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In the name of god Amen I John Wheelchel
being low and weak in body but perfect in mind
and memory do acknowledge this to be my last will
and testament and in the first place I will to my wife
Betty all my flock of horses cattle and hogs except my boy
mae. With my rifle gun I will to my son John Perry
all my household and kitchen furniture my mill and
all my improvements I will to my wife Betty, and also
forty acres of land lying in Hamilton County State
Indiana I will to my wife Betty for her to dispose
in the way she may think best in the next place
my son David Wheelchel, my daughter's ^{name is} Elatemon Ede-
miah Stevinson Drucilah Clark and my son James
Wheelchel what I have given them to be their part of
my estate this I do acknowledge to be my last will
and testament by signing Sealing acknowledging, this
4th day of March 1839

John Wheelchel

To Will

in the presents I also wish Robert
Hallertow off William Wheelchel and Daniel
Allkerson to be the Administrators of my estate

we it, Daniel G. Buddell,
John P. Alsop,

his
John Wheelchel (Seal)
mark

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on this 9th
day of April 1839 personally came
before me the undersigned clerk of the County Court
of Said County, Daniel G. Buddell and John
P. Alsop. the persons whose names appears subscribed
as witnesses to the foregoing will and being duly sworn
deposed and says that John Wheelchel the tes-
tator in said will as his last will and testament
and that he was of sound mind and perfect mem-
ory at the time of subscribing the same and that
they the said witnesses subscribed their names thereto
in the presents of the said testator at his dwelling
house in Said County and State aforesaid and
I do hereby approve of the same and do Grant
this my Certificate of Probate thereon



Witness Israel W Davis clerk
of said court as of record
with my private seal there being
no seal of office yet provided
this day and year of our said

Israel Davis clerk

Delivered & Recorded this 13th May 1839

Israel Davis clerk

State of Missouri Polk County, July 14th 1839

I John Cantwell being weak in body but of sound
and perfect mind and memory considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life, I Give and bequeath unto my two
Sons, John W Cantwell and Robert T Cantwell, all
my lands lying on prairie where I now reside
to be equally divided between them when they both
become of age I bequeath to my three daughters
Mary Darnison Hannah Slagle and Martha Cantwell
all of my personal property with the exception of
one brown bay colt one year old of a side saddle
that I bequeath to Martha, I authorize my executor
or administrators to make a title to certain piece of
land lying on the opposite side of prairie from
where I reside on the west half of South East quarter
of Section No. one in Township No. thirty Two of Range
No. Twenty two, to Hugh Boyd if this is any mistake
in the No. for it to be rectified I request James
Slagle the Administrator of my estate and Guardian
of my children, I wish the proceeds of my plantation
to be appropriated to the schooling and raising of my
children and if the proceeds of the plantation should
not be sufficient to school and raise my children
for the balance to go out of the money that is left in
the hands of the Administrator, and the balance of
the money to be equally divided between my three above
mentioned ~~children~~ daughters this my last will and
testament hereby revoking all former wills by me
made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the day and date above written

John Cantwell
To Will

Test
Edward Thompson
John A. Slagle
Ransom E. Elliott
William Owens

John Cantwell (Seal)

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State of Missouri
Polk County 3 set

Be it remembered that a County Court commenced and held for Polk County at the Court house in the Town of Bolivar on Monday the 1st day of August 1839, the within and foregoing last will and last Testament of John Cantwell (Deceased) was produced into Court by James Slagle the executor therein named and proven by the oaths of Ransom & Elliott and Winfrey Owen, the two Subscribing Witnesses thereto, to have been signed sealed and published by the said decedent as and for his last will and Testament and at the time of signing the same they believed him to be of sound disposing mind & memory and the same was ordered by the Court to be recorded. Whereupon said will together with this Certificate are duly entered of record in my office



In testimony whereof I Israel
L Davis clerk of the said
Court have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed my
official Seal this 4th day
of September 1839
Israel L Davis clk

Delivered & Recorded 4th September 1839

Israel Davis clk

I Sheril Prier of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri, do make and publish that my last will and Testament, in manner and form following that is to say, first it is my will that what is owing to me be collected, and all my just debts paid, but if there should not be a sufficiency to pay my debts that so much of my property be sold as will satisfy all just demands that may come against me second I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Rebecca Prier, all and every species of property that I now possess or have and veright or claim to and lastly I hereby appoint Owen Smith to be executor of this my last will and Testament

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 16th day of July 1839
Signed published and
delivered by the above named
Sherril Prier as his last
Will and testament in
the presence of us
A. D. McHaffey
John J. Pulliam
Austin. Hank

Sherril Prier
his
mark

State of Missouri
County of Polk

I Israel W. Davis clerk of the
County Court of said County, do
hereby certify that the foregoing will of Sherril
Prier (deceased) was exhibited to the justice of our
Polk County Court, at the last August term thereof
by Thos. Martin together with the evidence of its
execution of the same by the said deceased
which was by the Court considered sufficient
and approved of by the same, and ordered that a cer-
tificate of probate should be granted thereon
and the same is done accordingly

Sherril Prier
To Will



In witness whereof I Israel
W. Davis clerk of the County
Court of said County as
aforesaid have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal
of said Court to be affixed
at Bolivar this 9th day of
September A.D. 1839

I. W. Davis Clerk

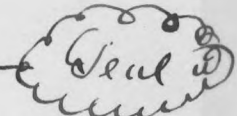
Delivered and Recorded the 9th September 1839
I. W. Davis, Clerk

I William Piper of the State of Missouri County of Polk do make and ordain this my last will and testament in measured and form following that is I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy Johnson the sum of twenty dollars and all the rest and residue of my estate after my just debts is paid I wish to be divided between my wife Delia, and my son Samuel and to be divided as follows that is my wife Delia to have one third of all my estate goods and chattles and my son Samuel all the ballance of my estate goods and chattles of what every kind they be I do nominate my wife Delia to be sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others and former wills by me at any other time heretofore made

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal signed and sealed and published and declared by the said testator William Piper as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who have subscribed our names as witnesses, thereto in the presence of the said testator

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this Twenty second day of November in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven

in the presence of

William Piper 

Will^m Rob

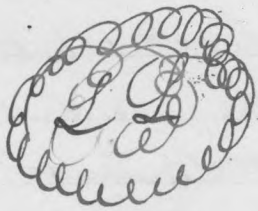
Emanuel Beese

State of Missouri ss
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on the 30th day of December A D 1839 personally came Emanuel Gato and afterwards to wit on the 9th day of January A D 1840 personally came William Rob before me the undersigned clerk of the County Court within and for said County of Polk The two subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of William Piper deceased and being duly sworn do the depose and say that the said William Piper

William Piper
To Will

Deceased did make and publish the foregoing as and for his
last will and testament and that they subscribed their names
therunto in the presents of the said (Deceased) as witness
es thereto and that the said deceased signed and
sealed the same in their presents and that the time
of signing and sealing the same they believed the said
testator to have been of sound mind and disposing
memory



In testimony whereof I Israel W
Davis clerk as aforesaid have here
unto set my hand and affixed the
seal of said court. at office
this 16th of January 1840

~~Israel W Davis~~ Clerk

Delivered & Recorded this 11th Feb. 1840

Israel Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen

Benjamin Craighead
To Will

I Benjamin Craighead of the
County of Polk & State of Missouri Considering the
uncertainty of this mortal life and being of
sound & disposing mind and memory blessed
be all mighty god for the same do make and
publish this my last will and testament, in the
following manner and form that is to say first
my desire is that all my just debts be paid out of my
estate; it is my will and desire & I hereby give
& devise to my beloved wife Orlena P. Craighead, and
her heirs forever all my estate both real and personal
& I do hereby constitute & appoint my friend Thomas
McBrown & William R. Lathen, The executors of this
my last will and testament hereby revoking annulling and
declaring void all other & former wills by me made
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this the 20th day of August in the year of our
lord One thousand Eight hundred & thirty nine

Signed sealed published
and declared in the presents
of us

G. T. Shackelford
Samuel P. Buckley

Benjamin Craighead

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State of Missouri
County of Polk

I Israel W Davis Clerk of the County Court of said County do hereby certify that the foregoing will was presented to the County Court of said County for approval at the last December term thereof and that the same was rejected and ordered to be so certified and the same is done



Witness Israel W Davis Clerk
as aforesaid with my seal of
office at Bolivar this 14th of
February 1840

I. W. Davis Clerk

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that at a County Court began and held at the Court house in the Town of Bolivar on the 2nd day of November 1840 the within and foregoing last will and testament of Benjamin Craighead, (deceased) was produced in Court by William R Sathorn, one of the Executors therein named and duly proved to have been signed sealed and published by the said (decedent) as and for the purposes therein mentioned and for his last will & testament and that at the time of signing the same he the said (decedent) was of sound mind and disposing memory and the same was ordered by the Court to be so certified & recorded whereupon said will together with this certificate are duly entered of Record in my said office



In testimony whereof I Israel W Davis Clerk of said Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
this 2nd day of November 1840

I. W. Davis Clerk

Delivered & Recorded this 2nd November 1840

I. W. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen

I George Roberson of & being weak
of in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory
or you may say ^{thus} considering the uncertainty of this mor-
tal life and being of sound & blessed be almighty God
for the same, do make and publish this as my last Will
and testament in a manner and form following that
is to say, first I give and bequeath unto my beloved
Wife, Terese Roberson one Yoke of Stear one Wagon
One horse three Guns one double barrel one Rifle and one
shot gun tools & house furniture including bed &c
the property here Willed to my wife Terese Roberson after
her death is to belong to or I bequeath to her that is the remain-
der of the property if any to George Bell my Grand Son
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this Eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord
Eight hundred and forty
signed sealed published

George ^{his} Roberson Seal
mark

Geo. Roberson
Do Will

and declared by the above
named George Roberson to be
his last testament in the presence
of us who have hereunto subscribed
Our names as witnesses in the presence
of the testator

William Hudson
Joseph H. B.
Alfred Brown

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on this 1st
day of September in the year of
our Lord 1840, the foregoing last Will and testament
of George Roberson, deceased, was produced to the
undersigned Clerk of the Polk County Court
for probate and proved by the oaths of Alfred
Brown and William Hudson, the two subscrib-
ing witnesses thereto, to have been signed sealed
and published by the said Decedent as and for his
last Will and testament and that they subscribed their
names thereto in the presence of the said Testator

as witnesses and that at the time of signing the same they believed the said Testator to be of sound mind and disposing memory



In Testimony whereof I Israel
W. Davis Clerk of said Court
have hereunto set my hand &
affixed the Seal of said Court
at Bolivar this 4th year of our said

Ill Davis Clk
delivered & Recorded this 12th November 1840
Ill Davis Clk

This my last will and testament after
bequeathing my soul to God: I Thomas Brown
after the payment of all just demands. do
Will or bequeath all the balance of my Estate
both personal and mixed to my wife Polly
during her Natural life or widowhood to
maintain and Educate my children during
their continuance with her. I Thomas Brown
being in my proper senses do for the pur
pose of Carrying this Will into effect Do
appoint J. M. Sloan Executor of this my last
Will and testament. This my last Will
and testament made and assigned in
the year of our Lord September 13th eighteen
hundred and forty two in the presence of
these witnesses

Witness
J. D. Boyles
J. M. Hill

Thomas Brown
his + mark

Thomas Brown
to
Last Will

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Be it remembered that on this 1st day of October AD 1842 personally came before the under signed clerk of the Polk County Court J. D. Broyles and Quinn M. Hill the persons whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing Will as Witnesses thereto and being duly sworn on oath state that the said Thomas Brown Dec^d did publish sign and declare the same as and for his last Will and Testament and that the said Decedent was in sound mind and perfect memory and that they subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of said Decedent
Witness Israel W. Davis clerk as afore said with the seal of said court affixed at office this day year aforesaid
J. W. Davis clerk

Delivered and Recorded in my office this 1st day of October AD 1842

J. W. Davis clerk p. b. c.

I John Mackey of Polk County and State of Missouri being weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory blessed be god for his mercies do make and publish this my last will and testament disallowing all former Wills. One thousand eight hundred and forty three on the thirtieth day of March.

1^{stly} I leave all of my property to my dearly beloved wife Rebecca after paying all my just debts during her widowhood if my wife should marry again she is to have the one third part of all my property.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Samuel A. Mackey Executor to this my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written
Teste Geo. Mitchell }
Edward Pritchett } John Mackey Dec^d
A. J. Dunningham } Mark

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that at a regular Term of the County Court of Polk County began and held in the Town of Bolivar on Monday the 1st day of May AD 1843 Samuel A. Mackey Executor of the last Will and testament of John Mackey Deceased produced in said Court for probate the foregoing last Will and testament of said Dec. which being duly proven by the oath of George Mitchem and Edward Pritchett the subscribing Witnesses thereto that the said Deceased made and published the foregoing as his last Will and testament and that at the time of making and subscribing the same said Deceased was of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory and that they subscribed their names thereto in the presence of said Deceased. Whereupon it was ordered by said Court that a Certificate of Probate be granted hereon and the same is done.

In Testimony whereof I Israel W. Davis Clerk of the County Court of said County have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office this 1st day of May AD 1843.

I. W. Davis Clerk

Recorded in my office this 1st day of May
AD 1843

I. W. Davis Clerk R. L.

I Andrew Hays of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following That is to say

First It is my will that my funeral Expenses and all my just Debts be fully paid.

Second I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth in lieu of her dower the plantation on which we now reside situated in the State and County aforesaid

in Range Twentyfour in Township thirty three
in Section No Fifteen and being the North East
Quarter of said Section (Containing) One Hundred and
Sixty Acres during her Natural life or Widowhood
and all the live Stock Horses Cattle Sheep Hogs &c
by and Now Owned and kept there on also all the
Household furniture and other items not particularly
named and not otherwise disposed of in this Will
during her Natural life and Widowhood as aforesaid
she however first dispose of a Sufficiency thereof to
pay any just Debts.

A. Hays
to
Last Will

And that at the death of my said wife
all the property hereby devised or bequeathed to her
as aforesaid or so much thereof as may then remain
unexpended to my heirs in Equal Division my
son John Hays Excepted provided that Susan Ryke
who he now lives with shall do the part by him
that he agreed to do if not he shall come in a
equal share and the portion that I will to my two sons
and daughter Littleton, Shalely and Marthrew they shall
make soups to the rest Equal at the General dis-
tribution.

Third I give and devise to my Eldest son Littleton
the Horse Saddle & Bridle that he now has in possession
and one Cow and Calf - further I give and devise to
my second son Shalely a bay filly and Saddle and
bridle and one Cow and Calf.

Fifth I give and devise to Eldest daughter
Marthrew one Horse and Bed and Wifer.

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint
Charles Rountree to be the Executor to 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 Testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand And Seal this second day of
June in the year of our Lord One thousand
Eight Hundred and forty Three

Andrew Hays

Signed published and declared by the above named
 Andrew Hays as and for his Last Will and Testament
 in presence of us who at his request have signed as
 Witnesses to the same
 Jacob L. Pruitt
 Peter Jones

State of Missouri
 County of Polk

Be it remembered that on this 15th day
 of July A.D. 1843 personally appeared before the undersigned
 Clerk of the County Court of said County Jacob L. Pruitt and
 Peter Jones the persons whose names appear subscribed to the
 foregoing Last Will and Testament of Andrew Hays Dec'd as
 Witnesses thereto And being duly sworn on oath state that the
 said Dec'd signed and published the foregoing as and
 for his Last will and Testament And that at the time of
 signing and publishing the same the said Dec'd was of Sound
 Mind And disposing Memory and that they signed their
 names as Witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request
 of said Dec'd

Probate

LS

Witness Israel W. Davis Clerk of said County
 Court with my Seal of Office this day year
 Aforesaid

W. Davis Clerk

Recorded in my Office this 15th July A.D. 1843

I. W. Davis Clerk

I Nathan Witt of Polk County and State of Missouri
being sorely afflicted in body. But of sound mind being
desiring to make a disposition of my Goods and heredita-
ments do hereby make this my last will and testament
to the following distribution of the same.

First I do hereby bequeath to my beloved wife
all my real and personal Estate to have and to hold
during her Natural life and at her death and at
her death all my children by her To wit John N. Witt
James Allen Witt. William Witt Angelina Witt
Margaret Jane Witt. Louisa Witt Mariah Witt
Culib Witt I do bequeath all my Estate real
and personal to the said Eight mentioned Son and Dau-
ghters to be Equally divided amongst them after all my
just Debts being first paid My Eldest Son Milton
Witt I will and bequeath the sum of one Dollar out
of my Estate and should my Deceased father live
to Will be broke that he has Willed to my Son Milton Witt the
Amount of One Hundred and fifty Dollars and
some property there and in that case I will and bequeath
to him the sum of Fifty Dollars more of my Estate
that is all that I will to him of my Estate. which sum
of Fifty Dollars is to be paid out of the moneys
arising out of my Father's Estate and no other.

In Testimony Whereunto I set my hand and
affixed my seal this sixth day of August 1843

(Teste
Benj M Jewett }
John M Clark }
Wm Linceford }

his
Nathan + Witt
mark

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } p

Be it remembered that on the 3rd day
of September A.D. 1843 appeared before the under-
signed Clerk of the County Court of said County
Benjamin M. Jewett William Linceford and John M
Clark whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing
last Will and Testament of Nathan Witt Decd.
as witnesses thereto and being duly sworn
on oath states that the said Deceased

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made published and signed the foregoing as and for his last Will and Testament and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Deceased was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that said Deceased signed the same in their presence in his last sickness and that they attested the same in the presence of said Deceased

SD

Witness Charles W. Davis clerk as
aforesaid with the seal of said
Court affixed this day and year
aforesaid

W. Davis clerk

W. Williams D. clerk

Recorded in my Office this 5th day of September
A.D. 1845

W. Davis clerk

I Samuel Crawford of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri being weak in body but firm in mind do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say ~~First~~
First- I bequeath my soul to god and body unto my lord and saviour Jesus Christ

Second- It is my desire and wish that the Rev Mr. Ryland of Polk County Mo. preach my funeral Sermon from the thirteenth Verse of the fourteenth chapter of the Revelation of St John the Divine unless he prefer some other Subject

Third- I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Peggy R. Crawford all my right to the Improvement and claim one which I now reside and whereon my farm is situated during her natural life and she is empowered to sell the above named improvement and claim if she shall think fit proper and with the proceeds thereof purchase Another piece or tract of land which she may think more suitable which shall be hers during her natural life

and I also bequeath unto my beloved wife my Servant
Arminda during her natural life and she is at liberty
if she think proper to sell or dispose of said girl
and apply the proceeds thereof to the purchase of Land
or in any other manner she may think proper

Fourth - That in order that my Just Debts be fully paid
there be one hundred Bushels of wheat and and a lot of
beaver which can be spared after reserving what shall
be necessary for the use of the family be sold at publick
Vendue for cash in hand and also the oldest gray mare
and her three year old colt and also all the cattle
after reserving so many as may be necessary for
the use of the family also one hundred bushels of
corn all to be sold at publick Vendue all for cash
in hand

Samuel
Crawford
to
Will

Fifth - I give and bequeath to my oldest son Newton C.
Crawford the Horse Belton which he has heretofore had
the claim of with Saddle and bridle which he now has
the claim of and my blue cloth coat all of which to
be appraised to him at Cash price

Sixth - I give and bequeath to my oldest daughter Nancy
M. Crawford my Young Gray mare called Blay Saddle and
bridle to be appraised to her at Cash price

Seventh - I give and bequeath to my second son
Washington F. Crawford my spotted Horse called Dick
with my Saddle and bridle also my fine cloth coat
my overcoat and my Castor Hat on condition that he
remain with his mother and be a dutiful son until
he is twenty One years of age all to be appraised to
him at Cash price

Eighth - all the ballance of my personal property
consisting in Horses Cattle hogs and sheep Wagon
Farming Utensils house hold and Kitchen furniture
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife during her
natural life and after her decease all my Estate
both real and personal shall be sold on a credit
of twelve months and the Amount secured by
Bond and approved Security as is usual in like
cases and the money to be Equally Divided
between my Eight children

after deducting from the three eldest the amount they have each received (To wit) Newton C. F. Crawford Nancy M. Crawford Washington F. Crawford Andrew E. Crawford Martha E. Crawford Thomas R. Crawford Rebecca S. Crawford and Jane M. Crawford

And lastly I constitute and appoint my friend Elisha Hoadlee and my beloved wife Peggy R. Crawford to be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of October 1843

Signed sealed and } Samuel Crawford Test
delivered in the presence

of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other
Thos Carry
Stephen H. Rogers }

I Samuel Crawford of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri do make and publish this as a Codicil to my last Will and Testament that is to say my Blacksmith tools which are now ~~in~~ rented to Mr Daniel G. Bodelle so soon as may be convenient after the rent is out shall be sold at public Vendue for cash in hand and the money arising therefrom with other money arising from the sale of property as mentioned in my aforesaid Will or otherwise after the payment of my just Debts and other necessary expenses shall be to the use of my beloved wife to use as she may think proper

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of October 1843

Signed sealed and delivered } Samuel Crawford Test
in presence of us who have
subscribed in the presence of
each other

Thos Carry
Stephen H. Rogers }

Codicil

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } Be it remembered that on this 8th
 day of November A.D. 1843 appeared before the undersigned
 Clerk of the County Court of said County Thomas Cary
 and Stephen G. Rogers the persons whose names appear
 subscribed to the foregoing last will of Samuel Crawford
 Dec^d as witnesses thereto and being duly sworn on oath
 state that the said Deceased signed and acknowledged
 the foregoing as and for his Last Will and Testament
 and that at the time of signing the same he was
 of sound and disposing mind and memory and
 that they signed their names as witnesses in the
 presence of said Deceased.

Probate



Witness my hand and the Seal of said
 Court affixed at office this day year
 aforesaid

J. M. Davis clerk

Recorded in my office this 8th day of November
 A.D. 1843

J. M. Davis clerk

December 15th 1843

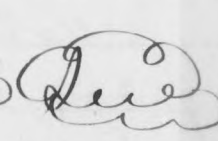
The last will and testament of Lucy
 Jenson between her an her heirs I bear bequeath to my
 beloved son George W. Green all my Estate real and
 personal as follows viz Two milk cows and calves
 Ten head of sheep seven head of hogs Two Beds and four
 Cover lids Six quilts four sheets and four pillows one
 Chest Cotton Yarn twenty five Yards and thirty four
 Yards of Wool Yarn Two Blankets Eleven Yards of
 flax Yarns One Meal Sack full of seed Cotton
 One Petticoat full of seed Cotton One Small Sack
 of seed Cotton One Petticoat of washed Cotton Eleven
 Yards Toe Yarns One Bunch of unbacked
 flax One set of Knives and forks Eight plates and
 Dish One large pitcher Two small pitchers
 Six Bowles One pot One Skillet One tea Kettle
 One frying pan One sifter One Bread Tray
 One set of tea cups and saucers

Lucy
Jonson
to
Will

One tea Canister Teapot Three wooden buckets
two tin buckets One Churn One Trough One peg
one Honey stand one wash tub one shaver one pair
of foot Hooks one pot travel one smoothing
Iron Two Lugs one Milk strainer one large tin
cup One coffee Dicer One wooden one note
of hand for twelve dollars. The Money I loaned
him all papers belonging to me or in my
possession and that he Ambrose Thacker
hold in possession all the papers above
named till called for by him or his admin-
istrators or assigns five Yards and a half of
pepper One Yard and a half taken out of
the above wool Yards to fill out the four
Yards ~~leaving~~ ^{owing} To A Thacker. And to take out
of the above named Estate as much as will
satisfy all debts doctors Bills funeral expenses
or act counts Just. One Soup ladle One set
of tea Spoons One set of table Spoons Two
table Cloths I Bequeath to my beloved daughter
Sarah Atterberry in Consideration of her dutiful
rips to me the following estate viz One flax wheel
two pair of harness Two slaps One hal of my
wearing clothes two peaced up quilts and
trimming One fine Bonnet. I Bequeath to
my beloved son William Green in consid-
eration of his dutifulness to me the following
estate One cotton wheel two peaced up quilts
and Trimming One pair of Cotton cards One sun
Bonnet. I Bequeath to my loving daugh-
ter Jane Anderson the following Estate viz
half of my wearing clothes This being my
last will and testament in full to my
sons and daughters

In Witness whereof I have set
my hand and seal this 15th day of Decr
1843 at Whitby Dravf

Elias Thacker 
Wm Green 
Stambury Ponds 

Lucy Jonson 

State of Missouri
County of Polk } p

Probate I do Remembered that on this 20th day of January 1844 appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County Stansberry Ponds and William Green whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Lucy Johnson and being duly sworn on oath state that the said Lucy Johnson did sign seal and publish the foregoing as and for her last Will and Testament and that they signed their names as Witnesses thereto in presence of said Testatrix and that at the time of signing the same the said Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory

Is

In Witness whereof I Samuel W. Davis Clerk of said County Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office this day year aforesaid

S. W. Davis clk

Recorded in my Office this 20th Jan'y
AD 1845

S. W. Davis clk

The State of Missouri
County of Polk } January 31st 1845

I William C. Clark of lawful age being of sound mind & perfect memory knowing the uncertainty of this life & knowing the certainty of death wishing to settle my pecuniary and worldly affairs before my decease between my beloved family. Therefore make this my last will & Testament in the name of God Amen

Article 1st

I will my Soul to god and my body to the earth from whence it came

Article 2nd

I do will and bequeath to my beloved wife Margaretta Clark formerly Margaretta Moore the one third part of all my Real & personal property during her natural life after all my just Debts are paid after the death of my wife Margaretta Clark I will that the land be divided between my five sons as follows Jacob B. Clark William S. Clark David S. Clark Pleasant W. Clark Samuel S. Clark Equally by each on paying or having deducted out of this share of the Estate Three Hundred & fifty Dollars it being the first Cost of the land

William C
Clark Dr.

Article 3rd

After the death of my wife Margaretta Clark I wish an Equal division made between my beloved Children. Taking into consideration what some of them have already got. (Rendering a General Schedule as follows

My Daughter Amanda Melvina Clark got Feb 1 st 1829 as a bond and Negro woman at Eight Hundred Dollars	\$800.00
One Horse Saddle & Bridle	\$120.00
One Hundred & Twenty Dollars	
One Colt fifteen Dollars	\$15.00
	\$935.00

Said heir is chargeable with Interest on same up to the time of Division at the rate of six percent per annum

My Second Daughter got as a bond Apr 5 th 1832	
One Negro woman worth Seven Hundred Dollars	\$700.00
One Horse Saddle & Bridle worth One Hundred & Twenty Dollars	\$120.00
	\$820.00

My son John M. Clark got as a bond January 1 st 1836	
Eleven Hundred & Twenty five Dollars & fifty eight cents	1195.58
One Horse Saddle & Bridle one Hundred and Twenty Dollars Apr 6 th 1838	120.00
Paid James Brown	28.00
To Extra Schooling	100.00
	1443.58

Schedule

These are the credits that John M. Clark is entitled to
 Apl 6th 1838

	108.00
	\$1335.58
Jacob B. Clark got as a lone one Horse Saddle & Bridle January 1 st 1838	\$115.00
William T. Clark got as a lone Apl 1 st 1844 one Horse	\$30.00
William T. Clark is entitled to a credit of one Hundred & thirty Dollars for extra work done on farm	\$130.00
My Daughter Cammelia S. Clark got as a lone one Negro Boy	\$500.00
To the Amount of one Horse in Sundries Jan 10 th 1839	100.00
	6.00 00
My Daughter Margaretta C. Clark as a lone 16 th May 1840 one Negro Boy	450.00
One Horse Saddle & Bridle	100.00
	\$550.00
My son James P. Clark got as a lone 1 st Jan 1845 one Horse worth	\$100.00

I will and bequeath to my son David S. Clark one Sorrel Mare worth fifty Dollars	\$50.00
One Saddle	12.00
2 nd	6.00
	62.00

I will & bequeath to my son Pleasant H. Clark one light Sorrel Horse worth fifty Dollars	\$50.00
3 rd	

I will & bequeath to my son Samuel S. Clark 1 Bay Horse worth fifty Dollars	\$50.00
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The above and foregoing accounts as charged are to
 be taken into consideration & Division made equal
 Taking out of the land as aforesaid which I will
 shall be equally divided between my five sons as
 aforesaid at the aforesaid Rates of three Hundred
 & fifty Dollars each. If any of the heirs should
 die without lawful Issue I will that their portions
 shall be equally divided between the rest of my
 lawful heirs in all cases of account &
 interest is to be charged at the rate six per

cent per annum up to the time that the Division takes place

In the cases of my grand Daughter Amanda Smith my Daughter Margaretta Melilliam formerly Margaretta Clark my Daughter Cammelia S. Mc Minn formerly Cammelia S. Clark all of the property that comes to their hands through this my last will & Testament is for the benefit of them my said Grand Daughters & Daughters to them & their heirs & if all or any of them should die without lawful issue their Portions to be equally divided amongst the rest of my heirs as aforesaid

I do hereby constitute ordain and appoint Wm. C. Campbell and Jacob B. Clark my true & lawful Executors to this my last will & Testament making a request that the Estate shall be closed without Administration

Given under my hands this the day and date aforesaid
 B. Ryland (Signed) Wm. C. Clark
 Francis Ryland & Milly Ann Campbell
 Witnesses

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk }

Be it remembered that on the 30th day of September A.D. 1848 and during the Vacation of the County Court of said County the foregoing last will and Testament of William C. Clark Deceased was produced to me by William C. Campbell one of the Executors therein named for Probate and Bedford Ryland Francis Ryland and Milly Ann Campbell being by me duly sworn to testify the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth touching the execution of the last will and Testament of the said William C. Clark He ceased as subscribing witnesses thereto. do on their oath state that they each subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said Testator

Probate

And that the said Testator signed the same in their presence and acknowledged the same to be his last will and testament as and for the purposes therein mentioned And that the time of signing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory

In Witness whereof I Samuel W. Davis
 S.S. Clerk of the County Court of said
 County of Polk have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed my seal of office
 this day year a bove written
 S.W. Davis clk

Recorded in my office this 3rd day of
 September A.D. 1845
 S.W. Davis clk

I Beasford Ryland of Polk County and
 State of Missouri being of sound and disposing mind
 and memory and knowing the uncertainty of life
 and the certainty of death do make publish and
 declare this my last Will and Testament in the
 name of God Amen

Article 1st

I will my soul to god and my body to the
 earth from whence it came

Article 2nd

After the payment of all my Just Debts
 I wish my Estate disposed of in the following manner
 To wit

1st I will and bequeath to my beloved Sister Ann
 Ryland the sum of Fifty Dollars

2nd I will and bequeath to the American Educational Society
 at the sum of Fifty Dollars

3rd I will and bequeath to S.W. Theological Seminary
 at Merryville Blount County Tex. the sum of
 Fifty Dollars

4th The remainder of my Estate if any I will and bequeath
 to the American Home Missionary Society

Article 3rd

If my beloved Sister should die before she receives the Legacy bequeathed to her by the first clause of the 2nd Article of this will then I will and bequeath the same to the S.W. Theological Seminary at Maryville Ten.

Article 4th

I will wish and request the Executor of this my will to deliver to my friend Isaac T. B. Rickets of St. Clair Co. Mo. the two persons of colour named Richard Reeves and Benjamin Johnson now in my care

Article 5th

I wish the money due me for the support and Education of the above named persons of color Richard Reeves and Benjamin Johnson disposed of in the following manner To wit
1st I will and bequeath to Rebecca M. Gee the sum of Fifty Dollars

2nd The remainder if any I will and request should be equally divided between the American Home Missionary Society and the American Colonization Society

Article 6th

I wish and request the Executor of my will to cause my wearing apparel to be conveyed to my relations in the State of Tennessee also the wearing apparel of my Deceased wife I wish conveyed to the care of Rebecca M. Gee of Blount Co. Ten

Article 7th

I will and request that all my real and personal property be sold upon such terms as my Executor may think the interest of my Estate may require

B. Ryland
to
Last Will

Article 8th

I hereby constitute and appoint my friend Nicholas M. Minn Executor to this my last will and testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of Oct 1845
In presence of

Samuel D. Dygart
Robert Holmes
John Swingle

Witness

B. Ryland Dea

State of Missouri
County of Polk 3^d

Be it remembered that on this 17th day of October A.D. 1845 the foregoing last Will and Testament of Bedford Ryland Deceased was produced to me by Nicholas M. Minn the Executor therein named and thereupon Samuel D. Dygart and Robert Holmes two subscribing Witnesses thereto being by me duly sworn on their oath State that the said Testator signed sealed and published the foregoing as and for his last Will and Testament and that they subscribed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said Testator and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Testator was of sound & disposing mind and memory

Probate

LS

In Witness whereof I Edward M. Davis Clerk of said County Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court this day & year aforesaid

J. M. Davis CR

Recorded in my Office this 17th day of October A.D. 1845
J. W. Davis CR

In the name of god Amen I Charles Wells of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding Considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof to the end that I may be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please my god to take me and hence have now determined to direct what disposition shall be made of my property after my Decease and I do hereby make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament hereby revoking and making null and void all former last wills and Testaments and writings in the nature of last wills and Testaments by me heretofore made

And my last will is first that after my decease my body shall be decently buried and that my funeral charges shall be paid by my Executrix herein after named and that my Just Debts shall also be paid by my Executrix

And as to the residue of my estate and property with which god has blest me and which shall not be required for the payment of my Debts funeral charges and expenses of this my will I give devise and dispose thereof as follows To Wit I give Devise and bequeath to my dear wife Julia Ann Wells all my interest in a certain tract of land in the State of Illinois being one half of the acres and I also give bequeath and devise to my aforesaid dear wife Julia Ann Wells all the balance of my property and effects both real and personal wheresoever being or in whose soever hands or possession

And I do hereby nominate and appoint my dear wife Julia Ann Wells my Executrix to carry out this my last will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this the 20th day of December A.D. 1845

Charles Wells

Signed published and declared by the above named Charles Wells as and for his last will and Testament in presence of us who at his request have signed as witnesses to the same

Test

Leachman
John Tolson
Thomas Ruffin

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Probate

It is remembered that on the 12th day of January A.D. 1846 the foregoing last will and testament of Charles Wells Deceased was produced to me for probate and thereupon came Thomas Ruffin Littleton Leachman and John Doler subscribing witnesses thereto and being by me first duly sworn do on their oath state that the Testator signed sealed and published the same foregoing as and for his last will and Testament and that they severally subscribed their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of said Deceased at his request and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory
In Witness whereof I Israel M. Davis clerk of the County Court within and for said County of Polk have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office this 12th day of January A.D. 1846
I. M. Davis cl^k

Recorded in my office this 12th day of January 1846
I. M. Davis cl^k

I Aaron Finch being in a very infirm state of health and sensible too of my liability to sudden death at the same time being according to my own apprehensions of sound mind and being anxious to make a disposition of all my property both real and personal do make and Ordain that my last will and Testament

It is my will that all my Just Debts and the charges of my Funeral be paid and discharged by my Executor hereinafter named and appointed out of my Estate as soon as conveniently may be after my Decease and I leave the charges of my Funeral to the direction of my Executor

I give devise and dispose of all my Estate real and personal (I have what shall be necessary for the payment of my Just Debts and funeral charges) to my only Daughter Mary Louisa Beirley wife of Calvin Beirley to her the said Mary Louisa Beirley her heirs Executors Administrators and assigns forever

And I hereby nominate constitute and appoint Calvin Beirley the Husband of my said Daughter to be my Executor to carry into effect this my last Will and Testament

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and Seal and publish and Declare this to be my last Will and Testament this the 9th of May A.D. 1846

Aaron Finch Seal
Signed sealed published and declared by the above named Aaron Finch as and for 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

Thomas Ruffin
Benja W. Smithson
State of Missouri, Sct
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on the 3rd day of June A.D. 1846 personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County Benjamin W. Smithson and Thomas Ruffin whose names appear subscribed as witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Aaron Finch Deceased and being by me first duly sworn on their oath state that the said Aaron Finch Deceased did sign seal and publish the foregoing as and for his last Will and Testament in their presence and that they signed the same as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said Deceased and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Deceased was of sound and disposing mind and memory

Witness Israel M. Davis Clerk of said County Court as aforesaid with the Seal of said Court affixed at office this day & year aforesaid
J. M. Davis Clerk
Recorded in my office this 3rd June A.D. 1846
J. M. Davis Clerk

I James Simmans late of the County of Polk State of Missouri do make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner

1st My Will is that all my Just Debts be fully paid

2^d I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Olesia Simmans all the real and personal property remaining after the payment of my Debts during her natural life or widowhood and further it is my Will that after the death or marriage of my said wife that an equal distribution of the remaining part of my property be made among my children

And further it is my Will that my said wife collect all debts due me and pay off all Debts that I owe without any further Administration

I Simmans
to
Will

Given under my hand this the 7th day of October

1846

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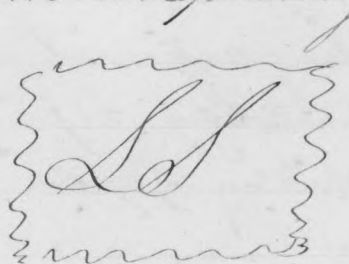
James Simmans

Henry Akard
Ira Smith

State of Missouri ss
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on this 19th day of October A.D. 1846 personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court within and for the County aforesaid Henry Akard and Ira Smith whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing last will and Testament of James Simmans Dec^d as witnesses thereto and being by me first duly sworn on their oath state that the said Dec^d did sign seal publish and declare the foregoing as and for his last Will and Testament and that they subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of said Dec^d and that at the time of making signing and publishing the same said Dec^d was of sound and disposing mind and memory

Probate



In Witness whereof I W. Davis clerk as aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Office this day year aforesaid

J. W. Davis clk

Recorded in my office this 19th October A.D. 1846
J. W. Davis clk

I John Hunt of Polk County Missouri do make and declare the following distribution of Estate as my last will and testament binding on all my heirs as such

After my decease I direct that an Inventory and appraisement of all my property real personal and mixed be taken by my Executors without delay in a legal manner

My just Debts are first to be paid in a legal manner

After all my just Debts shall have been paid I bequeath to my wife Rhoda Hunt the remainder of my Estate during her life and after her Death it shall be disposed of as she may direct

I Hunt to Will

I hereby constitute and appoint my wife Rhoda Hunt my son Thomas R. Hunt and John T. Coffey the Executors of this my last will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of February A D 1847 John Hunt Seal

Witnesses
Wm Claude Jones
J. Henry Jr

State of Missouri } In Vacation of the
Polk County Court } Polk County Court
Be it remembered that on this 15th day of June A D 1847 personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the Polk County Court William Claude Jones whose name appears as a subscribing witness to the above will of John Hunt deceased and after being duly sworn by the undersigned Clerk according to law deposes and says that on the 17th day of February A D 1847 he was called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and Testament of John Hunt deceased that he saw the said

John Hunt sign the last Will and Testament
On the foregoing page in his presence and
that at the time of signing the same he
the said John Hunt deceased was sound
of mind and memory and declared the
same to be his last and Testament for the
purposes therein mentioned and that he
subscribed the same as a witness

Wm Claude Pries

Subscribed and sworn to

before the undersigned clerk

of the County Court of Polk

County this 13th day of June

A D 1847

Mr. Davis cl. & c.

State of Missouri In Vacation of the Polk
Polk County } County Court

Be it remembered that on
the 17th day of July A D 1847 personally
appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the
Polk County Court Abraham J. Pries whose
name appears as a subscribing witness to the
above will of John Hunt deceased and
after being duly sworn by the undersigned
Clerk according to law deposes and says that
on the 17th day of February A D 1847 he was
called upon to witness the making and
signing of the last will and Testament of
John Hunt deceased that he saw the said
John Hunt sign the last will and Testament on
the foregoing page in his presence and that
at the time of signing the same he the
said John Hunt deceased was sound of
mind and memory and declared the same
to be his last will and Testament for the pur
poses therein mentioned and that he subscribed
the same as a witness A. Pries Jr

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned
Clerk of the County Court of Polk County
this 17th day of July A D 1847 Mr. Davis cl.

Recorded this 17th day of July A D 1847
Mr. Davis cl.

May the 16th 1847.

Last Will and Testament of Morris Mitchell Senior.

First, I give and bequeath to my son Wesley Mitchell the South half of the two west eightys of my farm, where I now live.

I bequeath and give to my wife, Elizabeth, fifty dollars over and above what the law allows her.

I want all the black people to belong to my wife, Elizabeth, during her natural life. After my wife death, I wish all the slaves to be equally divided among the heirs, Morris and provided the law makes provision for to be liberated, slave Mitchell to be free, and no one to be accountable for their conduct. I wish to be freed at fifty five years of age; Hannah at forty five years of age; Pharo to be freed at forty five years of age. All the children that is now or hereafter may be born shall be free agreeable to the above named provision, that is at the age of forty five.

My wife, Elizabeth, is entitled to a child's part with the above named fifty dollars. My wife is not to have any dower in the real estate. The balance of the real estate and all personal property to be equally divided among the heirs.

I do hereby appoint D. M. McClure and Morris Mitchell Junior to be my legal executors of my last will and testament.

Morris ^{his} Mitchell Senior
mark

Signed in the presence of us this the day and date above written.

Stephen Mitchell

Wesley Mitchell

I do hereby certify I signed Morris Mitchell Senior name to this will at his request.

Morris Mitchell Junior.

State of Missouri
County of Poek 3rd

Be it remembered that on the

31 day of January 1848 personally appeared before the undersigned, Judge of Probate for Polk County, Stephen Mitchell and Wesley Mitchell whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of Morris Mitchell Senr deceased, and after being duly sworn by the undersigned, Judge of Probate, according to law, depose and say, that, on the 1st day of May 1847, they were called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and testament of Morris Mitchell Senr deceased; that he, the said Morris Mitchell Senr signed the last will and testament, on the foregoing page, in their presence, and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said Morris Mitchell Senr deceased, was sound of mind and memory, and declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned, and that they subscribed the same as witnesses.

Wesley Mitchell.

Stephen Mitchell

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned, Judge of Probate of the County of Polk, this 31 day of January 1848.

William Fincher Judge of Probate.

Recorded this 31st day of
January A. D. 1848. 3

William Fincher Judge of Probate of Polk Co.

In the name of God amen. I James Nelson of the County of Polk and State of Missouri. Being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following that is to say, first my will and desire is that my executors hereinafter named pay all my just debts and funeral expenses out of my moneys which may be on hands at my death.

Then my will and desire is that my wife Lemima possess and enjoy the following property that is to say the forty acres on which the dwelling house stands together with and singular the improvements thereon also the

party acres on the hill which includes the spring also the use of the timber on the east side of the creek opposite to said farm to keep up the same during her natural life also the following named negroes one man named Bently and one girl named Kitty during her natural life also the following property namely one waggon one yoke of cattle one sorrel mare called frolic two milk cows (she to have choice out of my stock of cattle) two beds and furniture also two ploughs two pair of gears two axes & two hoes all of the above to revert as hereafter provided.

Item my will and desire is that all monies or property now coming or hereafter may come to me in Virginia or elsewhere will be equally divided between the following persons namely my three sons Nathaniel Washington Wilson Joseph Wickliff Wilson Benjamin Hardin Wilson and my Daughter Mary M. Calaway after deducting all necessary expenses therefrom ^{for} procuring the same.

Item my will and desire is that all moneys and notes on hand be equally divided as follows between the following named persons namely my wife Penina Wilson & my sons Nathaniel W. Wilson Joseph W. Wilson Benjamin H. Wilson and my daughter Mary M. Calaway

Item it is my will and desire that my son Nathaniel W. Wilson hold and enjoy Frank Sophia and yellow Tom together with Sophias increase also horses cattle & other stock beds and furniture heretofore given him

Item it is my will and desire that my Daughter Elizabeth G. Oldham hold and enjoy the following named negroes heretofore given her namely Lucinda Lucretia and Ruth together with their increase also Beds horses cattle and other stock heretofore given her.

Item It is also my will and desire that my Daughter Mary M. Calaway hold and enjoy the following named negroes and their increase namely Hannah and her increase and young Moses also one tract of land containing three hundred and twenty acres

on which Joseph Calaway now resides also one other tract of land laying and adjoining William Oens both in the County of Polk & State of Missouri also one negro girl named Kitty at the death of my wife Semina Wilson to whom I have herein willed the above named Kitty during my said wifes life time also one bed and furniture in addition to what she has heretofore received from me namely beds horses cattle and other stock.

Item It is my will and desire that my son Joseph W. Wilson hold and enjoy the tract of land lying on the poredeta known as the Boyd tract in the County of Polk and State of Missouri containing three hundred and eighty seven acres together with all the appurtenances therunto belonging also the following named negroes namely Jacob Mariah and her increase except Kitty heretofore disposed of also two beds and furniture & one mair called wild Kate.

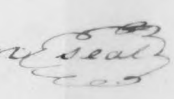
Item It is my will and desire that my son Benjamin H. Wilson hold and enjoy the tract of land whereon I now live except so much thereof as herein before willed to my wife Semina during her natural life at which time the whole of it to belong to my said son Benjamin H. also the negro man named Bently willed to my wife Semina in like manner as the land to be his I also will to him the following negress namely Judy and her increase and Black Tom also Old Moses and Old Esther also two beds and furniture also one boy mair called Lucy.

Item It is my will and desire that all the stock and other property belonging to me not herein before mentioned to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between my four children Nathaniel W. Wilson Joseph W. Wilson Benjamin H. Wilson and Mary M. Calaway or if they prefer it to divide the same without a sale as above stated to do so.

I hereby revoke all former wills by me made In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the twenty fifth day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

James ^{his} Wilson Seal
Mark

And I do appoint my trusty friends Nathaniel W. Wilson Joseph W. Wilson Executors of this and Joseph R. Calway my last will and testament this the 25th day of April 1848

James ^{his} Wilson ^{mark} 

Signed sealed published and delivered by the above named James Wilson to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator the interlinations being made before signing

Hamelton Bradford
Ira W. ^{his} Parish
George ^{mark} Douel

State of Missouri
County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of May 1848 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of Probate for Polk County Hamelton Bradford Ira W. Parish and George Douel whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to the foregoing will of James Wilson deceased and after being duly sworn by the undersigned Judge of probate according to law depose and say that on the 25th day of April 1848 they were called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and testament of James Wilson deceased that he the said James Wilson signed the last will and testament on the foregoing pages in their presence and that at the time of signing the same he the said James Wilson deceased was sound of mind and memory and declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned and that they subscribed the same as witnesses

Hamelton Bradford

Ina. W. ^{his} Parish
George Dowel

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned
Judge of probate of the County of Polk this 12 day
of May 1848

William Faushee
Judge of probate

Recorded this 12th day of
May A.D. 1848

William Faushee Judge of
Probate of Polk Co

In the name of God Amen I William
Ulright a resident of ~~the~~ County Polk in the state
of Missouri, being feeble in body, but of sound disposing
mind and memory, do devise and bequeath my estate both
real and personal as follows to wit

First ~~that~~ I will that all my just debts be paid. Second I will
and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah the homestead upon
the now resides containing one hundred and twenty acres
during her natural life also all the personal property which I now
have on the place to her forever as her sole and separate property

Thirdly ~~that~~ I will and bequeath unto my son John Ulright all that
part of the quarter section of land which I now own lying North
East the creek and south of the homestead containing about
one hundred acres to have and to hold the same forever

Fourthly ~~that~~ I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Ann all
that part of the quarter section of land which I now own lying
South West of the creek and being the balance of the quarter
section not willed to John, Also to said Sarah Ann the
forty acres which I own lying South of the aforesaid lands herein
willed to her to have and to hold the same forever

Fifthly I will and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret the forty acres
of land which I now own lying North West of the said home
stead; I also will unto her fifty dollars to enter a forty acre tract
of land cornering upon the aforesaid 40 acres to her use forever

Sixthly I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elvira upon the death
of my beloved wife the homestead containing one hundred and
twenty acres to her forever

- Seventhly I will and bequeath unto my daughters Grace Wright and Betsy Wright each one hundred dollars to be applied by each of them in entering eighty acres of land.
- Eighthly I will and bequeath unto my daughters Mary Parish and Emily Parish one hundred dollars each to be applied in entering each eighty acres of land this however is upon condition that they have not nor their husbands received the same amount of ~~now~~ money heretofore for the same purpose Nancy Nance having already received eighty acres of land nothing is given her except as hereinafter mentioned.
- Ninthly I will and bequeath unto each of my children one horse saddle and bridle.
- Tenthly I do hereby ^{will} appoint and request John D. Whitesides of the County of Otter in the State of Illinois in which County I now am to sell and convey all of my lands situated in said County of Otter to such persons as he may think fit and proper and the proceeds to pay over to my executors hereinafter named.

I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Sarah to be executrix and my sons in law Joseph Parish and Barnard Parish to be executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all will or wills by me heretofore made and ^{do} declare this to be my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of March A D Eighteen hundred and forty eight

Witness
 John D. Whitesides
 Hardy Johnson
 William J. Harris

William Wright *will*

State of Missouri

County of Polk } ss

The State of Missouri } ss

To any Judge Justice of the Peace Mayor or other chief magistrate in the County of Otter State of Illinois

You are hereby empowered to call and cause to come before you John D. Whitesides Hardy Johnson and William J. Harris of the County and State aforesaid whose names are subscribed as witnesses to the last will and testament of William Wright hereto annexed at the Court house in the town of Belkotte

County and State aforesaid and then diligently examine on their oath touching the signing and execution of the will here to annexed whether the testator signed the same or whether some other person signed it by his direction and in their presence whether at the time of making and signing the same the testator was sound of mind and memory and whether he declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned and whether they subscribed their names as witnesses thereto by and at his request and the examination and testimony thus taken you caused to be reduced to writing and signed by said witnesses and transmit the same without delay to the undersigned

In testimony whereof I William Fourhee Judge of Probate of the County of Cook in the State of Missouri aforesaid have hereunto affixed my private seal there being no offence nor yet provided this
 15 May 1848 William Fourhee
 Probate Judge

LB

Deposition of witnesses sworn and examined and examined at the Courthouse in Melville in Helian County in the State of Illinois before me one of the Justices of the peace for and within said County touching the execution of the will hereto annexed by the testator therein described and their signing the same as witnesses

John M Pulliam duly sworn answers as follows
 Interrogatory 1st Where you present when William Wright executed the last will and testament hereto annexed

Answer Yes I was
 Interrogatory 2nd Did William Wright sign said will himself or did some other person sign it for him
 Answer Wright had hold of the pen but Mr Trumbull studied and directed it

Interrogatory 3rd Did Wright sign said will in your presence?

Answer He did
 Interrogatory 4th Was William Wright at the time of signing said will of sound mind and memory
 Answer I believe he was

Interrogatory Did William Wright declare said will to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned and did you sign said will as a witness at his request, answer yes

Answer Yes J M Pulliam

State of Illinois }
 County of McLean } John M Pullman Hardy Johnson and William
 I Harris witnesses to the above well being duly sworn depose and
 say that William Wright whose signature appears to said will
 signed the same in their presence that at the time of signing the
 said will he was of sound mind ^{and} memory and that he decl-
 ared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes
 therein therein mentioned and that they signed the same as
 witnesses at his ~~the said~~ William Wrights request
 present and subscribed before me this 25th day of May A D 1848.

{ J M Pullman
 Hardy Johnson
 William I Harris

State of Illinois } Edward Abena JP
 County of McLean } As I William McCulloch Clerk of the County
 Commissioners Court of the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that
 Edward Abena whose signature appears to the foregoing instrument
 of ~~writing~~, was at the time of signing the same namely the
 twenty fifth day of May A D 1848 an acting Justice of the peace
 within and for the County McLean aforesaid regularly commis-
 sioned and qualified and as such full faith and credit are
 due and of right ought to be given to all his official acts

{ L J

In ~~Witness~~ Whereof I herewithunto subscribed my name
 and affixed the seal of the aforesaid Court at
 office in Belville this 25th day of May A D 1848

Wm McCulloch Clerk
 C C C. At C C

Witness this 3 day of June
 A D 1848

{ L J

William Foushee
 Judge of the probate Court

I James Gilmore of the County of Polk & State of Missouri
do hereby presents constitute and ordain this to be my last will & Testament
that I will & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Gilmore all my Estate con-
sisting of lands and personal property & all debt due & owing to me requiring
her the said Mary Gilmore to sell & dispose of Property personal or real
either by private or public sale sufficient to pay all my debts due and owing
by me, then the balance to use and benefit for the purpose of raising her
children Given under my hand and Seal this 5th day of October 1848
Attest
James Gilmore

Josiah F Danforth
John Martin

The State of Missouri
Polk County

To any Judge Justice of the peace or Mayor
of the County of Green and state of Missouri
We do hereby empower and authorize you to cause to come before you
Josiah F Danforth of the County of Green and State aforesaid and him
examine on oath whether James Gilmore signed the writing hereto annexed
as his last will and testament and whether he was of sound mind and whether
he signed his name thereto in the presence of the testator and caused the
same to writing and inlaid the same to the undersigned Judge of Probate for
the County and State aforesaid



In testimony whereof I William Foushee
Judge of the probate Court for the County of Polk
have hereunto set my hand and private seal
there being no Seal of office yet provided by
law This 7th day of November 1848
William Foushee
Probate Judge

State of Missouri
County of Green

This day personally appeared before me
John Martin an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County
Josiah F Danforth after being duly sworn deposed and say
eth that he saw James Gilmore sign and acknowledge the
within will which he declared to be his last will and testament
and that he was of sound mind November 9th 1848.
Subscribed and sworn to and subscribed me an acting
Justice of the peace for said County and date
above written John Martin J P

State of Missouri }
 Polk County } SS

Be it remembered that on this the 18th day of November 1848 personally appeared before the undersigned Judge of Probate for Polk County John Martin whose name appears as a subscribing witness to the foregoing will of James Gilmore Deceased and after being duly sworn by the undersigned Judge of Probate according to Law deposed and sayeth that on the 5th day of October 1848 he was called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and testament of James Gilmore Deceased that he the said James Gilmore signed the last will and testament on the foregoing Page in his presence and that at the time of signing the same he the said James Gilmore Deceased was sound of mind and memory and declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned and that he subscribed the same as witness. John Martin

LJ

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of November 1848

William Foushee
 Probate Judge

Recorded this the 18th day of November 1848

William Foushee Probate Judge

In the name God Amen I James Ruyke of Polk County in the State of Missouri Through the mercies of God have advanced in years but of sound an perfect mind and memory blessed be the name of all mighty God for the same and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and to prevent disputes after my decease do constitute make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner following

1st I leave and bequeath unto my beloved wife — Elizabeth Ruyke the house and half of the land in cultivation with the utensils belonging to it also the house hold furniture of every kind during her natural life I also leave unto her the faithful servant Vincy for the same space of time I also leave unto her one hundred Dollars I also leave her two horses name Gem and Poney and her choice of three fillies and one waggon and one yoke of young Steers and as much of every kind of my stock as she and my administrators may think sufficient likewise the bed and bed clothing shall belong to her and be at her disposal my will is that my most loving wife shall have every necessary provision for her out of the hundred dollars above named so long as she doth live

I leave and bequeath unto my Daughter Anna Williams one negro girl name Nance to her and the heirs of her body forever likewise one hundred Dollars I leave and bequeath unto my son Jasper Ruyke one negro Boy named Pompey to him and the heirs of his body forever I leave and bequeath unto my son John A Ruyke one negro boy named Sam and the heirs of his body forever likewise the South end of the west half of the South East quarter of Section No 30 Township No 32 Range No 27 up to division line on the said Eighty belons to John A Ruyke and Leander B Ruyke

I leave and bequeath unto my daughter Franky Williams one Negro girl name Susanna likewise one hundred Dollars to her and the heirs of her body forever I leave and bequeath unto my son Gideon Ruyke one negro man named Hazard to him and the heirs of his body forever likewise one hundred Dollars and the said Hazard is to attend to the milking and getting wood and feeding and making fires for Phebeann Ruyke for the space of six years from the date of this will or so long as she remains where she now lives or widow hood I leave and bequeath unto my Daughter Laura Welch one negro girl name Cindy to her and

The heirs of her body forever ~~I leave~~ and bequeath unto my Daughter

Elizabeth Hancock one negro girl named Kiniah to her and the heirs of her body forever likewise one hundred dollars

I leave and bequeath unto William Ryle and Elizabeth Jane Ryle and Melvany Ryle the heirs of Aaron Ryle Sum Deceased Four hundred dollars for the purpose of aiding in the buying a tract of land on which the widow now lives and if the purchase is not made the money shall be put out on interest untill said children becomes of age

I leave and bequeath unto my son Leander B. Ryle one negro girl name Silvey to him and the heirs of her body forever said girl is to continue in the hands of his Mother till her decease and if said girl should have children in the space of three years after the date of this will said children is to fall back to the the heirs in general after the date of three years the same shall fall into the hands of Leander B. Ryle to whom she is willed

I leave and bequeath unto Alier Ryle my son one negro boy named Lewis to him and heirs of his body forever My will is that the negro child name Nance shall not be sold out of the family

My will is that my Daily place and the Farty that I purchased on the school land shall be sold at private sales I Lastly constitute nominate and appoint my son John N. Ryle and my son Gideon Ryle to be my Executors to this my last will and Testament

In Testimony where of I have herunto set my hand Seal This 2^d day of May AD 1848 ~~sign~~ ~~seal~~ ~~publish~~ Aaron Ryle ^{more} ~~seal~~ ~~publish~~ ~~and~~ ~~declare~~ by the said Aaron Ryle to be and contain his last will and Testament

Benjamin Looney
John Looney

State of Missouri ss

County of Polk In vacation of the probate Court of Polk County Be it remembered that on the 8th day of December 1848 personally appeared me the undersigned Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County Benjamin Looney and John Looney whose names appear subscribed as witnesses to the foregoing last will and Testament of Aaron Ryle and being by me first duly sworn on their oath state that the said Aaron Ryle did sign seal and publish the foregoing as and for his

Lost Will and Testament in their presence and that they signed the same as witnesses there to in the presence and ^{at} the request of said Aaron Ruyke and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Aaron Ruyke was sound of mind and of disposing mind and memory

Benjamin Looney
John Looney

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned
Judge of Probate of the County of Polk this the 8th day of December 1848
William Furbush Judge of Probate

State of Missouri,
Polk County

ELIZ

Recorded this the 16th day of December 1848

William Furbush
Probate Judge

In the name of God amen I Pitt Woodard of Polk County and State of Missouri being weak in body but of sound mind and memory blessed be God do make and publish this my last will and testament in the form following, to wit: That the negro property named as follows Elsie Alexander Alfred Mary Ann Caroline Eveline Moses and Jacob be valued by disinterested men except Mary Ann and Jacob who have been valued by me and divided equally among my heirs, James Woodard the heirs of Sarah W. Ann deceased, James Falkner, Thomas S. Woodard Martha B. McCright, William McCright, & Elisha Luter. Thomas S. Woodard has received three hundred dollars in the person of Jacob, and Elisha Luter three hundred dollars in the person of Mary Ann, which amount is to go against that much of their part of the above mentioned property, also James Woodard and James Falkner have received each one hundred dollars, in the price of negro boys of men, sold by me to James Falkner which amount is to be deducted from their part of the above mentioned property, also that Martha B. McCright have the use of Minerva during her natural life or widowhood then sold and the proceeds applied equally to the benefit of the heirs of Thomas W. McCright deceased, also that James Falkner Thomas S. Woodard and William

McKnight see to and take care of Aggrey and I are so long as they live, moreover, I will that my son Thomas Woodard have one half of my grist mill, with all its appurtenances further, that my executors use money enough that may arise from the sale of my property or the money that is now due me to enter the quarter Section of land on which I now live then sold to the highest bidder including one half of the mill and the proceeds divided equally among the above mentioned heirs.

Also that all my property not mentioned in the above ~~enumeration~~ numeration be exposed to sale to the highest bidder and divided equally among the above mentioned heirs, lastly I nominate and appoint James Dalton, Thomas S. Woodard and William McKnight executors to this my last will and Testament. In testimony of which I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 28th day of February in the year of our Lord 1844.

Test

Pitt Woodard (Seal)

Abner Spence

Elijah Perkins

Alex Mitchell

State of Mississippi In vacation of the Polk County Court.
County of Polk 3ps

Be it remembered that on the 20th day of April A.D. 1844, personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County, Elijah Perkins and Abner Spence whose names appear as subscribing witnesses to the above Will of Pitt Woodard, deceased, and after being duly sworn by the undersigned Clerk according to law depose and say that on the 28th day of February A.D. 1844, they were called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and Testament of Pitt Woodard, deceased, that they saw the said Pitt Woodard sign the last will and Testament on the foregoing pages in their presence, and that at the time of signing the same, he the said Pitt Woodard, deceased, was of sound mind and disposing memory and declared the same to be his last will and Testament for the purposes therein mentioned, and that they

subscribe the same as witness thereto in the presence of the testator.

Subscribed & Sworn to before the undersigned Clerk of the ^{Polk} County Court this 20th day of April A.D. 1849
 Elijah Perkins
 Abner Spencer
 A. Fenley for Clerk

Recorded this 20th day of April A.D. 1849
 A. Fenley for Clerk
 By J. A. Fenley Clerk

I Elvira Elliott of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being of sound mind and disposing memory do hereby make this my Last will and testament revoking all former wills and codicils whosoever heretofore made by me 1st I bequeath to my son Ransom E. Elliott one cow to be worth five Dollars 2nd I bequeath to my Grand son Lewis E. Smart the North West qr of the South East qr of Section No eleven in Township No thirty two of Range No twenty two also the South West qr of the North East qr of Section No Eleven Township No thirty two of Range No twenty two. 3rd I bequeath to my Granddaughter Nancy P. Willcox and to the heirs of her Body the North East qr of the North West qr of Section No Eleven of Township No thirty two of Range No twenty two I also bequeath to my granddaughter Mary E. Smart and to the heirs of her Body the South East qr of the North West qr of Section No Eleven Township No thirty two of Range No twenty two. I also bequeath all the Ballance of my Personal property to be equally divided between my Grandson Lewis E. Smart and my Grand Daughter Mary E. Smart having confidence in the integrity of Lewis E. Smart I do appoint him Executor of this my last will and testament the above was interlined before signed.

In testimony whereof have hereunto set my hand this the first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight. Signed in the presents of Edwd Thompson and William S. Thompson
 Elvira ^{her} Elliott
 mark

State of Missouri
 County of Polk E. S.

The State of Missouri
 To any Judge Justice of the Peace or Coroner of the County of

Greene and State of Mississippi. We do hereby authorize and empower you to cause to come before you Edward Thompson of the County of Greene and State aforesaid and him examine on oath whether Elvira Elliott signed the will hereto annexed as her last will and testament and whether she was of sound mind and whether she signed his name thereto in the presence of the testator and commit the same to writing and enclose the same to the undersigned clerk of the County Court of Polk County.

In testimony whereof I Abraham Fenly Jr Clerk of said County Court have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office this 1st day of November 1849.

A. Fenly Jr Clerk

By J. A. Fenly D Clerk.

State of Mississippi
County of Greene } ss

This day personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace within and for Campbell Township County and State of aforesaid Edward Thompson and being duly sworn depose and say that I wrote the name of Elvira Elliott at her request and she made her mark to said will and that she was of sound mind and that I signed my name as one of the subscribing witnesses to said will in the presence of said Testator and that I wrote said will and after reading same to said Testator she acknowledged the said will to be as she desired it to be. the 3rd Novr A D 1849.

Ragland W. Langston Justice
of the Peace.

State of Mississippi
County of Greene } ss

I Joshua Davis Clerk of the County Court in and for said County of Greene do hereby certify that Ragland W. Langston whose name appears to the foregoing instrument of writing is now and was at the time of signing the same an acting Justice of the Peace in said County of Greene duly elected commissioned and qualified that full faith and credit is due to all of his official acts as such and that the signature purporting to be his genuine.

In testimony whereof I the Clerk as aforesaid

have hereto set my hand & affixed the seal of said Court
done at my office in the city of Springfield this 3rd
day of Nov. A.D. 1849.

Joshua Davis Clerk.

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on 6th day of
November 1849. appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County
Court of said County William D. Thomson whose name appears
subscribed to the foregoing last will and testament of Elvira Elliott
Deceased as a witness thereto and being duly sworn on oath states
that the said Deceased made published and signed the foregoing
as and for her last will and testament and that at the time of signing
and publishing the same the said Deceased was of sound mind and
disposing memory and that said Deceased signed the same in her
presence in her last sickness and that he attested the same in the presence
of said Deceased.

Witness Abraham Finley Jr. Clerk of said Polk County
Court with the seal of said Court affixed at office this
6th day of November 1849.

A. Finley Jr. Clerk
By J. A. Finley D. Clerk.

Recorded this 6th day of November A.D. 1849.

A. Finley Jr. Clerk.
By J. A. Finley D. Clerk.

I Henry Skard of the County of Polk in the State of
Missouri do make and publish this my ^{last} will and Testament
in Manuscript and form following that is to say
First it is my will that my funeral Expenses and all my just
Debts be fully paid
Second I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife
Luena Skard in lieu of her dower the Plantation on which
we now reside situated in the County and State aforesaid
Containing two hundred acres as per land office receipts
now in my possession shall be fee simple during her natural
life time then to my heirs in Equal distribution
Third all the House hold furniture and other things not
particular mentioned also all the live stock Horses Cattle
Sheep Hogs now by me owned

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my said wife Luena Arkord to be the executrix to this my last will and Testament Revoking and annulling all former wills by me made and Ratified and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament and that my wife Luena Arkord shall sell and dispose of sufficient of my personal property to pay my debts without any authority of law ~~given~~ in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal Henry Arkord ^{Esq}
 Signed published and delivered by the above named Henry Arkord as and for his last will and testament in presents of us who at his request have signed as witnesses to the same
 Abrah Bawen
 Henry Bawen

State of Mississippi in vacation of the Polk County Court
 County of Polk S.S.

Be it remembered that on the 29th day of August A.D. 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County Abrah Bawen whose name appear subscribed as a witness to the above will of Henry Arkord Decd and after being duly sworn by the undersigned Clerk according to law depose and say that on 24th day of April 1849 he was called upon to witness the making and signing of the last will and testament of Henry Arkord that he saw the said Henry Arkord sign the last will and testament on the foregoing pages in his presents and that at the time of signing the same he the said Henry Arkord Decd was of sound mind and disposing memory and declared the same to be his last will and testament for the purposes therein mentioned and that he subscribed the same as a witness thereto in the presents of the testator
 Abrah Bawen

Witness A. Fenby Jr. clerk of the County Court
 with the seal of said Court attested the 31 day
 of August 1850
 A. Fenby Jr. clerk
 By R. Page Clerk

State of Mississippi in vacation of the Polk County Court
 County of Polk S.S.

The affiant Alexander G. Jones who being by me the undersigned clerk of said County Court duly sworn says that he verily believes that the signature of Henry Arkord

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purporting to be his is signed to the within will is his own
hand subscribed by said Henry Akard Leander J Jones
I subscribed & sworn to before the undersigned clerk of the
Polk County Court with the seal of said Court affixed to
the office this 21st August 1850 J Henry Jr clerk
By R Sayd Clerk

Recorded this 29th day of August 1850 J Henry Jr clerk
By R Sayd Clerk

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Know all men by these presents that
I Jacob Baulemer do give and leave and will all my
Real and personally property to my wife Mary Baulemer
for her to do with and dispose of as she may think
best and settle all debts that are against said Estate
and collect all that are coming to the Estate and this
is my last will and testament signed and sealed
in the presents of witnesses this the 22nd day of October
1850 Jacob Baulemer

Witnesses
J B Hastain }
H L Greer }
Jas. Bollinger }

State of Missouri } SS
County of Polk }

In vacation of the Polk County Court
Best remembered that on the 18th day of
November 1850 personally appeared before the undersigned
Clerk of the County Court of said County J B Hastain
& Joseph Bollinger whose names appears subscribed to
the foregoing above will of Jacob Bollinger Deceased and
after being duly sworn according to law depose and
say that on the 22nd of October 1850 they were called
upon to witness the making and signing of the last
will and testament of Jacob Bollinger Deed that they
saw the said Jacob Bollinger sign the said will and
testament in their presents and that at the time of signing
the same he the said Jacob Bollinger Deed was of sound
mind and disposing memory and declared the same to be his last
will and testament for the purposes thereon mentioned and

that they subscribed the same as witnesses thereto in the
 presents of the testator
 Subscribed to & sworn to before the } J. B. Haston
 undersigned Clerk of said County } Jos. Ballinger-
 Court of said Court the 18th day
 of November AD 1850

A Truly Jr Clerk
 By R. Gay Clerk

Filed and duly Recorded the 18th day of November 1850

A Truly Jr Clerk
 By R. Gay Clerk

Being about to start for California
 and as life is uncertain I Darling Smith do make and
 declare this to be my last will & testament in the
 event of my death during my absence from home
 Item 1st I desire that my negro woman and her
 child Mary wet together with all my personal and
 perishable property and effects (with the exception of
 my negro man Leve two horses two yoke of oxen &
 one wagon) be sold by my executors and the proceeds of
 said sale applied to the payment of my just debts
 and the residue of the money arising from said sale after
 the payment of my debts to remain in the hands of my
 Executors to be loaned out on good security until my
 Daughter Sarah Smith shall have attained to the age of
 ten years at which time I desire that the said negro man
 Leve and what ever other effects may be in the hands
 of my executors be sold and out of the money arising
 from said sale if sufficient and if not enough
 then out of what ever other means my executors may
 have in their hands my daughter Sarah and Jane have
 each four hundred dollars distributed to them by
 my Executors - and the ballance of the money remain-
 ing in my executors hands I desire to be equally
 divided among all my children (to wit) William
 Dudley Jackson James Polly Ann Jane Sarah and
 Mahala Mitchell. Item Second I will and decree
 to my sons Dudley and Jackson all that tract or
 parcel of land lying and being in the County
 of Polk and known as the west half of

the north west quarter of Section No twenty Six in Townships
~~thirty~~ three of Range twenty three also the east half of the
 North East quarter of Section twenty seven of same Township
 and Range also the South west quarter of the south west
 quarter of Section twenty three of the same Township and range
 and the South East quarter of the South East quarter of Section
 twenty two of same Township and Range said tract of land
 containing two hundred and forty acres to be equally divided
 between them and in the Event my son Dudley who is now
 in California shall die during his absence then it is my
 that one half of said tract of land be divided equally
 among the rest of my children.

Item third I will and bequeath to my son
 James and my daughter Polly Ann my home place being
 the tract of land I now live on containing two hundred
 and sixty acres more or less to be equally divided between
 them.

Item fourth It is my will and desire that
 my two youngest children to wit Sarah and Jane live
 with my son William untill Sarah becomes ten years
 of age and for the support and Education It is my
 desire that my son William keep possession of my home
 place untill James attain the age of twenty one years and
 that William also have the possession of the negro man
 Leve and the property herein before Excepted free from
 sale untill disposed of according to the provision as
 above specified in this my will testament but if
 any thing should occur so that William cannot
 keep my youngest children Jane & Sarah then I
 desire them to live with my son in law Clark Mitchell
 and his wife Mahala and I make the same
 provisions for their support and education as is
 above specified for their support In case they should
 live with my son William.

Item fifth I do hereby appoint and ordain
 my son William and my son in law Clark Mitchell Executors
 of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all
 former wills In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and Seal this 3rd day of May 1850

Witness signed by us in the presence of
 of Dorling Smith the testator

B. F. Roberson
 John W. Wilson

his
 Darling & Smith
 mark

State of Missouri
County of Polk & ss

Be it Remembered that on the 16th day
of January 1851 personally appeared before the undersigned
Clerk of the County Court of said County Benjamin
F. Robinson and John W. Wilson whose names appears
subscribed to the foregoing will and testament of Darling
Smith Decd. as witnesses thereto and being by me
Duly sworn on their oath states that the said deceased
did sign seal publish and declare the foregoing as
and for his ^{last} will and testament and that they
subscribed the same as witnesses in the presents and
at the Request of said deceased and at the time of
making signing and publishing the same said
deceased was of sound mind and disposing memory
and that they subscribed the same as witnesses in
the presents of the testator

Subscribed and sworn to before the
undersigned clerk of the Polk County
Court the 16th day of January A.D. 1851
I Ferdy J. Clerk
By R. Sayd Clerk

B. F. Robinson
John W. Wilson

Filed for record the 16. January A.D. 1851

I Ferdy J. Clerk
By R. Sayd Clerk

In the name of God amen I Salomon H. Standley
of Polk and the State of Missouri Being weak
in body but of sound and disposing mind
and memory blessed be god for his mercys
that he has extended towards me do make and
publish this my last will and testament
in the following manner March the 16th
1854

I shly I Give unto my Dearly beloved wife
Nancy Amanda Standley all my Property
Real and personal and all ~~that~~ may be due
me to her and her heirs for ever

I shly I nominate and appoint my Dearly
Beloved wife Nancy Amanda Standley

Execute to this my last will and testament
 In the manner and form above written as witness my
 hand and seal
 S. H. Standley Seal

Abrer Spence Absalom Elson
 and A Strong
 State of Nevada
 County of Holt SS

Be it remembered that on the 5th day of
 May AD 1881 personally appeared before the undersigned
 Clerk of the County Court of Holt County Absalom Elson
 and Franklin Strong whose names appears as sub-
 scribing witnesses to the above will and testament of
 Salomon H Standley Deceased after being duly sw-
 orn by the undersigned clerk according to law
 Depose and say that on the 16th day of March AD 1881
 they were called upon to witness the making and
 signing of the last will and testament of Salomon
 H Standley Deceased that they saw the said
 Salomon H Standley sign the last will and testi-
 ment on the foregoing page in their presents and at
 the time of signing the same he the said Salomon
 H Standley Deceased was of sound mind and
 disposing memory and declared the same to be
 his last will and testament for the purposes
 therein mentioned and that they subscribed the
 same as witnesses there to in the presents of the
 Testator

Subscribed and sworn to
 before the undersigned clerk
 of the Holt County Court this
 5th day of May AD 1881

F. Strong
 Absalom Elson
 mark

A Truly Yr clerk
 By R Sayd Clerk

Recorded this 6th of May AD 1881 A Truly Yr clerk
 By R Sayd Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Henry H Adlstock of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being in ^{badly} Bad health but of sound mind and Memory Cautious to mind the frailty and uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the Estate with which it has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my decease I have strength and Capacity so to do. do Make and publish this my last will and Testament and and first I Command my immortal being to him who gave it and my body to the earth to be Buried with little expence or ostentation my Executors herein after named and as to my worldly Estate and all the Property real Personal and Mixed of which I shall be seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease I divide bequeath and dispose thereof in the Manner following to wit

Firstly my will is that all my just debts and Funeral Charges shall by my Executors herein after named be paid out of my Estate as soon after Decese as shall by them be found Convenient secondly I do nominate and appoint Ezekiel M Campbell to be the executor of this my last will and Testament Third I will that the place or tract of land that I got of Stephen Mitchell 160 acres lying in Hickory County in the State of Missouri lying on a Creek called Wabbelaw I desire that the afore said land be equally divided between my wife Penelope and her Mother Susan Mitchell

Fourthly I will that all the rest of my Property Real Personal and Mixed shall be equally divided between my wife Penelope Adlstock and my son Thomas Adlstock and that Thomas live on the place with my wife Penelope untill he becomes of age or twenty one years of age and then is to be a free man agreeable to the bill of sale that I got of C M Campbell Fifthly I will that if there is any law allowing my Mother Brothers and sisters any part of my Estate I only will them Enough of my estate to cut them out of my Estate or debbar them I will that my Executors

be liberally paid for his services sixthly I will that Penelope have the undivided half of a certain Rone More that Stephen Michell gave his mother and sister Penelope Atstock.

signed sealed and delivered by the said Henry H Atstock to be his last will and testament the 17th of October eighteen hundred and fifty one
test

J H Atstock

James Watson
Charles Crain Jr

State of Maryland
County of Baltimore } set

Be it remembered that on the 15th day of November 1851 Appeared before the undersigned clerk of the County Court of said County James Watson and Charles Crain whose names appears subscribed to the foregoing will and Testament of J H Atstock deceased as witnesses thereto and being duly sworn on their oaths States that the said deceased made published and Described the same to be his last will and Testament and that said testator signed and sealed the same in our presence

Sworn to and subscribed before } James Watson
this 15th day of November A D 1851 } Charles Crain Jr
A Jentry Jr clerk By R Say D K

Recorded in my office this 15 day of November A D 1851
A Jentry Jr clerk
By R Say D K

May the 14th 1852

I William Stephens knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and being in my sound mind and memory do constitute and appoint make this my last Will and Testament

First I will and bequeath my soul to god who gave it

Second After my funeral Expenses and lawful debts are paid

Third That Eliza George Stephens and Samuel W. Davis Stephens to have the place where I now live it being the South West fractional quarter of Section two in Township thirty two of Range twenty four West containing one hundred and fifty seven acres and forty four hundredths of an acre.

Fourthly All the residue of my personal property to be equally divided between Eliza and Thompson Martha M. Nugent and Albert S. Stephens

Fifthly I Nominate and constitute Joseph Willhite Executor of my last Will and Testament

Attest

Ransom Cates

J. M. Willhite

State of Missouri } ss

County of Polk }

Do it remembered that on this 12th day of June 1852 personally appear before the undersigned clerk of the County Court of said County Ransom Cates and J. M. Willhite whose names appear subscribed to the within Will and Testament of William Stevens Deceased as witnesses thereto and being by me duly sworn on their oaths state that the said Deceased did sign seal publish and declare the within Will to be his last Will and Testament and that they subscribed the same as witnesses in the presence and at the request of said Deceased and at the time of making signing and publishing the same said Deceased was of sound mind and disposing memory and that they subscribed same as witnesses before the undersigned clerk of the Polk County Court this 12th of June 1852

A. Henry for clerk

Ransom Cates

Recorded this 14th day of November 1852
J. M. Willhite

I William C. Campbell being about to start on a trip to California in view of the uncertainty of life & in the event of my death while absent from on said tour in order that a just & equal distribution of my worldly effects may be made between my heirs and legal representatives. Do hereby make ratify and ordain this my last will and Testament

After the payment of my Debts I desire that my property real and personal & mixed be divided as follows amongst and between my wife & Children

First I have already given to my son Leonidas St Clair C Campbell four Negroes to wit Arthur George Mary & Caroline which slave I consider worth Sixteen Hundred Dollars one wagon & team consisting of four Mules valued at two Hundred & fifty Dollars & Cash one Hundred Dollars all of which my said son has already received amounting to two Thousand Dollars

I have also heretofore given to the same has been received by my daughter Ann C. Tate to wit Ann C. Campbell four Negroes to wit Emiline Eliza Agnes & Amanda worth fifteen Hundred Dollars two Horses worth one Hundred and fifty Dollars & Cash three Hundred & twenty five Dollars making the total sum of two thousand Dollars Now it is my will & desire that after accounting for the above amount of two thousand Dollars each given as above to my son Leonidas St Clair C. Campbell & Ann Eliza Tate the said amounts being deducted from their portions of my Estate.

That my wife Sarah Campbell my son Leonidas St Clair C. Campbell Ann Eliza Tate & my three younger children to wit Mary Eliza Campbell Matilda Golden Campbell & William C. Campbell share & divide equally amongst them my Estate real personal & mixed share & share alike the portion which my wife Sarah Campbell shall receive being in lieu of her Dower I hereby appoint C. W. Campbell the Executor of this my last will & testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & Seal this 3rd day of April 1852
In presence of
John W. Wilson
Morris Mitchell
Wm. C. Campbell Seal

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

I do remember that on
this 1st day of November A.D. 1852 Ezekiel M. Campbell
the Executor therein named appeared and produced in
open Court a writing the foregoing purporting to be the last
Will and Testament of William C. Campbell Decd. and asked
to have the same probated. Whereupon John W. Wilson
and Morris Mitchell the subscribing witnesses thereto
appeared in open Court at the November Term of the
County Court of said County of Polk and on the first
day of said term thereof and after being duly sworn
According to law on their oaths declared the said
William C. Campbell the Testator therein named
Signed Sealed and delivered and published the
foregoing Writing in their presence as and for his
last Will & Testament and that they each sub-
scribed their Names thereto as Witnesses thereto
in presence and at the request of said Testator
and that at the time of making signing and
publishing the same the said Testator was of sound
and disposing Mind and Memory

E. D.

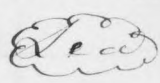
In Testimony whereof I Israel M.
Davis Clerk of the County Court
of said County of Polk have
hereunto set my hand and
affixed the Seal of said
Court the day & year aforesaid
I. M. Davis CLK

Recorded in my Office this 1st day of
November A.D. 1852
I. M. Davis CLK

I now call men by these presents that I James Kelly of the County of Polk State of Missouri being blessed with sound mind & memory. Do make & ordain this my last Will and Testament concerning the distribution of the estate wherewith it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with

To my beloved wife Elizabeth I give and bequeath the whole of my Estate for her own use & benefit during her natural life or Widowhood with the exception of Fifty Dollars which sum of Fifty Dollars I give & bequeath to my son James Montgomery Kelly to be held in trust by my above named wife Elizabeth & to be paid to the said James Montgomery Kelly on his attaining to the age of twenty one years. The residue of my property or Estate I direct at the death or marriage of my above named wife Elizabeth to be equally divided equally between my three Daughters Sarah Jane & Martha Dillard & Rebecca Ann & my above named son James Montgomery Kelly with the exception of Thirty Dollars I give and bequeath to my grand son James Thomas Wilkinson & Twenty Dollars I direct to be given & divided equally between my three grand Daughters Sarah Ann & Nancy Jane & Elizabeth Murphree Wilkinson

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this the 16th of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifty two

James Kelly 

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in presence of

John Blakey

James Lemmon

I do hereby appoint my Brother Thos. J. Kelly Executor of my last Will & Testament

James Kelly 

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State of Missouri }
 County of Polk }

Be it Remembered that on this 1st day of December A.D. 1852 Thomas J. Kelly the Executor therein named appeared before the undersigned and produced the foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James Kelly Dec^d late of said County of Polk and offered to probate the same whereupon appeared John Blakey and James Lemmon the subscribing witnesses thereto who being by me first duly sworn according to law on their oaths state that the Testator signed and sealed and delivered the foregoing writing as and for his last will and Testament and that they each subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said Testator and that at the time of making and signing said writing the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory and further more they say not



Witness Israel W. Davis clerk of
 said County Court as aforesaid
 with the seal of said Court
 affixed at office this day
 and year aforesaid

I. W. Davis clerk

Recorded in my office this 1st day
 of December A.D. 1852

I. W. Davis clerk
 R. B. C.

In the name of God Amen I
James McClure of the County of Polk and State
of Missouri being of Sound and disposing Mind
do make this my last will and Testament

Item 1st

It is my will and desire that my horses
Cattle hogs Sheep plows hoes axes and other farming
utensils at my death be sold to the highest bidder
and the proceeds divided as follows To wit The sum
of ten Dollars I leave to my Grand Daughter Margaret
Ann Daylor and the balance I wish to be Divided
equally between my legal Heirs

Item 2nd

It is further my will and desire that
my Household and Kitchen furniture such as beds
bedsteads Cupboard Dishes chairs castings cupboard
& Dishes and such like remain with my wife
Barbara for her use and benefit during her natural
life And at her death it is my will that the
same be sold and divided as directed above
equally among my heirs except the above
named Margaret Ann Daylor

Item 3rd

It is also my will and desire
that all the Money I may have on hand at my
death be divided as I have directed in the first
Item of this will and that my clock be sold with
the farming utensils and the proceeds divided in
the same manner

In Testimony whereof I have hereto
set my hand and affixed my Seal this 12th day
of January 1850

Teste

Jon^a Rice

James Miles

James McClure

State of Missouri
County of Polk

I Do it Remembered that
on the 25th day of March A D 1853 the foregoing
writing purporting to be the last will and Testament
of James McElure Dec^d was produced to me for probate
and on said day Jonathan Rice one of the
subscribing witnesses also appeared before me, and
afterwards on the 28th day of March A D 1853
James Miles the other subscribing witness appeared
before me both of whom being by me at the times
above stated duly sworn according to law on their
oaths severally stated and declared that the Testator
did sign seal and deliver the foregoing writing
as and for his last will and Testament in
their presence and that they each subscribed their
names thereto in the presence and at the
request of the Testator as witnesses to the same

And that at the time of making signing
and publishing the same the said James McElure
was of sound and disposing mind and memory
and further more they say not



The witnesses whereof I Israel W. Davis
Clerk of the County Court within
and for said County of Polk have
hereunto set my hand and affixed
the Seal of said Court at Office
this 28th day of March A D 1853

I. W. Davis Clerk

Recorded in my Office this 28th day
of March A D 1853

I. W. Davis Clerk

In the Name of God I Rhoda Hunt of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being of Sound mind and conscious of the uncertainty of life I do hereby dispose of my property as follows I wit

1st I desire that all my just debts be paid
 2nd I will and bequeath unto Louisa Hunt and to her heirs to her and their only proper use and behoof the following real Estate situated in the County of Polk aforesaid To wit South East Quarter of South West quarter of Section No two Township No thirty two Range No twenty four on which the house I now reside in stands. And I further will and bequeath to said Louisa Hunt and her heirs all the hogs now on the S. A farm together with all the cattle except seven head on S. A farm. I further will and bequeath to said Louisa Hunt and her heirs provided she shall pay or cause to be paid to the County Court of Polk County my indebtedness to the Internal Improvement Fund of said County. The following real Estate To wit the North East quarter of North West quarter of Section No. Eleven Township No thirty two Range No twenty four & East half of S. E. q. & S. W. q. of S. E. q. in Section No two Township thirty two Range twenty four

3rd I will and bequeath to my children Fiddella S Hunt Sarah Lawrence Thomas R. Hunt Narcissa Foushee John W. L. Hunt David W. Hunt and Katharine Jane Coffee infant of Katharine Jane Coffee each the ballance of my real Estate situated in said County to be equally divided between them

4th I will and bequeath to Edwin Foushee a certain Bay Mare three years old now in my possession

5th It is my desire and will that Thomas R. Hunt make private Sale of Certain Negs Girl Slave belonging to me named Cynthia and divide the proceed of S. A Sale between Sarah Lawrence Narcissa Foushee and Louisa Hunt. I desire Sarah Lawrence to have One

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third Narcissa Foushee one third and Louisa Hunt One third. The said Louisa upon the arrival of Katharine Jane Coffey to the age of eighteen years of age to pay $\$2$ Katharine Jane one half her said third without interest should the said Katharine Jane die before she arrives to the age of eighteen. I wish $\$2$ Katharine Jane $\$2$ portion of $\$2$ Slave divided between my children herein before mentioned equally.

6th It is my will and desire that the property I have given to my children, theirs, shall be settled up without Letters Testamentary or Letters of Administration & without expense or costs by Thomas R. Hunt and William Foushee who are hereby created my Executors.

I hereby revoke all wills and testaments by me heretofore made inconsistent with this my last will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my Name and affixed my Seal as my last will and testament this 15th day of March 1853

Rhodan^{her} Hunt Seal
Mark

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of Testatrix by making her mark thereto in our presence and in presence of both of us who requested us to sign the same as her last will and testament and we subscribed the same in presence of each other this 15th March 1853

Witnesses
Mr H Atter
Katharine^{her} Foushee
Mary Ann Foushee
Mary Ann Foushee

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

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Be it Remembered that on this 10th day of May A.D. 1853 personally appeared before the undersigned clerk of the County Court within and for the County aforesaid Katharine Bunch and Mary Ann Bunch two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Rhoda Hunt and being by me duly sworn according to law on their oath declare that the said Rhoda Hunt the Testatrix therein named did Sign Seal and publish the foregoing as and for her last Will and Testament and that they each Subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said Testatrix and that at the time of Signing Sealing and publishing the same the said Testatrix was of Sound and disposing Mind and Memory

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In Testimony whereof I Israel W. Davis Clerk of the County Court within and for the County aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at office this day and year aforesaid

I.W. Davis CLK

Recorded in my office this 10th day of May A.D. 1853

I.W. Davis Clerk

69 In the name of God Amen I Margaret Clark
of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being
of sound mind and disposing memory do make this
my Last will & testament and revoking all former wills
& Codicils whatsoever heretofore made by me
Article 1st I desire that all my Just debts & funeral
expences be first paid.

2nd I bequeath to my youngest son Samuel S. Clark
my Negro girl named Grace worth \$600. also \$400. in
money & his bed & bed clothes with my bedstead

3rd I bequeath to my son William S. Clark my Negro boy
named Henry worth \$200. my Interest in the 8 share
mule the Jack and Jenny & her increase till they fall
into his hands as stated in a former deed of gift also to have the
half of the sales of 2 Cows & one Steer taken to California and
his bed & bed clothes

4th I bequeath to my son Jacob B. Clark my horse & his
mule at \$240.

5th I bequeath to my son David S. Clark the largest of
the three small mules & 4 the largest Yearling Calves of mine

6th I bequeath to my son James S. Clark the sum of \$93. the
money he has of me to use as a bequest,

7th I bequeath to my son Pleasant H. Clark the other half
of the sale of the Cattle mentioned in article 3rd also to have
\$200. if so much is left after this will is carried out that is
each one else to have the portion mentioned first,

Article 8th It is my desire that my daughter Camilla S. Ross &
her heirs have the sum of \$150. & to be at her Contrall entirely.

9th It is my desire that my daughter Margaret E. Williams
& heirs have the sum of \$150. to be at her Contrall entirely

10th It is my desire that my three grand sons Children of
Permelia Weaver have the sum of ten Dollars each.

11th I bequeath to my daughter Mary Martha Black
the sum of ten Dollars out of my property

12th It is my will & desire that Abigail & her child Matilda
be placed instead of old Matilda that I sold,

13th Now it is my desire if any property remains not being
mentioned in this will it to be sold on a short Credit & if any
money be remaining after all the bequest are filled it is to be
divid so as to make all of the boy mentioned in this will
as near equal as possible

Now having Confidence in the integrity of Jacob B. Clark & Thomas Rountree, I now appoint them my executors of this my last will & testament so soon as my death to deliver over to each person mentioned in this will the property or money allotted to each with an order from the County Court & take a receipt for the same in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand. Signed sealed & delivered in the presence of

S. L. Dysart
A. G. Taylor.

Margaret ^{her} Clark _{mark}

State of Missouri ss
County of Polk ss

Be it Remembered that at a regular term of the County Court of Polk County began and held at the Court House in said County on the 15th day of August A.D. 1853. Jacob B. Clark one of the executors therein named appeared and produced in open Court the foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Margaret Clark deceased and asked to have the same probated Whereupon Samuel L. Dysart and Alfred P. Taylor the two subscribing witnesses thereto appeared in open Court and duly sworn according to Law on their oaths declared that Margaret Clark the Testatrix therein named did sign seal and publish the foregoing writing in their presence as and for her last will and testament and that they each subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the said Testatrix and that at the time of signing sealing and publishing the same the said Testatrix was of sound and disposing mind and memory

[Signature]

In witness whereof I Israel W. Davis Clerk of the County Court of said County have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Office this 15th day of August A.D. 1853

I. W. Davis Clerk

Recorded in my Office this 15th day of August A.D. 1853.

I. W. Davis Clerk

State of Missouri May the 4th 1854
County of Polk

I Thomas Johnston son of the County of Polk and State of Missouri. Do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following That is to say
First I will and bequeath unto my three Daughters to wit Mary Johnston Margaret Johnston & Lucy Johnston The West half of the South East quarter of Section Nine in Township Thirty one of Range twenty two West in the district of Land Subject to Sale at Springfield containing eighty acres with the improvements thereon to have and to hold jointly and equally between each other &c. And also

Secondly That the East half of the South East quarter of Section Nine in Township Thirty One and Range twenty two West. The North East quarter of the South West quarter of Section Nine in Township thirty One of Range twenty two and the South East quarter of the South West quarter of Section Nine in Township Thirty One of Range twenty two in all one Hundred and sixty acres is to be sold and the proceeds is to be equally divided between my children as follows John Johnston Nancy Degraftman Abigail Smith Melinda Isby Delila Wallis & ^{Thomas} ~~John~~ Johnston

Thirdly that Mary Johnston Margaret Johnston & Lucy Johnson, each of them to have their bed that they claim with their usual bedding without being inventoried and all my Table and Kitchen furniture to be equally divided between these three Daughters & each of them are to select One cow or cow and calf as the case may be from my cattle

Fourthly I will that all my Personal property that has not been allotted to my children shall be sold and the proceeds

shall be equally Divided between all my children or their heirs

Fifth I Direct that after my Death that all my just Debt be paid and my Funeral expenses Satisfied out of the first Money that shall come to the hands of my Executors or Administrators

And Lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my Son John Johnston & my Son Thomas Johnston Executors to this my last Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th day of May 1854 his

Test Thomas Johnston Deced
Hugh Boyd I certify that I assigned ^{mark} the Testator's name by his request

John D. Winton
Simon D Bird

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Be it Remembered that on this 3rd day of June A.D. 1854 before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court within and for said County personally appeared Hugh Boyd and John D. Winton whose names appear subscribed to the foregoing instrument of Writing Purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Thomas Johnston Deced as Witnesses thereto and being by me first duly sworn according to law on their oaths state that the Testator the said Thomas Johnston Deced in his lifetime and in his last sickness did sign seal and publish the foregoing in their presence as and for his last Will and Testament and they each at the request of the Testator and in his presence did subscribe their names as Witnesses thereof

And that at the time of signing sealing
and publishing the same the said Testator
was of sound and disposing mind and memory

In Testimony whereof I Israel W.
Davis Clerk of the County Court
within and for said County have
hereunto set my hand and affixed
the Seal of said Court at office
this day and year aforesaid
I. W. Davis CLK

Recorded in my office this 3rd day
of June 1854
I. W. Davis CLK Co. Ct. Polk

I Clayton Richardson of the County of Polk
in the State of Missouri do make and publish
this my last will and Testament in manner
and form following that is to say

First It is my will my funeral expenses
and all my just debts be fully paid

Second I give devise and bequeath to
my beloved wife Mary Ann D. Richardson in
lien of her Dowry the Plantation on which we
now reside Situate in the County of Polk
and State of Missouri containing about
acres during her natural life or
widowhood and all the live Stock Horses
Cattle Sheep Hogs &c. by me now owned and
kept thereon also all the Household furniture
and other items not particularly named and
otherwise disposed of in this will during
her natural life or widowhood as aforesaid
my Executor however first disposing of a
sufficiency thereof to pay my just debts as
aforesaid. And that at the death of my said
wife or her marrying a second time all the
property hereby devised or bequeathed to her
as aforesaid or so much thereof as may

then remain unexpended except her lawful Dower in case of her marrying a second time be equally divided between my three Daughters and two Sons to wit Stanley C. Richardson Evelina L. Richardson Arthur S. C. Richardson John M. Richardson and Amos Richardson

Third that my Executor Superintend to my property and at any time when it may seem best for all parties concerned to divide the property as aforesaid that it either be sold and divided or be divided in lots as may seem to be best for the parties aforesaid

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my friend John J. Hunt to be the Executor to 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 Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of

Signed, Published and declared by the above named Clayton Richardson as and for his last will and Testament in presence of us who at his request have signed as Witnesses to the Same

State of Missouri Let
County of Polk 3

Be it remembered that on this 9th day of August A.D. 1854 before the Undersigned Clerk of the County Court of Said County personally appeared Seander Wilson and John Arnold and produced to me the foregoing writing purporting to be and contain the contents and substance of the last will and Testament of Clayton Richardson Dec'd late of Said County the original whereof being lost or destroyed

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and after being duly sworn according to law
on their oaths State that they were witnesses
to the execution of the Original last will and
Testament of the said Clayton Richardson
decd that the said Testator signed and
sealed said Original in their presence
as and for his last will and Testament
and that they each at his request and in
his presence signed the same as witnesses
thereto and that at the time of signing and
sealing said Original the said Testator
was of sound and disposing mind and memory
and that the foregoing writing is in substance
the same as the said Original last
will and Testament of said Clayton
Richardson decd & so signed and published
as aforesaid

Witness Israel M. Davis clerk
of said County Court with the
Seal of said Court affixed
at Office this day and year
aforesaid

I M Davis clerk

Recorded this 9th August 1854

I M Davis clerk

I James Sawyers of the County of Polk and State of Missouri of Sound and mind and Memory do hereby make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me heretofore made

Item 1st I desire that all my just debts be paid

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood one Negro Girl Slave named Sally all of my Horses Cattle and Sheep to have and to hold during her Natural life or widowhood and all my real Estate Situate in the County of Polk during her natural life or widowhood and after the death of my beloved wife Phoebe Sawyer or her marriage I wish the same to be equally divided between my children James H. Sawyer Stithmeed Sawyer John L Sawyer Samuel J. Sawyer Andrew Jackson Sawyer Richard W. Sawyer Lewis A. Sawyer Martha A. Sawyer Willis Sawyer Monroe Sawyer with the exception I desire all my said children except Stithmeed Sawyer and James H. Sawyer shall have a Horse Saddle & Bridle to each of said children with exception of S. J. Stithmeed Sawyer & James H. Sawyer said Horse saddle and Bridle to be worth seventy five Dollars and in addition each of my S. J. children except S. J. Stithmeed & James H. to have fifty Dollars each in Cash the said James H. Sawyer and Stithmeed Sawyer having heretofore received each of them a Horse Saddle & Bridle and fifty Dollars in cash

3rd I will and bequeath to Jesse Sawyer William P. Sawyer Matilda Jane Sawyer now wife of James Irvin & Thomas Jefferson Sawyer each the sum of One Dollar

4th all the residue of my property not herein before devised I devise to my beloved wife Phoebe Sawyer during her natural life or widowhood and

after her death to be equally divided between
 James H. Sawyer, Stithman Sawyer John
 E. Sawyer Lemuel J. Sawyer Andrew J.
 Sawyer Richard W. Sawyer Lewis A.
 Sawyer Willis Sawyer Martha A. Sawyer
 & Monroe Sawyer

3rd I hereby appoint James H.
 Sawyer and John E. Sawyer Executors of
 this my last Will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I have
 hereto subscribed my Name and
 affixed my Seal this 11th January
 1855

his
 James H. Sawyer (Seal)
 Mark

Signed Sealed and delivered in our presence
 by the Testator and me in the presence of
 each other and in the presence of the Testator
 Witnessed the same this 11th January 1855
 Wm. H. Otter writing his Name said Sawyer
 making his mark Wm. H. Otter

L. Leachman
 W. B. Burnes

State of Mississippi
 County of Pickens

Be it Remembered that
 On this 11th day of January A.D. 1855 before the
 undersigned Clerk of the County Court within
 and for said County Personally appeared
 James Sawyer who is personally known to me
 to be the Person whose Name appears to the
 foregoing Writing and being of sound and
 disposing Mind and Memory Acknowl-
 edged the same to be his last Will and
 Testament In Testimony whereof I Israel W.

Davis Clerk of the County Court
 of said County have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed the Seal
 of said Court at Office this day
 of our aforesaid W. Davis Clerk

Recorded this 11th Jan'y 1855 I W. Davis Clerk

March the 21st 1853

I Thomas H. Carnall of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being in a very feeble state of health and sensible of my liability to death at the same time being according to my own apprehension of sound mind and being anxious to make a suitable disposition of my personal Estate do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament

It is my will that all my just Debts and charges of my Funeral expenses be paid and discharged by my Executor hereinafter named and appointed out of my Estate as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and I leave the charges of my funeral to the discretion of my said Executor. I give devise and dispose of my personal Estate (save what shall be necessary for the payment of my just Debts and Funeral charges) I give to my son in law Caleb Butler the following described property with all the increase arising therefrom during the life time of myself and wife viz One Negro Woman named Caroline one Negro boy called Jack one Negro girl called Fanny one Negro boy named Sam one bay Horse called Jim also all my House hold & Kitchen furniture all to remain with my said son in law Caleb Butler during the life time of myself and wife also I lend Notes of hand one on John Gammon and Caleb Butler for one Hundred fifty Dollars due the 18th of December 1852 one note on John Ellis for Fifty Dollars due twelve months after date dated the 27th of December 1852 with interest from date one on Thomas Williams for one Hundred Dollars dated January 29th 1853 due one day after date said Notes to remain in the hands of Caleb Butler also it is my will that my Executor shall as soon as convenient sell one bay Horse called Larry

one two Horse Carriage and one two Horse
waggon and put the proceeds of said property
at interest and remain in his hands until the
death of myself and wife

I give to my son in law Caleb
Butler and his wife Elizabeth and their lawful
Heirs a Negro Girl named Fanny for ever
It is my Will that at the Decease of myself
and wife all my property of whatever kind
Money and effects shall be sold and equally
Divided with my six children viz Robert
Gambell and Ellen his wife John G. Carnall
Littleton H. Carnall my two sons William
Ashlock and Mary his wife Caleb Butler & Elizabeth
his wife Christian Pickle Katharine his
wife. I have also one Negro boy named George
in Kentucky under the management of my son
Littleton the proceeds of said Boy whatever it may
be shall be equally divided as the above I have
also an interest in an undivided estate in the
State of Indiana Carroll County inherited from
my son Wiley J. Carnall Dece^d the proceeds of
said Estate belonging to me I desire to be dis-
tributed equally among my six children above
mentioned and I hereby nominate constitute
and appoint Caleb Butler my son in law
my Executor of this my last Will and
Testament.

In Witness whereof I have set
my hand and seal and publish and declare
this to be my last Will & Testament signed
Sealed published and declared by the above
Thomas H. Carnall as for his last Will and
Testament in the presence of us who at his
request and in his presence have subscri-
bed our names as Witnesses thereto

attest

Thomas H. Carnall Dec^d
Thomas J. Hornum
Jas. G. Hornum
George C. Yoast

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk }

Be it remembered that at a County Court began Continued and held within and for said County of Polk on the 7th day of November A.D. 1855 Caleb Butler the Executor therein named produced in said Court the foregoing Writing purporting to be the last Will & Testament of Thomas H. Carnall Deceased and asked that the same be probated whereupon George C. Goast and Thomas J. Norman two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto appeared in open Court and being duly sworn according to law on their oaths declared that the said Thomas H. Carnall Deceased did sign seal and publish in their presence the foregoing as and for his last Will and Testament and that they each at the request of the Testator and in his presence subscribed their names as Witnesses thereto and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory. It was thereupon ordered by said Court that a Certificate of Probate issue and the same is done accordingly

Witness Israel W. Davis, Clerk
 of said County Court with
 the Seal of said Court affixed
 at Office this day 8 years after
 said

I W. Davis Clerk

Recorded this 7th November 1855

I W. Davis Clerk

I John J. Rector of the County of Polk State of Missouri being in a very infirm state of health and sensible too of my liability to sudden death at the same time being according to my own apprehensions of sound mind and being anxious to make a suitable disposition of my property Real and Personal do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament

It is my Will that my Negro Girls Luda & Littany shall belong to my beloved wife during her natural life then to be sold by my Executors at public Sale the proceeds of which shall be divided as follows Viz Martin Rector my son in law to have Five Dollars out of the proceeds of said Negroes and my Daughter Nancy Rector's bodily heirs by her Husband Martin Rector to inherit an equal share of the proceeds of the sale of said Negro Girls to be distributed equally amongst her said bodily heirs George W. Rector to have Five Dollars out of the proceeds of said Negroes

Frederick J. Rector to have Five Dollars out of the proceeds of said at the sale of said Negroes William W. Rector & Powhattan Rector my Grand Children to have Fifty Dollars each at the death of their Grand Mother my beloved wife John W. Claypool my son in law Five Dollars Josiah Whitten my son in law to have Five Dollars my son William A Rector to have Five Dollars Charles Howard my son in law Heirs by My Daughter Rebecca to have and inherit an Equal share with my other heirs to be divided equally among said Heirs My son Jacob H. Rector to have an equal share with said Charles Howard Heirs & Nancy Rector's heirs my beloved wife many desire for her to have in her own name and right for her use and benefit one Gray Filly and one Carriage Five Head of cattle all the beds and bedding with all household and Kitchen Furniture

for her use during her natural life and at her
 decease the above named Carriage to go to my
 son Jacob H. Rector in his own right One Eighty
 (80) acre Land to belong to my beloved wife Mary
 which I desire her to locate adjoining my son
 Jacob H. Rector or any other place that would
 further interest. The above described Land
 warrant when located the said Land to be for
 her use and benefit during her life time then
 to go to said J. H. Rector The balance of the
 above described property except the carriage
 above mentioned to be sold at the Decease
 of my beloved wife and the proceeds divided
 as set forth in the foregoing distribution of said
 Estate And I hereby nominate constitute and
 appoint my son Jacob H. Rector & Henry J.
 Butler to be Executors of this my last Will and
 Testament And that in case of the death of
 one of them the Survivor shall be Executor to
 this my said Will

In Witness whereof I hereby set my
 hand and seal and publish and declare this
 to be my last Will and Testament
 January 13th 1856

John. J. Rector ^{his} Seal
 mark

Liquid Sealed and Published by the above
 named John. J. Rector as and for his last
 Will and Testament in the presence of us
 who at the request and in his presence
 have subscribed our names as witnesses
 thereto
 January 13th 1856

Attest

Henry J. Butler
 W. W. Wallard

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Be it Remembered that on this 4th day of February A.D. 1856 before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County personally appeared Henry J. Butler and W. M. Hollard the Subscribing Witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John J. Rector deceased, and being by me first duly sworn according to law on their oaths declare that the said John J. Rector in his life time did sign seal and publish in their presence the foregoing as and for his last Will and Testament and that they each at the request and in the presence of said Testator subscribed their names as witnesses thereto and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory.

In Witness Whereof Israel W. Davis, Clerk of the County Court of said County have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court at Office this day and Year aforesaid.

LD

I. W. Davis Clerk

Recorded this 4th February A.D. 1856

I. W. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Robert Wilson of the County of Polk and State of Missouri of sound and disposing mind although weak in body and not long expecting to live desirous of disposing of which God has blessed me according to my will do hereby declare and publish this as my last will and Testament

In the first place I resign my body to the dust and my soul to God and my wish is after my death my body shall be buried in a decent Christian like manner I dispose of my worldly goods as follows My just Debts are first to be paid out of my personal estate I bequeath as follows Lovet Rachel Wilson my wife is to have all the property both personal estate and real estate that she had at the time of our Marriage as her Absolute property during her life in quite and peaceable Possession and to her heirs forever and in addition to this she the said R Wilson my wife is to have the use and labour of my black boy Dave so long as she shall remain a widow in peaceable Possession and no longer then Dave is to return back to my children

And that there shall be a just and equal Division of my estate among my children after the amount aforesaid is taken out. The names of my children as follows Lovet Samuel C Wilson Michael Wilson Olisha C Wilson Ripley M Wilson Elizabeth S. Clement Desires Mary A Robertson Nancy P. Robertson William M Wilson

I nominate and appoint William Brown as the Executor or Administrator of this my last will and Testament

In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix my seal this the fourteenth day of May A D 1855 Robert Wilson (Seal)

Delivered and Published by R Wilson
 as his last will in the presence of
 James Grider
 William J. Grider

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk }

Be it Remembered that
 on this 14th day of May A.D. 1856 personally
 came James Grider and William J. Grider
 who being by me duly sworn according to
 law depose and say that Robert Wilson
 whose signature appears subscribed to the
 foregoing writing did sign seal deliver
 and publish the same in his lifetime
 and in their presence as and for his
 last will and Testament and that they
 each at the request and in the presence
 of said Testator subscribed their names
 above as witnesses thereto and that at
 the time of signing and publishing
 the same by the said Testator he was
 of sound and disposing mind
 and memory

In Testimony whereof I
 Israel W. Davis, Clerk
 of the County Court of
 said County of Polk
 have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed the
 Seal of said Court
 at office this day and
 Year aforesaid

I. W. Davis clerk

Recorded this 14th day of May
 1856

I. W. Davis Clerk

In the name of God Amen I John Weir of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being afflicted in body but of a sound and disposing mind make this my last Will and Testament and

First I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body after death to be buried in a decent Christian like manner doubting nothing but I shall remain the same at the resurrection of the dead as to my worldly effects, with which God has been pleasing me with I bequeath in manner and form following To wit First I give and bequeath to my wife Dicey C. Weir all my household and Kitchen furniture also the farm I now live upon or a decent support of its proceeds during her natural life then at her death my will is that the above farm here named descend and belong to my Youngest son Oliver G. Weir and that the household & Kitchen furniture be sold and divided with my other effects as hereinafter directed also I will and bequeath unto my wife Dicey C. Weir my Barrel Horse Surf burrow and my Yoke of Cattle also my waggon all the farming utensils, all the Hogs & two Cows & calves during her natural life then at her death my will is that my Executors take Possession of the above named House hold and Kitchen furniture with the above described Stock & waggon if on hand, dispose of the same and divide it equally between my 2 eldest sons, To wit C. P. B. Weir & L. S. Weir and my 4 daughters To wit I. E. Hall Arminia Howard Elizabeth Ann Huston and Mary J. B. Rogers also my will is that after my death my Executors take Possession of all the Personal property not otherwise disposed of in the foregoing instrument of writing with a certain

tract or parcel of Land bounded as follows
 Row 29 acres of the South East quarter
 of the South East Section 18 also the North
 East qr of the North East qr Section 19 all
 in Township 35 and Range 24 also a certain
 Land warrant if on hand, and dispose
 of the same and divide the proceeds equally
 between my 4 daughters, Loozy I. E. Hall
 Armina Howard Elizabeth Ann Huston
 and Mary J. G. Rogers & 2 oldest sons Loozy
 E. P. B. Weir & L. G. Weir also I will & bequeath
 at my death sixty Dollars out of my effects
 to each of my 4 daughters, Loozy I. E. Hall
 Armina Howard Elizabeth Ann Huston & Mary
 J. G. Rogers also my will is after my death that
 my Executors take possession of all my cash
 on hand, all the Promissory Notes, Acls, or
 claims in favor of my estate or other property
 if any not disposed of heretofore and pay
 off all just claims against said Estate
 together with the funeral expenses and
 the remainder of my effects divide equally
 with my two oldest sons and four daughters
 Loozy E. P. B. Weir L. G. Weir Felitha E. Hall
 Armina Howard Elizabeth Ann Huston and
 Mary J. G. Rogers and I appoint Losen. G.
 Weir Wm. H. Rogers and Wm. I. Hall for my
 Executors to this my last will and Testament
 revoking all former wills

In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed my seal this 20th
 day of July 1856

John Weir *[Signature]*

In Presence of
 Wm. B. George
 Jesse Grover

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk }

These affiants being duly sworn according to law do on our oaths declare that the within named John Wear now deceased in his life time did sign seal and publish the foregoing as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us and each of us and that we each at the request and in the presence of said Testator subscribed our names as witnesses thereto and that at the time of signing sealing and publishing the same we believe the said Testator to have been of sound and disposing mind and memory
 Jesse Groves
 W. B. B. George

Sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of said County of Polk this 3rd day of November A.D. 1856

In Testimony whereof I and
 W. Davis Clerk as aforesaid
 have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed the Seal of said
 Court this day and year
 aforesaid
 J. M. Davis Clerk

Recorded this 3rd day of November
 A.D. 1856

J. M. Davis Recorder

This Indenture made in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven this April the 16th I Jacob Frieze being of sound mind but frail in body and knowing that I must soon depart this life and appear before God do hereby make my last will and Testament.

First I will and bequeath to all my funera expenses and Just Creditors to be paid out of my estate

Secondly I hereby will and bequeath to my Daughter Malinda Cannel Fifty Dollars to make her equal with my Son

Third I will and bequeath to my Daughter Harriet Mitchell Fifty Dollars to make her equal with my Son

Fourth I hereby will and bequeath to ^{my wife} Mary Frieze to witness all of the Household and also the contents belonging to the smoke house also one black mare saddle and bridle also the choice of one of the cows also all of the grain that is now on hand I also will and bequeath to my wife Mary Frieze Two Hundred Dollars in Money to make her equal with the balance of my heirs also I will and bequeath to my wife Mary Frieze all the profit that may arise from off of the reserve part of my Farm as long as she remains my widow

I will that Elbert S. Frieze shall be my Executor of my estate without giving security also I will that all of the stock and property that I have not will and bequeath above stated or mentioned in this will it shall be sold at public sale to the highest bidder after my decease order

I also will and bequeath that if there should be any thing over and above what I have will and bequeath heretofore in said will after all of the

expenses to be divided equally between
all of my heirs - I therefore being sound
in my mind yed I hereby make my
last will and testimony forever

I hereby in testimony whereof
affix my name and seal

Test Jacob Frieze Exec
John O. Mitchell
Alexander Cowan
John W. Wakefield

State of Missouri
County of Rock

John W. Wakefield and
Alexander Cowan this day appeared in open
Court and being duly sworn according to
law on their oaths declare that the fore-
going writing purporting to be the last
will and Testament of Jacob Frieze
was acknowledged and delivered in their
presence by said Testator as and for his
last will and Testament and that they
each subscribed their names as witnesses
thereto in the presence and at the request
of said Testator and that at the time of
publishing the same the said Testator
was of sound mind and memory

In testimony whereof I Israel
W. Davis clerk of the County
Court of said County with the
Seal of said Court affixed at
office this day and year
aforesaid J. W. Davis clerk

Recorded this 4th May 1857
J. W. Davis clerk

I John Hodges of the County of Polk
State of Missouri do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament and

First I give and bequeath
unto my son Jackson Hodges all the Lands
with the appurtenances thereto belonging
of which I am now seized and he is to
Comfortably maintain and support my
wife Mary Ann Hodges during her nat-
ural life and

Second I give and bequeath
unto my son Jefferson Hodges the proceeds
of the eighty Acres of Land I left in his hands
to sell in Bradley County Tennessee and

Third - I give and bequeath
unto my son in law John Nash and Betsy
his wife the proceeds of the Notes I left in
his hands to collect which has not been paid
over to me and

Fourth I will that the balance
of my property be sold at private sale
and the proceeds equally divided between
my other three children namely John Hodges
Rachel Hodges and Jane St John

I sign Seal and Publish
as my last Will and Testament this
17th day of October A.D. 1852

In presence of

^{his}
John Hodges Seal
mark

Elisha Headlin
^{his}
J W Ramey
mark

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Elisha Headlee and John W. Ramey being duly sworn according to law make oath and say that the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of John Hodges Dec'd was signed sealed and published by the Testator in their presence as and for his last Will and Testament and that they each signed their names as Witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of the Testator and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory

Elisha Headlee
John W. Ramey
mark

Sworn to and Subscribed this 11th day of November 1857

In Witness Whereof I Israel W. Davis Clerk of the County Court of said County have hereunto set my hand & affixed the Seal of said Court at office the day & year aforesaid

I. W. Davis clerk

Recorded this 11th November 1857

I. W. Davis clerk

I Zachens Harper of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

First It is my will that my funeral expenses and all my just debts be paid

Second I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Harriett Harper in lieu of her Dower that part of the Plantation on which we now live or reside situate in the County of Polk State of Missouri containing One Hundred and Seven Acres including the dwelling Orchard leaving an Eighty Acres on the North and an Eighty Acres on the South. To have during her Natural life at her death to be equally divided between my two youngest sons Thomas Franklin Harper & Columbus Harper

Third I will and bequeath to my son Zachens Harper the Eighty Acres of Land lying on the North of the Home place as described above to him and his heirs forever

Fourth I will and bequeath to my son George M. Harper the Eighty Acres of Land lying and being on the South of the Home place as described above to him and his heirs forever

Fifth It is my will that all of my Stock of Horses, Cattle Hogs Sheep House hold Kitchen Furniture Farming tools & not particularly named and otherwise disposed of in this will to be sold and the proceeds of the said sale or Two Hundred

Dollars thereof provided the said amounts to so much be given to my Daughter Mary Jane Harper and the remainder of the money arising from said said to be given to my wife Harriet Harper.

Sixth I will and bequeath to my two eldest sons John Harper and Wm. H. Harper one Dollar apiece out of the effects of my estate.

Seventh It is my will that my Lot in the town of West Union in the County of Adams and State of Ohio be sold at such time as it can be attended to and the proceeds of said said be equally divided between my five youngest children Lorent, Jackson Harper, Mary Jane Harper, George W. Harper, Thomas J. Harper and Columbus Harper.

And lastly I hereby constitute and appoint John T. Hunt to be the Executor to 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 Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of September A D one thousand eight hundred and fifty six

Jackson Harper (and)
Signed, Read, Published and declared by the above named Jackson Harper as and for his last Will and testament in presence of us who at his request have signed as Witnesses to the same.

Cheney Arnold (and)
John S. Arnold (and)

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Be it remembered that
on this 5th day of August 1857 before the
Justices of the County Court of said County
in Court sitting personally appeared
Cheever Arnold and John S. Arnold
whose names are subscribed to the fore-
going instrument of writing as wit-
nesses thereto who being duly sworn ac-
cording to law on their oaths declared
that they each subscribed their names
to said writing as witnesses thereto
in presence and at the request of said
Testator and that said Testator signed
and published said writing in their
presence as and for his last Will and
Testament and that at the time of
signing and publishing the same
the said Testator was of sound mind
& memory

Cheever Arnold
John S. Arnold

Sworn to and subscribed this day and
year aforesaid in open Court

In Witness Whereof I seal
W. Davis Clerk of the
County Court of said County
have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the
Seal of said Court at
office this day and year
aforesaid

J. W. Davis clerk

Recorded this 5th day of August
1857

J. W. Davis clerk

I Robert D. McKnight of the County of Polk & State of Missouri, being weak in body tho sound in mind do make this my last Will and Testament as follows viz,

1st I will that my funeral expenses & all my just debts be paid

2nd I will that my first wife's children have the amount that is in my hands as their Guardian that is Matilda fifty Dollars, Sarah & Anna & Salina & One Hundred Dollars each as will appear from my annual settlement with Jackson County Probate Court October Term 1857

3rd I will to my wife Sam my town Lots in the Town of Harrisville in Cass County Mo, as her absolute property separate and apart from the balance of my property

4th I will that all my children that is Younger than Mary Ann have Seventeen Dollars each to purchase them a saddle

5th I will that my wife Sam & all my Daughters have a bed & bedding each

6th I will at my death that all my property of every description be sold and the proceeds of the sale together with what money I may have on hand or due me be equally divided amongst my wife Sam & all my children

7th my wish is that my wife Sam be Guardian for her children & that she manage their part as she may think best

8th My first wife children
can chose their own Guardian lastly
I appoint William McKnight
my Executor to Execute this my last
will -

In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this
the 13th day of November 1857

Writing R. B. McKnight

James Faulkner
Thomas Stoddard

State of Missouri } B
County of Rock } B

James Faulkner
and Thomas Stoddard being duly sworn
According to law make oath and say
that the within named Robert B McKnight
did sign seal and publish the foregoing
writing in their presence as and for his
last will and Testament and that they
each subscribed their names as witnesses
thereto in the presence and at the re-
quest of the said Testator and that
at the time of signing and publish-
ing the same the said Testator was
of sound and disposing mind and
memory and further these affiants
saith that

James Faulkner
Thomas Stoddard

Sworn to and subscribed this
21st Decr 1857

Writing Israel Davis
Clerk of the County Court
of said County with
the seal of said Court
affixed at office this
day year aforesaid

I. M. Davis, clk

Recorded this 21 Decr 1857

Israel Davis, clk

In the name of God Amen
 I Pleasant M. Neil of the County of Polk
 and State of Missouri being of sound
 mind and memory and considering
 the uncertainty of this frail and transitory
 life do therefore make and Publish
 & Declare this to be my last Will and
 Testament. That is to say

First after all lawful debts
 are payed and discharged the residue
 of my Estate real and personal I give
 devise and dispose of as follows to wit

To my beloved wife The land and
 appurtenances situated thereon known
 and described as the Farm of Pleasant
 M. Neil which she is to hold during her
 widow hood and if she marry again
 it is to be divided equally among my
 heirs her heirs a childs part

I give devise and bequeath all
 the rest residue and remainder of my
 personal estate to be disposed of to the
 best advantage for the support of my
 wife and children

I wish all my just debts to
 be paid together with my funeral expenses
 to be settled out of the price of a certain
 tracts of land lying and being in the
 County of Polk and State of Missouri
 which I wish to be sold for that purpose
 the numbers of said land are as follows
 The quarter of the SE quarter of Section
 No 31 in Township No 33 of Range No 24
 containing forty acres, One half of
 which belongs to me also the quarter
 of Section No 6 in Township No 32 of
 Range No 24 containing $35\frac{32}{100}$ acres

Likewise I make constitute
 and appoint my Brothers Nelson Neil
 and John Neil to be Executors of this

29
my last will Testament

In Witness whereof I have
hereto subscribed my name and
affixed my seal this the ninth day of
January in the year of our Lord 1858
One thousand eight hundred and
fifty eight

Pleasant M. Neil

In the presence of
these witnesses

attest

Jesse Mitchell }
John A. Strain }

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Jesse Mitchell and John A.
Strain being duly sworn according to law on their
oaths declare that the above named Pleasant
M. Neil did sign seal and publish the
foregoing writing as and for his last
Will and Testament in their presence
and that they each subscribed their names
as witnesses thereto in the presence and
at the request of said Testator and
that at the time of signing & publishing
the same the said Testator was of sound
& disposing mind & memory

John A. Strain

Jesse Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th January
1858

In Witness whereof I have
W. H. Davis Clerk of the County
Court of said County
have hereto set my
hand and seal of office
this day & year aforesaid

W. H. Davis clerk

Recorded this 30th Jan'y 1858

W. H. Davis clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Hale
 do on this 28th day of December A D 1857 make
 and publish this my last will and testament
 hereby revoking all matters void all other wills
 by me at any time made and disposing of all my
 Estate both real and personal agreeable to my will
 and wish by granting giving and bequeathing
 unto each heir or person interested in said Estate
 as I wish them to have is as follows, viz. First I direct
 all my Just debts burial and funeral expenses be
 paid out of any money that I may die possessed of
 or may first come into the hands of my executors
 second, I direct that all my land or real Estate
 and personal property be sold as soon after my
 death as it can be done conveniently and
 distribution made thereof agreeable to my directions
 Third, my widow Sarah Hale my wife I give her one
 third of all the proceeds of my Estate that I may
 die possessed of both real and personal during
 her natural life. Fourth, I want my son William
 Hale to have forty dollars refunded back to him in
 lieu of forty dollars that he sent to me while he
 was in the Mexican war before any distribution
 which will make him seventy five dollars
 Fifth, I want my daughter Mary Ann Ragsdale
 to have ten dollars to make her the same amount
 that I have give my son William Hale before
 any distribution of my Estate which will make her
 seventy five dollars. Sixth, I Consider I have given
 my son Thomas Hale seventy five dollars making
 him equal with William Hale and Mary Ann
 Ragsdale my son and daughter. Seventh, I want
 my son Stephen Hale to have seventy five dollars
 out of my Estate that I may die possessed of before
 any distribution in said estate is made to make
 him equal with those named before. Eighth,
 I want my son James Marion Hale to have
 sixty two dollars and fifty Cents and my Rifle
 Gun and implements belonging to the Gun making
 him equal with the rest of the said heirs before any
 division in said Estate