Samuel Caldwell, Robert Caldwell, Elander Caldwell, David Caldwell and James Y Caldwell except fourty four dollars which I allow to be paid to David Parker and Elander Parker to be paid in trade and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Joseph Wilson and David McKainy Esq. executors of this my last

**Caldwell, David (Cont.)**

will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 1816.

David Caldwell [seal]

Signed sealed published and

Declared to be the last will and testament of the above named David Caldwell in presence of us                    Wm. Gault

Joseph Stephenson  
John Caldwell  
George Ewing

**Orr, Robert**

In the name of God. Amen. I Robert Orr of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament. First and principally I recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth. As touching my worldly estate, I give and dispose of in the following manner (Vis) 1stly, I desire that all my real property be sold and out of the monies arising therefrom together with what is due to me in Washington then, I desire that my executors here in after named may therewithin by a tract of land. 2ndly I give and bequeath to my wife Esther Orr one third of my estate both personal and real during her widowhood to be enjoyed by her and her heirs. 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my mother Jane Orr her living. 4thly I give and bequeath to my sons John, Samuel, and William the balance of my real estate that has been before mentioned to be equally divided betwixt them. 5thly I desire that the family have the benefit of the land until the youngest child comes of age. 6thly the balance of my personal estate after schooling and my children, I give and bequeath to my daughters Jane, Nancy and Peggy & Betsy and to be equally divided betwixt them. 7thly and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friends William Orr and Samuel Johnson executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other former wills or testaments heretofore by me made.

In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1817

Robert Orr [seal]

Signed, Sealed, Published and

Declared to be my last will and testament  
in presence of    Jos Rowan

John Furguson proved  
John Henderson

**Mardock, William**

I William Mardock of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do this fifth day of the fourth month one thousand eight hundred and eleven do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the manner following that is to say First for all my last debts to be paid, Second I do so will all my property and plantation to my wife Elisabeth Mardock for the purpose of raising my younger children, and it is further my will that if she should marry that my children should have their proportionable part of my Estate agreeable to the judgement of my Executrix and Trustees. Lastly I appoint my wife Elisabeth Mardock my Executrix to this my last will and testament to act under the direction of Francis Jones and Hugh Hackney whom I appointed trustees to my estate. I witness witness whereof I have set my hand and seal the and date above written.

William Mardock

{Wm. Durham

attest {David Durham

{Thomas Jones

**Means, William**

In the name of God I William Means of Blount County and State of Tennessee being of perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) I do this fifth day of December in the year of our Lord 1810 make and publish this my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say I allow all my lawful and just debts to be paid. I will and bequeath to my wife Sarah the bay horse and saddle his \_\_\_\_\_, and her living of the lower end of the place while she lives and her bed? and clothes and the hind of the sheep. I will and bequeath fifty dollars to my daughter Isabel and a colt of Peg's mare and the Cubert and the big kettle and the loom and her bed and clothes and wearing Cotts and her saddle two cows and calves and the third of the sheep. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Mary the Gospel Sonnetts and Halls Continilation. I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elisabeth two books Dodridge and Brothersreign of Grease. I will and bequeath unto my son James two Book Binett Bunion an the C\_\_\_\_\_. I will and bequeath unto my son William two book \_\_\_\_\_ on Temptation and the life of Colonel Garner. I will and bequeath my daughter Margaret the Sorrell mare and saddle, her head and wear clothes and two cows and two calves and the third of the sheep and the remainder of the house furniture divided equally between the old woman and Isbel and Margaret and ten dollars to Margaret and Isbel and Margaret their living there of the place while. I will deed bequeath unto my loving

son John a hundred and fifty acres of land running a straight line across the upper end of the place alike at both ends, and the half of the farming tools a black mair and saddle and a Gun I will

**Means, William (Cont.)**

And bequeath unto my son Ormond the lower end of the place and the \_\_\_ horse and \_\_\_ saddle and the wagon is to be between John and Ormond while living together and if John moves off the plantation the wagon becomes Ormond a two year old heifer to John deed a yearling heifer to Ormond deed is to save a bushel and a half of Fakes seed yearly and two acres of cotton ground yearly, and the \_\_\_ treats left after all lawful debts are paid goes to the \_\_\_ of the land and jack is to have his living off the lower end of the place and I hereby make and ordain my friend James McHenry and William Gault Excutors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof at the said William Mean have to this my last will and testament Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and published                      William Means [seal]

And declaed by the said

Wm.Means the testation of his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of Signing and Sealing thereby Enter \_\_\_ before signed.

David McHenry

Patrick Cuttou

State of Tennessee

Blount County, December Sessions 1811

This was the execution of the within will proven in of ----court by David McHenry and Patrick Cultou and \_\_\_ to record.

In testimony whereof I have ever unto set Seal my hand and affixed my private Seal having no seal of office at office this 29 Day of December 1811 and 86 year of American Independence.                      Houston Clk

**Hackney, Hugh**

In the name of God Amen, I Hugh Hackney of the State of Tennessee and County of Blount being sick and weak in body but finding my mind strong and my

judgement sound and calling the frailty of man and the certainty of death as think it my duty and I do thereby make and constitute this my last will and testament, I \_\_\_\_\_. I give and bequeath my soul to God and my body to the dust. The funeral charges with all my just debts to be paid out of my estate. Item I give and bequeath the remainder of my estate both real and personal to my beloved wife Anne Hackney to be used at her discretion for the use of ratifying schooling and distributing amongst the children as she may see proper this power to remain with her while she remains my widow. At which time (should it take place) my Executors hereafter named will proceed to sell all my Estate except the land to be divided in the following manner (viz) the place on which I live give to my son Esau, the lower place to my

**Hackney, Hugh (Cont.)**

son John they paying each one hundred dollars which sum together with the balance excisting from the sail of the other property is to be divided equally between the four other legatees not heretofore named (viz) Polly, Rebecca, Sarah and Nancy. My sons John and Esau to maintain their mother jointly if she remains my widow. If she marries she draws a child's part and recieve the management of the Estate to the Executers. And I shall consider my widow bound to give the children proper education. The boys to be taught reading, writing and arithmetic as far as surveying and bookkeeping. And I do hereby constitute my worthy friends William Derham and William Griffitts to be my whole and sole Executors in witness thereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1814.

In presence of S. Dickey

Hugh Hackney [seal]

Thomas Hackney wit

David Lambert

**Cartright, Thomas**

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Cartright of the State of Tennessee and County of Blount being very sick and weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that is appointed for all men once to die do make ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the givened resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form first I give and bequeath to my dear beloved wife Mary Cartright all my lands and tenements as well as all my personal Estate for the purpose of raising our children on, during her widowhood, and if she should marry before the youngest child becomes of age, then and in that case then the land to be given to my four sons to be equally divided between them. Namely, Matthew and Nelson , James and Thomas and all the personal property I wish my wife Mary to draw one third thereof and the rest of the property I wish to be equally divided among all my children. The four boys and three girls, namely Sarah, Nancy, Polly, N.B. I wish it as understood

that if Mary never marrys she is to have as above stated and if she should marry  
I wish my sons to have the land and the other property divided as above.  
Likewise I constitute, make and ordain Mary Cartright, William Barns and Henry

**Cartright. Thomas (Cont.)**

Franks the sole executors of this my last will and testament and I do hereby utterly disavow, revoke and disallow all and every other former testament, wills, Legacies, bequeaths and executors by me in any wise before names willed and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of January, Eighteen hundred and fourteen. Signed sealed delivered in the presence of us, Thomas Cartright [seal]

Interviewed before signed, before assigned with these words, Estate, wish and the figures

Leeroy Nobles

El\_\_\_ James

Jesse Cartright

**Hammontree, Jeremiah**

In the name of God Amen, I Jeremiah Hammontree of Blount County State of Tennessee being in a low state of body but in perfect sense and memory calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and acknowledge this my last will and testament in form following. First my will is that all my just debts be paid. Secondly I leve to the care of my beloved wife Sarah Hammontree and my executors hereafter named during my wife's widowhood all my temporal Estate and personal. Thirdly, Should my wife marry again after my decease my will is that all my estate be sold and equally divided between her and my children. Fourthly my will is that my executors have power to sell at any time any part of my moveable property that may by them be thought perishable or an encumbrance on my estate or any part of the like moveable property for the support and education of my children. Moreover my will is that should my wife bear another child or more than one in my lifetime or in nine months after my death that it or they shall be included with the rest of my children. Fifthly and Lastly I appoint my beloved wife Sarah and her brother John Holloway Executors to this my last will and testament and in witness of the same I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 1813.

Jeremiah Hammontree

In presence of us

Billy Holloway

Joseph Holloway

Minter Holloway

**Montgomery, James**

I James Montgomey being in perfect health and sound mind do make and ordain this my last will and testament and I do hereby revoke all others by me heretofore made. In the first place

**Montgomery, James (Cont.)**

I leave my bed and furniture to my daughter Peggy Henry to my Grandson James Montgomery son of Hugh I leave fifty dollars in property, my plantation with all my farming utensils, with all my stock and household furniture together with the residue of my estate. I leave to my son Samuel and I do hereby appoint James Houston son of Mathew and my son John Montgomery Executors of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24th day of September 1809.

Test: J. Montgomery James Montgomery seal

**Brown, Elijah**

In the name of God Above I Elijah Brown of the State of Tennessee and County of Blount being in a low State of health but of sound mind and Judgment and calling to mind the frailty of we are the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time when do hereby make my last will and testament. I \_\_\_\_\_ I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust to be buried in a Christian like manner at the expense of my heirs. Item I give and bequeath unto my aged mother a decent quantaurance and decent burial at her death. Item I give and bequeath my beloved brother David Brown one Sorrel horse. Item I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Polly Brown the remainder of my estate both real and personal to be completely her own while she lives and be disposed of by her at her death as she may think proper after all my Just debts are paid. Except five schillings a peace to each of my brothers and sisters not heretofore married and I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Polly Brown and Joseph Henderson my sole and sole executors of this my last will and testament. Signed in the presence of us this 21st day of December 1814.

Test: S. Dickey Elijah Brown

Joseph Henderson

John R. Smith

**Johnston, Francis**

I Francis Johnston being low in health but in perfect mind do make this my last will and testament. 1st I recommend my soul to god who gave it to me and my body to be decently buried 2nd It is my desire that my wife and children live in my house and on my land and have the benefit of the same during her widowhood and when my son arrives of the age I give him the land. 3rd I do appoint my friend David Walker and Josiah Johnston my Executors and leave them to dispose of my perishable property as he thinks best for the use of my family done this 3rd day of July 1817 in the

**Johnston, Francis (Cont.)**

County of Blount and State of Tennessee. Signed in the presence of us whose names one hereto.

Attest: Samuel M. Johnston  
Samuel Johnston

Francis Johnston  
Executors: David Walker  
Josiah Johnston

**McCulloch, John**

In the name of God Above I John McCulloch of Blount County and State of Tennessee being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous do dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and bequeath the same in manner following that is to say,

1st I desire that all my perishable property be immediately sold after my decease and out of the monies arising therefore all my Just debts and funeral expenses be paid. 2nd After the payment of my debts and funeral expenses I give to my brother Thomas McCulloch ten dollars. I give to my two nieces Nancy McCulloch and Elisabeth McCully the remainder of the monies and also such debts as my be owing to me at my decease to be equally divided between them. I give and bequeath to my brother Samuel McCulloch the plantation I now live on and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends John Caldwell and John McCully \_\_\_Executors of of this my last will and testament hereby revoking other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 28th day of October in the year of our Lord 1814.

Signed sealed published  
and declared to be the  
last will and testament

John McCulloch

of the above named John McCulloch in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

James Gillespie  
J.P. Ewing

**Martin, Jesse**

I Jesse Martin of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do this second day of September in the year of our Lord on thousand eight hundred and fifteen make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following that is to say. 1st I leave my plantation whereon I now live to my wife Sarah Martin during her life for the purpose of raising and schooling my children at her death to be equally divided between my three sons. Namely Holden Mark and John. 2nd I also give my

**Martin, Jessee (Cont.)**

wife Sarah Martin the use of all my negroes during her life in as long as she may wish to hold them but may divide them in the following manner among my children at any time that she may think proper to my son Holden I give Picket. I also give Harvey to my son Mark. I also give Gwen to my son John. I also give Charlotte to my daughter Rosey. I also give David to my daughter Rebecca and Hannah to my daughter Joana I also give Mary to my daughter Rebecca one half of his value at the time she receives him and I further direct that Jude be left at her liberty at my wife's death to live with which of my children she pleases. 3rd I leave all my personal estate to the use of my wife during her life in pleasure then to be divided equally among my children namely Rosa Holden Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Catherine and John. I further direct that my wife keep account of all that she may give to my older children so that they may be able to come to an equal settlement at her death. 4th and lastly I ordain my wife Sarah Martin my Executor to this my last will and testament witness my hand and seal the day and date above written.

Jesse Martin seal

Witness: W. Durham  
Samuel Dixon

**McCarry, Samuel**

In the name of God Above I Samuel McCarry of Blount County and State of Tennessee being about to take a long Journey and being of perfect mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows that is to say I give and bequeath unto my niece Sarah Pruit all my estate of Goods and chattles Lands and tenured and all notes or bonds that is to say all that I possess and lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends Andrew Jackson and George \_\_\_\_\_ my executors of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and testaments formerly made. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of November 1814.

Samuel McCarry seal

Signed sealed and delivered  
in presents of us who at his  
request have hereunto subscribed our names.

William McCarry proved by  
Andw Jackson

**Witherspoon, James**

In the name of God Amen I James Witherspoon of Blount County and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind that all men must die do make and ordain this my last will and testament first of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it an my body to the earth to be buried with a decent Christian burial and as to what God hath blessed me with of the good things of this world I give and bequeath in the following manner. And first my wife is that tract of land in Blount County and \_\_\_\_\_ be equally divided between my well beloved wife Margaret and Thomas Smith Item Second I verbally contracted and sold to James R. Rogers a tract of land in Roan County for two hundred dollars to be paid in March eighteen hundred and eleven forty dollars of which is paid. Said land I promised to make a transfer till out of the balance of said two hundred dollars and fifty dollars with of the Books in the hand of John N. Gammel of Knoxville and my will is that all my lawful cash debts be discharged if any balance of these sums after my debts are paid. I bequeath it to my wife Margaret Item 3rd I give and bequeath to Thomas W. Smith the half of my stock of hogs and sheep and one cow. Item fourth I give and bequeath to James Mitchel my brood mare Fan also a two year old Filly named Highflyer also two year old colt named \_\_\_\_\_ mudley. Item fifth the balance of my property I give and bequeath to my wife Margaret Thomas W. Smith and William McClurg Executors this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of August one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

James Whitherspoon [seal]

In presence of us  
William McClung proven  
J. Gillespie

**Wiggins, Michael**

February 9, 1815 Blount County State of Tennessee my last will is as follows. My soul I resign to God that gave it. My body I resign to the earth from where it came the rest of my worldly goods as foal's. The land divided beginning at a white oak at the Big Spring running to a post oak from there to a black oak near the new field from there to a large Black oak on the top of the ridge the lower part I gave to Allen Strain and the wife of Allen Strain and his heirs forever and the balance of the land is to be left in the hands of my wife for her maintenance and at her death to come to my daughter Polly the \_\_\_\_\_ furniture to be left in the hand

**Wiggins, Michael (Cont.)**

of my wife also to dispose of at her death as she thinks proper. And the \_\_\_\_\_ that is making at Joseph Bogle I give to John H. Strain my Gran son and the last of \_\_\_\_\_ note which is fifty dollars is to go to Allen Strain. My wife is to have her choose of the \_\_\_\_\_ and my daughter Polly then next my Jane Wiggins and John Williams executor.

Michael Wiggins

Test: James Boyd  
Joseph Rogins

**Houston, William**

In the name of God Amen. I Wm Houston being weak in body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament. 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary her living of the land which she lives on continues in a state of widowhood and also after my debts are paid and the installments on the land are paid I allow her on fourth part of the residue of the money that is now due the Estate and a bay filly. 2nd I bequeath to my son John Houston on half of the land I now live on and one fourth part of all the money due the Estate after my debts are paid and the installments on the land paid. 3rd I give to my son Samuel Houston on half of my land I now live on and one fourth part of the money now due the Estate after my debts are paid and the installments on the land paid. Also my \_\_\_\_\_ mare and a note on Samuel Black and George Davis for one hundred and forty dollars he paying his brother John ten dollars out of the last mentioned note 4th I bequeath to my son Joseph one third part of the value of the land I now live on to be paid by John and Samuel equally for the land being left to them and one fourth of the money now due after my debts and the installments paid on the land. 5th I give to my son in law McNelly one hundred and forty dollars one hundred out of the money that he owes me for the land he lives on and forty dollars to be paid him by Witson Wright in consequence of \_\_\_\_\_ Nelson Wright. 6th I give to my son in law Nelson Wright on hundred out of the money he owes me for the land he lives on. 7th I allow the remainder of my property to valued or sold at the discretion of my Executors and be equally divided between Peggy, Polly, Patsy, Betty and Buhry. Lastly I do appoint my son John Houston my brother James Houston and my brother in law James Henry the Executors of this my last will and testament. In test. \_\_\_\_\_ whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of April 1815,

Signed sealed and published \_\_\_\_\_ Wm.Houston

in presence of us. James Wear  
James Smith

### **Stewart, Alexander**

I Alexandar Stewart of the State of Tennessee and County of Blount do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills made by me. First I will that my burial expences and all of my just debts shall be paid out of any monies I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Second I will that my daughter Ann Mcdonald shall have sixty dollars and my carry all. Third I will and bequeath to my son William Stewart seventy dollars Fourth I will and bequeath to my daughter Martha Stewart eighty dollars Fifth I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary Gray fifty dollars and my \_\_\_\_\_. Lastly I nominate and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ B Saffell my Executor of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I do set my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1847.

Alexander Stewart {Seal}

The above will was signed

sealed and acknowledged and delivered by Alexander Stewart in the presence of us this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1847.

James Tedford

Andrew B. Saffell

### **Thompson, John**

To whom these presents may come greeting. I John Thompson being weak in body but sound mind and disposing memory and also being mindful of the uncertainty of death and wishing to settle and dispose of all my worldly affairs that I may devote my whole mind to the affairs of my soul and be permitted to die in peace I do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made. My will and bequests are as follows wo wit my first my funeral expenses and all my other just debts to be paid as soon as is convenient after death out of first moneys that may come into the hands of my executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my sons Robert and David Thompson ten dollars each and also to my son Thompson forty dollars. Also to my daughter Polly Ann Mcfarling forty dollars also to my daughter Betsy Kenny twenty dollars also to my daughter Darcus Nelson one horse beast her choice of my stock and a side saddle that she has been in the habit of using and also one good bed bedsted and bedding----Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Samuel

Thompson a certain tract of land deeded to me by Milton K and David Carson, also twenty acres off of the track of land deeded to me by Hugh Cunningham to be laid off joining the Carson tract on the south side of the Morganton Road the line to run straight from said road to Patrick McClungs line. Parallel with the line of said Carson Tract so as to include the said twenty acres

**Thompson, John (Cont.)**

Fourthly I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Jemima the tract of land all and to use by Hugh Cunningham except the twenty acres bequeathed to son Samuel and also all of my personal estate except what has been above bequeathed during her natural life. At her death my Executors to sell the land and what may remain of my personal estate that was bequeathed to my wife Jemima on twelve months credit at public sale after giving twenty days notice by advertising at the court house and three other public in the county and the proceeds after paying all necessary expence to be equally divided amongst all my heirs—Fifthly and lastly I appoint my son John Thompson and Lenard Wood my Executors.

In witness whereof it is to this my last will set my name and affix my seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 1852. his

Signed Sealed and  
published in our  
presence and we

John X Thompson {Seal}  
mark

have hereunto set our names in the presence of the testator and in the presence of each other the day and year above written James A. Shedden

James A. Dickson

**Eagleton, W.W.**

I W.W. Eagleton do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made First I direct that my funeral expences and all just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my mother Elenor Eagleton the remainder of my estate both real and personal. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Horace Foster and Thos M Rooker my Executors. In witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1852.

W.W. Eagleton [Seal]

Signed sealed and published

in our presence and we have subscribed hereto in the presence of the testator this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1852

John R. Kay Sr

John T. S\_\_\_\_\_

**McCarter, Sarah**

In the name of God Amen. I Sarah Mc Carter being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do call to mind the mortality of the body that it is appointed unto all to die and afterwards to come to judgment. In the first place I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my friends in hopes to rise again at the General Resurrection in Christ Jesus---as touching my worldly estate

**McCarter, Sarah (Cont.)**

which God has blessed me with I give and bequeath in manner following (Viz) To my Grand Daughter May McCarter who now lives with me I give and bequeath all my household furniture also one cow and six head of hogs, one pair of plow irons one axe one hoe one material and a sprouting hoe. Also to my son Timothy McCarter I give one cow providing he comes for her and if he doesn't Mary McCarter is to have the cow. I give to my Grandson Elisha Clampit one broad axe and foots adze. I do appoint Mary McCarter my whole and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and do revoke and dis\_\_\_\_\_ all former wills by me made in witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1798-

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Signed sealed and delivered  
McCarter

Sarah X

in presence of us } Robert Love

mark

} Teause Cleonner

} William Douglass

**Martin, Josiah**

Territory South of the River Ohio Knox County

In the name of God Amen I Josiah Martin of the county and Terrytory aforesaid being of sound and perfect mind and memory (Blessed be God) do this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following. that is to say first I give and bequeath to my loveing wife Agnes Martin all the household furniture and my Bawld mare and two cows forever and twenty acres of clear land on my nine Mile place where I now live and what clear land is already to go to her use and the remainder of the twenty acres to be cleared and paid for out of the stock and likewise the fence to be kept in good repair out of the same I also allow her a good comfortable house to be built by John Cowan for her to live in on any part of the said tract of land she thinks proper to appoint I also allow her one third part of my stock of my hogs yearly for her support—I also allow my son James Marin to hold that part of my Nine Mile plantation which lies west of the spring branch during her natural life and at his death to fall into the hands of his children and to be their's and their heirs forever—Next I leve and bequeath to my son Joseph

Martin and my son in law John Cowan the other part of my Nine Mile plantation lying east of the spring branch to be equally divided betwixt them in quantity and quality to \_\_\_\_\_ their being and assigns forever except so much of my sons Joseph's part as shall be a comfortable maintenance to his son Josia Martin—if he continues in a helpless condition I also leve in the hands of John Cowan sixty six dollars and two thirds for the use of supporting my wife Agnes Martin with firewood and salt and all the other conveniences

**Martin, Josiah (Cont.)**

during her life if she is content to live on the place with him also to the said John Cowan I leve two thirds of my hogs and ten sheep to be equally between him and my wife Agnes Matrín I also allow my clothes to be equally divided betwixt my sons Joseph and James Martin next to my son Richard Martin I leve a certain bond in Thomas Hart deceased payable by Joseph Hart for \_\_\_ the sum and acres of land on Clinch River also a rifle gun and a suit of brown clothes which formerly belonged to my son Saml Martin deceased also a half part of a certain claim of land on a branch of Pistol Creek being north of the spring branch and I allow the expence of deeding the said land to be paid out of the money due from the sale of my land in \_\_\_\_\_ if that is sufficient. If that is not sufficient than what cattle or other property can be spared is to be applied to that use and also a new fur hat. Next to my grandson Josiah Hutton the other half part of the above named claim of land south of the spring branch beginning some distance from the mouth of said branch about a south west course Also a young Sorrel mare which he has now in his possession next to my Grand Daughter Abigail I leave and bequeath one bed and furniture of her Grand Mothers part and also two good cows and a horse worth thirty dollars and a saddle to be redacted out of the whole of the Estate.

McGideon Richey informed me that he had obtained judgement of Court for thirty nine pounds Pennsylvania money about four years ago and he paid me thirty one dollars in part at that time and the remainder is due to me and and after all necessary demands is discharged allow the said debts of Richeys and his sum of money which James Montgomery borrowed of me which lodged in the hands of William Hutton I allow to be equally divided amongst all my children—I also allow my Grand daughter Abigail Martin her flax ground and her boarding free yearly of that part of the land left to John Couran and I hereby make and ordain my trusty friend James Scott and my sons William Hutton and Joseph Martin Executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Josiah Martin have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Revoking and disallowing all former wills made heretofore.

Josiah Martin [Seal]

Signed sealed published}

and declared by the said}

Josiah Martin the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who was present at the time

at the time of his signing and sealing thereof

Jamey Scott

his

John x Wallace

mark

**Simerley, John**

State of Tennessee Blount County December the 9<sup>th</sup> 1837. I John Simerly Senior of the State and County above named do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is after my just debts and funeral expenses is paid I desire that my wife Lydia shall have one bed and saddle and spinning wheels and one cow and calf and cooking utensils and one saw and pigs – 2<sup>nd</sup> my son Abraham my plantation containing 111 acres lying on the waters of Six Mile Creek one gray mare too bed and bedding and six head of hogs and all my farming materials with all the increase of all the stock to have and to hold forever him and his sons. In witness where of I have set my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our lord on thousand and eight hundred and thirty seven in presents of  
his

Test George Roulston  
Sen [Seal]

Signed

John x Simerley

George Keller

mark

**Wallace, William**

In the name of God Amen I William Wallace being frail in body but in my perfect mind and meaning and in my perfect judgment do make this my and testament and first of all I leave my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust to be buried in a decent and orderly manner at the discretion of my Exactors which shall be hereafter named – Secondly my will is that my son John Wallace shall have five shilling sterling out of my estate and no more

Thirdly my will is that my daughter Joanna Thompson shall have five shilling sterling out of my estate and no more

4<sup>th</sup> my will is that my son Mathew Wallace shall have five shillings sterling out of my estate and no more

5 my will is that my son Jess Wallace shall have five shillings sterling out of my Estate and no more

6 my will is that my son Oliver Wallace shall have five shillings of our my estate and no more

7 my will is that my daughter Polly McChallan shall have five shillings sterling out of my Estate and no more

8 I give and bequeath unto my son William Wallace all my lands that I now live on. Likewise my wagon and Gears and the mare and saddle he now claims and the --- called --- with my plows and --- and all my plantation tools and my carpenter tools I give unto him and his heirs forever.

9<sup>th</sup> my will is that my dear and well beloved wife Sara Wallace shall have the use and disposing of my Negro wench Rudy while my said wife shall live. Likewise one mare called boney I likewise leave unto my wife the sole disposing of all my household furniture together with all my beds and Dresser furniture to be divided by her when it becomes necessary. I will that the stock be kept together for the use of the family except such as are discharged to others to with sheep hogs and honed cattle till it becomes ne-

**Wallace, William (Cont.)**

essary for my wife to divide them among each of the three younger heirs. My will is that my daughter Ruthey shall have my negro Daniel Fillis and one ---- steed colt, with her part of the moveable property as menchend in the will to his and her heirs forever - I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elisabeth Wallace my negro boy called George and the colt that the bald man is now with likewise his part of the moveable property menchening in the will be his and her heirs forever. My will is that my son William Wallace shall pay all my just debts out of his part of the Estate and likewise reserve all just debts due me. Likewise my will is that my wife Sara Wallace and my son William Wallace shall be Executors of this my last will and Testament and I make void and dismiss all former will or testaments made by me before this time in witness whereof I have executed set my hand and seal this Eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Nine- N.-. B. ---- ---- Executed before said

Wm. Wallace [seal]

I Montgomery

James McClenahan

**Tharp, Joshua**

In the name of God Amen I Joshua Tharp of the State of Tennessee and of Blount County being weak in body but of sound memory blessed be God do this day bequeath to the almighty God and in the year of our Lord Jesus Christ this twenty first day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine do make and publish this as my last will and testament in the following manner as follows, Viz. 1<sup>st</sup> to my Eldest son Daniel Tharp I do allow him to get one dollar in cash in one year after this date and to my daughter Mary Tharp one dollar in cash in one year and to my daughter Esther Tharp one dollar in cash in one year and to Thomas Tharp one dollar in cash in one year and to John Tharp one dollar in cash in one year, and to Levi Tharp one dollar in cash in one year and to my dearly beloved wife Martha Tharp I bequeath the bed and furniture and all the household furniture within the doors and the cows and calves to be --- to --- the -- - of the children that shall --- after --- in this my testament and the plantation to River the said children as long as she remains a widow and after widowhood I bequeath to my son David Tharp that is the lower place on River when ---- of age of twenty one and at the death and at his decease I bequeath to my youngest daughter Martha Tharp all and every household ---- with doors, and for my son Levi Tharp, David Tharp, Sarah Tharp, Jonathan Tharp, Joshua Tharp Junior

and Martha Tharp --- all of the younger is all to be schooled. Such I assist for my  
Executors, first my wife Martha Tharp and John

**Tharp, Joshua (Cont.)**

Tharp, my brother which in the last place of presents the one to pay my debts and to recover my debts coming to me and in the next place the one to school the said children mentoned in the testament as far as the my Executors shall bring proper and further I do bequeath unto my son Johnathan Tharp and Joshua Tharp the place wherever I live --- when the come of age and my daughter Sarah Tharp have two cows when he is of age which I set my hand and seal this year and date above witness. Joshua Tharp [seal]

In presence of us: Robert Hanna  
 Andrew Hanna  
 James Willis

**Bogle, Andrew**

State of Tennessee, Blount County. I Andrew Bogle Senior of the State and County aforesaid do make my last will and testmament in manner and form following that is. 1<sup>st</sup> I give to my wife Elisabeth Bogle a decent living in the house I now live in during her natural lifetime, -- young gray mares and the use of another horse --- until she is fit for use two cows to be maintained by my son Andrew without being any expence to her one hundred dollars in cash tow feather beds bedsteads and furniture and one trunk of all the kitchen and dresser furniture all to be at her disposal at her death. 2<sup>nd</sup> I do give to my daughter Ann twenty shillings to be paid in trade within one year after my decease by my son Andrew- 3<sup>rd</sup>. I do give to my son Joseph twenty shillings to be paid in trade within one year after my decease to be paid by my son Andrew. 4<sup>th</sup> I do give my son Hugh twenty shillings in trade to be paid by my son Andrew within one year after my decease. 5<sup>th</sup>. I do give to my daughter Polly as near the amounts what my daughter Ann got as can be ascertained by my two sons Joseph and Hugh to be in the same kinds of property and twenty shillings in trade to be paid by my son Andrew. 6<sup>th</sup> I do give to my son Andrew all my Estate real and personal which I have not already bequeathed.

November 29<sup>th</sup> 1813

**Cummins, Elisabeth**

I Elisabeth Cummins of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee calling to much the uncertainty of human an life and being --- to dispose of such worldly, substance as I am possessed of do make and ordain this my last will and

testament that is to say. First: I bequeath to Franklin Cummins son of my sister Rachel Cummins all my land consisting of --- tracts, one of one hundred and thirty two acres, one of thirty acres and one of seven acres such land is bordered by Samuel

**Cummins, Elisabeth (Cont.)**

Boyle William McTeer Richard Williams Thomas McFee and Lorenzo Donaldson. secondly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John Bogle Executor of this my last will and testament in witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixth day of December in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two. Signed published and declared to be my last will and testament in the presents of us who at his request and in his presents and in the presents of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses to the same}

Hugh Bogle  
[seal]

Elisabeth X Cummins

A. J. Bogle

mark

**Beaty, Arthur**

In the name of God Amen. I Arthur Beaty of Blount County State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and of disposing memory do this day make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following. Viz, I bequeath to my son James Beaty fifty dollars in cash as soon as collected from Mark Moor, I likewise bequeath to my daughter Isabella Campbell ten dollars in cash and likewise to her daughter Sarah Campbell my bed and furniture. I also bequeath to my Grandson Arthur Beaty son of John Beaty Dec. forty dollars in cash. I likewise bequeath to my son Aaron Beaty one hundred dollars together with my mare saddle bridle and saddle bags together with whatever goods and chattels I may be possessed of at my decease for whatever trouble or expense he may bear while I live and for my burial. I likewise leave my books to be divided by my Executor hereafter appointed among my children and Grand Children at discretion- I hereby appoint Aaron Beaty my son my sole executor of this my last will and testament where unto I subscribe my name this fourth day of November one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Arthur Beaty

Witness present

Josiah Hart

John Clayton

State of Tennessee Blount  
County

Dec. Session 1811, Then was the execution for the written will proven in open court by Josiah Hart and John Clayton the witnesses hereunto and admitted to records. In testimony whereof I have set my name and affixed my private seal having no seal of office. At office this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1811 and thirty six years of American reside \_\_\_\_\_

[seal]

J Houston Clk

### **Williams, Richard**

I Richard Williams Senior of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is, 1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath my son Richard Williams a part of my plantation where I now live beginning in a bluff on the South side of the big Creek River the ford then with the meanders of the Creek to opposite the cross fence between the high land and the old bottom and with the course of that fence Northwardly to my original line then from the bluff leaving the cleaned land where Rich and Kizia now lives to my son Richard and on that direction to the head of a hollow where the road comes down, and from the head of the hollow to Samuel Bogle's common my line. Then with that line to the top of the big Ridge.- 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my son William Williams the remainder of all my lands. 3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath to my two sons Richard and William my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep as they are now divided between them.- 4<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons as James Williams and John Bogle Executors of this my last will and testament surely revoking all other former wills or testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838.

Richard Williams [seal]

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Richard Williams in presents of us who at his request and in his presents have hereunto subscribed and as witnesses to the same.

Hugh Bogle

Andrew Bogle

### **Lowry, Jane**

I Jane Lowry being in a feeble state of health and cauling to mind the uncertainty of life have made this my last will and testament. First that all my just debts and funeral expenses after my decease be paid our of my personal effects, next that my three daughters have all my household furniture Margret Elisabeth and Rebecca except my daughter Mary Ann I wish to have two feather beds as she has got the clothing that that belongs. I wish my son John to have the young --- mare. Also, it is my wish that my sons Samuel and John dispose of my personal property not otherwise bequeathed to the best advantage to pay my just debts also it is my wish if that should not be enough of the personal property to defray the debts it is my wish that my two sons Samuel and John should pay them and hold the land for the same provided they keep their three sisters Margret,

Elisabeth and Rebecca while they wish to live with them and necessary single witness my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1845.

Signed in presents of us}

Jane X Lowry [seal]

And in presents of each other

her mark

Attest} Will Lowry

James H. Rowan

## Langford, James

We P--- McGrew and William H. Hodges do state that the ---- will of James Langford was made by him on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1845 in our presence to which we were specially required to bear witness by the testator himself in the presence of each other that it was made in his last sickness in his own dwelling house in Blount County and State of Tennessee and the --- as follows to wit it was his will and desire that his affects should be disposed of after his decease in the following manner, first I give and bequeath to my two children all my bedding and five bedsteads and all the clothing which I wish to be equally divided amongst them. Also I wish my books such as spelling books testaments and Bibles and all school books to be equally divided among all my children. Also it is my wish that my children have all the leather that I have for the purpose of making shoes for them. Also it is my wish that Alexander Gamble Esq. of said County take into possession my negro boy Samuel and hire him out and the proceeds of the same go to the use of paying my debts or to the benefit of my children until my youngest child becomes of age then if said boy wishes to be sold to any man who so wishes to be his master he is to be sold on a twelve months credit by the purchaser giving bond with approve security for the payment of the same. If not sold as above mentioned the said Gamble is to continue to hire him and the proceeds go to the use of the above named also it is my wish that all my personal property not otherwise bequeath should be sold as soon as practical after my decease by giving two days notice of the time of the sale and to be sold on a credit of twelve months to the highest bidder the purchaser giving bond with approve security for the payment of the same, also it is my wish that my farm be sold at private sale in the following manner and amount of it can be sold for four hundred dollars in good money payable in three years I direct it to be sold if it cannot be sold as above named to be rented out until such times as it may bring the above amount and the rents to be sold as the other property, (that is in twelve months) credit the purchaser giving bond and security, I want all my debts paid out of the proceeds of my property and all the balance equally divided among my heirs making John Langford my nephew a legal heir making in all eleven ----: also it is my wish that my children including my nephew be taken and raised by the following persons to wit Charles Elder, Michael Cate, Sloane Newman, William Newman to take my ten children and divide them agreeable with the children and themselves, also it is my wish that Samuel Newman take John Langford my nephew and learn him the brick mason trade all of whom are citizens of Jefferson County and said State

**Langford, James (Cont.)**

Also I appoint Charles Elder an Michael Cate my Executors. Made out by us and signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 1845.

William H. Hodges

PI--- McGrew

**Murrin, Robert**

I Robert Murrin Sr do make and publish this my last and testament hereby revoking and making void all others in previous wills by me made at any time.

1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of the money that may first come into the hands of my Executors.

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will that my wife Sarah Murrin shall have a good bed and furniture for one --- also two Milk cows one horse saddle and bridle one little wheel and one big wheel. Also the household furniture that may be in hand at my death all of the above named articles she is to have and dispose of as she may think proper at her death, also I allow her the possession of my dwelling house and a decent support for herself of my farm during her widowhood on condition that she stays on said farm to enjoy it and no longer.

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that my son Henry Murrin shall have one dollar in trade and no more.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son John Murrin shall have one dollar in trade and no more.

5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son James Murrin shall have one dollar in trade and no more.

6<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son Robert Murrin shall have one dollar in trade and the four acres --- --- of land that he now has in --- and no more.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son William Murrin shall have one dollar in trade and no more.

8<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son Martin Murrin shall have a good second rate horse and no more

9<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my daughter Ann Murrin shall have one dollar in trade and no more.

10<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son John S. Murrin shall have one dollar in trade and no more.

11<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son Samuel Murrin shall have Eighty acres of my old tract or survey to be taken of the end of the survey next to my son Robert.

12<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son Andrew J. Murrin shall have the balance of my old survey my farming utensils and the remainder of my perishable property at my death and it my will farther that my fifty eight acre survey in the nobbs is continued exclusively for the timber to support the farm I now live on.

13<sup>th</sup> It is my will that Caroline Delozier shall have the bed she now claims and one cow.

14<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my wife Sarah Murrin and my son Andrew J. Murrin shall execute this my last will in witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1841. Robert Murrin (seal)

Signed sealed and published in our presents

and we have subscribed our names pursuant

in the presents of the testator this 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1841.} John S. Criswell

William McTeer

**Aikman, Thomas H.**

July 16<sup>th</sup> In the year of our Lord 185-. In the name of God amen. I Thomas Aikman of the County of Blount State of Tennessee being afflicted and by the course of nature expect shortly to depart this life. But of sound mind and disposing calling to mind the mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last will and Testament form and manner to wit I Resign my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner and as wishing my worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased him to bless me with I dispose of in the following manner. First all just debts and demands to which my Estate is liable to be dis --- charged after which Lunides Plato Aikman my nephew is to have the remainder with the exception of one note on George A. Caldwell of the amount of Twenty eight dollars and forty eight cents, which I will and bequeath to Nancy E. Cowans daughter of George W. Cowans. Now of the said Lunides Plato Aikman should leave and abscond and idell away his time from George W. Cowans, where he is now living then this my last will and testament is to be void in relation to him which may be used used in the education of any prudent indigent person. And Lastly I appoint George W. Cowan to execute this will signed and seal and this day and date before mentioned in the presence of P. G. I do further move appoint George W. Cowan Guardian for Lunidas Plato Aikman.

Thomas H. Aikman [seal]

Test}Daniel Taylor

}Napolian B. McLain

**Blair, John**

In the name God Amen. I John Blair of the County and State of Tennessee being in the 75 year of my life and being of sound disposing mind and memory and sensible of the approach of death I have deemed it my duty in this 26 day November in the year of our Lord 1849. To commit to writing this my last will and Testament. 1<sup>st</sup> and First I give and bequeath my soul to God and the Father of all my --- and my body to be intomed in the earth in a Christian like manner. In the Second place I give and bequeath to my wife Elisabeth Blair all my lands and household furniture during her widowhood. I also bequeath to my wife Elisabeth Blair two of my best milk cows and one --- swine to hold during life my will is that my wife Elisabeth Blair divide the household furniture as she deems proper between my daughter at her death – in the third place I give and bequeath to my

son George Blair all the lands on this side of the creek on which on which I live on at this time to have and to hold by the rites-vested –vested in me.(The 4<sup>th</sup> clause of this will has been omitted in copying.) In the fifth place my will is that my stock except the above named, shall be sold and my just debts paid out of the proceeds and of any remainder after all my just debts is all paid my son William Blair and my daughter each one to have an equal share of the sales of said property

**Blair, John (Cont.)**

I John Blair do appoint my son George Blair and my son John Blair Executors of my estate.

*his*

John X Blair [seal]

*mark*

Signed in presence of us

Test} William Walker

*his*

} Hanly X Peeble

*mark*

**Boring, Joshua**

In the name of God Amen. I Joshua Boring of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of life and of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my will and Testament in manner and form following. First at my death I wish my body decently buried and funeral expenses paid. Secondly I will and bequeath to my three sons (to wit) Isaac, Morris and Hartsell Boring my plantation to be divided equally between said three sons but in case my son Hartsell wishes to keep said farm he is to have it by paying to said Isaac and Morris Boring two hundred and sixty seven dollars to each of said brothers. 3<sup>rd</sup> I bequeath to my ten children namely Isaac, Morris and Hannah McConelly, Ruth Young, Sarah Jones, Temperance Grisby, Delilah Lewis, Ortha Wittenburg and Elisabeth T. --- all my interest in the Estate of Hannah, Hartsell Deceased and to be equally divided between said ten children. 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my seven daughters to wit Hannah McConelly, Ruth Young, Sarah Jones, Tempsey Grisby, Dilila Lewis, Ortha Wittenburg, and Elisabeth --- all the money that I may have on hand and all the outstanding debts that may be due me and all of my personal property of every description to said seven daughters and lastly I do nominate and appoint my son Isaac Boring Executor of this my will and testament. It is further understood that I am to have a decent support of said farm for myself and horse if choose to keep one. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and forty nine, signed and sealed in presence of us subscribing witnesses.

*his*

Joshua X Boring (seal)

Witnesses} H. Ish

*mark*

} Henry Buram

### **Means, John**

I John Means of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee 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 being weak of body but sound in mind and aware of the certainty of death Do commit my spirit to God who gave it and body to the dust from whence it was taken being --- that it will be raised at the last day when soul and body will be ---. I also make the following distribution of my worldly substance Viz. First after my death I allow

**Means, John (Cont.)**

all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of any money or property I may die seized and paped of. 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath to my son William my daughters Mary S. and Nancy T. Means my farm I now live on and the farm known as the Fowler farm both amounting to one hundred and ninety two acres to be equally divided between them according to quantity and quality and if they cannot agree among themselves in the division of the above named lands each one is to choose a disinterested person to make the division the meadows to be included in the division of the lands. 3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath to my son William Means the house he now lives in and the privilege of cooking in the kitchen at the stove. 4<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my two daughters Mary S. and Nancy T. Means my dwelling house and kitchen together with all the furniture. 5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my daughter Nancy T. Means my clock and also one brown mare called Fan. 6<sup>th</sup> I allow my son William and my two daughters Mary S. and Nancy T. Means equal interest in my Barn and Stables and also my cribs and also equal interest in the well and milk house and my part of the hogs and sheep to be divided between Mary S. and Nancy T. Means as they may choose. 7<sup>th</sup> I allow my interest in one Grey Mare and five head of mules to be sold at the discretion my executors whenever they may think it will be most to the interest of the Estate and William consents . 8<sup>th</sup> I allow my daughter Mary S. Means Eighty Dollars to be paid by my Executors out of the money arising from the sale of my stock and provided there should not be enough after paying other demands I allow the colt of the mare Rancy gets to be sold at three years old or sooner if it is believed to be for the interest of the estate to make it up and if there should be a surplus after paying the bequest it is to equally divided between William Mary S. and Nancy T. Means. 9<sup>th</sup> I allow the two horse wagon that Madison Cowart owes me to be kept on the farm for the benefit of William Mary S. and Nancy T. Means. I allow my part of the farming utensils to go to the benefit of Mary S. and Nancy Means also my part of the gear and my saddle to Williams son John and also my family Bible and the rest of my library to Mary and Nancy Means. The wind mill and cross cut saw to be left on the farm for the benefit of all

**Means, John (Cont.)**

Each having equal interest in them. 10<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my son William Means my undivided interest in the estate of William Means decd which purchased from Isabella and Isah Dotson being --- at Law. In conclusion my son Beard H. Means and my daughter Sarah Wear I have given them their portion theretofore and if then should be any of my legalese dissatisfied with this last will and testament and attempt to break it they will hereby forfeit their interest therein. Lastly and finally I do hereby constitute and appoint Samuel D. Wear and Harry H Caruthers Executors of this my last will and testament in testimony whereof. I have here unto set my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1852.

Signed in our presence

John Means [seal]

Attest} David Mc Kaury

} Robert B. Strain

**Nickelson, John**

In the name of God Amen the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December one thousand Eight hundred and two. I John Nickelson of Blount County and State of Tennessee, but now lying in the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is --- for all --- once to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul with the hands of God that give it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian and decent manner nothing doubting but a – great and --- resurrection I shall receive the --- again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give and bequeath and dispose of in the following manner and form. First of all I give and bequeath to my daughter Saley Lusk one horse and saddle to be of the value of one hundred dollars to be given out of the last of the land which I sold to Peter Kiplinger. Secondly I give and bequeath to my other children after my just debts be paid all the other part of my Estate that I may be possessed of at my death viz. James Nickelson and Pursillah Nickelson to be equally divided amongst them those of them that is now of age shall have it in their power to demand and get their share when they may think proper or as soon it can be got collected for them and those of them that are under age their legacies is to remain in the hands of the Executors to be put

to --- for the use of the orphans to the come of age as to they should marry. But if any should die under age --- heirs then's their par as parts shall be equally divided amongst the surviving part of my five children last mentioned in this my

**Nickleson, John (Cont.)**

last will and Testament I do make ordain Constitute and appoint my son James Nickleson and my son in law James Lusk my only and soul Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby --- disallow revoke and disowned all and every other former wills and legacies and I do hereby confirm this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written signed sealed published and declared to be my last will and testament in the presence of

} David Edmundson

John Nickleson [seal]

} James Douglass

} John Irwin

} Robt Irwin

**State of Virginia Rockbridge County**

At a Court held for said County of Rockbridge on Tuesday the first day of February 1803.

The writing purporting the last will and testament of John Nickleson decd as produced in Court by John Nickleson and James Lusk Executors herein named and proved by the oath of David Edmundson, James Douglass and Robert Irwin subscribing witnesses and is ordered to be certified to the County Court of Blount and State of Tennessee. In testimony whereof I Andrew Reid clerk of said County of Rockbridge have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said County Court this fourth day of February on thousand and Eight hundred and three, and in the XXVII Year of the Commonwealth

Andrew Reid

State of Virginia Rockbridge County (to wit)

I Charles Campbell presiding magistrate of said County and in the absence of John Bowyer who is at present indisposed do hereby certify that the above attestation of Andrew Reid who is clerk thereof is in --- form and that his said attestation is entitled to full faith and credit in any court within the United States of America, given under my hand and seal this day of February in the year 1803 and of the Commonwealth the XXVII.

Charles Campbell [seal]

## **Coulson, John**

To all whom these presents may come or be made known know ye that I John Coulson Sen. of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain and constitute this my last will and testament in form and manner following (viz) 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that my just debts and personal expenses be paid out of my Estate. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my wife Sylvania all the sheep, hogs and cattle on the plantation hereon I live and poultry household and kitchen furniture

**Coulson, John (Cont.)**

Leave to her upon proper use and behalf I also give and bequeath unto my wife Sylvania the plantation whereon I live during her natural life with the crop growing is gathered. 3<sup>rd</sup> At the death of my wife Sylvania I give the rents and profits yearly unto my daughter Sally Yarber of said plantation during her natural life and at her death I give and bequeath the said plantation to her heirs and assigns forever.

4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son William Coulson a note of hand I hold on him dated the seventh of August 1846 for Eighty Six Dollars and fifty cents. 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son John Jobez Coulson and my daughter Polly Coulson the tract of land I bought of Sanders M. Luper also the land I bought of Jesse --- together with they reside and remainder of my property if any to be equally divided amongst them to them their heirs and assigns forever they paying out of said lands if property one hundred dollars to my son William Coulson and thirty dollars to my Granddaughter Lavina Coulson. 6<sup>th</sup> I do hereby appoint my son Jobez Coulson Executor to this my last will and testament and do hereby revoke and disown all former wills or wills by me made and constituted this and this only my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1848. John

Coulson Sen. [seal]

Signed Sealed and

Acknowledged and Published in the presence of

Sanders M. Luper

William M. Jones

**Greene, Mastan C.**

In the name of God amen I Mastan C. Green being in a reduced State of body and calling to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die and being of sound mind and also of disposing memory and being desirous of disposing of all the Estate that God has been pleased to bless me with therefore I do constitute make and appoint this to be my last will and testament in the words following.

1<sup>st</sup> I resign my soul to God who give it me and my body to be buried in a decent Christian manner as my affections to parents may think proper.

2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will that all my just be faithfully paid.

3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that the bodily heirs of my sister Elizabeth G. shall have my plantation that is known by the name of the Tom Johnson place containing 160 acres bound by Charles Cross Carr and others.

4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the bodily heirs of my sister Nannie H. shall have 160 acres of land known by the name of the Wolf Quarter bounded by Isaac Miser and others and one hundred dollars in money to be paid as soon as collected by my Executor. 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will that the bodily heirs of my sister Eliza shall have my black girl Nelly.

**Green, Mastan C. (Cont.)**

6<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my two Brothers Philmer W. and G S. Green shall have all my land that lies in the --- Creek amount is 680 acres to be equally divided, taking into view both quantity and quality.

7<sup>th</sup> It is my will that Joseph C. Bogle shall have all the goods that is in my store house and it is also my will that the present heirs of my sister M--- G. Bogle shall have lot no. g. with its appurtenances in the town of Cleveland also 160 acres of land joining Wilson Pratter.

8<sup>th</sup> It is my will that Nancy Avaline Bogle shall have one hundred dollars when collected out of what is owing me when collected.

9<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my brother Philmer Green shall have the south half of the lot No 46 in the town of Cleveland also 40 acres of land that joins --- and others also Eighty acres of land joining the Dendmon place and also that after the legacies left to each one named to be paid out of what is owing to me that my father shall have one half of the remainder of what is collected by him paying to my sister Avaline Montgomery, Caroline Carson, Munervia Bogle, Sarah Henry, Mary Swan, each the amount out of it that he in his wisdom may a judge just and right.

10<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my Mother shall have one hundred dollars of the money that is in hand and my Grey Filly that is at my fathers.

11<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my brother Anthony B. Shall have one equal portion with my father of all the debts when collected also all the money and property that is not specifically named heretofore to one or more individual.

12<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my brother Anthony B. Green shall execute this my last will, in witness whereof I have set my hand and seal Revoking and dis--- all other and former wills by me made. This 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1843\_\_\_ Signed sealed and acknowledged to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who in his presence and at this request have set our names as witnesses to the same.

}J. W. Carver

Mastan C. Green [seal]

}William McTeer

**Wear, Margret B.**

I Margaret B. Wear of the County of Blount do make and declare this to be my last will and Testament.

First I give to my son John Wilkerson my one eyed Grey Mare, one cow, one sow, and pigs and my kitchen table and one plough- Secondly I give to my son Coleman Wilkerson all the balance of my Estate consisting of all my household and kitchen furniture bed and bedding of every dis--- horses, cattle, sheep, hogs my farming tools together with all my undivided interest in the estate of my late husband the late Robert Wear. This bequest is intended to come to my said son Edward every description of property that I may then possessed of whether the same has been received to

**Wear, Margret B. (Cont.)**

my possession or in the possession of my witness person for my use or benefit or to which I may have any claim either in Law or equity or whether the same may consist of real or personal Estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty seven day of September in year 1848.

Signed and sealed and

Margret B. Wear [seal]

acknowledged in the presence

of . Wm. Heiskill

Jas W Brickwell

Arin(his X mark) Edmund

John Hall

**McConnell, Jacob**

In the name of God Amen. I Jacob McConnell of Blount County South west Territory being of sound and perfect mind and memory Blessed be God do this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our lord one thousand and seven hundred and ninety six make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say --- I recommend my soul to God that gave it my body I recommend to be decently buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same and as for my worldly substance I divide it to be distributed in the following manner (Viz) In the first place I allow my lawful debts to be paid and funeral charges I allow all my lands and moveable property to the at the disposed of my dearly beloved wife Rachel for the use and support of my children Enduring her natural life or widowhood and if she marries to have the third of the estate and I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved children the rest of my estate to be equally divided among them at the discretion of my Executors allowing my sons to get the land I now live on and pay the girls an equivalent and I hereby make and ordain my dearly beloved wife Rachel and my worthy friend Samuel Thompson Executors of this my last will and testament and them to choose another to their assistance In witness whereof I the said Jacob McConnell have to this my last will and testament at my hand and seal the day and year above written signed sealed published and declared by the said Jacob McConnell the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us.

Jacob McConnell [seal]

Andrew Bogle

John Mc---

John Caldwell

June 15 1796

In virtue of the power given us by the within will we do hereby make choice of and nominate --- Thomas Gillespie as an assistant or third Executor to the within will. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals.

Rachel McConnell

Samuel Thompson

**Williams, John**

I, John Williams of the County of Blount and the State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made first. I desire my body be \_\_\_ interred at Usebia at Meeting House in said county in a manner suitable to my situation in life and as to such worldly Estate as in hath pleased God to \_\_\_ use with I dispose of the same in manner following to wit. First I bequeath to my daughter Jane M. Haddon my two all my land that I now hold my wagons and guns and all my farming utensils and two mares a bay and a sorrel and one cow and calf. Secondly I bequeath to my grand daughter Caroline Haddon my two young horses a bay and a sorrel and cow one and calf and also all my household and kitchen furniture to be equally divided between my daughter Jane M Haddon and my granddaughter Caroline Haddon and all my stock sheep and hogs and the rest of my stock not itemized disposed of to be equally divided between my daughter and granddaughter

Thirdly and lastly I do hereby make and ordain and appoint my esteem friends John Bogle and William McTeer Executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I John Williams the said testor hath hereunto set my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February 1843

John Williams [seal]

Signed Sealed published and declaimed to be the last will and testament of the above name John Williams in the presents of us who at his request and in his presents have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Hugh Bogle

Nathaniel Jefferies

**White, John**

Knowing all men by these present that I John White of the County of Blount and Sate of Tennessee of sound disposing mind and memory but realizing the uncertainly of life and the certainty of death and being desirous where it shall please providence to call us hence of having satisfactorily arranged and settled all my temporal affairs as for that purpose hereby make and publish this my last will and testament. 1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently interred. 2<sup>nd</sup> I will and bequeath that after my decease that my funeral expenses and all my just debts shall be paid. 3<sup>rd</sup> I will and bequeath the \_\_\_ and sills of six negroes slaves namiety Nelson and

Cleburne and Campbell and Marvin and Huson his six negro slaves to my  
Executors herein after appointed and the survivor survivors of their and the heirs  
of said survivors to hold said negro slaves in trust for the sole and exclusive use  
and benefit of my neas Martha White Houston during her natural life and to her  
after her death .If any

**White, John (Cont.)**

If not children I desire that my Executor keep the said negros in trust for the sale and exclusive use and benefit of my sister Ann G Houston and her children and they \_\_\_ to the special benefit. 4<sup>th</sup> I further will to my neas Martha White Houston thought my executors as in the third bequeath of this will my \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and my wagon and oxen and all the gearing and all the farming utensils of any kind and \_\_\_ that is not herenamed also my horses and cattle and hogs and sheep and all my household and kitchen furniture also all my books of all \_\_\_ of every kind in a wind every thing that belongs to me that desire it goes to her benefit and her children if any now I desire that it goes to the benefit of my sister Anna G Houston and her children as in the third bequeath of this will again I desire that if my executors should think it advisable to sell the property last named to wit my \_\_\_ \_\_\_ and wagon & \_\_\_ horses cattle \_\_\_ and all those articles last named They can do so and put the money to \_\_\_ \_\_\_ as I will tell you in the \_\_\_ I bequeaths of this will - 5<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath to my nease Martha W. Houston seven thousand dollars thought my executor as in the third bequeath of this will that they take that money in the note that I hold on Joseph Houston son and as they fall due put that to in trust and I desire that my executor for Martha White Houston benefit and take the interest of that money for her special benefit as long as she may live. If she has any children at her death I desire that money be equally divided among her children if now \_\_\_ of desire that it goes to the benefit of my sister Ann G Houston and her children as in the third bequeath of this will.

6<sup>th</sup> I will and bequeath my negro girl Jamina shall in consideration of her honesty and fidelity be permitted to make choice which of my sisters or Martha W. Houston she will live with I bequeath to which service of my sisters or Martha W. Houston my said girl shall choose to reside with as afore said and that she resides with them during her natural life and be \_\_\_ kindly and affectingly and if she should become helpless in any weigh I desire that she be supported \_\_\_ over my estate 7<sup>th</sup> I will and desire that my executives have worn stones put at my fathers and mothers grave and the necessary inscriptions thereon and I desire that they or both pailed in gardner with locust pailings and post and nailing - 8<sup>th</sup> I will and desire that my Executors take the balance of my notes own Jo Henderson and in a word all my notes and accounts and they collect there and they go to the payments of all my just debts and the balance after paying my debts I desire that it goes to the benefit of my nease Martha White Houston in is my executors keep the same in trust for her use and benefit and they may give it to her as they think she may need it. 9<sup>th</sup> I further will and desire that my neas Martha White

**White, John (Cont.)**

Houston is not permitted by me to marry any person witness the consent and approbation of her father and mother that she M.W. Houston is not permitted by me to marry any where else but at house where her father and mother is if She Martha White Houston does not comply with this my ninth request of this will I desire that the property and money that I have will her to be taken from her by my Executors and they keep same in trust for the use and benefit of my sister Ann G Houston and her other children as in the last part of the third bequest of this will. 10<sup>th</sup> I will and desire my friends Robert Porter Benjamin Bradson and Joseph Henderson they have my neace Martha W. Henderson taken special care of until her father and mother get her in possession I desire that she lives with one of these three until her \_\_\_ can come and get her again I desire that my Executors make service suitable as arrangements for her conveyance to send horse with her father. 11<sup>th</sup> I will and desire that my friends Robert Porter, Benjamin Bradson and Joseph Henderson shall execute this my last will and testament Hereby revoking and unwilling every other former wills and testaments by me at any these \_\_\_\_ made in testimony where I have present set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1846 John White [seal]

Signed sealed and acknowledge

As the last will and testament of

John White and published in our present.

Andrew Kirkpatrick

B. \_\_\_\_

**Plumlee, Stephen**

I Stephen Plumlee do make and publish this as my last will and testament surley revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or my first come into the hand of my Executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my son John Plumlee one dollar. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly \_\_\_ one dollar. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Barton one dollar. Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Peggy one dollar. Sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Abby \_\_\_ one dollar. Seventhly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ray one dollar Eighthly I give and bequeath to the heirs of my son William Plumlee one dollar. Ninethly I give and bequeath the balance of my estate of every description to my wife Ester Plumlee and it is my will that at her death of my said wife Esther Plumlee that my two slaves \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ be set free agreeable to the law of state of Tennessee Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint Major Reeder my Executor in witness hereof I do to this.

**Plumlee, Stephen (Cont.)**

My will set my hand and seal this 1st day of January 1847

Stephen X Plumlee [seal]

his mark

Signed seal and publish in presents we have subscribed our names hereto in the present of the Testator this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1847

Ben Cunningham

John Brakebill

**Ransbarger, Nancy**

I Nancy Ransbarger of the county of Blount and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made. First after paying all of my funeral expenses I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ransbarger a certain slave named Cloe and I also so give and relinquish unto Mary all my interest in the stocks of hogs that is on the farm. I also go give unto Mary my two wheels the one a cotton wheel and the other a \_\_\_ wheel together with a certain Pot Vessell with a bail and I also give my gear Hackle to Mary---Second I do give unto my daughter Elizabeth a large eight gallon Pot and I do give unto my daughter Jane McConnell my bed and furniture with my flax wheel and also my armed chair together with all oven and small pot. 4<sup>th</sup> I do give Mary my Baker and all of my pots hooks together with my Five dogs shovel and Tongs. I do consider and appoint John Gamble Jun. my Executor In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23 day of January 1846.

Nancy X Ransbarger [seal]

her mark

Signed sealed and executed in our presence of W.B. Williams

Thomas Russell

**Myers, Phillip**

I Phillip Myers do make and publish this as my last will & Testament hereby revoking and making void all other will by me at any time made first I direct that my funeral expensed and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may be possesses of or first come \_ into the hands of my Executor. Secondly I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth B. Davis and her children all my real and personal estate that I die possessed of and if there should be any person or person coming in as heirs I give and bequeath one dollar each. Lastly I do hereby do \_\_\_and appoint Elizabeth Davis and Jacob Davis as executors I witness where of I do this my will, set my hand and seal this 2<sup>th</sup> day of October 1847.  
Phillip (X) Myers  
[seal]

his mark

Signed seal and published in the presence and we have subscribed our

**Myers, Phillip (Cont.)**

Named Executors in presence of the Testor this 23 day of October 1847

Attest Willie B. Wright

William Colburn

**Bogle, Matthew H.**

I being feeble and in ill health I make this my last will and testament resending (?) my earthly estate. First after my death I want to be decently buried in Eucebia Church burial Ground beside my wife Nancy and my infant son William Graves and I want such head and foot stones be put up at my grave like that at my wifes grave. Second I bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Bogle and set a part for her son ever the following property Viz \_\_\_ negros Charles and his wife \_\_\_ and all the household and kitchen furniture that she brought to my house when she came here to live. I also give her my gray mare \_\_\_ & \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ my \_\_\_ my new \_\_\_\_. Five ewes and lambs, two cow and calves and two yearling heifers, two sows and pigs and five year old stock hogs and a division of the poultry about the house and five hundred dollars in cash I allow and authorize my executor to pay over the above named \_\_\_ to her now in consideration of the aforesaid bequeath property and money to my wife Mary. She relinquishes all her rights to \_\_\_ to said will and being fully satisfied with said property going to her. Said Mary Bogle agrees to the above and from that a agreement proceed to make my \_\_\_ in divide amongst my children. I bequeath to my daughter Malinda Caroline Bogle mulatto boy \_\_\_ and black girl Eliza and Manny and Lisa infant girl child Lucinda I give her my brown Mare called Billy Barbour and also her bridle and saddle and her mothers saddle and her mothers bureau and chest with all of her mothers clothes about the house one set of china that is in my cubbard four cut glass \_\_\_\_, one set of silver tea spoons marked M.H.B. and one set silver table spoons one small tea and a Large Spinning Wheel also one Bible and her own Books ,School books and her feather bed and bedstead & Furniture. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph L. Bogle by mulatto negro boy \_\_\_ and his wife Hannah and \_\_\_ slave girl child called Rachel I give also to him my new saddle and bridal one bay filly yearling \_\_\_ colt. I give and bequeath to my son William Ramsey Bogle my black boy George and black girl Martha and also his little sadder bridle and feather bed and furniture and bedstead his spelling books,red dresser and Bible I give and bequeath to my son Martin \_\_\_ Bogle my

**Bogle, Matthew H (Cont.).**

Black boy Alfred and one called Tobe and black girl called Silva and one feather bed and furniture and bedstead and also a small saddle and bridle, one spelling book Testament and Bible. I give and bequeath to my son Guilford Cameron Bogle my black girl Besty and black girl Fanny their being Eliza children, new feather bed and bedstead and furniture one spelling book Testament and Bible. My wish and desire is all of my other property that is not \_\_\_\_ disposed of that may come into the hands of my Executors may be sold on such time as my Executors may think best and the proceeds of the sale be equally divided between my daughter Caroline and my four sons (Viz ) Joseph L., William R., Mathew & Guilford to of my inline Estate I want my land sold inline and the Executors withhold the title until the last testament is paid my \_\_\_\_ is that my sons Joseph, William, Mathew and Guilford be sent to school to competent teachers until they get at least a good education and if they same promising and have a desire to study the languages and study a profession true and therefore my wish is that their guardians shall attend to and see that they are kept at some College of good reputation and out of the higher of these negro is part of their Estate pay their schooling and for their Education my wish and desire is that the negros that I have willed to my children shall be hired out to such persons as will treat them humanly have \_\_\_\_ there that may hire these bound to as so and keep them for time may have their share of any expense to their owners. If any of my children shall die before they arrive at the age of twenty one years and have no heirs after I will their property to be equally divided among my other children that they may be living. Joseph L., Malinda Caroline, shall pay back of their to Guilford \_\_ Bogle and they shall also pay Mathew and William R. Fifty dollars back in \_\_\_\_ of their \_\_\_\_ being of mark value. I request and appoint James Sharp Guardian for my daughter Malindy Caroline. I request and appoint Major R \_\_\_\_ guardian for my son Joseph L. I request and appoint Guilford Cameron Guardian for my sons William R. and Matthew H. and I request and appoint Hiram Bogle Guardian for my son Guilford C. Boyle. I do appoint Guilford Cameron William G. Bogle, William Wallace and James K Black my true and lawful Executors to carry out this my last will and testament or as many of them as man act in that capacity – March 7<sup>th</sup> 187\_0

M.H. Bogle [seal]

Attest G. B. Bailey

Guilford Cameron

**Bogle, Matthew H. (Cont.)**

This my codicil to my will date March \_\_, 1847. I now will and desire that my son Joseph Bogle shall pay to my other four children twelve dollars and 50 cents each one. I disannul William G. Bogle as one of my executors to my will and put in his place and appoint Major Reader as one of my executors and I disannul William Bogle as Guardian for my son Guilford C. Bogle and in his stead I appoint and request Guilford Cameron to be his guardian and I further will that my five children be made equal in the distribution of my estate with the exception of the division of the negroes which I have already divided and set apart to each heir according to my wish I disannul Guilford Cameron as Guardian for my son William R. Bogle and request and appoint J G M Ramsey Guardian for my son William R Bogle, Joseph Bogle is to pay the above named twelve and fifty cents to each of the other children in consequence of the appearance of our increase in his division of his negro property. May 27 1847 witness my name and seal in the presence of :

M. H. Bogle [seal]

J G M Ramsey

James H Black

Guilford Cameron

**Lewis, Thomas**

Known all men by these presence that I Thomas Lewis of the County of Blount and Sate of Tennessee being of sound mind and memory to make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others will by me made at any time or in any manor. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. 2<sup>nd</sup> To my affectinate and beloved wife Ann Lewis I give the mansion house we now reside in and a good and sufficient support of the same whereon I now reside during the time of her natural life with \_\_\_and bedding and other household and kitchen furniture in quantity sufficiently for her decent support also the use of a suitable horse beast for her to go in come during her life.

3<sup>rd</sup> To Kizia Lewis widow and relish of my deceased son Henry Lewis I give and bequeath the piece parcel or tract of land I purchased from Huron Coppock during her widowed hood it being the land wherein she now resides and at the expiration of her widowhood or my son Henry's youngest heirs arrive at the age of twenty one years then they equally divide

**Lewis, Thomas (Cont.)**

the land in \_\_\_ is died and equally divide the proceeds between the children of my deceases son –Nancy Elizabeth Ann Narcissa Caroline Sons Calvin William and \_\_\_ and Mary Lewis they being all the sons and daughters of my deceased son Henry. To my daughter Naoma Mills I give my feather bed and one milk cow. 5<sup>th</sup> To my son Samuel Lewis I give and bequeath the sum of fifty dollars. 6<sup>th</sup> To my daughters Susanna and \_\_\_ and Joanna \_\_\_ give and bequeath to each of them the sum of one dollar only having pertained \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ 7<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to my son William Lewis the plantation I now live in also the one lying adjoining it purchased of \_\_\_ Tuck Sr with all my land now disposed of there live together with all my personnel property that is not herefore in this my will disposed of at my decease. 8<sup>th</sup> and lastly I ordain and appoint my beloved wife Ann Lewis and my son William Lewis Executor and Executer of this my last will and testament. In testimony I have hereto set my hand and affix my seal this \_\_\_ day of the second month February in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Eight hundred and fifty seven in the presence of us

John Hackney Sr.

Thomas (X) Lewis [seal]

James Donaldsen

James Griffith

**Morton, William**

In the name of God Amen I William Morton of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being in a weak state of health in body but good \_\_\_ and memory and understanding calling to mind the mortality of the body the shortness of life and the certainty of death knowing that is appointed for \_\_\_ to die have thought best to make and Execute this my last will and testament in the form and manner following viz. First I resign and commit my soul to the hand of Almighty God who gave it hoping to find truly and forgiveness through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ and my body to the earth to be interned in a decent Christian burial at the directions of my Executor nothing doubting that I shall again receive the same at the \_\_\_ resercertion state last day and as to such worldly goods where with it \_\_\_ pleased God to bless us. I will that they be disposed of as follows. First that all my just and lawful debts be paid and \_\_\_. 2<sup>nd</sup> I want my daughter Jane to have all my bed and bed clothes after my decease and that shall be her free interesting my estate both real and personal. 4<sup>th</sup> I will and direct that my daughters Ann Delzell, Nancy Cook and Polly

**Morton, William (Cont.)**

\_\_\_\_\_ deceased name of each have one dollar after my estate their full interest of my estate. 5<sup>th</sup> I will and direct that my son Robert Morton Davis deceased here of have one dollar of my estate in full of said estate. 6' I will and direct that my son Samuel Morton have my suit n boots at my death.

7" I will and bequeath that my son Henry H. Morton have fifty acres of land in the east of the farm so as to include the springing it.

8" I will and bequeath that the balance of my property both real and personal to be divided equally between my son Samuel Morton, James Morton, John Morton, William Morton, Archbald Morton, Joseph Morton, Silas Morton and David Morton by my son William Morton paying John Morton, James Morton Silas Morton, Archbald Morton and Joseph Morton five dollars each out of his share of said estate---9<sup>th</sup> I derict that my Executor \_\_\_\_\_ same person to furnish and put to \_\_\_\_\_lize my grave and my wife Margaret Morton Graves same common grave \_\_\_\_\_with \_\_\_\_\_ to our age and death and so forth. 10" and Lastly I do and orda in constitute and appoint my son John Morton my Executor to this my very last will and testament and do hereby deemed this to be my last will and testament in witness I hereto set my hand and seal This twenty eight day of September Eighteen and fifty two acknowledged

William (X) Morton [seal]

signed and sealed and delivered in our presence

James Taylor

David (X) Garner ?

**McGill, Robert**

To all whose these presents shall \_\_\_\_\_ Known ye That I Robert McGill of Blount County and State of Tennessee by these presents do make sign seal this cause for my last will and testament First I give and bequeath into James McGill my son one hundred and fifty acres of land where he now lives to have and to hold and \_\_\_\_\_. Secondly I give and bequeath unto my wife Mary the house where I now live and all the household furniture and kitchen furniture. Two cows and five sheep and her support out of the farm during her natural life.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto Jane my daughter my bay horse and the saddle she now owns and to Lucinda my daughter I give my \_\_\_\_\_ and a good saddle in the price of property and I also give unto their \_\_\_\_\_ support of my fram while they \_\_\_\_\_ single.

**McGill, Robert (Cont.)**

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto Alexander and Robert my two sons all the balance of my land and also the balance of my personal property.

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto William my son forty dollars in good \_\_\_\_\_ which Alexander and Robert my two sons are to pay \_\_\_\_\_ out of their part of the Estate and last of all it is my will and request that William and Alexander my two sons be the Executors of this my last will testament hereby disclaiming any other but to which I have and do subscribe my proper signature and affix my proper seal \_\_\_\_\_ my hand and seal August 31 1846.

Robert McGill [seal]

Witnesses : Nathan D. Moore

John Dyke

**Armstrong, William**

I William Armstrong of Blount County and State of Tennessee do make and publish as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former or other wills by me made at any time. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any money that I may \_\_\_\_\_ in possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I will and give and bequeath to my son Joseph V. Armstrong a certain piece of parcel of land with all its appertainances it being the part of my tract of land where David Vaught now lives beginning in a Post Oak (v south) Corner of my tract of land in the Howard live close on the north side of nine mile creek \_\_\_\_\_ up the \_\_\_\_\_ of said creek to north of a wash below James G. Armstrong house there to the corner of the fence running toward Joseph S. Taylor \_\_\_\_\_ turning to the left with the same to the corner of my land with Howards land and thence with Howard and land to the beginning be the same \_\_\_\_\_ .3<sup>rd</sup>. I give and bequeath to my son James Armstrong a certain parcel of land which he now lives together with all the appertainances beginning at mouth of the wash below his house the place designated for Joseph V. Armstrong corner thence up the \_\_\_\_\_ of nine mile Eight \_\_\_\_\_ above the upper corner of the fence of the field tract John Taylor has corn in \_\_\_\_\_ thence to the fence of the pasture field thence turning to the left hand and running with said fence to the corner thence \_\_\_\_\_ along said fence strikes the big road thence a straight line to Joseph Taylor land thence turning to the left hand and running with said Taylor land to the place where Joseph V. Armstrong live with \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Armstrong, William (Cont.)**

Thence with said Joseph V. Armstrong to the beginning be the same more or less. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Lanty M Armstrong and my daughter Eliza Armstrong all the balance of my land together with its appertainances and beginning at the corner designated for the upper corner of James G. Armstrong land thence up the \_\_\_\_\_ of the creek to Samuel Thompson land and Samuel Tulloch and others following my line moved to the place designated for James G. Armstrong comes in Taylor lives thence with the said James G. Armstrongs land to the beginning be the same more or less provided that if my daughter Eliza Armstrong should marry and change her place of residence and is my will that Lanty M. Armstrong gave her one hundred dollars in good trade and that he have all her interest is said land.

Fiftly I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Armstrong my young sorrel \_\_\_\_\_ named Roda and also three cows named \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_----Sixtly I give and bequeath to my son Lanty M. Armstrong my wagon and gearing and my windmill and also all farming tools except half of the mill water that belongs to Robert G. Armstrong, Sevently I give and bequeath to my son Robert G. Armstrong my bay mare named Pedler. Eightly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eliza Armstrong my loom and all the apparatus beginning thereto----Ninetly I give and bequeath to my son Lanty M. Armstrong and my daughter Eliza Armstrong all the balance of my household and kitchen furniture. Tenthly I desire my Executor to put twelve dollars in trust of my effects to the use of schooling my two grand children Samuel H. Armstrong

William H. Armstrong sons of my son Alexander Armstrong dead at such time and in such way as he may think \_\_\_\_\_ benefit to them. It is my will that Robert G. Armstrong also pay for schooling one of said boys eighteen months. Elevently I give and bequeath to my son Lanty M. Armstrong a bed stand that \_\_\_\_\_ is making for us. as to my Daughter Jane Thompson she has got her share of my effects. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son Lanty M. Armstrong my Executor in witness where of I do to his very will set my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1850

William (X) Armstrong [seal]

Signed and Seal and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names in presence of one testator this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 1850

James M Tulluch

Samuel T. Woods

## Gillespy, John

In the name of God amen, I, John Gillespy of Blount County S.W. Territory being weak in body but of sound judgement and memory calling to mind my mortality and knowing it is appointed for all men must die do make and claim this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First I give my soul to God and my body to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors.

Secondly, all my lawful debts and funeral expenses to be paid by my Exec and for such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give and bequeath to my dear and well beloved wife Elisabeth Gillespie maintenance of the land I now live on during life or widowhood also all my moveable property to be by her divided as she shall think fit between my son Alexander and my two daughters Margret and Sarah and my land on Lick Creek to be sold and my two sons William and John to have each a fourth part of the price and the remainder to fall into my other estate to be divided as above and for my lands in Cumberland in Kentucky State I allow either of my two sons William or John to dispose of the same and pay themselves for their trouble out of the sale and the rest to be equally divided amongst all my children(viz) Jean Agnes, Elisabeth and William, Mary Ann, John, Susannah, Alexander, Margret and Sarah and if Elisabeth and Agnes, Daughter to James Gillespie Deceased behave themselves well to have one equal share betwixt them. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons William and John Gillespy my whole and sole Administrators to execute this my last will and testament. In witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Sixth day of February 1796.

James Gillespy

John Gillespy [seal]

Alexander Gillespy

### S.W. Territory Blount County

The deposition of us the subscribers these deponents being duly sworn Deposith and sayith that a short time before John Gillespy late of Blount County, departed this life they were at his house that he told them that on receiving a letter from Virginia he was informed that there was some danger of damage concerning an heir respecting land he had since sold he likewise said he wanted to alter his will on that account but not knowing an opportunity at that time said the alteration he wanted to make was if costs in damage should accrue in that account that all such damage should be paid out of his Kentucky lands and further sayith not,

swore to and subscribed before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said  
County.

Given under my hand and seal March 17, 1796 \_\_\_\_ my following to the earth of

John Gillespy,

William Gillespy

Wm Hamilton [seal]

**Gillespy, John (Cont.)**

James Gillespy

Alexander Gillespy

State of Tennessee Blount County May Session 1801  
proven in open court let it be settled.

J Houston, Clerk

**Wyly, James**

I James Wyly do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts (if any) be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executors.

Secondly, I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Wyly one third of all my perishable and moveable property including money in hand notes and other evidences of debt \_\_\_\_, and also one half of the tract of land where I now live the upper half of said tract to have and enjoy said property and land during her natural life or during her widowhood. It is furthermore my will that she shall school, educate and maintain and raise my children who are yet living with us and are not of age with the remaining two thirds of my personal property together with the one third already bequeathed to her and at her death or marriage of my said wife said property and land shall vest in one and belong to the delegates herein after named.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my sons Jackson Randolph Wyly and Benjamin Franklin Layfayette Wyly a tract of land in Monroe County Tenn containing Six Hundred and forty acres and known as the county Town Tract on Tennessee River and an adjoining \_\_\_\_ of one hundred and forty nine acres, making in all 789 acres to be equally divided between them the upper half to Jackson Randolph and the lower half to Benjamin Franklin Layfayette.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughters Avis Amy Wyly and Mahaly Jane Wyly a tract of land in Blount County Tennessee containing five hundred and fifty five acres on the waters of Tennessee river and known as the Casteel tract to be equally divided between them, the upper half to Avis Avery and the lower half to Mahaly Jane.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my son John Calhoun Wyly the lower half of my home plantation.

Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my son Felix Grundy Wyly a tract of land on Tennessee river Monroe County Tennessee containing five hundred and fifty six and a half acres know as the Mill place.

Seventhly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Martha Wyly a tract of land in Roan County

**Wyly, James (Cont.)**

Tennessee containing one hundred and Ninety Seven acres.

Eighthly, it is my will and desire that all my lands lying in the Counties Monroe, Blount and Roan and not herein before specially bequeathed together with my negroes be equally divided between my children herein before mentioned --  
Ninthly, It is my will and desire and I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Martha Wyly in addition to what I have already given to her at the death or marriage of my wife Mary Wyly the upper half of my house plantation.

Tenthly it is my will and desire that my stock in the Hiwassee Rail Road Company, my town lot in the Town of Morganton together with any other personal property not herein before mentioned be equally divided between and amongst my children herein before mentioned shall not sell or dispose of any of the land herein before willed to them to any person or persons whatever, and if any of my said legacies should wish to move to any of the western States or any other place they can do so and in that event the land bequeathed to them shall \_\_\_\_\_ to the use and benefit of my legacies who remain until such time as the heirs or legacies leaving it may choose to return and live upon it and if any disputes or difficulties should arise amongst my said legacies in relation to my estate, my will is that they avoid litigation and lawsuits and that they settle their difficulties (if any should unfortunately arise) in a spirit of compromise, and by the arbitration and award of good honest men and that no law or tribunal shall in any wise alter or defeat this my last will and testament. And lastly I do hereby now make and appoint Mary Wyly my wife, Josiah Jackson, John R Jackson, Jackson Randolph Wyly, Benjamin Franklin Lafayette Wyly and Joseph Scates Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1847. James Wyly

[Seal]

Signed sealed and published

In our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator. This 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1847. Robert S. Warren

John Singleton

John S. McNutt

State of Tennessee Blount County

Personally appeared before me William Lowry Clerk of the County Court of Blount County the within named James Wyly the maker of the within instrument of writing with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that he executed the same at the time it was dated for the purpose herein certified therefore the same is admitted to record and certified for my instruction. Witness Will Lowery Clerk of

**Wyly, James (Cont.)**

Our said court at office in Maryville this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1847

Wm Lowry Clk

State of Tennessee

By his Dep D. D. Foute

County of Blount

Registers office June 7, 1847. Then was the within instrument and its private Registered in Book U, Page 278. Reviewed at 11 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> o'clock A.M. and was noted in Note Book A, Page 57. Witness my hand at office in Maryville. Andw McClain

Register of Blount County

A Codicil to last will

I, James Wyly having heretofore made and published my last will and testament, do make and declare this as a codicil there to wit, now as my dater Mahala Jane Wyly departed this life April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1848. Now it is my will that all the property that she was possessed of Both real and perishable be equally divided Brothers and Sisters to wit, Avis Avery Wyly and Mary Martha Wyly, Jackson Randolph Wyly, Benjamin Franklin Lafayette Wyly, John Calhoon Wyly, Fealix Grundy Wyly and Mary Martha Wyly. Lastly it is my desire that this codicil be attached to and constitute a part of will to all intents and purposes this 5<sup>th</sup> June 1848

James Wyly [seal]

Attest Thos. N Aikman

Jon. S. McNeill

State of Tennessee

Blount County, I, Robert A. Tedford Clerk of the County Court of the County aforesaid certify that the within was recorded in open court in the same day the same purports \_\_\_ date. Witness my hand at Office in Maryville June 5<sup>th</sup> 1848.

Robert A. Tedford, Clk

By Jas. R. Lowe \_\_\_

**Tuck, Susannah**

I Susannah Tuck do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made.

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

Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter Elisabeth\_\_\_ Thomas Tuck, Fanny Cox, Susan Rose Prudence Brooks, Wilmoth Copeland and Lucinda Arial one dollar each. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my daughter Ellen Tuck my cow and all my household and kitchen furniture with the exception of one large pot.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son Harrison Brook and his wife Patience one large pot and all of my hogs and all of my land and proceeds of the same by the said Harrison and Patience maintaining of me during my lifetime. Lastly I

**Tuck, Susanah (Cont.)**

do hereby nominate and appoint Francis M. Bowerman my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1849.

her

Susanna X Tuck [seal]

mark

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of this testatrix this the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1849.

F. M. Bowerman

J. B. Jones

**Dunlap, Adam**

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1796. In the name of God Amen I Adam Dunlap Senior of Blount County in the State of Tennessee considering the mortality of man and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows (Viz).

I First of all recommend my soul to God that gave it and my body to the ground from whence it came to be buried in a decent Christian manner

2d I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Elisabeth after my debts are discharged all the household furniture and the house we now live in and the third of the benefits of the land, her life time and two cows and calves, the household furniture to be disposed of as she pleases at her death and the benefit a horse to ride when she pleases.

3d I bequeath to my son James Dunlap the upper end of my land as follows down John M. Cammons Branch to the creak to the lick Branch and one two year old heifer. 4<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to my son John Dunlap the lower end of my land as follows to run a straight line across the creek at the upper end of his field there to run up the branch then up pole run a direct course to the highest part of the Hill and one twenty year old Heifer. 5<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to my daughter Margaret Dunlap the roan hoarse and her saddle, one cow and calf, the horse to be kept on the plantation for the use of the place while she remains in the family. 6<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to my daughter Agness Dunlap one cow and calf and the black mares colt to be raised on the place and give to run and a saddle to be bought her out of the rest

of the upper field. 7<sup>th</sup> I bequeath to my son Adam Dunlap the plantation I now live in agreeable to the lives already mentioned to the other boys and the dwelling house at his brothers death and the black mare and the cow and calf and the Rifle Gun he now has and all the farming utensils and as much glass as will glass windows and the rest the rest of the glass to equally divided amongst the rest of the family the sheep to be kept by Adam for the use of the family.

**Dunlap, Adam (Cont.)**

Eighthly I bequeath to my daughter Jean Graves Five Shillings N.B. I allow my wife to have the Loom and Tacklings and them to be at her disposal. Ninthly I appoint and constitute my son James Dunlap and John McCain to be executors of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal 6 day June AD 1796.

Testees  
[seal]

Andw Boyle

Adam Dunlap

John Dunlap

**Davis, Phillip**

I Phillip Davis 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 funereal expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may come into the hands of my Executor. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my wife Elisabeth Davis my undeviating plantation and all my perishable property house furniture that is mine and other effects that I may be possessed of. At her death it is my will that my effects be divided as follows. Thirdly I give and bequeath to John Davis, Samuel Davis and Anna Davis my home plantation to be equally divided between the three at her death. Fourthly I will and bequeath to Thomas Davis, Benjamin Davis, William Davis, Philip Davis, James Davis, at her death give them all my perishable property house furniture and forty acres of land the place my son John Davis now lives on to be equally divided between the five. Fifthly, I will and bequeath to my two daughters Margaret and Sally thirty dollars, fifteen dollars each. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint William Davis and Elisabeth Davis my Executors in witness whereof I do this my will set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of February 1852.

Signed Sealed and published

Phillip Davis [seal]

In our presence and we

Have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the testator this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1852 .

Daniel H. Emmert

Samuel E. Rownes

Absalom Avest

**Sterling, Margret**

In the name of God Amen I Margret Sterling of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak of body but sound of mind and of disposing memory and of the certainty of my dissolution I make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following. I commit my spirit to God who gave it and my body to the earth from whence it came there to rest to

**Sterling, Margret (Cont.)**

The resurrection being fully assured that there it will be raised and reunited to my soul of the worldly substance with High the Lord in his kind providence has blessed me. I make the following disposition (VB). 1<sup>st</sup> that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid. 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath to my brother James Gillespie one dollar and twenty five cents. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to each one of my surviving sisters one dollar and twenty five cents. 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to Harvey H. Caruthers five dollars. 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to John Gault five dollars. 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to Joseph Wilson five dollars to be paid him by my Executors when they collect the money of my Estate and said legatees discussed it. 6<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath all the remainder of my real and personal estate to the Synod of the Covenant Church to which I now properly belong for the education of young men for the university. Lastly I constitute and appoint John Gault and Harvy H C Caruthers Executors of this my last will and testament witness my hand and seal January 17, 1845.

her

Attest

Joseph Wilson

Margret X Sterling [seal]

Harvey McCaruthers

mark

**Trundle, James**

In the name of God Amen, I James Trundle of Blount County Tennessee being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous do dispose of all such worldly substance as it hath pleased God to bless me with. I give and bequeath the same in manner following (Viz) First I desire that all my perishable property except so much as I shall herein bequeath Elenor Trundles be immediately sold after my decease and out of the monies arising therefrom together with the monies which can be collected from debts due me all my just debts and funeral expenses paid as the aforesaid monies may not be sufficient to satisfy all my debts. I desire that my exectors hereafter named may sell my farm in Blount County near Maryville together with one Woodland tract adjoin lands of A. Montgomery and others being in aforesaid County and also the dower of the

widow Perry in Sevier County adjoining lands of Brabson and others and out of the proceeds arising therefrom pay and satisfy such of my just debts as remain unpaid. After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Eleanor Trundle one half of my island farm in Sevier County including the main house, Barn and Stables, all the household and kitchen furniture in his use, two Bars Share Ploughs, four shovel plows, one harness, one wheat Fan, the new wagon and four pair harness complete, three choice horses, six choice milk cows, twenty

### Trundle, James (Cont.)

Sheep, three choice Brood Sows, twenty head choice hogs, Twenty Shoots, Six Stock cattle, one thousand Bu corn, one hundred Bu Wheat, one thousand Doz \_\_\_ and roughness sufficient to winter her stock, fifty dollars in cash and my negroes Tom, Jude and Rachel for her use during her natural life.

And said negroes and their increase with the land laid off for her. I give and desire after her decease to be divided among my children herein after named equally and to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever. Thirdly I desire and appoint my friends Willey Huffaker Esqr, General Wm Wallace, and Allen S. Bryant Esqr a committee to divide the remainder of my negroes in eight lots of equal value as near as may be for the interest of my eight children, the heirs of my body, (Viz) Wilson L. Trundle, John W. Trundle, Mary E. Trundle wife of David L Trundle of oth, David L. Trundle, David L. Tundle, Althea E. Trundle, \_\_\_ L. C. Trundle and Polly W. Trundle to be drawn by Lot by each heir and when it may happen that same shall draw lots of higher value than others, those so doing shall pay all monies so as to make all the heirs above named share equally in my said negroes and further I request the above named Gentlemen together with John Muller \_\_\_ Esqr as surveyor to divide my Island farm in two equal parts so as to give the one half of said farm with the Mansion House and \_\_\_ to my wife Elenor trundle as herein before stated and the other half together with my farm on Boyds Creek. I wish and request the said Gentlemen to divide into eight equal lots to be \_\_\_ for by my said eight children so that each of my said heirs may inherit my lands equally. Fourthly out of my horses I give to my son David S. Trundle a certain black gelding known as his horse and to each of my three daughters, Althea E. Drusilla L \_\_\_, and Polly W. Trundle I give the following Colts (Viz) to Martha E. the \_\_\_ colt, to Drusilla L. C. Pink's young colt and to Polly W. Pink's young colt, and to my two daughters Drusilla L. C. and Polly W. Trundle I give twenty five dollars each to procure a saddle, Bridle and blanket, a place for them which I direct my Executors to pay over to them out of my money that may remain in their hands after the liquidation of all my debts and if after complying with all the conditions and parts of this my will. There should remain in their hand any money belonging to my estate it is my desire that it be divided equally among my eight children above named and my wife Eleanor Share and Share alike. And lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my sons Wilson L Trundle and John W. Trundle Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made in witness whereof I have hereinto set my hand and seal this fourth day of August AD 1842.

James

Trundle [seal]

Signed, sealed and delivered

In the Presence of us

James McCaury

Will Dallace

### **Russom, John**

In the name of God Amen, I John Russom of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being in sound mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed unto men once to die do hereby make and establish this my last will and testament. 1<sup>st</sup> I resign my soul to god through my gracious Redeemer and my body to the graves until the resurrection. 2. After my decease I wish my Executor of this my will and testament to make sale of certain portion of my land adjoining the land of Anderson, Murphy, supposed to contain about twenty five acres also another lot of land which was bargained to Isaac Burnett and surveyed which contract was afterwards recinded he failing to comply with the conditions of sales containing about twenty seven acres together with all my personal property except such as may be necessary for the support and comfort of my wife during her natural life and out of the proceeds of such sales to pay all my just debts. 3d the residue of my farm with all the buildings and improvements thereof, the household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils and such of my live stock as she may need. I desire my Executors as above to secure to my beloved wife Margret during her natural life. 4<sup>th</sup> At the decease of my wife Margret for services rendered to me and my family for upwards of twenty years by Elisabeth Allison I give and bequeath to the said Elisabeth the above named residue of the farm in which I now live. 5<sup>th</sup> I do hereby constitute and appoint my true and faithful friends James Cumming and John Nichols both of the County of Sevier and State aforesaid my executors of this will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1851.

(His)

In presence  
[seal]

Hugh Bogle

John (X) Russom

Of

A. G. Bogle

(mark)

### **Hannum, Henry**

It is my last will and testament that the two tracts of land formerly belonging to John Woods deceased, the one on which I now live and the other adjoining the lands of Robert Thompson and others and also the two tracts given to my wife by her father one of which Julius C. Fagg is now living upon the other adjoining the

lands of M Greshim Goodlink and others also all my lands in Florida be sold at one and two years credit and the proceeds thereof go to my wife and children. I also wish my boy Owen to be sold and the money to be given to my wife and children. It is also my will that the money that is or may be collected in the Grayson and Wyth land claims be paid over to my Mother to whom it rightfully and justly belongs the paper of their

**Hannum, Henry (Cont.)**

of their claims are now in the hands of W. Y. C. White for collection. It is also my will that my wife's gun be given to my son James. Also my best double Barrel Shot gun to my son Frank, my other shot gun, best pistol, watch and rigging to my son William. I also will and bequeath to my wife Ann \_\_\_\_\_ all my personal property and the balances of my negroes to retain or dispose of at her discretion after the payment of my just debts. It is also my wish that my wife assure the administration of this my last will and testament together with whomsoever she may deem proper to act with her. Given under my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1845

B N \_\_\_\_\_

Henry Hannum [seal]

Witnesses Julius C Fagg

Will Singleton

*Probated May 5, 1845***Freeman, James**

I James Freeman of Blount County and State of Tennessee being sound in mind and in my proper senses do hereby make by last will and testament as follows. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Lucy Freeman during her natural life that half of land upon which Randolph Kidd now lives as tenant and adjoining the tract whereon Eliza Davis now lives being that portion of the tract of land which now belongs to me and which I purchased from Samuel Glass. I also bequeath to my aforesaid wife Lucy during her natural life the following negroes Bob and his wives Mom, Dick, Louisa, J B and Jack also Robin, Reubin and Abram. I further bequeath to my said wife all my stock of Cattle now on grounds including horses, cows and hogs and all other denomination of stock together with all my household furniture and farming utensils to be and belong to said Lucy Freeman during her natural life. After the decease of my aforesaid wife Lucy Freeman the aforesaid tract of land bequeathed to my wife Lucy will revert to and become the property of my son John Freeman, the negro Rubin above named and bequeathed as above to Lucy Freeman will after her decease revert to and become the property of my son Daniel Freeman the negroes Rubin and Abram above described and bequeathed as above to my wife Lucy will at her decease revert to and become the property of my daughter Eliza Davis. The household furniture above described and bequeathed together with the stock above

described also furnishing utensils to become at the decease of my wife Lucy the properties of my son John and my daughter Eliza to be between them equally divided. I also give and bequeath to my sons Robert, Foster, and James five

**Freeman, James (Cont.)**

dollars each in testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1827 in presence of John Stephens and Peter Nance subscribing witnesses. I also appoint John Freeman Executor and Eliza Davis Executrix of this my last will and testament giving them all legal power to carry the same into effect day and date as aforesaid given under my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1827.

James Freeman [seal]

Attest            Peter Nance  
                          John Stephens

**Warren, Robert** *(see 160 pg)*

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Warren of Blount County and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is once appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall reclaim the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form: First I give to my son James L. Warren one hundred acres of land in the lower end of my plantation. Likewise I give to my son Notty N. Warren one hundred acres of land in the upper end of said plantation to be laid off by my Executors, the balance of my plantation at my death I give to my son Joshua W. Warren and one horse worth seventy dollars in trade. At my death I desire that my negro woman Nancy be set free. Likewise at my death I desire that my four negroes namely one girl named \_\_\_\_\_, three boys (Viz) Smith, Cockbourn and Newborn be equally divided by my Executors between my three daughters (viz) Pamela M. Pitman, Elisabeth K. Warren and Nancy W. Warren and Elisabeth and and Nancy is to have each of them a horse worth seventy dollars in trade

and a saddle for each of them out of my Estate. The balance of my estate I desire to be sold immediately after my death and after paying all just debts and funeral expenses the remainder be equally divided between my six children, namely James L. Warren, Notty M Warren, Pamela I. Pitman, Joshua W. Warren, Elisabeth K. Warren and Nancy W. Warren, and I likewise give and bequeath to my first wife's children namely as follows Charles N Warren and William B. Warren, Martha Conaway, Susannah Sevrin, Thomas S. Warren, Samuel D. Warren, Edward V.

**Warren, Robert (Cont.)**

Warren, Jane Kitchum, Lydia Hollin, John T. W.A Warren, Elizabeth S. Hollin, Mary Yearout and Robert W. Warren one dollar each to be paid out of my estate by my Executors. Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friends James Wilson and Samuel George Executors of this my last will and testament to have full power of all sales and divisions, revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six.

Signed sealed and declared

Robert Warren [seal]

To be the last will and Testament

Of heirs the said Robert Warren the testator hereto

In the presents of us

Richard Chandler

David Chandler

**Gillespie, William**

In the name of God Amen this Nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five, I William Gillespie Sen of the County of Blount and the State of Tennessee being feeble of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and being aware of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do hereby make my last will and Testament. First when it shall please providence to remove me hence I will and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently interred and secondly my worldly estate both real and personal, I will and bequeath in the following manner to wit. 1<sup>st</sup> I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Gillespie one hundred and twenty dollars in cash to be ~~divided~~ raised out of my Estate and paid to her by my Executors herein after appointed. I do further will and bequeath my said wife Ann her choice of one horse or mare also her choice of three cows and three young cattle of my property. I do further will and bequeath her so much of my household and kitchen furniture as she may think proper to take and as much of this present products of the farm I now live on as will support her properly for one year after my death all of which is to be at her absolute disposal. I also will and

bequeath to my said wife Ann Gillespie thirty dollars to be paid her annually so long as she shall survive and exclusive of the one hundred and thirty dollars before mentioned. I do further will and bequeath to my said wife Ann during her natural life her choice of one of my four negro slaves \_\_\_\_\_, Allen, Wilson and Anderson and to the negro so chosen, should at any time before the decease of my said wife Ann die or become unable to labor then I further will and bequeath my said wife Ann her choice of any of the remaining items

**Gillespie, William (Cont.)**

And that she enjoy his or her service during her said Ann's natural life. I do further will and bequeath to my son James Gillespie one third, to my son John Gillespie one third, and to the heirs of my deceased son Robert Gillespie namely Esther N. Houston, William T. Gillespie, James H. Gillespie, Martha L. Gillespie, Robert A Gillespie, Martha M Gillespie, and Mary E. Gillespie one third of my negro slaves before mentioned after my wife Ann shall have made her choice as aforesaid and after the decease of my wife Ann I wish and bequeath said negro slave by her choice as aforesaid in the proportion aforesaid to my said sons James and John and the heirs of my deceased son Robert provided they shall contribute one third of the said sum of thirty dollars be be paid as aforesaid to my wife Ann during her natural life that is to say my son James shall pay one third and the before named heirs of my deceased son Robert shall pay one third of the said sum of thirty dollars annually and provided also each of the aforesaid three parties shall contribute one third of the expenses that has or may be incurred in supporting myself and family during my natural life which upon my decease shall appear from the accounts sufficiently attested of my sons James, John and Robert and if any of the aforesaid three parties shall fail or refuse to pay or contribute the aforesaid proportions then I will and bequeath that the aforesaid negro slaves shall be divided in the proportions to the three aforesaid parties they shall have paid or contributed as aforesaid. I do further will and bequeath that my Executors herein after appointed shall dispose of the land upon which I now live either at public or private sale or otherwise as they shall deem most expedient in so much thereof as shall be sufficient to \_\_\_\_\_ my sons James and John Gillespie for any debt or debts which they may have paid or may pay as securities of my said deceased son Robert Gillespie and also for any moneys they may have paid or may pay in the administration of the Estate of my said deceased son Robert Gillespie for which the may have received no consideration all which shall be made appear to my said Executors upon a fair and equitable settlement by heirs to be made with my said sons James and John Gillespie. I do further will and bequeath if said Executor and said James and John disagree in said settlement or if any difficulty should rise about any other foregoing or subsequent provisions of this will that the same shall be referred to other disinterested men to be chosen by the parties whose decision or the decisions of a majority of them shall be good and final to all intents and purpose. I do further will and bequeath that my said Executors after identified

**Gillespie, William (Cont.)**

my said sons James and John as aforesaid if there shall remain any of the land undisposed of shall apply the same in the sales thereof or so wish thereof as may be sufficient for that purpose to the payment of any Just debts or debts remaining due and unpaid of my deceased son Robert Gillespie. Should there not be property sufficient for that purpose of his estate and after the payments of said debts any there be there remain a balance of my said land undisposed of I will and devise the same to my daughter-in-law Mary Gillespie during her natural life to Esther N. Houston, William F. Gillespie, James N. Gillespie, Marthie L. Gillespie, Robert A. Gillespie, Martha M. Gillespie and Mary E. Gillespie children and heirs of my deceased son Robert Gillespie and their heirs forever. My said daughter-in-law Mary Gillespie to enjoy during her natural life a portion of the aforesaid divise equal to that of any one of the aforesaid heirs. I do further will and bequeath to my daughters Ann Rutlage, Agnes Houston, Polly Byrd and Elisabeth Byrd each the dowry I have heretofore given them. I also will and bequeath to my son-in-law Samueal Houston my negro girl nice and her issue. I do further will and bequeath that my negro slaves Jack and Dinah for and in consideration of the fidelity and obedience with which they have long served me enjoy their freedom after my death. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint Mathew Russell Sen. And William Gillespie Sr. my Executors to execute and carry into effect this my last will and Testament and I do hereby renounce and revoke all and every other will and Testament by me at any time heretofore made and do hereby notify and confirm this and no other my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

William Gillespie [seal]

Attest            Sam Saffle    proved

                     Robert Young    proved

**Chamberlain, Ninian**

In the name of God Amen the twenty second day of November in the year of our Lord 1811, I Ninian Chamberlain of the State of Tennessee in the County of Blount Gentlemen being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and declare this my last will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I

give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body  
I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the disposal

### **Chamberlain, Ninian (Cont.)**

off my Exr. and nothing doubting but that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give, devise and dispose of the same in like manner and firm following that is to say in the first place I allow my personal and real property to be sold and the land as soon as my part can be know by my Executors to my son George Washington Bani by by Caty Bowerman I gave and bequeath eighty dollars. In the next place I wish all expenses that may come against the estate to be paid. In the next place I give and bequeath the whole of my Estate that may remain to my dearly beloved wife Hannah and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke enjoyed all and every other and former testament will and legalities be named willed and bequeathed ratifying and this time being this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my testament set the day and year above written.

Signed Sealed published

& \_\_\_\_\_declared by

The said J. Gillespie  
W. Wallace

Ninian Chamberlain [seal]

State of Tennessee

December Session 1811

Blount County This was the execution the within will  
prove in open court by James Gillespie one of the witnesses thereto and  
admitted to record in testimony whereof I have here into set my name and affixed  
my private seal having no seal of office it office this 29<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1811 & 36  
year of American Independence.

S. Houston, Clk

### **Bower, Peter**

In the name of God Amen I Peter Bower being sick and weak of body but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in names and form following (viz), first I resign my soul into the hands of Almighty God nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same at the day of judgement

by the mighty Power of God and my body I commit to the earth to be buried in a Christian decent burial at the discretion of my Executors and I do constitute my beloved wife Kitty Bower and my beloved brother David Bower Executors to this my last will and testament and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me, I dispose of in form and manner following Viz. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Kitty Bower one cow her choosing the same

**Bower, Peter (Cont.)**

Out of my cattle and one mare and all my household furniture to be hers immediately after my death and further I allow her twenty five pounds be given in money to be paid her out of my Estate as soon as it can be collected out of the sale of my property. There my Estate to be equally divided between her and my three children. And as touching my lands I allow as soon as an office is opened for lands south of French Broad and Holston that money be collected out of my Estate and my lands divided for the sole benefit of my wife and children to be equally divided among them or if any of them should choose to keep the land then the one so choosing shall pay to the others their equal dividends or portions equal in value to their shares of the land. Item I allow my brother Daniel Bower one hundred pounds it being due to him out of bonds that I have for two hundred due for our land in Pennsylvania to be paid when the money can be collected for said debt but it is not my intention that he shall have it or any part thereof out of my Estate and if it should so happen that the said monies could not be had then in that case he must loose his part and I do also revoke all other wills and testaments and declare this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety eight.

Peter Bower [seal]

Signed, sealed, Published and

Declared by the said Peter Bower as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto set our names as witnesses in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other:

Abraham Ghormely

Young Borring Morgan

Mark Jim Thompson

**McColm, Alexander**

I Alexander McColm of Blount County and State of Tennessee do make this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say 1<sup>st</sup> that all my just debts be fully paid. 2d after the discharge of my funeral expenses that my beloved wife

Phebe MColm have and remain in full possession of the one third of all my estate both real and personal that is in Blount County during her widowhood and after her decease or marriage I give and bequeath to my children herein after named in manner following. 3d my will is that my negro man John Slave and my girl Malinda slave shall be and remain on the premises where I now live for the purpose of schooling and \_\_\_\_\_ them and my wife during her widowhood. 4” my my will is

**McColm, Alexander (Cont.)**

That my three sons Harvey \_\_ McColm and Joseph Burtin McColm and James Townsley McColm shall have and be equally interested in four hundred and ten acres of land of which I am posest Lying and being in Blount County and also my three sons before named shall have an equal interest in the land John Slaveand also an equal interest in a negro boy slave named Zacharias. 5" that my daughter Mary Elisabeth McColm shall have a yellow girl slave named Amanda and also a good horse saddle and bridle and a good bed and furniture. 6"that my Sarah Malinda McColm have my yellow girl slave Louisa and also a good horse saddle and bridle and good bed and furniture. 7"that my two daughters Mary E. McColm and Sarah McColm be equally interested my girl Malinda slave and her increase. 8" I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife Phebe McColm and James Wear and James Cockrill B. Executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made to witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this eighth day of February 1847

Alexander McCaolm

Saml Steel, Barnabas Cochran , Harvy Cochran

As a codicil to my will and testament is that as my daughter Polly intermarried with Samuel McCrosky and having given to said daughter Polly McCrosky her proportionable part and said Samuel McCroskey and Polly his wife had one daughter named Netty Ann McCrosky who married Harry Hamilton who also has received considerable amount my will is that the said Harry Hamilton and wife Netty and my granddaughter have the sum of five dollars to be paid at the discretion of my executors whereunto I set my hand and seal this eighth day of February 1847.

Saul Steel

Alexander McColm

Attest Barnabas Cochran

Harvy Cochran

**Thomas, Berry**

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Berry being now in my last sickness but having the mercies of God being sound in mind and memory do make this my last will and testament. In the first place I will my soul to God who gave it and

that my body should be decently interred in the earth. In the second place it is my design that after my decease all my just debts shall be paid and that the residue of my estate may be distributed agreeably to Law and it is further my desire that John Montgomery and John Lowry shall be my Executors of this my last will and testament given under my hand this eleventh day of September 1805.

David Russell

\_\_\_\_ Thompson

Thomas Berry [seal]

**Wear, Margret**

I Margret Wear of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void any wills at any time made by me. I first direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or very first come into the hands of my Executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my son James P. Wear all of my stock of Cattle. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my three daughters namely Elisabeth, Martha and Loucina P. Wear all the money I may have on hand equally at my death after the payment of my first debts and funeral expenses. Also whatever amount of money or notes I hold on John Black of Augusta County Virginia and James Black of same County and State Notes bearing date of 13 day of Sept 1832. Also any interest I may have as one of the Legatees named in Joseph Sharps will who died in Augusta County Virginia in the year 1828 or thereabouts to be divided between my three daughters above named. Fourthly I will and bequeath that all my household and kitchen furniture together with any other property I may possess not heretofore bequeathed be equally divided between my three daughters, Elisabeth, Martha and Loucina P. Wears not interfering with what the girls have of their own. Fifthly I wil and bequeath to James P. Wear a sufficiency of money out of a Pension claim that I expect to get if it is gotten to pay his debts up to the present date and the balance of these should be any be be equally divided between my three daughters Elisabeth Martha and Loucina P. Wear. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John S. Wear and Robert Eagleton my Executors in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1849.

Margret Wear (seal)

Test} George W. Wear

A. C. Montgomery

**Dunn, Daniel**

I David Dunn Sr. of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me if any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently buried in a manner suitable to my condition in life and as to such worldly state as it hath pleased god to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows.

First I direct that all my debts and burial expenses be paid as soon after my  
decease as possible

**Dunn, Daniel (Cont.)**

out of any moneys that I may die possessed of is my first desire with the hands of my Executors providing from any portion of my Estate real or personal. Secondly I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Susannah Dunn all my real and personal estate that is left after my first debts are paid. During her life and after her decease if there should be any part of my Estate left I direct my Executors to divide the remainder equally amongst all my lawful heirs after the youngest children married the same amount that I have given the oldest children then divide the balance that is left equally amongst all I do hereby make and ordain and appoint my two beloved sons Wm Dunn and Levi Dunn Executors of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I Daniel Dunn the said Testator have to this my will written on one sheet of Paper set my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1844.

his

Signed sealed and

Daniel X Dunn [seal]

Published in the presents

mark

of us who have subscribed in the presence of the testator and each other

Attest} George Freshour

Fredrick Everett

**Norton, Nancy**

I Nancy Norton of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make ordain and publish this as my last will and testament that is to say 1<sup>st</sup> It is my will that all just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of any money that may be or in deeds at my death or the first that may come into the hands of my Executor hereafter to be names. 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath to my daughter Margeret Seaton my clock and falling leaf table and looking glass 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my son George W. Norton all the residue of my property of every description whatever that I may be seized or possessed of to his own proper use and lastly I constitute and appoint Alfred Seaton the Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made, in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 1850.

her

Nancy X Norton [seal]

Signed sealed and mark

published in presence of us

Who at her request and in her presence and in presence of each other have  
witnessed the same day and date above. A. Gamble

Alexander McClain



nature and kind soever belongs and appertaining with me at my death after the sum of ten dollars shall be paid to a friend as a sincere token of my respect for him and whoever in function and

**Holmes, James (Cont.)**

of my will and wishes therein, I have privately named to my executer as also my just debts that I may be owing at the time of my decease and the expenses incurred at my funeral which I request may be as plain and economical as possible. In witness of this my last will and testament I hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of January in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two.

James Holmes [seal]

Witnesses} J. Gray Smith

John McCaldwell

**Caldwell, Thomas**

I Thomas Caldwell of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being of sound do make this my last will and testament to wit, 1<sup>st</sup> I bequeath to my son David Caldwell my plantation except I leave to my daughter Esther the land being on the south side of the Grands from the mouth of the Ditch to the Great Road to Thos McCallachs line during her natural life time if she should not marry and if she do marry her portion shall be equal to what her sister have received and two hundred dollars beside and the land bequeathed to her shall go back to the plantation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane McCampbell my daughter shall live on the plantation as long as she may think proper. 3<sup>rd</sup> I bequeath to Jane McCampbell and her children my hundred acre entry of land in North Carolina supposed to be valuable for its minerals. 4<sup>th</sup> I leave my household furniture to be divided among the family to wit, my wife Jane and son David and daughter Esther except the clock which shall be David's 5<sup>th</sup> My wife Jane shall have presence at time of every thing as long as she may live if she live longer than I 6<sup>th</sup> The land bequeathed to my daughter Esther shall belong to my son David at her death and if she marry at the time she may do so 7<sup>th</sup> My stock of horses cow hogs and farming tools I give David. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February AD 1845

Thos Caldwell (seal)

signed and seal in

the presence of us} W.B. Porter

R. P. McColloch

**Thomas, Jacob**

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Thomas of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee farmer being of sound mind and memory and understanding but considering the the uncertainty of life do think fit to make this my last will and testament in the following manner and form Viz I recom

**Thomas, Jacob (Cont.)**

mend my soul unto the hand of God and my body the earth to be buried in a Christian manner and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of in the following manner after all my just debts are paid. First I will and bequeath that my son George Thomas shall provide for his mother my beloved wife Margaret Thomas during her natural life off of farm in which she is to have residence her life time in annually twelve bushels of wheat ground and \_\_\_\_ three bushels of rye and five bushels of Indian corn ground as she requires it one fatted hog of one hundred and fifty weight with the lard half a bushel turnips provided she raised any six bushels of sweet potatoes also one quarter of beef of the kills \_\_\_\_ of pairs of shoes, three pounds of clean cotton sufficient quantity of firewood cut and hauled to her door fit for her use the third part of the garden equally mannered with the rest a third part of the cabbage garden the fourth part of the flax that grows on the place two heifers to be wintered with grain and fodder with his own also a third part of all debts that are due to me when recovered after the just debts are deducted therefrom also a third part of all the poultry with their eggs. All my household and kitchen furniture is to be entirely for her own use during her life. (Except what is Georges Real Property and at her disposal at her decease Except the stove an large kettle which is to be Georges at her death she is to have liberty to take a \_\_\_\_\_ out of the stock of hogs when she needs one. All the articles above mentioned for her provision is to be delivered to her annually during her life. Secondly I will and bequeath to my George Thomas my whole farm with all and every one of the farming utensils with the wagons and gears with the two stills and vessels the house clock all the horses the balance of my stock of cattle and hogs. I also give and bequeath to my son Henry Thomas one dollar by reason I consider to have given him a sufficient share of my estate heretofore. I will and bequeath fifty dollars in property by reason that I consider him to received his share heretofore. To my son Jacob Thomas I likewise will and bequeath to my son John Thomas one dollar by reason I consider him to have received a sufficient share of my estate heretofore I give and bequeath to my son Adrian Thomas one dollar he having received his proportion of my estate heretofore. Also to my daughter Margaret Nannan I will and bequeath forty dollars in property

**Thomas, Jacob (Cont.)**

in being her full share of my Estate. Margret my wife is at full liberty to dispose of my clothing to whoever she pleases. I likewise by these present constitute make and ordain my wife Margret and George Thomas my son to be whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament and do hereby utterly disallow, revoke all wills and testaments heretofore made and legacies and bequests and executors by me in any way before mannered wills and bequeathed Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of February in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and four

signed sealed

his

and delivered by the said

Jacob X Thomas [seal]

Jacob Thomas as his last will and testament in

mark

presence of

Wm Lowry

Robert Everett

Henry Digrs

**Scott, Robert**

I Robert Scott Sr of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being advanced in age but of sound mind and disposing memory and being satisfied of the uncertainty of life and the propriety of arranging my worldly affairs do hereby with this my last will and testament as follows to wit I first desire all my just debts and funeral expences to be paid and I allow my wife Margaret a comfortable living on the plantation on which I now live and at my death will and bequeath to my son Robert H Scott the lands tenants here \_\_\_\_\_ and appertainances that I may own and also all the personal property of every sort kind and description that I may have having heretofore having heretofore given the rest of my children of my property as I allow them I leave the residue as above mentioned to my said son Robert H Scott in consideration of his care attention and management of my affairs. If my Grand Ellison Scott lives with my son Robert H. Scott till he attains

the age of twenty one years I will given a good horse saddle and bridle and two good suits of clothes and if Margret Serena Scott my Grand Daughter lives with my son Robert H. Scott till she attains the age of eighteen or until she marries I will her a cow and calf and a good bed bedstead and furniture wheel and cards and twenty dollars worth of good clothing besides her common wearing clothes. I also allow my wife Margret Scott four good featherbeds to be disposed of

**Scott, Robert (Cont.)**

of by her as she desires. I hereby appoint James Griffiths my Executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and annulling all other and former wills In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December 1846.

Robert Scott (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared as the last will and Testmament of the said Robert Scott in our presence the date above} John E. Toole

Daniel D. Fout

**Cameron, Samuel**

I Samuel Cameron of Blount County and State of Tennessee being weak of body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other will by me heretofore made.(Viz) First it is my desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors hereafter incurred out of any money that may be on hand or that first may come to hand and wishing to make my children all equal and having provided those I have that left all with a part of what I intended for them I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Sarah Ann one Roan filly and the increase of said filly to the brothers and sisters of Sarah Ann. I give and bequeath to my son George W. Cameron one sorrel horse colt and one mans saddle. I give and bequeath to my son Marion one Clay Bank Filly and one mans saddle. It is my will that my executors provide my daughters Lettice and Hetty when they marry or leave here with a colt and a cow and bed and furniture and a womans saddle each. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Cameron all the residue of my property of every description during her natural life if she should live single then be equally divided among all my children but if she should marry it is my will that my property should then be divided and that she shall just have a Childs part it is likewise my will that my four sons Alexander M. Cameron, Samuel K. Cameron George W. Cameron and Marion Cameron have the management of the property with the consent and approbation of their mother and to provide for her and lastly I constitute and appoint my sons Samuel K. Cameron and Alexander M.

Cameron the executors of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord 1846.

his

Samuel x Cameron(seal)

mark

**Cameron, Samuel (Cont.)**

Signed sealed and proclaimed to be that last will and Testament of Samuel Cameron in the presents of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presents of each other witnessed the same on the day it \_\_\_\_date

A. Gamble

John Reagan

**Love, Samuel**

Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Love of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do hereby make my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid as soon after my death as may be practicable. Secondly It is my will that my beloved wife Mary M. Love have all my real estate consisting of two Town lots in the Town of Maryville No 18" & 81" and 119 acres of land lying in the 9<sup>th</sup> Civil district joining the lands of A. C. Montgomery James Martin and others together will all the personal property that I may die possessed of to be used by her as she may think best. Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Mary M. Love my sole Executor to Execute this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on the second day of January in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Signed sealed and

his

acknowledged in the presence

Samuel X Love [seal]

of us }this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1846

mark

}G.J. McReynolds

}J. A. Doughrty

**Tarbet, Samuel**

I Samuel Tarbet of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory and calling to mind the uncertainty of life and certainty of death do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following Viz. First I will that my body be decently buried and all my just debts and funeral expenses be first satisfied and paid and

secondly I give and bequeath to my two daughters Elisabeth and Rachel Waddy the plantation I now live on and all said farm stock including horses, cattle hogs and sheep also my wagon and gearing and jack screw log chain and fifth chain and all my farming utensils of every kind and all of the household and kitchen furniture of every kind likewise my grinding stone and smith tools. It is my wish that Whitley Craig and Wm Warren should also have the use of the smith tools whilst they may be living near to said

### **Tarbet, Samuel (Cont.)**

farm. Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Jane Craig and Whitely Craig her husband and Wm Warren of my daughter Patty Warren the plantation on that I lately bought of my son Samuel to be equally divided between said Craig and Warren. The cross cut and hand saw and Broad Axe and hand axe and cooper tools I give and bequeath unto my two sons in laws Whitely Craig and William Warren but I allow Elisabeth and Rachel to have the use of said tools when they may need them. I next will and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Craig and my daughter Polly Warren and my daughter Elisabeth to each of them four hundred dollars each to make them equal to what Grandville Wady and my daughter Rachel rec'd of me the balance of the money that may be on hand after paying the said four hundred dollars to the three before mentioned daughters to be equally divided amongst or between my four daughters after my death. It is next my will that my son \_\_\_ should have a certain note I hold on him for one hundred dollars. I next will and bequeath unto my son Samuel and John one hundred dollars each to be paid by my daughters Elisabeth and Rachel Wady and out of their own parts of said estate. My gun I leave to son Johns son Sml and my saddle to son Davids son Shml my wheat farm I allow to be used by my heirs while they are near each other and should they move to far apart they may sell it divide the money equally between the four. I next will and bequeath to my son Hu's son Sml ten dollars out of Elisabeth and Rachel Wadys part of the estate and lastly I constitute and appoint Alexander \_\_\_ my Executor to this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal second day of March Eighteen hundred and thirty nine signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request had herein acknowledged the same.

William B. Wright

Samuel Tarbet [seal]

Robert S. Warren

Jacob \_ Warren

### **Vance, David**

I David Vance of the State of Tennessee and County of Blount do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made and first I direct that my body be decently interred in the burying ground of the United Baptist Church at Elijoy beside my deceased wife and as to such worldly Estate such has pleased

### Vance, David (Cont.)

God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows. First I direct that all my Just debts and burying expense be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate real or personal. It is my will from motives of benevolence and humanity to \_\_\_\_\_ all the Negro slaves that I shall die seized or so used or in any wise possessed and I do hereby nominate set free from Slavery all the negro slaves of which I shall die seized or in any wise whatsoever possessed and I do hereby freely give grant release and confirm unto the said negroes all my right title and claim of in and to their person labor and service and of in and to the estate and property which they may have acquired or obtained provided such estate and property so claimed by them shall be satisfactory to my executors from their own knowledge is from the evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ that such estate or property was by me while living considered theirs. I also enjoin my executors the guardian rights of said negroes both their person and property as soon after my decease as possible to liberate said negroes as far as the law of this State will admit to place them in the enjoyment of their freedom and property at the expence of my Estate. It is my wish that Margaret Cusick daughter of Samuel and Nancy Cusick shall have a good bed and furniture out of my property. I direct that my two negro girls Polly and Lindy shall each of them have fifteen dollars in trade out of my property. I also give Polly my bay filly and a cow. I also allow the girls Polly and Lindy each of them a bed they now claim. I direct that Zilpha wife of Allen Strid\_\_\_\_ shall have ten dollars in trade out of my property. I direct that with William Celia Tates son shall have ten dollars out of my property. I direct that William the colored man formerly owned by me shall have ten dollars worth of my farming tools. I direct that all the personal property that may remain after the discharge of the foregoing bequeaths and disposals and also all the lands of which I shall be seized or Possessed shall be sold by my executors at Public Auction for current money, term of credit to be arranged by my executors and the proceeds arising from said sales with my other moneys that may otherwise come into the hands of my Executors belonging to my Estate whatsoever remainith after the discharging of all reasonable expences matters and things belonging to said Estate such amount so remaining I direct to be divided into three equal shares of which Nancy Cusick wife of Samuel Cusick shall shall have one share

**Vance, David (Cont.)**

My sister Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ sons shall have one share and my sister Margrat E\_\_\_\_  
sons shall have the other share. I do hereby make and ordain my esteemed  
neighbor James A. Davis of Blount and Joseph Tipton Junior of Sevier County  
Executor of this my last will and Testament and also vest in them full power and  
authority at my decease to take into their possession all my real estate goods  
chattels rights and credits that I may die seized or possessed and dispose of the  
same as herein directed to fully effectuate my design and intention it herein  
witnessed and lastly it is my expressed will and desire and do hereby order and  
appoint that if any difference dispute question or controversy shall arise or  
happen concerning any gift bequeath or other matter or thing in this my will given  
and bequeathed expressed or contained that then no suit in law or equity or  
otherwise shall be brought commenced or prosecuted for and concerning the  
same but the same shall be referred wholly to the award order and determination  
of three disinterested men chosen by my executors what a majority of the  
arbitration shall order direct and determine therein shall be binding and  
conclusive to and on all and every person or persons interests concerned. In  
witness whereof I David Vance the Testator have to this my will set my hand and  
seal this thirteenth day of January A.D. one thousand and Eight Hundred and fifty  
one.

Signed sealed and

his

published in the presence of us

David X Vance [seal]

who have subscribed int the presence

mark

of each other

Peter P. Davis

Hugh H. Gamble

Whereas I David Vance of the State of Tennessee and County of Blount having  
made and duly Executed my last will and Testament in writing bearing date the  
thirteenth day of January AD one thousand eight hundred and fifty one Now I do  
hereby declare this present writing to be as a codicil to my last will and direct the  
same to be annexed thereto and taken as part thereof in addition to the  
provisions made in my said will to exempt my two Negro girls Polly and Lindy  
their persons property and service from the lawful claim of my heirs and I do

hereby execute from my heirs whatever, all right title and claim of in or to the said negro girls Lindy and Polly their person property and service forever. In witness whereof I the said David Vance have to this codicil set my hand and seal this eleventh day of December A.D. one thousand Eight hundred and fifty one.

Signed sealed and published

his

in presence of us who subscribe in  
[seal]

David x Vance

presence of each other     }James W. Davis

mark

                                   }Marion W. Rogers

                                   }Nancy Cusick

**Dickson, Robert**

The last will and Testament of Robert Dickson of the County of Blount

I Robert Dickson 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 (Viz) I make and bequeath to my wife Nancy Dickson and my son James B. Dickson all my estate both personal and real. The land all the property to be divided equally between them and at the death of either of them to go to the other and I allow there to collect all that is coming to the estate and also to all just claims against it and I also allow them to pay the children of my daughter Jane (Viz) Samuel A. Love William B Love and Nancy C. Love the sum of fifty dollars each when they come of age. I witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the 1<sup>st</sup> day of december in the year of our lord one thousand and eight hundred and fifty seven. I will here deviate from the first proposition and give my saddle to \_\_\_\_\_

Love and appoint him and my son Bruce my Executors to this will

Robert Dickson (seal)

attest} James H. McConnell Senior

} James H. McConnell Junior

**Creswell, Samuel**

I Samuel M.Creswell of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee do make and publish this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me at any time heretofore made as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased god to entrust me with. I dispose of the same as follows. First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of any moneys that I may die possession of or may first come into the hands of my Executors from any portion of my estate real or personal Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife Nancy L Creswell all the household and kitchen furniture that she was in possession of at the time of our marriage. Likewise the gray mare that is now on the farm called queen and her saddle and bridle & blanket and one choice cow and calf I likewise will to her the money that

she now has in her possessions her own. I further will that she is to have a comfortable support while she remains on the farm that we may live on and in the event that she removes from said farm she shall be allowed twenty dollars each year out of the proceeds of the farm such as grain or Pork for a support during her lifetime in her widowhood. Thirdly it is my will that the balance of my personal property and the proceeds of the farm shall remain for the use and support of my family during their single life. Fourthly I bequeath to my daughters Sarah Caroline and Elisabeth each one bed stand and one

### **Creswell, Samuel (Cont.)**

Furniture I likewise will to Sarah Caroline the Bureau that was formerly her mother's likewise the side saddle that she now claims Likewise one flax wheel and two chairs I further will to my daughter Elisabeth Jane one chest one small \_\_\_\_\_walnut table and a large looking glass and at a convenient time she shall have a saddle equal to my Sarah Caroline which is to be paid for out of the proceeds of the farm. Likewise one cotton wheel one desk \_\_\_\_\_ and two chairs I further will that each of my daughters Sarah Caroline and Elisabeth Jane will have one fourth of the kitchen furniture and each one Sarah Caroline and Elisabeth Jane shall have a horse worth fifty dollars and a colt and calf at the time that my youngest son Richard Lafayette Creswell becomes twenty one or before that time provided payment can be made without embarrassment or inconvenience to the Estate further after providing Comfortable clothing for the family than bed clothing that may be made shall be divided equally between Sarah Caroline and Elisabeth Jane after all the above obligations are complied with. I further will and bequeath to my son William Campbell and Richard Lafayette Creswell my landed Estate together with the balance of my personal property to be equally divided between them at the time that Richard Creswell arrives at the age of twenty one years. I do hereby make ordain and appoint Andrew Creswell and Albert C. Boyle Executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I Samuel Creswell the said Testator have to this my will written on one sheet of Paper set my hand and seal this the tenth day of January in the year of our lord one thousand and fifty three

Samuel M. Creswell [seal]

Signed sealed and published

in the presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of the Testator and of each other.

attest} Andrew Boyle

} William A. Creswell

### **Farmer, John**

I John Farmer of the State of Tennessee and County of Blount have constituted made and appointed this to be my last will and Testament Revoking and disannulling all previous wills by me made. 1<sup>st</sup> it is my will that after my death that

my body shall be buried in a Christian like manner by my Executor. 2<sup>nd</sup> It is my will that all my Just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of what property I may die possessed of as soon as practicable after my death. 3<sup>rd</sup> It is my will that my son Solomon Farmer shall provide for and support comfortably my wife Elisabeth Farmer during her lifetime and at her death see that she is buried in a decent Christian like manner. 4<sup>th</sup> It is my will that my son Solomon

**Farmer, John (Cont.)**

shall have and own all the property real and personal that I may am seized of or possess and that my executor is requested to take into possession immediately all my affects real and personal and dispose of them as the law and will directs. It is my will that William Cummings Execute this will In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1847.

Signed sealed

his

and acknowledged by the Testator in the presents who John X Farmer [seal]

at his request and in his presents have set

mark

our names to the same. {William P.D. Cumming

{James Dunlap

**Mills, Benjamin**

I Benjamin Mills do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my executor. Secondly I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah one third of all my land to be divided according to value the other two thirds of my land I give and bequeath to my two daughters Julia Ann and \_\_\_\_\_ they to receive their portion at the age of twenty one all the personal property that remains after my debts are paid I give and bequeath to my wife Naoma and my two daughters last named Sarah having received her portion. My will and bequest is that my dear wife shall have a maintenance out of the landed estate so long as she remains my widow

My will and bequest is that my Grand son Aaron T. Dunlap shall have three hundred dollars at the age of twenty one to be paid by my three daughters above named. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint John Griffitts R.J. and Joseph D. Standfield my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and seal this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1858.

Signed sealed and

Benj Mills [seal]

published in our presents

and we have subscribed our names hereto in the present of the Testator this the tenth of June 1858

H. Bering

S. Donaldson

**Matison, Marget**

In the name of God Amen I Marget Matison of the County of Blount and State Tennessee being frail in body but sound in mind and in my perfect reason thank God for his mercy and as above mentioned in perfect

**Matson, Marget (Cont.)**

mind memory do after a decent burying of my body make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows all the Negros that I percess, I give and dismiss and bequeath unto Kerry and \_\_\_\_\_ Cox to be his lawful property and to serve them as follows. First S\_\_\_\_\_ my Negro woman to be fully free from Bondage at thirty five years old and all her children or children's children if born before twenty and five years old are to serve until twenty five years old and then to be free from all and every degree of Bondage admitting I the Testator am departed this life if not to remain in Bondage until they now are until my death and then all these thus have come to years above mentioned and to be fully free and I make and ordain my friends Henry and John Cox and Samuel Saffell Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the said Marget Matison have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this fourth day of September one thousand Eight hundred and forty five

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Benjamin Bonham

Marget X Matison

Bob Cooper

mark

\_\_\_\_\_ Cox

**Cummins, Elisabeth**

I Elisabeth Cummins of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of such worldly substance as I am possessed of do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the words following that is to say. First I bequeath to Franklin Cummins son of my sister Rachel Cummins all my land consisting of my part of \_\_\_\_\_ of land of one hundred and thirty two acres one tract of thirty acres and one tract of seven acres of land which land is bounded by Samuel Bogle William McTeer Richwood

Williams Thomas McFee and others. Secondly I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend W. L. Cumming Executor of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord 1844.

her

Signed sealed published

Elisabeth X Cumming [seal]

and declared to be my

mark

last will and Testament in the presents of us when have witnessed the same

Hugh \_ Bogle

William Johnson

**Boyd, William**

I William Boyd of the County of Blount and State of Tennessee Being in perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament as follows first I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife

**Boyd, William (Cont.)**

Elisabeth the young Gray mare colt and two cows for her use during her life time and the use of the horse at her pleasure until the colt is grown up fit for to use and all the household furniture one feather bed and furniture excepted likewise she is to have a decent sufficient support of the land I live on during her lifetime and at her decease to dispose of at her pleasure. Second I give and devise to my son Robert part of the land I to a conditional line made in presence of Samuel McMurrey. 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and devise to my son William the other part of the land I now live on agreeable to said line and all my upper plantation and adjoining James Sims and all my farming utensils and wagon as she now stands and all my livestock and one feather bed and furniture Except what I have bequeathed to my wife 4<sup>th</sup> I give and devise to my son James the parcel of land that he now lives on agreeable to a line made in presents of Samuel McMurry. 5<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath to each of my five daughters fifteen dollars in trade to be paid by my son William in two years after my wifes decease. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand and Eight hundred and five,

In presents

Wm Boyd [seal]

of} Samuel McMurry

}Andrew Bogle

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