

Polk County

Recorder of Deeds

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And I direct that the remainder of my Estate after the
 Widows dower and all the heirs being made equal with
 each other to be divided equally among my Children
 I wish, And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint
 my son William Hale and John W Raggsdale
 my son in law my executor in said will to settle my
 business and wind up my Estate according to my
 direction. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand and subscribed my name the day and date
 first above written as witness my hand and seal
 Testator Thomas Hale Seal

We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing
 our names hereto as witnesses in the presents of Thomas
 Hale the testator this 28th day of December 1857

Thomas Standley
 Charles Ellis

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk }

Thomas Standley and Charles Ellis
 being duly Sworn according to Law make
 oath and say that the within named Thomas
 Hale now deceased did in his lifetime 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 the Testator and that at the time signing and
 publishing the same the said Testator was of sound
 and disposing mind and memory

Thomas Standley
 Charles Ellis

Sworn to and subscribed this 13th March 1858

Witness Isaac W. Davis Clerk
 of said County Court with
 the seal of said Court affixed
 at office this day and year
 aforesaid

I. W. Davis Clerk

The last will and testament of James Benham
of Polk County Missouri,

I James Benham Considering the uncertainty
of this mortal life and being of sound mind
and memory do make and publish this my
last will and testament in manner and
form following. (that is to say) First
I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Matilda Benham all of my Real Estate during
her maternal life or while she remains my widow
on this Condition that she take Care of the Timber
and not waste it. Second I give and
bequeath unto my beloved wife Matilda Benham
four Choice horses and one Choice yoke of
Oxen and waggan and two Choice Cows
and calves ten head of Choice sheep and provisions
enough to last her and family two years and
also the farming tools and also the house hold
and kitchen furniture, Third,
I give and bequeath unto my beloved Children
Ruth E Benham Martha J Benham Mary
L Benham all the money on hand to be
equally divided among them share and share
alike and also the balance of my property
to be sold and the money equally divided
between my Children share and share alike
the money to be lived at interest untill they
become of lawfull age. Fourth,
I hereby appoint my beloved wife Matilda
Benham sole executrix of this my last will
and testament hereby Revoking all former
wills by me made. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal the eighth
day of February in the year of our Lord
one thousand Eight Hundred and fifty
eight.

James Benham Seal

The above instrument Consisting of two sheets was
now here subscribed by James Benham the
Testator in the presence of each of us and was

at the time of ~~signing~~ declared by him to be
his last will and testament and ~~we~~ at his
request assign our names hereto as attesting
witnesses

Samuel Davis Residing in the County of Polk
Peter Gilmore Residing in the County of Polk
Isaac Ingram Residing in the County of Polk

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

Isaac Ingram and Samuel Davis
being duly sworn according to law makes oath
and says that the within named James Renham
in his lifetime did sign seal and publish and
declare the foregoing 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 and publishing
the same the said Testator was of sound and
disposing mind and memory

Isaac Ingram

Samuel Davis

Sworn to and subscribed this 24th day of April A.D. 1858
J. W. Davis clerk

Witness 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
J. W. Davis clerk

I John Leslie of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being of Sound mind do hereby make and publish this my last will and Testament I have before making this will given the following property to the following named children to abigail Larimore wife of Dr P B Larimore a negro girl slave named Melvina the niece of said being given to her husband said Perry B Larimore Luath Seesley negro girl slave named Martha and her child Taylor I have also given to said Luath Seesley a negro man slave named Albert and I have also heretofore sold to said Luath Seesley one negro man slave named William. I have also heretofore given to Almira Seesley a negro girl slave named George Ann to Mary Lou a negro Boy slave named Garnet to Almira Seesley now Almira Lindsay wife of Dr James A Lindsay a negro woman slave named Emeline to Rebecca Menifer negro girl slave named Caroline to Andrew Seesley a negro Boy slave named Charles to James Seesley a negro Boy slave named Arthur to John M Seesley negro Boy named Jack also to John M Seesley one barrel mare and colt and the aforesaid property at present is no part of my Estate I have also by said date April 7th 1854 and duly recorded in the Clerk's office of Polk County Conveyed to said John M Seesley Certain real Estate mentioned in said deed

- I desire that all my just debt be paid by my executors
- 2^d It is my will and desire that my beloved wife Mary Seesley shall have all my property I am possessed of during her natural life
- 3^d It is my will and desire that after the death of my beloved wife that my son John M Seesley and James Seesley have a certain negro Boy negro Boy slave named Aaron as their absolute property each of my said sons John M & James Seesley to have an equal interest in said slave Aaron
- 4th My two slaves named Gay and Arthur I will and desire after the death of my wife be sold by my executors herein after mentioned and out of the proceeds of said sale of sd slaves I desire that my son Andrew Seesley be paid by my Executors the sum of Two Hundred dollars and that my Executors pay out of the proceeds of said sale of sd slaves to my daughter Almira Seesley the sum of Four Hundred dollars

and after deducting sa \$200 and \$400. or from the proceeds
of sa sale of sa slaves I desire that the balance be equally
divided between my children Judith Sefley Abigail Sammon
wife of Perry B Sammon Mary Gout wife of William Gout
Alman Lindsay wife of Dr. James A Lindsay Rebecca
Menifu wife of Richard Menifu and Almira Sessley

5th It is my will and desire that the remainder of my
property not before disposed of after the death of my wife
shall be equally divided between my children Andrew
Lesley Abigail Sammon John M Sessley James Sessley
Mary Gout Alman Lindsay Rebecca Menifu Judith
Lesley and Almira Sessley

6th It is my will and desire that should any of my
children commence or establish any legal proceedings
to interfere with or destroy the disposition of my property
as I have of it that said child or children shall lose
all benefit from my estate and the portion by me
her or them given shall be equally divided between my
children who shall not attempt to interfere with or
disturb the disposition I have made of my property

7th I do hereby constitute and appoint Wm H. Otter
and Thomas Higgin botham Executors of this my
last will and testament

In testimony whereof I John
Lesley have hereto subscribed
my name and affixed my seal
this 28th November A D 1854

John Lesley

Seal

Sign sealed and delivered
in presence of us by John
Lesley as his last will and
testament and we signed
the same as witnesses in the
presence of sa John Lesley
and in the presence of each
other as witnesses at the
request of sa John Lesley
This 28th day of November

1854.

Leonora J Hayden
Henry D Wilson

State of Missouri 3
County of Polk 3rd

Then Affiants Leonard G Hayden
and Henry D Wilson being duly sworn according to
law do on their oaths declare that the within named
John Lesley in his life time did sign seal and publish
the foregoing writing as and for his last Will and
Testament in their presence and that they each at
the request and in the presence of said Testator and
in the presence of each other subscribed their names
thereto as witnesses to the same and that at the time of
signing and publishing the same the said Testator
was of sound and disposing mind and memory

Leonard G Hayden

Henry D Wilson

Sworn and subscribed this 12th day of June 1858

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 CLK

By J. J. Boren DC

Recorded this 12th day of June 1858

I. W. Davis CLK

By J. J. Boren DC

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I John Gast a citizen in the County of Post and State of Missouri being in a very infirm state of health and sensible to of my liability to sudden death at the same time being according to my own apprehension of sound mind and being anxious to make a suitable disposition of my Real and personal Estate do make this my last will and testament

It is my will that all my Just debts and the Charges of funeral be paid and discharged by my Executors 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 Executors

I give devise and dispose of my Estate real and personal (save what shall be necessary for the payment of my Just debt and funeral Charges in the following manner

First) I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Twelve Hundred dollars out of the proceeds of my Estate for and in lieu of her dower managed and controlled as herein after expressed

2^d That Francis Gast Hugh Gast George Gast William Gast William Burns & William Lenox legal heirs of my Estate to give their notes for two Hundred dollars each to the Executors of this my last will and testament to be held in trust by them for the support and benefit of my said wife Elizabeth said money to yield at least six per cent interest per annum to be paid annually to my said Executors and by them applied to the support of my wife Elizabeth

3^d If either of the heirs aforesaid should remove or die or likely to spend or squander the amount in their hands so as to endanger its loss then and there in that Case they shall be required to give security for the amount in their hands and failing to do so the money shall be paid into the hands of my said Executors and by them made secure and to yield six per cent interest as aforesaid

for her support during her natural life or widowhood
 4th And at her death if there should remain any of the interest on hand so deposited as aforesaid after paying all charges that may be against her for trouble or otherwise it shall be equally divided among my heirs as aforesaid and the several notes above mentioned shall be canceled and void and not subject to Collection only as herein above specified

5th In addition to the above I give to my wife of my house hold furniture one set drawers two beds and bedsteads and a supply of furniture for said beds as she may choose one set of silver tea spoons one looking glass one set of knives forks one Pitcher also twenty five dollars on hand to be used by her for her own discretionary use also three sets of Window Curtains and one Carpet

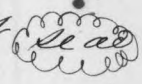
6th I will she have one horse if she desire it also two Cows Ten head of sheep, the Cows and sheep she may dispose of as she may think proper

7th I further desire that all my Real and Personal Estate (except what is herein above disposed of) shall be sold for cash and divided equally among my heirs as aforesaid

8th In addition to what is bequeathed to my wife Elizabeth I give all the wool and cotton yarn on hand

9th It is my will that my heirs before mentioned shall before receiving the two hundred dollars in trust as aforesaid, shall give Bond and security for the same and on failure to do so it shall be subject to the Condition herein before mentioned

10th I hereby nominate constitute and appoint my sons Francis Goast and Hugh Goast jointly and severally to be Executors of this my last will and Testament.

John Goast 

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named John Goast as his last will and Testament

We attest the above and foregoing & subscribing our names hereto as Witnesses in Presence of John Goast the Testator

We further testify that Elizabeth Goast wife of John Goast the Testator executed in our presence the provisions made for her

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in the foregoing Will in lieu of her dower

George W Martin
Lawrence Smith

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } p

These affiants being duly sworn accord-
-ing to law do on our oaths declare that the within named
John Galt in his lifetime did sign seal and publish
the foregoing Writing as and for his last will and
Testament in their presence and that they each at the
request and in the presence of said Testator and in
the presence of each other subscribed their names thereto
as witnesses to the same and that at the time of signing
and publishing the same the said Testator was sound
and disposing mind and memory

Sworn to and subscribed: } George W Martin
this 20th day of August 1858 } Lawrence Smith
J W Davis ckr

Witness my hand with the seal
of said Court affixed at office
this day and year aforesaid
J W Davis ckr

Recorded this 20th day of August 1858

J W Davis ckr
By J. J. Doren D.C.

I Thomas M Cracken of the County of Jackson and State of Missouri do make and publish this my last will and Testament

1st I direct that after my death my body be decently buried and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to entrust me with I dispose of the same as follows

2^d I direct that all of my just debts and funeral Expenses be paid as soon after my decease as possible, out of the first moneys that shall come into the hands of my executors from any portion of my estate real or personal

3^d I give and bequeath to my son Miles M Cracken one black Mare which he has now in his possession and also one bed and furniture

4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth A M Cracken one bed and furniture one side saddle which she has now in possession and one young horse creature and two Cows the horse and Cows supposed to be worth one Hundred dollars

5th I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy M Cracken one bed and furniture one side saddle which she has now in possession and one young horse black and two Cows the horse and Cows supposed to be worth one Hundred dollars

6th I do direct that all my stock of horses cattle hogs sheep and household & kitchen furniture and farming tools be the joint and absolute property of my beloved wife Elizabeth and my son Joseph C M Cracken and for them to see such property as they can best spare for the support of the family

7th I do give and bequeath to my son Joseph C M Cracken my land containing one Hundred and fifty acres to be his absolute property after the death of my wife Elizabeth Conditioned that my son Joseph C M Cracken shall support my son Miles M Cracken during his natural life

8th I do constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth and my son Joseph C M Cracken executors of this my last will and Testament written upon one sheet of paper

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In testimony of the foregoing instrument of
writing I Thomas M Cracken testator have
hereunto set my hand this the first day of
January in the Year of our Lord one thousand
Eight Hundred and fifty five
Signed in the presence of } Thomas M Cracken
of Andrew Gosh } mark
Marcus J Graff }

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

This Affiant Marcus
J Graff being duly sworn according to Law
on his oath declares that the within named
Thomas M Cracken in his life time requested
this Affiant to write his the testators name
said Will that he did write the Testators name
there to at the direction and request and in
the presence of the Testator and that the Testator
made his mark there to and that this Affiant
signed his own name as a witness to said
Will and that the Testator did sign his name
as aforesaid and publish the foregoing writing
as and for his last Will and testament in
the presence of this Affiant and Andrew Gosh
the other subscribing witness in their presence and
that both Affiants and said Andrew Gosh
each at the request and in the presence of
said Testator and in the presence of each other
subscribe their names thereto as witnesses to the
same that at the time of signing as
aforesaid and publishing the same the
said Testator was of sound and disposing
mind and memory

Marcus J Graff

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

These Affiants Marcus J
Graff and Andrew J Gosh do make oath
and state that they were both personally acquainted
with Andrew Gosh in his life time one of

The subscribing witnesses to the Annexed Will of Thomas M^cCracken declared that we were both well acquainted with his hand writing & with Andrew Gosh having frequently seen him write and also sign his name frequently to instruments of writing and upon our acquaintance with the hand writing of said Andrew Gosh we have no hesitating in saying that the signature of the said Andrew Gosh to the annexed will of said Thomas M^cCracken as one of the attesting witnesses thereto is the genuine signature of said Andrew Gosh Sr.

And we further state that said Andrew Gosh Sen is now dead and this affiant Marcus J. Graff further states that he was present when said Will was signed and attested and that he saw the said Andrew Gosh Sen sign his name thereto as one of the witnesses to the deceased.

Marcus J. Graff
Andrew J. Gosh

~~Recorded this 25th January A D 1859~~

~~J. W. Davis Clerk~~

Sworn to and subscribed this 25th day of January at 1859

J. W. Davis Clerk

By J. W. Burns De

In testimony whereof I Israel W. Davis Clerk of the County Court with the seal of said Court affixed an officer this day and year afore said

J. W. Davis Clerk

By J. W. Burns De

Recorded 25th January A D 1859

J. W. Davis Clerk

I Abraham Fenly being weak in body but of sound mind and memory knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and publish this my last will and Testament To wit:

Article 1st After my death I will and request that my body shall be buried in a decent and Christian like manner.

Article 2nd I will and request that after my funeral expenses are paid that all of my just debts shall be paid out of my estate and I desire the remainder of my estate shall be disposed of as follows.

Article 3rd I will and bequeath to my daughter Mary J. Smithson wife of Benjamin W. Smithson and to her sole and separate use free and clear of the debts of her said Husband my negro woman named Mariah to have and to hold the same during her natural life and at the death of my said Daughter to go to the heirs of her body.

Article 4th I will and bequeath to my son John W. Fenly my farm on which I now reside on numbered as follows. To wit: The North West quarter of section No Thirty Six in Township No Thirty Four of Range No Twenty Three Containing One Hundred and Sixty Acres to hold and to enjoy the same forever absolutely.

Article 5th I will and bequeath to my Grand Children the Heirs of James D. Fenly deceased Five Dollars to be paid in money after my death.

Article 6th I will and bequeath to my Daughter Jane Grant wife of Sebastian M. Grant Ten Dollars to be paid in money after my death.

Article 7th I will and bequeath to my Daughter Betsey Williams wife of Levi Williams Ten Dollars to be paid in money.

after my death

Article 8th I will and bequeath, to my Daughter Sarah W Haynes, wife of James Hayes Ten Dollars, to be paid in money after my death

Article 9th I will and bequeath to my Grand Children, the heirs of my Daughter Eliza Burnett deceased wife of Quillen Burnett Twenty Dollars, to be paid in money after my death

Article 10th I will and bequeath to my son Joseph Tenly Five Dollars to be paid in money after my death

Article 11th It is my will and desire that the remainder of my proper not herein before disposed of be sold, to pay just Debts

Article 12th If there should be any remainder of estate after the payment of my just Debts as above directed I will and bequeath the same to my son John W Tenly absolutely

Article 13th I do hereby constitute and appoint William M Griggs executor of this my last will and testament

In testimony whereof I Abraham Tenly have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal
This 26th day of October A D 1859
Abraham Tenly ^{his} Seal
Mark

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us
By Abraham Tenly as his last will and testament and we signed the same as witnesses in the presence of the said Abraham Tenly and in the presence of each other as witnesses at the request of said Abraham Tenly this the 26th day of October A D 1859

William S White
Thomas Goldston

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } 33

These affiants being duly sworn according to law do on our oaths declare that the foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Abraham Tenly deceased was signed by said Testator in our presence and that we each subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said Testator and that said deceased acknowledged and published the same as and for his last will and Testament and that at the time of publishing the same the said Testator was of sound mind and disposing mind and memory

Wm S White
 Thomas Goldston

Sworn to and subscribed this 9th day
 November 1859

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 day and year aforesaid
 I W Davis Clerk

Recorded this 9th day of November 1859
 I W Davis Clerk

Know all men by these presents that I Hunter Waincott of the County of Polk and State have this the second day of December AD 1859 I do make and publish this as my last will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any other time made

1st I direct that as soon after my death as possible I want my funeral and burial expenses and all my just debts to be paid out of any money that I may die possessed of or may first come in to the hands of my executors

2nd I give grant bequeath and direct that Rebecca Waincott my beloved wife have full power and possession of all the land or real estate and all the personal estate that I may die possessed of during her natural life or during her widowhood and after my beloved wifes death or widowhood expires I want my five youngest sons William G Waincott Lewis A Waincott Charles B Waincott Ira L Waincott and James C Waincott to have my land or Real Estate that I am now in possession of situated lying and being in Polk County and State of Missouri in Sections two three and eight Township thirty four Range twenty two containing about three hundred and sixty acres which I want after the death or widowhood of my beloved wife expires to be equally divided between my above named sons to be theirs forever in fee simple.

3rd I have given my daughter Elvira Luckness about one hundred and fifty dollars worth of Property which shall be her share in my estate till the death of my wife or her widowhood expires

4th I have given to my son Isaac

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B Wainescott about one hundred and fifty Dollars worth of property which shall be his share in my estate until the death of my wife or her widowhood expires

5th I have given to my son Barnett S Wainescott about one hundred and fifty Dollars worth of property which shall be his full share in my estate until the death of my wife or her widowhood expires

6th I have given my son Emory M Wainescott about one hundred and fifty Dollars worth of property which shall be his share in my estate until the death of my wife or her widowhood expires

7th I have given to my daughter Manda M Stewart about one hundred and fifty Dollars worth of property which shall be her full share in my estate until the death of my said wife or her widowhood expires

8th And after the death of my beloved wife or her widowhood expires I want all my personal property sold that she may die possessed of or when her widowhood shall expire and the proceeds thereof equally divided between all of my above named children

9th I have given my sons William C Wainescott and Lewis A Wainescott each one thin horses bridles and saddles

10 And I want my three youngest sons Charles B Wainescott Ira L Wainescott and James E Wainescott for each one to have a good horse or mare bridle and saddle if my wife should not live to give each one his said horse bridle and saddle before any divide is made of my estate

11 I have given John Boon my

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nephew one black mare Colt to have as his own property

12th I direct that all my debts be collected that may be owing to me by note or account by my executors and my just debts paid when the notes is presented to them by my executors and the accounts proven without taking out letters Testamentary or making any settlement with the Court at any time or making out an Inventory of my estate or having the property appraised

13th Lastly I appoint my beloved wife Rebecca Wainscott and Isaac B Wainscott my executors with full power to settle all my business as above directed

In testimony whereof I have set my hand the day and date above written

Thornton ^{his} Wainscott
mark

We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names thereto as witnesses in presence of Thornton Wainscott the Testator this the 2nd day of December AD 1857

Thomas Standley
Joseph M. Griffith

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } B

These affiants being duly sworn according to law do on our oaths declare that the foregoing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Thornton Wainscott deceased was signed by said Testator in our presence and that we each subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in presence of and at the request of the said Testator and that the said Testator acknowledged and published the same as and for his last will and Testament and that at the time

of publishing the same the said Res-
tator was of sound and disposing
mind and memory

Thomas Standly

J. M. Griffith

Sworn to and subscribed this 7th
day of February A.D. 1860

In witness whereof I James M.
Jones Clerk of the County Court
of said County have thereunto
set my hand and affixed the
seal of said Court at office this
day and year aforesaid

James M. Jones clk
By Jasiah Lane DC

Recorded this 7th day Feb. 1860

James M. Jones clk
By Jasiah Lane DC

In the name of God Amen
Know all men by these Presents that I Ed-
mund H McMaster of the County of Polk
and State of Wisconsin being of sound and
disposing mind do hereby make con-
stitute and ordain this my last will and
testament to-wit:

1st For the Payment of all my just
debts I desire the sale of all my real Estate
except the Farm Tract on which I now
live, together with all my Personal Prop-
erty except so much thereof as may be es-
sentially necessary for the support and
cultivation of said farm above mentioned

2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved
Wife Eliza the above mentioned Farm Tract
of Land together with all my Personal
Property not otherwise appropriated to
have and enjoy during her natural
life and at her decease to be equally di-
vided among my children

3rd I do hereby nominate and appoint
William H Newland sole executor of this
my last will and testament and Co-
Guardian with my wife of my children
Given under my hand and seal this
20th day of December A D 1889

E H McMaster

Signed and sealed in
presence of and at the
request of ^{the} said Testator

William Derby
Francis Leeper

Witness

State of Wisconsin }
County of Polk } In vacation of County Court
Be it remembered that on the 21st day of
February A D 1890 personally appeared be-
fore the undersigned James M Jones Clerk
of the County Court of the County and State
aforesaid William Derby and Francis

Seeper the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of E. H. McMaster and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said E. H. McMaster the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said Will or instrument of writing as his last will that the said Testator was at the time of publishing his said will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and that they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said Testator

William Denby
Francis Seeper

In witness whereof I James M. Jones Clerk of the County Court of Polk County and State aforesaid have herewith subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office this Feb 21st 1860

James M. Jones Clk
By Josiah Lane D.C.

Recorded this 21st Feb 1860
James M. Jones Clk
By Josiah Lane D.C.

I Alexander Wilson of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri being in a very infirm state of health and sensible to of my liability to sudden death at the same time being according to my own apprehension of sound mind and being anxious to make a suitable disposition of my real and personal estate do make and ordain this my last will and testament

1st It is my will that all my just debts and the charges of my funeral be paid and discharged by my Executors herein after named and appointed out of my estate as soon as conveniently may be after my decease and I leave the charges of funeral to the direction of my said executors

I give devise and dispose of Estate real and personal (save what shall be necessary for the payment of my just debts and funeral charges) in the following manner —

I give to my beloved wife Martha during her natural life the tract of land upon which I now reside together with the appurtenances thereto belonging viz: the East half of the South West qr of Lot No one of the South West qr of Section thirty in Township thirty five of Range twenty three also the West half of the North West qr of Section thirty one Township 35 of Range 23 also the South half of the North West qr of the North West qr of Section 31 Township 35 of Range 23 also Three cows and calves of her choosing ten head of sheep twelve head of hogs one bureau one folding table one curtain bedstead two feather beds and furniture one cupboard and contents (one negro woman named Liddy) One two horse diamond Plow and small bits two hoes one mataxe two Bee hives of her choosing all the geese and other fowls found upon the farm one woman saddle & Bridle one set of Plow gear one single tree and chris one axe all the

water and milk vessels on hand one trunk
 one pair andirons one common bedstead
 mats and cords one half dozen chairs one
 bread tray one set of knives & forks one
 smoothing iron one pair sheep shears one
 tinnegar Barrel one cotton wheel and chick
 reel one flour Barrel all the foregoing proper-
 ty hereby bequeath to my wife Martha as a-
 foresaid after her death I give and bequeath the
 same to my daughter Virginia (the servant
 girl Lizzie excepted) and to her heirs forever
 and in case my daughter Virginia should
 die before my wife as aforesaid without bod-
 ily heirs then in that case the above bequeath-
 ed property or the proceeds thereof shall be e-
 qually divided between my remaining children
 to them and their heirs forever In addition to
 the above I give to my daughter Virginia the
 North East qr of the North East qr of Section
 36 in Township 35 of Range 24 containing 40
 forty acres also One hundred and fifty dol-
 lars in cash to her and her heirs forever

I bequeath have given to my daughter Ma-
 tilde M. Frost Five hundred and fifty six
 Dollars to my daughter Elizabeth Struge
 Two hundred Dollars to my daughter
 Adaline M. Dudley Two hundred Dollars
 to my daughter Angelina Stratton two
 hundred Dollars to my daughter Julia
 Ann Dudley two hundred Dollars to
 my daughter Rosema Dudley two hun-
 dred Dollars and to my son Fleming &
 Wilson Three hundred and ten Dollars and
 it is my will and desire that out of the pro-
 ceeds of my estate not otherwise disposed of
 in this bequest that my above named children
 be first made equal in amount to my daugh-
 ter Matilda M. Frost including the chil-
 dren of Adaline Dudley deced as heirs to
 the part of their mother would have inherited
 It is my will and desire that if my daughter

Rowena Dudley should die without having no bodily heirs then in that case her portion at her death to go to the heirs of Adeline Dudley deceased
Wife Julian & Margaret Dudley

I give and bequeath to my son Israel Wilson the East half of the North West qr of lot No 1 of the North West qr of Section 30 Township 35 of Range 23 also the East half of the South East qr of Section 25 Township 35 Range 24 containing One hundred and Sixty acres valued at two hundred and fifty Dollars also two hundred Dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever

I give to my son Leander I Wilson the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of the North East qr of Section 36 Township 35 of Range 24 also the South East qr of the North East qr of Section 25 of Township 35 of Range 24 containing Eighty acres valued at One hundred and Sixty Dollars also two hundred Dollars also two hundred Dollars in cash to him and his heirs forever

I do hereby authorize and empower my Executors hereinafter named or a majority of them to sell all my property and effects not otherwise disposed of in this bequest at public sale on such terms as they shall think best for the interest of the estate and the proceeds thereof divided equally among the legates of my estate to share and share alike except my daughter Virginia who is to inherit only a half share with my other children including the bequest already made to her

I hereby nominate constitute my son Fleming I Wilson and my son-in-law Hugh Yoast and Henry Dudley jointly and severally to be my executors of this my last will and testament and so is that in case of the death or disability of one or more of them the survivor shall be the sole Executor of this my last will and testament said will - and give such survivor all

The Power and direction I have given my said Executors

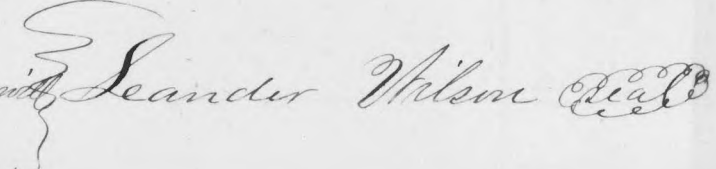
I further will that my children above named (Virginia excepted) shall first receive a sum equal in amount to my Daughter Matilda M Yoast viz: Five hundred and fifty six Dollars the balance of the proceeds of my estate to be divided as above named.

And in addition to the bequest herein before named I have given to my Daughter Elizabeth B Strife One hundred and sixty Dollars and to Adaline Dudley forty one Dollars - Rowena Dudley \$171 and ~~Helen~~ ~~ing~~ ~~& Helen~~ Angelina Stratton \$41

Julianne Dudley \$146 and Fleming & Wilson \$217 the several sums here named to be added to the amount heretofore given in making the sums equal to my Daughter Matilda M Yoast viz: \$556

And lastly my express will and meaning is and I do hereby order and direct that if any difference dispute question or controversy shall be moved arise or happened concerning any gift bequest or other matter or thing in this my will given and bequeathed expressed or contained that there no suit in law or equity or otherwise shall be brought commenced or prosecuted for and concerning the same but the same shall be referred wholly to the award order & de and determination of my friends that may be selected by my Executors or a majority of them for that purpose and what they shall do order & direct and determine therein shall be binding and conclusive to all and every person or persons therein concerned.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hand and seal and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament.

We attest the above and foregoing  Alexander Wilson Seal
by subscribing our names in

presence of the Testator
 James G. Humeau
 Alexander Ralph
 Franklin Fauchier

State of Mepponie

County of Polk

In vacation of the County Court
 Be it remembered that on the second day of
 April 1860 personally appeared before the un-
 dersigned Clerk of the County Court of the County
 and State aforesaid James G. Humeau and
 Alexander Ralph the subscribing Witnes-
 es of the annexed will of Leander Wilson
 and being by me duly sworn depose and
 say that the said Leander Wilson the Testator
 subscribed the same and published the said
 Will or instrument of writing as his last Will
 that he the said Testator was at the time of pub-
 lishing his said will of Sound mind and more
 than Twenty one years of age and that the
 said Deponents attested the said will as witness
 thereto by subscribing their names in the pres-
 ence of said Testator

James G. Humeau
 Alexander Ralph

In Testimony whereof I James
 M. Jones Clerk of the County Court of
 the County of Polk and State a-
 foresaid have herewith subscribed
 my name and affixed the seal of
 said Court at Office in the County
 aforesaid this 2nd day of April
 1860

James M. Jones Clerk

Recorded April 2nd 1860

James M. Jones Clerk
 By Joseph Lane DC

I William Inglis in the County of Washington and State of Arkansas and a resident of Polk County in the State of Missouri being diseased in body but of a sound and disposing mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament and first and principally I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it and my body to the Earth to be interred in such suitable manner as my friends and relatives may direct and as to such worldly estate as it has pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as follows To-wit

I give unto my children James Inglis William Inglis Sarah S Inglis Geo R Inglis Isaac A Inglis Margaret Ann Inglis Joseph G Inglis five Dollars each there being all my heirs now in existence but if there should be another legitimate heir it to have the same as the others

And I give unto my wife Fanny Inglis the entire residue of my estate both real and personal after the payment of my just debts & funeral expenses during her natural life or widow hood And at her death or marriage I desire the whole of my estate to be divided with my heirs equally In witness whereof I the said Wm Inglis have to this my last will and testament written on one sheet of paper at my hand and affixed seal this 23rd day of November A.D. 1859

William Inglis (Seal)

Signed sealed published and declared by the above named William Inglis as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed as witnesses thereto the day and date above written. James S Cowley
John Inglis

State of Arkansas
County of Washington

On the 30th day of November 1889 personally came before me P R Smith as Clerk of the Circuit Court and ex officio Clerk of the Court of Probate in and for the County of Washington and State of Arkansas James S Cowley and John Inglis the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Inglis deceased and after being duly sworn as the law directs depose and say that the said William Inglis subscribed the annexed and foregoing instrument of writing in their presence and at the time of making said subscription he the said William Inglis declared said instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament and that they the said James S Cowley and John Inglis signed their names as witnesses at the end of said will at the request of the said William Inglis and that said signatures were made in the presence of the said William Inglis and in the presence of each other and that the said William Inglis was at the time he subscribed said instrument and declared the same to be his last will and testament of sound and disposing mind and memory according to the best of their belief

James S Cowley
John Inglis

In testimony that the above affidavit was sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of November 1889 I have hereunto set my hand as Clerk of said Circuit Court and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court of said County and affixed the seal of said Court

P R Smith Clerk

State of Missouri 3p
County of Polk 3p

This affiant being duly sworn according to law do on my oath declare that the foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William Inglis deceased was signed by the testator in my presence and that I signed my name in the presence of and at the request of said testator and that said deceased acknowledged and published the same as and for his last will and testament and that at the time of publishing the same the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory

John Inglis

Sworn to and subscribed before me this April 14th 1860

In witness whereof I James M. Jones Clerk of the County Court within and for said County have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office April 14th 1860

James M. Jones Clk
By Josiah Lane &c

Recorded April 14th 1860

James M. Jones Clk
By Josiah Lane &c

I Francis, M. Nelson of the County of Polk and state of Missouri do make and publish this my last Will and Testament to wit

1st I will I will and bequeath to my sister Henniretta I Nelson and my Brother Jesse W Nelson all my Estate both real and personal in fee simple

2nd I will and bequeath to my Mother Mrs Margaret C Nickles the sum of Ten Dollars

3rd I will and bequeath to my half sister Alice M Nickles and Anna L Nickles the sum of Five Dollars each

And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint W^m M. Griggs Executor of my last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 15th day of October 1858

signed sealed & published } Francis M. Nelson Seal
in presence of us

John W. Wilson
Jonathan W. Wilson

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } These affiants being duly sworn according to law do on our oath declare that the foregoing writing to be the last Will and Testament of Francis M Nelson Deceased was signed by said Testator in our presence and that we each subscribed our names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said testator and that said deceased Acknowledged and published the same as and for his last Will and Testament and at the time of Publishing the same the said Testator was of sound mind and disposing mind and memory

Sworn to and subscribed this } John W. Wilson
11th day of September 1861 } Jonathan W. Wilson

In witness whereof I G R Cowan Judge of Probate Court of said County of Polk have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal of said Court at office this day and year ¹⁸⁶¹ afore

Recorded 11th day September 1861 } G R Cowan P J

In the name of God Amen I Preston Beck of the County of Polk and State of Missouri of sound mind an memory knowing the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life do make and Ordain declare and publish this Instrument as my last Will and Testament that is to say first after all my Just and lawfull debts are paid, I give bequeath and Will dispose of all of my Estate real and personal as follows to wit Item 1st I devise give and bequeath to my wife Martha all of my real Estate being and lying in Polk County Missouri to be hers Absolutely I also give and bequeath unto my wife Martha two horses to wit the horse named Jim and the mare named Bay Also give to wife two Milch Cows to be selected by her from my Cattle by herself: I also give to my wife the newest one of my two Carriages together with the harness belonging thereto I also give and bequeath unto my wife Martha the sum of seven thousand Dollars (\$7000.⁰⁰/₁₀₀) to be paid to her in Cash by my Executor I also give and bequeath to my wife all the beds, bedding and bed clothes I may own at the time of my death

Item 2^d I desire that James Griffin shall remain upon my farm where he now resides and continue to cultivate the farm as he has heretofore done for three years after my death or so long as my wife and himself shall agree upon the terms of rent & I also give and bequeath unto James Griffin aforesaid in consideration of his ^{kind} services to myself and wife for some time the sum of Two hundred Dollars (\$200.⁰⁰/₁₀₀) to be paid to him in Cash by my Executor

Item 3^d I further give bequeath and devise unto my wife Martha all the residue of my household furniture farming utensils hogs cattle horses pottery and other personal property about and on the farm (Excepting money and Notes) subject to the payment of my Just debts

Item 4th I desire that my land lying and being in the County of Benton in the State of Missouri shall be sold to the best advantage provided however James Preston Beck my Grandson to whom I bargained said land shall fail to pay to my Executor the sum of One thousand Dollars for it within two years from the date of my death and ^{if} he will pay to my Executor said sum of money in the time specified then the land shall be his

Item 5th I desire that all sums of money due me in this State & Indiana shall be collected forthwith and after it is all collected including the Thousand Dollars my Grandson James P. Beck will pay for the tract of land in Benton County as specified in Item 4th or the proceeds of said Tract of land if sold I desire it to be equally divided

first having paid the Amount I have bequeathed my wife Martha and the amount I have bequeathed James Griffin among the following named persons my heirs to wit Mary Ann Brunk and Elizabeth Aplegate (children of my deceased Daughter Patsy) William Preston Beck Elizabeth Beck and Anna Beck (children of my deceased son Simson) James Preston Beck (son of my son Lewis now deceased) Preston Lee and Isabella Silvers (Daughter of ^{my} Granddaughter Elizabeth Clarissa Silvers late Beck) to them and to the heirs of their bodies forever in equal shares or sums If however said Isabella Silvers, my great grand daughter should die before arriving at the age of twenty one years then I desire that the portion of my Estate I have Willed her shall be equally divided among the remaining heirs I have named in equal parts to them and their heirs forever

Item 6th The legacies and bequests I have ~~made~~ mentioned in the preceding items only relate to my own Estate proper Exclusive of any Interest I may have as heir in the Estates of my sons, Preston Beck and John Jeffrey Beck who departed this life in New Mexico. I hereby Will devise and bequeath and relinquish to my Grandson James Preston Beck of Cooper County Missouri, all of the right title and Interest I have or may have as heir or otherwise to the Estates or property goods and Chattles of my deceased son Preston Beck Jun, and also I give bequeath devise and grant to said James, Preston, Beck all the right title interest or property I have or may have in the Estate, property goods and Chattles as heir or otherwise of my deceased son John Jeffrey Beck who died in the Territory of New Mexico provided however that my Grandson James Preston Beck shall pay or cause to be paid to my Executor

within twenty four months from this date the sum of ten thousand Dollars which sum is to be received by my Executor in full pay & consideration of certain Notes Executed to me by my son Preston Beck Jun during his lifetime The said James Preston Beck as a condition of this bequest, assume all responsibilities and pay all costs and expensis of law suits that may accrue in the collection and settlement of said Estates of Preston Beck Jun Deceased and John Jeffrey Beck Deceased so far as my Interests are concerned

Item 7 Likewise I make constitute and appoint James Preston Beck my Grandson son to be the Executor of this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made

Interimoney whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this (12th) day of January A D 1861

Preston Beck . Seal

The above and foregoing Instrument was subscribed by the said Preston Beck in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published the above and before written Instrument so subscribed to be his last Will and Testament and we at the testators request and in his presence signed our names hereto as witnesses this 12th day of January A D 1861

Jackson Smith
Robert W Spilman
James B^{his} Smith
J H^{mark} Snyder

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

These affiants being duly sworn according to law do on our oaths declare that the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of Preston Beck deceased was signed by said Testator in our presence and at the request of said testator and that said deceased acknowledged and published the same as and for his last Will and Testament at the time of Publishing the same the said Testator was of sound mind and disposing mind and memory

James B^{his} Smith
Jackson^{mark} Smith

Sworn to and subscribed this 2 d day of September 1861 in witness whereof I G R Cowan Judge of the probate Court of said County of Polk have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal of said Court at Office this day and year aforesaid

G R Cowan
Judge P C

Recorded 2 d day of September 1861
G R Cowan
P J

- I James Akin of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri do make and Publish this my last Will and Testament 1st I have given to my Son James E. Akin by way of advancement one Hundred and seven ten Dollars and 50 Cents
- 2^d I have given to my Daughter Sarah Akin (now Sarah Hartley) by way of advancement thirty dollars
- 3^d I have given to my Daughter Jane Akin (now Jane Gillean) by way of advancement Twenty five dollars
- 4th I have given to my son John Akin by way of advancement one hundred and sixty four dollars
- 5th I have given to my son Samuel Akin by way of advancement one hundred and fifty four dollars
- 6th I have given to my Daughter Roena C. Akin (now Roena C. Halbert) Twenty five dollars
- 7th I have given to my Daughter Mary A E Akin (now Mary A E. Akin Plummer) by way of advancement thirty dollars
- 8th I have given to my Nathan R. Akin by way of advancement fifty five dollars
- 9th I have given to my son Elijah Akin by way of advancement thirty five dollars

Which said several ~~advancements~~ Legacies or sums of money I will and order to be received and Counted so many dollars of my Estate given by way of advancement to each heir above named

- 10 I hereby give and bequeath all the Real Estate owned by me at my Death to my beloved wife Elizabeth Akin which Real Estate is situate and being in Polk County and Cedar Counties in the State of Missouri which Real Estate shall be the absolute property of said Elizabeth Akin during her natural life after her death said Real Estate shall be sold to the highest bidder and the net proceeds shall be equally divided between all of my heirs or their legal representatives.

and lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate whatsoever after payment of all my just debts I give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Elizabeth Akin which property personal Estate to be the absolute property of my said wife Whome I hereby appoint my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 2^d day of June A.D. 1862.

James ^{his} Akin
Mark

Signed and delivered by the above named James Akin to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence have subscribed our names as Witnesses there to

Elijah Fox
William Davis

State of Missouri
County of Polk }

These affidavits being duly sworn according to law do on our oaths declare that the foregoing writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of James Akin deceased was signed by said Testator in our presence and at the request of said Testator and that said deceased acknowledged and published the same as and for his last Will and Testament and at the time of publishing the same the said Testator was of sound mind and disposing memory.

Elijah Fox
William Davis

State of Missouri
County of Polk }

I William Boren Judge of the Probate Court within and for Polk County do Certify that the above affidavit was duly sworn to before me the 15th day of July A.D. 1862
Recorded this 15th day of { By J. W. Cunningham Clerk
of July 1862 J. W. Cunningham Clerk

I William Lunsford of the County of Polk
and State of Missouri being in my right mind
deliberately make this my last will and testament.

Namely that after paying all Just debts
I will and bequeath unto my wife Jane all my
money and property both real and personal to
have and hold during her widow hood or during
natural life provided she remains my widow
and at the end of her widow or at her death
I will and bequeath my property both real and
personal and money if any to my Lawful heirs
Each one to have an equal portion

Given under my hand in the presants of those
witnesses on this the 23^d day of July 1862

Attest

William Lunsford

Gibson Hendrix }
Alfred Wittbute }

Signed and delivered by the above named William Lunsford
to be his last will and Testament in the presants of us
Whose ~~at the~~ request and in his presants have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto

Gibson Hendrix
Alfred Wittbute

State of Missouri } These affiants being duly sworn
County of Polk } according to law do on their oaths declare
that the foregoing writing purporting to be the last will and
of William Lunsford Deceased was signed by said Testator
in our presants and at the request of said testator and
said deceased acknowledged and published the same as and
for his last will and testament and at the time of
publishing the same the said testator was of sound mind
and disposing memory

Gibson Hendrix
Alfred Wittbute

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } I William Boren Judge of the Probate Court
within and for Polk county do certify that the above affiants
was duly sworn before me the 14 day of February 1863

William Boren P. J.

Recorded the 14 day of February
1863 William Boren
Recorder

The Last will and testament of William Mayfield
of Polk county Missouri

I William Mayfield considering the
uncertainty of this ~~transitory~~ ^{make} life and being of sound mind and
memory do ~~and~~ ^{make} publish my last will and testament in
manner and form following

I gave to Robert Mayfield my
son one dollar I gave to William J. Tiller my son in law
one dollar I gave to ~~my~~ Baker my son in law one dollar
I will to Nancy Mayfield and Ellen Mayfield my daughters
all of my Estate both real and personal to have the use and
Benefit of the same so long as they ~~remain unmarried~~ or live
after my last debts is paid

By Request of Robert Mayfield
and it being my will I gave to Harrison B Mayfield
his share of my Estate

I give to ~~my~~ Harrison B Mayfield
my grandson one share with the ^{rest} of my children in
my Estate I give to Alisha W Mayfield my grandson
one share with the rest of my children in my Estate
I give to James L. Tiller and William J. Tiller Louisa Tiller
my grand children one share with the rest of my
children to be divided between them of my Estate
I give to Nancy Baker and Margaret Baker and
Eben Baker my grand children one share with
the rest of my children in my Estate to be divided
between them I will to B. C. Mayfield my son one
share in my Estate I give to Logan H. Mayfield
my son one share in my Estate I give to Eliza Price
my daughter one share in my Estate

I want Logan H. Mayfield my son to have the use and
Benefits of his Biddings that is on my land to use ~~and~~ to
dispose of in any way ^{he may} ~~self~~ ^{but} not to be used by any other
family on my land but his own ~~own~~ in
return whereof I have here unto set my hand and
and seal the 11th day of August in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~thirty six~~ ^{sixty}

William ^{his} Mayfield 
mark

The above instrument consisting of two sheets was now
hereby subscribed by William Mayfield the testator in
the presence of each of us and ~~was~~ at the same time
declared by him to be his last will and testament
and we at his request signed our names hereto
as ^{attesting} witnesses
William Patterson in the County
Robert B. Gowden of Polk
in Polk County

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

This affiant being duly sworn according
to law does on his oath say that the foregoing writing purpor-
ting to be the last will and testament of William Mayfield
deceased was signed by said testator in the presence of
the undersigned and at the request of said testator and
that said deceased acknowledged and published as and
for his last will and testament and at the time of publishing the
the same the said testator was of sound mind and disposing
memory
William Patterson

State of Missouri }
County of Polk }

I William Boren Judge of the Probate
Court within and for said County and State do Certify
that the above affiant was duly sworn to the above affidavit
before me the 22^d day of April A.D. 1863

Recorded the 22 day of April. William Boren J. P.
A.D. 1863 William Boren J. P.

In pursuance of the authority to me given by the annexed Commission issued
by the Probate Judge of Polk County and State of Missouri of John Burns a Justice
of the Peace within and for said County did on the 23^d day of April 1863 cause to
come before me at the residence of Robert B. Gowden in Moony Township in
Polk County in the State of Missouri Robert B. Gowden who being duly sworn according
to law deposeth and saith that the foregoing writing purporting to be
the last will and testament of William Mayfield deceased was
signed by said testator in the presence of the undersigned and
at the request of said testator and that said deceased acknow-
ledged and published as ^{and} for his last will and testament
and at the time of publishing the same the said testator was of sound
mind and disposing memory
Robert B. Gowden

sworn to and subscribed before me the 23 day of April A.D.
1863 given under my hand the day and date above mentioned
Recorded the 23^d day of April A.D. 1863 John Burns J. P.
William Boren J. P.

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State of Missouri

County of Polk } in the name of god Amen

I Dennis Raleliff being of Sound mind and memory do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and testament for my heirs and of my estate 1st that my family may be kept together on the farm if possible and that the wheat crop now growing on the farm may be sold except a sufficient quantity for family use and also a sufficient portion of young stock be sold to pay all my last debts and that they may all be paid in due time out of the proceeds of the above named grain and property

And my desire is that my family shall remain together in peace and quiet that they keep the Balance of my property together under their immediate care of subject to the supervision of my executor until such time as he may see fit to dispose of it the corn now growing on the farm I desire that it may be let to matter and be gathered and be disposed of to the best advantage 3rd My desire is after my last debts are all paid and a proper equilibrium made up between John & Robert in money and that fifteen dollars refunded to Robert that was used of his money and the younger children gets their support and schooling all the Balance of the proceeds of sale of property or effects after defraying necessary expenses is to be placed in the hands of my Executor for the benefit of the heirs John having received a horse and gun I desire that Robert shall have one and I desire that Robert shall have my rifle gun and that John and Robert will each credit the estate with a horse and gun and as I gave John & Robert their liberty at twenty my desire is that the other boys may have the same favours 4th I hereby constitute and appoint David L Stockton my executor to this my last will and testament signed and delivered in the presence of witnesses the 28th day of May A.D. 1863

Dennis Raleliff

Richard ^{his} ~~last~~ ^{testament}
mark

P B Lawrence

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I, Pleasant M Proffitt of the County of Polk
and State of Missouri being of lawfull age and
of sound mind and disposed memory do make
and constitute this my last Will and testament
And first I will and bequeath my soul to
god and my Body to be decently enterea
according to my rank in Society, and my
ability will allow

Secondly I desire my funeral expences all
paid first then all my last debts to be paid
out of my estate

Thirdly I will and bequeath a sufficient
portion of the present crop now on hand to
be set apart for the support of my family
for one year

Fourth I will all the remaining portion of
my property both Real and personal to be
sold at as early period as can be so as to
secure the best prices for the same at public sale
and the proceeds to be equally divided amongst
all my lawfull heirs with the exception of
two colts one bay colt one year old next spring
the other a two year old last spring a dark
son gray the Bay colt I will to my beloved
son Pleasant A Will Proffitt over and above
an equal portion Also I will and bequeath
to my beloved son Benjamin I Proffitt the son
gray colt over and above an equal portion of my
Estate

I desire that William Boren live in the house
with and superintend and contrale my children
and all my property both personal and real
until the same is disposed of by my
Excecutor or administrator according to law
provisions of this my last will and testament, where
of I have here unto set my hand and seal this the
14th day of July 1863 Pleasant M Proffitt
attest

E H Diver
Lebbe Drake

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State of Missouri
County of Polk } These affiants being duly sworn according
to law do on their oaths say and declare that the
foregoing witness purporting to be the last will and testament
of Pleasant M Proffitt deceased was signed by the
testator in our presence to be the last will and testament
and at the request of said testator and said testator
acknowledged and published the same and at the
time of publishing the same the testator was of sound
mind and disposing memory E. H. Davis
Jesse Drake

Sworn to and Subscribed before me the day
of August A.D. 1863 In testimony whereof I
William Boren Judge of the Probate Court of
Polk county have here unto signed my
name and affixed my private seal there being
no seal of office
William Boren
Probate Judge

I Noah Lang of the county of Polk and State of
Missouri knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty
of death do hereby make and execute my last will
and testament hereby revoking all former wills by
me made 1. I desire all my Just debts to be
paid out of my Estate
2 I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy
Lang one equal half of my farm the dividing
line to be run north and south leaving her
half on the eastern side all of said all of
said farm lying and being in section No two
Range 22 town ship thirty four in said
county (Bottom) the said farm in all containing
between eight and nine hundred acres all so
I will and bequeath to her my beloved wife all
(my) stock which I may possess at the time
of my death to wit horses mules cattle hogs
so in the same to wit said property both

the real and personal to remain with her
and in her possession for her use and benefit
during her widowhood as my widow
I will and bequeath at her death or marriage
that the aforesaid property both real and
personal go and descend as follows for half of
said land to my son Nathan and one third
of the personal property

I will and bequeath the other two thirds of said
property to my son ~~Reuben~~ ^{Reuben} also I give and
bequeath to said Reuben the west half of the
aforesaid eight or nine hundred acres of land
I also will and bequeath to my two sons Nathan
and Reuben one hundred and twenty acres of
land which I own lying in the county of
(Polk) forty of which 120 was purchased by me
from Thornton Wainscott forty entered in the
name of Isaac Boren and the forty acres entered
in my own name at Warsaw further I will
and bequeath to my son Nathan a negro boy
named Burrill I also will and bequeath to
my son Reuben my negro boy named George
I will and bequeath my daughter Margaret
Catherine (Chauk) one ~~half~~ ^{half} Elizabeth long
the residue of my Effects both real and
personal not here in disposed of to be equally
divided between them

I hereby appoint my beloved wife Nancy
Long my Executrix and do not desire
her to give bond as such Executrix

I (hereby) will and desire in case said
negroes or either of them should become
disagreeable or refractory that my Executrix
shall sell them and give to each of my
sons the proceeds according to their right as
bears in before (mentioned) and that same
be put at trust until they arrive at
the age of twenty one years In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal

This the 12 day of March 1861

Gas H. Loomis

Wm J. Applegate

E. Cook Long

State of Missouri
County of Polk } Then affiants being duly sworn according
to law do on their oaths declare that the foregoing writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of Noah
Long deceased was signed by the testator and that the
said deceased acknowledged and published the same
as his last will and testament and at the time of
publishing the same the testator was of sound and
disposing memory

Jas H Looney

State of Missouri
County of Polk } He it remembered that on the 17th day of September 1863 per
sonally appeared before the Judge of the Probate Court within and for said
County & State James H Looney one of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will
of Noah Long making duly sworn says that the said Noah Long the testator sub
scribed the same in his presence and published the said will or instrument of
writing as his last will that he the testator was at the time of publishing his
said will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and the said
affiants attested the said will as witness thereto by subscribing their names to
the same in the presence of said ~~testator~~ Jas H Looney

sworn to and subscribed the 17th day of September A.D.
1863

In witness whereof I William Bowen Judge
of the Probate Court within and for said
County, have hereunto set my name and affixed
my private seal of said Court at office (I have no
seal of office) the 17th day of September A.D. 1863

William Bowen Jg
By J. W. Cunningham Clerk

Recorded the 17th day of September A.D. 1863
William Bowen Judge
Probate Court Polk
County



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The last will and testament of James Scroggins of Dalk
County Missouri

I James Scroggins considering the uncertainty of this
mortal life and being of sound mind and memory do make
and publish this my last will and testament in manner
and form following (That is to say)

First I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth the
sum of two hundred dollars in money Four of the choice
of my broad mares and my Wagon and one yoke of
Cattle and three of the choice Milk Cows Twelve head of the
choice Sheep and the entire Stock of Hogs and all my
Crap of wheat the entire Corn Crop the entire Crop of Hay
Oats and Rye and my wheat saw and all of my Bee Stands
and all of my farming tools and Cows of all kinds and
all of the Household and Kitchen furniture and the heavy
Loom and one mans Saddle and one Side Saddle known as
husside saddle also and the North West quarter of section
seventeen in Township Thirt two of Range Twenty two
West in the County of Dalk and State of Missouri all
of the above and foregoing mentioned goods Chattels
Monys lands and Tenements for her use and benefit
during her natural life and at her death the increase
proceeds and profits that remain to fall back to my bodily
heirs The remainder of my money Chattels goods property
and effects to be sold at public sale by my legal

Administratrix or Administrator as the case may be
at such time and with such Authority as the law directs and
the proceeds go to the use and benefit of my Bodily heirs
equally I hereby appoint my said wife Elizabeth first
Administratrix and her Father John Ballinger second as
her aid and assistant Administrator of this my last
will and testament hereby revoking all former wills
by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal the 18th day of August in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty
three 1863 James ^{his} Scroggins
mark

This will was written by J. J. Davis and at the request
of the testator J. J. Davis

The above and foregoing instrument consisting
of one sheet of paper was now here subscribed

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by James Scroggins the testator in the presence of
each of us and was at the ^{same} time declared by him
to be his last will and testament and we at his
request signed our names hereto as attesting witnesses

James M. Pike Sen
Stephen Sawyer
Samuel Shoulder

The foregoing and within will and testament still
remains as it was to the exception of said yoke of
Cattle which if they should be sold by my direction I
give and bequeath to my beloved wife the price of said
Cattle in addition to the money heretofore given her and
I further give her all of the present crop of grain and
hay raised on my farm the present season

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand
and affix my seal this the 18th day of August 1863

his
James Scroggins Seal
mark

The above was written by J. S. Davis at the request of
the testator J. S. Davis

The above and foregoing instrument was now here
subscribed by James Scroggins testator in the presence
of each of us and was at the same time declared by
him to be his last will and testament and we at his
request signed our names as attesting witnesses

Test. James M. Pike Sen
James Ballinger

State of Missouri
County of Polk

These affidavits being sworn according
to law doth depose and say that the foregoing writing
purporting to be the last will and testament of
James Scroggins deceased late of Polk County
Missouri was signed by said testator in our pres-
ence and at the request of said testator and
that said testator acknowledged the same ~~as his~~
and published the same as his last will and

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testament and for his last will and testament and at the
time of publishing the same the said testator was of sound
mind and disposing memory James M. Pike Secy
Samuel Shouder

Known to and subscribed before me this the 15th day of
September 1863 In witness whereof I William Boren
Judge of the Probate Court within and for said
County of Polk and State of Missouri have
here unto subscribed my name and affixed
my private Seal of Office having no Seal of
Office don at Office the 15th day of September
A.D. 1863 William Boren J. C.
J. W. Cunningham C. S.

Recorded September 15th 1863
William Boren J. C.
J. W. Cunningham C. S.

I Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant a resident
of Polk County in the State of Missouri being diseased
in body but of sound ~~mind~~ and disposing ~~memory~~
mind and memory do make and publish this my
last will and testament and first and principally
I commit my soul into the hands of my Creator
who gave it and my body to the Earth to be interred
in such suitable manner as my friends and
relations may direct and as to such worldly
estate as it has pleased God to intrust me
with I dispose of the same as follows to wit
In the first place I desire that John T. Thompson
shall take my place as Administrator of the estate
of my Father Albert Bryant deceased
And I will and bequeath all my Estate both
Real and personal Equally to John T. Thompson
and George W. Thompson after the payment of all
my fathers and my just debts except and

Pay more which I will exclusively unto John
W. Thompson

3rd If there be any unknown heirs I will and
bequeath unto each of them the sum of five dollars
to be paid out of the effects of my Estate

In Witness Whereof I the said Sarah Ann Melvina
Bryant have to this my last Will and testament
written on one sheet of paper set my hand and
Seal this the 13th of December A.D. 1863

Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant
witnesses
John Inglis

We attest the above and foregoing Will by Subscribing
our names hereto as witnesses in the presence
of Sarah Ann Melvina Bryant the Testatrix
this the 13th day of December 1863

Samuel N. Lyttle
John Inglis

State of Ohio's county
County of Polk } In Vacation of the County Court

Be it remembered that on the 26th day
of December A.D. 1863 personally appeared before
the undersigned Thomas W. Cunningham Clerk of
the County Court of the County and State of Ohio and
Samuel N. Lyttle and John Inglis the Subscribing
witnesses to the annexed Will of Sarah Ann Melvina
Bryant and being by me duly sworn depose and
say that the said Samuel N. Lyttle deposes and
says that he signed the name of Sarah Ann Melvina
Bryant the Testatrix to the annexed Will by her
direction at her request and in her presents
and that the said Samuel N. Lyttle and John
Inglis depose and say that the said Sarah
Ann Melvina Bryant the Testatrix produced
the said Will or instrument of writing to be
her act and publishes the same as her last will that
she the said Testatrix was at the time of publishing
the said will of sound mind and more than
Twenty ~~years~~ years of age and that the said

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deponents attest the said will as witnesses thereto
by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of
the said testatrix

In witness whereof Samuel R. Lytle &
John Inglis

In witness whereof I Thomas W. Cunningham
Clerk of the County Court of the County of Polk and
State aforesaid have hereto subscribed my name
and affixed the Seal of said Court at office in the
County aforesaid this the 26th day of December
A.D. 1863 T. W. Cunningham Clerk

Recorded December 26th 1863
T. W. Cunningham Clerk

I Samuel G. Beckley of the County of Polk in the
State of Missouri considering the uncertainty of this mortal life
and being of sound mind and memory do hereby make and pub-
lish this my last Will and Testament (To wit)

1st I Will and advise that after my death my funeral expenses
and all my just debts be paid out of my estate

2nd I Will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Jane
Beckley the farm on which I now live consisting of the
South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section
no 24 and the East half of the South West quarter of Section no 24
except 27 3/4 acres sold off the north end of said 80 acres tract (to
James Mc Cluer) also the East half of the North West quarter of Section
No 25 and the West half of the North West quarter of the North East
quarter of Section 25 and the North East quarter of the South East
quarter of Section No 25 (except Five acres more or less sold
to Rebecca Wash off the North east corner of said 40 acres
tract also Five acres more or less off of the west side of the
east half of the South quarter of Section No 25 commencing
at a Rock near Rubin Wash's Spring Branch and running
due South to the boundary line also the South West quarter of
the North East quarter of Section No 25 all in Township No 32
Range No 22 also the Lots numbered two of the North West
fractional quarter and the North half of lot numbered two

South West fractional quarter of Section No 31 in Township No 32 of Range No 21 to have and hold together with all appertaining thereto until my son Benton L. Beckly arrives at the age of Twenty one year and then I will and bequeath to her my present Mansion House and Twenty acres of Land including the orchard Barn Lots Stables &c &c during her natural life also I give and bequeath unto my said wife Jane Beckly one Chesnut Sorel Horse named Mike and one Chesnut Sorel Mare named Blaze and one Two Horse Wagon Thru Choice Milk Cows all my House hold and Kitchen Furniture all my farming Utensills all the grain and provisions on hand at my death and all the beds and Bedding on hand and Fifty Hundred Dollars in Money which I order to be loaned out at Legal interest by my Executor hereinafter named and appointed and the interest to be paid to her annually and which Sum of Fifty Hundred Dollars shall be divided equally between my legal heirs after her death or at the expiration of her widowhood

3rd I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lillie Smart late Lillie Beckly and to the heirs of her body the following described Lots Tracts or parcels of Land situate in the County of Polk in the State of Missouri (to wit) The South West quarter of North East quarter and the North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section No 36 in Township No 32 of Range No 22 To have and to hold said Tracts of Land together with the appertinances to her and the heirs of her body and if she has no bodily heirs at her death the said Land and appertinances shall revert to her brothers and sisters equally also One Hundred Dollars in money which I order to be loaned out at legal interest by my Executors and the interest paid to her annually and at her death or at the expiration of her widowhood (or present State) then said Sum of Money is to be divided equally among the rest of my legal heirs this I give and bequeath unto her and no more this being her full share of my estate

4th I have given to my Daughter Isabella Wash late Isabella Beckly the wife of Reuben Wash the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars in Real estate

5th I have given to my son John S Beckly the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars in Real Estate

6th I have given unto my Daughter Sarah A Neil late Beckly wife of Arch Neil the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars in Real Estate.

7th I have given to my Daughter Melinda Scroggins late Beckly wife of Eduard Scroggins the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars in Real Estate.

8th I have given to Elizabeth McCluer late Beckly wife of Mr L McCluer the sum of Six Hundred Dollars in Real Estate I give and bequeath unto her the sum of Two Hundred Dollars in money to make her sum equal to those above mentioned (or Eight Hundred Dollars) to be paid by my Executors after my death.

9th I give and bequeath unto my son Benton L. Beckly the farm on which I now live wherein of which are given first above which is to remain in possession of his Mother Jane Beckly untill said Benton L. Beckly arrives at the age of Twenty one years provided she remains a widow till that time and Benton L. Beckly I will to have possession of said premises when he arrives at the age of Twenty one years except the Twenty acres including the Mansion House Orchard Barn &c. which he shall have possession of at the death or expiration of the Widowhood of said Jane Beckly and if my said wife Jane Beckly should die in that case he is to have possession of the whole of said real Estate together with the appurtenances thereof and in the event that her widowhood should expire at any time after said Benton L. Beckly arrives at the age of Twenty one years then he shall have full possession of said Twenty acres including the House Barn &c. he is to have the described premises at one Thousand Dollars which will make his sum equal to those above mentioned (or in other words the premises are to be valued at a Thousand Dollars).

10th I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Ellen Jane Beckly the following described tracts or parcels of Land Situate lying and being in said County of Polk (To wit) The North East quarter of Section No 24 Township No 32 Range No 22 and the South half of Lot numbered Two of South West fractional quarter of Section No 31 in Township No 32 of Range No 21 also the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to

to make her sum equal to the Eight Hundred Dollars received by those mentioned above to be paid out of my Estate by my Executors also a Horse Saddle & Bridle with one Hundred dollars and Twenty five Dollars

11th After my funeral expences just debts and the Legacies above mentioned are paid then the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate goods & Chattels of what kind and nature soever I order and will to be divided equally among all my legal heirs

12th I do hereby nominate and appoint my said beloved wife Jane Beckly and my son John S. Beckly my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made
Samuel G. Beckly

The above Instrument consisting of five pages was now here subscribed by Samuel G. Beckly the Testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last Will and testament and we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting witnesses

Gasiah Lane of Polk Co, Mo,
James B. Herr
John B. Lusk
Winifrey Owens
John C. Cochran

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on the 2nd day of February 1864 personally appeared before the Hon County Court of the County of Polk and State of Missouri in Term time and while the same was in session John C. Cochran and James B. Herr the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Samuel G. Beckly and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said Testator Samuel G. Beckly acknowledged that he subscribed the same in their presence and published the said Will as instrument of writing as his last Will and that the said Testator was at the time of publishing his said Will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and the said deponents attested

the said Will as witnesses thereto by Subscribing their
names ~~to the same~~ in the presence of said Testator
John C. Cochran
James W. Kerr

In Witness Whereof I James Jump President
of the County Court of Polk and State aforesaid have
hereto Subscribed my name and caused the Seal of
said Court to be affixed at office in Bolivar. The
2nd day of February A.D. 1864

James Jump J. C. C.
Recorded February 3rd 1864
V. M. Cunningham Clerk

In the name of God amen I Samuel Hayden
of 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 ordain publish and declare this to be my last
will and testament that is to say First after all my
lawfull debts are paid and discharged the residue of
my estate real and personal I give and dispose of
as follows to wit To my Beloved wife Peggy Hayden
all my personal property together with all moneys as
well as all that may be due me to use and dispose
of as best suits her wishes and desires I also Bequeath
to her my aforesaid wife my Farm with all the
appurtenances to have and enjoy full possession
of during her natural life ~~and~~ My single two
single daughters shall have their support from the
proceeds of the farm as long as they remain single
I hereby constitute and appoint my Sons Daniel
and Kinzie Hayden to be my Executor of this
my last will and Testament At the decease
of my wife the Farm and real Estate shall be
sold to the ~~Highest bidder~~ best advantage and
equal division made to all my Children
or their heirs Share and Share alike

I hereby revoking all former wills made by me
 In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed
 my name and affixed my seal the Twenty second
 October one thousand eight hundred and sixty two
 Samuel Hayden

The above written Instrument was subscribed
 by the said Samuel Hayden in our presence and
 acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same
 time published and declared the the above instrument to
 be his last will and Testament and
 we at the testators request and in his presence have
 signed our names as Witnesses thereto and
 written opposite our names our respective ~~residence~~
 places of residence Let Thomas & Peters Palke Missouri

Margaret A. Peters Palke Missouri

J. F. Sherwood Missouri

State of Missouri
 County of Palk 3ds

Be it remembered that on the 20th day
 of February A.D. 1864 personally appeared before
 the undersigned Thomas W. Cunningham Clerk of
 the County Court of the County and State aforesaid
 Let Thomas & Peters Margaret A. Peters and
 J. F. Sherwood of Palk County Missouri the
 subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Samuel
 Hayden who being by me first duly sworn dep-
 oses and says that the said Samuel Hayden
 the said Testator subscribed the same in their presence
 and published the said Will or instrument of
 writing as his last will that he the said Testator
 was at the time of publishing his said Will of
 sound mind and more than Twenty one years
 of age and that they the said deponents attested
 the said Will as witnesses thereto by subscribing
 their names to the same in the presence of
 said Testator

In Witness Whereof Thomas & Peters
 Thomas W. Cunningham Margaret A. Peters
 Clerk of the County Court J. F. Sherwood

of the County of Palk and State of Missouri have hereunto
 Subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court
 at office in the County aforesaid this 20th day of Febru-
 -ary A.D. 1864 J. W. Cunningham Clerk

Recorded February 20th 1864.
 J. W. Cunningham Clerk

I William Ashlock of the State of Missouri
 and County of Palk being in my sound mind do make
 the following instrument as my last will and Testament
 (Wit) First It is my desire that (that) my debts be
 paid out of any money or notes that may be on hand
 at my decease.
 Then Second I leave to my beloved wife Mary
 Ashlock the following real estate so long as she remains
 my widow (Wit) first a lot of land on the West
 side lying in the East half of the Southeast quarter
 of Section fourteen in Township thirty four of range
 of range twenty four and part of the lot lying in
 the East half of the North East quarter of Section
 twenty three in Township thirty four and Range
 twenty four West containing forty acres more or
 less It being a piece or parcel of land which
 my Father Obediah Ashlock gave to me also the
 North West quarter of the South East quarter of
 Section fourteen in Township thirty four of range
 twenty four also the South West quarter of the South
 East quarter of Section fourteen in Township thirty
 four of Range twenty four West containing forty
 acres also the South quarter of the South West quarter
 of Section fourteen in Township thirty four of Range
 twenty four West containing forty acres also the North
 West quarter of the North East quarter of Section
 twenty three in Township thirty four of Range
 twenty four West containing forty acres also
 the South West quarter of the North East of North
 East quarter of (of) North West quarter of Section
 twenty three of Township thirty four of Range 24

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss

Be it remembered that on the 8th day of February 1864 personally appeared before the undersigned Thomas W. Cunningham Clerk of the County Court within and for the County and State of said Alexander Melick and James M. Mead the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of William Ashlock and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said William Ashlock the testator subscribed the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will and testament that the said testator was at the time of publishing his said Will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and that they the said deponents attended the said Will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator

A. Melick
James M. Mead

In Witness whereof I Thomas W. Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of the County of Polk and State aforesaid have hereunto subscribed and my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office in the County aforesaid this 8th day of February A.D. 1864

T. W. Cunningham Clerk

Recorded February 8th 1864
T. W. Cunningham Clerk

State of Missouri
County of Polk I In the name of God Amen
I Isaac Hendricks do hereby make my
last will and Testament

First I will that all of my just debts be paid
Second I will that my wife Elizabeth Jane
Hendricks have the Law with all the rights
and title that of her life time also one Gray
Mare and also three Cows and also Hags enough
to make her meet two years and I will also that
little Joseph keep his belt

Third I will that my 2 children Caroline & Isaac
C. Hendricks have each one hundred Dollars
-also I will that William Gop have forty five Dollars
and also I will that Margaret Jane Hendricks
have one hundred Dollars & also I will that
Joseph C. Cannon have pay for his share
that my son Gibson be carried off and also I will
that this 2 little children Caroline & Isaac C.
have the forty Acres of Land that I paid for after
their mother's death and also I will that Emily
Aranda my daughter have one cow next choice
to my wife and also I will that William Gop
have enough to make one hundred and that Gop
have fifty five if there is enough to make that
amount for them and if there is any more
there is will be it may be divided between
my wife and all of my children except Gibson
he has had more than his share already
and I also will that Thomas H. of Be my
Executor to settle up my estate this the
fourth day of April 1841

Isaac Hendricks

Attest

Alfred Dinege
Jury Kersey

State of Michigan
County of Polk
Be it remembered that
on this the 2nd day of May A.D. 1864 before me
Shos W Cunningham Clerk of the County Court
within and for the County of Polk personally
appeared Dury Kessey and Alfred Driege
who being by me duly sworn upon their oaths
deposed and says that they was present and
heard Isaac Hendricks authorize Thomas Day
to assign his name to the foregoing instrument
purporting to be the last will and Testament of
him the said Isaac Hendricks and heard him
publish and declare the same to be his last will
and Testament and that at the time of signing
the same the said Isaac Hendricks was of
sound and disposing mind and that deponents
attending witnesses subscribed their names thereto
as witnesses to the same in the presence of the
testator and of each other and at the request
of the said Isaac Hendricks

Alfred Driege
Dury Kessey

Subscribed & sworn to
before me this 2nd day of
May 1864
S W Cunningham Clerk

Recorded this 2 day of May A.D. 1864
S W Cunningham Clerk

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My last Will

In the name of God Amen
I Walter Spencer of the County of Polk and State
of Missouri, of Sound and disposing mind and in
my insane health or although weak in body and
not long expecting to live Desirous of disposing
of the Estate with which God has blest 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 Soul to God and my wish ^{that} 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 to be paid first out of my personal
Estate if it shall be sufficient for that purpose
first. I bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth
Spencer Eighty two acres of my Real estate bounded
as follows The East half of North west Quarter of Section
Twenty in Township Thirty Three of Range Twenty Three
West. also two acres More or Less bounded as follows
beginning at a point Sixty Rods East of the North
west Corner of the South west quarter of Section
Twenty thence South Thirteen Rods thence East
Twenty five Rods thence North Thirteen Rods
thence West Twenty five Rods to the beginning
also.

All the personal property that remains
after my Debts are paid to have and to hold
during her natural life, after her Decease then
what may remain to be equally divided
between my Son Abraham Spencer and my
Son Isaac Spencer my Daughter Martha
Hafford & Jacob Spencer and my Son John
Spencer. I nominate and appoint my Son
Walter Spencer as the Executor of this my last
will and testament in testimony whereof I
hereto subscribe my name this 14th day of
August A.D. 1864

Walter ^{Spencer}
mark

Jose H. Murray
A. C. Mitchell

State of Missouri
County of Polk, 3 In vocation

Be it remembered that on the 9th day of September 1864 personally appeared before the undersigned Thomas W Cunningham Clerk of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Jesse H Murray and Adam C Mitchell the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Walter Spencer and being by me first duly sworn deposes and says that the said Walter Spencer the Testator made his mark to his name to the annexed will in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will that he the said Testator was at the time of publishing his last will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and that they the said Deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names hereto to the same in presence of said Testator

Jesse H Murray
A C Mitchell

In witness whereof I Thomas W Cunningham
Clerk of the County Court of the County of Polk
and State aforesaid have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed the Seal of said Court
at office in the County aforesaid this 9th day
of September A.D. 1864

Thomas W Cunningham Clerk

Probate approved
Sept 13th 1864
James Gump P. C. C.

I John M Link of the County of Polk
and State of Missouri do make and publish
this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all former wills by ^{me} be made at
this time hereto forward.

first I direct that all my just Debts and
funeral expenses be paid out of the first
money that may come into the
hands of my Executor hereafter made
out of any portion of my Estate real

accept or personal

Second I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Link to her and to her heirs forever all the remainder of my estate both real and personal money's debts demands due or to become due and all assets that may come into the hands of my executor belonging to my estate after the payment of my debts and funeral expenses as above specified the above named real estate is situated in the said County of Polk and State of Missouri I do hereby constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth Link executrix of this my last will and testament

In witness whereof I, John M. Link the Testator have to this my will set my hand and seal this the twenty seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us who have subscribed in the presence of each other

James Grump
James ^{his} Criswell
mark

John M. Link Seal

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on this 6th day of November A.D. 1865 before the undersigned clerk of the County Court for said County person - ally appeared before me James Grump and James Criswell whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing as witnesses thereto who being duly sworn according to law and their oaths declared that they each subscribed their names to said will instrument of writing as witnesses thereto in presence and at the request of said Testator and that said Testator signed and subscribed said writing in their presence as and for his last will and

Testament and at the time of signing
and subscribing the same was of sound
mind and memory James ^{his} ~~husband~~ Criswell
James Jump

I now to and subscribed

before me in testimony whereof I Thos
W Cunningham Clerk of Said
Court have hereto signed my
name and affixed the seal
of Said Court at Office in
Bolivar this November 1865

Probate approved
Thos Higginbotham
P. C. C.

Thos Cunningham Clerk
By W L Snodgrass D.C.

Recorded November
24th 1865

Thos Cunningham Clerk
By W L Snodgrass D.C.

I Susanna Barrow of the County of Polk and
State of Missouri do hereby make and publish
this my last will and Testament hereby revoking
all others 1st I will that all my just Debts
be paid 2^d It is my and desire that Cassandra
Chrice, Benjamin Barrow, Ann M Gravelly, William M
Barrow and Mary M Stockton be paid by my Executors
The Sum of one dollar each The Same to be their full
Share of my estate and I do hereby exclude each of
them from any share in my Estate except Said
Sum of one Dollar each

3rd I will and bequeath to my beloved
Child Julia Arnold wife of James Arnold all
the residue of my Estate real personal and
mixed which I may be seized of and until
-led to

4th I hereby nominate constitute and
appoint William C Arnold (my grandson)
Executor of this my last will and
Testament In witness whereof I Susanna

Barrow have here subscribed my name and
affixed my Seal this 28th day May 1859

Susanna Barrow

To attest the above and foregoing will by
subscribing our names thereto as witnesses
in the presence of Susanna Barrow the Testator
this 28th day of May 1859

John H Snyder

A A Anderson

Israel W Burns

State of Illinois

Clinton County

Personally appeared before
me Chas H Guthrie Clerk of the County Court
in and for said Clinton County and State
aforesaid A A Anderson a subscribing
witness to the foregoing Instrument of
writing purporting to be the last Will and
Testament of Susanna Barrow late of Polk
County and State of Missouri Deceased who
being duly sworn according to Law does
depose and say that the foregoing is
the last will and Testament of Susanna Barrow
deceased that he subscribed his name thereto as
the attesting Witness at the request of the
said Testatrix and in her presence and in the
presence of John H Snyder and Israel W Burns
the other two subscribing Witnesses to said
will on the 28th day of May 1859

That she the said Susanna Barrow then
and there subscribed her name thereto
in my presence and declared the same
to be her last will and Testament and that
the said Testatrix at the time of executing
the same as aforesaid was of full age
of sound mind and memory and under
no constraint

Sworn to and A A Anderson

Subscribed before

me this 4th day of November 1865

Chas H Guthrie Clerk

State of Illinois
County of Cass 3rd

Personally appeared before me
Charles Mc Oliver a Notary Public in the County and
State of Illinois John F. Snyder a subscribing witness
to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to
be the last will and testament of Susanna Barrow
late of Polk County and State of Missouri Died
who being duly sworn according to law does
depose and say that the foregoing is the last
will and testament of the said Susanna Barrow
Deceased that he subscribed the same his name
thereto as an attesting witness thereto at the request
of the said Testatrix and in her presence and
in the presence of N. A. Anderson and Israel
W. Burns the other two subscribing witnesses
to said will on the 28th day of May 1859
that the said Susanna Barrow then and
there subscribed her name thereto in my
presence and declared the same to be her last
will and testament and that the said Testatrix
at the time of Executing the same as aforesaid
was of full age of sound mind and memory
and under no constraint John F. Snyder
Sworn to and Subscribed
before me this 20th 1865—

Chas Mc Oliver

Notary Public

Recorded No
24th 1865—

Virginia Cass Co Ill

J. W. Cunningham Clerk

By W. L. Broadguss D.C.

In the name of God Amen I Sidney
 Harper of the County of Polk and State
 of Missouri of Sound and disposing mind
 And in my usual health or although
 weak in body and not long expecting
 to live desirous of disposing of the estate
 with which God has blest me according
 to my will do here by 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
 wishes is that 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 to
 be paid first Out of my personal
 Estate, Sarah M Chandler one hundred
 and fifty dollars to have absolutely and
 the residue to be divided equally between
 my brothers and Sisters I nominate and
 appoint Hugh H Chandler as the Executor
 of this my last will and Testament. in
 Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my
 name this 30th day of April 1866
 Attest
 Jesse Potter
 George Potter
 Sidney ^{his} Harper
 J. M. H.

State of Missouri }
 County of Polk } ss

In Vacation of the
 County Court

Be it Remembered that on the 16th day
 of July 1866 personally appeared before
 the undersigned J. H. B. Dunnegan Clerk of
 the County Court of the County and State
 aforesaid Jesse Potter and George Potter
 the subscribing witnesses to the annexed
 will of Sidney Harper and being by me
 first duly sworn depose and say that
 the said Sidney Harper the Testator subscribed

the same in their presence and published the said will or instrument of writing as his last will. That he the said Testator was at the time of Publishing his said will of sound mind and more than twenty one years of age and that they the said deponents attested the said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said Testator

Jesse Potter
George Potter

J. B.

In Witness Whereof J. H. B. Dunnegan clerk of the County Court of the County of Polk and State aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Office in Bolivar this 16th day of July 1866
J. H. B. Dunnegan
Clerk

Recorded July 18th 1866
J. H. B. Dunnegan Clerk

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I Delila Piper a resident of Polk County
in the State of Missouri being of lawful age and
sound mind Disposing memory do make Constitue
and publish this as my last Will and Testament
and 1st I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter,
Nancy Johnston my Bay Mare Saddle and house-
hold Furniture 2nd. I give and bequeath my farm
On which I now live, as follows first the above named
farm shall be rented out until my Grand Son James
Johnston becomes of lawful age. and the rent thereof to
be appropriated in keeping my farm in repair and the
excess thereof to be equally divided among my grand
Children Secondly. at the lawful age of James Johnston
(my Grandson) the said farm will be sold at public
Sale to the highest bidder and the proceeds thereof will be
equally divided between my Grand Children Delila McFair
Richard M Johnson Menerva J Johnson Samuel R Johnson
James Johnson and Abraham L Johnson. after all my just
debts are paid 3rd. I Will all my ^{remaining} stock on the farm to
be sold and the proceeds thereof to pay my Burial expenses
and Marking my Grave 4th. I hereby appoint Thos.
Keggimbalham Executor of ^{this} my last Will and Testament
Witness: J. James M Jones. Delila ^{her} Piper
Wm J McKinney ^{mark}

We attest the
above and foregoing Will by Subscribing our names
hereto as Witnesses in the presence of Delila Piper
the Testator this the Seventeenth day of April 1867.

W. F. McKinney
James M Jones

State of Missouri
County of Polk Be it remembered that on
the 7 Day of May A.D. 1867 personally appeared
before the undersigned Clerk of the County Court of
said County W. F. McKinney and James M
Jones the Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed Will
of Delila Piper and being by me first duly sworn
the said W. F. McKinney deposes and says that he
Signed the name of Delila Piper the Testator to the
annexed Will by her direction at her request and
in her presence and the said W. F. McKinney, and

James M Jones depose and Say that the Said Delila Piper produced the Said Will or Instrument of writing to be her act and published the Same as her last Will that she the Testator was at the time of publishing her Said Will of Sound mind and more than Twenty one (21) years of age and that the Said deponents attested the Said Will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names thereto in the presence of the Said Testator

W H McKimney
James M Jones



In Witness whereof I have hereunto Signed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at office in Belmar this the 7 Day of May AD 1867.
W R Burros Clerk
by M L Snodgrass C.

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Armstrong of the State of Wisconsin and County of Polk being mindful of the Mortality of my body I Make this my Will and Testament first I Will that my funeral expenses be fully paid and I Will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Margaret Armstrong all my personal property during her natural life to be disposed of as she may Wish at her death I also bequeath unto her my beloved Wife Margaret Armstrong all of my land &c as follows beginning at a rock at the north west Corner of the South west quarter of Section No (10) Town 31 Range 21. Thence east to the north east Corner of Said quarter section thence South 34. Chains and 88. links to a Stake thence North 75°. 40' west 41. Chains and 22 links to a Stake thence North 24. Chains and 66 links to the beginning Containing one thousand and nineteen acres and 7/10 of an acre also part of the north west quarter of Section 10. Town 31. of Range 21 beginning at South west Corner of Said quarter section Thence North 13 Chains and 85 links to a Stake Thence east 40. chains

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to a Stake thence South 13 Chains and 85 links to the South east Corner of said corner quarter thence West 40. Chains to the beginning Containing 55 acres and $\frac{1}{10}$ of an acre except 10 acres on the South east corner of said tract or parcel of land also a part of the west half of the South east $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10 Town 31 Range 21 beginning 66 poles north of the SW Corner of the said Sec 4. thence North 24. poles to a Stone the Corner of said Section 10. thence east 80 poles to a Stone thence South 84 poles to a Stone thence West 40 poles to a fence on the Bank of a branch thence a Strait line to the beginning Corner Containing 44. acres and 100 poles during her natural life At her death I will and bequeath the above named land to be equally divided between my two Sons Abner Armstrong and Hannibal Armstrong and having already given to my Oldest Daughter Mary Jane Gilemwater Eighty Dollars, I will and bequeath unto her heirs one hundred and twenty Dollars more making two hundred to her. also I will and bequeath to my daughter Sarah E. Gowden One Hundred Dollars also to my Daughter Lydia Ann Burnes. I will and bequeath One Hundred Dollars. Also having given to my Son James Armstrong five hundred Dollars. I will and bequeath unto him five Dollars more making five hundred ^{and five} Dollars to him, and I hereby Appoint my beloved ~~Son~~ Wife Margaret Armstrong and my Son Abner Armstrong as my Executors In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the 2nd Day of October in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Six Samuel Armstrong

The above instrument Consisting of one Sheet was now here Subscribed by Samuel P. Armstrong the Testator in the presence of each of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his will and Testament and We at his request Signed our names hereto as attesting Witnesses

Wm. McNaughton
 W. B. Epps. 3 Witnesses

State of Missouri
County of Polk
Be It remembered that on this
the 7 Day of June A.D. 1867 personally appeared
before the undersigned County Clerk of the County and
State aforesaid Wm McVausandt and W. B. Epps
the Subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of
Samuel Armstrong and being by me 1st duly Sworn
States that the Said Samuel Armstrong Signed
Sealed and delivered the foregoing will in their
presence and the Said Wm McVausandt and
W B Epps deposes and Says that the Said Samuel
Armstrong produced the Said Will or Instrument
of Writing to be his act and published the Same
to be his last will that he the Said Testator was
at the time of publishing his Said will of
Sound Mind and more 20. or 21. Years of age
and that the Said deponents attested the Said
will as witnesses thereto by Subscribing their names
to the Same in the presence of the Said Testator

W B Epps

Wm McVausandt



In Witness whereof I have
herunto Signed my name
and affixed the Seal of Said
Court at Office in Belvoir
Polk County Mo this
June the 7 A.D. 1867.
J B Burwell C.

State of Missouri
County of Polk
Know all Men by these presents
to whom it may concern that I James Davis
hereby do make my last Will the Said James
Davis being in ~~good~~ my right mind and at my
self and do by these presents do donate by Said
last as follows to wit Nancy Davis the wife of the
Said James Davis is to have the use of all my
estate Real and personal after my Death the death
of the Said James Davis so long as she lives the widow
of James Davis to have and enjoy the benefits thereof
of Said Estate and after my death and the death
of Nancy Davis the wife of the Said James Davis and
all the Debts paid that is against the Said Estate the balance
and all of the Estate of James Davis and Nancy Davis
to be equally divided among and between all my
lawful heirs the foregoing is my last will assigned
by me this the 28 Day of March A.D. 1866
James Davis
mark

We attest the above and foregoing will by Subscribing
Our names hereto as witnesses in the presence
of James Davis the Testator this the 28 Day of
March A.D. 1866
Keyekiah Gleeman
Attest William J. Griffin

State of Missouri
County of Polk
Be it remembered that on the 18.
Day of May A.D. 1866, personally appeared before the
undersigned Clerk of the County and State aforesaid
Keyekiah Gleeman and Wm. J. Griffin the Subscribing
witnesses to the annexed Will of James Davis
and being by me first duly sworn the Said
Keyekiah Gleeman deposes and says that he
Signed the name of James Davis the Testator
to the annexed will by his direction at his request
and in his presence and the Said Keyekiah
Gleeman and William J. Griffin deposes and
says that the Said James Davis produced the
Said will or instrument of writing to be his

act and published the Same as his last will that he the Said Testator was at the time of publishing his Said will of Sound mind and more than 20 or 21 Years of age and that the Said deponents attested the Said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the Same in the presence of the Said Testator.

Wm. H. Griffin
Wm. J. Griffin



In Witness whereof I have
hereto Signed my name
and affixed the Seal of Said
Court at Office in Polio
Missouri May the 18. A.D. 1867.
James B. Burros
Clerk.

State of Georgia
Muscooke County Be It remembered that at a regular Term of
the Court of Ordinary held in and for Said County in the State
aforesaid begun and held on the third to the fifth of September
1866. both days inclusive Said Court being a Court of Record
and by the Constitution and laws of said has Original exclusive
and general Jurisdiction among other things of the probate
of Wills the granting of letters Testamentary Administration and
the repeal revocation of the Same of all controversies in relation
to right Executorship or administration &c. John Johnson Ordinary
being present and presiding the following proceedings were
had

Muscooke County of Ordinary September term 1866.
and now at this term of the Court the last will and Testament
of Daniel Griffin late of Muscooke County Deceased
having been duly proven in Open Court upon the usual
oath of R B Murdock One of the Witnesses thereto it
is Ordered That the Same be and is hereby admitted to
probate & Record in common form and and Mrs
Mary E Griffin One of the Executors appearing and
offering to qualify as such in terms of the law
Lewis M Whittle the other executor declining to qualify

for the present It is Ordered that the said Mrs Griffin be allowed to qualify as Executrix and that Letters Testamentary under said will issue to her upon her taking the Oath required by law which she having done and in all things she having complied with the requirement of the law touching the premises of said Letters Testamentary and issued to her

By the Court September
the 5, 1866.

The Will and probate thereof of Daniel Griffin Dec'd
are in the words and figures following to wit
Georgia Muscogee County.

I Daniel Griffin of said County and State never having made any last will and Testament being of sound and disposing mind and memory but diminished by my advancing age and my present severe attack of Sickness that it is my duty to do make declare and publish this as my last will and Testament
1st I give my whole estate and property of every kind wherever situated and whether in possession or expectancy after the payment of my debts to my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth some four children to be equally divided among them share and share alike except that if my wife desires she may take the value of her whole interest under this will in my house and lot in Columbus Georgia at a fair valuation
2nd, The provision hereby made for my said wife to be in lieu & bar of Dower in my real estate and the property to which my daughters will be entitled under this will to be their Sole and separate estates for their lives free from their debts or contracts of any husbands they may marry and at their death to their children & descendants of children 3rd I nominate & appoint my beloved wife Mary Elizabeth & my brother in law Lewis C. Whittle Executors of this my last will & Testament my Executors may jointly in their discretion & judgement sell any portion of my property either at public or private sale as they may think best The above & foregoing subscribed declared and published as my last will and Testament this August 13 1866.
Daniel Griffin

The above and foregoing Signed Sealed declared & published by Daniel Griffin as & for his last will & Testament in our presents and we have subscribed their names as witnesses at his request in his presence & in presence of each other this August the 13 1866 R Carter

R B Murdock
A H Chappell
Geor S Morton

Muscogee Court of Ordinary. September term 1866. personally appeared in open Court R B Murdock who being duly sworn & aath thereon the 13th of August 1866. he saw Daniel Griffin late of Muscogee County deceased sign seal and declare & publish the above & foregoing as & for his last will and testament that at that time he was of sound & disposing mind & memory that he executed the same freely & voluntarily & of his own accord without any coercion compulsion or other influence that deponent subscribed the same as a witness at request of the testator in his presence and in the presence of the other three witnesses thereto to wit R Carter A H Chappell & Geor S Morton and that he saw said three witnesses subscribe the same as such in like manner with this deponent R B Murdock sworn to and subscribed in open Court Sept 5 1866.

John Johnson Ordinary

Georgia Muscogee County I do solemnly swear that the within writing contains the true last will of the therein named Daniel Griffin deceased so far as I know or believe and that I will well & truly execute the same in accordance with the laws of this State so help me God

Sworn to and subscribed } Mary V Griffin
before me September the 5 1866 }
John Johnson
Ordinary

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My Letters testamentary issued to Mary V Griffin
Executrix are in the words and characters following to
wit. Georgia Muscogee County by John
Johnson Ordinary for said County To all to
whome these presents shall come Greeting,
Know ye that on the 5th day of September in
the Year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and sixty six
the last will and testament of Daniel Griffin
late of said County deceased was exhibited in
open Court and in Common form of law
proved and admitted record by the Court
of Record by the Court of Ordinary for said
County a copy of which is herunto annexed
and Administration of the real estate & personal
estate of said Deceased was granted to Mrs
Mary Elizabeth Griffin the Executrix in & by said
will named & appointed She having first taken
the oath and performed all other requirements
required by virtue of them presents legally authorized
to administer the Estate of said Deceased according
to the tenor and effect of said will and testament
according to law and she is hereby required to
render a true and perfect inventory of all
the Estate of said Deceased and have the same
appraised and returned to said Court according
to law & to render a true & correct account to
said Court of the actions & doings Yearly & every
Year until this administration is fully completed
In witness whereof I have officially set my hand
& Seal this the Sixth day of September 1866.

John Johnson Ordinary
The appraised value of the Estate in Georgia being
\$46,020 forty six thousand & twenty Dollars
The letters testamentary are stamped with \$23.50
Twenty three and 1/2 Dollars revenue stamps
Georgia Muscogee } Ordinary's Office
County } October 13th 1866.

Upon the application of Lewis A Whittle attorney
for the Estate of Daniel S. Griffin Deceased

Some days having intervened since the application for
 further proof of the will of said Daniel
 Griffin and an Order having been issued to
 bring in the witnesses, and now on this day comes
 said Lewis H. Whittle attorney for the said estate of
 Daniel Griffin and suggests to the Court
 that while the probate of the will of Daniel
 Griffin Dec'd is sufficient under the laws
 of Georgia to pass both real and personal
 Estate yet that said Daniel Griffin owned
 considerable property in several other States
 of the Union and it is necessary that the
 probate of the will conform to the laws of those
 States It is considered by the Court that said
 suggestion is right & proper & that the other
 subscribing witnesses be called and thereupon
 come into Court one other subscribing
 witness to wit R. Carter - It appearing by
 the return of the officer that George J. Norton
 has moved his residence from this County to
 the City of Baltimore Maryland and that A. H.
 Chepple is absent from this County and is for
 an indefinite term of time at his plantation
 in the State of Alabama therefore both these
 witnesses are beyond the jurisdiction of this
 Court the testimony of R. Carter is in the
 following words & figures to wit

} George H. Newcomer
 } County

On this thirteenth day of October 1866 before
 me John Johnson Ordinary in & for said County
 personally came Robert Carter who being
 duly sworn on oath says that he was
 present when Daniel Griffin then in life
 but now deceased executed published &
 declared the annexed written instrument
 as his last will and testament that at the
 time of making said declaration and
 executing said instrument said Griffin
 was of sound mind & memory and that so,

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For as witness knows or believes he did it
voluntarily without any undue influence
or compulsion and that he signed the same in
the presence of deponents R B Murdock & Co.
Chappell & Geo S Morton who at the request
of said Griffin signed the same as witnesses in the
presence of said Testator & of each other R B Coaster
sworn to and subscribed before me Oct the 13 1866
John Johnson Ordinary.

It is therefore ordered by the Court that these proceedings
be recorded and that the testamentary of Robert
Coster be considered as additional proof of the
will of Daniel Griffin Deceased.

State of Georgia
Muscogee County I John Johnson Ordinary and
Clerk of the Court of Ordinary in and for said County
in said State which is a Court of Record using a
Seal and vested with the powers of a Court of Probate
do Certify that this & the foregoing several pages
contain a true & perfect copy of the will &
probate thereof of Daniel Griffin deceased and of the
letters testamentary in and to Mrs Mary E Griffin as
as the same appears of file & record in my office
given under my hand & official seal in the City of
Columbus State and County aforesaid this 15 day of
October 1866 John Johnson Ordinary.

State of Georgia
Muscogee County I John Johnson Ordinary in and for said
County in said State do Certify that I am both Judge
& Clerk of the Court of Ordinary & that the foregoing
Certificate & attestation are in due form of law
In witness whereof I have hereto officially
subscribed my name & affixed the Seal of
said Court this 15 day of October 1866
John Johnson Ordinary
Recorded Aug 16 1867
W H Banks Clk R.

The last Will and Testament of Abraham
Sears of the County of Polk and State of
Missouri. I Abraham Sears Considering the
uncertainty of this mortal life and being of
Sound mind and Memory do make and
publish this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following First I
give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Della Sears all of my land and appurte-
nances thereto during her lifetime and
after her death to my daughter Rhoda
Slagal and her heirs forever it in the
County and State above mentioned and
described as follows (Viz) East half of
South West quarter & East half of lots
No. 1 & 3 of North West fractional quarter
of Section 5 in Township 32 of Range 22
Containing One Hundred and fifty nine Acres
& fifty four hundredths of one acre In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & Seal the 2nd day of October in
the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight
Hundred & Sixty Seven

Test

Abraham Sears
James M Pike Secy
James A Slagal

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be It remembered that on the 4th
day of February 1868 personally appeared before the
undersigned County Court Clerk Lerrell Hatter and
James A Slagal the subscribing witnesses to the annexed
Will of Abraham Sears and being by me first duly
Sworn the said Lerrell Hatter and James A Slagal
deposes and says that the said (Testator) Abraham Sears
Deceased Signed his own name to the annexed will
in their presents and the said Lerrell Hatter and
James A Slagal deposes and says that the said
Testator produced the said Will or Instrument of
Writing and that he the said testator was of at

the time of publishing his said Will of Sound
mind and more than Twenty one Years of age
and that the said deponents attested the said
Will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their
names thereto in the presence of the said testator

Genell Hatter Deed

James A. Slagel Deed

In Testimony Whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and
affixed the Seal of said
Court at Office in Bolivar
this February the 4 1868

J. B. Burns Clerk

Recorded February the 4 1868.

J. B. Burns Clerk

I Mary Grege 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 it is my will
that my funeral expenses and all my just
debts be fully paid 2nd I give and devise
to my eldest Son Alfred Grege One Dollar
I give and devise to my Second Son Woodford
Grege One Dollar 4th I give and devise to my
eldest Daughter Matilda Campbell One Dollar
5th I give and devise to my third Son Albert S
Grege One Dollar 6th I give and devise to my
Second Daughter Harriett Mitchell (Deceased)
her heirs One Dollar, 7th I give and devise
to my fourth Son John A Grege the remainder
of all my Goods Chattles and effects money
notes, and accounts &c that I have on
hand at my Death and lastly I hereby
constitute and appoint my Son John
A Grege 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
herunto set my hand and Seal this Oct
26 A.D. 1867, Mary ^{her} Freeze _{mark} Seal

attest J. J. Williams
Charles H. Grant

We attest the above and foregoing
Will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses
in the presence of Mary Freeze the testator this
26th day of Oct 1867, John Alvord
Lea Kennon _{mark}

State of Missouri
County of Polk Be it remembered that on this
the 1st day of September in the
Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred
and Sixty Eight before me J. B. Burrows County
Court Clerk within and for said County and
State aforesaid personally appeared John A
Grant and Lea Kennon who being duly
sworn by me depose and say that they
were present and saw Mary Freeze sign
the foregoing instrument purporting to
be the last Will and Testament of the said
Mary Freeze and heard her publish and
declare the same to be her last will and Testament
and at the time of signing the same the
said Mary Freeze was of sound and
disposing mind and that these deponents
John J. A. Grant & Lea Kennon the attesting
witnesses subscribed their names thereto as
witnesses to the same in the presence of the
Testator and of each other and at the
request of the said Mary Freeze hisse
John A. Grant Lea Kennon _{mark}

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Sept 1st
A.D. 1868 J. B. Burrows County Court
Clerk

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I Sarah Bellinger of the County of Polk & State of Missouri being sound of mind & viewing the uncertainty of life do make and publish this my last will and testament. First it is my will that my funeral expenses and all just debts be paid. 2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Henry W. Bellinger all my money & estate both real and personal except such bequests as are hereafter made. Third I give and bequeath unto each of my other children viz. Nancy Fisher, the children of William Bellinger, Daniel Bellinger, Joseph Bellinger, the children of Sarah of Sarah Bellinger & Wright M. Bellinger and Lucy Ann Ross, Caroline Ross & Mary E. Edwards the sum of Two Dollars each to be paid out of any money of which I may die possessed and lastly I hereby constitute and appoint my son Henry W. Bellinger to be the executor of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this and no other as my last will and testament In testimony Whereof I have hereto set my hand this the seventh day of July 1855.

Sarah ^{her} Bellinger

Signed published and declared by the abovesaid Sarah Bellinger as & for her last will & testament in presence of us who at her request have signed as witnesses to the same J. C. McClracken Henry S. Green

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on this the 20th day of October 1868 before me clerk of the County Court within and for said County personally appeared Joseph McClracken and H. S. Green who being by me duly sworn upon their oaths say that they were present & saw Sarah Bellinger sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be

the last will and testament of her the said Sarah Brellinger and heard her publish and declare the same to be her last will and testament and at the time of signing the same she was of sound mind and disposing mind and the said Joseph McBracken and H. L. Green subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other and at the request of Testator.

Sworn to and subscribed, J. L. McBracken
H. L. Green
before J. B. Burro County Court
Oct 20 AD 1868, Clerk

The last will and Testament of John Breshers
of the County of Polk and State of Missouri.

I, John Breshers, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say,

First

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Naomi Breshers all my personal property and my real Estate, during her natural life time and at her death I give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Mary Bray five dollars in money, and the remainder of all my personal property and Real Estate to be equal divided between the named heirs, that is to say, Henry H. Breshers, Reuben Breshers, William A. Breshers, Sarah P. Anderson, Jesse C. Breshers, Nancy C. Jones, John W. Breshers, Margaret J. Simpson, Joseph W. Breshers, James H. Breshers, Orion M. Breshers, James K. Breshers, Thomas H. Breshers, Andrew J. Breshers, and I hereby appoint William A. Breshers and Jesse C. Breshers sole executors of this my last will and testament thereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 9th day of June A.D. 1869
John Breshers. Seal
mark

The foregoing instrument consisting of one sheet was now here subscribed by John Breshers the testator in the presence of us and was at the same time declared by him to be his last will and testament, and we at his request sign our names thereto as attesting witnesses.

Andrew Hammuck

Elisha A. Crawford

Filed and Probated July 17th 1869

John D. Abbe

Judge of Probate

In the name of God Amen. I Calvin F. Bewley ~~being~~ 186
in the County of Grainger and State of Tennessee being of sound
mind and memory, Blessed be Almighty God for the same, do
make and publish this my last Will and Testament in man-
ner and form as follows (to wit)

Item 1st I direct that my mortal body be buried in a plain
Christian like manner. And my funeral expenses and all my
just debts to be paid out of the first money that comes to hand.

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary
Louisa Bewley all my Real Estate and personal property
With my Notes and accounts, Claims or demands that is or
may be due me or in any manner belonging to me or may here-
after fall to me by Heirship or otherwise both in the State of
Tennessee and also in Cook County Missouri where I have formerly
lived. And furthermore I do hereby nominate and appoint
my beloved Brother John G. Bewley executor of this my last
Will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills by me
made heretofore.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my
hand and affixed my Seal this 15th day of January 1848.

Witnessed by

Clesbe Austin

Wm Harris

Archibald Austin Jr

John W Lusk

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Calvin F. Bewley



State of Tennessee } County Court March Term 1848.
Grainger County }

Be it remembered that at a County Court began
and held for the County of Grainger at the Court house in
Rutledge on the first Monday of March 1848. It being the 6th day of
March 1848. Justices present, the Worshipful Jesse Howel John
Callison and Daniel McKenry Esqrs the members of the
Quorum Court for said County for the year 1848, when and
where the following proceedings were had, (to wit)

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament
of Calvin F. Bewley deceased was this day presented in open Court
for Probate whereupon came Clesbe Austin and Archibald
Austin two subscribing Witnesses thereto into open Court
and after being duly sworn depose and say that they were

present and saw him sign Seal and Execute said Will and heard him declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. And that at the time of signing the same he was of sound mind and disposing memory, (and that they subscribed their names as Witnesses to said Will in the presence of the Testator and of each other. It was therefore ordered by the Court that said Will be admitted to Record, and thereupon came John L Bewley the executor named in said Will into open Court and refused to take upon himself the execution of said Will. And Mary Louisa Bewley the Widow of the said Calvin F Bewley deceased came into open Court and administered on all and singular the goods and Chattels, rights and credits of the said Calvin F Bewley deceased with said Will annexed. Who entered into Bond with Olesbo Austin and John L Bewley her securities and was qualified according to Law. It is therefore ordered by the Court that Letters of Administration with said Will annexed be issued to the said Mary Louisa Bewley as the Law directs

Mary L Burtis

State of Tennessee
Grainger County I, Edward Tate Clerk of the County Court for the County of Grainger aforesaid do certify that William B Cunningham Esq whose name appears to the within Certificate is now the Chairman of the County Court of said County duly appointed by said County Court at their January term 1851 as Chairman of said Court for the year 1851 and that his signature is in his own proper hand writing and that full faith and credit is due his official acts as such.

On witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office at Office in Builago this 24th day of April 1851

Edward Tate
Clerk City Court Grainger County

State of Tennessee
Grainger County I, W. B. Cunningham
Chairman of the County Court of Grainger County and State aforesaid do certify that Edward Tate whose signature appears to the foregoing certificate is now and was at the time of signing the same Clerk

of the County Court of Grainger County, duly elected and qualified according to laws of the State of Tennessee and has given Bond and Security is therefore competent to do all business pertaining to his office in good faith and that his certificate is in due form according to the laws of the State of Tennessee. Given under my hand and Seal this 24th day of April 1851.



W. B. Cunningham
Chairman of the County Court of
Grainger County Tennessee

State of Wisconsin }
County of Polk }

Be it remembered that on this 16th day of December 1869 came before me, John D. Abbe, Judge of Probate in and for the County and State aforesaid, in vacation, Mary Louisa Bues, formerly Mary Louisa Bawley and produced the foregoing instrument of writing and accompanying certificates purporting to be a certified copy of the last will and testament of Leaton F. Bawley, late of Grainger County Tennessee, and the certificate of the Probate of said will in and by the County Court of said Grainger County, and the same was by me, in vacation, examined and recorded on said day and taken and held to be the last will and testament of the said Leaton F. Bawley deceased.

Done at office of Probate Court
of Polk County Mo this 16th day of Dec
AD 1869. Witness my hand on
said day and at said place

John D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

The Last Will and Testament of Thom.
as H. Mitchell of Polk County Missouri

I Thomas H. Mitchell, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First:— I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Soney, A. Mitchell; First all the household and kitchen furniture with the exception of two beds and bed covers; Second all the stock including horses & cattle, mules, sheep and hogs and all the produce on hand, including corn, wheat and all the feed and Provisions on hand, for her to convert to her own use as she sees Proper, also the wagon and farming utensils—

I further bequeath to said wife for lifetime the use of house and farm including eighty acres in Township 35 Range 22 Section 15 & 16— also the use of a small piece of new ground containing eight or ten acres on Comm. de terre, in Polk County Missouri, for her use for lifetime—

I further bequeath to and Mary J. Staller her lifetime then to her bodily heirs forever a certain tract of Land situated in Township 35 Range 22 Section (8) to wit: W¹/₂ of S E¹/₄ & S E¹/₄ of the S W¹/₄ in Polk County Missouri

I further bequeath to Fabbitha E. H. Mitchell, one Bed and Bed clothing for said bed, Two hundred dollars in cash, also the sum of Eighty acres of Land, the W¹/₂ of the S W¹/₄ of Section twenty two (22), of Range twenty two (22) Township thirty five (35) to her use and benefit, also the sum of Eighty acres at the death of Soney A. Mitchell, the mother of Fabbitha E. H. Mitchell, situated in Township thirty five, Range twenty two, Section fifteen and sixteen in Polk County Missouri.

I hereby appoint Nathan W. Pope, Guardian of the said Fabbitha E. H. Mitchell and executor of this my last will—

I further bequeath to my oldest son, Joel Mitchell, one Bedstead and Bed and covers for said bed, and lastly as to all the rest, residue and remains of my Personal estate, goods and chattels.

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Let, of what kind and nature soever, I give and bequeath
equal shares to all my heirs. 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 this the 18th day of December 1869.
Thomas F. Mitchell

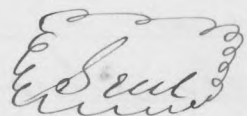
The above instrument consisting of one
sheet was now here subscribed by Thomas F. Mitchell, the
Testator in the presence of each of us and was at the time
declared by him to be his last will and testament and
we at his request sign our names hereto as attesting
witnesses.

James C. Potter, residing in the County of Polk State of Mo
John Lightfoot " " " " " " " " " "
Drewy, B. Spilman " " " " " " " " " "

State of Missouri
County of Polk

I, John D. Abbe, Judge of Probate, in and
for the said County and State hereby certify that the above
and foregoing instrument of writing was presented
before me and by me in vacation admitted to pro-
bate this March 2^d 1870, and held and deemed to be
the last will and testament of Thomas F. Mitchell
deceased.

In witness my hand and the seal of the
Probate Court of said County this 2^d day of March
AD 1870.



John D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri
County of Polk

In the Probate Court of Polk County
In the matter of the last will & testament of Thom-
as F. Mitchell deceased.

John Lightfoot and Drewy
Burton Spilman, citizens of Polk County, of
lawful age, being duly sworn according to Law depose
and say - Was well acquainted with Thomas

4. Mitchell the testator, in his life time; were, in consultation with Mr James R. Potter, on the 18th day of December A.D 1869 called upon by said Thomas 4. Mitchell, to assist in drafting and witnessing his last will and testament; the said Thomas 4. Mitchell being then sick, from disease whereof he afterwards died. The written instrument filed and produced in court as the last will and testament of said testator, and to which our names are appended as witnesses, was, at the request of said testator, drawn up by Mr James R. Potter and the contents thereof was read in the presence and hearing of said testator and was in our presence, and in the presence of said James R. Potter and of the wife and daughter of deceased signed by him, said testator as his last will and testament, and said testator did then and there request us as attesting witnesses, to witness and sign said instrument of writing which we accordingly did, on the day and year aforesaid and at the time aforesaid and we, said witnesses do further declare and say that the interlineations, erasures and additions from the original draft of said writing or will, were made by witness John Lightfoot, at the suggestion and request of said testator, in his presence and in the presence of the witnesses aforesaid and said testator did then and there in our presence declare said instrument of writing to be his last will and testament.

We further, on our oaths aforesaid do declare and say that said testator was at the time of executing said last will and testament, in our opinion, of sound mind and memory and he gave all directions in regard to said will in a clear and distinct manner. Said Thomas 4. Mitchell departed this life on or about the 16th day of February last, A.D 1870. Said Thomas 4. Mitchell was at the time of his death, in our opinion about fifty six or fifty seven years of age.

John Lightfoot
Drewy B. Spilman

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 2nd day of March A.D 1870

John D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri
County of Polk

I, John D. Abbe, Judge of Probate, in and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is all the testimony of John Lightfoot and Drewy B. Spilman, subscribing witnesses to the last will and testament of Thomas F. Mitchell deceased; that said testimony was reduced to writing in the presence of said witnesses who subscribed to the same after hearing it read in my presence and were by me sworn to testify the whole truth concerning the will and execution thereof of said deceased.

(Witness my hand and the Seal of said Probate Court hereto affixed at office in said County
This 2nd day of March A.D. 1870.

Seal

J. D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

Filed March 2nd 1870

J. D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

Know all men by these presents, to whom they may come, greeting, that Ison Dickerson at the County of Polk in the State of Missouri, at the house of G. F. Dickerson did make this his last will; that Elizabeth Dickerson his wife have all provisions on hand and all the household and kitchen furniture and the cow and calf and the pony mare and the buggy and two hundred Dollars. And that Minerva Jane his heir have three hundred and forty dollars and does appoint George F. Dickerson as his Executor to carry out this will.

This the seventh day of December
1869.

Ison Dickerson

We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses

in the presence of Isaac Dickerson the Testator this
the 7th day of December 1869.

George Dickerson
Pyor. B. Low

State of Missouri
County of Polk

I, John D. Abbe, Judge of Probate in and
for the County of Polk and State aforesaid, hereby
certify that the foregoing instrument of writing, was
presented before me in vocation for probate, and
that the evidence hereto attached was all the evi-
dence of the subscribing witnesses to said writing,
and that said instrument was by me on the 13th day
of April 1870 admitted to probate and by me
decerned and held to be the last will and testament
of the said Isaac Dickerson deceased.

Witness my hand and the Seal of said
Probate Court at office in Bolivar this 13th day of
April 1870.

E. Seal

John D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri
County of Polk

George Dickerson and Pyor. B. Low
on oath state that they were personally acquainted
with Isaac Dickerson in his life time; that they saw
him sign his name to the instrument of writing
hereto attached and that on the 7th day of December
1869 the said P. B. Low at the request of said
Isaac Dickerson, wrote the said instrument for him
and that at said day said Isaac Dickerson signed
the said writing in the presence of these affiants
and in their hearing he declared the same to
be his last will and testament and that these
affiants then, at the request of said Isaac Dick-
erson and in his presence signed their names
to said writing as attesting witnesses. They fur-
ther state that said Isaac Dickerson at the time
of executing the same was about twenty seven
years of age and was to the best of their knowl-
edge and belief and in their opinion was of

sound mind and memory and that he resided in Polk County Missouri; and that said George Dickinson died on or about the 5th day of March 1870. They further say that said instrument of writing was read to and in the hearing of the said testator at the said time and before he signed the same.

By us, B. Low
George Dickinson

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 13th day of April 1870.

John D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

Filed April 13th 1870

J. D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

Whereas J. Lion Philips of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, being in my right mind but feeling the uncertainty of human life, and knowing the certainty of death, do hereby make and execute this my last will and testament. In the name of God, Amen.

First of all I give my spirit to God who gave it, and my body to be buried in good Christian order of burial.

Secondly -

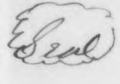
I bequeath to my beloved sister, Emeline Philips my land known and no^d as follows, the South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section (19) nineteen Township 34 Range 23 containing 40 acres. Also the South half of lot (1) one of section 19. T. 34 R. 23, containing 40 acres; also (16) sixteen acres off of the East of South half of lot (1) one of S. W. 1/4 of Section 19. T. 34, R. 23. the whole length of the piece of land North and South: - together with all the privileges, appurtenances and appendages in anywise thereto belonging.

Thirdly:

I bequeath to my same sister, all my personal property at the time of my decease; under the following conditions, that she will sell enough to pay all my debts and pay each one of my legal heirs one dollar, And

also to take care of and support my mother Rosannah Philips during her natural life, for this purpose and further support I wish her to have the use of my land as above but at her death all, as above to belong to my sister when the conditions herein expressed are complied with.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the first day of January A.D. 1869.

Sion Philips 

Signed, sealed and delivered
in our presence—

Witnesses

J. W. Farmer

Stephen Blivins

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State of Missouri } In the matter of the will of Sion
County of Polk } Philips.

John W. Farmer and Stephen Blivins on oath say that they were personally acquainted with Sion Philips during his life time; that said Sion Philips resided in Polk County Missouri, and died in said County on or about the 11th day of April 1870; that the instrument of writing hereto attached was drawn up by the said John W. Farmer at the request and under the direction of the said Sion Philips and that the said writing was read over to, and in the hearing of said Philips and, after hearing the same read, the said Philips, in their presence signed his name thereto and in their hearing declared the same to be his last will and testament and that they affiants, at the request of the said Philips and in his presence signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses to said will; that said will was executed by the testator and attested by these affiants on the first day of January 1869; that said testator was at the time of executing said will, to the best of their knowledge and belief of sound mind and memory, and was about fifty years of age at said time.

J. W. Farmer
Stephen Blivins

Sworn to and Subscribed before me at office in
Bolivar Mo, this 19th day of April 1870—

John D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri
County of Cole

I, John D. Abbe Judge of Probate in
and for said County hereby certify that the foregoing
is all the evidence of the subscribing witnesses to the
will of Simon Phillips deceased, and that said
will, hereto attached was produced for probate
before me this 19th day of April 1870 and that
the said will was on said day by me admitted
to probate and by me deemed and held to be
the last will and testament of said deceased

(Witness my hand and the Seal of the
Probate Court of said County hereto attached
at office in Bolivar Mo this 19th day of April
1870—)

Seal

J. D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

This the last will and Testimony of B. W. Ayers June 10th in the year
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Seventy. We
return our thanks unto God all along through the journey of
life. In the first place I will and bequeath my farm to my
beloved wife Louisa with the condition so long as she
remains a widow or stays on the place she is also
to pay the taxes on said land while she remains on
it. I also give her all of my meal and flour and
Bacon and old corn to subsist on. I also give her
all of the House hold furniture and Kitchen furniture with
a few exceptions— My Son Leroy is to have One Bed
and Bedstead and other things that my wife will lay
out to him, my Overcoat, my mixed suit, my shoes and
every day hat. My youngest Son Alvin is to have
my fine coat, my Satin Vest, every day coat, my boots, my
Sunday hat, Sugar Chest, Razor Strap and brush and two
sides of meat. I also give my wife my farming

loves and plow gears, also my Ax and Saw and pocket knife and handkerchief. I also will her the bay mare doll and all of the sheep. I also will Louisa Two red hogs and the heifer yearling. She is to have one sow and 4 four good hogs to fatten. The wagon and harness, the sorrel mare and Charley. The stichyards, pitchfork, and the rest of the hogs, pided cow and calf and pided heifer is all to be sold on the 10th day of September. Louisa is also to have all of the standing crop. She is to pay out of her own money for finishing the crop. She is also to keep all of the stock here on the place together until the day of sale. The Schooler note for six hundred dollars the first of 1867 drawing 6 per ct. Also about three hundred 40 or 50 dollars from Illinois from Dr P. F. Postle. One note on Joe Vance twenty five dollars, one on Martin Seander for 20 dollars.

One account on Sam Clark for 26 dollars - 7 dollars and 75 cts on James Putnam.

I B. W. Ayers appoint my Nephew William A. Ayers my legal executor to this will. B. W. Ayers.

Attest,

William Hutchison

James Hutchison

State of Missouri. On the matter of the will of B. W. Ayers.

William Hutchison and James Hutchison state that the instrument of writing hereto attached was signed by B. W. Ayers in the presence of each of them that at the time of signing the same said Ayers called on these Affiants to attest the said writing and they and there in their presence declared the same to be his last Will and Testament and that these Affiants at the request of the said B. W. Ayers and in his presence signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses that said B. W. Ayers was a resident of Rock County Mo, that he was about the age of fifty five years and that he the testator, was at the time of executing said Will.

of sound mind and memory, and that these affiants are residents of Polk County Missouri.

William Hutchison

James Hutchison

Proved to and subscribed before me this 15th day of July
A.D. 1870.

John D. Abbe John D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

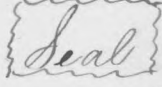
Died July 15th 1870.

John D. Abbe

Judge of Probate

In the name of God Amen. I, William Hayter in 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, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and Testament. That is to say first after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged the residue of my estate real and personal, I give bequeath and dispose of as follows after my decease that my body be interred at the graveyard near the Widow Rice's place by the side of my wife's grave in a manner suitable to my standing in life and that all of my funeral expences be paid out of my moneys that I may be possessed of or that may come into the hands of my Executors and that all of my debts be paid next. Upon conditions here after named I do give to my son Job Hayter the Sixty acres of land where I now live and also the undivided half of the one hundred and twenty acres tract it being the claim I bought of Samuel Taylor North of P. D. Hagerman's, the conditions are as follows that if the said Job Hayter dies before his wife Mariah dies that the said land or the proceeds thereof goes to the said Job Hayter's heirs, but if the said Job Hayter out lives his said Wife he is to use the said land or the proceeds thereof as he sees proper after paying to my son Barzillias Hayter Two hundred and fifty Dollars in money also to pay to my daughter Susan McDonnell One hundred dollars in money also to my son John J. Hayter One hundred dollars in money, also the said Job Hayter is not to make any charge for any improvement that has or will be put upon the said land, and on complying with the above conditions the above said land is to be Job Hayter's and the Executors are authorized to make said Job Hayter a good and lawful deed for the above named lands.

I also authorize my executors to sell all of my personal property and if any money remains after my lawful debts are paid and gifts are satisfied then remainder to be equally divided between my lawful heirs. I also appoint my sons John J Hayter and Robert M. Hayter my executors in Witness whereof this day I set my hand and seal in the presence of this the 15th day of January 1870.

William Hayter 

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said William Hayter in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument so subscribed to be his last will and testament we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as Witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

B. F. Hagerman Jackson Township Polk County Mo
Sampson Goodman Jackson Township Polk Co Mo
Newton J Goodman Jackson Township Polk Co Mo
State of Missouri }
County of Polk } On the matter of the William Hayter

B. F. Hagerman and Newton J Goodman on oath state that they were well acquainted with William Hayter in his life time and that he resided in Polk County Mo and died therein about four weeks before this date aged about seventy years; that on the 15 day of January 1870, these affiants with Sampson Goodman were called upon by William Hayter to attest the instrument of writing here presented (and hereto attached) as his last will and testament; that the same was at that time read over to and in the hearing of the deceased and declared by him to be his last will and testament and that they at his request and in his presence signed their names thereto as Witnesses; that at the time of executing this Will the said William Hayter was of sound mind and memory and a strong man for one of his age, and that the names of these Witnesses on said Will here produced are their own several signatures.

B. F. Hagerman

Newton J. Goodman

Sworn to and subscribed before me at office in Bolivar, Mo, this 8th day of October 1870.
Filed October 8th 1870.

John D. Abbe Judge of Probate

John D. Abbe Judge of Probate

In the name of God. Amen. I, Preston Beck of the County of Pock and State of Missouri, of sound mind and memory, Knowing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do make, ordain, declare and publish this instrument as my last Will and Testament; that is to say; first; after all my just and lawful debts are paid, I give bequeath and will and dispose of all of my Estate, real and personal as follows; to wit: Item 1st I devise, give and bequeath to my wife Martha, all of my real estate being and lying in Pock County Missouri, to be hers absolutely, I also give and bequeath unto my wife Martha, two horses, to wit, the horse named Jim, and the mare named "Bay" I also give to my wife two milk cows to be selected by her from my cattle by herself. I also give to my wife, the newest one of my two Carriages, together with the harness belonging thereto; I also give and bequeath unto my wife Martha the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7000. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀) to be paid to her in cash by my Executor, I also give and bequeath to my wife all the beds, bedding and bed clothes I may own at the time of my death. Item 2nd I desire that James Griffin shall remain upon my farm, where he now resides, and continue to cultivate the farm as he has heretofore done for three years after my death or so long as my wife and himself shall agree upon the terms of rent, &c, I also give and bequeath unto James Griffin aforesaid in consideration of his kind services to myself and wife for some time, the sum of Two hundred dollars (\$200. ⁰⁰/₁₀₀) to be paid to him in cash by my Executor, Item 3rd I further give, bequeath and devise unto my wife Martha all the residue of my household furniture, ^{farming utensils} hogs, cattle, horses, poultry and other personal property about and on the farm; (excepting money and notes) subject to the payment of my just debts. Item 4th I desire that my ^{land} lying and being in the County of Benton in the State of Missouri shall be sold to the best advantage, provided however James Preston Beck my Grandson, to whom I bargained said land shall fail to pay to my executor the sum of One thousand dollars for it within two years from the date of my death And if he will pay to my executor said sum of money in the time specified then the land shall be his. Item 5th I desire that all sums of money due me in this State & Indiana shall be collected forthwith and after it is all collected including the thousand dollars, my Grandson James P. Beck will pay for the tract of land in Benton County as specified in Item 4 or the proceeds of said tract of land if sold, I desire it to be