

Polk County

Recorder of Deeds

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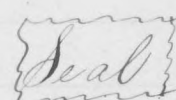
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equally divided - first having paid the amount I have bequeathed my wife, Martha, and the amount I have bequeathed James Griffin, among the following named persons, my heirs, to-wit, Mary Ann Grunkel and Elizabeth Applegate (children of my deceased daughter Patsy) William Preston Beck, Elizabeth Beck, and Anna Beck, (children of my deceased son Simpson) James Preston Beck (son of my son Lewis now deceased) Preston Lee, and Isabella Silver (daughter of my Grand daughter 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 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 the right, title and interest I have or may have as heir or otherwise to the Estates or property goods and chattels of my deceased Son Preston Beck Jr 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 chattels, 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 twentyfour months from this date, the sum of Ten thousand dollars, which sum is to be received by my Executor in full pay and consideration of certain notes I lent to me by my son Preston Beck Jr during his life time. The said James Preston Beck will also as a condition of this bequest assume all responsibilities, and pay all costs and expenses of law suits that may accrue in the collection and settlement of said Estates of Preston Beck Jr deceased and John Jeffrey Beck deceased so far as my interests are concerned.

Item 7th 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. In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this Twelfth (12th) day of January A.D., 1861,

Preston Beck 

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 as subscribed to be his last Will and Testament and we at the testator's 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. Smith
J. C. Snyder

"Probed September 2nd 1861"

State of Missouri I ss

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 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.

James B. Smith
Jackson Smith

Sworn to and Subscribed this 2nd 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 of Probate

Filed 2 September 1861.

G. R. Cowan - P. J.

Recorded by order of Court

J. D. Abbe
Judge of Probate

This is my last Will.

I, Elenor Owens of the County of Polk and State of Missouri Make this my last will, I give and bequeath all moneys and accounts, Notes and personal effects to William Underwood my nephew at my death of Polk County. Mo.

In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will on this the 27th of January 1872.

Elenor Owens ^{legally} ~~last~~ ^{will}

The said Elenor Owens of said County of Polk and State of Mo. day & date above mentioned, Signed & sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as for her last will and we at her request were in her presence and in the presence of each other hereto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

John Hall
John ^{his} Ring
Mark

Attest William ^{his} King
Mark

State of Missouri
County of Polk

These affiants being duly sworn on their oaths say that the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Elenor Owens was signed by said ^{testatrix} ~~instrument~~ in their presence and that they each subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence and at the request of said testatrix and that said de Ceau acknowledged and published the same as for her last will and testament, and at the time of publishing the same the said testatrix was of sound mind and disposing mind and memory sworn to and subscribed

before me this day of 1872

W. A. Watson

Notary Public

Filed May 9. 1872

W. A. Watson

State of Missouri
County of Polk

In the name of God Amen I James M. Davis of lawful age and being of sound and disposing mind and memory calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the estate with which it pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my decease while I have strength and capacity do to do make and publish this my last will and testament First I commend my immortal being to him who gave it and my mortal body to the Earth from whence it came

Second I will and desire that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid first

Third I do will and begeth all of my property real personal or mixed of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease to my two brothers William J. Davis and Joshua C. Davis the same to be divided between them equally

In testimony whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed my seal this 30th day of September

A.D. 1871

James M. Davis

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it remembered that on the 1th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three before me J. F. Page Judge of Probate in County of Polk personally appeared William C. Milcox &

A. J. Hunter who being by duly sworn upon their oath deposed and say that they were present and saw James M. Davis sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of him the said James M. Davis and heard him publish and

declare the same to his last will and testament and that at the time of signing the same the said James M. Davis was of sound and disposing mind and that these deponents and H. M. Larrison the other testifying witness subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence of each other and of the testator and at the request of the said

James M. Davis

William A. Wilcox

A. J. Hunter

Shewn to and subscribed before me at office This 11th
 day of March A.D. 1873 J. P. Page Judge of Probate
 Filed the 11th day of March A.D. 1873
 J. P. Page Judge of Probate

State of Missouri
 County of Polk In the name of God amen I William J. Davis of lawful age and being of sound and disposing mind and memory calling to mind the frailty and uncertainty of life and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs and directing how the Estate with which it has pleased God to bless me shall be disposed of after my decease while I have strength and capacity so to do do make and publish this my last will and testament First I command my immortal being to Him who gave it and mortal body to the Earth from whence it came

Second I will and desire that all of my just debts and funeral expenses be paid first

Third I do will and bequeath all of my property Real personal or mixed of which I shall die possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease to my two brothers Joshua C. Davis and James M. Davis the same to be divided equally between them

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal This 30th day of September A.D. 1871 William J. Davis

We the undersigned attest the signature above in the presence of the Testator as witnesses William A. Wilcox

Filed 11th day of March A.D. 1873

J. P. Page Judge of Probate

State of Missouri

County of Polk

A. J. Hunter

H. M. Lawson

Be it Remembered That on this the 11th day of March A.D. 1873 before me J. P. Page Judge of Probate within and for the County of Polk personally appeared William A. Wilcox and A. J. Hunter who being by me duly sworn upon their oath depose and say that they were present and saw William J. Davis sign the

foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will
 and Testament of him the said William J Davis
 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 William J Davis was of
 sound and disposing mind and that these deponents
 and H. H. Lawson the other attesting witnesses subscribed
 their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence
 of each other and of the testator and at the request
 of the said William J Davis William A. Milcox
 A. J. Hunter
 sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of March
 A. D. 1871 J. P. Poole Judge of Probate

Be it known that I Lucy Wadsworth wife of Josiah
 Wadsworth of Milton in the county of Norfolk and Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts of sound and disposing mind and memory
 do make and publish this my last will and Testament I give
 to my husband Josiah Wadsworth if he survive me the net income
 of all my estate during his natural life to be collected and paid
 to him by my executor semiannually I give and bequeath to the
 Massachusetts Home Missionary Society Three Hundred dollars to the
 American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions Two hundred
 dollars to the American Bible Society to the American Seamen's
 Friend Society & to Iowa College at Davenport Iowa each one
 hundred dollars I give and bequeath to the following persons
 and their heirs & assigns respectively viz To my Brother Henry
 Fisher of Canton and to my sister Harriett Thayer wife of
 Washington Thayer each Two hundred dollars and to my Brother
 Caleb Fisher of Warsaw Mo and to my sister Susan Hunt wife
 of Joshua Hunt and to Harriet Ellen Thayer daughter of
 my sister Harriett Thayer each one hundred dollars and to
 Mary Fenno wife of Jesse Fenno of Canton and to Abby Mary
 Fenno daughter of said Mary Fenno each fifty dollars I give
 and bequeath to the following persons well to their heirs
 in equal proportions viz to my sister Susan Hunt and
 Harriet Thayer to Mary Fisher wife of Henry Fisher and to
 Mary Fenno wife of Jesse Fenno all my Books household
 furniture clothing and personal ornaments I give and

bequeath the residue of my estate after the payment of the aforesaid legacies to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and should my estate be insufficient to pay the aforesaid legacies in full then my will is that payment shall be made on each in the proportions above named. Lastly I nominate and appoint Ebenezer Alden of Randolph in the County aforesaid Physician, Executor of this my last will and Testament and trustee during the Lifetime of Josiah Wadsworth my beloved husband should he survive me to receive and pay to him the income of my estate as aforesaid. In witness whereof I the said Lucy Wadsworth have hereunto set my hand and seal and published and declare this to be my last will and testament in the presence of the subscribing witnesses this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty Six
 Lucy Wadsworth (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Lucy Wadsworth as and for her last will and Testament in presence of us who at her request and in her presence and in presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

Mary H Reed
 Jason Reed
 Nathaniel Safford

I Josiah Wadsworth husband of the afore named Lucy Wadsworth being of sound mind and competent to act have examined the foregoing will and hereby assent to said will and hereby express in writing and in voice my assent thereto

Josiah Wadsworth

Witness

Mary Reed
 Jason Reed
 Nathaniel Safford

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Whereas I Lucy Wadsworth did on the ninth day of October A.D. 1856 make and execute my last will and testament I do now confirm the same with the exceptions and additions following in this instrument which I declare to be a codicil to my said will

Having paid to the American Seamen's Friends Society to the American Bible Society and to Iowa College each the sum of one hundred dollars which I had named in my will I do not wish these sums to be paid again.

I give to Joshua Spear, Jun. Charles Spear and Mitchell Leeds each the sum of fifty dollars.

I give to Herbert Fenno fifty dollars I give to Mary Fisher one hundred dollars and to George Fisher Charles Fisher and Samuel I. Fisher each fifty dollars I give to Susan Fisher Beale and to Alvin Fisher each fifty and to Lucy Wadsworth Fisher one hundred dollars and to Hatty Fisher and Horace Fisher each fifty dollars

To Sarah Upton daughter of my sister Susan I give one hundred dollars and to Joshua Hunt George Hunt, Caleb Hunt Susan, J. Keale and Esther Hunt I give to each fifty dollars.

I give and devise to Caleb Fisher of Bolivar Polk County Missouri the Land with the buildings thereon conveyed to me April 12th A.D. 1870 by deed of John McReynolds Recorded in Polk County Book No. Two 751 as a home for himself and for his Father and mother during their natural lives and also for his two Sisters & Brothers while remaining unmarried and afterwards to him and his heirs and assigns forever Should the aforesaid Caleb Fisher die before reaching the age of Twenty years then I give the same to his surviving Sisters and Brothers under the same trusts

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal & publish & declare this to be a codicil to my last will and Testament in presence of the witnesses named below this tenth day of August in the year of our Lord eighteen Hundred and Seventy one

Lucy Wadsworth

Signed Sealed published and declared by the said Lucy Wadsworth as and for a codicil to her last will

and testament in the presence of us who at the request and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Ebenezer Alden
Reuben M. Stanley
Sarah B. Alden

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Norfolk, ss.

At a Probate Court holden at Dedham in and for Said County of Norfolk on the Seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy two
On the petition of Ebenezer Alden of Randolph in the County of Norfolk praying that the instruments therewith presented purporting to be the last will and Testament and Codicil of Lucy Wadsworth late of Milton in said County of Norfolk married woman deceased may be proved and allowed and letters testamentary issued to him the executor therein named and the heirs at law next of kin and all other persons interested having been duly notified according to the order of Court to appear and show cause if any they have against the same And no party objecting thereto and it appearing that said instruments are the last will and testament of said deceased and were legally executed and that said testatrix was at the time of making the same of full age and sound mind and that said petitioner is a competent person to be appointed to said trust

It is therefore Decreed that said instrument be both approved and allowed as the last will and testament of said deceased and letters Testamentary be issued to said petitioner he first giving Bond with sufficient Security for the due performance of said trust

George White Judge of Probate

I George White Esquire Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Norfolk hereby Certify

That Jonathan H. Cobb whose signature is affixed to the annexed certificate and attestation is the Register and proper certifying Officer of said Court and has by law the custody of the seal and all the Records Books documents and papers of or appertaining to said Court and that said Certificate and attestation are in due form and entitled to full faith and credit.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and Seventy three

George White Judge of Probate Court

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Norfolk, ss.
Probate Court

I Jonathan H. Cobb Register of the Probate Court for said County of Norfolk having by law the custody of the seal and all the Records Books documents and papers of or appertaining to said Court hereby certify the papers hereto annexed to be true copies of papers appertaining to said Court and on file and of record in the office of said Court

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy three

J. H. Cobb

Filed and admitted to Probate 19th day of April A. D. 1873

State of Missouri
County of Polk

I J. P. House Judge of Probate for said County of Polk do hereby certify that the foregoing and last will and Codicil of Lucy Wadsworth has been proven as appears by the certificate of J. H. Cobb Register of Probate ^{the} Court for Norfolk County Massachusetts and admitted to Probate and allowed and Recorded in the office of the Probate Court for said County of Polk

In Testimony of which I J. P. House Judge of Probate Court for said County hereunto sign my name

and affix the Seal of Said Court at my office in Bolivar
This 26th day of April. A.D. 1873

Isbaze Judge of Probate

In the name of God, Amen.

I Albert Voris of Polk County in the State of Missouri being of Sound and disposing memory and in view of the uncertainty of life and of the certainty of Death do hereby make and proclaim this my last will and Testament:-

1st I desire that the necessary expense of my funeral and all just debts against me shall be paid out of my personal estate. 2nd I give and bequeath unto my eldest Son Henry Voris an equal one eighth part of all my estate after all debts are paid 3rd I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Leathrine, who is intermarried with John W. Manford an equal one eighth part of all my estate after all debts are paid

4th I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary who is intermarried with John Polly an equal one eighth part of all my estate after all debts are paid.

5th I Give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret who is intermarried with Abraham Lewis an equal one eighth part of all my estate after all my debts are paid

6th I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha who is intermarried with Groe an equal one eighth part of all my estate after all debts are paid

7th I give and bequeath to my daughter Jane who is intermarried with Richard Brown an equal one eighth part of all my estate after all debts are paid.

8th I give and bequeath to my daughter Susan Ann who is intermarried with William Barclay an equal one eighth part of all my estate after all debts are paid.

9th I give and bequeath to my Son Julius A. Voris an equal one eighth part of all my estate after all debts are paid. I and have advanced to him on his inheritance or share thirteen hundred dollars \$1300⁰⁰ by a deed for one hundred and sixty acres of Land and if the 1/8 share of my estate shall exceed the sum of thirteen hundred dollars then he is to Receive an amount which shall

make his share equal with that of the other heirs.

The foregoing bequest shall be limited to my sons and Daughters Severally and to their children and the heirs of their body born alive and should any of them die before my decease or before a final distribution is made among my said heirs, and without living issue of their bodies then the share of such deceased heir shall be equally distributed among the survivors.

I desire that all my estate both real and personal shall be by my executor named herein, converted as speedily as possible into money and the money divided among my said heirs according to their respective ^{Rights and} share. and I desire that my executor shall as soon after my death as practicable proceed to sale and dispose of my Real Estate upon the best terms possible and may if in their opinion to the interest of the heirs so to do give a credit of not exceeding two years or less and not more than one half of the purchase money on the sale of the Land.

I hereby direct and appoint my son Henry Voris and Julia A. Voris as Executors of this my last will and testament and direct that they will not be required to give any Bond or Security before proceeding to the discharge of their duties as such Executors.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at Bolivar Polk County Missouri this January 1st A.D. 1870. Albert Voris ^{Seal}

Signed and delivered by the aforesaid Albert Voris to be the last will and testament in the presence of us who at his Request and in his presence have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this 1st day of January A.D. 1870 Washington Galena Bolivar of Polk County

State of Missouri
County of Polk

J. S. Looney
E. P. Roberts of Bolivar
Missouri

J. S. Looney and E. P. Roberts State that they were acquainted with Albert Voris and during his lifetime that they are of lawful age and reside in Polk County Missouri that on the first day

of January 1870 the said Albert Voris in their presence executed the foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and testament that in their presence at said time the said Albert Voris declared the same to be his last will and testament and that said Albert Voris was at said time of sound and disposing mind and memory and that at his Request these affiants together with Washington Galland in the presence of the testator signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses and that the instrument of writing hereto attached is the writing they so attested as witnesses

John S. Dooney
E. P. S. Roberts.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me at Bolivar Mo this 13th day of November 1873. — (J. of Page Judge of Probate & Exogress Clerk

State of Missouri
County of Polk

I J. of Page Judge of Probate in & for said County hereby certify that on this 13th day of November 1873 came before me Henry Voris named as Executor of the last will and testament of Albert Voris decd and produced the foregoing writing as & for said last will and testament and also came John S. Dooney and E. P. S. Roberts two of the subscribing witnesses thereto who were examined by me under oath and their evidence thereto reduced to writing and the same being seen and fully understood by me said writing is by me deemed and held to be the last will and testament of Albert Voris deceased witness my hand and seal of office the 13th day of November 1873

Seal

(J. of Page Judge of Probate)

In the Name of God Amen I, Isaac Wood in the County
of Polk and State of Missouri Being mindful of my
mortality do this 28 Day of December in the year of
our Lord AD 1873 Make and publish this my last
Will and Testament in manner following
First I give and bequeath unto my Son Columbus
D A Wood the Tract of Land on which I live containing
160 Acres at my Decease also I give and bequeath
unto my Wife Susan Four Hundred Dollars Worth of
my Personal Property to Buy 40 acres of land and
said Land to be Bought by my Son J. C. Wood for
her use and benefit during her natural Life then
the same to be Equally divided between my lawful heirs
I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary M.
H. Dolson the sum of ten dollars I also give and bequeath
unto my daughter Clarissa M. A. Brown the sum of ten
dollars I also give and bequeath unto my Son
J. C. Wood one Dollar. And I do hereby
Constitute and appoint my said Son J. C.
Wood Sole Executor of this my last Will and
Testament

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal the day and year first
above written Isaac Wood

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by
the Said Testator as and for his last Will and
Testament in our presence who at the Request in his
presence and in the presence of each other have Subscribed
our names as Witnesses Thereto this the day and date
first above written S. A. Edmonson
C. Milhite } Witnesses

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it Remembered That on
the 2nd day of January AD 1874 before me
Thos J. Prager Judge of Probate for the County
of Polk and present Personally appeared before
me S. A. Edmonson and C. Milhite who
being by me truly Sworn upon their oath depose
and say that they were present and saw Isaac
Wood 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 Wood was of sound mind and disposing
mind and that these deponents 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 Testator

S. A. Edmondson

C. Wilhite

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
January 2nd AD 1874

Thos. J. Page Judge
of Probate

In the name of God amen I Mark W. Nelson of the
County of Polk and State of Missouri in view of the
uncertainty of life and certainty of death and being of
feeble health but of sound mind and disposing
memory do make and publish this my last will
and Testament - as follows

1st That all my just debts be paid 2nd That my executor
herein appointed collect all debts due me and after having
paid my funeral expenses and expenses of last sickness
out of the money so collected pay off what is still due on
the home place herein described

3rd That all other debts partly owing by me be paid
out of what money is left in the hands of my executor thus
collected and if there be not sufficient - to pay off all
such debts that so much of my personal property be
sold for that purpose as is necessary my executor to
exercise a sound discretion in selecting the property that may
be necessary for that purpose

4th That after the payment of all debts as herein
directed and the expenses of administration I give
and bequeath all of my personal property Furniture
Stock Horses produce money Choses in action of whatso-
ever kind or character including every thing that I own
except my Real Estate (the home place) therein after
disposed of to my beloved sister in law Lavinia Nelson
wife Joseph A. Nelson of said county of Polk and I do in
corroboration of the foregoing shewn to me by

Said Lavina & Joseph D. Nelson

5th I hereby give and bequeath the home place where I now reside to wit - the East-half of the South West quarter and the South East quarter of Section One (1) of Township Thirty Three (33) Range Twenty Three (23) and the West-half of the South West-quarter of Section Six (6) Township Thirty Three (33) Range Twenty Two (22) all situated in said County of Polk State of Iowa and containing in all three hundred & twenty acres more or less to my beloved Sister-in-law Said Lavina Nelson wife of my said brother Joseph D. Nelson to have and enjoy with all the rights privileges and appurtenances therein belonging during her natural life or so long as she shall be and remain the wife or widow of my said brother Joseph D. Nelson with Remains in fee simple absolute in & to the children of said Lavina Nelson by my said brother Joseph D. Nelson together & to their heirs and assigns forever but - Should it become necessary or expedient to sell off any part of said real estate (the home place) for a rail Road Depot then and in that event my Executor herein named is hereby directed and empowered to sell and convey to any Rail Road Company five or ten acres of said land for such purpose and make therefor a good and perfect Deed and in that event if it should be thought beneficial and expedient that my said Executor is hereby empowered and directed to survey out in town lots & sell off five or ten acres of said land in addition to the part sold for the purposes of a depot and make good and sufficient conveyance therefor to the purchaser to all of which my said Executor is to exercise a sound discretion the proceeds off all which I give and direct - shall be put at interest so long as said Lavina Nelson shall be on and remain the wife or widow of said Joseph D. Nelson the interest arising therefrom annually be given to said Lavina Nelson and in case of her death or marriage to a second husband the proceeds shall go to the children of said Lavina Nelson together by her present

husband Joseph D Nelson as their absolute property
 I hereby appoint my beloved brother Joseph D Nelson
 my executor of this my last Will and Testament
 and I authorize and empower my said Executor in the
 settlement of my estate and of my debts due me to
 compromise such debts if he think it advantages to
 my estate to accept in satisfaction less than
 the full amount thereof hereby repeating all or
 any wills or codicils by me heretofore made this
 being the fifth page and which this my said
 last will and Testament is written

In witness whereof I have hereto subscribed
 my name this second 2nd day of November ^{A.D.} 1871
 witness John Larson Mark W. Nelson

Jesse W. Nelson
 Lydia Ann Malloy
 Amelia Nichols
 John W. Ross

(The within and foregoing
 instrument written on the five preceding
 pages was at the date thereof signed and
 declared by the said Mark W. Nelson to be
 his last will and Testament in the presence
 of us who at his request and in his presence
 and in presence of each other have subscribed
 our names as witnesses hereto)

John Larson
 Jesse W. Nelson
 Lavina Ann Malloy
 Amelia Nichols
 John W. Ross

State of Missouri &c In the Probate Court
 County of Polk & of Polk County, Mo

In the matter of proving the Last Will and
 Testament of Mark W. Nelson late of said Polk
 County Deceased

On this 13th day of January A.D. 1874 before
 me the Judge of Probate for the Probate Court
 in and for said County, personally came
 Lydia Ann Malloy Amelia Nichols and John

W Rops who being by me duly Sworn on their oaths say
 that they were present and saw Mark W. Nelson
 Sign the foregoing instrument purporting to be his last will
 and Testament and heard him publish and declare
 the same to be his last will and Testament and
 that at the time of signing and publishing the same
 the said Mark W. Nelson was of sound and disposing
 mind and that these deponents and John Carson &
 Jacob W. Nelson Subscribed their names thereto as
 witnesses thereto the same in the presence and at the
 request of the testator and in the presence of each
 other and they further say that said testator died
 on the 31st day of December A.D. 1873

Lydia Ann Hollop

Amelia Nichols

John W. Rops.

State of Missouri &
 County of Polk &

I Sworn to and subscribed to before
 me this January 13th 1874 (Thos J. Page Judge of Probate

Will of Jas. B. Burro

In the name of God Amen I James B. Burro of the County
 of Polk in the State of Missouri being of sound and
 disposing mind and memory and being conscious of
 the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and
 being desirous of settling and disposing of my worldly
 affairs and effects in the best possible manner Do now
 make publish and declare my last will and Testament
 to be as follows

1st I desire that all my just debts and funeral
 expenses and charges be paid off and settled by my
 Executors as soon as the same can be done after my
 decease

2nd I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife
 Orlena E. Burro the sum of one Thousand Dollars
 in money to be paid her by my Executors next after
 paying off debts and funeral expenses and as soon
 as said money can be collected by them and I further
 devise and bequeath to my said wife Orlena E.
 Burro the 4th or 5th East gr of Section No Twenty Six

(26) Township Thirty Four (34) Range (23) Twenty

Three The same and land named in this clause are to be hers absolutely and the same with the other rights privileges or property in this will granted to her are to be in lieu of and stand of all claims or right - of Dower or other demand. She has or may have either in the Real or personal estate of which may be possessed -

3rd I give devise and bequeath to Sarah M. Russell the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars in money to be paid when collected by my executors

4th I will and devise that all stock grain farming implements and household and kitchen furniture on hand at my death be the joint property of my beloved wife and children and that the same shall remain and be used and enjoyed on my home place where I now reside for the joint benefit - of and enjoyment of my said wife and children the same to be used by the advice and under the direction of my executor while they continue to act as such and afterwards by the advice and under the direction of the Guardian and curator of my Children

5th I will and desire that all the rents and profits of my real estate which is not herein willed to my beloved wife shall be used and kept - for the Support and maintenance of my beloved wife & children and also for the education of my children and the necessary repairs and taxes on said real estate especially on my home place under the direction and by the advice and consent of my executor and after them of my Guardian and curator of my children

6th I will and devise that my wife and children shall remain together in the possession and enjoyment in common of my home place for the term of fifteen years from the date of my death if she remains my widow to that date but if she sees fit and proper to marry again she may remain thereon to that date as before mentioned and enjoy the use thereof in common with my children so long as her occupation thereof shall not be in the judgement of my executors and after them of the Guardian and Curator

of my children prejudicial to the interest and welfare of my children but if her ~~acquisition~~ thereof with my children shall at any time after her second marriage be deemed by my executors or whoever shall be acting as such or after them be deemed by the Guardian and Curator of my children to be ~~prejudicial~~ to the peace & welfare or interest of my children then my executors or the said Guardian and Curator may and shall take the possession thereof which is then peacefully yielded up and the said executors or Guardian and Curators as the case may be shall control and use the same and after paying all taxes expenses and for all necessary repairs thereon they shall pay to her for her own use and benefit the one fourth part of the net annual profits thereof and the remainder of the same shall be and belong in the hands of said parties or either of them to my children at the end of said time of fifteen years the possession of all my real Estate not herein absolutely willed to my said widow shall belong to my children as hereafter provided or in case none of them be living at that time to the parties herein after provided for as Legatees or devisees in the event of the death of all of my children but if at the end of said fifteen years my beloved wife Orlena E. Burro still remaining my widow and unmarried then my children or whoever is or shall be entitled to the possession of my home place under my will shall allow her to remain with them upon said home place and enjoy the same with them as long as she remains unmarried and in that event I ~~enjoin~~ upon and require that my children or other Legatees or devisees entitled to the possession of said home place shall furnish her a home thereon and see that she is properly cared for and provided for as long as she remains my widow and unmarried —

7th I will and devise to my three children to wit Edgar Everett Burro, James Leanton Burro and Edmond Hamlin Burro the South half of Lot Four (4) of Block Twelve (12) in the Town of Bolivar Missouri and the west half of the South East quarter of Section No (2) Town in Township No Thirty Three (33) of Range No Twenty Three (23) less $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre off the North East corner and also less about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre off the South East corner as these pieces have been conveyed to other parties and the west half of the North East

gr of Section No Seventeen (17) Township Thirty Three (33)
 of Range No Twenty Three (23) and the West Half of the
 South West gr of Section No Thirteen (13) and the North
 East gr of the South East gr of Section No Fourteen (14)
 in Town Thirty Two of Range No Twenty Four and the
 North West quarter of the North West quarter of Section
 No Thirty Three (33) and The South West gr of the
 South West gr of Section No Twenty Eight (28) in
 Township No Thirty Four (34) of Range No Twenty Three
 (23) and all my interest which is one half in the following
 to wit in the North West gr of the South East gr and
 the North East gr of the South West gr and the South
 East gr of the North West gr of Section No Thirty Five
 (35) Town Thirty Four (34) of Range Twenty Three (23)
 and in the East half of the North East gr of Section
 No Twenty Seven (27) Town Thirty Five (35) of Range No Twenty
 Three (23) and all other real estate of which I may die
 seized and not otherwise devised; Subject to the use and
 privileges herein before named and Specified and I also
 devise and bequeath to my said children all the
 rest and residue of my personal estate of every kind
 whatsoever, which is not herein otherwise bequeathed or
 devised the same to be divided and shared equally
 between them when they or the survivor or survivors
 of them become of age no division however is to be made
 between them until my second child James Leanton
 Burroo would become of age if he lived to said time
 and in case one of said children dies before
 reaching his majority then all the property of
 every kind devised to my children shall be
 shared equally by the survivors and in case two
 of my children shall die before reaching their majority
 then the whole of the property herein devised to my
 children shall go to the survivor of them if and
 when he reaches his majority but if all my children
 shall die before reaching majority then it is my will
 and desire that the property of all kinds herein devised
 and bequeathed to them shall go to and be shared
 equally by my Brothers and Sisters and if any of
 them are or shall be dead at such time their descendants
 - who shall receive their parents share to be divided

Equally amounting them all of said property however going to them under the same uses charges and restrictions as it was to be subject to if it was received by my children
 8th I will and devise that my Executors have my vineyard properly cared for and trellised and have the Orchard on the place where I now live kept carefully and properly pruned and trimmed and have trees set in all vacancies therein and keep the same filled and that they have said Orchard and Vineyard properly kept and cared for and take all steps and measures they may deem necessary to keep & preserve the same in good condition and allow no stock to be or remain either in the Orchard or vineyard and I further will and devise that my Executors have all repairs made to the Buildings and fences especially on the home place which they may deem best to have made for the use and enjoyment of the same as herein provided

9th I hereby constitute and appoint F. H. D. Dinegan and Joel West as my Executors to carry out the terms and conditions of my will and I also appoint F. H. D. Dinegan and Joel West to be the Guardians and tutors of my children herein named and all matters and things herein entrusted or enjoined upon my Executors as such shall when and after they make a final settlement of my Estate be carried out completely and executed by the said Guardians and tutors of my children

(Written upon seven pages and dated December 13th

Attest 1873

J. D. Abbe

W. R. Devin

J. B. Burro

We the undersigned at the request and in the presence of James B. Burro the Testator in the foregoing instrument who is personally known to us and was and is at this date of sound and disposing mind and memory signed our names as witnesses thereto the said James B. Burro signed his name as ~~Testator~~ as Testator in our presence and declared to us and in our hearing that the same was his last will and Testament and was executed by him as such

witness our hands This 13th day of December A.D. 1873

J. D. Abbe Bolivar Missouri
W. R. Devin Bolivar Missouri

State of Missouri In the Probate Court of Polk
County of Polk & County mo

In the matter of Proving the Last Will and Testament
of James B. Burros late of said Polk County Deceased

On this 13th day of January A.D. 1874 before me the
Judge of Probate for the Probate Court in and
for said County personally came John D. Abbe and
W. R. Devin who being by me duly sworn on their
oaths say that they were present and saw J. B.
Burros sign the foregoing instrument purporting to
be his Last Will and Testament and heard
him publish and declare the same to be his
last will and testament and that at the time
of signing and publishing the same the said
James B. Burros was of sound and disposing
mind and that these Dependants subscribed
their names thereto as witnesses to the same in
the presence and at the request of the Testator
and in the presence of each other and they further
say that the said Testator died on the second
day of January A.D. 1874 and said J. D.
Abbe further states that the interlineations
and erasures in said instrument were all made
before the same was executed by the Testator

John D. Abbe
W. R. Devin

Last Will and Testament of M. G. Campbell Decd

Last Will and Testament of M. G. Campbell. I M. G. Campbell of the County of Polk and State of Missouri Have this day the 23rd of January A.D. 1874 Made my last will of all of my Estate personal and real as follows to wit I want J. A. Campbell & J. S. Campbell my Sons to settle my Personal Estate and Divide it as hereafter prescribed I want my Wife Sarah to have one Thousand Dollars in cash and one Gray Horse ^{Mare} one Gray Mule one Black mule & one Bay Mule and all my house hold and Kitchen Furniture the Choice Milk Cows fifteen head of Stock hogs Choice Wren head of Sheep all pork on hand and Grain And the remainder of my Personal Property all Money and effects all money and effects equally divided between my heirs with this exception D. H. Campbell to have one Dark Bay Mule 2 years old past also Stage A. Devin to have one Black Mare Mule one year old Past also J. A. Campbell to have one Black Mare Mule I want my Wife Sarah to have the following described Real Estate for Natural Lifetime to wit East half of North East of Sec 17. Seventeen & the North West 1/4 of North East 1/4 and North West 1/4 of South East 1/4 in Sec (17) Seventeen Town (34) Third Range (24) Twenty Four I want Drury H. Campbell to have the North East of South East 1/4 of Sec. (17) Town (34) Range (24) My Wife to have the Benefit of the Orchard that is on the Tract above mentioned during her lifetime The above described Land that I will to my wife to be equally divided between George W. Campbell and Drury H. Campbell at her death I want the South West 1/4 of the South East 1/4 of Sec (8) Eight in Township (34) Range (24) to be divided Between Mary A. Devin & J. S. Campbell to be divided By two disinterested persons The remainder of my Real Estate to be divided equally between my heirs We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names thereto as witnesses in the presence of M. G. Campbell the Testator this 23rd day of January A.D. 1874

Isaac H. W. Thompson

W. W. Prigg

M. G. Campbell

Witnesses

State of Missouri
County of Polk

In the matter of proving the will of M. G. Campbell Deceased Isaac H. L. Thompson States That he was acquainted with M. G. Campbell deceased during his life time and that he is of lawful age and resides in the County of Polk and State of Missouri and That on the 23rd day of Aug. A.D. 1874 the said M. G. Campbell in his presence executed the foregoing instrument of writing as his last will and Testament that in the presence of said Isaac H. L. Thompson and W. W. Frieze at said time the said M. G. Campbell deceased declared the same to be his last will and Testament and that said M. G. Campbell was at said time of sound and disposing mind and memory and that at his request this affiant together with W. W. Frieze in the presence of the Testator signed their names thereto as attesting witnesses and that the instrument of writing hereto attached is the writing then so attested as witnesses

Isaac H. L. Thompson
sworn to and subscribed before me at Bolivar
this 23rd day of Feb 1874

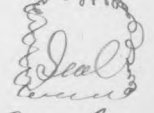
T. J. Page Judge of Probate

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The Last Will and Testament of John
Slagle of Polk County, State of Missouri

I John Slagle considering the uncertainty of this
mortal life and being of sound mind and memory
and being desirous of settling my worldly affairs
while I have strength and capacity so to do make and
publish this my last will and testament that is to
say

1st First I give and bequeath to my youngest
Daughter Mary M. Griffith the following described
tract or parcel of land situate in the State and
County aforesaid that is to say the North West gr of
the North West gr of Section Sixteen Township
Thirty two Range Twenty two also all my personal
property house hold and kitchen furniture

2nd Second I bequeath to my Son in Law S. A. Derosset and
grand Son John C. Pike the Remaining Acre of
my land to be equally divided between them
The said S. A. Derosset and John C. Pike is to pay my
Son in Law J. W. Utley the Sum of Ten Dollars
which I bequeath to him as his part of my estate
real and personal given under my hand Seal
this December the 11th A. D. 1873

John ^{his} Slagle ^{mark} 
Signed and Sealed by said John Slagle as his last will and
Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and
in the presence of each other and at his request have
hereto Subscribed our names as witnesses

Terrill Heatter

State of Missouri
County of Polk

Jamies M Pike Senior
J. B. Heatter

In the matter of proving the last will and
Testament of John Slagle Late of said Polk County
Deceased On this 14th day of March A. D. 1874 before
me the Judge of Probate for the Probate Court in and
for said County personally came Jamies M. Pike
(Senior) Terrill Heatter and J. B. Heatter who being
by me duly sworn on their oaths say that they
saw John Slagle sign the foregoing instrument
purporting to be his last will and Testament

and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament and that at the time of signing and publishing the same the said John Slagle was of sound and disposing mind and memory and that these deponents subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other and they further say that the said Testator died on the 4th day of March A.D. 1874 and Terrill Hatter further states that the interlineations and erasures in said instrument were all made before the same was executed by the Testator.

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 14th day of March A.D. 1874

J. D. Pike
Terrill Hatter
J. D. Hatter

J. J. Poage Judge of Probate
A True copy attested J. J. Poage. Recorded 14th day of March 1874 J. J. Poage Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of Hiram A. Terrill.

In the name of God amen I Hiram A. Terrill of the County of Polk in the State of Missouri being of Sound ~~mind~~ and disposing mind and memory do hereby make and publish this my Last Will and Testament as follows

First - I will and direct that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid

Second - I hereby devise and bequeath all my estate of every kind whether Real Estate or personal Property which may remain after paying my just debts and funeral expenses to my beloved wife Mariak L. Terrill if she should outlive me - for her own use and benefit during her natural life and the same at her death to be distributed disposed of as follows hereafter -

Third - I ^{advise} will that the boy known by the name of Geo H. Terrill whom I have devised shall remain with my said beloved wife Maria till he arrives at the age of Twenty one years

and at her death he is to receive ^{the} four fifths part of all my estate of Every Kind then remaining in her hands -

Fourth - I devise and direct That the Girl Mary E. Overton shall remain with my Said wife Maria till she arrives at the age of Eighteen years and at the death of the Said Maria the Said Mary E. Overton shall and is hereby directed to receive the One Fifth part of all my property of whatever Kind then remaining

Fifth - I devise and bequest named in the Third and fourth Items herein are both upon the Conditions That both of Said children remain with the Said Maria till they each arrive at Lawful age or until the death of the Said Maria L. Terrill if that should first occur and that if either of them leave her before age without her full and free consent - or die before becoming of full age then the share herein named for either shall belong and go to the other if that other shall comply with the conditions herein named and if both of Said children shall leave my Said wife without her consent before they each arrive at full age or before her death if that should first occur then the whole of my property remaining at the death of my Said wife shall belong and go to my lawful heirs then living and in case they both should die before full age or before the death of my Said wife Maria L. then it shall belong and go to my lawful heirs living at ~~the~~ death

Sixth - I hereby appoint my Said wife Maria L. Terrill as my Executor and trustee in regard to my Said property and desire that she dispose of the Same without administration and without Public Sale

Witness my hand this fifth day of July
A. D. 1873 Hiram N. Terrill

At the request and in the presence of Hiram N. Terrill

The Testator we have heretofore affixed our names as
 Subscribing witnesses this Fifth day of July A.D. 1873

John D. Abbe Bolivar Mo

W. H. Branham Halfway Pk Co Mo

State of Missouri &
 County of Polk &

Be it remembered that on the 13th day of July
 A.D. 1874 before me J. J. Page Judge of Probate for the County
 of Polk aforesaid Personally appeared before me John D.
 Abbe and W. H. Branham who being by me duly sworn
 upon their oath depose and say that they were
 present and saw Hiram H. Terrill sign the instrument
 hereto attached 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 Hiram
 H. Terrill was of sound mind and disposing
 memory and that these deponents 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 Testator

John D. Abbe
 W. H. Branham

Subscribed and Sworn to before me

this July 13th 1874

J. J. Page

Judge of Probate

State of Missouri &
 County of Polk &

In the Probate Court
 Be it remembered that on the 13th
 day of July A.D. 1874 Personally appeared before
 me J. J. Page Judge of Probate Court of the County
 and State of Missouri aforesaid J. D. Abbe and
 W. H. Branham the Subscribing Witnesses to the annexed
 Will of Hiram H. Terrill deceased and being by
 me first duly sworn depose and say that the
 said Hiram H. Terrill the Testator subscribed the same
 in their presence and published said will or instrument
 of writing as his last will that he the said Testator
 was at the time of publishing this said will of sound
 mind and more than twenty one years of age
 and that the said deponents attested said

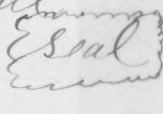
will as witnesses thereto by subscribing Their names in the presence of the Testator and in presence of each other
 In witness whereof J. J. Page Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County have herewith subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court at Office in Bolivar This 13th day of July 1874
 J. J. Page Judge of Probate

The Will of Eli Morefield

In the name of God amen I Eli Morefield of the County of Polk and State Missouri being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail transitory life do therefore make and 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 and bequeath and dispose of as follows
 To wit

I devise my wife Sarah J. Morefield the house in which I now live and the buildings appertenant to the same and the house hold furniture of every kind now being in said house and the following Described Tract of Land (To wit)
 N.W. qr. the South East qr. of N.W. qr. and the N.E. qr. of all in Section No 26 Township 34 of Range No. 24 all containing 240 acres. To have and to hold to her the said Sarah J. Morefield for the Term of her natural Life or widowhood in Lien and in full Satisfaction of her dower and of all her right of dower in and out of all my Lands and Tenements whereof I shall die seized or of all her of dower in any lands and Tenements of which I may be seized during my marriage
 With said Sarah J. Morefield

And all of the Estate that Remains after her the said Sarah J. Morefield Decease to be divided Equally Between my Lawful heirs to wit Amanda J. Burl P. H. Burl and F. M. Thompson Likewise I make constitute and appoint Sarah J. Morefield my Executor

To be my executor of this my Last Will and Testament revoking all former Wills by me made In Witness Whereof I have herewith subscribed my name and affixed my seal. This the 9th day of Sept - Oct. Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty five
 Eli Morefield 

Christian Pickel
 William ^{his} White
 mark

The above written instrument subscribed by the said Eli Morefield in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at same time published and declared the above instrument to be his last Will and Testament and we at the testator's request and his presence have signed our names as witnesses herewith

State of Missouri
 County of Polk

These affiants being sworn on their oath say that the foregoing instrument of Writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Eli Morefield was signed by said Testator in their presence and that they each subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of each other and at the request of the Testator and that said deceased declared and published the same to be his last Will and Testament and at the time of publishing the same the said Testator was of sound and disposing mind and memory
 Christian Pickel
 William ^{his} White
 mark

Sworn and subscribed before
 me this 10th day December
 A.D. 1874 J. J. Page
 Judge of Probate

Will of Daniel Molder

In the name of God Amen
I, Daniel Molder of full age and of sound
and disposing mind and memory do hereby
make, ordain and declare this my last
will and testament in manner following
that is to say -

First, I desire that all my
just debt and funeral expenses be paid
from my personal estate.

Second, I give and bequeath to
my beloved wife, Julia M. Molder
one half of all my personal estate, effects,
goods, chattels, moneys & credits - after
my just debts are paid - absolutely.

Third I give and bequeath to
my children, viz: Orlena Elizabeth Molder,
Margaret Samantha Molder and Phoebe
Alice Molder all the residue and balance
of personal estate, effects, goods, chattels,
moneys, credits &c. in equal parts and
equal share to be paid over to the Guardian
or Curator of their Estate when the same
are collected. Provided however, if any
heirs should be born unto me Daniel Molder
& the said Julia M. Molder subsequent to
the date of this instrument, then said personal
estate, effects, goods, chattels, moneys &c.
shall descend to those subsequent heirs in
the same ratio & proportion to them as to
the above named heirs Orlena E. Molder,
Margaret S. Molder and Phoebe A. Molder.

Fourth, I give and bequeath to
my wife Julia aforesaid all my real
estate, lands, tenements and hereditaments
to be employed by her during the term of
her natural life and after her death I
bequeath the same to my aforesaid daughters
Orlena E. Margaret S. and Phoebe A.
Molder and in equal parts to my subsequent
heirs the same, situated in the County

of Polk and St. Clair, State of Mo.

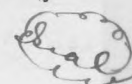
Fifth, I give to each of my children not herein before mentioned the sum of Five Dollars each to be paid out of any moneys remaining after my just debts and funeral expenses aforesaid are paid and before my personal estate is divided between and among my wife and daughters aforesaid, viz: to Mrs Martha Goodson, Henry P. Molder, Emily Lawler, Sally Gask, Louisa Page, Five Dollars each. And to the children of Julia Ann Ball, deceased, the sum of one dollar each as I have before this time and during my life time provided liberally for all of my said children and heirs.

Sixth - I do make, nominate and appoint Archibald Hopper my Executor and I hereby enjoin upon them to faithfully execute the provisions of this my last will and Testament - and I hereby revoke all former wills and Testaments by me made.

In witness whereof I have and do hereto set my hand and seal affixed.

This done at Humansville Polk Co. Mo. this the (26) Twenty sixth day of October 1868.

In presence of
J. W. Foster

Daniel ^{his} Molder 
mark

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk }

We, J. W. Foster and

George Harris do hereby certify that the above written Testament was read in our presence to Daniel Molder and in our presence and the presence of each other he signed the same and declared it to be his last will and Testament. This done this twenty sixth day of October A.D. 1868, at Humansville Polk Co. Mo. J. W. Foster

George Harris

On account of the absence of George Harris by removal from this county I Daniel Molder deem it necessary to have another witness

to this my last will and Testament therefore
I Daniel Molder order the following annexed
certificate.

We I. W. Foster and Joshua Frost
do hereby certify that the above written Testament
was read in our presence to Daniel Molder
and in our presence and in the presence of
each other he signed the same anew and
declared it to be his last will and Testament
this done this the thirtieth day of January
1871.

I. W. Foster

Joshua Frost

State of Missouri, Polk County

In matter of proving the
last will and Testament of
Daniel Molder, late of Polk } Probate Court of
county, deceased. } Polk Co.

On this the 14th day of
January A. D. 1873, before me Judge of the
Probate Court within and for said county of
Polk, personally came I. W. Foster and
Joshua Frost, who being by me duly sworn,
on their oaths say, that they were present
and saw Daniel Molder re-sign the foregoing
instrument, purporting to be his last will and
Testament, and heard him re-publish and
declare the same to be his last will and
Testament and that, at the time of re-signing
and republishing the same, the said Daniel
Molder was of sound and disposing mind,
and that these deponents subscribed their
names thereto as witnesses to the same, in the
presence and at the request of the testator,
and in the presence of each other. And that
Archibald Hopper's name was inter-lined
before the attestation.

I. W. Foster

Joshua Frost

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this
14th day of January A. D. 1873.

(Seal)

James J. Simpson
Judge of Probate

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk }

In Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on the 14th day of Jan. A. D. 1873, personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court, of the County and State aforesaid, J. W. Foster and Joshua Frost the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Daniel Molder, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Daniel Molder the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published 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 21 years of age, and that these said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator.

I, witness whereof, I, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in Bolivar this 14th day of Jan. 1873.

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate



Recorded Jan. 14. 1873.
James G. Simpson
clerk

I Benjamin Looney of
 Palk County Missouri being of sound
 mind and disposing memory knowing the
 certainty of death and the uncertainty of
 life do make and publish this my last will
 and testament, hereby revoking all former
 wills by me made.

1st. I will my Soul to God who gave it.

2^d. I will that all my just debts that
 I may owe at the time of my death and also
 my funeral expenses be paid.

3^d. I will and bequeath to my beloved
 wife, Mary Malica Looney, two work horses,
 my two horse wagon and harness, four
 milch cows and calves, twenty head of hogs,
 and all my sheep, all my household and
 kitchen furniture, and a sufficiency of all the
 provisions that may be on hand at the time
 of my death for her and her children that may
 at that time reside with her or members of the family
 for one years support. And I further will that
 my said wife have and be allowed three hundred
 dollars in hard money out of what hard
 money may be on hand at my death and I will
 that the above described and mentioned ar-
 ticles be allowed to my wife Mary Malica
 Looney absolutely they and the property and
 interest hereinafter willed and devised to her
 to be in lieu of all her dower interest in my
 estate both real and personal.

4th. I will that all my real estate situ-
 ated in the County of Palk in the State of
 Missouri known and described as the home
 place on which I now reside, remain in
 the possession and control of my wife Mary
 Malica Looney as long as she remains my
 widow for the use and support and maintenance

of myself and Benjamin Leonidas Looney, Jesse Edward Looney and William Stanford Looney my youngest sons. And in the event of the death or marriage of my said wife then and in that event all of said before mentioned real estate shall descend and absolutely belong to my said sons Benjamin Leonidas Looney, Jesse Edward Looney and William Stanford Looney and the heirs of their bodies share and share alike and in case of the death of either of them without heirs of his body then and in that event the said named real estate shall descend and rest absolutely in the survivors of them and in case of the death of all three of them without bodily heirs then and in that case all of said lands shall be equally divided between my other children as follows to Algira Ruyke one third part of said real estate, to Matilda Mitchell one third part of said real estate, to the heirs of Mary Ruyke decreed equal shares of one third part of said real estate. And in the event that said real estate cannot be divided between them in accordance with this my last will then the same shall be sold to the best advantage by my executor and the proceeds divided as before stated.

5th. I will that my daughter Algira Ruyke have and receive for herself and her bodily heirs the sum of Fifty Dollars in money.

6th. I will that Matilda Mitchell my daughter have and receive for herself and her bodily heirs the sum of Fifty Dollars in money.

7th. I will that Fifty Dollars in money be equally divided between my three grand children, to wit, William A. Ruyke, Sarah Mitchell and Mary Cunningham.

8th. I will that after the foregoing provisions of my will are strictly complied with all the remainder of my property, if any, shall be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided

between my three eldest daughters, if living, or proportionally between the survivors and the bodily heirs of such as may have deceased.

I hereby nominate and appoint Reuben C. Gilmore as Executor of this my last will and Testament.

I, witness whereof I have hitherto signed my name and affixed my seal and do acknowledge this to be my last will and Testament in presence of James P. Dagle, James Utley and Joseph Davis
Benjamin Looney (Seal)

We at the request and in the presence of the said Benjamin Looney attest the foregoing will consisting of four pages and this fractional page by signing our names thereto as witnesses
James P. Dagle
James Utley
Joseph Davis
attest
R. C. Gilmore

State of Missouri I ss.
County of Polk I ss.

In the Polk Co. Probate Court.
Be it Remembered, That on the 20th day of January A. D. 1875, personally appeared before me, Judge of Probate for the County and State aforesaid, James P. Dagle, James Utley and Joseph Davis, the subscribing witnesses to the within will of Benjamin Looney deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Benjamin Looney the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published 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 that they,

said deponents, attested said will as witnesses
thereby by subscribing their names to the same
in the presence of each other and of said
testator.

In witness whereof, I, James G.
Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court of
Pulaski County, have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed the seal of said
Court, at office in Pulaski, this 30th day
of January A. D. 1873.

Seal

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Filed for record, Jan'y 30, 1873.
James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Amos Richardson

In the name of God, Amen:
I, Amos Richardson of full age and of sound and disposing mind and memory, and in good health, do hereby make, ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner following, that is to say:

1st. I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of the proceeds and effects of my estate.

2^d. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Martha Caroline, all my household and kitchen furniture - except one bed and bedding - during her natural life, absolutely, the above named bed and bedding excepted as above I desire to go to my daughter Junie L. Richardson born the 22^d of April 1873.

3^d. It is my will and that I desire that there be paid to my beloved wife Martha Caroline Five Hundred Dollars out of the proceeds of my estate for her own use and benefit, absolutely.

4th. It is my will and desire that there be placed in the hands of my Executors the sum of One Thousand Dollars out of the proceeds of my estate for the use and benefit of my daughter Junie L. Richardson, born the 22^d of April 1873.

5th. My said Executors are hereby requested and required to loan the said sum of One Thousand Dollars at interest, and the proceeds thereof to be appropriated to the education and support of my said daughter Junie L. Richardson.

6th. It is my desire that if my aforesaid daughter should die before marrying or becoming of age then the said sum of One Thousand Dollars shall revert back to my estate as an undivided interest (in) my said estate.

Will of Amos Richardson - continued

7th. It is my will and desire and I hereby authorize and request my Executors to sell all my real and personal estate that I may be seized or ~~belonging~~ to me at my death, as soon as may be, for the best price and on the best terms they can for the interest of the estate.

8th. It is further my will and desire that the proceeds of my real and personal estate not heretofore disposed of, shall be equally divided amongst my said heirs herein named as follows, viz: Nancy Brown, Clara McCracken, Preston B. Richardson, Richard M. Richardson, Mary Rogers, Phoebe Raint, Thomas Richardson, - It is not known whether or not he is living, should he ever ~~return~~ come home to his native land - to share equal with the other heirs - all to share and share alike.

9th. It is my will that the legal heirs of Job Richardson deceased, shall inherit their father's interest in one of my heirs, to be divided equally among the living heirs of their said father, Job Richardson deceased.

10th. It is further my desire that the heirs of Jackson Richardson deceased, shall inherit their father's in my estate to be equally divided among his living heirs to share and share alike.

11th. I do make, nominate and appoint Robert McCracken and Preston B. Richardson, my son, my Executors, and hereby enjoin upon them to faithfully execute the provisions of this my last will and testament, by me made.

In witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal, this 1st day of July 1873. Done at Hannamville, Polk County, State of Missouri. Amos Richardson (Seal)

In the presence of

J. H. Moxey, Alburn Ayres and
Jos. J. Human

Will of Amos Richardson - continued

We, J. H. Murry, Alburn Ayres and
 Jas. G. Neuman, do hereby certify that the
 above written testament was read in our
 presence and to Amos Richardson and in
 our presence and in the presence of each other
 he signed the same and declared this to be
 his last will and testament, this 1st day
 of July 1873.

J. H. Murry
 Alburn Ayres
 Jas. G. Neuman

Codicil

Whereas, I, Amos Richardson of
 the County of Polk and State of Missouri,
 have by my last will and testament in
 writing duly executed, bearing date July, 1st,
 A. D. 1873, among other things given
 and bequeathed to my daughter, Fannie
 L. Richardson, certain property, money and
 effects to my estate belonging, and
 whereas my daughter Fannie aforesaid is
 deceased, she having departed this life August
 29th, A. D. 1873, now I, the said Amos
 Richardson do make this Codicil
 to my said will and do hereby revoke
 any and all legacies and provisions made
 for and provided and by my said will
 given or bequeathed to my daughter Fannie
 aforesaid wherein any person or legatee
 named or mentioned in my will as aforesaid
 is or may be might be affected thereby.

And I do give and bequeath to my
 daughter Georgiana, born July 25th, A. D.,
 1874, the sum of One Thousand Dollars,
 which in my will as aforesaid was a pro-
 vision for the use and benefit of my
 deceased daughter Fannie. And I now
 and hereby direct and instruct and enjoin

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Will of Amos Richardson - continued

the same upon my Executors to the faithful performance thereof, and to this end declare that all bequests, benefits, legacies and provisions in my will as aforesaid for the use of my daughter Fannie deceased and aforesaid, I now and hereby give and bequeath to my daughter Georgiana aforesaid, except, and unless in case of the death of Georgiana aforesaid before becoming of lawful age, and if it should so happen or come to pass; that my daughter Georgiana aforesaid should die (be deceased) before she becomes of lawful age (18 years) and at the time of her death as aforesaid is yet unmarried (or femme sole) then in regard to the matter aforesaid concerning my daughter Georgiana, it is my will in the premises and in relation thereto, and I direct my Executors to pay to my beloved wife, Martha Caroline Richardson, (provided she at that time still remains my widow) out of the One Thousand Dollars provided for my daughter Georgiana the sum of Five Hundred Dollars to be hers absolutely, and the balance or remainder of the One Thousand Dollars as aforesaid with interest if any to revert to my estate, and be equally divided and distributed among my heirs and legatees. And in case that my wife Martha Caroline as aforesaid shall marry again and be no longer my widow, then the whole of the One Thousand Dollars with interest thereon or so much as may be as aforesaid shall revert to my estate upon the terms and conditions as before mentioned.

I do witness whereof I have set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of January A.D. 1875. Done at Mammerville, Polk County, State of Missouri. Amos Richardson

In presence of Alben Ayres,
Polly Ann Ayres and W. H. Anderson.

Will of Amos Richardson - continued

We, Albion Ayres, Pally Ann Ayres & W. H. Anderson, do hereby certify that the above written testament was read in our presence and to Amos Richardson and in our presence and in the presence of each other he signed the same and declared this to be his last will and testament, or codicil thereto, this 12th day of January A. D. 1875.

Albion Ayres
Pally Ann Ayres
W. H. Anderson

Probate

State of Michigan }
County of Polk } ss.

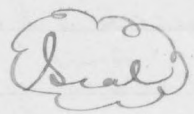
In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on the 26th & 31st days of May A. D. 1875, personally appeared before me J. H. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, Albion Ayres, J. H. Murray and W. H. Anderson, the subscribers with reference to the annexed will and codicil of Amos Richardson deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Amos Richardson the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published said will and codicil, or instruments of writing as his last will. That he, the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will and codicil of sound mind, and more than 21 years of age, and that these said deponents attested said will and codicil as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of each other and of said testator.

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Will of Amos Richardson - continued

I, the undersigned, I, James G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Belvoir, this 31st. day of May 1875.



James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Thomas Fox

October 7th. 1873.

First, I want my just debts all settled or paid out of my personal property.

Second, I want what land that is not deeded to the other boys to be divided between George Washington Fox and Newell Sherman Fox, giving to George Washington the north half of the forty lying east of the house down to the creek, and sixty acres, more or less, off the West part of the farm next to Arch. Haffer. And the remainder to be given to Newell Sherman. But the whole must be under the control of the mother until her death. And I wish these two boys to take care of their mother and be her supporters until her death.

Third, Fannie, Newell and George are to have a horse and saddle each.

There are sixty acres of land in Sec. 1, and forty acres in Sec. 6, off which the boys, except Newell and George, may use timber by paying tax on same.

And out of the land, consisting of about 190 acres, lying in Cedar county, I want the Ham, Yoast, and Wilson's debts to be settled. The remainder I want deeded to Mary Walker and her heirs.

And at the death of the mother, the property left, I want divided between Fannie and Sarah to the amount of \$100.- each - provided such amount is left.

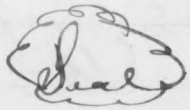
The mother I want to be my executrix, having Rustin for her assistant, until the business is all wound up. Thomas Fox

Witness { E. T. McKim
 { W. M. Mitchell

State of Wisconsin 3rd ss. In Probate Court.
County of Polk 3rd ss.

Be it remembered, That on the tenth day of March A.D. 1876, personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court, of the county and State aforesaid, E. T. McKim and W. M. Mitchell the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Thomas Fox deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Thomas Fox the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published said Will as 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 21 years of age, and that these said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator, and in the presence of each other.

In witness whereof, I James G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at Office, in Bellevue, this tenth day of March 1876.



James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

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Will of Wm. King

This is my last will. I, William King of the County of Polk & State of Missouri make this my last will.

I give, devise and bequeath all my estate and property, real and personal, to William Underwood, at my death.

In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will, on this the 8th day of December 1871.

William ^{his} King (Seal)
man

The said William King of said county and State and day and date above mentioned signed and sealed this instrument & published and declared the same as for his last will, and we at his request and in his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto written our names as subscribing witnesses

Diles Fox

John Hall

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri, County of Polk: ss.

Be it remembered that on the 19th day of June A.D. 1876, personally appeared before me, Judge of the Probate Court, of the County & State aforesaid, Diles Fox; and on the 10th day of July 1876, John Hall appeared before R. M. Sawyer J. P. of Elk Co. Kansas to whom I had on the 20th of June 1876 issued a commission to take the evidence of said John Hall, the subscribing witness to the annexed will of William King deceased, and being by me and said J. P. annually first duly sworn, depose and say that the said William King, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence and published 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 21 years of age, and that they, said deponents,

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attested said Will as witnesses thereto by subscrib-
ing their names to the same in the presence of
said Testator and of each other.

In witness whereof, I, James G. Simpson,
Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County have
hereunto subscribed my name and affixed
the seal of said Court, at office, in Bellingham
this 29th day of July 1876.

Seal

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Mildred H. Smith

In the name of God amen: I, Mildred H. Smith
of the County of Polk and State of Wisconsin, 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 or
personal property I give, bequeath and dispose of as
follows, to wit: The property to be sold for money
then to my daughter Elizabeth Hanes I give one dollar,
to my son Ezekiel E. Smith one dollar, to my daughter
Mildred children one dollar, to my son John Smith
children one dollar, to my son George W. Smith
one dollar, to my daughter Sarah D. Lacey one dollar,
then the remainder to be divided between my son
Joseph B. Smith and my daughter Mootie H.
Langston, as follows, to wit: To Joseph B. Smith three
fifths, then the remainder to my daughter Mootie H.
Langston. Likewise I make, constitute and appoint
my said son Joseph B. Smith to be executor of this my
last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former
Wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed
my name and affixed my seal the thirtieth
day of May 1871.
Mildred H. Smith

Will of M. H. Smith - continued

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Mildred H. Smith in our presence and acknowledged by her to each of us and she at the same time published and declared the above instrument as subscribed to be her last will and testament and we at the testator's request and in her presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto and written opposite our names our respective places of residence.

B. F. Hagaman	Polk Co. Mo.
E. N. McGill	Polk Co. Mo.
J. J. Hayles	Polk Co. Mo.

State of Missouri 3rd ss. In the Probate Court
County of Polk

Be it Remembered, That on the 6th day of December 1876, personally appeared before me Judge of Probate for said County, B. F. Hagaman, E. N. McGill and J. J. Hayles, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of M. H. Smith deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said testatrix subscribed the same in their presence, and published said will as instrument of writing as her last will. That she the said testatrix was at the time of publishing her said will, of sound mind and more than 21 years of age, and that they, said deponents, attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testatrix.

Witness my hand and official seal, at
office in Belvoir, this 6th day of December 1876.
James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

(Seal)

Will of Hiram Hopkins Decd.

This sequent & will made this 9th day of February 1878 for the purpose of making a distribution or division of my property, both real and personal, is as follows:

I want James O. Hopkins and John A. Walker to take my property both real and personal and manage it till the children all become of age, and until the farm and manage the renting of the same, and manage the business of the minor heirs, dispose of the rent of the farm and pay one third of the crop they tend themselves, and sell all the rent and pay the tax on the property out of the proceeds, and keep the farm in repair out of the rent of the farm. The minor heirs is to pay no rent till they become of age, and when they all become of age all of the property is to be equally divided by sale or consent of justice. The minor heirs to have one horse a piece - saddle & bridle worth seventy five dollars to make them equal with the rest that have already received the above named horse & saddle. I want all of the debts paid as early as possible.

Given under my hand, this 9th day of February 1878
 Hiram ^{at} Hopkins _{made}

Witness

Wilson M. Cowin

W. H. Marshall

John W. Brown

State of Wisconsin
 County of Polk

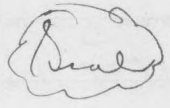
In the Probate Court

Be it Remembered, That on the 27th day of February A. D. 1878, personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court, of the county and State aforesaid, Wilson M. Cowin, John W. Brown and W. H. Marshall the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Hiram Hopkins deceased, and being sworn, depone and say, that the said Hiram Hopkins the testator, subscribed the same in this presence and published said will or instrument of writing

Will of H. Hopkins - continued

as his last will. That he the said testator was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than 21 years of age, and that they, said witnesses attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator.

In witness whereof, I, James G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Bellevue, this 27th day of March 1878



James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Joseph A. Boim, decd.

I, Joseph A. Boim of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain and publish and declare this to be my last will, hereby revoking all other wills by me made, that is to say, after my lawful debts is paid and my funeral expenses discharged, it is my desire that my Executors purchase a set of Tombstones for me and my wife Elizabeth, each, and to erect them at our graves, each set to cost about fifty dollars out of my estate. It is my desire that my wife Elizabeth have the residue of my estate real and personal during her natural life, all to be disposed of at the discretion of my executor, except the beds and clothing and my bay mare called Linda - I give them to my wife to have and dispose of at her own discretion. It is my desire that my Executors dispose of my property as follows, rent out my farm in Polk County which is described by my deed, to rent it out yearly and pay the tax on said farm out of the rents, the rent of the rents pay to my wife. My Executors if at any time they think it best to sell the farm can do so at their discretion at any time after my death either at private or public sale for cash and put the money at ten per cent. interest which interest they must collect yearly and pay over to my wife to have and to hold use at her own discretion and at her death it is my will that my executor expose to sale and sell all my personal and property on hand. It is my will that the proceeds of the same be disposed of as follows, I give to Catherine Jane Boim daughter of R. C. Boim one hundred dollars, to John A. Boim two hundred dollars, to Thomas Neil Boim one hundred dollars, to Addie E. Boim one hundred dollars - all children of R. C. Boim, I give to my

Will of J. A. Boim - continued

grand daughter Lucy, Jan Boim and grand son Thomas Wiley Boim, daughter and son of Thomas O. Boim, one hundred dollars each.

I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate and its proceeds to my children now living, namely, John W. Boim Thomas O. Boim and R. C. Boim to be divided equally between them, share and share alike, likewise I appoint R. C. Boim and Thomas O. Boim, Executors to this my last will, hereby revoking all other wills by me made, In witness whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this the 30 day of June 1877.

Joseph ^{min} A. Boim _{and}

The above or foregoing written instrument, subscribed to by the said Joseph A. Boim in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us, and he at the same time published the same and declared the above instrument as subscribed to his last will, and 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 abode, or residence.

J. S. Kinder, Pella Des Moines
James M. Kinder Orleans Mo.

State of Missouri }
County of Pella } ss.

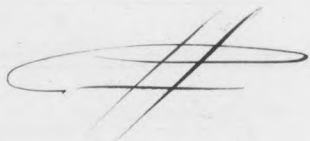
In Probate Cause Be it Remembered, That on this 16th day of March A.D. 1878, personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, J. S. Kinder, and James M. Kinder, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of Joseph A. Boim deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Joseph A. Boim, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence and published said

Will of J. A. Bain, decd.

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 21 years of age, and that they said disponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator.

I, a witness whereof, I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have herunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said court, at the office in Des Moines this 16th day of March 1878

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate



Will of James H. Smith, decd.

Humansville Polk Co. Mo.
February 1st, 1878.

I, James H. Smith, of Humansville in the County of Polk and State of Missouri, being of sound mind and memory and understanding do make my last will and testament in manner and form following:

First, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife Martha A. Smith, Lot twenty four in the town of Humansville in Section 16, Township 35 Range 24, during her natural life or widowhood, then to be sold and equally divided between my legal heirs.

Second, I give and bequeath to my wife Martha A. Smith, all right, title and interest in my Patent Right, granted January 23, 1877, in the Spring Wash Machine with the exception of the States of Iowa and Wisconsin, and authorizing her to sell and dispose of the same for the benefit

Will of J. W. Smith - continued

of her self and family or payment of my debts or claims against me.

Third, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha A. Smith all of my household and kitchen furniture.

Fourth, I will and bequeath to my daughter Laura T. Smith, my silver hunting case watch, value twenty dollars.

Fifth, I will and bequeath to my son James Emitt Smith one good horse saddle, value twenty dollars.

Sixth, I will and bequeath to my son Arthur R. Smith one double barrel shot gun, value twenty dollars.

Seventh, I will and bequeath to my daughter Nancy C. Smith, twenty dollars in cash out of the sale of my property.

Eighth, I hereby direct and empower my Executor to sell and dispose of all of my personal property to the highest bidder at auction as soon as practicable after my decease, and to sell my real estate at auction or private sale or it may in his judgment seem best and most advantageous or for the interest of my said devisees, that is to say, If it becomes necessary to sell the real estate, but if my personal property will pay my debts, I don't wish the land sold.

Ninth, I hereby appoint my wife Martha A. Smith, guardian of the person and estate of each of my children or may be minors at the time of my death.

Tenth, I hereby appoint William M. Martin my executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I, James W. Smith the testator have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal, this 12th day of Feb, A.D. 1878. James W. Smith Test.

Will of James W. Smith - cont.

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the above named, James W. Smith or and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names at his request, as witnesses thereto, in the presence of the said testator and of each other.

Samuel B. Evans
W. M. Frizze

State of Wisconsin
County of Polk

In Probate Court

Be it Remembered, That on the 18th, day of March A.D. 1878, personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, S. B. Evans and W. M. Frizze the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of James W. Smith deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said James W. Smith, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published said Will as instrument of writing as his will. That he, the said testator, was at the time of publishing his said will, of sound mind and more than 21 years of age, and that they said deponents, attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator.

In witness whereof, I, James G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Bellevue this 18th day of March 1878.

Seal

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Philip Manuel, decd.

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Philip Manuel of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, being weak in body but of sound mind and capable of disposing of and being desirous of settling all my worldly affairs while I have strength and am capable of so doing, do make and publish this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

First, I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my personal estate by my Executors hereinafter named.

Second, I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah M. Manuel and the five children, viz, Jos. L. - Robert L. - Geo. B. - Sarah M. - and Franz Single Manuel the use benefit and profits of my farm where I now live, containing about 164 acres until the youngest of said children arrive at the age of twenty one years, - desiring that they all remain and live on the farm until that time if they can agreeably.

Third, I desire that my beloved wife and the five children aforesaid also have the benefit use of and control of all the personal property belonging to me at my death, during her life and at her death the same to be equally divided between all my children, to wit: Geo. Manuel, Martha Brown, (children by my first wife) and the children by my last wife viz, Jos. L. Robert L. Geo. B. Sarah M. and Franz Single Manuel aforesaid or the survivors of them.

Fourth, I desire that if my wife Sarah M. Manuel should die before the youngest of my five children arrive at the age of 21 years, that they remain and live on the farm until the youngest of said children arrive at the age of 21 years at which time I desire that they or the survivors of them

Will of P. Manuel dead - cont.

divide the farm aforesaid equally between them or otherwise dispose of it as they may see fit and divide the proceeds between them.

Fifth, Jose P. Manuel child by my first wife as aforesaid having had the use and benefit of his time for three and a half years before arriving at the age of 21 years, I consider this equal to any interest he would have or be entitled to in my farm as aforesaid.

Sixth, Mother Brown child by my first wife as aforesaid having had advancements in way of property at and after her marriage with I saw Brown to such an amount that I consider equal to any amount or interest she would have or be entitled to in my farm as aforesaid.

Seventh, Jose P. Manuel my son aforesaid being now justly indebted to me in the sum of twenty-eight dollars I desire that in the event he does not pay the same before my death or to my Executor afterwards that the same be deducted from his part of the personal estate to which he may be entitled at the time of disposing of the same as aforesaid.

Eighth, I hereby appoint my beloved wife Sarah M. Manuel and my son John B. Manuel as my executor of this my last will and testament and desire that they be not required to subscribe or give bond as such.

In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my seal at the County and State aforesaid, this 24th day of Sept. 1876.

Philip Manuel Dead

Signed and sealed by the said Philip Manuel as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who, in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto signed our names as witnesses hereto.

J. L. Snodgrass
Morris M. Smith
Samuel M. Boory

Will of Philip Manned

Certificate of Probate
State of Missouri
County of Polk

Be it Remembered, That on the 2^d day of April A.D., 1878, personally appeared before me Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid Samuel Wilbony, and Morris M. Smith, the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Philip Manned deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Philip Manned, the testator, subscribed the same in this presence, and published said Will as 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 21 years of age, and that they said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator.

In Witness Whereof, I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said court at office in Polkville this 2^d day of April 1878.

(Seal)

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of John T. Watkins

July the 23^d day 1878.

This is the undersigned's last will and testament, as follows,

I want my debts all paid first, and all the rest of my property, both personal and real to go to Nancy J. Watkins, my wife, as long as she remains my widow, or until her death, and at her death I want my property sold or divided equal amongst my children.

I want Nancy, my wife, to have control of all my property, both personal and real as long as she remains my widow or until her death, and should she marry, the property to be distributed amongst the heirs according to law.

My mother is to live with the family and to be taken care of and her living and expenses to come out of my estate.

I want James H. Watkins and David R. Holmes (to), pay my debts and administer on my estate with full authority.

Given under my hand, the day and year first above written.

John ^{his} T. Watkins Seal

Witness

John H. Brown

J. M. Jones

Thomas H. Foggy

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri

County of Polk

3^d ss.

In Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on the 21 day of September A.D. 1878 personally appeared before me, Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, John H. Brown and Thomas H. Foggy, two

Will of John T. Watkins Scout.

of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of John T. Watkins deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say ^{that} the said John T. Watkins the testator subscribed the same in this presence and published said will as 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 21 years of age, and that they, said deponents attested said will as witnessed thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator; whereupon the same is considered and adjudged to be the last will and testament of the said deceased.

In witness whereof, I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Bellevue this 21 day of September 1878.

(Seal)

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Christian Fender.

I, Christian Fender of the County of Polk and State of Missouri being of sound mind and memory and understanding, do make my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife Dorothy M. Fender, her heirs and assigns during her natural life, or so long as she remains my widow, all my property personal and mixed of what nature and kind soever. And if she marries or dies then the property to be divided equally among my legal heirs, except Sarah Oceana Defries who I give five dollars but in case her husband (James H. Defries) dies before I do, then he to come in for a equal share with the rest of my children.

2^d. I hereby direct and empower my executor to dispose of my property by public auction to the highest bidder as soon as practicable after my decease, and then divide equal among my children, except Sarah Oceana Defries who I give five dollars but if her husband (James H. Defries) should die before I do then (she) Sarah Oceana Defries shall inherit equal with the rest of my children, after my funeral expenses are paid.

3^d. I hereby appoint James M. Fender and Jane M. Fender, Executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I, Christian Fender, the testator have this day (to) my last will and testament set my hands and seal this 14 day of March A.D. 1878.

Christian Fender Dead

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

J. H. Pelts

J. T. Goovers

Geo. H. Goiffin

Will of Christian Funder

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri 3d. In Probate Court.
County of Polk

Be it Remembered, That on the 17 day of May, A.D. 1879, personally appeared before me, J. G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid J. H. Peltz and T. J. Graw two of the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Christian Funder deceased and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Christian Funder, the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published 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 21 years of age, and that they said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of said testator; whereupon, I hereby certify and adjudge, the same to be the last will and testament of the said deceased.

In witness whereof, I, James G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Bolivia this 17 day of May 1879. James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate
Dea

Will of Isaac Kirby

In the name of God, Amen:

I, Isaac Kirby, of the County of Polk and the 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, to wit: My beloved son Stanford five hundred dollars in fee during his natural life, then the remainder to be equally divided between Guyan Davis his wife by his present wife, Elizabeth I Davis, and my daughter Margaret Kirby, I bequeath to them one hundred and sixty acres of land situate in the County of Wade, also five acres in the County of Polk lying North of Basham's land I give to my daughter Margaret And after all my lawful debts are paid the remainder of my personal property to be equally divided between my daughters Margaret and Elizabeth or their heirs who may be living at the time of this decease, to be divided equally between them share and share alike.

I now bequeath to the heirs of my son Salomon P. Kirby twenty dollars as they become of lawful age.

Likewise I make constitute and appoint my son-in-law Guyan Davis to be my Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, the thirty first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Isaac Kirby Seal

The above instrument was subscribed by the said Isaac Kirby in our presents and acknowledged by him to each of us and he at the same time published and declared the above instrument to be his last will and testament, and we at the testator's request and in his presence have signed our names as witnesses hereto.

Jully C. Kirby
B. H. Hagerman

Will of Isaac Kisley - cont.

Proof of Will

State of Mississippi
County of Polk

In Probate Cause.
Be it Remembered, That on this
19th day of May A. D. 1879, before me James
G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court held in and
for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Tully
C. Kisley and B. F. Hoagman, who are the
subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Isaac
Kisley deceased, and being by me first duly sworn
depose and say that the said Isaac Kisley the
testator subscribed the same in their presence and
published and declared said will as instrument
of writing to be his last will and testament, and
that at the time of signing the same, he, the said
testator was of sound and disposing mind
and more than 21 years of age, and that said
deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto
by subscribing their names to the same in the
presence of the testator and of each other
at the request of the said testator

Tully C. Kisley
B. F. Hoagman

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 19 day of May A. D. 1879.

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

State of Mississippi
County of Polk

Certificate of Probate
This is to certify that I have this day examined the
 foregoing Will of Isaac Kisley deceased, and heard the evidence of the
 subscribing witnesses thereto, and thereupon I hereby consider and adjudge
 the same to be the last will and testament of the said deceased, Isaac
 Kisley. Witness my hand and seal of office, at office in
 Balisat, this 19 day of May 1879.

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

July 26, 1899
 Route 3

Will of Alfred Frige. Deceased

July 26, 1899.

I, Alfred Frige of Park County, Missouri, make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all former wills
 I give devise and bequeath my estate and property, real and personal, as follows, that is to say I want my wife Mary E. Frige to hold all my property as long as she is my widow I want her to hold through life the following real and personal property, that is to say 20 rods on South side of North West Quarter of Section 21, T. 34 of Range 24, containing 120 acres, more or less.

I want my son Alfred R. Frige to have the rest of the North West Quarter of Section 21.

I want Elbert E. D. Frige to have a block of 40 acres less $\frac{2}{3}$ of an acre, N $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{4}$, also (20) off N. side N $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{4}$ S $\frac{1}{4}$.

I want their mother to hold their land until they are twenty one years old, then they take control of it.

I want my wife to have two hundred dollars in cash. I also give her one bay mare called Jan, and the old mare and their colts, also all machinery and farming implements that she may see proper to buy also three choice cows, fifteen head choice hogs and twenty head choice sheep.

I want Matilda J. Smith to have one three year old horse, and Josephine Frige to have one three year old horse - that I have heretofore given them.

Then I order a sale of the balance of my property.

I then give John H. Benson two dollars, Martha C. Thompson two dollars, Eliza J. Brown two dollars two dollars, John J. Frige two dollars, Horatio F. Thompson two dollars, Sarah C. Davison two dollars, Susan E. H. Frige two dollars, Wm. M. Frige two dollars.

Then I order all my just paid out of the money that may accrue from sale, the balance to be equally divided between Matilda J. Smith, Josephine Frige, Mary E. Frige, Ada E. Frige also one that may yet be born.

I want my wife to have all household & kitchen furniture that she may see proper to buy.

I constitute and appoint Mary E. Frige and

Alfred Fouge, deceased

and James E. Hootman or A. H. Devin my Executor
of this my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal, and published and declare this to be my will,
at my residence, this the 26th day of July 1879.

Alfred Fouge

The said Alfred Fouge, on the 26th day of
July 1879, at his residence, signed, sealed, published
and declared this instrument to be his last will,
and we at his request and in this presence and in
presence of each other have written our names as
subscribing witnesses.

H. G. Drake

J. C. Boyd

H. M. Mitchell

Proof of Will

State of Missouri
County of Polk

In Probate Court

Be it remembered, That on this 4th day of Aug.
A.D. 1879, before me J. G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court
held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared
J. C. Boyd, H. M. Mitchell and H. G. Drake who are the
subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Alfred Fouge
deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and
say that the said Alfred Fouge the testator subscribed the
same in this presence, and published and declared said
will or instrument of writing to be his last will and
Testament, and that at the time of signing the same,
he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind
and more than twenty-one years of age, and that
said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto
by subscribing their names to the same in the presence
of the testator and of each other, and at the request
of the said testator.

J. C. Boyd

H. M. Mitchell

H. G. Drake

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
J. G. Simpson Judge of Probate, this 4th day of
August A. D. 1879. James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate (court)

Alfred Faig, deceased

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri
County of Polk

In the Probate Court
I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court
of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined
the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will
of Alfred Faig deceased, and signed by Alfred
Faig and having heard the testimony of J. C. Boyd,
H. M. Mitchell and H. G. Drake, subscribing witnesses
thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare
and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and
Testament of the said Alfred Faig deceased, late of Polk
County, Missouri.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Palmyra
this 4th day of August 1849.

Seal

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Alburn Ayres, Deceased

I, Alburn Ayres of the town of Hannouville in the County of Polk in the State of Missouri, make this my last will and testament.

I give, devise and bequeath my estate and property, real and personal, as follows:

First, the payment of all my just debts.

To my children Evan H. Ayres, Mossell G. Ayres, Samuel R. Ayres, Francis M. Ayres, and Iradore Brown his of Johnson Ayres deceased, and Shilton and Shilton his of Eleanor J. Shilton deceased, each I give, bequeath and devise a share in my estate equal to five dollars, the same being in addition to lands and other gifts heretofore given to make the share of the above named heirs equal to the share of my heirs hereafter to be provided for in this will. And I devise and bequeath to my daughter Sarah E. Boummitt all of my old homestead situate in St. Clair County in the State of Missouri, not heretofore disposed of, the same to be the full share of the said Sarah E. Boummitt in my estate.

And I will, bequeath and devise to my wife Mary Ann Ayres all my household goods of every description whatsoever, and in addition to the above bequest I devise and bequeath to the said Mary Ann Ayres a share of one sixth part of my estate remaining and not heretofore disposed of in this will.

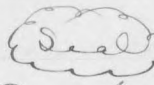
And to my remaining children, Logan J. Ayres, Mary A. Wilkerson, Columbus C. Ayres, George H. Ayres, and Missouri May Ayres I bequeath and devise shall each share equal in my estate remaining not heretofore disposed of in this will.

And I hereby appoint Columbus C. Ayres and James M. Wilkerson of Hannouville in Polk County in the State of Missouri, Executors of this my will.

In witness whereof I have signed, sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at Hannouville in Polk County in the State of Missouri

Will of Albion Ayres, Deed
- continued -

This the 20th day of March A.D. 1880.

Albion Ayres 

We, Jacob Burns and William L. Paxton
of Neumansville, Polk County, State of Missouri,
attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing
our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of
Albion Ayres the testator this the 20th day of
March A.D. 1880.

Jacob Burns
William L. Paxton

Proof of Will

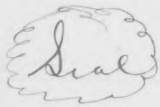
State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss. I, the Probate Court.

Be it remembered, that on this the 29th day of
March A.D. 1880, before me J. G. Simpson Judge
of the Probate Court held in and for the County and
State aforesaid, personally appeared Wm. L. Paxton and
Jacob Burns, who are the subscribing witnesses to the
annexed Will of Albion Ayres deceased, and
being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that
the said Albion Ayres the testator subscribed the same
in this presence, and published and declared said will
as instrument of writing to be his last will and testament
and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator
was of sound ~~mind~~ and disposing mind, and
more than twenty-one years of age, and that said
deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by sub-
scribing their names to the same in the presence of the
testator and of each other, and at the request of the
said testator.

Jacob Burns

William L. Paxton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29th
day of March A.D. 1880.



James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Certificate of Probate

Will of Alburn Ayres continued

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss. In the Probate Court.
I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the
Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri,
having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting
to be the last will of Alburn Ayres deceased,
and signed by Alburn Ayres and having heard
the testimony of Jacob Burns and H. L. Paxton
subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution
of the same, do declare and adjudge said instru-
ment to be the Last Will and Testament of the said
Alburn Ayres deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of said court, at office
in Belvoir this "29" day of March 1880.

[Signature]

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of H. B. B. George; Deceased

In the name of God, Amen.

I, H. B. B. George of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, being weak body but strong in mind do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

1st. I will that my funeral expenses and physician's bill for attendance during my last sickness be fully paid.

2nd. That all my just debts, at the time of my death, be well and fully paid.

3rd. I will and bequeath to my beloved wife, Hannah, all my real estate with all appurtenances, benefits and profits thereof to hold and enjoy during her natural life. Also all my personal property with the understanding that she select therefrom two choice horses, two choice cows and wagon and what farm utensils she deems necessary to till the farm. Also what kitchen and household furniture she wants - the balance of my personal property I direct to be sold by my Executors, hereinafter appointed, in such manner as they think best, and the proceeds thereof to be paid over to my wife, Hannah, to be used as she sees proper for her maintenance and support.

4th. I further will and direct, that at the death of my beloved wife, that all my real estate and what personal property may be left, be sold at public auction by my duly appointed Executors herein, to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand or on time as they think best, first giving 20 days notice of such sale by publication in some newspaper in the County or by printed hand bills, as they may think best, and that the proceeds thereof deducting costs, be divided into seven equal shares to be distributed ~~to~~ among my children and grandchildren as follows, to wit: To my daughter Mary A. J. Dawson, Aaron R. Hopper, and to my sons William A., Samuel J., and Thomas J., one part each, to my grand children Hannah E. J. Green and Nancy M. M'boy (daughters of my daughter Margaret E. J.)

and Josephine George (daughter of my son S. A. M. George) two parts to be divided equally them - that is one third of two parts to each one.

I do hereby appoint my sons William A. George, Samuel J. George, and Thomas J. George my Executors to execute and enforce the provisions of this my last will and testament.

Witness my hand this 19th day of April A.D. 1879.

H. B. B. George

We attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of H. B. B. George the testator this 19th day of April A.D. 1879.

Wm. Q. Paxton

Geo. B. Mitchell

L. C. Hoagins

We further certify the foregoing was written on two half sheets of legal cap paper stuck or fastened together, and that the words "as they think best" were interlined in the 18th line on second page, between the words "and" and "first" before H. B. B. George, the testator, signed the same.

Witness our hands this 19th day of April 1879

H. Q. Paxton, Geo. B. Mitchell, L. C. Hoagins

Proof of Will

State of Wisconsin

County of Polk

3rd ss.

In Probate Court

Be it Remembered, That on this 20th day of July 1880, before me J. G. Simpson, Judge of Probate in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared H. Q. Paxton Geo. B. Mitchell

who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of H. B. B. George deceased and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said H. B. B. George, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said will as instrument of writing to be his last will and testament

and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other, and at the request of said testator.

W. Q. Paxton

Geo. B. Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 20th day of July A. D. 1880.

Read

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri

County of Polk

I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate

Court of Polk County Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of W. B. B. George deceased, and signed by W. B. B. George, and having heard the testimony of W. Q. Paxton, Geo. B. Mitchell and subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament of the said W. B. B. George deceased, late of Polk County Missouri.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at office in Bellevue, this 20th day of July 1880.

Read

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of John M. Brewer, Deceased

State of Missouri.
County of Polk, 3rd.

In the name of God, Amen:

I, John M. Brewer, of the County and State aforesaid being at this time of sound mind and knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, do hereby make and constitute this my last will and testament.

After my soul returns to the God who gave it, I desire that my body be properly interred in the cemetery known as the River Grove Land in Irish Prairie, Dade County, Missouri, and that good plain grave-stones be purchased out of the funds belonging to my estate and erected at my grave to mark and distinguish my last resting place.

I desire that all my outstanding debts including the expenses of my last sickness and burial be fully paid, and I desire that the residue and remainder of my estate after paying the demands as aforesaid be disposed of as follows:

I give and bequeath to my beloved nephew H. P. Brewer my watch and chain and key.

I give and bequeath to my beloved nephew M. D. Brewer One Hundred and Ninety Dollars, which amount has been fully paid off and satisfied.

I give and bequeath to my beloved Sisters - Fannie M. Garrison, J. C. Rice, Margaret M. Caldwell, and E. C. Mangrum, Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars each.

I give and bequeath to my beloved nephew Rice Brewer, Twenty Five Dollars.

I give and bequeath to my beloved niece Maggie Brewer, Ten Dollars.

I give and bequeath to my beloved niece Margaret Woodruff, Thirty Dollars.

And I hereby appoint Samuel D. Strain and B. J. Brewer, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my name in the presence of D. R. Box and E. C. Barker this 3rd day of February 1881. J. M. Brewer.

We, attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of

Will of J. M. Brewer

John M. Brewer, the testator, this 3rd day of February A. D. 1881.

D. R. Box

E. C. Booker

Proof of Will

State of Missouri

County of Polk

3rd Feb.

In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, that on this the 8th day of Feby. A. D. 1881, before me J. G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared D. R. Box and E. C. Booker who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of John M. Brewer deceased, and being by me first duly sworn depose and say that the said J. M. Brewer, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said will as instrument of writing to be his last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

D. R. Box

E. C. Booker

Sworn to and subscribed before me, J. G. Simpson Judge of the Probate Court, this 8th day of February A. D. 1881.

James G. Simpson

Judge of Probate

Seal

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri

County of Polk

3rd Feb.

In the Probate Court

I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last Will of John M. Brewer deceased, and signed by J. M. Brewer, and having heard the testimony of D. R. Box and E. C. Booker subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament of the said John M. Brewer deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

Will of J. M. Beeve

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Belvoir, this 9th day of July 1881.



James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Estate of Samuel Crawford

The last will and testament of Samuel Crawford of Park County Mo. I, Samuel Crawford considering the uncertainty of this life and being of sound mind and memory do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following:

1st I assign my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping & believing in a remission of my sins by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. And my worldly Estate I give and devise as follows. 2nd I will and bequeath unto my son John D. Crawford Eighty Acres of Land lying in the County of Park and State of Missouri, to wit: The West Half of the North East Quarter of Sec. 14, Township 32 of Range 23. 3 I will and bequeath unto Susan Beland, my daughter 1 Bureau. 4 I will and bequeath unto Killas Hale, my grand son, one horse, bridle and saddle to be paid over to him when he becomes of age. 5 I will and bequeath the remainder of my property to the three foregoing named heirs, and it to be divided equally between them at my death, said property to be divided without sale if it can be done agreeable if not to be sold and the money to be divided equally between them. I also appoint John D. Crawford, my son, sole executor of this my last will.

Given under my hand, this January 27th 1877. Samuel ^{his} Crawford

We, Benjamin Looney and William Lovett, certify that we was present and saw Samuel Crawford sign the foregoing Will and we have good reason to believe that he was in sound mind and memory. Therefore we subscribe our names and so witnesses.

This January 27th 1877 Benjamin Looney
State of Missouri }
County of Park } Wm. Lovett.

In the Probate Court of Park County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument of purporting to be the last Will of Samuel Crawford, deceased, and signed by Samuel Crawford, and having heard the testimony of Benj. Looney and Wm. Lovett, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said Samuel Crawford, deceased late of Park County, Missouri.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Belvoir this 11th day of Nov. 1879.
Filed Dec. 11. 1879.
James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of John L. Watson

State of Missouri 3
Polk County

September 21. 1880

An Act.

Being now in my feeble mind, but knowing my age and the uncertainty of life I hereby make this disposition of my property in order to do justice to all, to have peace amongst all and with all interested: as well as to carry out a contract made with my present wife, Eliza Ann, before our marriage, which contract I wish fully carried into effect - and is as follows -

My wife, Eliza Ann Watson, to have a child's part of all my property that I have; to have all and every thing that she brought here with her and all her clothing she has made for herself since, and after my decease to have two years provisions for herself off the farm; - there to be hers absolutely, and to be her part of my estate, and after she gets this above stated, then she is to have no more of said estate.

And any one of my heirs who shall try or undertake to alter or destroy this instrument of writing or to hinder it being fully carried out according to the spirit and letter of the same, I wish them to have no part of my estate nor none of my property.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

John L. Watson

Witness

J. W. Farrow

Frederick Kuehnt

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri 3

County of Polk

In the Probate Court

I, James G. Simpson, Judge of Probate of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of John L. Watson deceased, and signed by John L. Watson, and having heard the testimony of J. W. Farrow and Frederick Kuehnt

the subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament of the said John L. Watson deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Office in the City of Belton, this 3rd day of October 1881.

(Seal)

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Proof of Will

State of Missouri
County of Polk

3rd

Be it Remembered, That on this 3rd day of October A. D. 1881, before me J. G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John H. Hoover and Frederick Neubert, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed Will of John L. Watson deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say, that the said John L. Watson, the testator subscribed the same in their presence, and published and declared said will as instrument of writing to be his last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty-one years of age, and that said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other, and at the request of the said testator.

Frederick Neubert
J. H. Hoover

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of October A. D. 1881.

(Seal)

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Contents of the Last Will and Testament of Thomas Jarnagin, Deed.

State of Missouri 3rd ss.
County of Polk 3rd ss.

E. P. S. Roberts and E. H. Devin
being duly sworn on this oath say:
That Thomas Jarnagin died, about the
year 1874 executed his last will and testament
That they saw and read said will. It was
put in to their hands to have it probated
They have searched for it but cannot now find
it and suppose it to be lost or destroyed.

Said Will gave and bequeathed to Lemuel
M. Sherrill a certain tract of land embracing
the West end of Out Lot One, Town of Belvoir
and the South East corner of the Sec⁴ of 18th,
Sec. 2 - 33 - 23, being that portion of said
quarter section lying South of the Markham
Road. The remainder of the estate was
directed to be equally divided between his
other heirs, after paying debts and burial expense.

He, E. P. S. Roberts and E. H. Devin were
appointed Executors of said Will and were to
have Ten Dollars each for our services.

E. P. S. Roberts

E. H. Devin

Sworn to and subscribed before me,
this 8th day of October 1881

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri 3rd ss.
County of Polk 3rd ss.

In the Probate Court
of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the
foregoing instrument, purporting to be the contents of the
last Will of Thomas Jarnagin deceased, and
having heard the testimony of E. H. Devin and

Will of Thos. Jannagin - Cont.

and E. P. S. Roberts the subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last Will and Testament of the said Thomas Jannagin deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in Bolivar, this 8th day of October 1881.

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Proof of Will
State of Missouri
County of Polk 3rd Sec.

In the Probate Court.

Be it Remembered, That on this 8th day of October 1881, before me J. G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared E. P. S. Roberts and E. H. Devine, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed proved copy of the Will of Thomas Jannagin deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Thomas Jannagin the testator subscribed the original in this presence and published and declared said will as instrument of writing to be his last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same he, the said Testator, was of sound and disposing mind and more than twenty one years of age, and that said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the Testator, and of said other, and at the request of the said Testator.

E. P. S. Roberts
E. H. Devine

Will of Thomas Loonagin - cont.

Subscribed and sworn to before
me, ~~this~~ James G. Simpson, Judge of
Probate, this 8th day of October A. D.

1881

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Wm. F. Pafford, Decd.

Know all men by these Presents,
That I, William F. Pafford of Rondo in the
County of Polk and State of Missouri, farmer, being
in bad health but of sound and disposing mind and
memory do make and publish this my last will
and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by
me at any time heretofore made, this the twelfth
day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and eighty one.

1" I desire that all my just debts be paid
including my funeral expenses.

2" Reposing full confidence in the affection
and sense of duty which my beloved wife, Cas-
aline Pafford, has towards me and our children,
I give, devise and bequeath all my real and
personal estate and interests of whatever nature
to her, during her natural life or widowhood,
for her use and behoof, to be used for the
maintenance of herself and children, and for
their education according to her best judgment;
in short to be clothed with the privileges now
vested in me; and after her death or
marriage the whole to be equally divided
among my children, viz: Kelly B. Pafford,
Walter E. Pafford, Maud L. Pafford, Nora
O. Pafford and Stella M. Pafford.

3". I do hereby constitute and appoint
my beloved wife Casaline Pafford, Ex-
ecutrix of this my last will and Testament;
and would advise that she choose some
capable person for Executor who must be
qualified according to law, and I re-
spectfully ask the county court to demand no
security from my Executrix for the performance
of her duties.

In testimony whereof I set my hand, and
seal, this the 12 day of December 1881.

William F. Pafford (Seal)

W. F. Pafford - Will

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the said Wm. F. Pafford on his last will
and testament, in the presence of us, who at
the request of the said Wm. F. Pafford and in
the presence of each other, have herewith subscribed
our names as witnesses

P. S. Arnold
Samuel Bennett

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri ss.

County of Polk

In the Probate Court.

I, James G. Simpson, Judge of Probate
Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having
examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be
the last Will of William F. Pafford deceased, and
signed by Wm. F. Pafford, and having heard the
testimony of P. S. Arnold and Samuel Bennett
subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution
of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument
to be the last Will and Testament of the said Wm.
F. Pafford, deceased late of Polk County, Missouri.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office
in Belvoir, this 6th day of February, 1882

Seal

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Proof of Will

State of Missouri ss.

County of Polk ss. In Probate Court

Be it Remembered, That on this the
6th day of February, A. D. 1882, before me
James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court

Wm. F. Pafford - Will

held in and for the County and State
aforesaid, personally appeared P. D.
Canale and Samuel Bennett who
are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed
Will of Wm. F. Pafford deceased, and
having been by me first duly sworn,
before and say that the said Wm. F. Pafford,
the testator subscribed the same in their
presence, and published and declared
said will as instrument of writing to be his
last will and testament, and that at the
time of signing the same, he, the said testator
was of sound and disposing mind and
more than twenty one years of age, and
that said deponents attested said will as
witnesses thereto by subscribing their names
to the same in the presence of the testator
and at the request of said testator

P. D. Canale

Samuel Bennett

Sworn to and subscribed before
me, this 6th day of February A.D. 1884



James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Last Will and Testament of Mrs Lucinda Burns, Deed.

I, Lucinda Burns of Polk County, State of Missouri, do make and publish this my last will and testament:

I give devise and bequeath all my personal property, as follows:

1st That all my just debts, and burial expenses shall be paid.

2nd I will, devise and bequeath all my beds, bed clothing, and household furniture to my niece - Ellen Maddox of Polk County, Mo.

3rd I will, devise and bequeath all my notes, money and other property (except that given to my niece - Ellen Maddox) to my sister Decie Goldston of Hawkins Prairie, Fannin County, State of Texas that shall be left after paying my just debts and burial expenses.

And I hereby appoint Thomas Standley of Polk County, State of Missouri, Executor of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have signed, sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will, at Polk County, State of Missouri, this fourteenth day of February A.D. 1882.

Lucinda Burns Deed

We, Proctor M. Burns and George Reuss Dawell, of Polk County, State of Missouri, attest the above and foregoing will by subscribing our names hereto as witnesses in the presence of Lucinda Burns the testator this 14th day of February 1882.

Deed

George Reuss Dawell
Proctor M. Burns

Certificate of Probate.

State of Missouri

County of Polk 3rd

In the Probate Court.
I, James G. Simpson Judge of Probate
of Polk County, State of Missouri, having

Will of Lucinda Burns.

examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of Lucinda Burns deceased, and signed by Lucinda Burns, and having heard the testimony of Practor M. Burns and George R. Dawell, subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament of the said Lucinda Burns deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office in the City of Belvidere this 11th day of March 1882.

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Proof of Will

State of Missouri

County of Polk

3rd. In the Probate Court.
Be it Remembered, That on this 11th day of March A. D. 1882, before me James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court held in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared George R. Dawell and Practor M. Burns, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Lucinda Burns, deceased, and being by me first duly sworn, depose and say that the said Lucinda Burns the testator subscribed the same in this presence and published and declared said will as instrument of writing to be her last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same, she, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind, and more than 21 years of age, and that said deponents attested said will as

Will of Mrs L. Burns

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

Deceased M. Burns

George R. Dawell

Severe to and subscribed before me
James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate
Court, this 11th day of March, A. D.,
1882.

(Seal)

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Joseph E. Ables

A unexplicated Will of Joseph E. Ables who died in Palto County, Mo., February 27th. 1882.

I give and bequeath to my two children by my first wife - John H. ^{son} Ables and Susan C. Ables, all the property and household goods that I may have that were this mother's, and more particularly as 2 beds complete, clock, and bureau. And my daughter Susan C. Ables to have my horse valued at ninety dollars, and one 2 yr. old cow, and one 3 yr. old cow. My son J. H. Ables to have 2 horses - one brown horse 4 yrs. old, one brown horse 2 yrs. old, 3 sheep calves and six hogs and the ten acres of wheat sown on the land belonging to me.

To my wife Harriet and her children I give my household and kitchen furniture, one cow, one horse and all of her and her children's wearing clothes, and provisions on hand

[Signature]

We, Harry Jennings and do certify that the within is the last will and testament of Joseph E. Ables deceased, that we were present at the making thereof, that the said Joseph E. Ables at the time of pronouncing the same did request Harry Jennings who was then present to bear witness that and was his will, that said will was made at the time of the last sickness and at the dwelling house of the deceased, which said will was reduced to writing by us, this March 11th 1882 and by us subscribed.

Harry Jennings & B. H. Frogg *[Witnesses]*

Subscribed and sworn to before us this 11th day of March 1882

[Signature]

James J. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of Joseph E. Cobb, deceased
 Certificate of Probate
 State of Missouri
 County of Polk
 In the Probate Court.

I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court of Polk County, State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the unrevoked will of Joseph E. Cobb, deceased and having heard the testimony of Nancy Jennings, B. F. Hogg and J. A. Bryant, witnesses in relation to the execution of the same, and the widow being in court and appearing in the premises, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament of the said Joseph E. Cobb, deceased, of Polk County, Missouri.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Baldwin this 18th day of March 1882

Seal

James G. Simpson
 Judge of Probate

Will of Isa Linker, deceased

Know all Men by these Presents:
That I, Isa Linker of Johnson Township
Palk County, Mipauri, competent by law,
being of sound mind and memory do
make and publish this my last will and Testament.
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife,
Rebecca Linker the following land and
tenements, viz: The South Half of North East
Quarter and South East Quarter of North
West Quarter of Section No. (31) Thirty-one,
Township (31) Third-five, of Range (24)
Twenty-four, containing 120 acres
more or less, all in Palk County, State
of Mipauri, together with any and all
interest in said lands.

I ordain my son Charles A.
Linker, as Executor of this my last
Will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and seal, and
published and declare this to be my
last will and testament in the presence
of the witnesses named below, this 10th
day of February A.D. 1882.

Isa Linker (L.S.)

Signed, sealed, published and declared
by the said Isa Linker as and for his last will
and testament. In the presence of us who
in his presence of each other and at his request
have hereunto subscribed our names as
witnesses.

Alanzo Harwood
Alice M. Linker

Proved of Will
State of Mipauri
County of Palk

In the Probate Court.

Be it remembered, That on this
10th day May 1882, before the undersigned

Will of Ira Linker - cont.

Judge of Probate in and for said county and State, personally appeared George Howard and Alice M. Linker, who are the subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of Ira Linker deceased, and being by me duly sworn, depose and say that the said Ira Linker, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence and published and declared said will as instrument of writing to be his last will and testament, and that at the time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind and more than 21 years of age, and that the said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of the testator and of each other, at the request of the said testator.

George Howard
Alice M. Linker

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 10th day of May 1882.

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri, County of Polk, ss. In the Probate Court.

I, James G. Simpson, Judge of the Probate Court in and for Polk County, Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of Ira Linker deceased, and signed by Ira Linker, and having heard the testimony of George Howard and Alice M. Linker, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament of the said Ira Linker, deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, at office in Galivias, this 10th day of May 1882.

James G. Simpson

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of John H. Payne, sr.

I, John H. Payne, sr., of the County of Polk and State of Missouri, being mindful of the uncertainty of human life, do make publish and declare this my last will and testament in the following manner:

First, After the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses, I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Sarah Payne, all the rest, residue and remainder of all my estate both real and personal, so long as she remains my widow. All said property reverting unto my children upon her death or marriage.

Second, And I hereby commit the Guardianship of all my children until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty one years, unto my said wife during her life, if she shall so long continue my widow.

Third, I hereby nominate and appoint my wife, Sarah Payne, the executrix of this my last will and testament, and hereby authorize and empower her the said Sarah Payne to compound, compromise and settle any claim or demand which may be against or in favor of my said estate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifteenth day of May Eighteen Hundred and Eighty Two.

John H. Payne, sr. (L.S.)

Signed, published and declared by the said John H. Payne to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have signed our names at his request as witnesses in his presence and in the presence of each other

J. H. Simpson

L. H. Harkenhull

James R. Payne

A. M. Jones

Will of J. H. Payne, sr. - continued

Proof of Will

State of Missouri

County of Polk

3 Mr. In the Probate Court

It was, this 14th day of June 1882, before me J. G. Simpson, Judge of Probate within and for said County, personally appeared J. H. Simpson, C. H. Hackenbush, James R. Payne and A. M. Jones, who being by me duly sworn, on their oaths say, that they were present and saw John H. Payne, sr. sign the foregoing instrument, purporting to be his last will and testament, and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last will and testament, and that at the time of signing and publishing the same, the said John H. Payne, sr. was of sound and disposing mind, and these defendants, subscribed their names thereto as witnesses to the same, in the presence and at the request of the testator, and in the presence of each other.

J. H. Simpson

C. H. Hackenbush

J. R. Payne

A. M. Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 14th day of June 1882

James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Certificate of Probate

State of Missouri, County of Polk, ss.

I, James G. Simpson, Judge of Probate within and for Polk county, Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument, purporting to be the last Will of John H. Payne, sr., deceased, and signed by John H. Payne, sr., and having heard the testimony of J. H. Simpson, C. H. Hackenbush, J. R. Payne and A. M. Jones, subscribing witnesses thereto, in relation to the execution of the same, do declare and adjudge said instrument to be the last will and testament of the said John H. Payne, sr., deceased, late of Polk County, Missouri.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the seal of said court, at office in the City of Kansas this 14th day of June 1882



James G. Simpson
Judge of Probate

Will of James H. Ranssaw.

Know all men by these presents, that I James H. Ranssaw of Johnson Township in the county of Polk & state of Missouri Farmer, being of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & Testament.

I give & bequeath to my wife Eliza Ranssaw all the real & personal estate that is to say all lands & other property, all horses cows or other stock, farming tools grain, and all moneys notes accounts or other evidences of debts which I may own & have possession of at the time of my death, to have, hold, own, sell or dispose of for her own use & benefit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal & publish & declare this to be my last will & Testament in the presence of the witnesses name below this the twelfth day of March A.D. 1883

J. H. Ranssaw (Seal)

Signed, sealed, published by the said James H. Ranssaw as & for his last will & Testament in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each other & at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Alonzo Howard
S. W. Galland

Proof of Will.

State of Missouri }
County of Polk } ss. In the Probate Court,

Be it remembered that on this the 31st day of March 1883 before me C. L. Russell, clerk of Probate Court held in & for the county & state aforesaid, personally appeared Alonzo Howard & Sylvius W. Galland who are subscribing witnesses to the annexed will of James H. Ranssaw deceased, & being by me first duly sworn depose & say that the said James H. Ranssaw, the testator, subscribed the same in their presence & published & declared will or instrument of writing to be his last will & Testament, & that at the time of signing the same he the said testator was of sound & disposing mind & more than 21 years of age & that said deponents attested said Will as witnesses thereto by subscribing their names to the same, in the presence of the testator & of each other & at the request of said testator

Alonzo Howard

S. W. Galland

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 31st day of March 1883

The proof of Jas. H. Ranssian's Will recorded on page 297,
was sworn to & subscribed before me the 31st day of March
A.D. 1883

C. L. Russell

Clerk of Probate.

Certificate of Probate of Will.

State of Missouri } ss.
County of Polk }

In the Probate Court.

I C. L. Russell, clerk of the Probate Court of Polk County State of Missouri, having examined the foregoing instrument purporting to be the last will of James H. Ranssian, deceased & signed by himself, Jas. H. Ranssian, having heard the testimony of Alonzo Howard & Sylvia H. Galland, subscribing witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same do adjudge & declare said instrument to be the last Will & testament of said James H. Ranssian deceased late of Polk County Missouri.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the seal of said court at office in Polk County this 31st day of March A.D. 1883

C. L. Russell

Clerk of Probate Court.

Will of Willis Bridges, deceased.

Know all men by these presents, that I, Willis Bridges of Johnson Township, Polk County State of Missouri, Farmer, being of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last will & testament.

I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Allie A. Bridges all my estate both real & personal property, with all estate all rights or interest in lands now owned or which I may acquire after this date, to have & to hold the same for her own special & individual interest.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal & publish & declare this to be my last will & testament in the presence of the witnesses named below this first day of Feb'y A.D. 1883

Willis Bridges (S)

Signed, sealed & published & declared by the said Willis Bridges as his last will & testament in the presence of us, who in his presence & in the presence of each other & at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses Sylvia H. Galland
Alonzo Howard,

Proof of Will of Willis Bridges,
 State of Missouri } ss, In the Probate Court,
 Polk County.

Be it remembered that on this 31st day of March
 A.D. 1883, before me C. L. Russell clerk of the Probate Court
 in & for said county & State personally appeared Alonzo Howard
 and Sylvia W. Galland who are the subscribing witnesses
 to the annexed will of Willis Bridges deceased & being
 by me first duly sworn depose & say that the said
 Willis Bridges the testator subscribed the same in their
 presence & published or declared said Will or instrument
 of writing to be his last will & testament & that at the
 time of signing the same, he, the said testator was of sound
 & disposing mind & more than twenty one years of age & that
 said deponents attested said will as witnesses thereto
 by subscribing their names to the same in the presence of
 the testator & of each other at the request of the said testator.

Alonzo Howard
 & Sylvia Galland,

sworn to & subscribed before me this 31st day of
 March A.D. 1883 C. L. Russell clerk of
 Probate.

Certificate of Probate of Will,
 State of Missouri } In the Probate Court,
 Polk County } ss

I, C. L. Russell, clerk of the Probate Court of
 Polk County, Missouri, having examined the foregoing in-
 strument purporting to be the last will of Willis Bridges,
 deceased & signed by himself Willis Bridges, & having heard the
 testimony of Alonzo Howard & Sylvia W. Galland subscribing
 witnesses thereto in relation to the execution of the same, do
 declare & adjudge said instrument to be the last will
 & testament of of said Willis Bridges deceased late of
 Polk County Missouri



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand & affixed the seal of said court
 at office in Bolivar this 31st day of March
 A.D. 1883,

C. L. Russell
 Clerk of Probate

Will of Wm J. Holland

Know all men by these presents that I Wm J. Holland of Jefferson Township Polk County Missouri, a farmer being of sound mind & memory do make & publish this my last Will & Testament.

First, I grant-give & bequeath to my wife Martha M. Holland all of my personal property except the two year old gray horse colt & the saddle bequeathed to Wm G. W. Austin

Also all of the south half of the south west quarter of section number five (5), Township number 34, of Range number Twenty three (23), To have & to hold possess & enjoy & control the same during her life time.

Second, I also grant & bequeath to Wm G. W. Austin the east half of the south ~~west~~ of the south west quarter of section number five (5), of Township No 34, of Range No 23, after the death of his mother Martha M. Holland my wife, provided he shall well & truly, kindly humanly provide for his mother Martha M. Holland aforesaid during her natural life.

Also I grant & bequeath to the said Wm G. W. Austin the gray colt two years old, also a good saddle in part payment of my indebtedness to him

Also I grant & bequeath the residue of my real estate being the West half of the south west quarter of section no (5), to my children namely George W. Holland - Sulvana B Thomas W. Holland to be divided equal between them from & after the death of my wife Martha M. Holland.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal & publish & declare this to be my last will & testament, in the presence of the witnesses named below this eleventh day of March A.D. 1888.

William J. Holland Seal

Signed sealed published & declared by the said William as and for the his last & testimony in presence of us & in presence of each other & at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

Alonso Howard
Lease W. Bridges,