

Wills

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Will. of Green Miles.

"I, Green Miles, of Gallatin, State of Missouri, being of sound mind, and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, that is to say,

First— After all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, I give and bequeath to my sons, Moses Miles and Henry Miles, and to my daughter Amanda Miles, all my right, title, and interest, in and to the following described, real estate, situate in Daviess County Missouri to-wit: That part of the South East quarter (1/4) of section seventeen (17) in Township Fifty nine (59) and Range Twenty seven (27). Beginning at a point Thirty seven (37) feet east of the South West corner of said South East quarter (1/4) running thence north One hundred and twenty (120) feet: Thence East seventy five (75) feet. Thence South One hundred and twenty (120) feet: Thence West seventy five (75) feet to the place of beginning. They to enjoy the benefit of said property share and share alike.

Second— I give and bequeath to my son Taylor Miles the sum of One dollar.

Third— The residue of my property, real and personal I give and bequeath to my sons, Moses Miles and Henry Miles, and to my daughter, Amanda Miles, to be shared share and share alike.

Fourth.— I hereby appoint my son Moses Miles to be executor of this my last will and testament.

Hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the Twenty Third day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and ninety eight.

Green ^{his} Miles
mark

(seal)

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Green Miles in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us: and he at the same time declared the above instrument, so subscribed, to be his last will and testament: And we at his request have signed our names as witnesses hereto, in his presence ^{and}

in the presence of each other, and written opposite
our names our respective places of residence

Rollin J. Britton - Gallatin Missouri
Frank E. Walter Gallatin Missouri
Frank Price Gallatin Missouri

Filed January 14th 1900

Thomas R Shaw

Judge of Probate

State of Missouri } ss. In the Probate Court In vacation
County of Davis } 3

Be it remembered that on the 15th day of
January 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned
Judge and ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County
and state aforesaid Rollin J. Britton and Frank Price
two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of
Green Miles, and being by me first duly sworn de-
pose and say that the said Green Miles the testator
subscribed the same in their presence, and published
the said will or instrument of writing, as his last
will, that he the said testator was at the time of
publishing his said will, of sound mind, and
more than twenty one years of age; and that they the
said deponents, attested the said will, as witnesses thereto
at the request of said testator, by subscribing their
names to the same, in the presence of the said testator
and in the presence of each other.

Rollin J. Britton
Frank Price.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year
first above written.

On Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my
hand, and affixed the seal of said Court at office in
the City of Gallatin this 15th day of January A.D. 1900.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw
Judge and Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Davis } 3

I, Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex officio
clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid.

having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Green Miles, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Green Miles deceased, and having heard the testimony of Rollin J. Britton and Frank Price two of the subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Green Miles deceased, late of Danvers County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

On Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 15th day of January A.D. 1900

(seal)

Thomas R. Shaw
Judge & Ex Officio Clerk,

Will.

In the name of God. Amen. I, Sarah F. Landis of the County of Daviess and State of Missouri, aged 42. years being of sound mind do now make, declare and publish this my last will and testament.

I desire and direct that all my just debts, and the costs of administering, on my estate, be first paid out of the property of which I may be the owner at the time of my decease.

I give and bequeath to my beloved sons, Charles N. Hyatt, and Clarence W. Hyatt, each, one half of all my money, notes, and other property of which I may die possessed (except as hereinafter provided), to be theirs in trust until they shall respectively attain the age of thirty years, and then to become theirs absolutely as hereafter provided.

I desire and hereby will, that my household goods and small personal effects, be divided among such of my relatives, including my dear husband, as shall desire them to keep for my sake and memory, my executor to superintend the division thereof, and so far as possible to allow each his choice, but in case of disagreement he shall make division as he deems best.

Reposing special confidence in the honor and integrity of my long time friend, Owen Edwards, I hereby select and appoint him as the executor of this my last will, and hereby make and constitute him the trustee of the estate hereinbefore devised, to my sons, Charles N. and Clarence W. Hyatt, his bond as trustee to be approved by the Judge of the Probate Court of said Daviess County.

I desire that said trustee, as soon as he shall have made final settlement as executor of my said estate, shall take charge and control of all my estate herein conveyed to my sons, and hold the same in trust, one half for each respectively, until they shall have attained the age of thirty years, carefully managing the same for their use and benefit, and as they shall respectively reach the age of thirty years, pay the same to them; and if either of them shall die before reaching that age, his share shall be paid to the other, and in case they shall both die before that time, then the whole amount shall descend according to the laws

of the State of Missouri. Provided, however, that if either of said sons, shall become in absolute need of pecuniary assistance at any time, then said trustee shall be authorized, to pay to such son or both, as the case may be, whatever amount, from time to time, as he shall deem necessary to supply the want of such son, and that left to the discretion of the said trustee.

If from any cause the said Owen Edwards, shall fail or refuse to assume, and perform the duties of Executor, or trustee, as herein provided, it is my desire and will that the Probate Judge of said Daviess County, shall select and appoint some suitable person, to assume and discharge said offices.

In witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name, at Jamesport, Missouri, this the 3rd day of November A. D. 1899.

Sarah F. Landis,

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed and declared by the said Sarah F. Landis to be her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

J. B. Gates of Jamesport Mo.
J. B. Melone " "
J. I. De Vries " "

Filed Feby 14th 1900
Thomas A. Shaw
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri 3 ss.
County of Daviess 3

On the Probate Court - In Vacation.
Be it remembered that on the 14th day of February 1900 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid Thomas B. Gates and J. I. De Vries two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Sarah F. Landis, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Sarah F. Landis the testatrix subscribed the same in their presence

and published the said will or instrument of writing as her last will; That she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testatrix, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testatrix and in the presence of each other.

Thomas B. Yates
J. I. De Vore.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 14th day of February A.D. 1900.

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

State of Missouri 3ss.
County of Davies 3 I, Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County of State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, Signed by Sarah F. Landes, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Sarah F. Landes deceased, and having heard the testimony of Thomas B. Yates and J. I. De Vore two of the subscribing witnesses, thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Sarah F. Landes deceased late of Davies County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 14th day of February A. D. 1900.

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk.

Will

I, Louisa Randall, of Gallatin, Daviess County, Missouri, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First— It is my will, and I hereby direct my executrix, hereinafter named, to pay all my just debts; and I hereby authorize her to do so without first having them allowed by the probate Court.

Second— I give and bequeath to my son Charles A. Randall, one Dollar (\$1.00) and to my son William F. Randall, the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and a silk quilt that I have made for him; and to my daughter Lillie V. Surface the sum of one dollar and my smallest feather bed.

Third— I hereby give and bequeath to my grand children (Children of my son Charles A. Randall) the following articles of personal property, as tokens of my affection for them, to wit: To Clark Randall, one half (1/2) dozen silver tea-spoons; To Robert Randall, the portrait of his Father; To Harry Randall, one half (1/2) dozen silver table-spoons; and to Louisa Randall, my silk log cabin quilt; And to my grand children (Children of my daughter, Lillie V. Surface) as tokens of my affection for them; to Lola Surface one half (1/2) dozen tea-spoons; and to Charlie Surface, one red cotton quilt. These articles are to be selected from my household goods, and delivered to the parties named, by my executrix, within a reasonable time after my decease.

Fourth.— I give and bequeath to my daughter, Hattie Nymme, all the rest and residue of my personal property of every kind and description. I also give and devise to my daughter, Hattie Nymme, my homestead situated in Gallatin, Daviess County, Missouri, described as follows. The South West quarter of block six (6) West, and Line (5) South in the City of Gallatin, County and state aforesaid, to have and to hold with all and singular, the rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto her, the said Hattie Nymme, and unto her heirs and assigns forever. I am influenced to make this apparently unequal distribution in favor of my daughter Hattie, in view of the fact that she is not as comfortably situated in life as my other children, and

has no other means of support for herself and three children, than her own labor. And while I devise to her my homestead absolutely, to dispose of as she pleases, it is my earnest desire that she shall not sell it or encumber without first advising with her brothers and sisters, and being fully satisfied that to do so would be to the best interest of herself and children.

Fifth — I hereby constitute and appoint Lillie V. Surface Executrix of this last will and testament, and request the Probate Court to permit her to qualify as such, without bond.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of February A.D. 1900.

Louisa Randall.

Signed and declared by the above named Louisa Randall to be her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request, and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

D. Harfield Davis
J. M. Alexander

Filed February 26th 1900.

Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri }
County of Davis }

In the Probate Court

Be it remembered that on the 26th day of February 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, D. Harfield Davis and J. M. Alexander the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Louisa Randall and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Louisa Randall the testatrix, subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as her last will, that she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said

deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testatrix, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testatrix and in the presence of each other.

D. Harfield Davis.

J. W. Alexander.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 26th day of February A.D. 1900

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Davis }

D. Thomas R Shaw, Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by Louisa Randall, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Louisa Randall deceased, and having heard the testimony of D. Harfield Davis and J. W. Alexander subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Louisa Randall deceased late of Davis County and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

(Seal)

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin this 26th day of February, A.D. 1900.

Thomas R Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk.

Will of George W Sleutz - Deceased.

I George W Sleutz of the County of Daviess and State of Missouri do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First. after the payment of my legal debts I devise to my wife Elmina Sleutz, the North West quarter of the South West quarter of section thirteen (13) in Township Fifty nine (59) of Range twenty six (26), as long as she may live, and remain my widow, and at her death or remarriage then it shall go to and belong to my grandson Homer Dunn, and if the said Homer Dunn should die before he arrive to the age of Twenty one years, then and in that event it shall go to his sister Elizabeth Dunn.

I give and bequeath to my son Grant Sleutz, five dollars, in addition to what he has heretofore received of me.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Olive Cobenly five dollars, in addition to what she has heretofore received of me.

I give and bequeath to my son Charles Sleutz, five dollars, in addition to what he has heretofore received of me.

I give to my daughter Cora Dunn, one hundred and thirty dollars, she never having heretofore received anything from me.

I give to my wife Elmina Sleutz all of my personal property, absolutely, subject however to the payment of my debts.

I do further, appoint Turner Langford my sole executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 31st day of August A.D. 1896.

George W. Sleutz.

Signed and declared by the above named George W Sleutz to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Robert C. Williams.
Eli Sleutz.

Will of George W. Slutz - Continued

Be it understood that at any time my widow sells or try to sell the above described land in that event she forfeits her rights and claims as provided in this will by mutually agreement by the undersigned.

George W. Slutz
Elvina Slutz.

State of Missouri 3^{ss}
County of Daviess 3^{ss} In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the fourth day of April 1900. personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid, Eli Slutz, and Robert C. Williams the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of George W. Slutz, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said George W. Slutz, the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will: that he the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other

Attest name

Avron Dunn

Eli ^{his} Slutz
Robert C. Williams ^{monk}

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 4th day of April A.D. 1900.

Thomas Ashaw Judge ^{clerk}
Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 3^{ss}
County of Daviess 3^{ss} I Thomas Ashaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by George W. Slutz and purporting to be the last will and testament of George W. Slutz deceased and having heard the testimony of Eli Slutz and Robert C. Williams

subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of George N. Slenty deceased, late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 7th day of April A.D. 1900

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex. Office Clerk.

Last Will & Testament of John H. Heath dec'd

March 29th 1900. In the name of Almighty God.

I, John H. Heath of the County of Daviess State of Missouri, desiring to dispose of my earthly estate and while yet in full possession of all my mental faculties, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament.

After the payment of all just debts, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Nancy A. Heath the remainder of my personal estate of every kind and description, during her natural life, and after her death to descend to W. E. Elam, and Bernice Lockwood equally share and share alike.

I give and devise to my said wife, Nancy A. Heath the following real estate, situated in Daviess County Missouri as follows, 85 acres N² NE. and NE corner NW NE NE corner of section four (4) Township (61) sixty one Range twenty nine (29), and 20. acres, the S² SE, SE of section thirty three (33) township sixty two (62) Range twenty nine (29), and 20. acres, S² SW, SW, section thirty four (34) Township sixty two (62) Range twenty nine (29). Also Original Plat of Elm Flat, Lot Fifteen (15) Block two (2). And Lot one (1) Block Five (5) Cornstocks and Kimbals addition to Elm Flat. And Lot

Sworn (7) Block One (1) Ellis second addition to Elm Flat. Also lot one and two (1-2) Block of Watson addition to Elm Flat. and Lot (8) eight in Block (1) one of Ellis' second addition to the City of Elm Flat, Missouri. And after his death to descend to W. E. Elam, and Bernice Lockwood share and share alike.

I hereby nominate and appoint my said wife Nancy A. Heath, Executor of this my last will and testament, with the understanding that she will not be required to give bond for the settlement of said estate, hereby revoking all former wills by me made

John A. Heath

We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses, in the presence of John A. Heath, the testator, and in the presence of each other.

Robert E. Maupin.

Witness signature.

James R. Heath.

Witness signature.

Filed May 21st 1900
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri
County of Daviess

On the Probate Court
May 21st 1900

Be it remembered that on the 21st day of May 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid, Robert E. Maupin and James R. Heath the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of John A. Heath, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said John A. Heath the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of

said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Robert E. Maupin
James R. Heath

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

(seal) In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 21st day of May A.D. 1900.

Thomas R. Shaw Judge and
Ex Officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 300.
County of Davies 3

I, Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by John H. Heath, deceased and purporting to be the last will and testament of John H. Heath deceased and having heard the testimony of Robert E. Maupin, and James R. Heath subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of John H. Heath deceased late of Davies County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

(seal) In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 21st day of May A.D. 1900.

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex Officio Clerk

Will of Wiley R. Edwards - Deceased.

7th pa. State of Missouri 3.
County of Daviess 3.

Know all men by these presents that I Wiley R. Edwards of the town of Winston and State of Missouri and county of Daviess, being of sound mind do make and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament to wit: First believing that all of my just debts are fully paid to date, and not being indebted to any one of my children for my support since the death of their Mother, my children names are as recorded in my Bible. the Elderst Sarah Elizabeth, married W^m Joy - 2nd Margaret Ann, married Henry R. Harper, and 3rd Mary Catharine married Henry C. Young. 4th Laura Francis she married W. W. Snyder. 5th a son Robert C. Edwards. 6th a Daughter Clara Morton married Leonard Wood. my son and his wife are living in my house and occupy all thereunto belonging free of rent. Except the upper room which I occupy and furnish at my own expense. First I desire that all of my burial expenses, be paid, after which I desire that my executor herein appointed take charge of all my property both real and personal and dispose of it in the following manner. all of my Books and papers that may be considered of value. I desire that they be kept for future use, all letters and papers of no value I desire they be destroyed, and my executor will be the proper person to see to that.

3rd I give and bequeath and set apart out of my goods and chattels to my Grand Son, Walter A. Edson who I raised from a child viz: The following named articles - Set apart my Feather Bed and all wool mattress, and the Bolster and two large pillows, sheets, Blankets with all else thereunto belonging - except my Fancy Bedsled, that I give to my Daughter Laura F. Snyder, and my clothes press, and two small bed pillows I set apart and give to my Daughter Clara M. Wood. my Trunk containing many articles of value. I desire that my executor take in charge with all other articles belonging to me which are not herein named and I desire that they be equally divided between my six children, including my Center Table, large Rocking Chair, Parlor looking glass, and eight day clock.

with all my pictures and frames, and I desire them equally divided between my children without being sold. and my executor will then take charge of my house and two lots in the town of Winston, State of Missouri and County of Daviess. Numbered as follows. Lots 1. one and two (2) in Block (1) one which the deed will show situate in Maunders addition to the town of Winston, also money in Bank if any. and I desire that when a settlement is made, that out of proceeds derived from said property, that my son in law Henry R. Harper be given one hundred and fifty Dollars to which I think he is justly entitled, the remainder of the proceeds I desire to be equally divided between my six children. and I desire that my executor settle all without a public sale. He can rent the property until it can be sold privately. my son Robert can live there if he wishes to do so. and I set apart to him my family Bible. and my ebony walking cane. and my watch can go to pay for a casket for my burial (written by the testator himself)

And I appoint herein my son in law Henry R. Harper of Matherly DeKalb County Missouri. My executor to this my last will and testament. to act according to the provisions herein named first being duly qualified he is to act without giving bond. he may get any one of my children to assist him.

In witness whereunto I now set my hand and seal this 7 day of December A D 1896

Wiley R Edwards (seal)

2 witnesses — and this the last will and testament was signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us by the testator himself. In witness whereunto we sign same it being signed in the presence of us the day and year first above written. (witnesses names)

Two witnesses

R. C. Smith
E. A. Lehr

Filed May 29th 1900
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri 3^{ss.}
County of Daviess 3

In the Probate Court In vacation

Be it remembered that on the 29th day of May 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid R. C. Smith and E. A. Lehr, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Wiley R. Edwards and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Wiley R. Edwards the testator published the said will or instrument of writing here shown said witnesses and hereto attached, as his last will, that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and that they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator

R. C. Smith

E. A. Lehr.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 29th day of May A.D. 1900.

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

State of Missouri 3^{ss.}
County of Daviess 3

I, Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by Wiley R. Edwards, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Wiley R. Edwards deceased, and having heard the testimony of R. C. Smith and E. A. Lehr subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Wiley R. Edwards deceased late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 29th day of May A.D. 1900

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

Will of Augustin Smith. Deceased.

I Augustine Smith of the County of Daviess in the State of Missouri, do make and publish this my last will and Testament.

Item 1. It is my will and request that my executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts including funeral expenses, and a decent burial.

Item 2. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Pauline Smith the following described real estate situate in Daviess County Missouri to wit: The West half of the South West quarter of section 28, and the East half of the South East quarter of section 29, all in Township 60 of Range 27, containing 160 acres more or less, which is given my said wife in lieu of homestead and dower. To have and to hold the same unto her the said Pauline Smith so long as she shall remain my widow or if she shall not again marry for and during her natural life. I also give and bequeath to my said wife Pauline Smith all my personal property of every kind and description for her support and maintenance to be disposed of by her as she may deem proper so long as she remains my widow or if she shall not again marry during her natural life, which personal property is given my said wife in lieu of all statutory allowances given and allowed widows under the laws of the State of Missouri.

Item 3. After the death of my said wife or her remarriage after my death I give devise and bequeath to my two children viz: Henry L Smith, and Magazonia Smith, the East half of the South East quarter of section 29, Township 60 of Range 27, in Daviess Co. Mo. containing 80 acres in fee share and share alike, subject to the life estate or estate during widowhood of my said wife Pauline as set forth in item no 2, of this will. I also give and bequeath to my two children Henry L Smith and Magazonia Smith all my personal property of every kind and description remaining on hand and undisposed of at the remarriage or death of my said wife as set forth in item no 2 of this will.

Item 4. I give devise and bequeath to my five children to wit: Emily E. Wingrew, Benjamin F. Smith, Solomon S. Smith, Henry L. Smith, and Maggazine Smith, the West half of the South West quarter of section 28, Township 60. of Range 27, in Davos Co. Mo., share and share alike subject to the life estate or estate during widowhood of my said wife as set forth in item No 2 of this will.

I hereby appoint James W. Long, executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 23rd day of December A.D. 1893.

Augustine Smith (seal)

Signed published and declared by the said Augustine Smith as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request have signed as witnesses to the same in his presence and in the presence of each other

W. C. Gillham - Gallatin Mo
D. J. Brosius " "

Filed June 8th 1900
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri 300
County of Davos 3

In the Probate Court In vacation
Be it remembered that on the 8th day of June 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state of Missouri W. C. Gillham and D. J. Brosius the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Augustine Smith, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Augustine Smith the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will, that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will

of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age: and that they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

W. C. Gillihan
D. T. Brosius

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 8th day of June A.D. 1900.

Thomas R Shaw
Judge & Ex Officio Clerk

State of Missouri $\frac{3}{3}$ ss.
County of Davis $\frac{3}{3}$

I, Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Augustin Smith and purporting to be the last will and testament of Augustin Smith deceased and having heard the testimony of W. C. Gillihan & D. T. Brosius subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Augustin Smith deceased late of Davis's County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

(Seal)

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 8th day of June A.D. 1900

Thomas R Shaw
Judge & Ex Officio Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Wm P Carter Decd.

In the name of God. Amen.

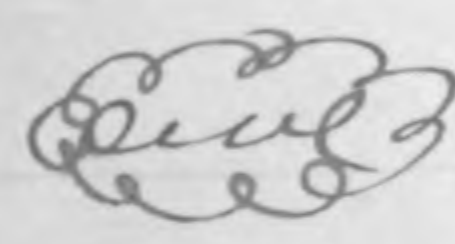
I Wm P. Carter of Colfax Township in the County of Daviess, and State of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First. I order and direct that my executors hereinafter named, pay all my just debts and funeral expenses, as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Second. After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Lydia A. Carter in lieu of her dower all of my real and personal that is left after paying said debts and expenses, to have and to hold during her natural life, to use the same for her maintenance and support, and at her death the said property real and personal that remains unsold, I give to my two nephews Charles R. Carter, and George M. Carter, and to their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I make, constitute and appoint Charles R. Carter and George M. Carter to be executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 22nd day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and

William P. ^{his} Carter 
mark

This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof, signed, published and declared by the said testator William P. Carter to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request have subscribed our names thereto as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other.

O. B. Miller

Charles O. Coe

Filed this Eleventh day of

June 1900.

Thomas R. Shaw, Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri 3^{ss.} In the Probate Court in vacation
County of Daviess 3.

Be it remembered that on the 11th day of June 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid S. B. Miller and Charles S. Cole the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of William P. Carter, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said William P. Carter the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument as his last will, that he the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, not more than twenty one years of age; That they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereof at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

S. B. Miller

Charles S. Cole

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 11th day of June A.D. 1900.

(seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge and
Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 3^{ss.} I Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex officio
County of Daviess 3 clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by William P. Carter and purporting to be the last will and testament of William P. Carter deceased, and having heard the testimony of S. B. Miller and Charles S. Cole subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of William P. Carter deceased late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 11th day of June A.D. 1900.

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk

Will

I, Louisa Craft, of the County of Daviess, in the State of Missouri, do make this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my husband Thos. J. Craft, \$30.⁰⁰ Thirty Dollars.

I also give and bequeath to my grand children, Glen and Gladys Litton, the sum of (\$2.⁰⁰) two dollars each.

I give and devise to my daughter Alay Litton my residence property being lots 1, 2, 3, & 4, in block 3, in the town of Leek Springs, Mo. and to my son Moses Litton, my farm of forty acres of land described as follows: The N.W. quarter of the S.W. quarter of sec 14, Township 58, Range 26, in Daviess Co Mo.

I further give and bequeath to my daughter Alay all my household good furniture etc.

And lastly, as to all the rest, residue, and remainder of my personal estate whatsoever, after payment of all my just debts, I give and bequeath to my children, Moses and Alay Litton, to be divided equally.

I hereby appoint Moses Litton, as my sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this 23^d day of Aug. 1900.

Louisa Craft.

Signed and declared by the above named Louisa Craft to be her last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

W. P. Winnick
Oeth Whitaker

Filed Sept 22nd 1900.
Thomas R Shaw
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri } In the Probate Court, In Vacation
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 22nd day of September 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid W.P. Minnick and Seth Whitaker the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Louisa Craft, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Louisa Craft, the testatrix, subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as her last will. That she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that they, the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testatrix by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testatrix, and in the presence of each other.

W. P. Minnick.

Seth Whitaker.

Subscribed and sworn to before me the day and year first above written

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 22nd day of September A.D. 1900.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge & Ex officio Clerk

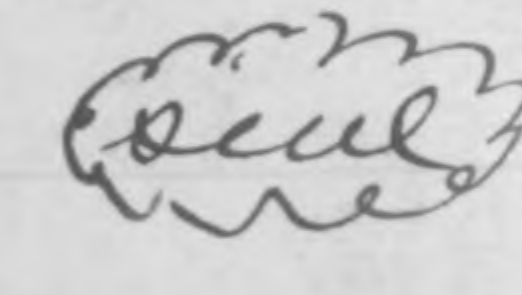
State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } I Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Louisa Craft and purporting to be the last will and testament of Louisa Craft deceased and having heard the testimony of W.P. Minnick and Seth Whitaker subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Louisa Craft deceased late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 22nd day of September A.D. 1900.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
& Ex officio Clerk

Will of John Robison Decib.

"Jamestown Missouri. October 16" 1899.
 I know all men by these presents that I John Robison
 of the County of Daviess, and State of Missouri
 being, of sound, and disposing mind, do make, pub-
 lish and declare, the following to be my last will
 and testament, as follows to wit:
 First it is my will and request that my Executors
 pay all my debts, without presentation to, or al-
 lowance by the Probate Court.
 First. I give and bequest to my son E. B. Robison
 three thousand Dollars in money \$3000.-
 2. I give and bequest to my daughter H. E. Fry
 two thousand Dollars \$2000.-
 3. I give, and bequest to the heirs of my daughter
 Ella A. Longfellow, four hundred dollars, to
 be equally divided between them, Ella Longfellow
 one share. Howard Longfellow, one share. Birthe
 Longfellow, one share. Nella Lynthacum, ne Longfellow
 one share in all \$400.-
 4th. I give and bequest to my grand daughter
 Ella Bell Robison, all my Bank stock, when she
 arrives at twenty one years old, and not before.
 Bank stock is \$3000 - Dollars, And I hereby
 appoint J. B. Yates, guardian for money and give,
 and to keep the dividends on interest as much as
 possible
 5th The balance of my money and household goods
 I want divided equally between my son E. B. Robison
 and my daughter H. E. Fry.
 And I hereby appoint J. B. Yates my executor if this
 my last will and testament, without giving bond.
 John Robison. 

Signed sealed and delivered by the testator and declared
 by him to be his last will and testament in our presence
 who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence
 of each other have signed our names hereunto as witnesses
 this 16th day of October 1899

Filed Sept 24th - 1900

Thomas R. Shaw, Judge of Probate

3 P. A. Abbott } witnesses
 3 F. J. Lindenberg }
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Proof of Will

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess }

Re it remembered that on the 24th day of September 1900. personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid. P. A. Abbett and F. J. Linderberger the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of John Robison. and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said John Robison the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing, as his last will: That he the said testator was, at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age: and that they, the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other

P. A. Abbett

F. J. Linderberger.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 24th day of September A.D. 1900.

[Signature]

Thomas R Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Daviess }

I, Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by John Robison, and purporting to be the last will and testament of John Robison deceased, and having heard the testimony of P. A. Abbett and F. J. Linderberger subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of John Robison deceased, late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my

hand and affixed the seal of said at office in the City of Gallatin this 24th day of September A.D. 1900.

[Signature]

Thomas R Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk.

Last Will and Testament

I William F. Milstead of the Town of Minston, County of Daviess, and state of Missouri being at this time of sound and disposing mind and memory, but in declining years, and feeble health, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first fully paid off and discharged from my estate.

Second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Louisa Milstead the sum of One dollar.

Third I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth Henry, the sum of Five Dollars.

Fourth All the rest residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal, I give, devise, will and bequeath to my son Frank Milstead, absolutely and without conditions, and hereby revoke any and all former-wills by me made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 16th day of October 1899.

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W. F. Milstead (seal)

State of Missouri 3^{ss}.

County of Daviess 3

In the Probate Court - In Vacation

It is remembered that on the 20th day of October 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state of said Joshua Maniere and F. B. H. Brown the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of William F. Milstead and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said William F. Milstead the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they, the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Joshua Maniere.

F. B. H. Brown.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 20th day of October A.D. 1900.

Thomas R Shaw, Judge
and Ex officio Clerk.

(Seal) -

State of Missouri ss.
County of Daviess ss.

I, Thomas R Shaw, Judge and Ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by William F. Milstead, and purporting to be the last will and testament of William F. Milstead deceased, and having heard the testimony of Joshua Maurice, and F. B. H. Brown, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of William F. Milstead deceased, late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

(Seal) In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 20th day of October A.D. 1900.

Thomas R Shaw
Judge and Ex officio Clerk

* Signed sealed published and declared as and for his last will and testament by the above and foregoing named testator in our presence who have at his instance and request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other affixed our respective signatures hereto, as witnesses to the same

F. B. H. Brown
Joshua Maurice
both of Winston Mo.

Filed October 20th 1900 ss.
Thomas R Shaw ss.
Judge of Probate ss.

Will of Thomas Hennessee - Dec'd

I Thomas Hennessee of the County of Daviess, and state of Missouri, being of sound mind, and memory do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First - All my just debts and funeral expenses shall be first fully paid.

Second - I give devise and bequeath to my half sister, Mary Ann Lazebly, one hundred dollars if she is living at my death, if not the above together with the residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal, I bequeath to my Great Nephew Herbert Lazebly, but should he (Herbert) die before his Grand Mother Mary Ann Lazebly, I will that she should inherit any and all of said property bequeathed to my Grand Nephew as above.

Third: I nominate and appoint Squire Galbreath to be the executor of this my last will and testament.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of July A.D. 1900.

Thomas Hennessee (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared as and for his last will and testament, by the above named testator in our presence, who have at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other signed our names as witnesses thereto.

N. J. Morris
Mary Morris
Henry Ward.

Filed November 2nd 1900. 3
Thomas R Shaw 3
Judge of Probate. 3

State of Missouri 3 ss. In the Probate Court In Vacation
County of Daviess 3

Be it remembered that on the 2nd day of November 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid N. J. Morris and Henry Ward two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Thomas Hennessee, and being by me first duly sworn

depose and say that the said Thomas Hemmese
the testator subscribed the same in their presence
and published the said will or instrument of writing
as his last will: that he the said testator was at the
time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and
more than twenty one years of age, and that they, the
said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto
at the request of said testator by subscribing their names
to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the
presence of each other.

Henry Ward.

W. J. Morris.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first
above written

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of
Gallatin this 2nd day of November A.D. 1900.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge and
Ex Officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 300-
County of Davis 3

I Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex Officio
Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid
having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed
by Thomas Hemmese, and purporting to be the last will
and testament of Thomas Hemmese deceased, and
having heard the testimony of Henry Ward and
W. J. Morris, subscribing witnesses thereto in re-
lation to the execution of the same, do declare and ad-
judge said instrument of writing to be the last will
and testament of Thomas Hemmese deceased late
of Davis County, and the same is therefore admitted to
probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office
in the City of Gallatin this 2nd day of November A.D. 1900.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
and Ex Officio Clerk

Will of Hugh A. Rea, deceased.

I, Hugh A. Rea of the County of Daviess and State of Missouri, of lawful age and disposing mind do make publish and declare this my last will and testament as follows to wit;

1st I request that my funeral be conducted under the direction of my beloved wife and I direct that my funeral charges, the Expenses of administration, my estate and all of my just debts be paid.

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary E. Rea, all my real estate and personal property of which I may die possessed of for her absolute property to keep sell or dispose of as she may see fit, of whatever kind the same may be, after paying all my just debts, Except as hereinafter disposed of to wit;

3rd I will and bequeath to my three children Carrie M. Hamilton, Benjamin W. Rea, and Ada A. Walder the sum of five dollars a piece.

4th I appoint my wife Mary E. Rea Administratrix without bond, of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this Tenth day of April 1894.

Hugh A. Rea.

The foregoing instrument was at the date thereof signed and declared by the said Hugh A. Rea, to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Wm Brantner
Henry Fleming
G. A. Baker

Filed December 19th 1900
Thomas R. Shaw.
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri
County of Daviess

In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 19th day of December 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex Officio

Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid William Brantner and Henry Fleming two of the subscribing witnesses to the unrevoked will of Hugh A. Rea, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Hugh A. Rea, the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing, as his last will that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that they, the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Wm Brantner

Henry Fleming

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Gallatin this 19th day of December A.D. 1900.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
Ex Officio Clerk.

State of Missouri ^{3rd}
County of Daviess ^{3rd} I, Thomas R Shaw, Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by Hugh A. Rea, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Hugh A. Rea, deceased and having heard the testimony of William Brantner and Henry Fleming, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Hugh A. Rea deceased late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 19th day of December A.D. 1900.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
Ex Officio Clerk.

Last Will and Testament of Sallie A. Nevins. Decd.

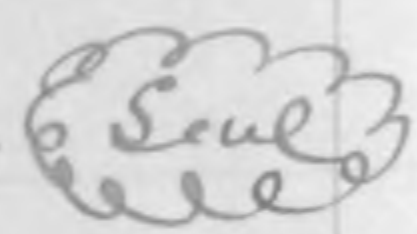
I, Sallie A. Nevins of the County of Daviess in the State of Missouri, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time heretofore made. And as to my worldly estate and all the property personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to-wit: My will is that my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my executor hereinafter named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by them be found convenient.

I give, devise, and bequeath to my son Robert J. Nevins One dollar. And to my daughter, P. Missouri Buzzard One dollar. And to my daughter Annetta J. Nevins I give, devise and bequeath, all the Beds and Bedding marked in her name, and one half of the household and kitchen furniture, and out of my personal property, One hundred and fifty Dollars worth, if said personal effects should amount to three hundred dollars, and if not, then one half of the amount it does amount too.

And to my son Joseph W. Nevins, I give and bequeath the remainder of my estate.

And I hereby appoint my son Joseph W. Nevins Executor of this will.

In Witness Whereof I the said Sallie A. Nevins have hereunto affixed my hand and seal the 10th day of March A.D. 1891.

Sallie A. Nevins 

Signed sealed, published and declared by said Sallie A. Nevins as and for her last will and testament, in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

John T. H. Drake. Winston Daviess County Mo.
Robert N. Moore. Alta Vista Daviess County Mo.

April the 12th A.D. 1897. on this day I Sallie A. Nevins

being of sound mind add this as a codicil to the above and foregoing will. I hereby revoke the appointment of Joseph W Nevins as executor of my will and in his place appoint R. N. Moore as executor of said will

In Witness Whereof I the said Dallis A Nevins hereunto affix my hand and seal this 12th day of April AD 1897.

Dallis A Nevins (seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by said Dallis A Nevins as and for a codicil to her last will and testament in the presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

John T. H. Drake
Meritt W Reid

Winston Davis Goff
Alta Vinta " " "

Filed July 19th 1900. 3
Thomas R Shaw 3
Judge of Probate 3

State of Missouri 3
County of Davis 3 In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 19th day of July 1900 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State of Missouri John T. H. Drake and Robert N. Moore the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Dallis A. Nevins, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Dallis A Nevins the testatrix subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as her last will; that she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testatrix by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testatrix, and in the presence of each other

John T. H. Drake
Robert N. Moore

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin, this 19th day of July A.D. 1900.

Thomas R Shaw

Judge & Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 3
County of Daviess 3

I, Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Salia A. Nevins, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Salia A. Nevins deceased, and having heard the testimony of John S. H. Drake, and Robert M. Moore subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Salia A. Nevins deceased late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 19th day of July A.D. 1900

Seal

Thomas R Shaw Judge
& Ex officio Clerk

State of Missouri 3
County of Daviess 3

In the Probate Court, In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 19th day of July 1900, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid John S. H. Drake one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Codicil to the will of Salia A. Nevins, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Salia A. Nevins the testatrix subscribed the same in their presence and published the said Codicil to said will as instrument of writing as her last will and codicil thereto. That she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will, and codicil thereto attached of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that he the said deponent attested the said codicil as witness

thereto at the request of said testatrix, by subscribing his name to the same, in the presence of the said testatrix

John T. H. Drake

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 19th day of July A.D. 1900.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } I Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Sallie A. Nevins, and purporting to be the last will and testament and Codicil thereto of Sallie A. Nevins deceased, and having heard the testimony of John T. H. Drake, a subscribing witness thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be a codicil to the last will and testament of Sallie A. Nevins deceased late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 19th day of July A.D. 1900.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of January 1901 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid Merit W. Reid, one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Codicil to the will of Sallie A. Nevins, and being by me first duly sworn deposes and says that the said Sallie A. Nevins, the testatrix subscribed the same in his presence and published the said Codicil to her said will or instrument of writing as her last will and Codicil thereto; That she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her

said will and Codicil thereto of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that he the said deponent attested the said Codicil to said will as witness thereto at the request of said testatrix by subscribing his name to the same in the presence of the said testatrix.

Merit W. Reich.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

On Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 12th day of January A.D. 1901.

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
Ex Officio Clerk

(Seal)

State of Missouri 3^{ss.}
County of Daniels 3 I Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Sally A. Nevins, and purporting to be the last will and testament of and Codicil thereto of Sally A. Nevins deceased and having heard the testimony of Merit W. Reich one of the subscribing witnesses to the Codicil thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of, and Codicil thereto of Sally A. Nevins deceased, late of Daniels County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

On Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 12th day of January A.D. 1901

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
Ex Officio Clerk

(Seal)

Will of Evaline Wheeland. Dec'd.

In the name of Almighty God:

I, Evaline Wheeland of Danvers County Missouri desiring to dispose of my earthly possessions, and while yet in possession of all my mental faculties, do make, publish and declare this my last Will and Testament.

1st I give and devise to my beloved husband Jasper Wheeland the following described Real Estate to wit; The South half of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ quarter and the South West quarter of the South East quarter of section (7) seven, also the North West quarter of the North East quarter of section (18) Eighteen, also the North East quarter of the South West quarter of section (6) six all (61) sixty one, Range (28) twenty Eight. To have and to hold the same during his natural life, and at the death of the said Jasper Wheeland, the title to said land shall vest absolutely in my two sons, Ora Elmore Wheeland, James David Wheeland, jointly to them and their heirs forever, provided that in the event of the death of either without heirs, the survivor shall take the whole, provided further that my above named sons shall pay to each of my daughters viz: Flora Mary Ann, Cora Leavina, Carrie Mabel, and Nannie Ester Wheeland, the sum of Three hundred dollars each to be paid within three years after the death of said Jasper Wheeland.

2nd It is also my will that the home place being the land herein described shall be a home for my said daughters so long as they remain unmarried.

Witness my hand this 30th day of July 1896.

Evaline Wheeland.

We John O. Leopold and Will Dowell, both of Danvers County Missouri hereby certify that the foregoing instrument was signed by Evaline Wheeland in our presence and in the presence of each other

John O. Leopold
Will Dowell

Filed for Probate

Sept 1st 1898.

J. T. Day - Judge of Probate

Proof of will.

State of Missouri 3 ss. In the Probate Court - In Vacation
County of Daviess 3

Be it remembered that on the 14th day of January 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex-officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid said John C. Leopold and Will Dowell the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Evaline Wheeland, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Evaline Wheeland the testatrix subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as her last will; that she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testatrix, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testatrix, and in the presence of each other

John C. Leopold
Will Dowell

Doora to and subscribe before me the day and year first above written

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin the 14th day of January A.D. 1901.

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw, Judge and Ex-officio clerk.

State of Missouri 3 ss.
County of Daviess 3

I, Thomas R. Shaw, Judge and Ex-officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Evaline Wheeland and purporting to be the last will and testament of Evaline Wheeland deceased, and having heard the testimony of John C. Leopold and Will Dowell, subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Evaline Wheeland deceased, late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 14th day of January A.D. 1901.

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex-officio Clerk

Will of Jacob A. Stitt.

State of Missouri 3⁶⁵
County of Dancus 3

Know all men by these presents that I, Jacob A. Stitt of the County of Dancus in the State of Missouri being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament.

First. I desire that a suitable monument be erected to mark my last resting place.

2nd I desire after all my debts are paid, that all my property go to my wife Katie A. Stitt, as set forth hereafter. The funeral Expenses and other debts to be paid as far as possible out of the proceeds of my personal property (other than my household goods which I desire my wife to keep, or dispose of them as she pleases). My personal property I desire sold first. Should there not be enough of the personal property to pay my personal obligations - then next I desire that the 60 acres of land known as the Morney land, and described as follows be sold. The North sixty (60) acres of the West half of the North West quarter of Section Six (6) Township Sixty one (61) Range Twenty Eight (28) of Dancus County Missouri. The proceeds of this sale over and above the (\$800⁰⁰) Eight hundred Dollars Mortgage thereon I desire to go first to the payment of my debts, the residue, if any, to go to my wife, Katie A. Stitt.

My other Real Estate The North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section (18) Eighteen. Township (61) Sixty one, Range (28) twenty eight. And the North East quarter of the North East quarter of Section (13) Thirteen. Township (61) Sixty one Range (29) twenty nine being 80 acres - I will and bequeath to my wife Katie A. Stitt her life time - at her death to go to my lawful and legal heirs.

I hereby name and appoint my wife Katie A. Stitt Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Given under my hand and seal this 13th day of March A. D. 1900.

Jacob A. Stitt.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named Jacob A. Stitt to be his last will and Testament in our presence and at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto signed our names as witnesses this 13th day of March A.D. 1900.

(seal) J. C. Brownlee. Post Office Address, Catonsburg MD
(seal) Robert E. Maupin " " " "

Filed January 18th 1901.

Thomas A. Shaw

Judge of Probate

Proof of will

State of Missouri

County of Daviess

In the Probate Court. In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 18th day of January 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge, and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid, J. C. Brownlee and Robert E. Maupin the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Jacob A. Stitt, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Jacob A. Stitt the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they, the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

J. C. Brownlee

Robert E. Maupin

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office in the City of Gallatin this 18th day of January A.D. 1901.

Thomas A. Shaw

Judge & Ex officio Clerk

(seal)

Last Will and Testament of Margaret Brosius Decd.

I Margaret Brosius of the City of Gallatin in the County of Daniels and State of Missouri being of sound mind do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

Item 1st I will and bequeath to my sister Abigail Shaw the sum of One hundred Dollars cash.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my brother Wesley Charlton one feather bed with sufficient bed clothes to supply it.

Item 3rd I will and bequeath to Maggie Dunn daughter of James T. Dunn and Mary C. Dunn, my best feather bed with sufficient bed clothes to supply it.

Item 4th After the foregoing bequests are paid, and all my just debts, including funeral expenses, and expenses of last sickness, not paid by me, are fully settled, and a plain grave stone is paid for by my executor, I desire all the remainder of my property, owned by me at the time of my death, whether real, personal, or mixed, including silver ware, household and kitchen furniture, money and choses in action to go to and be enjoyed by the said Mary C. Dunn wife of James T. Dunn as aforesaid with full power to dispose of the same for the comfort of herself and family during her natural life. And should any remain at her death, then it is my desire that such remainder be equally divided among her three children Harvey D. Maggie, and Laura Dunn.

Item 5th I hereby appoint my friend Peter P. Blinn my Executor to carry out the provisions of this will, with full power to adjust and settle all claims against my estate without the same being presented for allowance to the Probate Court.

Given under my hand this May 15th 1895.

Margaret Brosius.

We the undersigned do at the request and in the presence of the testatrix Margaret Brosius, subscribe our names as witnesses to above and foregoing will. This May 15th 1895.

Benton Miller
Jm G. Blinn.

Last Will and Testament of Margaret Brosius - Continued

Codicil.

I, Margaret Brosius, append Codicil to this my will as follows.

Mary C. Dunn, devisee and legatee in the foregoing will, having died as well as her husband James T. Dunn, leaving surviving her, her three children Harney D. Maggie and Laura Dunn. I therefore devise and bequeath to them the said Harney D. Maggie and Laura Dunn in equal parts, all the property that would have gone to the said Mary C. Dunn by virtue of said will, had she survived me, and my said will had remained unchanged at my death.

Given under my hand this 24th of April 1900.

Margaret Brosius.

We the undersigned do, at the request and in the presence of the testatrix, Margaret Brosius, subscribe our names as witnesses to the above Codicil to her will.

This April 24th 1900.

Margaret Brosius
Beaton Miller
W^m G. Cline.

Filed March 14th 1901.
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri } ss In the Probate Court - In Vacations
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 14th day of March 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid Beaton Miller and William G. Cline, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and Codicil thereto appended of Margaret Brosius and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Margaret Brosius the testatrix subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing and Codicil thereto appended as her last will, that she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will, and Codicil thereto appended of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said deponents attested the said will and Codicil thereto appended, as witnesses thereto, at the request of

said testatrix, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testatrix, and in the presence of each other

Benton Miller
W. G. Cline.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 14th day of March A.D. 1901.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw
Judge and Ex Officio Clerk.

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } S.S.

I, Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Margaret Brosius, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret Brosius deceased including the Codicil thereto appended, and having heard the testimony of Benton Miller and William G. Cline subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing including the Codicil thereto appended to be the last will and testament of Margaret Brosius deceased late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 14th day of March A.D. 1901.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw
Judge and Ex Officio Clerk

Last Will and Testament of Andrew Knauer. deed

I, Andrew Knauer of the City of Gallatin, County of Daviess State of Missouri in view of the uncertainty of human life, while I am in the enjoyment of good health and of sound and disposing mind, and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

Item 1st I will and devise to my daughter Julia Drummond, wife of F. M. Drummond, my farm situated in Sheridan Township in said Daviess County, containing about Two hundred and seventy nine acres, Also South half of the West One hundred and eighty feet of Out Lot No One of said City of Gallatin, with all improvements, it being the property I once occupied as my home: Also the South half of Lot No (10) ten in Block 3 West and 2 South, in said City of Gallatin, being at this time occupied by H. L. Faulkner as Grocery Store, and meat market.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my son C. L. Knauer Twenty seven feet and two inches (27 ft & 2 in) off of the South side of Lot No (8) Eight in Block 3 West and 2 South in said City of Gallatin, being now occupied by J. C. Winter as a drug store; Also North half of Lot No (9) nine, Block 3 West and 2 South in said City of Gallatin, being now occupied by Sheets Brothers as Dry Goods Store: Also North half of Lot No (11) Eleven in Block 3 West and 2 South in said City of Gallatin, being now occupied by the firm of Knauer and Son, as merchant Tailors; Also my interest in said firm as a member thereof, subject to the payment of its debts, should there be any.

Item 3^d It is my will and desire that my just individual debts, including funeral expenses be paid out of my personal property.

Item 4th I hereby constitute and appoint my said Son C. L. Knauer, my Executor with full power, to adjust allow and settle, all claims against my individual estate, as well as to collect, receive, and receipt for all claims due my individual estate: Also to divide my individual personal estate not herein bequeathed or hereafter disposed of by Codicil, according to our present Statute of descents

Given under my hand this 19th day of August 1897.
Andrew Knauer.

We the undersigned at the request and in the presence of Andrew Knauer the testator hereto subscribe our names as witnesses to the above and foregoing will
This Aug 19th 1897.

Joshua F. Hicklin
James P. Lile.

Codicil.

Since the execution of the foregoing will I have married Mrs A. E. Hopkins, with whom prior to our marriage I entered into a marriage contract under date of June 16th 1898. So I now in this codicil make my will conform to said contract. That is to say, I give and bequeath to my wife A. E. Knauer, One thousand dollars in cash to be paid her by my Executor. Also she is to have the East half of the dwelling house I now occupy in the City of Gallatin, with my furniture therein during her natural life in lieu of all other interest in my property as expressed in said marriage contract. And at the death of my wife title to said East half with furniture aforesaid, and one half the real estate on which said house is situated, is to go to and vest in my son C. L. Knauer, he being the present owner of the other half of said house and real estate. It being my will that my said son shall be owner of said entire house and real estate adjoining at my wifes death.

Given under my hand this June 24th 1898.

A. Knauer.

We the undersigned at the request of Andrew Knauer, hereto sign our names as witnesses to Codicil to his will
This June 24th 1898

Joshua F. Hicklin
Thos A. Hicklin

Codicil No 2.

Since the date of my foregoing will, and the first Codicil thereto, I have purchased the following described real estate, situate in the City of Gallatin, Daniels County Missouri town: Lots (13) thirteen, (14) fourteen and (15) fifteen.

in Coopers addition to said City. Now I devise and bequeath said lots with all improvements thereon to my wife A.E. Knauer, during her natural life, and at her death to go to and vest in the Trustees for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at said City of Gallatin for the use and benefit of said Church as it may direct.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of August 1900,
A. Knauer.

We the undersigned subscribe our names as witnesses to 2nd Codicil to Andrew Knauers will, at his request and in his presence Aug 3rd 1900.

Joshua F. Hicklin
Thos H. Hicklin.

Filed April 8th 1901.
Thomas R Shaw
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri
County of Daviess

On the Probate Court In Vacation
Be it remembered that on the 8th day of April 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid Joshua F. Hicklin, James P. Lile and Thos H. Hicklin, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will, and two Codicils thereto appended of Andrew Knauer and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Andrew Knauer, the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing, and two Codicils thereto appended as his last will, that he the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator.

Joshua F. Hicklin
James P. Lile
Thos H. Hicklin

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 8th day of April A.D. 1901.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
Ex Officio Clerk Probate Court

State of Missouri 300.
County of Davies 3

I, Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Andrew Knauer, and purporting to be the last will and Testament of Andrew Knauer deceased, and having heard the testimony of Joshua F. Hicklin, James P. Lile, and Thos. A. Hicklin subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the Execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing including the two Codicils thereto appended to be the last will and Testament of Andrew Knauer deceased late of Davies County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 8th day of April A.D. 1901.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
Ex Officio Clerk Probate Court

Will

I, Anna E. Davis, of Gallatin Daviess County, Missouri, make public and declare this to be my last will and testament.

It is my will and I direct that the expenses of my last sickness, also funeral expenses, and any other debts I may owe, shall be paid by my executor without having them allowed by the Probate Court.

It is my will and I direct my executor to erect a plain granite monument to my memory, in a reasonable time after my decease.

It is my will that the balance due on my pledge to the Christian Church, worshipping at Gallatin Mo, for the current year, be paid: Also my pledge of one cent per Sunday to the Sunday school: And it is my will that each year hereafter until my brother Eliot T. Davis' youngest child shall be come of age, my executor shall pay to the treasurer of the said Church the sum of one dollar towards defraying the expenses of said Church: also shall pay to the treasurer of the C.W.B.M. Auxiliary of said Church, the sum of one dollar, to be used for the usual purposes of said organization.

It is my will and I hereby direct my executor to cancel and deliver to my beloved brother N. Rella Davis, and to my beloved brother-in-law, E. J. Por, the notes I hold against them. In no event are they to be collected.

After satisfying the above provisions, it is my will and I hereby give and bequeath to my executor, all my money, and notes, except those above mentioned, in trust for the following purposes: said funds are to be kept loaned out on approved real estate security, at the highest rate of interest obtainable, and the interest shall be paid to my beloved sister-in-law, Catharine L. Davis, to be used by her for the support of her seven children, or such of them as may be dependent on her for support, until the youngest shall become of age, when the principal sum shall be equally divided among the said children, to wit: Vernon, Mabel, Ralph, Gracie, Russell, Cathleen, and Helen, share and share alike. If any of said children should die, his or her share to go to the survivors, except in the event they should marry and die leaving children, in which event his or her share shall go to such children.

I give and bequeath to my beloved nieces, Vernon and Cathleen my bed room furniture, beds and bedding, and trunk; and I direct my executor to take my gold watch case, and have a fifteen Jewell movement put in it, and present same to Vernon at the time of her graduation from the Gallatin Public Schools, in April 1901.

I give and bequeath to my sister-in-law, Catharine L. Davis my heir-loom quilt, called Jackson Star, made by my Mother; also Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Ridpath's Histories and Johnson's Peoples New Testament, and Smith's Bible Dictionary, for the use of the children.

I wish my brothers and sisters, and brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law, and nephews, and nieces, in the order named, to select from my library, a work or volume each; and after these selections are made, then my niece Anna Meade, shall select three volumes, those remaining to become the property of my sister-in-law Catharine L. Davis.

I give and bequeath to said Anna Meade my large gold band ring; and in the event of her death first, then to said Mabel Davis; also to Mabel Davis my E.E. pin, and lace handkerchief; also to my niece, Ros Pos, my topaz ring; and to my sister, Virginia Pos, my ivory gold pen; and to my sister, Elizabeth Enfield, my point lace tie, and to my sister-in-law, Catharine L. Davis, my black jacket.

I further will and direct my executor to purchase a plain gold ring each for Ralph, Gracie, Russell, Cathleen and Helen Davis, and present to them on their sixteenth birth day, and Edgar Pos, at his twenty first birth day; said rings to have my name inscribed therein.

I also give, and bequeath to my sister-in-law, Catharine L. Davis, my cabinet, my trinkets, and contents of cabinet and shells, to be divided between her girls and Ros Pos, and Anna Meade.

All my other property of all kinds not hereinbefore disposed of I give and bequeath to children of M. Rolla Davis, Catharine L. Davis and E.J. Pos.

I hereby appoint my friend and brother, John W. Meade, the executor of this my last will and testament.

Given under my hand this 25th day of March 1901

Witness, Andrew C. Smith

Chas. P. Adams.

Miss Anna E. Davis.

State of Missouri 3^{rs} In the Probate Court - In Vacation
County of Daviess 3

Be it remembered that on the third day of May 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, Andrew C. Smith and Charles P. Adams, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Anna E. Davis, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Anna E. Davis, the testatrix, subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as her last will, that she the said testatrix, was at the time of publishing her said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; And that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testatrix, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testatrix, and in the presence of each other

Andrew C. Smith

Chas P. Adams.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

On Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

(seal) the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 3rd day of May A.D. 1901.
Thomas R. Shaw Judge & Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 3^{rs} County of Daviess 3 I Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Anna E. Davis, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Anna E. Davis deceased, and having heard the testimony of Andrew C. Smith and Charles P. Adams, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Anna E. Davis deceased late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

On Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
And affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 3rd day of May A.D. 1901.

(seal) Thomas R. Shaw Judge and
Ex officio Clerk.

Filed May 3rd 1901 3
Thomas R. Shaw 3
Judge & Ex officio Clerk 3

Will of Kendrick Johnson, deceased

"I Kendrick Johnson of the County of Daviess and State of Missouri being admonished of the brevity of life and the certainty of death, and wishing to make disposition of my worldly effects, make, declare and publish the following as my last will and testament, to-wit:

1st I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Johnson the sum of Five Dollars, and unto my son, Caleb Johnson, and my daughter Nerva J. Walker I give and bequeath the sum of Five Dollars each, and unto the heirs of my daughter Sarah McCulley now deceased I give and bequeath the sum of Five Dollars.

2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Eli W. Johnson, the following described Real Estate to-wit: The South East quarter of the South East quarter of section Thirty one (31) in Township Sixty (60) of Range Twenty eight (28). I also give and bequeath unto my son Eli W. Johnson, Six acres of land, the same being a part of the South West quarter of the South East quarter of section Thirty one (31) Township Sixty (60) Range Twenty eight (28), commencing at the South East Corner of said tract of land and running west Fifty two (52) rods.

3rd The conditions upon which I give and bequeath to my son Eli W. Johnson the real estate herein described are that he shall take care of me while I live, and pay my debts, and funeral expenses after my death, and give his Mother Jane Johnson a house and also provide for her while she lives as my widow.

Dated this 24th day of May 1901.

Kendrick Johnson
his mark

Signed published and declared by the above named Testator Kendrick Johnson to be his last will and testament in our presence, who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have signed our names as witnesses hereto this 24th day of May 1901.

Witness to mark.

Philip Shaw

E. H. Wagoner.

P. A. Shriver

G. M. Palmer

David Vanover
his mark

Filed May 29th 1901.

Thomas R. Shaw Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri 3 In the Probate Court - In Vacation
County of Daviess 3

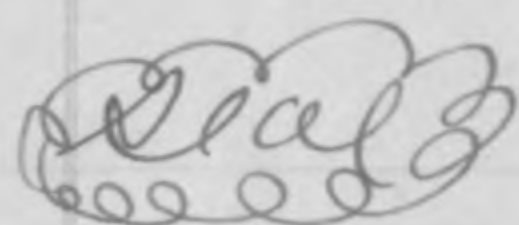
Be it remembered that on the 24th day of May 1901 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid J. J. Shriver, G. M. Palmer and David Vanover, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Kendrick Johnson, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Kendrick Johnson, the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will, that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said defendants, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

J. J. Shriver

G. M. Palmer

David ^{his} Vanover _{mark}

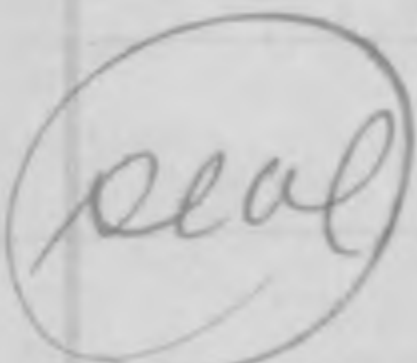
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 29th day of May A.D. 1901



Thomas A. Shaw Judge & Ex-officio Clerk

State of Missouri 3
County of Daviess 3

I Thomas A. Shaw Judge and Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Kendrick Johnson, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Kendrick Johnson deceased and having heard the testimony of J. J. Shriver, G. M. Palmer, and David Vanover subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Kendrick Johnson deceased late of Daviess County and the same is thereupon admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.



In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 29th day of May A.D. 1901.

Thomas A. Shaw Judge & Ex-officio Clerk

Will of Solomon D. Stephens - deceased

" I, S. D. Stephens, of the County of Dancus and State of Missouri, do make, publish and declare, this my last will and testament, revoking all former wills by me made.

After the payment of my debts, I give, bequeath and devise to my wife, Lora A. Stephens, my entire estate both real and personal, which I may die seized and possessed, whether held jointly or otherwise, absolutely in fee simple and without restriction.

It is my desire to vest my said wife with power to sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise handle my said property in the same manner I could myself if living, as soon as my estate has been finally settled.

My entire estate is bequeathed, and devised to my said wife, believing that the same held in tact without division can be made to earn a larger income for the support and maintenance of my said wife and four children, viz: Addie M.; Georgia R.; Ewing Y.; and Lula A.; having confidence in her fairness toward my said children, and her ability to carry out my wishes with the advice and counsel of my executors hereinafter appointed.

I hereby appoint my esteemed friend Thomas B. Gates Executor of this, my last will and testament, without bond, and hereby direct and request that he take charge of, manage, control and settle my said estate, and invest the assets thereof in such manner as will yield the largest income possible, for the support and maintenance of my family.

If it should become necessary to convey any real estate which I may own myself or jointly, during the administration of my estate, I hereby authorize and empower my said executor to execute any and all such conveyances.

If a sale of any part of my real estate becomes necessary during said administration, it is my will that the same be done at private sale, if possible, if not at public sale.

In Witness Whereof I hereto sign my name, this
9th day of April A.D. 1901

S. D. Stephens.

Will of Solomon D. Stephens = continued.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said testator, to be his last will and testament, in his presence and in the presence of each other here at his request, signed as witnesses, this 9th day of April A.D. 1901

H. Y. Darwater
W. R. Handy.

Filed June 22nd 1901 }
Thomas R Shaw }
Judge of Probate }

State of Missouri } ss. On the Probate Court. In Vacation
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 22nd day of June 1901 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex-officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid H. Y. Darwater, and W. R. Handy, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of S. D. Stephens, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said S. D. Stephens the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other,

H. Y. Darwater,
W. R. Handy.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

(seal)

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin, this 22nd day of June A.D. 1901.

Thomas R Shaw Judge
Ex Officio Clerk.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Daviess }

I, Thomas R Shaw, Judge and ex officio clerk of the Probate Court, of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by

S. D. Stephens, and purporting to be the last will and testament of S. D. Stephens deceased, and having heard the testimony of H. Y. Farwater and W. R. Handy subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of S. D. Stephens deceased, late of Davies's County and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

(Seal)

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin this 22nd day of June AD 1901.

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

Last will and Testament of William A. Wright - Doc

I, William A. Wright wishing to make disposition of my personal property, make declare and publish the following to be my last will and testament, to wit:

1st I give and bequeath unto my children, Christopher L. Wright, Mary F. Wright, D. Elwood Wright, and Martha E. Wright, share and share alike, all the personal property of which I may die seized, of whatsoever kind, including household goods, out of which they shall pay all of my personal debts.

My Children Rebecca A. Mause, John W. Wright, Laura E. Patton, Stephen A. Wright, Abner T. Wright, Elsie E. Wright, Phoebe S. Morrison, and Elijah O. Wright, having been previously provided for I now give them nothing.

Having full confidence in my sons, Christopher L. Wright and D. Elwood Wright, I appoint them as Executors of this my last will and testament, and it is my wish and will that they be permitted to execute the same without bond. Dated this 17th day of June 1901.

William A. Wright.

Signed, published, and declared by the above named

Testator William A. Wright to be his last will and testament, in our presence, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have signed our names as witnesses hereto, this 17th day of June 1901,

Philip Shaw
A. M. Frazier

Filed July 20th 1901

Thomas R Shaw, Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of July 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, Philip Shaw, and A. M. Frazier, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of William A. Wright, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said William A. Wright, the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Philip Shaw

A. M. Frazier

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 20th day of July A.D. 1901

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
Ex officio Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess }

I, Thomas R Shaw, Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by William A. Wright, and purporting to be the last will and Testament of William A. Wright deceased, and having heard the testimony of Philip Shaw and A. M. Frazier

subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same. do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of William A. Wright deceased late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

(Seal)

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 20th day of July A.D. 1901.

Thomas R. Shaw
Judge Ex Officio Clerk

Last Will and Testament.

I, Lindsia C. Dowell, of Daleu, Daviess County Missouri, do hereby execute this instrument, and declare it to be my last will and testament:

It is my will:

First. That all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid.

Second: To my grand children Belvia O'daniels and Lewis Dowell, I will and bequeath the sum of One hundred dollars each, to be paid them out of my estate.

Third: To William Dowell, I will and devise the following real estate to wit: Commencing 55 rods and 2 feet North, and 25 feet East of the South West Corner of the East Half of the South West quarter of South West quarter of section 1, Township 61. of Range 28: running thence East 11 rods and 6 feet; thence North 68 feet; thence West 11 rods and 6 feet; and thence South 68 feet to the point of beginning - provided, that said William shall furnish me a home, and support and maintain me during my life, should he fail to do so, however, this bequest to be void, and this property shall be distributed among my residuary legatees as herein after provided.

Fourth: I have advanced to William Dowell the sum of Five hundred and forty dollars, and count my other children made equal with him. It is therefore my will, that the amount of said advancement shall be deducted from his distributive share as one of the residuary legates herein after named.

Fifth To my sons William Dowell and John Dowell and my daughter Emaline O'Clawick as residuary legates, I will, devise, and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, share and share alike.

Sixth I hereby appoint my two sons John and William Dowell as joint Executors of this my last will and testament, with full power to sell and convey all personal and real estate without order of Probate Court therefor, for the best obtainable price (excepting only the tract devised to my said son William,) and to administer my estate, and distribute the same among my said children and grand children in accordance with the provisions of this will.

Done at Gallatin Mo this 25th day of June 1900.

Lindsey B. Dowell.

We the undersigned witnesses to the foregoing instrument hereby certify that the same was signed, published and declared by the above named Lindsey B. Dowell to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, at Gallatin Missouri, this twenty fifth day of June 1900.

E. D. Gregory }
W. D. Hamilton } Witnesses.
R. M. Pickell }

Filed Sept 14th 1901
Thomas R Shaw.
Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri } ss. In the Probate Court: In Vacation
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 14th day of September 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, E. D. Gregory, and W. D. Hamilton and R. M. Pickell the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Lindsia C. Dowell and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Lindsia C. Dowell, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

E. D. Gregory

W. D. Hamilton

R. M. Pickell

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin, this 14th day of September A.D. 1901.

Thomas R. Shaw, Judge & Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Daviess }

I, Thomas R. Shaw, Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Lindsia C. Dowell, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Lindsia C. Dowell, deceased, and having heard the testimony of E. D. Gregory, R. M. Pickell, and W. D. Hamilton, subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Lindsia C. Dowell deceased State of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin, this 14th day of September A.D. 1901.

Seal

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

Last Will and Testament of James Peurt - Dec'd.

Know all persons that I James Peurt, being of sound mind and of disposing memory, and wishing to dispose of my property as to me seems just and proper do make and publish this my last will and testament.

First - To my beloved wife Sarah A. Peurt I hereby give and bequeath for her life time, the homestead described as follows: The West half of the South West quarter of sec thirteen, Range Twenty Eight, Township Sixty, containing 80 acres, she to have the use and benefit of it during her natural life, and at her death, said land to go to my sons W. P. Peurt, Chas A. Peurt, and my daughter, May Meade, jointly, to be shared one third each and in case of either of them be not living at the time, to their bodily heirs, Also all household and kitchen furniture, I give and bequeath this to her in lieu of all other statutory allowances.

Second: I give and bequeath to C. A. Peurt, and May Meade, in trust for the use and benefit of my beloved wife the sum of Three Thousand Dollars, as trustees, and I hereby direct, that they loan or invest said amount as a trust fund, as their judgment may direct, and that they pay to my beloved wife the income or so much of it, as may be necessary for her support, and in case if their judgment so dictates, they may pay her all or any part of the principal sum as her needs may require. At the death of my beloved wife, the said trustees shall divide the amount on hand of this trust fund equally between my two sons, W. P. Peurt, and C. A. Peurt, and my daughter May Meade, share and share alike.

Third: I give and bequeath to my son, Elwood S. Peurt, during his natural life, and at his death to his children if living, and if none living then to go to my other children W. P. Peurt, C. A. Peurt, and May Meade, or their lawful heirs, real estate, described as follows: The South West quarter of South West quarter, and ten acres off of West side of South East quarter of South West quarter of Sec 35, Range 28, Township 61. And six and one half acres, in North West quarter of sec 15, Township 60

Range 28. - Also the North West quarter of South West quarter and ten acres off of the West side of the North West of the South East quarter of sec 35. Township 61. Range 28. Also the North East quarter of the South East quarter of sec 34 Township 61. Range 28. All in Daviess County Missouri:

I further give and bequeath to my ^{son} Elwood S. Peurt the sum of Two hundred dollars in cash. Also a mare that he has in his possession. I further discharge him of all obligations to me of whatever kind.

Fourth: I hereby give and bequeath to Thos A Peurt in trust however the sum of One thousand dollars for the use and benefit of my son Elwood S. Peurt. said amount to be loaned or invested by the said T. A. Peurt, and he to pay the income to Elwood S. Peurt, and in the judgment of the said T. A. Peurt, it is advisable, he may pay him all or any part of the principal, and at the death of the said T. A. Peurt, my son W. P. Peurt and John W. Meade, shall act as his successor in trust in the same manner. Also one pair of two year old mules now in the possession of said E. S. Peurt, and to be sold, and handled by the said T. A. Peurt, and in case they are sold the proceeds to be handled in like manner as the \$1000⁰⁰ above described.

Fifth: I hereby give and bequeath to my granddaughter Pearl Peurt, the sum of One hundred dollars

Sixth: I hereby give and bequeath to my grand daughter Kathryn Peurt, the sum of One hundred dollars.

Seventh: I hereby give and bequeath to my Grand son, Peurt Meade, One hundred Dollars.

Eighth: I hereby give and bequeath to my grand son Homer Meade, my mare, named Bell, a set of single harness, and a buggy

Ninth: I hereby give and bequeath to my daughter May Meade, the corn now in my barn.

Tenth: In case my beloved wife Sarah A. Peurt, should not desire to retain the homestead as above described, I hereby give and bequeath to the Trustees named in No 2. (C. A. Peurt, and May Meade) an additional two thousand dollars, to be used and loaned or invested as provided for the three thousand bequeathed to them

in said No 2. making a total of Five thousand Dollars in trust for her in case she prefers to relinquish the homestead.

Eleven: Having advanced to my son Chas A. Peunt the sum of Five Thousand dollars, it is hereby charged against him.

Twelve: Having advanced to my daughter May Meade the sum of Twelve hundred forty five Dollars I hereby charge her with that amount.

Thirteen: My son W. F. Peunt, having made certain improvements on my land, I hereby cancel all obligations of him to me at this date.

Fourteen: I hereby give and bequeath to my son W. F. Peunt, One pair black mane mules, now being used by me

Fifteen: I hereby give and bequeath to my son C. A. Peunt one pair mules, now on the farm of said C. A. Peunt.

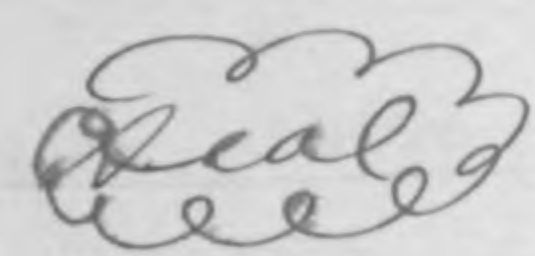
Sixteen: After the payment of all just debts, and the cost of a proper monument at my grave, and the payment of the above legacies, I give and bequeath to my sons W. F. Peunt and Chas A Peunt, and my daughter May Meade, all the remainder of my estate, both personal and real of whatsoever kind or description, it being understood that the \$5000⁰⁰ advanced to my son C. A. Peunt, and the \$1245, to my daughter May Meade to be deducted out of their part, and that counting these amounts, the three, W. F. Peunt, C. A. Peunt, and May Meade shall share $\frac{1}{3}$ each, the said amounts thus advanced to be counted part of my estate.

Seventeenth: I hereby appoint Chas A Peunt, W. F. Peunt, and John W. Meade, Executors of this my will

Eighteenth: I hereby direct that the trustees heretofore mentioned, and my Executors be allowed to qualify and perform the duties required of them without bond.

Given under my hand and seal this Aug 14th A.D. 1901.

James Peunt.



Certificate of witnesses.

We the undersigned witnesses certify that we saw the testator James Peunt affix his signature to the above

and that he told us that it was his signature to his last will and testament, and that we signed it at his request, and in his presence and in the presence of each other.

Byrd Grant
Gabriel Keurt
John A. Dumas
John B. Keurt.

Filed Oct 7th 1901.
Thomas R Shaw
Judge of Probate

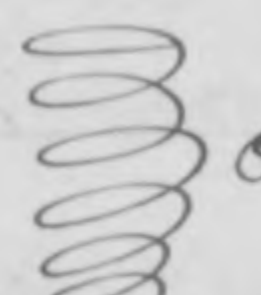
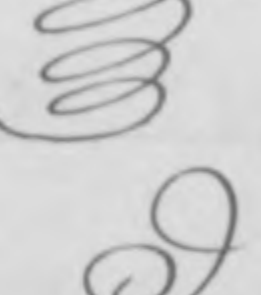
State of Missouri } In the Probate Court in Vacation
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 7th day of October 1901 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid Gabriel Keurt, and John B. Keurt, two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James Keurt, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said James Keurt the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Gabriel Keurt
John B. Keurt.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

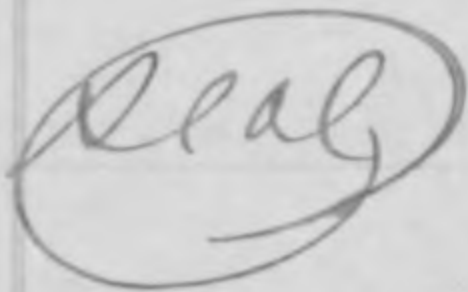
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin this 7th day of October A.D. 1901.
Thomas R Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 
 County of Daviess 

I, Thomas R Shaw, Judge and Ex Officio
 Clerk of the Probate Court, of the County and State aforesaid, hav-
 ing examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by
 James Peurt, and purporting to be the last will and
 testament of James Peurt deceased, and having heard
 the testimony of Gabriel Peurt, and John B. Peurt, two
 of the subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the exe-
 cution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instru-
 ment of writing to be the last will and testament of James
 Peurt deceased late of Daviess County, and the same is
 therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office
 in the City of Gallatin this 7th day of October A.D. 1901

Thomas R Shaw Judge
 And Ex Officio Clerk



Last Will of Elizabeth Montgomery - Dec'd.

I, Elizabeth Montgomery of the County of Dames and State of Missouri, being of sound mind, do hereby make, ordain and publish this my last will and testament, First: After all my just debts are paid and discharged I desire and it is my will, that all my property both personal and real, including all notes, credits bank accounts due bills, or other accounts or evidences of credit of which I may die possessed shall be converted into money, not sooner than six months, nor later than two years, after the date of my death; that said money be divided as follows: One sixth given to my son John J. Montgomery: One sixth to my son, Geo B. Montgomery - One sixth to my daughter, Missouri E. Harvey - One sixth to my daughter, Emma J. Cary - One sixth to my daughter Sarah M. G. Smith; and one sixth to be given to the executor hereof in trust for the use of my Grand sons Maurice Montgomery, and Jesse Montgomery, until they shall have arrived at the age of twenty one years.

Second: I hereby appoint and constitute my son John J. Montgomery, to be executor, of this my last will and testament, and empower him, without bond to execute all the provisions herein mentioned according to his own judgment, and in such manner as he may deem for the best interests of said heirs.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 28th day of August, A. D. 1899.

Elizabeth Montgomery.

We the undersigned witnesses do hereby state the foregoing will was subscribed by the said Elizabeth Montgomery, testatrix, and in our presence, and we in her presence and in the presence of each other, do sign the said will as witnesses thereto, this 28th day of August 1899.

J. R. De Ford
Rosa De Ford
Benj. Steel. } witnesses

Filed Nov. 9th 1901
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri ss. In the Probate Court - On Vacation
County of Daviess ss.

Be it remembered that on the 9th day of November 1901, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court, of the County and State aforesaid, Ross De Ford, and Benjamin Steele, two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Elizabeth Montgomery, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Elizabeth Montgomery the testatrix subscribed the same in the presence of him the said Ross De Ford, and published the said will or instrument of writing in the presence of both of said subscribing witnesses as her last will: That she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testatrix by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testatrix

Ross De Ford

Benjamin Steele.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 9th day of November A.D. 1901.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge Ex Officio Clerk

State of Missouri ss.

County of Daviess ss.

I, Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Elizabeth Montgomery and purporting to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Montgomery deceased and having heard the testimony of Ross De Ford and Benjamin Steele subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Elizabeth Montgomery, deceased late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in the City of Gallatin this 9th day of November A.D. 1901.

Thomas R Shaw Judge Ex Officio Clerk.

(Seal)

Will.

I, William H. Vandyke of Daviess County State of Missouri being of sound mind, and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. That is to say.

First:- It is my request, and I hereby direct my executrix hereinafter named to pay all of my lawful debts, including funeral expenses, and the expenses of my last sickness, and the provisions for a suitable burial ground.

Second:- Believing that my wife Elvora S. Vandyke will take the best of care, and make all the provisions possible for our children, to-wit: Clara E. Vandyke, Effie E. Vandyke, Lovan E. Vandyke and Virgil B. Vandyke, I give, devise and bequeath to her my beloved wife Elvora S. Vandyke, all of my property whether real, personal, or mixed and wherever situate.

My real estate at this date consisting of the following land in Daviess County, Missouri, to-wit: The South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$; And the South West $\frac{1}{4}$ (fractional) North of Grand River, in section (6) six Township (58) Fifty Eight, and Range (26) twenty six, and containing $62\frac{7}{100}$ acres more or less.

Third:- I hereby make, constitute and appoint my wife Elvora S. Vandyke my Executrix of this, my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto signed my name, and affixed my seal this 19th of October 1901.

William H. Vandyke (seal)

Signed, published and declared by the said William H. Vandyke, as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request have signed as witnesses to same, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, and written opposite our names our respective places of residence

Filed Nov. 29th 1901
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

F. E. Clingen	Gallatin Mo
W. E. Mawppler	Gallatin Mo
Rallie J. Britton	Gallatin Mo

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 29th day of November 1901 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, F. E. Clingan and W. E. Wampler, and Rollin J. Britton the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of William H. Vanduyke, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said William H. Vanduyke the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other

F. E. Clingan

W. E. Wampler

Rollin J. Britton

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 29th day of November A. D. 1901. (seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex Officio Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess }

I, Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by William H. Vanduyke and purporting to be the last will and testament of William H. Vanduyke deceased, and having heard the testimony of F. E. Clingan, W. E. Wampler and Rollin J. Britton, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of William H. Vanduyke deceased, late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
And affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 29th day of November A. D. 1901.

(seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex Officio Clerk

Will.

I, Andrew Jackson Culver, of Daviess County Missouri being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament, that is to say:

First:— I hereby direct my executor hereinafter named to sell, convey and convert into money all the personal effects that I may die seized, and possessed of, and out of said money pay first, all of my just debts, including expenses of my last sickness, funeral and administration expenses, and the provisions for a suitable monument to mark my last resting place— The residue of said money, I will, devise and bequeath to my wife Dianah Culver, as her absolute property.

Second:— I will, devise and bequeath to my wife Dianah Culver, all of my real estate, wheresoever situate, the said real estate to be hers, for and during her natural life, and at her death to go to the parties hereinafter named.

Third:— I will, devise and bequeath to George Samuel Ramsbottom, and the heirs of his body begotten the following described real estate situate in Daviess County Missouri to wit: The North West quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the North West quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section One (1), and the East half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the North East quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the North East quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Two (2), all in Township Fifty Eight (58) and Range Twenty Eight (28), and containing 59 acres more or less. Subject to the life estate of my wife Dianah Culver as heretofore set out.

Fourth:— I will, devise and bequeath to Sarah Emma Ramsbottom and the heirs of her body begotten the following described Real Estate situate in Daviess County Missouri to wit: The South West quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the South East quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty six (36) in Township Fifty nine (59) and Range Twenty Eight (28), containing 40 acres, more or less, subject to the life estate of my wife Dianah Culver, as heretofore set out.

Fifth:— I will, devise and bequeath to James P. Baker the following described Real Estate, situate in Daviess County Missouri to wit: All that part of the East half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the West half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the South West quarter $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section

Twenty (20) in Township Fifty nine (59) Range Twenty seven (27) beginning sixty (60) feet south of the south west corner of Block Five (5) in Scott P. Haynes, second addition to the City of Gallatin, running thence south one hundred and sixty five (165) feet: Thence East ninety five (95) feet: Thence North one hundred and sixty five (165) feet: Thence west ninety five (95) feet to the place of beginning, Subject to the life estate of my wife Dianah Culver as heretofore set out.

Sixth: — I hereby request that James P. Baker look after the care and comfort of my wife - and out of the rental proceeds of my real estate provide for her a comfortable home, and also all of the necessaries that may be needed to make her life pleasant. — While the property I have willed to my wife during her life time is to be under her absolute contrall. It is my wish that James P. Baker, assist her as herein indicated, for we have no son or daughter to assist her and have never had any children.

Seventh: — I hereby appoint James P. Baker to be executor of this my last will and Testament, revoking all former wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the Fourth day of January in the year 1902.

Andrew Jackson ^{his} Culver 
mark

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Andrew Jackson Culver in our presence, and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and Testament: And we at his request, have signed our names as witnesses hereto, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

Alice McKim.	Gallatin Missouri
Little J. Place.	Gallatin Missouri
Rollin J. Britton.	Gallatin Missouri

Filed January 11th 1902
Thomas A. Shaw Judge of Probate

Proof of will

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } ss. In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 13th day of January 1902 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, Alice McKim, Little J. Place, and Rollin J. Britton the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Andrew Jackson Culver, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Andrew Jackson Culver, the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will: that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Alice McKim

Little J. Place

Rollin J. Britton

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written

On Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

(Seal) affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 13th day of January A.D. 1902

Thomas R. Shaw - Judge & Ex officio Clerk

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } ss. I, Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Andrew Jackson Culver, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Andrew Jackson Culver, deceased, and having heard the testimony of Alice McKim, Little J. Place and Rollin J. Britton, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Andrew Jackson Culver deceased late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

On Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 13th day of January A.D. 1902

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw - Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

Will.

I, Alexander Croy of the County of Dancus in the State of Missouri, do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

Item 1st I will, bequeath and devise to my children Francis Croy, Enoch Croy, Henry Croy, John Croy, Mary Brown, Susan Brown, Margaret Kirkpatrick, Alice Bell, William Croy, Ella Brown, Nancy Croy and Permelia Croy, all my property owned by me at the time of my death, after my funeral Expenses are paid, and other debts should there be any, in equal parts, Subject however to advancements to each as hereinafter set forth.

Item 2^d. I have from time to time given my said children by way of advancement money and property, paid debts for some of my sons, and charged some of my sons with time they did not labor for me prior to attaining their majority, and charged one of my sons with rent on real estate occupied by him, so that the several aggregates of such gifts, Charges and advancements are as follows:

To my son Francis Croy	\$ 382.50
To my son Enoch Croy	\$ 1216.00
To my son Henry Croy	\$ 428.00
To my son John Croy	\$ 417.00
To my daughter Mary Brown	\$ 198.00
To my daughter Susan Brown	\$ 213.00
To my daughter Margaret Kirkpatrick	\$ 182.00
To my daughter Alice Bell	\$ 218.00
To my son William Croy	\$ 253.50
To my daughter Ella Brown	\$ 182.00
To my daughter Nancy Croy	\$ 45.00
To my daughter Permelia Croy	\$ 45.00

It is therefore my will and desire that each of my said children in the distribution of my estate be charged with, and required to account for the sum of money set opposite his or her name respectively, and should I make any such future advancements to any of my said children, the same will be charged by me in a book, and it is my desire that all such

sums shall, in the distribution of my estate, be treated as an advancement to the child or children so receiving the same.

Given under my hand this 17th day of June 1895

Alexander Cray.

We the undersigned at the request of Alexander Cray do subscribe our names in his presence as witnesses to his will, this 17th day of June 1895.

Joshua A. Hicklin
Thomas A. Hicklin.

Filed January 13th 1902.
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri }
County of Davis } ss. In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 13th day of January 1902 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid Joshua A. Hicklin and Thomas A. Hicklin the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Alexander Cray, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Alexander Cray the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other

Joshua A. Hicklin
Thos A. Hicklin.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 13th day of January A D 1902

Thomas R. Shaw

Judge Ex officio Clerk

(seal)

Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri }
 County of Daviess } ss. D. Thomas R Shaw Judge and Ex Officio
 Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having
 examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Alexander
 Gray, and purporting to be the last will and testament of
 Alexander Gray, deceased and having heard the testimony
 of Joshua A Hicklin and Thomas H Hicklin subscribing wit-
 nesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare
 and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and
 testament of Alexander Gray deceased. State of Daviess
 County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and
 ordered to be recorded.

On witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
 affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of
 Gallatin, this 13th day of January A.D. 1902.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw
 Judge & Ex Officio Clerk

Last Will and Testament

Know all men by these presents, that I, Jesse Baldwin of the County of Daviess and State of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

I will that my son George Baldwin have the North half of the South East fourth of Section Fifteen, and the North West fourth of the South West fourth of section Fourteen Township Sixty (60) Range Twenty seven (27).

To my daughter Nora Bell Baldwin, the South West fourth of the South East fourth of Section Fifteen (15) Township Sixty (60) Range Twenty seven 27. And to my daughter Jennie Baldwin, and Hattie Baldwin, The South East fourth of the South East fourth of Section Fifteen (15) and and the South West fourth of the South West fourth of Section Fourteen (14) Except twelve acres off of the South side, Township Sixty Range Twenty seven (27), being sixty eight acres more or less, all in Daviess County Missouri. To my daughter Minnie A. Miller and Clara E. Daniels Five Dollars each.

I also will that my wife Esther Baldwin have possession of the above lands, during her natural life, and that she be the executor of this my last will and testament.

This 6th day of December 1901.

Jesse Baldwin.

C. H. Emerly } witnesses.
J. W. Galbreath }

I, George R. Allen, Notary Public, certify that Jesse Baldwin of the County of Daviess, and State of Missouri after being acquainted with the contents of the foregoing will declared it to be his last will and testament.

Real

George R. Allen

my Commission Expires

Notary Public

February 21st 1905.

Filed Feb 19th 1902

Thomas R. Shaw Judge of Probate

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } On the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 19th day of February 1902 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid Charles H. Everly and Jesse W. Galbreath the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Jesse Baldwin, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Jesse Baldwin, the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Charles H. Everly.

Jesse W. Galbreath.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 19th day of February A.D. 1902

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw - Judge and Ex Officio Clerk.

State of Missouri ^{30.0.}
County of Daviess ³ D. Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex Officio clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Jesse Baldwin and purporting to be the last will and testament of Jesse Baldwin deceased, and having heard the testimony of Charles H. Everly and Jesse W. Galbreath, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Jesse Baldwin deceased late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand And affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin, this 19th day of February, A.D. 1902

Thomas R. Shaw

Judge and Ex Officio Clerk

(Seal)

~ Will ~

I B. F. Royston of the County of Daviess and State of Missouri, being of sound mind, in view of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do make this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say:

First. I direct that my executors, hereinafter named to pay all my just debts, and funeral expenses.

Second. I give and bequeath to Lucile Royston, and Gladys Royston, heirs of my deceased son Henry Royston, the following described property, to-wit: (all of that part of the South West quarter of the South West quarter of section Twenty six (26), Township Sixty one (61) of Range Twenty nine (29) lying West of Camstock and Kimballs addition to the City of Elm Flat, and South and east of the lake, and North of the Wabash right of way, containing four (4) acres: also what is known as the flower house being the middle part of Out lot west of block 2 of Camstock & Kimballs addition;) In case of their death, without issue, I direct that the above described property revert to my estate.

Third. I give and bequeath to my daughter Maggie Hixon, the following described property, during her life time, to-wit: Lots one (1), Five (5) and six (6) of Block Three (3) of the Town of Jemison; also the South half of the South West quarter of section Twenty seven (27) of Township Sixty one (61) of Range Twenty seven (27), Daviess County Missouri, at her death the above described ^{property} is to revert to my legal heirs.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my sons J. S. Royston and C. S. Royston, and undivided two thirds interest in the following described property, to-wit: The North West quarter of section Thirty three (33), and the North West quarter of the North East quarter of section Thirty three (33) all in Township Sixty one (61) of Range Twenty seven (27) Daviess County Missouri; also the Mill property situated on Lots Eighteen (18) Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20) Block "A", of Meadi's First addition to City of Elm Flat, Daviess County, Missouri.

Fifth. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Leah Royston. One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars, to be paid her first by my executors hereinafter named out of any personal property or moneys, notes or Mortgages that I may then have; Also I give and bequeath to my said beloved wife Leah Royston, during her life time my present residence and its contents, known as the Beckner property and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point 16 feet west of the South West Corner of Lot 32 of Edsons addition to Elm Flat; thence west 75 feet; thence North 171 links; thence East 75 feet; thence South 171 links to the place of beginning. And at her death the above described property is to revert to my legal heirs. I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife Leah Royston during her widowhood the rents and profits of the following described property, to wit: All of Lot one (1) and the East half of Lot Two (2) of Block One (1) of Neil & Perham's addition to Elm Flat Missouri.

Sixth. I direct that my Executors hereinafter named, convert all my personal property of every description into money, and after paying my beloved wife Leah Royston One thousand (\$1000⁰⁰) Dollars as above directed, and then paying all my just debts and funeral expenses, the residue, if any, to be divided equally among my legal heirs.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my sons James S. Royston and Charles S. Royston, as my executors of this my last will and testament, and do hereby revoke all other and former wills by me made and published, and establish this, and this only, as my last will and testament.

Feeling sensible that I am wholly ignorant of the ending of my days on earth, whether by accident, short sickness, or a lingering feeble old age: I have thus as above described, and declared, how, and in what way, and by whom, I wish and direct whatever property I may leave at my death to be divided in proportion to each of the above named persons. This my last will and testament is to cover what I leave at my death and that only. Amen.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of August 1901.

B. F. Royston.

We attest the above and foregoing will, by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of B. F. Rayston the testator this 19th day of August 1901.

W. B. Harris

R. M. Pickell

Filed Feb 25th 1902. 3
Thomas R. Shaw Judge of Probate 3

State of Missouri 3 ss. In the Probate Court - In Vacation
County of Daviess 3

Be it remembered that on the 25th day of February 1902 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge, and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, W. B. Harris and R. M. Pickell, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of B. F. Rayston, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said B. F. Rayston the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will: that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

W. B. Harris

R. M. Pickell

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

On Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 25th day of February A. D. 1902.

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw, Judge & Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 3 ss. In the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by B. F. Rayston and purporting to be the last will and testament of B. F. Rayston deceased, and having heard the testimony of W. B. Harris and R. M. Pickell subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of B. F. Rayston deceased late of Daviess

County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin this 23rd day of February A.D. 1902

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw - Judge & Ex-officio Clerk

Will.

I, Elias Gotschall of the State of Missouri, and County of Daviess, who being of sound mind, hereby make and declare this my last will and testament.

1st - I direct that my just debts be paid by my Executor herein named, as soon after my death as may by her be found convenient.

2nd - I give and devise to wife Susan A. Gotschall during her natural life, all of (70) seventy, acres of land it being the East part of the North half of the North west $\frac{1}{4}$ of section (17) seventeen, Township (61) sixty one, of Range (28) twenty eight, also all personal property belonging to me on said place.

3rd - I bequeath to my daughter, Sarah Pearce's heirs, at my wife's death One Hundred Dollars.

4th - I bequeath to my daughter Ellen Wrench's heirs, at my wife's death, One Hundred Dollars.

5th - I bequeath to my daughter Lydia A. Stephens, at my wife's death, One Hundred Dollars.

6th - I bequeath to my Grand son E. W. Gotschall, son of my son John W. Gotschall, at wife's death, One Hundred Dollars.

7th - And at the death of my wife, Susan A. Gotschall I want all my real and personal property to be divided equally between my children as follows: George Gotschall, John Gotschall, Price Gotschall, William F. Gotschall, Mary E. Williams, Marvyn J. Young.

and Lydia A. Stephens.

8th — I hereby appoint my wife Susan A. Gotschall
 Executrix of this my last will and Testament, and it is
 my will that the said Susan A. Gotschall shall not be re-
 quired to give bond as such executrix.

Signed this 6th of April 1895.

Elias Gotschall.

Signed and declared by the above named Elias Gotschall
 to be his last will and testament, in the presence of us
 who at his request and in his presence have subscribed
 our names as witnesses thereto

Filed March 13th 1902

Thomas Shaw - Judge of Probate.

A. A. Wray

Jno O. Neel.

State of Missouri }
 County of Daviess }

In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 13th day of March 1902 per-
 sonally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio, Clerk of the
 Probate Court, of the County and state aforesaid, A. A. Wray and Jno
 O. Neel, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Elias
 Gotschall, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say
 that the said Elias Gotschall, the testator subscribed the same
 in their presence, and published the said will or instrument
 of writing as his last will; that he the said testator, was at the
 time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and
 more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said
 deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the
 request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the
 same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the pres-
 ence of each other.

Jno O. Neel,
 A. A. Wray.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 And affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City
 of Gallatin, this 13th day of March, A. D. 1902.

(Seal)

Thomas Shaw - Judge and Ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri } Certificate of Probate
County of Daviess }

D. Thomas R Shaw, Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by Elias Gotschall, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Elias Gotschall, deceased, and having heard the testimony of Jno O. Neel, and A. A. Wray, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Elias Gotschall deceased, late of Daviess County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin, this 13th day of March, A. D. 1902.

(Seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

Will.

I, James A. Freeman of Daviess County Missouri hereby execute this instrument, and declare it to be my last will and testament.

First - It is my will that all my debts be paid out of my personal estate as soon after my death as it is practicable to convert the same into money at fair market price without loss.

Second - To my son Charles C. Freeman, I give and bequeath the sum of Five (\$5⁰⁰) Dollars, to be paid out of my personal estate.

Third - To my son Bradford B. Freeman, I give and bequeath the sum of One (\$1⁰⁰) Dollar to be paid out of my personal estate, and it is my will that if the note of Fifty (\$50⁰⁰) Dollars, which he now owes me, remain unpaid at my death, it shall be surrendered to him, and he shall not be required to pay the same.

Fourth - To my well beloved wife, Elvise A. Freeman, I will, devise, and bequeath, all the rest residue and

remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed to hold use and enjoy, during her natural life.

Fifth - To my son Rodman K. Freeman, as residuary legatee, I will, devise and bequeath, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real personal and mixed, that may be undisposed of at the death of my wife.

Sixth - Should my said son Rodman K. Freeman die before the death of my said wife, then and in that event, it is my will that the residue of my estate, go to and be inherited by the children (if any there be) of my said son Rodman K. Freeman, on the death of my said wife.

It is my will that no part of the real estate of which I shall die seized, shall be sold or conveyed until after the death of my said wife. My executors hereinafter named shall have the power to sell and dispose of any and all of my personal estate for the purpose of paying debts, and the small legacies aforesaid, and carry on the business of farming, buying and selling stock, for use on farm in such manner as shall seem to them right and proper.

I appoint my wife Eunice A. Freeman, and my son Rodman K. Freeman joint executors of this will.

Done at Gallatin Missouri this April 13th 1894

Geo. M. Freeman.

Signed, published and declared by the above named James H. Freeman, to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, who at his request, and in his presence, and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this April 13th 1894

J. R. Ford.

Boyd Dudley.

Harry R. Allen.

Filed April 12th 1902
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } ss. On the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of April 1902, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid T. R. Ford, Boyd Dudley and Harry K. Allen, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James M. Freeman, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said James M. Freeman the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will: that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age: and that they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

T. R. Ford

Harry K. Allen

Boyd Dudley

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 12th day of April A.D. 1902.

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex Officio Clerk.

(seal)

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } ss.

I Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid, having Examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by James M. Freeman and purporting to be the last will and testament of James M. Freeman deceased, and having heard the testimony of T. R. Ford, Harry K. Allen and Boyd Dudley, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of James M. Freeman deceased late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 12th day of April A.D. 1902.

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex Officio Clerk

(seal)

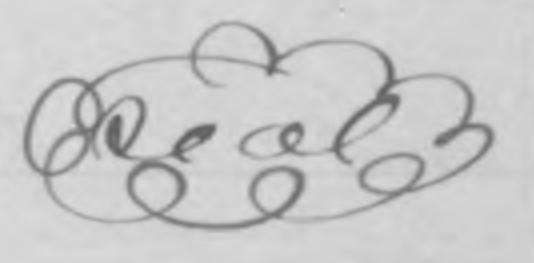
Last Will and Testament.

Know all men by these presents: That I George Gotschall of the County of Daviess, and state of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form following:

I hereby bequeath to my daughters Martha E. Smith Effie A. Lockridge, and Laura A. Summers, the sum of Five hundred dollars. And to my sons E. F. Gotschall and J. A. Gotschall, ten dollars each. And to my sons Worley E. Gotschall, and Roy A. Gotschall the sum of Five hundred dollars. And to my wife Alvin Gotschall the remainder of my property and at her death to be divided equally between my heirs.

And last I hereby constitute and appoint Solomon S. Smith, Executor of this my last will and testament, to be the ----- of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me made, and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

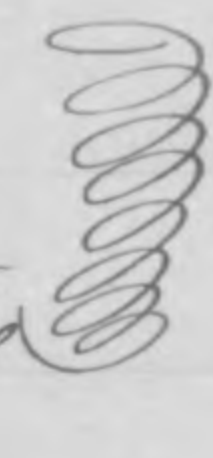
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of March A. D. 1902.

George ^{his} Gotschall 
mark.

Witnesses

Alonzo Dugger }
A. D. Higgins }

Filed April 14th 1902

Thomas A. Shaw - Judge of Probate 

State of Missouri } ss. In the Probate Court - In Vacations
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 14th day of April 1902 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid, Alonzo Dugger and A. D. Higgins the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of George Gotschall, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said George Gotschall the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and

published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind, and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto, at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Alonzo Dugger
A. D. Higgins

I sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.
On Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Gallatin this 14th day of April A. D. 1902.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw Judge
and Ex Officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 3rd.
County of Davies 3rd. D. Thomas R Shaw - Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State of aforesaid. Having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by George Gotschall, and purporting to be the last will and testament of George Gotschall deceased, and having heard the testimony of Alonzo Dugger and A. D. Higgins subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of George Gotschall deceased late of Davies County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate, and ordered to be recorded.

On Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 14th day of April A. D. 1902.

(seal)

Thomas R Shaw
Judge Ex Officio Clerk.

Will.

I, J. W. Tolen of the County of Daviess and State of Missouri do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows.

1st - I will and devise to my beloved wife Elizabeth my home place where we now live containing about One hundred acres, during her natural life.

2nd - I will and bequeath to my wife all personal property and allowances allowed a widow by the Statutes of Missouri, as her absolute property.

3rd - It is my will and desire that my executors hereinafter named, sell all the remainder of my real estate at such price and on such terms as they may deem best, for the purpose of paying my just debts, full power being hereby given to my said executors to sell and convey my real estate for the purposes aforesaid, without having to apply to the Probate Court for an order of sale. I also authorize and empower my said executors to settle, adjust, allow and pay, all just claims presented against my estate without having the same allowed by the Probate Court.

4th - It is my will and desire that the residue and remainder of my estate after my debts are paid be divided equally among my children named as follows: Mary E. Fulton, Marcus Tolen, Frank Tolen, Clarence Tolen, and Charles Tolen.

5th - It is also my will and desire, that at the death of my wife, the hundred acres devised to her for life, be equally divided among my said children.

6th - I hereby constitute and appoint my sons Clarence and Charles Tolen, my executors to carry out the provisions of this will.

Given under my hand this April 29th 1902.

J. W. Tolen.

We the undersigned at the request, and in the presence of J. W. Tolen, subscribe our names as witnesses to his will this April 29th 1902.

Joshua F. Hicklin
Nora S. Vandeyke

Codicil to the within will.

It is my will and desire, that in the event, that I do not live to complete an adjust-... of shares of my property among my children, that my executors pay out of the assets of estate, including proceeds of the sale of real estate to my sons as follows: To Marcus Tolw. \$350.⁰⁰ to Frank Tolw \$110.⁰⁰ to Clarence Tolw \$560.⁰⁰

This I add as a Codicil to my within or foregoing will.

Given under my hand this April 29th 1902

J. W. Tolw.

We the undersigned at the request of J. W. Tolw, subscribe our names as witnesses to Codicil to his will. This April 29th 1902.

Joshua F. Hicklin
Nora S. Vandyke

Filed May 6th 1902.

Thomas R Shaw Judge of Probate

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess }

Be it remembered that on the 7th day of May 1902, personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State of said Joshua F. Hicklin, and Nora S. Vandyke, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will and Codicil thereto attached of J. W. Tolw, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said J. W. Tolw, the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will and Codicil thereto attached, or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator was, at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will, and Codicil thereto, attached, as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

Joshua F. Hicklin.
Nora S. Vandyke.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office, in the City of Lallatin this 7th day of May A.D. 1902.

Seal

Thomas R Shaw Judge
ex officio Clerk.

State of Missouri 3^{ss.}
County of Danvers 3

I, Thomas R. Shaw, Judge and Ex Officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by J. W. Tolen and purporting to be the last will and testament of J. W. Tolen deceased, together with the Codicil thereto attached, and having heard the testimony of Joshua F. Hicklin and Nora S. Vandyke subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of J. W. Tolen deceased, late of Danvers County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Salina this 7th day of May A.D. 1902.

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex Officio Clerk

Will of William Lewis.

" Know all men by these presents that I, William Lewis of Daviess County Missouri, being of sound and disposing mind, and memory, do make, publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament, as follows.

1. It is my will and request that my executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts without presentation to, or allowance by the Probate Court.

2. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Cynthia C. Lewis, my homestead on which we now live, described as follows to-wit: That part of the East half of the South West quarter of Section 20, Township 59. of Range 27, beginning at the South West corner thereof, run east 9. $69\frac{1}{4}$ Chains; thence North $24^{\circ}53\frac{1}{2}'$ Chains thence West $9^{\circ}69\frac{1}{4}$ Chains; thence South $24^{\circ}53\frac{1}{2}'$ Chains to the place of beginning. Except what I have heretofore sold and deeded, and except also $3\frac{1}{4}$ acres off of the South end thereof which I have heretofore given my son John W. Lewis Jr. to have and to hold for and during her natural life.

3. I also give and devise to my said wife the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1000.) which is in lieu of the \$400⁰⁰, and her years support allowed her under the provisions of the Statute of this State. And I hereby constitute and appoint James M. Parker, Trustee, for my said wife, to handle, and manage said fund for her benefit who shall loan said fund on the most advantageous terms, paying my said wife such sum of the principal and interest, as she may need for her comfort and welfare. I also give my said wife all my household and kitchen furniture.

4. I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Mayfield the sum of Six hundred dollars (\$600⁰⁰) to be paid her by my executor, as she may in the judgment of my executor, need it.

5. Having heretofore deeded my son, Thomas Lewis 100. acres of land I give him nothing more.

6. Having heretofore deeded my son John W. Lewis 120 acres of land subject to Deed Trust for \$1300.⁰⁰ which he has assumed and agreed to pay, I give him nothing more.

7th I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Mary M. Lewis, the South West quarter of the North West quarter of section 28, and the South East quarter of the North East quarter, and all east of the public road of the South West quarter of the North East quarter in Section 29, all in Township 39, Range 27, containing 86 acres more or less in fee simple.

8. I give, devise and bequeath to my grand children, Hattie C. Baranone, Mary E. Baranone ^{Blanch E. Baranone - John T. Baranone}, Frank Baranone, and Harley B. Baranone, the North half of the South East quarter of Section 9, Township 58, Range 27, containing 80, acres more or less, jointly in fee simple - share and share alike.

9. After the death of my said wife, I will and direct that my said executor sell our homestead on the best terms which can be obtained either at public or private sale without any order of Court, and that he set apart the sum of \$300⁰⁰ for the education of my grand son Harley B. Baranone, who is now one of our family, and that the balance of the proceeds thereof be equally divided among children, John W. Lewis, Thomas Lewis, Eliza Mayfield, Elmina Medsker, Mary M. Lewis, including any other estate which I may have at the time of my death or the death of my said wife.

All my lands above described above are located in the County of Daviess and State of Missouri

I hereby appoint my friend and brother in law James M. Parker to be executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of August, A. D. 1899.

William Lewis (seal)

Signed, sealed, published and declared, by the above named testator to be his last will and testament in our presence who in his presence, and in the presence of each other and at his request, have signed our names as witnesses hereto this August 16th 1899.

Filed May 15-1904
Thomas R. Shaw
Judge of Probate

W. C. Gilliam - Gallatin
John W. Meade

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess }

In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 15th day of May 1902. personally appeared before the undersigned Judge, and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, W.C. Gillihan and John W. Meade the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of William Lewis, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said William Lewis, the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will; that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age; and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

William C. Gillihan

John W. Meade.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 15th day of May A.D. 1902

Seal

Thomas A. Shaw, Judge Ex officio Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess }

I, Thomas A. Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by William Lewis and purporting to be the last will and testament of William Lewis deceased, and having heard the testimony of W.C. Gillihan and John W. Meade, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of William Lewis deceased late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of Gallatin this 15th day of May A.D. 1902.

Seal

Thomas A. Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

Last Will and Testament.

I, James H. Lewis, of Jamesport, in the County of Daviess and State of Missouri, being of sound mind, and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life I do, therefore, make, ordain, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament.

First. I order and direct, that my Executors hereinafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

Second. After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise, and bequeath to my children, Charles E. Lewis, John R. Lewis and Samuel G. Lewis, One dollar each, and to my Grand Children, Eugene Lewis and Edwin Lewis One dollar each.

Third. I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved wife, Virginia H. Lewis, all of my Real-estate and personal property, consisting of my my Residence and Lot or Block upon which it is built, located at Jamesport Daviess County Missouri, all notes and accounts due me, money on hand and my house hold goods of every kind and description.

Lastly, I make, constitute and appoint Virginia H. Lewis (to act with out bond) to be my Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord, One thousand Nine hundred Two.

James H. Lewis Seal

This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof signed, published, and declared by the said testator James H. Lewis to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request, have subscribed our names thereto as witnesses, in his presence and in the presence of each other.

P. W. Lilly.

W. H. Secher.

State of Missouri } ss. In the Probate Court - in vacation
County of Daviess }

Be it Remembered, That on the 21st day of April 1902 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge & Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, P. H. Lilly and W. H. Keener, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James W. Lewis and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said James W. Lewis the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing, as his last will; that he, the said testator was, at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty-one years of age; and that they, the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator, by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the said testator, and in the presence of each other.

P. H. Lilly.

W. H. Keener.

Sworn to and subscribed

before me the day and year first above written.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at office, in the City of Gallatin, this 21st day of April A.D. 1902.

(Seal)

Thomas A. Shaw - Judge & Ex-officio Clerk.

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } I, Thomas A. Shaw Judge & Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County & State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing instrument of writing, signed by James W. Lewis & purporting to be the last will & testament of James W. Lewis deceased, & having heard the testimony of P. H. Lilly & W. H. Keener subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of James W. Lewis deceased, late of Daviess County and the same is therefore admitted to probate & ordered to be recorded.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at office in the City of Gallatin this 21st day of April A.D. 1902.

(Seal)

Thomas A. Shaw, Judge & Ex-officio Clerk.

Filed this 21st day of April 1902.

Thomas A. Shaw.

Judge of Probate.

Last Will and Testament

I, Susan A. Gotschall, of Pattonburg, in the county of Daviess and state of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

First, I order and direct that my Executor hereinafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be.

^{Second} After the payment of such funeral expenses and debts, I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Beards her five dollars.

3^d. I bequeath to my daughter Ellen Wrench her five dollars.

4th. I bequeath to my grandson W. E. Gotschall son of my son John W. Gotschall five dollars.

5th. I bequeath to the children and heirs of my son George Gotschall five dollars.

6th. I want all the rest and residue of my personal property and real estate consisting of seventy acres described as follows:

The east (70) seventy acres of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section Seventeen (17) Township sixty one (61) Range twenty eight (28) Daviess county, Missouri, divided equally between my children as follows: Jobe Gotschall, Brice Gotschall, William T. Gotschall, Mary E. Williams, Manerva J. Young, Lydia A. Stephens.

Lastly I make, constitute and appoint Robert E. Maupin to be Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal the 26th day of May in the year of our Lord One Thousand, Nine Hundred and two

Susan^{her} A. Gotschall (Seal)
mark

W. T. Gotschall witness mark.

This instrument was, on the day of the date thereof signed, published and declared by ^{the} said testator Susan A. Gotschall to be her last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at her request, have

subscribed our names thereto as witnesses, in her
presence and in the presence of each other

James B. McDonald
W. H. Cunningham

Filed this fifth day of Aug.

1902

Thomas R. Shaw

Judge of Probate.

State of Missouri ss.
County of Daviess

In the Probate Court - In Vacation

Be it remembered that on the 5th day of August 1902
personally appeared before the undersigned Judge
and Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County
and State aforesaid James B. McDonald and W. H.
Cunningham the subscribing witnesses to the
annexed will of Susan A. Gotschall and being
by me first ^{duly} sworn, depose and say that the said
Susan A. Gotschall the testatrix subscribed the
same in their presence, and published the said will
or instrument of writing as her last will; that
she, the said testatrix, was, at the time of pub-
lishing her said will, of sound mind, and more
than twenty-one years of age; and that they,
the said deponents, attested the said will as wit-
nesses thereto at the request of said testatrix, by
subscribing their names to the same, in the
presence of said testatrix and in the presence of
each other

James B. McDonald
W. H. Cunningham.

I swore ^{and} subscribed before me the day and
year ^{first} above written.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Court, at office,
in the city of Gallatin, this fifth day of
August A. D. 1902.

(seal)

Thomas R. Shaw

Judge and Ex-officio Clerk

State of Missouri }
 County of Daviess } ss. I, Thomas R. Shaw, Judge and
 Ex-officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County
 and State aforesaid, having examined the foregoing
 instrument of writing, signed by Susan A. Gotschall
 and purporting to be the last will and testament of
 Susan A. Gotschall deceased, and having heard
 the testimony of Gemini B. McDonald and W. H.
 Cunningham subscribing witnesses thereto in re-
 lation to the execution of the same, do declare
 and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the
 last will and testament of Susan A. Gotschall
 deceased late of Daviess County and the same
 is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be
 recorded

In witness whereof, I have hereto set my
 hand and affixed the seal of said court,
 at office in the city of Gallatin, this 5th.
 day of August A. D. 1902

(Seal)

Thomas R. Shaw.

Judge and Ex-officio Clerk

Last Will and Testament

"Gallatin Missouri, Daviess County January 3rd 1900.
I Hiram J. Cook, being of sound mind, and memory
do make and publish my last will and testament.
I hereby bequeath to my wife Elvira E. Cook, all the per-
sonal property that I am possessed of, and the following
described Real Estate to-wit:

The North West of South East quarter - acres 40.

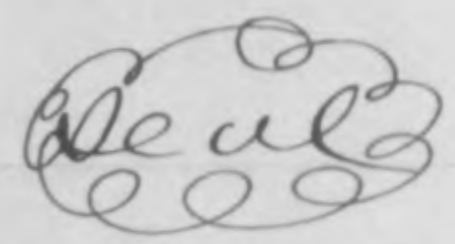
Two and half acres of North End off NE of SW of SE. 2 1/2.

10 acres being N. W. of SW of SE. 10.

And the North 1/4 of NE of NW. Except 2 acres of the North side 28.

My wife is to have the above described land, and the use
and benefit during her life time, and Henry C. Cook is to
live with his mother during her life time if he outlives
her, and at her death, all the land is to be sold, and
Henry C. Cook is to have one thousand dollars in money
and it is to be invested so that the interest will come as
near as possible paying his living.

Hiram H. Cook, William P. Cook, and George W. Cook,
have had Four hundred dollars apiece, and they are not
to have any thing more until the rest of the heirs gets four
hundred dollars apiece, and then if there is any thing left
they to all share equal. My wife is to select her own Executor
of my last will and testament, revoking all previous wills
by me made.

In Witness Whereunto subscribe my name and seal
Hiram J. Cook 

Signed, sealed, published and delivered as and for
this last will and testament, by the above testator in
our presence, and in the presence of each other, signed
our names as witnesses thereto

Robt R. Wynn Witness
Samuel C. Venable " "

Filed Aug 11th 1902. }
Thomas R. Shaw }
Judge of Probate }

State of Missouri }
County of Daviess } On the Probate Court

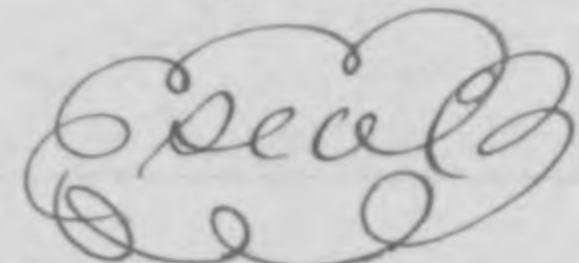
Be it remembered that on the 11th day of August.

1902 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid Robert R. Wynne and Samuel O. Venable the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Hiram J. Cook and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Hiram J. Cook the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will: that he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age: and that they the said deponents, attested the said will as witnesses thereto at the request of said testator by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the said testator and in the presence of each other.

Robert R. Wynne

S. O. Venable

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City of
Gallatin this 11th day of August A.D. 1902



Thomas R. Shaw Judge
and Ex officio Clerk

State of Missouri 3 ss.
County of Danvers 3

I Thomas R. Shaw Judge and Ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of the County and state aforesaid having examined the foregoing instrument of writing signed by Hiram J. Cook, and purporting to be the last will and testament of Hiram J. Cook deceased, and having heard the testimony of Robert R. Wynne and Samuel O. Venable subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the Execution of the same do declare and adjudge said instrument of writing to be the last will and testament of Hiram J. Cook deceased late of Davis County, and the same is therefore admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
(Seal) and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the City
of Gallatin this 11th day of August A.D. 1902

Thomas R. Shaw Judge Ex officio Clerk

Will of James Robert Ward

Know all men by these presents, that I James Robert Ward of the County of Daviess and State of Missouri, being in ill health but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

And as to my worldly estate and all the property, real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed, or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath and dispose thereof in the manner following to-wit:

1st my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my executor hereinafter named, be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by ... be found convenient.

2nd I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Lillie A. Ward, all my house hold furniture, also an undivided one half interest in fee to her, and her heirs and assigns forever from and after my decease the following described real estate situate in Daviess County Missouri, and described as follows to-wit: The North half of the South East quarter and the North East fourth of the South West quarter section Eighteen (18) Township Sixty one (61) Range Twenty six (26) Also one bay mare named Bird, and all Chickens, and fowls belonging to me at the time of my decease.

3rd I give and bequeath to my son James Francis Ward Jr. my watch, also one bay colt now one year old and name Smugler. I also give and bequeath to him my son James Francis Ward Jr. an undivided one half interest in fee to him, his heirs and assigns forever. The following real estate situate in Daviess County Missouri and described as follows to-wit: The North half of the South East quarter, and the North East fourth of the South West quarter, section eighteen (18) Township Sixty one, Range twenty six (26)

All the rest and residue of my estate, real, personal, and mixed, of which I shall die seized and possessed including money, notes, accounts, securities, personal or real property to be collected or sold, and be accounted for in money, and be equally divided between my wife Lillie A. Ward and my son James Francis Ward Jr.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint William H. Oram of Harrison County Mo to be the executor of this my last will and testament, and guardian of my son James Francis Ward Jr. should I decease before his majority.